PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

William Buck's Heirs Seek to Recover His Lands.

DEEDED TO OUTSIDERS.

Undue Influence Alleged to Have Been Exerted by His Housekeeper.

CLAIM HE WAS WEAK-MINDED.

Four Suits Transferred From San Benito County to a San Jose Court.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Nov. 12.—The papers in four suits transferred from San Benito County were filed in the Superior Court in this county to-day. The suits involve the title to about $60,000 worth of property, and are brought by Eliza Johnston, administratrix of the estate of William Buck, deceased, and in her own right, and James A. Buck and F. E. Buck against R. E. Shore et al., the same parties against W. J. Brown et al., Eliza Brown et al. and Gracie Sawyer et al.

The complaints in the four cases are substantially the same, and charge that Gracie Sawyer, who acted as housekeeper for William A. Buck, deceased, connived with the other defendants and induced Buck to convey to them 300 acres of land.

It is asserted that they exerted an influence over him that was undue, and while he was mentally incapacitated took him by train from San Benito to Santa Rosa, in order to procure the services of a notary who would attest the signatures of Buck. It is charged that attempts were made to have the execution of the deeds acknowledged in San Benito, but no notary would do it.

The deeds were made in December, 1892, and the grantees took possession of the lands the next month. The court is asked to set aside the deeds on the ground that they were fraudulently obtained.

William Buck, who was a wealthy bachelor, died in Hollister in May, 1893, a few months after the deeds were executed. The plaintiffs are his heirs.

Petitions for Appointments.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Nov. 12.—Long petitions have been forwarded from this city to Governor Budd urging the appointment of J. L. Mosher of this county as Commissioner at Large on the State Board of Horticulture and A. Block of Santa Clara as a member from the San Francisco district.

Foreclosure Suit Decided.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Nov. 12.—Judge Lorigan to-day gave C. F. McDermott judgment against J. B. Peppin for $5706 25 and $300 counsel fees in a foreclosure suit. The property affected is fifteen and a half acres of land in the Stark farm.

RINCON'S MURDER MYSTERY.

A Skeleton With a Bullet-Punctured Skull Found in the Brush.

RIVERSIDE, CAL., Nov. 12.—Evidence of what is believed to have been a brutal murder was discovered near Rincon, in this county, yesterday. A sheep-herder found the skeleton of a man lying in a clump of brush near the roadside. The skeleton, covered by a few shreds of clothing, was stretched upon a blanket. A pistol-bullethole through the back of the skull was found, and the ball had carried away the lower jaw. The man was evidently lying down when the shot was fired.

The indications were that the murderer had attempted to cremate the body of his victim after the killing. No papers or articles were found on the body by which it could be identified.

KILLED AT SANTA BARBARA.

Roberto Cordero, a Workman, Crushed to Death by Caving Earth.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., Nov. 12.—Roberto Cordero, a laborer employed in preparing the foundations of the new Fithian block, while working this afternoon where a blast had been put in and had cracked the surface of the ground, was suddenly buried by the caving of the bank. Several tons of earth fell upon him, crushing his chest. His head was not covered, and he managed to gasp a few words to his fellow-workmen before expiring.

Cordero, who was 25 years of age, was married, and leaves a widow and one child. He was an excellent workman, of good habits, faithful and industrious.

OKANAGON MINES SOLD.

Thirteen Rich Claims Purchased by American Capitalists.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 12.—The largest mining deal ever consummated in British Columbia took place to-day in Okanagon country, a syndicate of New York capitalists purchasing thirteen rich claims on Boundary Creek, including the famous copper mine at Copper Camp. S. S. Fowler, a Chicago engineer, is on the spot, and is putting through heavy deals for Chicago and New York capitalists almost daily.

There is considerable uneasiness over the fact that Americans continue to buy all the best undeveloped mines in the district.

MERCED'S BANDIT HELD.

"Texas" Kellett to Stand Trial for Robbing the Coulterville Stage.

MERCED, CAL., Nov. 12.—The preliminary examination of "Texas" Kellett, charged with robbing the Coulterville stage, was concluded before Judge Read to-day, and Kellett was held for trial. Bail was fixed at $3000, in default of which Kellett was remanded to jail.

George Kirk, the driver and proprietor of the stage line, swore positively as to Kellett being the man who robbed the stage on August 1 last.

Must Remain in Jail.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Nov. 12.—The application of W. A. Sehorn for release from confinement on bail on a writ of habeas corpus which has been pending before the Supreme Court was denied this afternoon. Sehorn, who is the editor of the Willows Journal, is accused of the crime of murder in having shot and killed J. E. Putnam on October 7.

Accidenlally Shot at Modesto.

MODESTO, CAL., Nov. 12.—D. D. Vezey, 67 years of age, while hunting this morning met with an accident which necessitated the amputation of his left arm. While drawing a blanket from a cart his gun, which was resting against the seat, fell to the ground and was discharged. The charge struck his arm at the elbow.

Ukase of Stanford Students.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL., Nov. 12.—The executive committee of the Associated Students met last evening and passed a resolution, which is to go into effect after Thanksgiving day, requiring all student organizations intending to give any public entertainment under the university name to submit their constitutions and place themselves under the student body control. Committees were appointed on college songs and to lead the college yelling at the Thanksgiving game.

Alleged Embezzlement at Portland.

PORTLAND, OR., Nov. 12.—Cicero Marco, secretary of the Mazzini Society, was arrested this afternoon for the alleged embezzlement of $1500 of the society's funds. It is believed that Marco deposited the money with one of the two large Italian liquor-houses recently suspended here. The matter will be ventilated in court to-morrow, when surprising developments are expected.

FOUGHT WITH REVOLVERS.

Duel Between Warren Ratcliffe McVeigh and Paul Tupper Wilkes.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Warren Ratcliffe McVeigh and Paul Tupper Wilkes fought a duel with revolvers at short distance on the Palisades at Fort Lee early this morning. They were seconded by Robert Ratcliffe Owens and Frank Butler. Both men were wounded.

The four young men engaged in the affair of honor are well known locally, while three of them enjoy reputations that might almost be called national. Mr. McVeigh is a newspaper man, a writer of short stories and a leading member of the Southern Society. Mr. Wilkes is famous throughout the West as the slayer of George Shepard, one of the leaders of the Riel rebellion, and his second, Frank Butler, is a lecturer of considerable renown, a son of the late Colonel George Butler, United States Consul to Egypt, under President Grant.

No one except the principals themselves knows the real cause of the duel. The ostensible one was a quarrel resulting from an argument that arose between McVeigh and Wilkes while dining together at the Astor House on Monday evening.

OF INTEREST TO THE COAST.

Patents Issued to Inventors and Additional Pensions Granted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 12.—Pensions have been granted as follows: California—Original—John Ryan, Vallejo, Solano County. Increase—Benjamin Leed, San Francisco; Michael Daily, Veterans' Home, Napa. Reissue and increase—John P. Gardner, San Francisco. Mexican War survivors—Increase—Abram Bolyar, Spanish Ranch, Plumas County; William Smith, San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo County.

Oregon: Original—Thomas A. Bennett, Pittsburg, Columbia County.

Washington: Original—Samuel W. Genberg, Excelsior, Pierce County.

Patents were to-day granted to the following Pacific Coast inventors: San Francisco—Joseph Clark, railway construction; Charles P. Harris, book-holder; Andrew Hunter, beet-topping machine; Axel Johnson, Oakland, assignor of two-thirds to C. Josselyn and E. F. Preston, canbody blank cutting machine; John H. McDade, machine for affixing postage stamps or gummed labels; Daniel Wade, office directory. Oakland—John J. Montgomery, petroleum burner; John J. Newsome, assignor of three-fourths to T. R. Bassett and T. D. Newsome, rotary stamping and grinding mill. Stockton—William B. Pless, assignor to Pless Dredging and Reclamation Company, dredging apparatus.

Oregon—Frank L. Fisher, Granger, separator and amalgamator; Isaac B. Hammond, Portland, frame for stamps.

A new postoffice has been established at Arrowhead, San Bernardino County, Cal., and Mina L. Smith commissioned as Postmistress.

ATCHISON REORGANIZATION.

The Men Who Will Be Elected Directors by the Committee.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 12.—It is now said that the Atchison joint reorganization committee will select the following directors: Edward King, R. Somers Hayes, Edward N Gibbs, George G. Haven, Adrian Iselin, W. C. Sligo de Pothonier, Robert Fleming, John Luden, Victor Moriarity, Benjamin P. Cheney of Boston, Charles S. Gleed of Kansas and two Kansas directors. The first nine names have the option of substituting somebody in their places.

The presidency of the company, it is understood, rests between C. D. Robinson, the present vice-president and general manager of the Atchison, and E. T. Jeffery, president of the Denver and Rio Grande. The chairmanship of the board of directors is still undecided. The name of the new company will be the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company. The sale of the property takes place at Topeka, Kans., December 10, and it will be bought in by the reorganization committee.

The Baptist Congress.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 12.—The thirteenth Baptist congress of the United States began its session this afternoon. President Andrews presided, and spoke very briefly at the opening. The general subject for the afternoon was "Monism," a subject that brought forth profound papers by Professor C. F. French, Ph.D., of Vassar College; Professor Alvah Hovey, D.D., LL.D., of Newton Theological Institution, and Dr. Johnson of Crozier Theological Seminary. Rev. S. B. Messer of Wilmington, Del., and Rev. J. T. Christian, D.D., of Louisville, Ky., read papers at the evening session on "Centralization in Baptist Policy."

LOSS OF A BRITISH BARK.

Seventeen Men, Comprising the Crew, Are Yet Missing.

LONDON, ENG., Nov. 12. — The tug Warrior has arrived at Swansea in a damaged condition. She reports that after towing the British bark Highland Home—which arrived at Fleetwood October 13 from Portland, Or., and sailed for London November 8—until Sunday night her cable parted and she was unable to get another line to the bark, which was lost. The seventeen men comprising the crew of the bark are still missing.

War Upon Ashantee.

LONDON, ENG., Nov. 12.—The Globe publishes the statement, upon the authority of the Exchange Telegraph Company, that the leading members of the Cabinet met privately yesterday and decided to immediately make war upon Ashantee.

A Dentists' Banquet.

The Stomatological Club of California, an association of dentists, held its first annual banquet and reunion last evening in the red room of the Bohemian Club, and about thirty gentlemen were present. Dr. R. H. Cool presided. The banquet lasted until midnight and the hours passed quickly and pleasantly, enlivened by songs, speeches and recitations. Short addresses were made by Dr. Younger, Dr. Payne, Dr. George Cool, Dr. Thomas Morsew and Dr. F. E. Knowles. Judge Melvin made a pleasant address and sang a song that was well received. A. Joullin, the artist, and Donald DeV. Graham entertained with a song or two.

Tried to Jump on a Car.

Edward Hurtz, 325½ Bush street, tried to jump on an Eddy-street car between Jones and Taylor yesterday afternoon, but missed his hold and was thrown to the ground. He was picked up a semi-conscious condition by Policeman Frank Riley and taken to the Receiving Hospital. There was a long deep cut in his scalp which was dressed and stitched by Dr. Bunnell.

A Sneakthief's Haul.

A sneakthief entered the residence of ex-Supervisor Burns on Washington and Hyde streets on Saturday night and stole about $700 worth of jewelry which was kept in a tin box. The police are satisfied that the thief was well acquainted with the interior of the house and knew just where to lay his hand on the tin box.

NOW READY FOR CASH.

Collectors Appointed by the Finance Committee.

BOSTON FOR THIS CITY.

Governor Greenhalge Says Our Claims Now Stand Out Alone.

CHEAP FARES FORTHCOMING.

The Board of Trade Instructs Mr. Filcher to Begin Work in and Around Atlanta.

The finance committee has kept its promise to have everything ready for the work of collecting, and to-day the authorized representatives of the committee will begin work. There are, all told, eighteen districts to be covered by the collectors, and also certain territory classified in alphabetical order.

Yesterday in room 48 of the Chronicle building the committee on finance met and appointed the following gentlemen to take hold of the work of collecting, which will begin to-day. The appointees have all been assigned sections of the City where they were thought to be able to do the best work:

District 1—J. F. Sheehan and C. S. Clinch.

District 2—C. H. Warner, Herman Huller and A. A. Watkin.

District 3—F. W. Sicklen and William Haas.

District 4—J. S. Spear, Isaac Upham.

District 5—Harry Fortman, Rudolph Harrold, Harry N. Gray.

District 6—C. S. Benedict, M. Blaskower.

District 7—A. W. Wilson, M. P. Kolberg.

District 8—W. R. Vice, Percy Beamish.

District 10—E. T. Donnelly, J. J. O'Brien.

District 11—D. H. Bibb, Oscar Lewis, Sam J. Hendy.

District 12—William Wolf, Sidney M. Smith.

District 13—C. S. Laumeister, James McNab.

District 14—A. H. Vail, Will E. Fisher, William S. Chandler.

District 15—H. M. Black, S. W. Dixon.

District 16—Wendell Easton, H. Shainwald.

District 17—Eugene Davis, L. R. Ellert, A. R. Baldwin.

District 18—Jeff G. James, John J. Roy, Fred Siebe.

Book A (newspapers)—S. W. Backus, Vanderlynn Stow.

Book B—George Stone, J. M. Litchfield, J. A. Thompson.

Book C (street railroads)—Louis Sloss Jr., J. M. Litchfield.

Book H (City and County officials)—Colonel C. L. Taylor, J. K. Hobbs, H. T. Creswell.

Book I (theaters)—J. E. Coleman, W. Greer Harrison, R. H. Warfield.

Book L (stockbrokers)—Jacob Greenbaum, A. Gerberding.

There were other influences at work while the finance committee was preparing its crusade for capital. The Board of Trade put itself on record for the convention, and at the suggestion of William H. Mills the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the general manager of the California State Board of Trade exhibit at Atlanta be given the necessary leave of absence from his duties to see as many members as possible of the National Republican Central Committee to solicit their votes in favor of San Francisco as a place for holding the next National Republican Convention, and to co-operate with the committee from San Francisco, and use his best endeavors in that direction.

This will give Mr. Filcher, who represents California at Atlanta, an opportunity of doing some very effective work among the National committeemen, and there is no doubt about that gentleman being thoroughly competent to handle all the committeemen who come within his reach. With the adoption of the foregoing resolution he will feel that it is the desire of the people of California that he move among the men we need to win the great convention for San Francisco, and he will begin work as soon as the authority reaches him.

That all over the State the interior towns are waking up to the importance of San Francisco's proposition to the National Republican Committee is apparent. Santa Barbara was the last town to come into the fold, and that city has its committees appointed and is making collections to swell the fund.

The last obstacle in the way of a $50 return rate from Chicago to San Francisco for the Republican National Convention has been practically removed by the Burlington system falling into line with the other Western railways. Assurance was given yesterday by J. Francis, general passenger and ticket agent of the Burlington system, that he would meet them on an equal footing. It came in a dispatch to W. D. Sanborn, the general Western agent in this City of that company, which was transmitted to General Passenger Agent T. H. Goodman of the Southern Pacific, who is chairman of the transportation committee of the National Republican Convention in San Francisco:

W. D. Sanborn: Anticipate no difficulty whatever in securing a $50 rate, Chicago to San Francisco and return, if you secure the Republican National Convention. The Burlington has been in favor of it from first. Will personally do all I possibly can to secure the rate.

I. FRANCIS.

SAN FRANCISCO WILL WIN.

From Washington Comes the News That the Republican Convention Is Assured.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 12.—That the Republican National Convention of 1896 will be held in San Francisco seems assured. Great as the surprise will be at the probabilities of the convention going to the far side of the continent, leading members of the committee familiar with the temper of that body predict that San Francisco is in a position to win and will carry off the prize. A large delegation of the leading citizens of San Francisco will be in this City to attend the meeting of the National Committee December 10, and are expected to bring with them a foretaste of the sort of hospitality which the Golden Gate people are ready to extend to their guests.

They will bring carloads of wines and fruits, a brass band, and, what is much better, the pledged support of all the small Western States and Territories, each having a vote in the committee, which counts for quite as much as the vote of the member from the largest State in the Union. Among the influential members of the committee from the East who are pledged to San Francisco are Fessenden of Connecticut, Manley of Maine, and most of the other New England members. Scott of West Virginia and a number of Southern men have also promised to support San Francisco.

The hustlers from the far West have for some time had shrewd agents traveling through the West and South quietly pledging members, and in this way appear to have stolen a march upon their rivals. When the committee meets next month San Francisco will offer to carry all the delegates to the coast free and will arrange for all other visitors at the low rate of 1 cent a mile. They will promise ample hotel accommodations at reduced rates and will place in the hands of the National committee a sum of money sufficient to pay off the indebtedness left over from the last Presidential campaign. In addition to this they will, of course, pay all the expenses of the convention, the hotel bills of the members of the National Committee and pledge themselves to send every one home happy.

The transcontinental railways promise to provide special trains that will run from New York to San Francisco in four days and from Chicago in three days, with such arrangements that one may go out by one route and return by another.

It is known here that a number of the committeemen who are as yet unpledged have given a conditional promise to vote for San Francisco if that City will guarantee to provide telegraph facilities and reduced and satisfactory tolls for press dispatches.

Chicago and Pittsburg are San Francisco's only rivals. Pittsburg has the advantage of Mr. Quay's great influence with the committemen and the support of the McKinley element, the latter on account of the fact that the people of Pittsburg are exceeding enthusiastic in their advocacy of the nomination of the Ohio Governor. Mr. Platt is implacably opposed to both San Francisco and Pittsburg, and is in favor of Chicago. As between San Francisco and Pittsburg, he favors the latter city. If San Francisco can get the Platt influence it will win the convention.

Pittsburg is handicapped by admissions made by her citizens to the effect that her hotel accommodations are inadequate. So far as can be learned Mr. Platt is the only influential member of the committee who is positive in his support of Chicago.

Mr. Clarkson has announced his intention to vote for Chicago, if Chicago has any chance, but his second choice is San Francisco, if the telegraphic facilities and tolls are made satisfactory there.

DEMOCRATS ARE DICKERING.

Preparing for a Sound Money Plank in the Platform.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 12.—Chairman Harrity of the National Democratic Committee, who has been in Washington for several days, said to an intimate friend to-night that it was altogether probable that the Democratic National Convention next year would be held in New York City. Chairman Harrity has been in conference with President Cleveland and administration officials generally, and the time and place of holding the convention have been carefully considered. It is the desire of Mr. Cleveland and his official family that a sound money plank shall be a prominent feature of the National platform, and they believe that the influences in New York will tend to bring about the adoption of such a plank more certainly than these of any other city.

Mr. Harrity also said that the Democratic convention would certainly be held after the Republican convention and that the campaign would be made as short as it could be, time enough only being taken to perform the work necessarily involved in a National canvass.

BOSTON FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

They Say That Aside From This City There Is None Other.

BOSTON, MASS., Nov. 12.—During the past week Pittsburg agents have been actively engaged in New England booming the interests of the Smoky City for the Republican Convention. So far as can be learned, however, their efforts met with little if any success. Since Boston dropped out of the race agents of all the cities that were anxious to secure the honor have been working hard for the interests of their respective cities, but the entire East is for San Francisco, and there will not be the least wavering. THE CALL correspondent secured interviews to-night with several of the Pittsburg agents, and while they were unwilling to give any information as to the success which had attended their efforts, from the casual tone of their conversation the fact could be gleaned that it was far from satisfactory. Time, instead of lessening the San Francisco boom among Eastern politicians, has served only to increase it.

A prominent politician to-night stated that while the visit of Joseph Manley to San Francisco was given out as having no political significance it was in truth made at the request of several persons interested in National politics who wished to know exactly the lay of the land as concerns San Francisco. Governor Greenhalge, when seen by THE CALL correspondent to-night, stated that there was no more need to boom the cities against the claims of the Golden Gate for the convention, as from all the information he had at hand San Francisco would win easily, and from the general tone of the Eastern press and the expressed views of those prominent in Republican circles Pittsburg, the only rival that had shown any strength at all, was hopelessly out of the race. It is known fact that the Pittsburgers have been spending money pretty freely, but with apparently no effect. The entire New England delegation are solid for Reed, and there will not be the slightest hitch, and while the crafty Maine statesmen has not openly expressed a preference as to the place where the convention should be held, a man who is very intimate with him states that he is heart and soul for the convention going to California. At the present time the situation may be summed up as an easy victory for San Francisco so far as the Eastern delegation is concerned unless a very sudden change should be wrought by Pittsburg money, at present a very doubtful contingency.

WORKING IN LOS ANGELES.

The People There Want Low Rates to That Point.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Nov. 12.—Los Angeles is getting into shape to show San Francisco that her expression of good will in the matter of securing the Republican convention for California means something more substantial than empty words. At a meeting of the executive committee, appointed at the mass-meeting held at Mayor Rader's office this afternoon, definite plans for the raising of funds were outlined, and before the end of the week the fund now being raised in San Francisco will be increased by a handsome subscription from here. Letters were read by Chairman H. Z. Osborne addressed to C. P. Huntington, H. E. Huntington, J. J. Byrne, manager of the Santa Fe, and to Goodall, Perkins & Co., agents of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, urging them in the event of the convention going to San Francisco to not only quote low rates over their routes, locally and transcontinentally, but to arrange for interchange of tickets with northern roads. A letter from Wendell Easton, chairman of the San Francisco committee, inviting Los Angeles to name a committee to join the San Francisco delegation to visit Washington was read and immediately acted upon, H. Z. Osborne, Mayor Frank Rader and Congressman James McLachlan being nominated and elected to represent Los Angeles. The executive committee then resolved itself into a committee on finance and will in a short time move on the citizens of Los Angeles in a body to secure subscriptions. There is at present over $1000 pledged and when the committee goes to work Los Angeles will make a handsome showing.

FRIEND OF FRATERNITIES.

What the Improved Order of Red Men Say of "The Call."

Novel Entertainment Under the Auspices of the Order at Grover's Alcazar.

A number of members of the Improved Order of Red Men, with their sisters and their cousins and their aunts, as well as sweethearts and wives, visited Grover's Alcazar last night, to combine amusement with instruction, by seeing the play and learning something about the history of their order. They also emphasized the fact—which, however, they probably knew—that the San Francisco CALL is a great friend to fraternal organizations.

The dramatic performance was given as usual, but between the acts the audience was treated to views, illustrative of the origin and history of the Improved Order of Red Men. Dr. Benjamin F. Josselyn was the lecturer and while the first view, "The Landing of Columbus," was on the screen, he explained that the origin of the society had been a patriotic one, and that the history of the country had a peculiar significance for Red Men. "The society in its spirit and its purposes had its germ coeval with the foundation of our country. It was developed through the political to the social and fraternal development."

The local tribes of the Improved Order of Red Men have for some time entertained the idea of stirring up patriotism and also improving their knowledge of the history of their order by lectures with stereopticon illustrations. The great chief of records, C. F. Burgman, sent out a few days ago to all the local secretaries asking them to notify their members of last night's special performance at Grover's Alcazar, and last night's large showing of Red Men was the result.

Dr. Josselyn's pictures were principally historical, though he showed a few California specialties, among them the picture of the big CALL building, the foundations for which are being laid at the corner of Market and Third streets. There was warm applause when this illustration was shown, and as it subsided the doctor said: "This represents a great power of our land, the power of the press. THE CALL is particularly friendly to the fraternal organizations of this City." There was more applause in indorsement of this statement.

The historical pictures gave a brief review of American history from the landing of Columbus to the present day. The picture portraying the throwing of the historical tea into Boston harbor evidently touched a responsive chord in the Red Men's sympathies; so did the view of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. "The Council Fire" was another picture that found favor, and warm applause was given the only authentic portrait of Pocohontas, the original of which is preserved in the archives of the Improved Order of Red Men.

The whole stereopticon entertainment gave the audience a good idea of how the political society of the Sons of Liberty had gradually grown into the fraternal organization of Red Men. The later views showed California councils; photographs of representatives were also thrown on the screen. About two dozen pictures were shown between each act. The performance of "The Private Secretary" by Grover's company was a good one, and was received with hearty laughter by the audience, who were not by any means oppressed by the amount of historical information that was being imparted so pleasantly and artistically between the acts.

To-night the Red Men will again attend the Alcazar and be entertained with stereopticon views between the acts. There will be a number of new pictures representing scenes and incidents from the Great Council at Redwood City. The great CALL building will also be shown.

THE BLACK SHEEPS' LENT

Beginning of the Week of Self-Denial by the Salvation Army.

Queer Scenes and Incidents at the Kearny-Street Meeting-Place of Corps No. 2.

The Lenten season of the "Church of the Black Sheep" opened on Monday.

It will continue but a week, but will be characterized by two or more daily meetings and by genuine self-denial, for some seemingly essential part of the frugal fare of the Salvation Army soldier will be dispensed with, and the equivalent contributed to the sum that will be sent to the National headquarters at New York for the furthering of the work of the organization. Last year that amount reached $35,000, and it will in all probability much exceed that figure this season.

There is no more active division of the army in the City, nor indeed the State, than Corps 2, with its indefatigable captain, the ex-end man of a traveling minstrel troupe, Captain H. C. Steadman. The meeting-place of the corps, in the basement hall at the northwest corner of Sacramento and Kearny streets, is a popular place with the class for whom it was designed. The captain greets every one who enters, whether it be in the style of locomotion intended by nature, or, as it not infrequently happens, a man makes an unceremonious entry by falling downstairs. In the latter case he is always helped to his feet and escorted to a seat with the same apparent unconsciousness that follows the spilling of a plate of soup or breaking of a priceless bit of china at the table of a well-bred host.

"He's coming back again, coming back again," sang the officers and lassies of No. 2 last evening in their lively style, and just then a nondescript stumbled in and looked about him as though dazed by the light and the voices. "Come over here, brother, and take the best seat in the house. When a man's tired he needs that kind of a seat." There was not a smile in the big audience. The "tired" man looked stupidly grateful, and settled down for a nap. The singing went on.

The earnest young ensign with a refined face glowing with zeal was frequently interrupted by an inebriate who had a way for repeating phrases that caught his fancy. "What doth it profit a man," said the zealous young speaker. "Prof—prof—profited," repeated the irresponsible, in a startling crescendo. The interruptions were ignored.

Special efforts will be made to make the evening meetings of the various corps attractive. Brigadier Keppel, the commander of the California Division, was the star attraction of Corps 2 last evening and will be to-day. Captain and Mrs. Beck, the colored singers, will be heard.

PLAYED "RICHARD III."

A Benefit Performance to Assist in Building a Church.

At Odd Fellows' Hall on Saturday last the class of '96 of St. Mary's College gave a rendition of "Richard III." The audience was a very large one, filling almost every seat in the house. The object of the performance was a charitable one, to help Rev. Father Brady to raise funds for his new church on the Mission road. The young men—for the play had been arranged for male characters only—acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner, showing a deep appreciation of Shakespeare's great tragedy. J. L. A. Jaunet played the title role in a manner worthy of a professional. The cast was as follows:

King Richard, John L. A. Jaunet; Henry VI, George M. Cæsar; Earl of Richmond, Joseph L. Taaffe; Prince Edward, Maurice J. Kiely; Duke of Buckingham, Joseph M. O'Donnell; Duke of Norfolk, Henry J. Swords; Lord Stanley, William A. Kelly; Catesby, J. Edward Taylor; Tressel, Hugh J. McIsaac; Ratcliff, Aloysius P. Mallon; lieutenant of tower, Peter J. Soracco; Lord Mayor, John F. Sullivan; Earl of Oxford, Henry J. Long; Tirrel, Lewis V. Brignole; officer, James G. Sweeny; soldiers, guards, attendants, etc.

Interludes, band; vocal duet, "The Burial at Sea," J. W. Solen, A. R. Cunha.

Finale, "The Rage in Ireland," band.

In addition to the play the following musical and literary programme was rendered:

Overture, "The Bridal Rose," College Band; recitation, "Perils of the Passenger Train," Henry J. Swords; vocal quartet, "The Sleigh-rider's Serenade," J. W. Solen, G. E. Haywards, A. R. Cunha, H. J. Swords; recitation, "Caoch, the Piper," John F. Sullivan; vocal quartet, "The C. P. B. A.," A. R. Cunha, J. L. Jaunet, J. W. Solen, P. J. Dunworth; recitation, "The Combat," Henry J. Long; vocal quartet, "Old Black Joe," J. W. Solen, J. J. Daly, A. R. Cunha, H. J. Swords; music, "Recollections of the War," band.

HOME INDUSTRY TOPICS.

An Interesting Meeting of the Manufacturers' Association.

The Methods by Which the Public Should Be Induced to Buy at Home Discussed.

The board of directors of the Manufacturers' and Producers' Association met last evening, and considerable time was consumed discussing the advisability of trying to coerce people into buying California-made goods when they are determined to purchase other goods.

The secretary made a verbal report in regard to the attempt that was made to get the Sutro Railway Company to use California-made boilers instead of sending East for the same. Director Sbarboro stated that he did not consider it was in good taste to attempt to force and command the people of the State to purchase or not purchase any certain brand of goods. The position of the association should be that of teacher, he said, to show the public that as good articles can be obtained in this State as elsewhere and at as fair prices. Mr. Sbarboro said he believed that the association should be a little cautious as to how it antagonizes business men. It should endeavor to make friends instead of enemies.

A communication was read from the Merchants' Association inviting the directors to appoint two delegates to the Trans-Mississippi Congress that will be held in Omaha on the 25th inst. There was some discussion as to whether the Trans-Mississippi Congress was of sufficient local importance to warrant the appointment of delegates. The matter was left in the hands of the chairman with power to act.

Similar action was taken with reference to appointing delegates to the coming meeting for the organization of a permanent committee to make San Francisco a free port.

The National Provisioner of New York sent a letter upon the subject of the new meat-inspection law and stating if the association would authorize the editor of that journal to proceed to Washington on behalf of California butchers and packers he would endeavor to secure an extension of the time from January 1 to March 1. The directors decided to authorize the journalist to do so, provided the local packers will guarantee to stand any expense that may attach to the trip to Washington to interview Secretary Morton.

A vote of thanks and appreciation was sent to the ladies of the Ebell Society of Oakland, an organization formed for the purpose of patronizing home industries, for their patriotic efforts in behalf of California manufacturers and producers.

The matter of the Pacific Lumber Company was taken up. This company's mill at Scotia recently burned down, and the secretary wrote to the firm requesting that when the machinery is purchased for a new mill California manufacturers have the preference. The letter has not been answered and information has been received that the company has placed an order for about $40,000 worth of machinery in the East. The Pacific Lumber Company is a member of the association. The secretary was directed to address another letter to the lumber company similar to the first with the request that a reply be given.

Chairman Scott called attention to the large quantities of goods made in the East by convict labor that are sold in this State. He said that the goods are not permitted to be sold in the States in which they are made, and the matter should be taken up and investigated by the association, particularly when there is nothing to show in the goods whether they are made by convicts or free men. It was referred to the legislative committee.

It was decided to hold all future meetings in the afternoon instead of the evening.

Cold Chutes Shot.

The cold afternoon and evening did not keep crowds away from the chutes on Haight street yesterday. The mad dash down the slide brought fresh color to blanched cheeks, and nearly every one returning from the park drove in, walked in or came on bicycles and took a tumble. The music for to-day is as follows.

Overture, "Zampa" (Herold); selection, "Il Trovatore" (Verdi); waltz, "Jolly Fellows" (Vollstedt); medley, "Fin de Siecle" (Blanchard); fantasia, "Norma" (Bellini); overture, "Pique Dame" (Suppe); concert waltzes, "Blue Danube" (Strauss); selection, "Aida" (Verdi); medley, "World's Peace Jubilee" (Sousa); galop, "Down the Chute" (Tobin).

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One Case That Shows It—The Experience of Mr. Taft.

There are—unhappily perhaps—a very large number of "the sons of men" who know what the trite phrase "What a difference in the morning" means by hard experience. Usually it refers to a too free indulgence in the kind of beverages which produce that condition which has been so aptly described by "the Irishman" as being "under the sweet inflooence," and the great army of temperance workers scarcely seems to have reduced the army of "moderate drinkers" to any extent.

Whether alcoholic liquors should be abandoned entirely except as medicines is still a debatable as well as a much debated question, and all the talk has resulted so far in leaving the average man (he with a normal mind) no farther ahead than he was before. The more bitter partisans of the total abstinence party attribute all the troubles that we poor mortals suffer to "the demon rum," but it is fairly well established that this is going much too far. Take the experience of Mr. K. C. Taft for instance. This gentleman lives in Stowe, Cal., and although he has never been a hard drinker or a licentious man yet he came very very near to passing to that "bourne from which no man returneth." He had the good fortune to be treated by the noted specialists of the grand old Hudson Medical Institute, and although they saw that his case was serious enough probably he will never know in what great danger he was. But Mr. Taft is on his feet again, and while he does not know of all that danger he is still conscious that they did him an immense amount of good. He has written the following letter, which is self-explanatory:

Stowe, Cal., Aug. 20, 1895.

Hudson Medical Institute, San Francisco, Cal.—Gentlemen: I am feeling fine without a sign of the disease now. Last week I was working hard and drank a good deal of water. Then when I urinated I felt a coldness, but after I had rested and had cooled up that would leave me. Outside of that I feel as young as I ever did, and it is all through the skill of the specialists of the Hudson Medical Institute. I can never say enough in praise for what they have done for me. I received your circulars and will hand them around to friends and sufferers. Yours very truly, K. C. TAFT.

It is gratifying to the specialists to see their efforts warmly appreciated, and when they receive hundreds of letters of this sort every week it is no wonder that they are impelled to do more and more for all poor sufferers.

Geo. H. Bent of Rochester, Cal., writes: "From the way I am feeling now I don't think I will need to take any more medicine than what I have now."

Frank Minturn of St. Louis, Mo.: "I have not felt so well in five years as I do now."

Robt. Ashurst Jr.: "My brain is clearer and my intellect brighter, and I would not take $500 to relapse into the state I was in before commencing treatment."

These are just a few excerpts from the thousands upon thousands that there are filed away in the archives of the great Hudson Medical Institute, and were any further proof necessary than the splendid reputation that the grand specialists there already are known to have these freely given expressions of thanks would be enough to convince any mortal that when relief is desired by any suffering one the Hudson is by far the safest and best place to go to, for there RELIEF IS PROMPT AND CERTAIN.

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