The San Francisco Call

TUESDAY.....OCTOBER 15, 1895

AMUSEMENTS.

BALDWIN THEATER.—"Trilby."
COLUMBIA THEATER—"Robin Hood."
MOROSCO'S OPERA-HOUSE—"The Phœnix."
TIVOLI OPERA-HOUSE—"Il Trovatore."
ORPHEUM—High-Class Vaudeville.
GROVER'S ALCAZAR.—"Confusion."
PEOPLES' THEATER, Howard st.—"After Dark."
BAY DISTRICT TRACK.—Races.
STATE BOARD OF TRADE EXHIBIT.—575 Market street, below Second. Open daily. Admission free.
MECHANICS' PAVILION.—Farewell performance of Fritz Scheel, Saturday, October 19.

AUCTION SALES.

BY EASTON, ELDRIDGE & CO.—Tuesday, October 22, Real Estate, at Salesrooms, 638 Market street, at 12 o'clock noon.

CITY ITEMS IN BRIEF.

B. M. Lelong will distribute a new variety of apple in the foothills.

Scheel will conduct the Park band for the last time next Sunday.

The arguments in the Fair estate litigation were continued yesterday before Judge Slack.

The churches are agitating the question of Sunday afternoon meetings at Golden Gate Park.

"Fair; somewhat warmer," is the forecast for to-day's weather, according to the official bureau.

Superintendent of Schools A. J. Moulder died suddenly at his home yesterday of pleuro-pneumonia.

Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper read a paper on "The Discipline of Suffering" at the Congregational Monday Club.

The fourth annual convention of the California Miners' Association began at Pioneer Hall yesterday.

The Board of Health reports 109 deaths for the past week, against 142 for the corresponding week last year.

A movement is on foot among the carpenters' unions to establish a $3 rate as the minimum for a day's work.

Deacon George W. Gildersleve of Napa comes to grief while hunting a housekeeper among the employment offices.

The winning horses at the Bay District track yesterday were: Claude Hill, Elmer F, Model, Arnette and Tim Murphy.

Samuel Perry, a professional beggar, was sentenced to ten days in the County Jail by Judge Campbell yesterday.

Executors Bishop and Lewis of the Mrs. Miranda W. Lux estate have been temporarily suspended by Judge Coffey.

Charles A. Stevens has been appointed a Customs Inspector, vice E. T. McLean, removed. Stevens will be stationed at Los Angeles.

The suit of the Noe heirs for $24,000,000 worth of land in the San Miguel Rancho will be begun within the next two or three days.

The suit of Robert P. Jansen against the Southern Pacific Company for $50,000 damages was begun in Judge Hunt's court yesterday.

T. J. Lynngreen and Ham Franks, members of the Verein Eintracht Bicycle Club, met with serious mishaps in a club outing at San Rafael on Sunday.

A warrant was sworn out in Judge Joachimsen's court yesterday for the arrest of Horace Smyth, a juror in the Durrant case, on the charge of battery.

Neil MacLeod is suing the Fulton Engineering and Shipbuilding Works for $20,000 on account of injuries sustained while in the corporation's employ.

The committee in charge of the California banquet complain that certain merchants who sell Eastern goods are opposing the feast of California products.

The Trist Duplicate Whist Club, formed to play the game without stakes or monetary consideration of any kind, holds its opening tournament this evening.

A case involving the powers of the Game and Fish Warden came before Judge Campbell yesterday, and the arguments of counsel on the question will be heard to-day.

Dennis O'Brien, an ex-convict, testified in Judge Conlan's court yesterday that he had never been arrested before, and a charge of perjury was registered against him.

Peter Olsen, who a year or so ago deserted his wife and child, is now trying to purchase his freedom by offering her $300 to not molest him and call their married life ended.

J. J. Hallihan of the Midway Plaisance was yesterday sentenced by Judge Joachimsen to pay a fine of $100 or be imprisoned for 100 days for selling liquor without a license.

The Park Commissioners have not ordered the Bonet Tower taken down because they were notified that it has been attached, and if they remove it they will be held responsible.

The Country Club has become involved in a legal tangle with the authorities of San Diego County because of the club's representative trapping quail for the preserve in Marin County.

At the State Free Labor Bureau an order was received yesterday for seventy-five men for the Mountain mine in Shasta County. This makes 250 men sent to this mine by the Labor Bureau.

The fight against the majority in the Board of Supervisors awarding street paving contracts without permitting competition in the bids was begun in Judge Seawell's court yesterday.

The Granite-cutters' Union has about decided to work on stone from the Folsom quarry rather than let the "free" quarry-owners spoil the granite work on the Affiliated Colleges building.

The Ashbury Heights and Stanyan-street Improvement Club held an indignation meeting last night over the poor car service furnished them by the Market-street Railway Company.

The third day of the Garcelon trust contest in the Circuit Court completed Judge Stanly's deposition, and showed that Mrs. Garcelon was, in her business relations, the personification of secrecy.

Health Officer Lovelace has made out a list of the public schools which he thinks ought to be closed till the proper sanitary improvements are made. The list will be handed to the Board of Health to-morrow.

Milk Inspector Dockery continues his active crusade against the impure milk-dealers. Yesterday on one of the so-called "milk ranches" he ordered a cow suffering from the last stages of tuberculosis killed at once.

The serious illness of Eugene Deuprey, an attorney in the Durrant trial, is likely to cause a protracted delay in the big murder trial. General Dickinson will ask for a continuance when the case comes up to-day.

Irving M. Scott has returned from Japan and says he is quite confident that the Union Iron Works will get some of the ship-building contracts soon to be let by that Government. He talks also of the country generally.

William Srerp, who shot Manuel Moreno in Hinckley alley on Saturday night, was arraigned in Judge Joachimsen's court yesterday on the charge of assault to murder, and the case was continued till October 21.

Seba C. Mastick, son of E. B. Mastick of Alameda, was admitted yesterday to practice in the United States Circuit Court upon the recommendation of Samuel W. Halliday, who appeared with him before Judge Hawley.

Milk Inspector Dockery proposes to make an investigation of the milk supply of St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum. The mortuary record of that institution has been very heavy. Sister Mary says it has its own supply of milk from cows of its own keeping.

Warrants were sworn out in Judge Low's court yesterday against ten "moonshiners" for selling liquor without a license. Among them was Margaret Pound, 455 Clementina street, in whose place Policeman Menihan was nearly killed about a year ago.

Senator John M. Thurston of Nebraska says San Francisco is prominently mentioned as the next place of holding the Republican National Convention, and also talks of the navy, our foreign policy and the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands.

The charge of assault with a deadly weapon against Patrick Croke and Charles Sherlock preferred by W. B. Hammill, was dismissed by Judge Joachimsen yesterday. The defendants were charged with chasing Hammill with a pitchfork at the racetrack.

A charge of battery preferred by Mrs. Julia Coffey against Policeman Madden was dismissed by Judge Low yesterday. The alleged battery took place in Mrs. Coffey's house on Larkin street, when Madden was in search of his wife, whom he believed to be there.

Miss Mamie Heffron took a leading part in the comedy "False Pretenses," at the Columbia Theater Dramatic School performance last Sunday night, but by some mischance the young lady's name was omitted from the published accounts of the performance. Miss Heffron appeared as Mme. Malingear, her stage name for the nonce being Thelma Wilding.

To Recover Money Loaned.

Rosina Sindlinger has obtained an injunction to prevent the removal of ninety-three barrels of malt extract from the storehouse of the Overland Freight Transfer Company. She claims that she loaned $1370 to John Muth and Mrs. A. W. Mass, taking the malt extract as security, and that an attempt is being made to defraud her.

AN AVERAGE OF ONE INFANT'S DEATH DAILY.

Recent Mortuary Record of St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum.

IT AROUSES MR. DOCKERY

An Investigation by the Milk Inspector Now in Prospect.

ONLY ITS OWN SUPPLY USED.

Sister Mary's Explanation of Why the Waifs Die—What Dr. McLaughlin Says.

The mortuary record of St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum has suggested the idea to Milk Inspector Dockery of making an investigation of the milk fed to the infants in that institution. He proposes to visit that orphanage Thursday.

At the Health Office the deaths of infants reported from the St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum during September were 32. During August there were 14, and for October up to date there have been 12. Following is the record from September 1:

September 1—George, age 6 months, cause convulsions; Lorenzo Morales, 1 month, inanition; Barney Mullen, 19 days, inanition.
September 3—Harry Harris, 2 months 15 days, enteritis; Mary C. Jenkins, 2 months, enteritis.
September 4—Antone Fusleco, 7 years, consumption; James King, 25 days, inanition.
September 5—Frances Davenport, 1 month 17 days, bronchitis; Mary, 14 days, enteritis.
September 9—Raymonda, 9 days, enteritis.
September 12—Henry Berkl, 17 days, pneumonia.
September 13—Ruth Eveline, 2 months 20 days, pneumonia; Genevieve Miriam, 1 month 6 days, enteritis.
September 14—William McGinnis, 2 months, enteritis; Petra, 11 days, inanition.
September 15—Josepha, 20 days, bronchitis; Rose, 26 days, inanition.
September 16—Lucy, 1 month 11 days, enteritis; Liguoi, 2 months, pneumonia.
September 17—Eugenie Carey, 26 days, enteritis; Joachim, 19 days, enteritis.
September 18—Ubianna, 18 days, inanition.
September 20—Albert, 1 month and 5 days, pneumonia.
September 21—Jane, 1 month and 19 days, bronchitis.
September 24—Sophia, 13 days, inanition; Sadie Ross, 1 month and 13 days, inanition; George Silva, 2 months and 4 days, pneumonia.
September 25—Josephine, 2 days, enteritis.
September 26—Gabriel Perboyre, 6 months, congestion of lungs.
September 27—Austin, 1 month, enteritis; Ada, 26 days, enteritis.
September 28—Anne, 25 days, inanition.
September 29—Bartie Condon, 5 months, pneumonia.
October 1—Miriam, 1 month 13 days, pneumonia.
October 2—Jannerais, 17 days, inanition; Teresa Perry, 24 days, enteritis.
October 5—Thomas, 2 months, inanition.
October 7—Angelina, 2 months 12 days, pneumonia; Carnell, 23 days, inanition.
October 8—Jack, 2 months 11 days, enteritis; Lilie, 2 months, bronchitis.
October 9—Nettie Berry, 25 days, enteritis; Mary, 1 month, enteritis.
October 10—Anthony, 1 month 2 days, inanition; Harry Morrison, 4 months, pneumonia.

Enteritis is the medical term for inflammation of the small intestines. Inspector Dockery supposes that this inflammation is due to the kind of milk fed.

The record during the same period for the Children's Hospital, City and County Hospital and Girls' Directory was:

Children's Hospital—September 4, Maggie Donald, 4 years, burns; September 9, Mon Bow (female), 10 months, cerebral meningitis; September 14, Leah Goldstein, 9 months, bronchitis; September 25, Edwin Gumelin, 3 years, cerebral meningitis; October 6, Emmons Blaine, 1 year 3 months, broncho pneumonia.
City and County Hospital—September 14, child of Mary Campbell, 3 days, inanition; September 27, child of Kate Larkin, 1 day, inanition.
Girls' Directory—September 30, Catherine E. Johnston, 3 months 21 days, tubes mesenteria.

There were no deaths reported during this period from any orphan asylum other than the St. Joseph's. The statement was made off-handed at the Health Office that it was very seldom that an infant's death was reported from the other hospitals and orphan asylums. "They never seem to die, somehow," observed the statistician of that department.

An inquiry was made at the St. Joseph Orphan Asylum last evening. The institution is in two parts. The large building on top of the hill has no children younger than 5 years of age. Very seldom, said the Sister of Charity in charge, does any child die there. This building was full of noisy merriment when a representative of THE CALL visited it, and the sister explained that the children were fed the same as any children would be—on plenty of substantial, wholesome food, like bread, butter, oatmeal, milk, meat and potatoes. As the record of the Health Office did not show any deaths from this branch due to stomach troubles or tuberculosis, and as the shrill treble of talk and laughter encouraged a belief in their health the inquisitorial visitor took a trip down to the lower building, transferring his attention to this branch, where infants only are cared for, and where the sisters are daily and nightly receiving foundlings and "castaways."

"Castaway" is a painful word, but from the statement of Sister Mary, who has charge of the infantarium, it aptly fits many of the new-born babes which are picked up on doorsteps and placed in that institution with hardly a breath of life left in them.

Sister Mary did not leave much to suspect in the milk supply.

"We have our own cows," she said, "fourteen of them now, and sometimes as many as eighteen. We do not get any milk from any outside source at all."

In reply to questions as to how the cows were fed and stabled, she said the housekeeper was more in touch with the milk-getting, but, so far as she knew, they got good hay to eat, and frequent feeds of bran and shorts, and their stables were kept in good condition. However, Dr. Moses A. McLaughlin, the physician of the orphanage, and who certifies to all the deaths, set all doubts as to the quality of milk to rest later when he was asked about it by saying that the cows were sleek and fat, fed on hay and bran, well stabled and frequently inspected carefully by Veterinary Egan, who, said the doctor, allows no tuberculosis-affected cows there.

Sister Mary explained the heavy mortuary record in the following:

We have about 400 infants here. This number varies somewhat, but it can be taken as a basis. Of course we are receiving new babies at all hours, day or night, and I don't just exactly know how many deaths we do have without looking at the records, but I suppose it is, as you say, an average of about one daily.

The fact is, most of these little unfortunates are nearly dead when they are found. They are left on the steps anywhere you know, sometimes in a basket, but in most cases just wrapped up in a piece of blanket or shawl.

Only the other day one was left on our lower steps, and one of our sisters discovered it by pure accident. If it had not been found in time it might have been killed by being trampled upon by the boys when they go out, for as boys will, you know, they always go out with a rush. I do not say we get one every twenty-four hours, but sometimes during that period we receive several.

As I said, most of these little waifs are just about dead when we get them. Many die by the time they reach the nursery. We do what we can, but what can we do? They come into the world with nothing in their favor and all that heredity means against their chances of living. There is no mother's milk with which to nurture them, and that is the very best food for any child.

We feed them with warm cow's milk. When we learn that the child has been fed on condensed milk we give them that; likewise when a child has been sustained by any patent food, we give it what it has been accustomed to. Those that will eat we feed every two hours, and we keep two paid nurses to attend to them at night. I am generally up two or three times a night. We keep these infants warm, free from draughts and clean, and I think our milk is of the very best. But if a child has already practically perished through neglect, exposure and starvation, and it dies before we can induce it to take nourishment, or if through hereditary or constitutional weakness it cannot live, it should not be surprising if a death from the St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum is reported at the Health Office.

Dr. McLaughlin had substantially the same explanation to make, save that he was a little stronger in his statements, went more into details, and argued, while condemning the parents of such children, that experiments of the past, that of the French physician, Bibiere, for example, had proven that if 10 per cent of such foundlings were saved it was to be considered as a medical triumph. He was very eulogistic of the devotedness of the Sisters of Charity to their work.

Dr. David B. Todd corroborated Sister Mary's explanation also. He was physician at the institution for three years. Both doctors positively declared that the supply of milk at the orphanage was from its own source. Dr. McLaughlin said he had analyzed it at times and always found it of excellent quality.

"Come up and go all through the institution and spend a day there," said Dr. McLaughlin. "I'll show you how these infants are cared for by the Sisters, and you can also then see for yourself how the cows are kept. No milk is obtained from any outside source whatever. The water and general accommodations at the orphanage are good. I think the Sisters deserve great praise for the work they are doing."

IN THE CITY PLAYHOUSES.

"Robin Hood" Draws Another Large House at the Columbia Theater.

"Confusion" Raises a Hearty Laugh. Opera at the Tivoli—Nobles in "The Phœnix."

The Baldwin.

For the third successive Monday night the Baldwin was crowded last evening. The fact that every seat was occupied and that the space usually allotted to the orchestra was fitted up with seats, and that these were also filled last evening, was proof that the people are not tired of "Trilby" and that awful Svengali. The audience was wrought up to such a pitch of enthusiasm when the curtain went down on the third act, just after the death of Svengali, that it was not satisfied until the curtain had been raised six times. "Trilby" will be presented at a special matinee to-morrow afternoon.

Great preparations are being made for the presentation of "The Passing Show" next Monday night. This is a pleasant travesty of the dramatic and operatic successes of the past two years, and it contains nearly every feature of the amusement world. The company that will present this play is a very large one, containnig more than 100 people.

Morosco's Grand Opera-House.

The success of Milton Nobles at Morosco's Grand Opera-house has been marvelous. Every night he has played to crowded houses and last night was no exception. The production of "The Phœnix," which by many has been considered his masterpiece, was received with well-merited applause. The action of the play was well carried out by the author and those who assisted him in the several parts.

The numerous tableaux that are given in the three acts were exceedingly realistic. In the fire scene at the close of the first act several new effects were introduced, and these served to render the stage far more realistic than any heretofore shown in this City. Of course no one can equal Nobles in the character of his own creation, Carroll Graves, the New York Bohemian, who subsequently becomes Jim Bludsoe. Maud Edna Hall was all that could be desired in her dual role of Sadie, the flower girl, and Effie Elmore, while Charles W. Swain was at home in the character of Moses Solomon. Julia Blanc gave an excellent portrayal of Alice Blackburn, the sister of Leslie Blackburn (Fred J. Butler), the heavy villain. The attendance last evening is a forerunner of the number of big houses that will witness this melodrama during the week.

The People's Theater.

The very strong melodrama "After Dark," from the pen of Dion Boucicault, drew another large house at the People's Theater last night. Several weak people in the cast have been replaced by better ones, and the performance enthused the audience to a high pitch. The turns between the acts instead of musical interludes appear to please the audience. To-morrow night will be bicycle night at this house, and special rates have been made for cyclers. Over 500, male and female, have announced their intention of appearing in the audience in bicycle costumes. The management has made arrangements to take charge of all wheels.

Dixey will give a matinee next Sunday at the Tivoli.

The second week of the Bostonians opened last night at the Columbia Theater to as large and almost as enthusiastic an audience as greeted the popular singers on their reappearance here last Tuesday.

The only important change in the cast consisted in the substitution of Frank V. Pollock, the other new tenor, for Harold Blake, who made such a favorable impression in the title role of "Robin Hood" last week.

Pollock proved to have a pleasant lyric voice, not particularly powerful nor ringing, but it was sweet in quality and he used it easily and without striving and straining after dramatic effects beyond his powers. In addition to his vocal equipments, the new Robin Hood acted gracefully and brightly, though his appearance was too frail to give an heroic impersonation to the part of the bold outlaw.

The rest of the principals aroused the wonted applause by their spirited acting and fine singing, and the orchestra and chorus were up to their usual high standard. "Robin Hood" will run all week. To judge from the size of the houses it is attracting it might run a good deal longer, but it has been decided next Monday to produce "Prince Ananias," a work by Victor Herbert, which is new to San Francisco.

Alcazar Theater.

"Confusion" at Grover's Alcazar last night was adorned with a scene which was not in the original play, but which had a touch of dramatic profanity about it that at once reached the comic side of the audience. The plot hinges on a letter which a wife writes to her husband, confessing to the possession of an interesting yellow pug dog which is concealed in a cabinet. When the wretched man opens the piece of furniture he discovers an infant of tender years, which his servants have concealed there. Hereward Hoyte was plunged in despair over this discovery last night, when to him entered Francis Powers made up as Svengali, who tried to hypnotize him, a la Lackaye. The scene was a rather clever parody of Lackaye's peculiar style, and it aroused roars of laughter.

Taken altogether "Confusion" was well acted. The heroines of the cast had not much opportunity to distinguish themselves, and Mrs. Fanny Young, although clever, is apt to grow monotonous, for she plays all parts alike.

Hereward Hoyte as the unhappy husband and Leonard Grover as Christopher were both excellent, and Master de Camp, the baby who made his first appearance, deserves the warmest praise. He did not look mature enough to have had a year's experience of life, but he gazed placidly at all the strange faces, lay silently in the cabinet for ten minutes and cried at the exact moment that his part demanded it.

On Sunday the Grovers celebrated the anniversary of the beginning of their San Francisco management.

At the Tivoli.

The good old "Trovatore" was enthusiastically received at the Tivoli last night, its melodious airs were applauded and redemanded. All the tremendously heroic, as well as the villainously cruel characters, were welcomed as old friends.

Raffael, as the Count di Luna, villained so tunefully that his sins were forgiven him and he was applauded as no right feeling audience would have applauded such a double-dyed monster if he had not atoned for his shortcomings by acting that was far from villainous and by singing that was pleasant to the ear. Miss Valerga was properly intense as the persecuted Leonara, and the vocal scene suited her voice excellently. Martin Pache was a melodramatically heroic Manrico, and sang his lines so energetically that he won several curtain calls. Alice Carle, as Azucena, fairly reveled in the deep subterranean notes that a large number of people denominate as "rich" contralto, but that are scarcely legitimate singing. The choruses were good.

At the Orpheum.

The new stars last night proved to be quite up to the Orpheum's standard of variety talent. Memphis Kennedy played on an endless variety of original instruments, including an old broom, a tin can and a row of bottles. The new quartet was humorous, as well as artistic.

Among the old people Gilbert and Goldie represented an Englishman and an American and succeeded in making the former look very small. Murphy and Mack's game of football, though not new, was still about the best part of the bill, though Haines and Pettingill aroused most laughter. John Higgins, the champion jumper, has recovered from his recent illness. He inadvertently gave a proof last night that he really jumps on eggs, for he upset the basket and all the eggs fell to the ground like so many humpty dumpties—they could not be picked up again. With the exception of this little mischance Higgins went through all his work successfully.

His Last Appearance.

Fritz Scheel gives his grand farewell concert next Saturday at the Mechanics' Pavilion.

ACTORS' FUND BENEFIT.

To Be Held at the Baldwin on Friday Afternoon—An Excellent Programme.

At the Baldwin Theater next Friday afternoon there will be held a benefit performance in aid of the Actors' Fund of America. The entertainments have always met with success, and those in charge of the coming affair have arranged a programme of unusual excellence. The programme contains among other numbers the famous second act, studio scene, from "Trilby." This act has been chosen as it calls for the full strength of the company and some of the best scenes and situations of the play. In this act will be seen the merry-making scenes of the artists' models, their singing, dancing, etc. Svengali and Trilby are there also, and several strong situations between the two famous characters are depicted. The cast of the second act of "Trilby" is as follows:

Taffy	Charles H. Riegel
The Laird	Charles Canfield
Little Billee	Brenton Thorpe
Svengali	Wilton Lackaye
Gecko	E. W. Morrison
Zou Zou	Ignacio Martinetti
Dodor	E. Romayne Simmons
Antony	Victor M. de Silke
Lorimer	Edwin Brandt
Rev. Thomas Bagot	Frederick A. Thompson
Phillippe	Howard James
Trilby	Miss Edith Crane
Mrs. Bagot	Miss Rosa Rand
Mme. Vinard	Miss Jennie Reiffarth
Angele	Miss Josephine Bennett
Musette	Miss Caswell
Honorine	Miss Lucille Nelson
Mimi	Miss Monta Elmo

Milton Nobles will give a brief monologue under the title of "Shop Talk" and is said to be exceedingly entertaining. The Tivoli Opera Company will be represented by Alice Nielsen, Mabella Baker, Martin Pache, Arthur Mesmer, John J. Raffael, Laura Millard, George H. Broderick, William H. West and full chorus and complete orchestra under the direction of Adolph Bauer. The singers will be heard in the sextet from "Lucia" and finale act III "Ernani." Miss Alice Carle, also of the Tivoli, will give a recitation entitled "The Glove," to be rendered with musical accompaniment. H. Coulter Brinker of Morosco's Grand Opera-house Company will also recite. The Orpheum will send four features—Gilbert and Goldie, the favorite comedians; the Schrode Brothers in their acrobatic act; Haines and Pettingill, America's comedians; the Gotham City Quartet, comprising Ed A. Lang, Harry E. Fairbanks, Thomas H. Humphries, H. S. Putman, direct from Madison-square Garden, New York. They introduce solos, warbles and melodies and also give vocal imitations of banjos, bells, steam whistles, etc.

These great specialty acts will be followed by another excellent number, the singing of "Ben Bolt" by Miss Ruth White, the young lady who has made a good impression by her rendition of the song behind the scenes in "Trilby." At the benefit she is to sing it before the audience, and will be accompanied by Leo Sumner's Hungarian gypsy band, the same as during the presentation of "Trilby." The band will also be another feature, as it is to render some characteristic Hungarian selections. Wilton Lackaye, after appearing in the second act in "Trilby" in his great impersonation of Svengali, will give one of his recitations. Leonard Grover's Alcazar Theater company will appear in the farce-comedy, "Joe's Girls," with the following cast:

Joe Bagstock	Leonard Grover Jr.
Tom Briggs	Hereward Hoyte
Judge Singleton	Leonard Grover Sr.
Angelica Hot Tod	May Noble
Selina Davis	Gracie Plaisted
Sophy Simper	Nellie Young
Caroline Jones	Ida Parks
Julia Tulips	Lillian Clays
Dorothy Slyboots	Levaun Hallett
Mrs. Knappit	Fanny Young

The reserved seats for the benefit have been placed at $1, with the gallery at 50c.

AGAINST THE EXECUTORS.

A Petition for Removal Filed Yesterday by Heydenfeldt Heirs.

A petition for the removal of Executors Charles Ashton and Julius Jacobs of the Solomon Heydenfeldt estate was filed yesterday by Thomas O. Heydenfeldt, Frederick O. Heydenfeldt and Zeila O. Hellings. The petitioners think that their interests have not been looked out for properly. They ask that Frederick O. Heydenfeldt be appointed administrator.

Trying to Buy His Liberty.

Peter Olsen and Gussie Wallmar, aged 19, were married by Justice Barry on April 26, 1894, under circumstances that did not suggest future matrimonial happiness. Four months after Olsen deserted his wife, who gave birth to a healthy young Olsen eleven months later. Mrs. Olsen asked the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children to help her find her husband and make him support their offspring. Olsen yesterday returned, being tired of remaining in exile, and endeavored to compromise the case. He offered to give his wife $300 and call it quits, but he declines to support the child. Secretary McComb is endeavoring to straighten out the matrimonial muddle, but so far without success.

Precaution.

Guard your homes against fires. Seventy per cent of recent fires was caused by soot accumulating in chimneys. See that your flues are properly cleaned and swept at once.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT.

Narrow Escape of the Crew of the Barkentine Katie Flickinger.

SWEPT FROM STEM TO STERN.

The Steamer China Released From Quarantine by Order of the Board of Health.

The barkentine Katie Flickinger, which arrived from Karluk yesterday, had a very narrow escape on September 29 last. When off Queen Charlotte Islands, a heavy easterly gale set in. It increased in violence until it was blowing a hurricane. The spanker boom and spanker were carried away. The water tanks and everything movable on deck were washed overboard. The cabin and forecastle were flooded and several of the crew were injured. Repairs were made, but ill luck still pursued the vessel, as light and baffling winds were met with off the Golden Gate. For over five days the barkentine was within 150 miles of port, but never a breeze could the sailors whistle up until yesterday.

"It was one of the worst gales I ever experienced," said Captain McRae yesterday. "The wind blew a hurricane and the seas were mountains high. We were swept from stem to stern and the men were up to their knees in water all the time. Everything movable on deck broke loose, and, as the debris was washed back and forth, several of the crew were struck and seriously injured. All are now on the way to recovery, however, thank goodness. From Queen Charlotte Islands we made a quick run to San Francisco, but off port we struck southeast light winds, calms and fog, and made practically no progress for five days. All's well that ends well, however, and I'm glad to be in port."

The last contracts on the new ferry depot will be let to-morrow. The covers or hallways that will lead from the main building to the slips where the steamers dock are to be bid for. At present there will be only three of them, and these will be to aprons 2, 5 and 6. They will be painted and sanded with Monterey white sand in order to look like the depot building. They will also be fireproof, and the interior will have a very handsome appearance, being finished in native woods.

Stockton is to have a band on the Stockton steamers. Hitherto San Francisco musicians have supplied the music for the patrons of the T. C. Walker, and the members of the Stockton band did not like it. Superintendent Cochrane listened to their complaint and thought it well founded. Accordingly the San Francisco men have been moved to the J. D. Peters and a Stockton band will take their place on the Walker. There will be music on the San Joaquin every night in the week in consequence.

James Seymour, steward of the schooner Una, had a narrow escape from drowning at Main street wharf yesterday. In attempting to go aboard he slipped and fell from the gangplank into the bay. John F. Williams, watchman for the Black Diamond Coal Company, and Gus Reimer, watchman of the steamer Jewel, heard his cries and went to his assistance. Seymour was rescued more dead than alive.

The steamer China was released from quarantine yesterday and docked at the Pacific Mail Company's pier. All the passengers were landed, and a rush was made to get the cargo out, as she is to leave again on the 22d inst. Nothing except the mail was taken aboard at Honolulu. In the China Sea Captain Seabury saw a considerable quantity of wreckage. A good lookout was kept and the remains of a Chinese junk was sighted. Six men were clinging to it, and they were taken aboard and landed at Yokohama. Three of the crew, all of whom were Chinese, were drowned.

The sealing schooner Emma Louise arrived from Bering Sea yesterday afternoon. Captain Dan McLean did not have his usual luck, as he only secured 507 skins. The Russian sealing grounds were more carefully patrolled than usual, and in consequence there was no opportunity for poaching.

A dispatch to the Merchants' Exchange says that the British bark Embassador, ashore at Port Stanley, will probably be a total wreck. She was on her way to Honolulu, and the captain has chartered the barks Foxglove and Bein to take her cargo to that port.

CHARGED WITH PERJURY.

Dennis O'Brien, an Ex-Convict, Ordered Into Custody by Judge Conlan.

There was a surprise in store for Dennis O'Brien in Judge Conlan's court yesterday. He and John Sullivan, alias "the Ghost," and James Gilbert were arrested in the early morning of October 11 on the water front by Policemen Donahue and Dalton. When searched a slungshot, a glass-cutter and a file were found in Gilbert's pockets. He was charged with having burglars' tools in his possession and the other two with vagrancy.

The cases came up before Judge Conlan yesterday. O'Brien, who gave the name of Harry Gordon, was represented by Attorney Tobin. He gave evidence in his own behalf, and in answer to his attorney said he had come from San Jose and did not know Sullivan or Gilbert till he met them the night they were all arrested.

"Have you ever been arrested before?" asked Tobin.

"No, sir," emphatically replied O'Brien.

"What is your true name?" asked Judge Conlan.

"Harry Gordon."

"And you were never arrested before?"

"No, sir."

"Did you not serve a term in San Quentin?"

"No, sir."

O'Brien was identified by Detective Bainbridge, who testified that on May 31, 1884, he was sentenced to ten years in Folsom penitentiary for grand larceny, and on February 9, 1892, he was sentenced to five years in Folsom for grand larceny. On the latter occasion when arrested he gave the name of Thomas Ryan, but in the Superior Court he changed it to John Wright.

O'Brien was convicted on the charge of vagrancy, and the Judge ordered that a charge of perjury be entered against him.

Gilbert was convicted of having burglars' tools in his possession, and was sentenced to six months in the County Jail. The case against Sullivan is still pending.

PROBABLY RONCOVIERI.

Scheel's Successor for the Park Band Not Yet Definitely Decided.

Fritz Scheel, the whilom "Court Director" of the Vienna Preter, is to wield the baton for the last time in San Francisco at the park band concert next Sunday afternoon.

The popular conductor, who, in the days of his zenith, was the most observed star in the local horizon, has not been subject to so much astronomical observation since his Auditorium concerts languished on the coming on of the summer season, but Scheel's conducting has always been very much admired, and "positively his last appearance" on the bandstand at the park will no doubt be the signal for a large crowd to be present.

Scheel leaves San Francisco next Monday. His successor has not been appointed, and as J. Redding is not expected to return to town till the 25th inst., there will probably be an interregnum of a few days, during which the assistant conductor, Professor Spadina, will be bandmaster. It is possible that Spadina may be offered the position permanently, but the general conviction in musical circles is that the choice will fall on Alfred Roncovieri. This young conductor has been making quite a record for himself lately, and it is believed that he is well fitted to wield the baton of the park band.

MISHAPS TO CYCLISTS.

Wheelmen of the Verein Eintracht Club Have an Eventful Outing at San Rafael.

A number of the members of the Verein Eintracht Club of this City went to San Rafael on Sunday as the guests of the Bay View Club of that place. T. J. Lynngreen and Ham Franks, both members of the Verein Eintracht Club, met with serious mishaps that will cause them to remember their outing for many a day.

Mr. Lynngreen is one of the record-breakers of his club. He was scorching along the streets of San Rafael with his fellow-cyclists close in his wake and made too short a turn when he reached Third and B streets. As a result his wheel slipped over and Lynngreen shot through the air with great violence, lighting on his left cheek and shoulder. His face was badly torn and his shoulder was dislocated. Dr. Grove was summoned. He had no difficulty in getting the arm back in its socket, but several stitches were required to repair the wounds on the face, which will leave two bad scars.

Mr. Franks' accident occurred in a most peculiar manner. He rode too near the heels of a vicious horse, who, not liking the looks of the queer animal he saw approaching him, let both heels fly at it. He struck the bicyclist under the chin, scoring a complete knockout. There were no more serious injuries than a bad jaw and several bruises.

The wheel was uninjured.

HOME-BUILDERS TO MEET

The California League of Them Will Discuss Important Questions.

A Brief Sketch of the Work Accomplished by the Forty-Four Delegate Associations.

The California League of Mutual Building and Loan Associations will convene in regular annual session to-day at 1 o'clock in the assemblyroom of Mills building. Delegates from various sections of the State are expected, and a very interesting meeting is anticipated.

The league was organized in 1890, its objects being to encourage legislation favorable to the growth and prosperity of all legitimate building and loan associations; to secure a greater uniformity in their management, and to guard and promote their interests throughout the State. Active work has been done during the past five years, and the results speak for themselves. In 1891 a bill was prepared by the legislative committee of the league in keeping with their announced principles and objects and promptly passed by the Legislature. This placed the associations under the supervision of the Bank Commission, and because no fund was provided for expenses did not prove entirely satisfactory, so that in 1893 another bill was prepared and likewise passed creating a special State Building and Loan Commission and providing for their salary and expenses being raised by a general levy upon the various associations of the State. The commission was appointed and has done some good work, its first annual report issued in 1894 being one of the most complete and comprehensive treatises on building and loan methods ever published. At the session of the 1895 Legislature the league appeared again with an amendment giving the commission a secretary, so that their labors might be as effective as possible, and now the associations of the State are supporting the commission with salaries of $6000, and expenses incident of $1500 per annum.

One of the results of this legislation is that wildcat and disreputable schemes that thrive in Eastern and Western States on the misplaced confidence of the people cannot conduct business in this State. The meetings of the league have also been productive of much good in the way of a comparison of methods, plans and ideas by the various secretaries and other officers who have come together at these meetings with papers and discussions on the numerous subjects into which the business is divided. There are now forty-four associations members of the league in good standing, while there are some ten others that have failed to pay their dues for the present year and are therefore not considered to be in good standing. The list of the forty-four is as follows, all of which will very likely be represented at to-day's meeting:

California Building Loan Association of Alameda, Columbia Loan and Building Association of Los Angeles, Petaluma Mutual Loan Association of Petaluma, Standard Building and Loan Association of Oakland, Security Loan Association of San Francisco, San Diego Building and Loan Association of San Diego, San Jose Building and Loan Association of San Jose, Mission Home and Loan Association of San Francisco, Metropolitan Loan Association of Los Angeles, Pacific Coast Loan Association of San Francisco, Inter Nos Building and Loan Association of San Francisco, Santa Paula Building and Loan Association of Santa Paula, Italian-Swiss Mutual Loan Association of San Francisco, West Oakland Mutual Loan Association of Oakland, San Francisco and Oakland Mutual Loan Association of San Francisco, San Francisco Mutual Loan Association of San Francisco, San Joaquin Valley Building and Loan Association of Stockton, Eintracht Social and Benevolent Verein of San Francisco, Home Security Building and Loan Association of Oakland, Alameda Building and Loan Association of Alameda, Homestead Loan Association of Berkeley, Merchants' Loan Association of San Francisco, Commercial Building and Loan Association of San Francisco, People's Building and Loan Association of Oakland, Home Mutual Building and Loan Association of San Francisco, Cosmos Loan Association of San Francisco, Fortuna Building and Loan Association of Fortuna, Citizens' Building and Loan Association of San Francisco, Encinal Building and Loan Association of Alameda, San Francisso Home Mutual Loan Association of San Francisco, Enterprise Mutual Building and Loan Association of San Francisco, Homeseekers' Loan Association of San Francisco, Pacific Mutual Building and Loan Association of San Francisco, Guardian Loan Association of San Francisco, Acme Building and Loan Association of San Francisco, Bakersfield Building and Loan Association of Bakersfield, San Luis Building and Loan Association of San Luis Obispo, California Mutual Savings Fund, Loan and Building Association of San Francisco; Mutual Building and Loan Association of Fresno, Commonwealth Mutual Building and Loan Association of San Francisco, Triumph Loan Association of San Francisco, Santa Clara Building and Loan Association of Santa Clara, Santa Fe Building and Loan Association of San Bernardino, Santa Rosa Building and Loan Association of Santa Rosa.

Papers will probably be read at to-day's session by Albert Meyer, Charles K. Clark, A. Sbarboro, Frank V. Wright, W. Matthews, John Bruckman, Nick Bowden, Charles E. Naylor and others.

The executive committee for the past year was composed as follows: Frank Otis, president; Albert Meyer, first vice-president; James L. Fields, second vice-president; John Flagg, third vice president; Charles E. Naylor, secretary; B. Harris, treasurer; Frank V. Wright, past president; C. K. Clark, A. Sbarboro, John Flagg, Thomas J. Glynn and M. L. Culver.

The meeting convenes at 1 o'clock sharp, says Secretary Naylor. The first number on the programme will be the