The San Francisco Call

TUESDAY.....AUGUST 6, 1895

AMUSEMENTS.

BALDWIN THEATER.—"Too Much Johnson."

COLUMBIA THEATER—"All the Comforts of Home."

MOROSCO'S OPERA-HOUSE—"By Order of the Czar."

TIVOLI OPERA-HOUSE—"Martha."

ORPHEUM—High-Class Vaudeville.

MACDONOUGH THEATER (OAKLAND)—"A Black Sheep."

STATE BOARD OF TRADE EXHIBIT.—575 Market street, below Second. Open daily. Admission free.

CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR—Sacramento, September 2 to 14.

BAY DISTRICT TRACK.—Races.

PICNICS AND EXCURSIONS.

EXCURSION TO SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS—By the Southern Pacific Co., on Sunday, August 11.

AUCTION SALES.

BY EASTON & ELDRIDGE—Tuesday, August 6, Real Estate, at Salesrooms, 638 Market street, at 12 o'clock noon.

BY VON RHEIN CO.—Thursday, August 8, Real Estate, at Salesroom, 513 California street.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Fair will contest is postponed to November 4.

The Olympic Club elected a nominating committee last evening.

Potrero residents are eager for the running of the Solano-street line.

The wedding of Rudolph Spreckels and Miss Nellie Jolliffe takes place.

The Manufacturers' Association is interested in the matter of the new City Hall elevators.

Mrs. A. J. Morrison has begun suit against her sister, Mrs. Arthur Rodgers, for $350,000.

The answer to "Baby John" in Mrs. Isabella Martin's suit for damages was filed yesterday.

THE CALL this morning publishes a list of fourteen places in Chinatown where opium is sold illegally.

All was quiet in Chinatown last night, the boycott against the Sam Yups being quietly but firmly pushed.

Secretary Filcher of the State Board of Trade has suggested a novel arch for the California exhibit at Atlanta.

The nitrate bark Gleaner is 91 days out from Chile, bound for this port. About 65 days is the average passage.

The San Joaquin Valley road directors will award the contract to-day for grading the second section of the road.

Dr. McCord, a young physician from St. Louis, appears in court to answer a charge of battery brought by his landlady.

The bay steamer Alviso has been overhauled and refitted, and will make her trial trip from Washington-street wharf to-day.

County Clerk Curry and the Treasurer have collected $80,000 of inheritance tax, which amount goes to the school fund.

The case of Mock Tai, accused of murder in Chinatown on the night of July 12, has been postponed until 2 P. M. to-morrow.

The annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of California of colored Odd Fellows was held yesterday in Alcazar building.

A fossil found on Alcatraz Island shows that the San Francisco sandstones are not precretaceous, but probably of the cretaceous period.

John Bennett, a shoemaker, 63 years old, committed suicide by taking morphine yesterday afternoon at the Colton House, on Third street.

Mrs. O. C. Steel of Richmond had an unpleasant encounter with a robber last Saturday. At the point of a pistol the fellow beat a hasty retreat.

Labor Commissioner Fitzgerald's anti-Japanese labor petition to Congress has been prepared and will soon be ready for signatures.

Editor George K. Fitch, a former owner of THE CALL, says some kind words about the journal of the people under its present management.

The auxiliary cable to be used in operating the cars of the Fillmore-street line on steep grades was tested yesterday and found to work satisfactorily.

A committee of the Los Angeles Oil Exchange is here to arrange for shipping here the fuel oil produced there, which they claim can be landed cheaper than coal.

Louis de Rome states that bronze would be a more endurable metal than white metal in which to cast the statue of the angel for the new City Hall dome.

Dr. Frederick H. White died at his home, 1002 Polk street, Sunday morning by accidental asphyxiation. The remains will be sent to Carson, Nev., for burial.

James Finnigan, a horseshoer on Jessie street, near Sixth, was arrested last evening for cruelty to animals, for beating a horse over the head with a pair of tongs.

The Solid Eight were in court yesterday again. Accuser Smith filed a new complaint and the demurrer will be argued before Judge Slack at 10 o'clock this morning.

There are eleven railroad companies in the State that have never submitted a report to the Railroad Commissioners, as required by law, because they have not been notified to do so.

The Academy of Sciences held a regular meeting last night and adopted resolutions on Professor Davidson's removal which will probably be sent to President Cleveland and to Congress.

Clinton A. Slocum, a cigarette "fiend," was sent to the County Jail for ten days by Judge Campbell yesterday for disturbing the peace, and narrowly escaped being charged with arson.

Emil Girardin, a waiter at Delmonico's restaurant, was arrested yesterday afternoon for entering the room of John Byrne, a guest, and stealing a diamond scarfpin, diamond brooch and $25.

The Board of Supervisors—or the Solid Eight, rather—very materially raised the tax rate as reported by the Finance Committee at the meeting yesterday. The board adjourned until September 7.

Annie Barry, an old-time street-beggar, was found dead in a room at 174 Jessie street. The Coroner says death was due to natural causes. She had no money and no friends and will be buried by the City.

Burglars entered the residence of H. S. Millzner, 1702½ Post street, on Saturday afternoon during the temporary absence of the family, and several hundred dollars' worth of jewelry was stolen.

Captain Mathew Turner's latest vessel, the new schooner Kodiak, built to take the place of the craft of that name lost last April on the northern coast, is lying at the foot of Steuart street almost ready for sea.

Manager Dailey of the Alcazar company, sentenced by Judge Murphy to three days' imprisonment for contempt in producing "The Crime of a Century," was released yesterday on a writ of habeas corpus.

An Italian woman, whose name is supposed to be Mrs. Rose Pagano, and her two children, who arrived from New York yesterday morning in search of her husband, were given quarters in the City Prison last night.

Another juror was sworn to try the Durrant case yesterday. He is Horace Smyth of 2127 Broderick street. At the noon recess a young crank rushed at the prisoner, but was severely repulsed by Chief Jailer Sattler.

The officers of the steamer Monticello, which recently arrived here from Seattle in a disabled condition, are to be prosecuted by the Federal authorities upon a charge of taking a vessel to sea without being legally qualified.

Frank H. Morrison, the driver of a milk-wagon, was accidentally shot in the head by Lubinis Vasilicovich, night-cook in the coffee-house, 1210 Polk street, at an early hour yesterday morning and is in a critical condition.

The Congregational Ministers' Monday Club has decided to allow reporters to attend its meetings. The Presbyterians and Baptists are still exclusive and the Methodists are the only ones who willingly shed their light upon the press.

Captain Lees received a letter and photograph from the Warden of the California State Penitentiary, which leave no room for doubt that C. B. Henderson, the slayer of Clarence Barr, is Con S. Sullivan, an ex-convict and confidence man.

A quantity of human bones were unearthed by some workingmen in the rear of the International restaurant, 825 Kearny street. They were wrapped in a piece of newspaper, and Coroner Hawkins is of the opinion that they belonged to a Chinese.

Four of the vacancies on the police force caused by the recent resignations and promotions, have been filled by the following appointments: John T. Edner, stove finisher, 35 years of age; Cleveland Peters, painter, 25; James N. Beach, machinist, 33; and Joseph N. Crackbon, portrait artist, 35.

There are still people wanting to adopt little Lois Edwards, the four-year-old child who survived the awful tragedy at 1157 Market street last week. She is now in charge of George K. Edwards, her father's cousin, but Le Roy Ernstine of Kirkwood, Tehama County, also wants her. She will remain with her relatives.

A. A. Collins of Oakland declares that the division in the Afro-American League will result in the reorganizing of the old or the establishment of a new organization on non-political lines, and refers to the excellent paper of Mrs. S. W. Layton as being of a character in accord with the true objects of a league congress.

AROUND THE WATER FRONT

The Steamer Monticello Floundering in a Zone of Hard Luck.

A NEW SCHOONER KODIAK.

Mysterious Tropic Visitor to the Ship Ropes Off the Stormy Cape Horn.

The little passenger steamer Monticello which arrived here from Seattle recently to run between San Francisco and Vallejo seems to have sailed into a zone of hard luck. On her way down to this port she broke down, and was picked up by the schooner Bessie K. The towline parted at night, and the two vessels drifted apart. The steam collier San Benito happened to come up, and towed the Monticello into harbor. This rescue was the proverbial passage from the frying pan into the fire, for the rescuer was in the employ of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. To a man up a tree it appeared as though that great corporation was returning good for evil in assisting a vessel that was destined to be a competitor in bay-passenger traffic. But the man up a tree erred in his observations, for the Seattle boat was libeled by the company for salvage.

The full value of the steamer was demanded, it being claimed that she was a derelict with her officers and crew aboard. The owners gave a bond, the case was set for hearing and the boat was repaired for her new field of labor. She is to begin running to Vallejo next Friday, with Captain Clement Randall as her master.

But the luckless craft is not out of the belt of hard weather, for the Federal officials have been mysteriously informed that she left Puget Sound under officers who were not legally qualified to navigate a vessel at sea.

It was also stated that she was not properly cleared at the port of departure, as to do so her master and engineers would have to show that they were properly licensed to go outside. The Inspector of Hulls and Boilers has turned the papers over to the United States District Attorney, who will commence proceedings against the steamer and her officers. The penalty in the case of Captain H. T. Stream and Engineers A. E. Le Ballister and G. F. Park is $500 each, and of the Hatch Brothers, owners, $100 apiece. If the vessel was not legally cleared she may be confiscated.

Captain Mathew Turner of Benicia has turned out another schooner to take the place of the Alaska Packing Company's schooner Kodiak, lost on the northern coast April 14. The new Kodiak is 117 feet in length, 25 feet beam and 11 feet in depth, and of about 175 tons burden. She is a pretty vessel with a clean yachtish run, not unlike the famous Vigilant, and has the graceful shape of all the Mathew Turner craft. Her mainmast is 82 feet long and her main boom 80 feet in length, giving some idea of her great spread of canvas. She lies at the foot of Steuart street, being finished up for her first trip North in a few weeks. In the meantime Captain Peterson issues an invitation for the crack yachts to come out on the bay when the Kodiak II makes her trial trip.

The barkentine Gleaner is out ninety-one days from a Chilean nitrate port, and, in view of the fact that she was only provisioned for the usual run, sixty-five or seventy days, much anxiety is occasioned by her long delay.

The American ship A. G. Ropes, while off Cape Horn in the midst of stormy and freezing weather, was boarded by an unusual visitor in the shape of a green parrot. As the wind was blowing toward the shore, which was twenty miles distant, it could not have come from that wintry land, and, as no vessel was in sight, the manner in which that bird of the tropic zone got in that icy locality is a mystery, and its few words of Spanish, "all its stock and store," cannot make the matter plain. First Mate Boyd is working during his off-watch hours teaching the stranger sufficient English to tell the fate of the ship it left, perchance foundering off the stormy cape.

Ah Loy, a Chinese merchant, who has been living in Los Angeles for fifteen years, was sent back to China last Saturday on the City of Peking. He committed murder in the Flowery Kingdom twenty years ago, and while serving an imprisonment for the crime killed a guard and escaped to this country. This coming to the knowledge of the Federal officials he was deported as a criminal under the Geary act. If Ah Loy does not commit suicide or succeed in escaping from the steamer in some Japanese port he will be instantly beheaded upon reaching his native land.

The steamer Homer, which was run into by the Arago off Coos Bay, is lying on the shore near Mansfield, where she was beached to prevent her from sinking. As she was not badly crushed by the collision it is probable that she will be rescued from her berth on the beach.

The steamer State of California came down from Portland last week with her engines in charge of Assistant Engineer Scanlan, as Chief Engineer Kress left the vessel at Portland to hurry to San Francisco by rail to attend the funeral of his son. The boy was 19 years of age, a prominent Native Son and a very popular young man.

THE DISTRICT COURT REVERSED.

Eliza Ann Johnson Loses Her Suit Against the Southern Pacific.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company won another victory over unfortunate litigants in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday. About two years ago Horace Johnson was an engineer on the company's line in Nevada. His engine was a very hard one to keep in repair and during a long run something went wrong with the injector check valve. Johnson went out on the running board to tap it down and while doing so a lurch of the engine threw him off and he was killed.

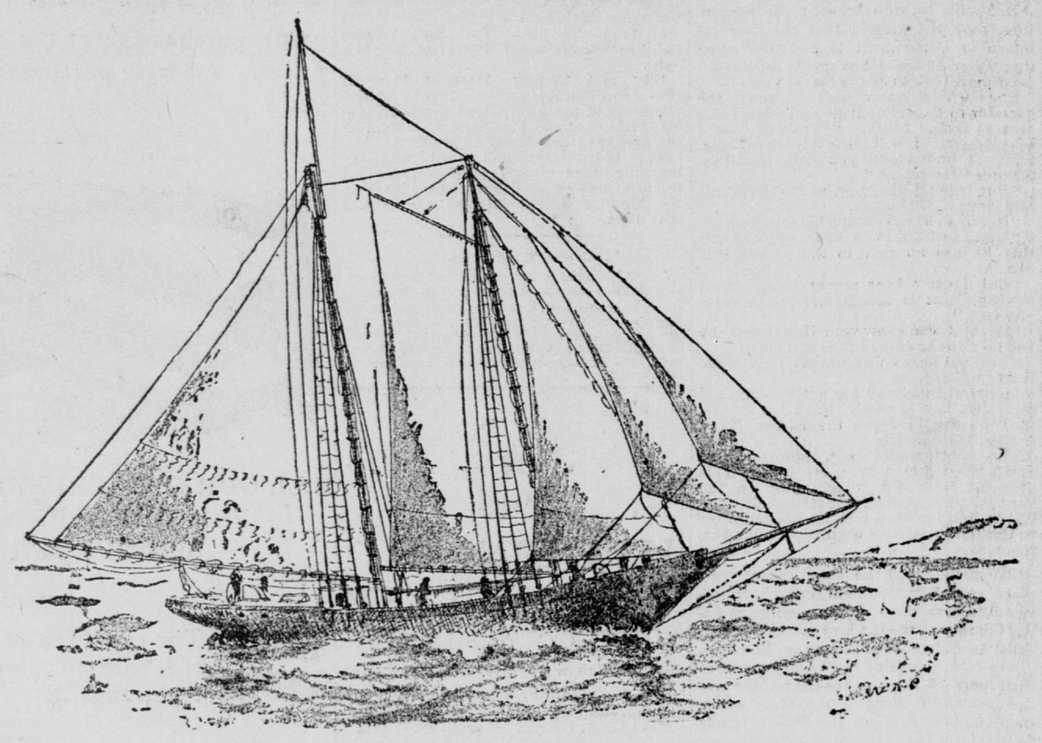
His widow, Eliza Ann Johnson, brought suit to recover $50,000 damages, and a jury in the United States Circuit Court of Nevada gave her $25,000. Later Mrs. Johnson offered to take $15,000, but the company refused the compromise and carried the case to the higher court. In reversing the decision of the lower body their honors held that there was contributary negligence and that the court below should have so instructed the jury.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY ROAD

Bids for Grading Section 2—Another Locomotive Arrives at Stockton.

At a committee meeting of directors of the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railroad held yesterday afternoon there were opened twenty-five bids for grading the second section of the road, from the eastern boundary line of the city of Stockton to the Stanislaus River, a distance of twenty-three miles. What the bids were the committee declined to state, as the figures are to be presented to the directors at the meeting of the board to be held this afternoon. It was stated, however, that the bids were low. The award will be made at that meeting and the work will have to be commenced within ten days.

The company has received at Stockton another locomotive, the third within ten days. This is No. 1, the others being numbered 2 and 3, respectively. These are being put in working condition as rapidly as possible.



THE NEW CRACK SCHOONER KODIAC.

[*Sketched by a "Call" artist.*]

DEATH BY ASPHYXIATION.

Dr. Frederick H. White Unintentionally Turns on the Gas.

His Mother Says He Returned Very Tired and Sleepy From Belvedere.

The death of Dr. Frederick H. White on Sunday morning at his home, 1002 Polk street, by asphyxiation was accidental.

Mrs. Emma White, mother of the deceased, said yesterday that she was satisfied his death was accidental. He had been over to Belvedere on Saturday night with some friends and returned home about 2 o'clock Sunday morning. He had worked hard all day in the office of Dr. R. L. Walsh, 815¾ Geary street, and after the outing across the bay complained of being very tired and as supposed by the family made haste to retire.

Dr. Frederick H. White, Who Died From Asphyxiation.

[*From a photograph.*]

"The manner in which he dropped his clothes on chairs, contrary to his usual custom of putting his clothes away carefully," said Mrs. White, "is evidence to me that he was tired and sleepy. I think he must have stood on the bed to extinguish the gas and caught his sleeve in the key, which was quite loose, and so turned the gas on. My daughter discovered him at 8 o'clock in the morning."

The deceased was born at Aurora, Nev., and came to San Francisco with his mother and sisters five years ago to attend the University of California Dental College, whence he graduated last June. He was 22 years old. The remains will be taken by the mother and sisters to-day to Carson, Nev., for burial.

New Corporations.

The Oaxaca Coffee Plantation Company, to do business at Oaxaca, Mexico, was incorporated yesterday. On a $500,000 capital stock the amount already subscribed is $139,000. The holders are: Romualdo Pacheco of this city, $131,000; Carlos Halla, O. D. Greene, P. J. H. Farrell, Hugh Hume, Charles W. Kohlsaat, W. J. Russell, Eli H. Murray and L. R. Ellert, $1000 each.

The American Power and Tide Wheel Company has been incorporated by Charles Boone, Marcus S. Lear, A. H. Ste. Marie, D. E. Alexander and R. M. Clements, who have subscribed $1000, in equal shares, on a capital stock of $900,000.

The Survival of the Fittest.

By retaining your baggage checks until you reach San Francisco and leaving same at any of our offices you will save money in the transfer of your baggage. Trunks, 35 cents each. Morton Special Delivery, 650 Market street (Chronicle building), 408 Taylor street and Oakland Ferry Depot.*

AT THE CITY THEATERS.

How "Too Much Johnson" Was Received at the Baldwin Theater.

"BY ORDER OF THE CZAR."

Farewell Performances by the Frawley Company—The Tivoli and Orpheum.

The Baldwin was crowded last night with people so ready and willing to laugh that "Too Much Johnson" need not have been nearly so good a performance to have satisfied them. Gillette's slightest word, his merest hint of expression was enough. The audience was bubbling over with laughter before the end of the first act; the company was enthusiastically recalled at the end of the second, and when the play closed there wasn't a smileless man or woman in the house.

There have been funnier comedies than "Too Much Johnson," but it is long since San Francisco has been invited to enjoy them. Gillette's new play is clean and rather clever; it has many humorous situations, a lot of natural conversation, a few excellent scenes and a serious bit of acting between Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Billings which is very prettily and effectively done. The play is not alarmingly reasonable, but it is ingeniously constructed and asks for no favor from its audience except a desire to be amused. The curtain should fall a few minutes sooner. Billings' leisure, airy departure from the web of lies he has woven on the Cuban plantation is the natural end of the story; the audience may safely be trusted to imagine the rest.

The company is a capable one. Gillette's comedy consists of continually smoking cigars, in telling falsehoods with grace and facility, in preserving an imperturbable calmness in the midst of exciting events and in being utterly but sweetly conscienceless—save in the one serious scene with his wife, when his laconic, commonplace sentences become full of expression and suggestion of deeper feeling. Despite all this and his immaculate and extensive wardrobe, Gillette is not the star of his own troupe. His calm, white radiance is outshone in the fiery rays of the Johnson, who is too much. Mr. Delmore's acting makes all of the happenings in Cuba almost probable. He fills the role completely; in voice, accent, personal appearance and manner he is just what he should be. The little scene between Billings and Johnson which precedes their drinking together is one of the best in the play. Miss Haslam plays her part gracefully and naturally, with never a suspicion of over-acting. Miss Meek is an excellent mother-in-law. Mr. Bell is a good Monsieur Dathis, and the rest of the cast is altogether satisfactory.

MIRIAM MICHELSON.

The Columbia.

Last night was souvenir night at the Columbia Theater and the first of the farewell performances of the Frawley Company. This pretty bijou of a theater was crowded by the friends of the performers who for months have contributed to the enjoyment of theater-goers by their charming rendition of the various parts that were assigned to them. That charming comedy, "All the Comforts of Home," by Gillette was the play presented. It was given with all its force and effects, each of the participants doing his or her utmost to deserve the approbation of the audience. To-night the same play will be produced. To-morrow night it will be followed by "The Arabian Nights," a popular farce-comedy. Last evening each lady who attended was given a souvenir cabinet photograph of a group of the members of the company.

Morosco's Opera-House.

"By Order of the Czar," a Russian play in five acts, was presented last night for the first time at Morosco's Grand Opera-house to a large audience. It is one of the most attractive plays that has ever been placed on the stage at this house, and the stage setting and costumes of the performers are unusually attractive. As the curtain rose on the final scene, showing the reception-room in the Czar's Winter Palace at St. Petersburg, a round of applause was the tribute to the skill of the machinists who set the scene. Scenes in the other acts were equally marvels of scenic effect. The story of the play is a scandal involving the betrayal of a young woman and the honor of three officers of the Imperial guard, their denunciation by the injured girl who seeks justice, their condemnation by the Czar and banishment to Siberia. The situations are striking, the dialogue is good, the tableau at the close of each act a splendid one. In the character of Caraissa, a young musician whose accusation caused the banishment of the officers, Maud Edna Hall showed a clear conception of the part she had assumed and acted it with a naturalness that won for her many rounds of applause. Edmond Hayes gave a splendid representation of the Emperor of all the Russias. The other characters were well sustained. The play will be given every night this week, and it is sure to fill the house nightly.

The Tivoli.

That ever popular lyric opera "Martha," by Von Flotow, was the one offered to the patrons of the Tivoli Opera-house last evening with Laura Millard in the character of Lady Harriet, maid of honor to Queen Anne, and George H. Broderick in the character of Plunkett, a wealthy young farmer. The character of Lionel was taken by Martin Pache. Broderick, who is a new basso at this house, has a good voice and he was well received. In the scene between Lionel and Lady Harriet, who to him was known as Martha, Miss Millard when asked to sing a song rendered with much sweetness "The Last Rose of Summer," her effort being rewarded with loud applause, a handsome bunch of roses and an encore. To-night Alice Nielsen will appear in this role, the two singers alternating during the week.

The Orpheum.

There was a crowded house at the Orpheum last night to enjoy a most pleasant entertainment made up of many numbers. Les Freres Martinettis, daring and graceful acrobats, enthused the audience to such a pitch that the performers appeared again and again. The Metropolitan Three, "soloists, duetists and triolists," as they are announced, gave a very clever and entertaining musical number and soon made themselves favorites. Guibal, a prestidigitateur with a European reputation, astonished those present with a number of well-performed sleight-of-hand tricks. The other artists served to make up a splendid programme.

M. C. HALEY TOTALLY DEAF

The ex-County Clerk Entirely Loses His Hearing and It Is Said Will Not Recover It.

Ex-County Clerk M. C. Haley has been stricken with deafness. He has been deaf in one ear for six or seven years and he has for a long time been fearing further trouble and has been under the advice of a specialist. It seems that the nerves of those organs were paralyzed and some two or three weeks ago signs came on that the second ear was in danger. He has been out in the country some time and about a week ago he became so deaf that he could not hear the report of a cannot.

It is said that he cannot possibly recover his hearing.

THE BAY DISTRICT RACES.

Five Very Ordinary Events Make Up To-day's Racing Card.

Suro the Joker Will Be Given Another Chance to Fool His Backers.

Matters in general around the racetrack are very dull at present, the majority of owners possessing any sort of a fairish racer giving their horses a let-up preparatory to the Sacramento race meeting, where some very tempting inducements are offered owners.

Joe McCarthy, the popular young trainer of the Pleasanton stable, will shortly take up some two-year-olds that he thinks will take their place in the crackajack division.

Dick Ledgett was out driving at the beach Sunday in a cart behind Favor Jr., a horse belonging to Nick Hall's string. He showed up well in his work, but went wrong, and was thrown out of training.

Lovdal and the other recent purchases at the Haggin sale belonging to Burns and Waterhouse will soon be on their way to California under charge of Jimmie McCormick, the firm's new trainer. Lovdal was sent to Chicago to win the Ullman handicap, but judging by his performances in the far East he would have cut but a small figure in the classic Western event. The colonel, it is said, has his eye on some handicap horses in the East and may bring a couple along with him to race in the Burns and Waterhouse colors at the coming winter meeting.

The big Mariner gelding Suro is receiving a course of instructions over the sticks. Not many moons ago Suro was one of those "real good things" of which the turf furnishes so many. To the rail-birds he had been known for some time back as Little Willie and they had not overlooked his fast work-outs. Little Willie was hardly an appropriate name for the gelding, for in proportions he is little smaller than a farmer's barn. Although keyed up under "Happy Jack" Winfield's tutulage, Nick Hall was understood to be his owner. On the auspicious day Little Willie came up in a sprinting dash under the name of Suro and after the usual "end stall confabs" those let in on the dark secret hammered his price down in the books from 10 to 4 to 1. The common rabble was wondering who Suro was.

Could it be that mountain of bone and horsehide, with the blanket on and bunches on his legs resembling a baseball-catcher's hands, that had warmed through the stretch in about a minute "fanned out"? Surely he wouldn't do. Well, that might have been Suro, but it wasn't. Suro was warmed up out on one of the by-streets and was receiving his finishing touches in his stable while the counterfeit Suro was beguiling the public. It was a piece of strategy worthy the brain of a Napoleon. It went, through; at least the race did. But Suro! he was numbered among the also rans, and turf history records another "good thing" that crawled.

Racing will be resumed to-day with five very ordinary events. The entries are as follows:

First race, five-eighths of a mile, selling—Red Will 100, Royal Spirit 109, Favory 106, Red Dick 104, Morgan G 97, Little Pete 96, Lee Stanley 106, Model 100, Addie M 95, Claire 105, Monarch 97, Josie G 102, John Capron 97.

Second race, five-eighths of a mile, selling, for two-year-olds—Charles Boots 112, Encino 102, Irene E 91, Dancing Girl 97, Sir Collier 95, Josephine 99, Cheripe 94.

Third race, about three-quarters of a mile, selling—Vernon 91, Sir Richard 107, Bernardo 98, Ricardo 98, Mamie Scott 89, Greenback Jr 91.

Fourth race, seven-eighths of a mile—Thornhill 108, Royal Flush 114, Ali Baba 100, Charmion 95, Howard 109.

Fifth race, one mile, selling—Charmer 101, Bell Ringer 106, Miss Garvin 88, Harold Lewis 101, Bobolink 104, Ike L 90.

CABLE AND ELECTRICITY.

The Auxiliary Rope on the Fillmore-Street Line Found to Work Well.

The new auxiliary cable to be used in moving the cars of the Fillmore electric line up and down the steep grade between Green street and Broadway was tested yesterday morning for the first time in the presence of H. H. Lynch, superintendent of construction of the Market-street railway system, other officials of the road and a large number of citizens. The grades, the steepest in the City on which cars run, had been found to be too steep for cars to be moved on them with safety, and it was concluded to use a cable for a distance of two blocks from Broadway to Green street. Vallejo street is 70 feet higher than Green street and Broadway 76 feet higher than Vallejo street.

In the center of Fillmore street, south of Broadway, there was constructed a brick vault in which was placed a heavy castiron wheel. A similar wheel was placed underground south of Green street. Around these there is a heavy wire cable running through channels similar to those used on cable-roads. Under each slot there is a strong steel carriage that runs on a special track and is attached to the cable and so arranged that each moves as if in a top and bottom groove. Through the slot there is heavy projecting rod with an eye at the end. At one end of each car is a long V-shaped iron attachment which is free to rise or fall with the grade over which the car passes. This, by a heavy bolt, is connected with the rod of the traveling carriage, and the car is ready to move.

In order to operate this portion of the road an ascending car must be at the foot and a descending car at the top of the grade. When the descending car starts down the grade, moved by the trolley current, the weight of the seven and a half ton vehicle starts the cable, and at the same time the ascending car is hauled upward, the trolley and current assisting. When the current is shut off the cars will come to a standstill on the steepest portion of the grade.

The trial made with two cars was a perfect success from the start, and these were run all day. As soon as all the cars are provided with the coupling attachments they will run to Bay street, the northern terminus of the road.

Suicide by Morphine.

An old shoemaker named John Bennett, 63 years of age and single, committed suicide in room 35 of the Colton House, 220 Third street, yesterday afternoon by taking morphine. He had been away from where he was employed for several days and had no money left. No note of explanation nor anything to show that he had any relatives was found on him.

ANSWER TO "BABY JOHN."

The Charges of Fraud Made by Mrs. Isabella J. Martin Denied.

NO BRIBES FOR THE JURORS.

Defendants Declare They Had No Communication With the Jury During the Trial.

The first of the answers in the suit of Mrs. Isabella J. Martin, as the guardian of John B. Martin Jr., against E. B. Pond, administrator of Henry Martin's estate, Arthur Rodgers and May E. Martin, was filed yesterday by Attorney Van R. Paterson, representing Arthur Rodgers.

The general facts relating to the will and the celebrated contest are admitted, though it is denied that fraud was used in obtaining a verdict, and then the defendant says:

This defendant denies that said defendants or any of them combined or conspired together or with any person to corruptly or collusively or at all influence several or any or either of the jurors in said case, and denies that the defendants or any of them or this defendant did improperly or corruptly or at all influence several or any or either of the jurors in said case to render a verdict in favor of said defendant, May E. Martin, or against the validity of said alleged will of February 23, 1893, or at all.

And this defendant denies that said May E. Martin furnished the money or any money for said alleged purpose, and denies that the said defendants, Pond and Rodgers, or either of them, at any time while said cause was on trial, secretly or in any way interviewed said jurors or any of them, or learned from said jurors or from any of them that they or any of them thought "Baby John," meaning the plaintiff, was entitled to the money, to wit: To the one-third mentioned in said alleged will of February 23, 1893, or any money or property: and denies that thereupon, or ever, or at all, said defendants, Pond and Rodgers, or either of them, said to said jurors, or to any or either of them, that they, the jurors, would never get a cent out of Mrs. John B. Martin, for she has nothing.

It is denied that any Weaverville clothes-closet evidence had been intentionally left out of the case, that any money was used to bribe the jury, or that there was any collusion or fraud. The following admission is the conclusion of the answer:

This defendant admits that it was not possible to discover the alleged facts constituting such alleged fraud so as to present the same to the court for relief on that ground for more than six months after the judgment was pronounced by the court on such verdict, and after the time prescribed by law for relief by motion or appeal or any other proceeding in said cause, and further alleges that it was not possible for the plaintiff to discover the said alleged facts at any time; but this defendant denies that said impossibility of discovery was on account or by reason of the alleged way or manner in which such verdict was obtained as in said complaint alleged, and alleges on the contrary that said impossibility was on account and by reason of the fact that said alleged facts were and are wholly untrue and had and have no existence.

CHARGES BY HER SISTER.

Mrs. Arthur Rodgers Appears as the Defendant in a Suit for $350,000.

A suit against Mrs. Elizabeth A. Rodgers, wife of Arthur Rodgers, for $350,000, was filed in the Superior Court yesterday by the defendant's sister, Mrs. Kittie Morrison. The claim is based on alleged assistance given to Mrs. Rodgers eleven years ago in bringing about her marriage to Alexander Montgomery and in securing to her the immense estate of the millionaire.

Arthur Rodgers, the attorney, is made a party in the suit as the husband of the defendant, and in the same manner Andrew J. Morrison is made a co-plaintiff, though he really is not concerned in the litigation.

Attorney Arthur Rodgers was informed of the filing of Mrs. Morrison's complaint by a CALL reporter.

"I had no knowledge of such a condition of things," said Mr. Rodgers, "nor did Mrs. Rodgers. We have been summering at our home in Marin County near Camp Taylor for the last two months, and neither of us, so far as I know, had an intimation of it.

"As far as the relationship between Mrs. Rodgers and her sister Kitty is concerned it has been of the most affectionate nature and Mrs. Rodgers has more personal regard for her than for any other individual living. What the complaint means I am at a loss to know.

"So far as the Sanitarium at Livermore is concerned, and the charges that Mrs. Rodgers and myself had Mrs. Morrison incarcerated in the same, that only presents itself to me in this way: Mrs. Morrison not long ago became seriously ill after the birth of her child. The strain upon her physical nature made her nervous, and Dr. Henry Gibbon instructed her to go to the Sanitarium at Livermore where she could find rest and medical attention, together with quiet.

"However, I am completely at sea regarding the whole thing, and until my wife and I have read the complaint, neither of us will be prepared to discuss it intelligently.

ANTI-BOSS DEMOCRATS.

A Club Organized in the Thirty-Seventh Assembly District.

Between 300 and 400 Democrats in the Thirty-seventh Assembly District met in Mowry's Hall, corner of Grove and Laguna streets, last night to organize a club. The district was well represented and enthusiasm found expression in numerous anti-boss speeches.

The meeting was called to order by Harry Mulcready. Harry M. Kelley was elected temporary chairman and Joseph F. Curtin secretary. William Brannan was elected corresponding secretary, to hold office until the permanent organization is effected next week.

A committee on permanent organization was appointed as follows: James Burns, Martin Hughes, Harry Mulcready, Tim Nuhan, William Egan. After a short discussion bearing on the Democratic welfare of the district the meeting adjourned until next Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Chairman Mulcready said the club was anti-boss from beginning to end.

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BY J. H. WYTHE JR.

THE CALL has secured the right to publish this charming story in serial form, and the first chapter will appear next Saturday. It is customary to publish such contributions in the Sunday edition of THE CALL, but the author has conscientious scruples against having any of his productions published in the Sunday edition of any paper, and in deference to his convictions THE CALL has agreed to print this story in the Saturday issues only, beginning next Saturday.

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