READY FOR THE NATIVES.

Oakland Will Be Turned Over to the Young Californians.

THE WELCOME TO VISITORS.

Stores Will Close for the Fabiola Fete—Yacht Season Opened.

OAKLAND.—To-morrow Mayor Davie will turn the city over to the Native Sons and they will remain in undisputed possession for several days.

Grand Marshal T. P. Robinson, on whom the larger portion of the work of arranging for the celebration has devolved, has been working hard for some time and managed to work the people up to such a pitch of enthusiasm that while the natives are assembled Oakland will take on the appearance of La Fiesta.

The latest plan is to induce the Board of Education to declare Tuesday next a general holiday for all the schools to give the children a chance to participate in the festivities. With this object in view the following letter was sent to J. W. Evans, president of the board, yesterday:

Dear Sir: We, as natives of this glorious State, do hereby appeal to you, as a father of some of our noble native sons and daughters, to interest yourself in the progress of this our great commonwealth. We, knowing that you are the president of one of the finest boards that has ever held office in this city, also believe you to be a public-spirited man, and with this belief we appeal to you to ask your associates to grant our younger brothers and sisters a holiday on Tuesday, April 23, for the purpose of allowing them an opportunity of witnessing the manner in which we are advocating and forcing to progress our birthplace.

Trusting that you will look upon this in the right light and believing as we do that the younger generations will have to make this State in the future, we trust that there will be no opposition regarding our patriotic endeavors.

In order to enlist the sympathies of the parents of the children in the scheme of making Tuesday a general holiday the following circular was sent out to the heads of several hundred families:

To the parents of the rising Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West: We as representatives of the Native Sons of the Golden West residing in the city of Oakland do hereby ask the parents above mentioned to detain their children from school on Tuesday, April 23, and to give a satisfactory excuse to the Board of Education for so doing. We ask this consideration from you for the purpose of educating and enlightening our younger brothers and sisters in the methods of advancing this great and glorious State. In asking this we propose to demonstrate to yourselves and children what your older sons and daughters have done in your honor in the past. With this object in view we request that you and your children be upon the streets of our beautiful city on Tuesday, April 23, to view the imposing and patriotic ceremonies participated in by the offspring of California's golden soil. Gayly bedeck yourselves in the floral emblems of your great pater familias and be prepared to storm the marching Sons with the floral emblems of immortal Eureka, as the nymphs of old stormed the gala Mardi Gras.

Superintendent of Schools J. W. McClymonds has also been appealed to to use his influence in favor of a holiday.

The parade will form as follows: First division on Eleventh street, west of Clay, right resting on Clay; second division on Tenth street, west of Clay, right resting on Clay; third division on Ninth street, west of Clay, right resting on Clay.

A detachment of artillery will fire the State salute in front of the City Hall, commencing promptly at 11 o'clock upon the Mayor announcing the time. After the first gun is fired a bugler at the head of the procession will sound the advance. The procession will march up Clay street to San Pablo avenue, San Pablo to Fourteenth, Fourteenth to Franklin, Franklin to Sixth, Sixth to Broadway, Broadway to Seventh, Seventh to Washington, Washington to Fourteenth, Fourteenth to Broadway, Broadway to Eighth, where the parade will pass in review and be dismissed. Those taking part who so desire will proceed to Trestle Glen, where refreshments will be served and an enjoyable afternoon be spent.

Grand Marshal Robinson has announced the following as his aids and division marshals:

Chief aids, blue sashes—George J. Hans, E. B. Noblett.

Aids, red sashes—R. N. Gard, Oakland Parlor; Frank Ench, Elks; H. J. Wilson, Reliance Club; F. C. Hampel, Brooklyn Parlor; C. F. Rose, Alameda Parlor; Colonel William Moore, Knights of Pythias; J. F. Rooney, Piedmont Parlor; George T. Loher, Peidmont Parlor; G. F. Neece, Acme Club; Joseph Knowland, Haleyon; C. H. Kram, Oakland Turners; Colonel Abbott.

Division marshals, white sashes—Major John Hays, in command Fifth Infantry Battalion, will act as marshal of first division; Dr. W. H. Blood, marshal of division composing the Native Sons' parlors; Edward Benjamin, marshal of division composing all invited organizations.

The newest acquisition to the ranks of the parade is a delegation from the Elks 100 strong, who will participate under the leadership of Alexander Rosborough.

Mayor Davie has had the bandstand in the City Hall Park enlarged for the accommodation of the large band which is to give the evening concerts.

The Board of Education, Board of Supervisors and City Council will take part in the parade in handsomely decorated carriages which the celebration committee has placed at their disposal.

The address of welcome, which Mayor Davie will deliver from the portico of the City Hall, will be followed by the ceremonies of delivering the key of the city to the Native Sons. A huge key three feet in length and handsomely decorated will be used for the occasion. Joel D. Sproul, grand president of the association, will respond, accepting the freedom of the city for the order.

The celebration committee is particularly anxious to have the occasion of the grand parade partake as much of the nature of a flower festival as possible, and to that end has issued an appeal to the people of Oakland to furnish as many flowers as possible for that purpose. They desire to have the vehicles in the procession, and particularly those of the native daughters, decorated with floral emblems, and will arrange for pleasant surprises for the most distinguished guests by having them bombarded at different points on the line of march with roses.

Alex Rosborough's benefit at the Macdonough Theater has been made one of the regular number on the programme for the week's festivities, and, as the best of the local talent has volunteered to aid in the testimonial, the house will no doubt be crowded. The Elks are preparing to give Mr. Rosborough a big reception on that evening.

A water carnival is being considered for Thursday evening next, and, in case it is decided on, the estuary will be illuminated and the band will discourse music as the yachts and pleasure boats ply to and fro.

Opened the Yacht Season.

The California Yacht Club formally opened the yachting season last evening with a banquet at the Galindo Hotel.

During the day the craft of the fleet were brought up in line in front of the clubhouse and decorated. The fleet consisted of the Annie, Commodore Caduc of the Pacifics; Catherine, of the San Franciscos; Pride of the Bay, Ripple, Seven Bells, Thebua, Edna, Verona, Pilgrim, Halcyon, Whynot, Flost, Sea Fox, Topaz, Surprise, Xara, Stronger, Hope, Henrietta, Dolphin, Hazel, Olive, Idler, Whirlwind, Sultana, Mischief, Surf, Major, Myotti, Corinne, Lillie V, Wave and Florence.

At the sunset gun all was hurry and activity to get the yachts snug for the night, and to get ashore to prepare for the banquet.

A little after 9 P. M. the dining-room of the hotel began to fill up. The dinner was eaten to the merry accompaniment of laughter and jest, mingled with the clink of the glasses, and after everybody was loaded down to their "Plimsol mark," thoughts were turned to a lighter strain.

From a call to order by Admiral von Schmidt, who was master of ceremonies by virtue of office, the speech-making began. Dr. Mervey responded to the toast of "Our Sport." Marston Campbell spoke on "Our Clubhouse." Secretary Wallace paid the respects of the club to the visitors. Commodore Bruce told of what the club had done and what it was going to do. Admiral von Schmidt gave his views of racing. Vice-Commodore Duncomb told many a tale of the Owl Club. Ex-Vice-Commodore Wilson, in a speech, stood by the cruising men and Andrew Thorn dwelt on the charms of our sailing lady.

At about eight bells midnight, lights began to appear in the cabins of the yachts, and it was near the first signs of dawn before quietness came over the fleet.

Grand Jury on the Streets.

The members of the Alameda County Good Roads Association and wheelmen in general, who are interested in better streets, are elated over the following paragraph, which was contained in the final report of the Grand Jury, submitted yesterday:

Complaints having been made as to the dangerous and unsatisfactory condition of many streets in Oakland, we, therefore, inspected some of them and find their condition to be dangerous in a very marked degree and almost impassable. The Twelfth-street dam, so-called, the main thoroughfare leading into East Oakland and the county, is in a dangerous and disgraceful condition. The electric and horse car rails are from two to four inches above the surface of the roadbed, thus making it dangerous to pass from side to side of the street. It would seem to the jury that the railroad companies ignore the condition of their charters altogether. See city ordinance No. 498. It also seems that the Superintendent of Streets shows great indifference and culpable neglect in the discharge of the duties pertaining to his office. See article VI, section 73, of the city charter as to the duties of the Superintendent of Streets. The condition of this Twelfth street above referred to, in its present condition, has existed for many months.

Eighth street is and has been in as equally dangerous condition.

The cyclists and owners of road vehicles hope that with this pointed reference to his official duties staring him in the face, the Superintendent of Streets will wake up to the responsibilities of his position and do something to compel the streetcar companies to live up to the provisions of the franchises by which they were granted the right of way through the streets.

The Good Roads Association will probably take some action on the matter at its next meeting.

Relief Society Benefit.

The travesty on the play of "Romeo and Juliet," which will be given at the Macdonough, on the evenings of Thursday and Friday next, for the benefit of the Ladies' Relief Society, is attracting much attention, and the management of the affair hope to reap a rich harvest for the charitable organization.

The cast will be made up from among the best of the local amateur musical talent, as follows:

Capulet, Harry Melvin; Romeo, Burbank Somers; Mercutio, Harry Thomas; Tibalt, Dr. H. P. Carlton; Friar, H. B. Hopkins; Juliet, S. J. Taylor; Apothecary, Charles Dickman; Nurse, D. Yanke Campbell; Peter, Paul Miller.

In the chorus will be heard A. A. Downing, H. M. Baker, T. Vail Bakewell, E. Dowdle, Benjamin Bakewell, R. Chestnut, William Hubbard, C. W. Crist, Charles Hubbard, D. J. Cornell, W. P. Melvin, Allen Babcock, Douglass Waterman, H. D. Gaskill, O. Dickman, P. S. Carlton, W. D. Littleton, M. W. Jellett, E. A. Brodie, Peter Hutchins, Charles B. Wells, B. P. Miller, Richard Mould, Charles Learn and others.

The participants have been practicing their parts assiduously for some time past and all have attained a high degree of proficiency. Seats are now on sale at the Macdonough box-office and the demand indicates that the house will be crowded.

Died at Her Son's Home.

Mrs. Catherine von Adelung, whose husband was once State Counselor to the Russian Government, and later Consul-General for Russia at Dantzig, Prussia, died yesterday at the residence of her son, Edward von Adelung, 153 East Tenth street. She came to America twelve years ago to live with her son. Since the death of her husband she has been in receipt of a pension of 1000 roubles a year from the Russian Government. Deceased was 82 years of age, and through the high positions held by her husband bore the title of Excellency.

Will Close Their Stores.

About 250 merchants have yielded to the appeal of the management of the Fabiola Mayday fete to close their doors during the hours between 1 and 6 P. M. The committee in charge of the petition hopes to induce all the merchants of the city to do likewise, to give their employes a chance to see the parade and attend the horse show and athletic games at the Oakland track.

The grounds are being tastefully arranged for the occasion and the grand stand has been enlarged to accommodate 15,000 spectators.

To Fight the Fee Bill.

Ex-Justice of the Supreme Court Van R. Paterson has been retained by the constables and Justices of the Peace of Alameda County to test the constitutionality of the recently enacted fee bill, and has prepared an exhaustive opinion on the matter.

The officials whose remuneration has been so materially reduced have agreed to pay the ex-Justice a handsome fee in case he defeats the measure when a test case is made.

Groom Is Missing.

Andrew Groom, whose residence is 708 Webster street, has been missing from home since last Wednesday morning, and his wife is greatly worried over his nonappearance.

He was arrested on a charge of battery, growing out of a fight on a horse trade the day previous, and put up $150 for his appearance in the Police Court. Since that time he has not been seen.

Disinherited His Son.

The will of George Degan, which was filed for probate yesterday, leaves $1 to his only surviving son, Robert Degan. The testator says in explanation: "I make no further bequest or provision for my said son, because he has always been a wayward and disobedient son, and has assisted me in no way since 1878." The $4000 estate is left to the widow, Ernestine Degan.

BERKELEY.

The three boys, Willie Cochrane, Otto Dorsey and Frank Silva, who were arrested on last Thursday for having broken a window of the Sacramento evening local which was passing through West Berkeley, have been found guilty of malicious mischief.

Evangelist Varley.

Rev. Henry Varley, who has been holding a series of very successful revival meetings in Berkeley during the past week, will speak at the Presbyterian Church this morning at 11 o'clock. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock he will deliver an address to men only in Shattuck Hall, and at 7:30 in the evening will hold a special praise service in the same hall. Great success has attended his efforts during the week of revival services, and both he and the church under whose auspices the meetings were given feel well paid for the effort spent.

Lectures on "Women Novelists."

A course of three lectures on "Women Novelists" will be delivered in the assembly hall of the university by Mrs. Abby Sage Richardson, beginning on next Wednesday afternoon and continuing on each Wednesday afternoon until the course shall have been completed. On April 24 the subject will be "A Group of Women Novelists"; on May 1, "Charlotte Bronte," and on May 8 "George Sand and George Eliot."

General Notes.

A circular letter to the voters of the Seventh Ward has been issued by John J. Higgins, stating that he does not intend to withdraw from the contest for Trustee of his ward, as rumored, but will remain in the race until election day.

A Friday-evening dancing class was organized in Woodmen Hall on last Friday evening by Mrs. H. A. Gilmer and Mrs. J. A. Anderson of Oakland.

On next Saturday evening the Right Rev. William Nichols, Bishop of California, will hold confirmation services in Berkeley.

The Health Officer has reported several cases of chicken-pox in the town of Berkeley recently.

ALAMEDA.

A Political Equality Club has been formed in Alameda. Mrs. I. N. Chapman was chosen president; Mrs. C. L. Wood, vice-president; Mrs. E. M. North, secretary, and Mrs. M. E. Chase, treasurer. The following executive committee was named: Mrs. M. L. Chandler, Mrs. A. C. Paris and the Misses H. and Grace A. Sullivan and A. H. Cohen. The club was formed through the efforts of Mrs. Laura de Force Gordon, who gave an account of the movement, which has for its object the placing of the ballot in women's hands. The club will meet on Fridays.

Sent to the Asylum.

Jacob Doubelbies, who recently developed suicidal tendencies, has been committed to the asylum at Stockton. Selphi Cattrelli, also of this city, was committed to the Napa Asylum. She has a tendency to set fires and is under the delusion that a child has been burned to death.

A Calico Ball.

The German Ladies' Relief Society gave a calico ball last night at Harmony Hall on Paru street. The music was furnished by Professor Yanke. This society has done much good by its charitable acts, which insured the large crowd in attendance.

Stop-Over Suits.

The attorneys for Dr. W. H. Robinson will probably file their answer to-morrow to the complaint of the railroad company charging conspiracy in bringing damage suits for refusing stop-over privileges.

Alameda Poultry Association.

The Alameda Poultry Association proposes to incorporate and issue 10,000 shares of stock of the par value of $1 each, half of the total number of shares to be kept in reserve for the members.

A Shooting Match.

A shooting match between ten members of Company G and a like number from the University Battalion will take place to-day at the High-street range.

Prisoners Fight Over Trilby.

James O'Connor is the first close-confinement prisoner that has been within the walls of Ludlow-street Jail since the days of "Red" Leary. He is being punished for a breach of jail discipline and is deprived of all privileges. This means that he will be locked in a small cell, says a New York Dispatch to the Boston Journal.

O'Connor is a Government prisoner, accused of robbing a postoffice. He was playing checkers with William Hawker and Alfonzo Sferlozo, two prisoners, on Monday afternoon, when a discussion arose on the subject of Trilby's morality. Each of the trio had fixed ideas on Du Maurier's heroine. The outcome was that O'Connor struck Hawker on the jaw. Then Sferlozo took a hand in it. Warden Raabe and the turnkeys parted the men. Then it was found that the Italian had been stabbed on the cheek. Warden Raabe said to-day that there had been no cutting and that O'Connor did not have a knife. Every prisoner is carefully searched on arriving at the jail, and for this reason, he said, he could not have had a knife. The existence of the slashed face remains a stubborn fact.

Dr. Leon Cherurg of 52 Eldridge street, who attends prisoners in the jail, took several stitches in Sferlozo's cheek.

The prisoners in Ludlow street are given more privileges than in other jails. They are confined in cells only at night and usually spend the day reading or playing checkers in the corridor. O'Connor, however, will remain in a locked cell both day and night.

1ST LIEUT. W. R. MOORE.

PIPER IS UNDER ARREST.

He Is Charged With Stealing From the Carson City Mint.

Cold and Silver Said to Have Been Removed in a Tin Lunch Bucket.

Henry Piper was arrested last night by N. R. Harris, the United States Secret Service agent, on a charge of stealing gold and silver from the Carson City mint. The warrant says it was taken from E. B. Zabriskie, the melter and refiner, and places the value of the amount purloined at $100. It is claimed, however, that he is held responsible for the loss of several thousand dollars worth of bullion.

Piper was employed in the smelting and refining department of the mint. He took his lunch in a tin bucket. The stories told at the time of his discharge, nearly two years ago, were to the effect that he carried large quantities of granulated gold out with him in his tin bucket when he went home.

His discharge came through an accusation to this effect by one of the watchmen employed in the Mint. This man's business was to see that none of the precious metal was carried away by the employes. By merest chance he one day lifted up Piper's lunch-bucket. It weighed several pounds more than it should. The watchman went to headquarters to report his discovery. When he returned a few minutes later the bucket was empty. Piper denied the charge of stealing, but was discharged.

Since that time he has been living in Berkeley. No attempt to follow up the case has been made until the recent sensational disclosures proved the rottenness of the mint management. Since then Piper's actions have been traced, and his arrest has followed.

Bunko Men Arrested.

James Brock, a farmer in San Joaquin County, was visited on March 19 by three men who entered into negotiations to buy his farm. By the usual bunko trick they succeeded in swindling him out of $2000. Chief Crowley located the three men in Portland, Or., and through him they were arrested there yesterday. Two of them are "Crooked Mouth" Green and Ed Smith, but the Chief does not know the name of the third one. Sheriff Cunningham of Stockton, who was at police headquarters last night, will go to Portland with the necessary requisition papers to bring them back.

A rare old clock has been discovered in the family of John McConnoughy at Bridgeport, Conn. It is nearly 200 years old and was made by a McConnoughy in Ireland. Although the woodwork is slowly coming apart it still keeps excellent time. It is valued at $500.

EVERYTHING in millinery at exceedingly low prices at Seavey's, 1382 Market street. *

WILL COMPETE AT ARMS.

League of the Cross Cadets to Drill for a Silver Trophy.

FIRST EVENT OF ITS KIND.

Unique Affair Among Catholic Military and Temperance Circles.

The coming competitive drill, to which the League of the Cross Cadets look forward with pleasant anticipation, will be a particularly interesting event in Catholic and military circles. It is to take place at the Mechanics' Pavilion on May 3 next, and for several weeks the cadets have been hard at work making preparations. In connection with the drill there will be a grand concert, at which some particularly fine musical selections are to be given.

The event is rather unique in its way. The League of the Cross Cadets is a military as well as a temperance organization, and martially it is known as the First Regiment Dismounted Artillery, William C. Mahoney being its colonel.

The membership of the League of the Cross Cadets, which is one of the stanchest associations for temperance principles on the coast, is made up of vigorous young men, 16 years of age and upward, who not only pledge themselves to abstain from drinking and treating, but from even visiting places where liquors are sold. There are ten companies already in the regiment, with an average membership of fifty each. Five of these companies are fully equipped and uniformed, and it is for the purpose of raising the necessary funds to complete the regimental outfit that the concert and drill will be given. The headquarters of the cadets are at 14 McAllister street.

LIEUT COL. M. P. O'DEA.

COL. W. C. MAHONEY.

LIEUT. T. F. RYAN.

CAPT. F. S. DRADY.

So far four companies have entered the list for competition. These are: Company A, of the St. Mary's Cathedral; Company B, of St. Charles Church; Company C, of St. Patrick's, and Company G, of St. Bridget's. A generous rivalry has sprung up among them, which, taken together with the fact that the splendid silver trophy to be contested for is valued at $300, indicates that the occasion will be an exciting one.

The music of the concert will be by the Presidio band of twenty-three pieces. The features of the drill will include a dress parade and review, an individual competitive drill for a gold medal, and a saber drill by Company A.

Following is the roster of the cadets:

Field and staff officers—Colonel, William C. Mahoney; lieutenant-colonel, Martin P. O'Dea; major, First Battalion, D. J. McGloin; major, Second Battalion, J. Brouchod; captain and adjutant, Daniel C. Deasy; lieutenant and commissary, John P. Coleman; lieutenant and inspector, Thomas F. Ryan; captain and surgeon, Dr. A. P. Mulligan; lieutenant and adjutant, First Battalion, Morgan L. Sweeney; lieutenant and adjutant, Second Battalion, Edward Deasy.

First Battalion: Company A—Captain, Frank S. Drady; first lieutenant, William R. Moore; second lieutenant, William J. Wilson. Company E—Captain, William McCarthy; first lieutenant, J. Collins; second lieutenant, Ed Dunn. Company H—Captain, Frank Scully; first lieutenant, Herbert Hawkins. Company C—Captain, Edward Fitzgerald; first lieutenant, D. Barry; second lieutenant, C. Regan.

Second Battalion: Company B—Captain, Thomas Kennedy; first lieutenant, J. T. Curley; second lieutenant, John Harrold. Company G—Captain, J. R. Kentzel; first lieutenant, O. McMahon; second lieutenant, James Scanlan. Company I—Captain, Peter Haggerty; first lieutenant, George Sawyer; second lieutenant, Charles Skelly. Company D—Captain, Joseph Mahoney; first lieutenant, William D. Flinn; second lieutenant, F. Lawler. Company F—Captain, Frank Barron; first lieutenant, M. Toohig; second lieutenant, Frank King.

The various companies hold weekly meetings as follows: On Monday evening Company A meets at the Mercantile Library building; Company B, at St. Charles Church; Company D, at Sacred Heart Church; Company F, at St. Theresa's Church; and Company J, at Liberty Hall on Alabama street; on Tuesday evenings, Company E, at St. James Church; on Friday evenings, Company G, at St. Bridget's Hall; on Saturday evenings, Company C, at the Third Regiment Armory; and on Sunday evenings, Company H, at St. Brendan's Church.

A RULE THAT WORKS BOTH WAYS.

How the Dudes of Atlanta Are Victimized.

The young men about town have two new stories which they are repeating to each other.

One is, says the Atlanta Constitution, about a pretty cashier and the other is about a beautiful woman who is frequently seen among the shoppers on Whitehall street. One merit of the stories is that they are both strictly true.

"It's this way," said a young man yesterday, "the women are so confoundedly pretty that they hypnotize the men. The pretty cashier always gives back the right change except when the customer happens to be the sort of man who imagines himself a lady-killer: then she tosses it down about a dollar short. She gives him a smile with his short change, and that is worth fully $4. The man smiles, and though he discovers that his change is shy a few cents he never says a word. If he did, why, of course, the young lady would be surprised and would make it up. But she's so shrewd that she never misjudges a man. She sizes up the men right every time, and not once in a hundred times do the men say a word. They are tickled to death at having the young lady smile on them so sweetly, and had rather give up the whole amount than make a kick.

"The other woman is a professional shopper, and she's a stunner in looks. She goes into a store and calls for something—she never buys a costly thing. The clerk brings out what she calls for and displays it on the counter. She examines it and throws in bright remarks and makes eyes at the clerk—in short, she gives the young fellow to understand that she is dreadfully mashed on him. He feels like hugging himself. The lady buys the article, of course, and lingers a few minutes to talk with the clerk after it is wrapped up. Her smiles and her eyes completely hypnotize, and after a short time she walks out in an absent-minded way, having forgotten to pay for her purchase. Of course the clerk never says a word. He just makes out a ticket and has it charged up to himself. This lady never makes mistakes. If she should happen to strike a clerk some day who is not susceptible to mashes, why she'd simply look embarrassed and say:

"How funny! Excuse the mistake—think of me forgetting to pay you. I am so absent-minded."

But the clerks never give her an opportunity to say that.

A New Source of Copper.

A curious and almost startling fact has recently been brought to light through experiments of Professor A. H. Church of London, viz.: That turacin, a crimson pigment extracted from the feather of a South African bird, yields from 6 to 7 per cent of pure copper, says the St. Louis Republic. The bird whose feathers yield the metallic coloring matter is the turacon, a South African plantain-eating avis, of which there are about twenty-five distinct species. The pigment is extracted from this curious creature's feathers by using any of the common dilute alkaline liquids. It produces a beautiful crimson solution, which, the chemists say, has a well-defined absorption spectrum. The only other animal solution which is known to contain copper in solution is hæmocyanin, which is obtained from the globin of blood. The copper in the feathers of a single turacon amounts to about one-fifth of a grain.

BEARDS OF THE ANCIENTS.

The Welsh and the Germans Noted for Them.

Exceptionally long beards have always attracted a good deal of attention, and in most old works on the customs and habits of men there are numerous references to "whyskirs" and "byeards" of extraordinary length, says the St. Louis Republic. Rauber von Talber, a German knight and councilor of Maximilian II, who died in 1575, rejoiced in the possession of a beard which reached to his feet and from there again to his waist. John Mayo, the celebrated sixteenth century painter (the same which accompanied Charles V on his campaigns), was a man 6 feet 6 inches in height. Giant though he was, his beard reached the ground, and, in order to keep it out of his way, Mayo always wore it tucked under a girdle which encircled his waist. Howland Llewenn, the Welsh highwayman who made life burdensome to the travelers over the Cambrian hills during the early part of the seventeenth century, "had a yellow beard of mightie length and size." He is said to have worn it in two braids or plaits, which were thrown back over his shoulders and crossed at the small of his back and again brought around to the front of the body, where they were fastened with gold clasps and buckles. Each braid was about five feet nine inches in length, and, when left unplaited, the whole beard was upward of seven feet in length.

Howell's "Welsh Celebrities" says: Llewenn had the longest beard of which we have record. When loose and flowing it fell down over his horse's shoulders almost to the animal's knees. It was of a peculiar yellow or straw color, which was all the more curious, both his parents being dark-haired mountain Welsh people. Years afterward the mountain people had proverbs which referred to this freak, they often using the expressions, "About as long as Howland's beard," or "Yellow as the whiskers of Llewenn."

George Killingworth, whom Queen Mary sent to Russia in 1555 as one of her agents to Czar Ivan the Terrible, had a beard 5 feet 2 inches in length, and Count Ruloff of Poland, 1697, rejoiced in the possession of a mustache which was so long that he could not touch the ends of it with his fingers. There are ten or twelve other long-bearded men of olden times of whom notice will be given in some future installment of "Notes for the Curious."

A petrified dog was washed out of the bank of a stream on the Step Rock road, South Norwalk, Conn., after one of the recent storms. In appearance it is of a dark gray color and very hard. In life it must have been an enormously large animal, and is of a species not recognizable by any who have seen it, but it is thought to have been of the kind living with the native occupants of that section prior to settlement by the whites. Bits of petrified wood have frequently been found in that vicinity.

CHEAPEST place in the city to buy hats, flowers, feathers, ribbons. Seavey's, 1382 Market.*

WITH DYNAMITE STICKS.

Chinese Threaten the Mission for Rescued Slave Girls.

EXPLOSIVES AT THE DOOR.

One Package Thrust Through a Grating in the Basement.

Five sticks of dynamite were found concealed in different places about the Chinese Mission, at the corner of Sacramento street and Prospect place, yesterday morning. The first sticks were found by John Conley, a paper-carrier, at the doorstep as he was delivering the morning papers.

One was on the stoop. Another was upon the sill. Both were wrapped in yellow paper and were marked "Hercules No. 2."

The lad picked up one stick and made a pretense of throwing it at Frank Coall, a lad who was accompanying him on his rounds. Young Coall cried for him to stop, as it might be dynamite. It was well Conley obeyed, as the concussion, had the stick of dynamite been tossed any distance, would have been sufficient to have caused an explosion with terrible results.

The boys took the dynamite with them and found a third stick put in the iron grating of the kitchen window. They took this also. The three sticks were taken to young Conley's father who is a police officer.

The officer at once notified Miss Culbertson, the matron of the home. The Chief of Police was also notified and an investigation is being made.

Miss Culbertson made a thorough search of the premises. As a result she found two more sticks of the explosive. They had been placed in the casement of the windows just below the level of the cement pavement on Prospect place.

Miss Culbertson says that none of the sticks had fuses attached. It was impossible for any of them to have received blows of sufficient force to cause an explosion. She thinks, therefore, that they were placed there as threats by some of the highbinders whose women she has taken away.

She has had no trouble for some time. About a month ago she received a letter in which she was threatened with death if she did not leave the slave girls alone. This was only one of many, however. She has often been threatened before, and scouts the idea of there being anything more than bombast in the last discovery.

MANAGERS' DIFFICULTIES.

The Tivoli and Baldwin Have a Slight Unpleasantness.

Theatrical People Clash in Regard to the Issuing of Passes.

There is music in the air. The Reginald de Koven harmonies from the "Fencing-master" are clashing with the "Robinson Crusoe" carols which nightly entertain the Tivoli audiences. And the reason is this:

Theatrical-managers are always ready to exchange courtesies with one another in the matter of passes, but there is a certain unwritten law which states that on a big night, when there are prospects of everything in the house being sold, no "paper" shall be issued.

Night before last Manager John F. Harley of the Whitney Opera Company went over to the Tivoli, and, introducing himself to Manager Charles Krause, who was in the box-office, said:

"May I have a box for this evening?"

"Certainly, if you pay for it," answered Krause, explaining that the house was almost sold out.

Harley wore a troubled expression as he produced $5, but said nothing. He escorted his wife and friends into the chosen part of the auditorium and then went over to the Baldwin.

It made him feel badly, as he said last night, to have to pay when he had extended the freedom of his performances to the members of the Tivoli company, so he wrote a note to Mrs. Kreling, proprietor of the opera-house, asking her what explanation there was to offer.

In the meantime Mr. Krause closed up his box office, thought he would like to have a look at Dorothy Morton and strolled over to the Baldwin. Ticket selling had ceased, it being past 10, and the doorkeeper cheerfully passed him in.

After being seated Harley spied him and calmly asked him whether he had paid his admission. Krause answered in the negative, but stated that he was most willing to pay the admission fee. Harley says that he "had his Irish up," so told him that he wouldn't allow him in the house under any circumstances, and consequently Mr. Krause went out.

Harley says that he assisted him in his exit by grasping him around the neck and gently propelling him from the rear, but the Tivoli manager says that being insulted he went without a word of remonstrance.

He also strongly denies that any forcible means were employed in his departure. The management proper of the Baldwin disclaim any participation in the squabble and the same friendly relations that have always existed will still maintain between the two places of amusement. But Mr. Krause and Mr. Harley are not particularly sociably inclined toward one another.

The Bride Paid the Fee.

Justice of the Peace William F. Rusch of Hoboken was seated in his office shortly after 10 o'clock on Tuesday night when a ring of the door bell aroused him, and in a moment a man and woman entered and announced that they desired to be married. After summoning the necessary witnesses and asking the usual questions, the Justice told the pair to stand up and join hands, says the New York Sun.

At this point the bridegroom whispered to the justice that the bride would like to retire to a private room for a few moments, and asked if she could do so. Although somewhat surprised, Justice Rusch acquiesced, and the young lady disappeared. Five minutes later she emerged clad in a magnificent wedding gown of white silk, with a veil and orange blossoms upon her head.

The couple registered as Miss Georgina Johnson, 26 years old, of Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, and Frederick C. Schroeder, 25 years old, a civil engineer of Manner, N. J.

After the ceremony the bride produced a well-filled pocketbook and, extracting a five-dollar bill, presented it to the Justice.

That most deadly and insidious of drugs, chloral, seems to be steadily increasing its ravages, particularly in the large cities. So many cases have been reported in New York of men found senseless in the streets from the effects of what the police call "knock-out" drops that special orders have been given to investigate the drugstores in certain districts and put a stop to the sale of the poison without the precautions required by law.

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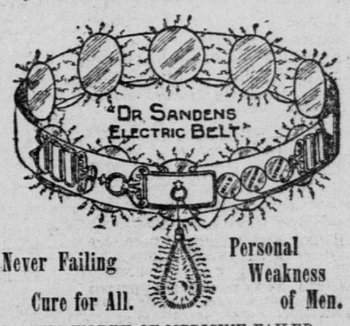

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