The San Francisco Call

THURSDAY.....NOVEMBER 21, 1895

AMUSEMENTS.

BALDWIN THEATER.—"Wang."
CALIFORNIA THEATER—"The War of Wealth."
COLUMBIA THEATER—Haverly's Minstrels.
MOROSCO'S OPERA-HOUSE—"The English Rose."
TIVOLI OPERA-HOUSE—"Carmen."
ORPHEUM—High-Class Vaudeville.
GROVER'S ALCAZAR.—"The Governor."
MARK HOPKINS' INSTITUTE OF ART.—Winter exhibition of Paintings.
SHOOT THE CHUTES.—Daily at Haight street, one block east of the Park.
BAY DISTRICT TRACK.—Races.

AUCTION SALES.

BY HAMMERSMITH & FIELD—Jewelry, Watches, Diamonds and Silverware, at 118 Sutter street, at 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
BY SULLIVAN & DOYLE—Saturday, November 23, horses, at corner Fourteeth and Mission streets, at 11 o'clock.
BY EASTON, ELDRIDGE & CO.—Tuesday, Nov. 26, Real Estate, at Salesrooms, 638 Market street, at 12 o'clock noon.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Trinity Presbyterian Church closed a successful bazaar this evening.

Two men arrested in San Jose proved not to be Alfred A. Neville's murderers.

J. B. Allison was sent to the County Jail for six months by Judge Low yesterday, for begging.

Mayor Sutro is searching for authority on which to hold a special election with the new charter.

The second concert for the Children's Hospital took place last night in the Mechanics' Pavilion.

A foggy morning, increasing cloudiness toward night and cooler weather are forecasted for to-day.

The Board of Health has decided to give the water supply of San Francisco a thorough investigation.

The trial of Superintendent of Streets Ashworth was resumed yesterday and the taking of evidence began.

A "Marine History of the Pacific Northwest" has been compiled by E. W. Wright and printed in Portland, Oregon.

The First Congregational Church concluded its business meeting by the appointment of committees last evening.

Policemen H. G. Clancy and Erasmus Hartley were fined last night by the Police Commissioners for neglect of duty.

The winners at the track yesterday were Prince Hooker, Jim Corbett, Potentate, McLight, Rosebud and Soon Enough.

John Cahill, the stockbroker, has been missing for seven days and only $6 has been found in his office to settle with his creditors.

A mass-meeting of women interested in the suppression of vice has been called for to-morrow afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium.

Grand Commander Caswell of the Scottish Rite was welcomed home yesterday by a notable committee from the Grand Consistory.

Residents in the vicinity of Buena Vista Park are to hold a mass-meeting in a few days to devise ways and means for its improvement.

The transcontinental flier over the Union Pacific system arrived last night three days and two hours from Chicago, shortening the time twelve hours.

The schooner Eliza Miller, from this port for Coos Bay, was caught in a gale and dismasted on the 17th inst. No lives were lost. She was towed into port yesterday.

The property of the Cynthia Hoff Shillaber estate was disposed of at auction yesterday. The old Bijou Theater was among the real estate and brought $166,000.

John Hammond's suit against the Stockton Agricultural Works, involving his double-ender streetcar patent, is to be taken up to the United States Supreme Court.

Fred Mitchell, alias F. J. Rowe, an engineer, was arrested in Hackmeier's Hotel yesterday pending an examination of a check which he passed, but which was returned.

Charles Todd and Joseph Smith, tramps who recently arrived in the City, were arrested yesterday on the complaint of E. T. Kincaid of Palo Alto for stealing a bicycle from him.

The Game Commissioners are on a crusade against hunters who use shotguns larger than a 10-gauge. One man at Las Banos has been arrested for hunting with a six-gauge gun.

William Thude, a lad in the Youths' Directory, was found on the streets recently. He has been abandoned, as nobody looked for him, and he had no knowledge of where his home was.

A report on pelagic sealing for the season has just been prepared by Deputy Collector of Customs Newton S. Taylor for the Treasury Department. It shows a great excess of females killed.

The Columbia, the first steamer to leave for Portland since the rate war began, passed out yesterday with 195 passengers. The Southern Pacific's Portland special was well patronized, however.

Rube Levy, Lang, Nash and Van Haltren are to play ball with the San Franciscos every Sunday against the Pacific and Olympics. Only one Eastern player remains of the baseball nines.

Antone Francisco, owner of the fishing smack New Moon, was nearly drowned at the heads yesterday. His boat was capsized by a roller and it was several hours before he was picked up.

John J. Ryan, 928 Natoma street, swore out a warrant in Judge Campbell's court yesterday for the arrest of James Carroll on the charge of robbing him of a gold watch and chain on November 11.

As an outgrowth of the Union Stockyard $230,000 bond suit P. Tormey, the president, is about to be sued by a convenient financial friend, B. Fernandez of Contra Costa County, for $62,000.

DeWitt Clinton Prescott commenced an equity suit in the United States Circuit Court yesterday against the Santa Clara Valley Mill and Lumber Company for infringement of a patent in band-saw mills.

The Eclectic Medical Society of the State of California began its twenty-second annual session yesterday. This evening President Logan will entertain the members and their wives at a banquet at his residence.

August Schlotter, an old man who for some time has lived a miserable life in poverty at 36 Hubbard street, committed suicide at the Ahlborn House yesterday morning by shooting himself through the head with a pistol.

Emma Cleverley, a young woman, was arrested last night on a charge of grand larceny. She stole $40 from Samuel Jackson, a visitor, from Klamath, Or., which was found hidden in her dress when searched at the prison.

The California Varsity eleven played the Olympic team behind closed doors at Central Park yesterday evening and scored one touchdown on the Olympians, although the clubmen put up a more reliable ground-gaining game.

James Coggin, who, with Frank Comyns, robbed a house on Pacific avenue, was convicted of the charge of grand larceny in Judge Belcher's court yesterday. Comyns had already been convicted, and both will appear for sentence next Friday.

The suit of John E. Nash for the fulfillment of an alleged contract of employment with Mrs. Ernestine Kreling is on trial. Nash was formerly stage manager of the Tivoli, but he was discharged because his love for racehorses was greater than his attention to business.

Taxes on the Fair estate are now due and the Probate Court has been petitioned for leave to withdraw from the Nevada Bank $42,245 12 in order to pay them. The taxes are those for property in this City; $32,143 77 is for real estate and $10,101 35 is for personal property.

The American ship Shenandoah, which sails for New York to-day, has six apprentices aboard. This is a big innovation on American vessels, but Captain Murphy says it will be a success and that soon a thousand boys will be learning navigation aboard American deep-water ships.

H. M. Sheehy, an old miner of Virginia City, for five years past superintendent of rich silver mines three miles high in the Cordilleras, eighty miles from Lima, Peru, has returned here. The recent revolutions, he says, have caused trouble to Peruvian mine-owners. He will not return there.

Terence McCabe was ten minutes late in appearing before Judge Wallace yesterday to answer the charge of resisting an officer, and when he did come he found his bond forfeited and the Deputy Sheriff waiting for him. A sojourn in jail until he could secure a new bond was what McCabe paid for his extra ten minutes.

Charles B. Flagg, supreme secretary of the order of United Commercial Travelers of America, has arrived here to organize sub-councils in this City, Sacramento and Los Angeles. He is from Columbus, Ohio. When he gets through there he will go to Oregon and Washington and organize other sub-councils. The object is both social and to give monetary aid.

Mrs. Cienega Hutchinson and her son, Richard Hutchinson, are suing the San Francisco Gaslight Company and Jacob Jacobs, their landlord, for $20,200 and $25,250 respectively. The complaint states that on August 29 last a chandelier was removed from one of the rooms and no cap was placed on the open pipe. As a consequence, when the plaintiffs came home that evening and lit a match there was an explosion and both were badly burned.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT.

A Fisherman Nearly Drowned While Entering the Golden Gate.

THE ELIZA MILLAR DISMASTED.

Cut Rates on the Columbia Called Forth Nearly Two Hundred Passengers.

Antone Francisco had a terrible experience last Tuesday night. He had been out crab fishing and had done fairly well. His boat was a new one and cost him $100, while his sails, nets and oars cost him at least $75 more. He called her the New Moon, and went out on the first appearance of the Queen of the Night. He remained out longer than usual and when coming in through the north channel a breaker capsized the boat.

For hours he clung to her and no succor came. Just as he was giving up in despair a belated crab-boat came along and took him on board. An attempt was made to tow the overturned boat into port, but it failed.

The steamer San Benito that arrived from Puget Sound yesterday afternoon reported that the fishing-boat was bottom up off Duxbury reef. Antone got one of the fishing-steamers to go out after it, but the chances are that it will not be found.

The schooner Eliza Miller arrived in port late yesterday afternoon in a disabled condition. She left here on the 6th inst. for Coos Bay, but did not get any further than Crescent City. On November 17, in latitude 42 north, longitude 125 west, she was caught in a heavy gale. The spring stay that connects the fore and main mast carried away, and the latter could not stand the strain. It broke off about eight feet from the deck, and with it went the main boom, mainsail and gaff topsail. Part of the rail on the port quarter was carried away also, and the man at the wheel was nearly carried overboard.

Captain Miller was knocked down by the falling spar, but only received a scalp wound. As the mast was bumping heavily against the schooner it was cut away, and the skipper, finding he could not make Coos Bay, put about and made for San Francisco. Repairs will be made at once and another start made for Coos Bay.

The steamer Kahului will sail for Sydney, N. S. W., via Honolulu, to-day. She is very deeply laden and should be very much steadier than she usually is in a seaway. Her cargo is a general one for Honolulu, but for Australia she has 300 tons of broomcorn that the Mariposa could not take and 1100 tons of wheat. A cargo of coal will probably be the Kahului's return load to Honolulu, and from that point she will bring up sugar.

The following notice in regard to the Cape Flattery fog-signal has been issued by the United States Lighthouse Board:

Notice is hereby given that a plentiful supply of water having been obtained at this station, on Tatoosh Island, south side of the west entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca, after November 11 the steam fog-whistle will be sounded during thick or foggy weather, as stated in the list of lights and fog signals and the list of beacons and buoys.

The Oregon Navigation and Improvement Company's steamer Columbia sailed for Portland yesterday. She is the first of the fleet to get away under the new schedule of rates, and nearly 200 passengers availed themselves of the cut. Many people thought it was cheaper to make a two days' trip to the Columbia River, with bed and board thrown in, for $5 than to keep house. As to the steerage passengers, it cost them $2 50.

Captain Charles Goodall and Senator Perkins were down at the wharf looking after the sailing of the steamer, and Colonel Menton of the Southern Pacific was there counting the passengers. After the Columbia had sailed Captain Goodall encountered the railroad man and remarked: "It will save you a lot of work in mental arithmetic if you will come to our office after the departure of each northern steamer. There we'll have a full passenger list ready for you, and then you will know exactly who sailed on the boat."

Menton laughed, turned on his heel and walked away.

WORRIED HIM TO DEATH.

Captain Sutherland's Anxiety Over the Seizure of His Schooner.

Very Great Excess of Females Killed During the Season by the Sealing Fleet.

Captain A. C. Sutherland's death recently is believed by seal-hunters to have been due to worrying over the seizure of his schooner, last June, by the Federal authorities. He named his schooner the Sophia Sutherland, after his wife.

The appraisement of his estate in Oakland shows that, outside of his $9000 life insurance, he had $5000 invested in the schooner and about $2000 worth of sealskins.

Of a fleet of thirteen sealing-schooners three—the Sutherland, Bowhead and Winchester—were seized upon their arrival at this port by the customs authorities on charges brought by United States District Attorney Foote.

The charges were as to hunting without a special license, and in the case of the Sutherland of disregarding the close season. The Bowhead was seized in August and the Winchester in September.

So far as the captains themselves of the Bowhead and Winchester, W. P. Noyes and Frank Johnson respectively, are concerned, the cases against them have been dropped. It was alleged that the Bowhead caught eighteen seals in the prohibited waters without having a special license, in January, and that the Winchester had caught 232 seals in December and January, likewise without a special license. Unless a special license be first secured no craft can seal in what by the Paris award is known as prohibited waters.

The prosecution, however, felt that it had a more serious case against the Sophia Sutherland. She had caught seals during the close season in the prohibited waters, viz., fourteen seals in June of this year, the close season being from May 1 until July 31, and this greatly aggravated her offense, she having no special license.

Captain Sutherland's explanation was that his men had mutinied and the fourteen seals had been killed by his hunters while in that state. She was tied up pending trial, and about a week ago the captain died.

A report on pelagic sealing for the past season—that is, as to the number of sealskins and their sex, brought to this port by the fleet—has just been prepared by Deputy Collector Newton S. Farley for Collector Wise and is soon to be sent to the Treasury Department at Washington.

From the figures it gives it would seem that the extermination of the species is to be only a question of time. It shows a great excess of females killed over males. Altogether 6123 fur sealskins were landed at this port, 1530 being males, 4298 females and 295 undetermined.

The number of which the sex could not be determined consisted of 125 gray pups and 170 skins that were transferred to a tug outside the heads and landed without being inspected.

It is usual for sealing vessels to land their outward catches at Yokohama or Hakodate for transhipment to London, and for this reason probably 5000 skins should be added to the above to represent the total catch of the fleet sailing from this port.

The Russian steamer Kotik brought to San Francisco 17,723 fur sealskins from Petropaulovski, but having been caught in Siberian waters by vessels other than American or British they were not inspected, not being subject to the provisions of the Paris award as to operations in the North Pacific and Bering Sea, east of the one hundred and eightieth meridian.

TROUBLE OVER A CHECK.

Fred Mitchell, Alias F. J. Rowe, Arrested Pending an Investigation.

Fred Mitchell, alias F. J. Rowe, an engineer, was arrested yesterday in Hackmeier's Hotel, on Eddy street, and will be detained pending an investigation of a check which aroused suspicion.

Mitchell and his wife registered at the hotel two weeks ago as F. J. Rowe and wife. Yesterday morning he presented a check for $75 in payment of his board and lodging, receiving cash for the balance. The check was dated November 18, drawn on the Bank of California and signed Joel Rowe. When presented at the bank it was marked "No account."

Mitchell explained that he was a relative of Joel Rowe, superintendent of the Eureka Mill and Lumber Company, West Point, Calaveras County, and the check was genuine. Detective Seymour wired to West Point for information.

INDORSE MR. DOCKERY.

The Inspector Submits His Report for the Month Just Ended.

Milkmen's Association Opposed to Any Law Allowing the Sale of Skim Milk.

At a meeting of the Board of Health held yesterday the work of Milk Inspector Dockery was carefully gone over, and it can be said to the credit of that gentleman that what he has done received the hearty indorsement of the members individually and collectively. The Inspector's report is as follows:

I have the honor of submitting the following report of work done since October 16 to date: I visited numerous places where milk is on sale, and after a careful examination condemned, seized and destroyed about 5800 gallons of milk. This includes milk tested from various wagons and condemned on account of being below the standard. I have procured warrants for the arrest of seventy offenders, of which thirty-five have been convicted and the balance are pending. Respectfully,

JAMES P. DOCKERY, Milk Inspector.

It will be seen that during the official month just ended Mr. Dockery has secured the conviction of thirty-five dealers, or just 50 per cent of the total number arrested. Of the remaining thirty-five some half a dozen have been acquitted and the balance are yet to be tried.

Following the Inspector's report came a letter from the Milkmen's Association, which reads as follows:

Gentlemen: The executive committee of the Milkmen's Association of this City respectfully submits for your consideration the following suggestions concerning the inspection of milk, duties of the Milk Inspector and the regulation of the sale of skim milk:

Realizing the importance of a Milk Inspector and in order to obtain a thorough, faithful and impartial inspection of every milk-dealer of this City, we think that the Milk Inspector ought to receive a salary of not less than $150 per month; be provided with horse and buggy and also be assisted by two deputies appointed by your honorable board, the deputies to work under the direction of the Chief Inspector, and to take samples of milk only; leave a sample of the milk with the driver, and under no circumstances should the deputies dump any milk in the street, the Chief Inspector alone to have that power. In order to render efficient the results of the milk inspection, it is our opinion that heavier fines ought to be inflicted on each offender.

If a fine of $250 was imposed for the first offense, one of $500 for the second, and one of $500 and imprisonment for the next, we believe that such practice would soon prevent the fraud in milk and render the duties of the milk inspection easier and efficacious. The sale of skim milk ought to be regulated by your honorable board, so that the venders of that milk could easily be distinguished from those selling whole milk, and in order to obtain that point, we would suggest that no one be allowed to sell skim milk unless it was delivered on wagons marked with the name of the vender and a sign painted on the wagon in letters not less than six inches high, as follows, "skim milk."

Any milkcans out of which skim milk is being sold at retail, either from wagons or in a store, ought to be painted with a stripe of green color of no less than three inches wide around the breach of the can.

To avoid fraud, we believe that no skim milk should be allowed to be distributed in the City on wagons carrying both skim and whole milk.

The executive committee of the Milkmen's Association.

By J. L. VERMEIL, Chairman.

This letter evoked considerable friendly discussion, Dr. Hart assuming the lead as far as it related to skim milk. He stated that quite a number of physicians recommended this diet for certain patients and he thought that the law should allow it to be sold under certain restrictions.

Drs. Morse and Hart were appointed a committee to look into the matter, with instructions to report at the next meeting. The question of appointing two additional inspectors, as suggested by the Milkmen's Association, also came up for consideration, definite action being postponed until November 27. The question of increasing Mr. Dockery's salary from $100 to $150 per month will also be considered at that time.

Before adjournment the board passed the following resolutions concerning the fines recently imposed by the Police Court Judges on venders of adulterated milk:

WHEREAS, The Police Judges of this City have been inflicting the minimum of punishment on persons convicted of selling adulterated milk, although ample warning has been given to such sellers; and whereas, this crime would seem to merit the maximum penalty, being committed commonly and solely for selfish gain and with full knowledge of the harm and injury inflicted; and whereas, the profit in selling adulterated milk is so great that unscrupulous dealers, with the present fines, can well afford to run the risk of detection and are acting on that theory; and whereas, the fines heretofore inflicted are not adequate for the crime and do not at all deter its commission; and whereas, it is utterly impracticable to employ a sufficient number of milk inspectors to prevent the sale of adulterated milk unless punishment be deterrent; and whereas, the fact of the maximum punishment will stop this crime at a less cost and more certainly than a large number of inspectors would.

Resolved, That in the interest of public health as well as morality, the Police Judges of this City be requested to fix such punishment as will prevent the adulteration of food in the City, and the secretary of this board is hereby directed to call the attention of said Judges to the facts set forth in this resolution.

MRS. ARCY VERY ILL.

It Is Now Said Her Recovery Is Extremely Doubtful.

Mrs. Anna Arcy, the young woman who was hurt Tuesday by the Baldwin Hotel elevator, was regarded as in a dangerous condition yesterday. It is feared her spine is so injured that it may ultimately cause her death. She occupies a room at the Baldwin and is being treated by Dr. J. A. Noble.

"The doctor told me to-day," said Mrs. William Whyars, with whom Mrs. Arcy has till lately been living, "that he could not tell for a couple of days yet whether she would get well or not. Mrs. Arcy is so hurt in the back that she cannot move her body, and she says her stomach is benumbed, so that she has no feeling in it. This makes me think she is in a very serious state. I am caring for her four-months-old child. Her husband deserted her some time ago and she has been doing the best she could to earn her living. She is a good, deserving woman."

JUDGE CASWELL'S RETURN

Welcomed Home by Scottish Rite Men of the Thirty-Third Degree.

THE WORLD'S HIGHEST MASON.

A Meeting at Port Costa—California Honored by the Supreme Council.

The reception to Grand Commander Caswell yesterday morning which took place in a private Pullman car at Port Costa was a unique event in the history of Freemasonry—not only of the coast but of the world.

Never before has there been and perhaps never again will there be such a notable gathering of high degree Masons. Four thirty-third and five thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Masons welcomed to his home in California the one Mason of the highest degree in the world—Judge Thomas Hubbard Caswell, grand commander of the Supreme Council, thirty-

Henry A. Cline, Master Consistory of California.

third degree, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

This is the full Masonic title that has recently been conferred upon Judge Caswell of San Francisco by the Supreme Council at Washington, which has just closed its bi-annual session. And this title makes its bearer the first Mason in the world, outranking even the crowned heads of Europe.

The Prince of Wales is grand commander of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite for Great Britain, but his council receives its charter and its power from the Supreme Council of the jurisdiction of which a Californian is now the grand commander. Judge Caswell has reached the apex of the Masonic pyramid and will remain there for life. Honors beyond this—in the eyes of all good Masons at least—may not be attained on this planet.

The Judge carried his dignities gracefully and with modesty as well, it was remarked, as he entered the Pullman car chartered by the committee that went down the road to meet him. He is a very patriarch in appearance, with his long white beard and locks and his sturdy, well-knit figure—not so elderly in appearance as to make it at all probable that the California Masonry will be robbed of his high and mighty place in the Supreme Council for many years to come.

The committee's car was coupled on the end of the regular overland train at Port Costa. In this car, when it left the Oakland mole a little before 8 o'clock, was gathered a most notable assemblage of Masonic dignitaries—few in number, but mighty in degree—a good-sized hamper, a beautiful basket of flowers, made chiefly of roses and chrysanthemums, and some newspaper men. The Masonic notables were:

Illustrious William Frank Pierce, thirty-third degree, grand sword-bearer of the Supreme Council and inspector-general of California.

Illustrious Theodore H. Goodman, thirty-third degree, past grand commander of the Grand Consistory.

Illustrious Henry A. Cline, thirty-third degree, grand commander of the Grand Consistory.

Illustrious Charles L. Pierce, thirty-third degree, first lieutenant grand commander of the Grand Consistory.

Illustrious Harry J. Lask, thirty-second degree, K. C. C. H., second lieutenant grand commander of the Grand Consistory.

Illustrious Charles A. Wagner, thirty-second degree, K. C. C. H., grand constable of the Grand Consistory.

Illustrious John Martin, thirty-second degree, K. C. C. H., venerable master, Oakland Lodge of Perfection.

Illustrious August L. Ott, thirty-second degree, grand captain of the guard of the Grand Consistory.

Illustrious Damon E. Fortin, thirty-second degree, K. C. C. H., junior expert of the Grand Consistory.

Illustrious J. L. M. Shetterly, thirty-second degree, orator, Godfrey de St. Omar Council, Knights of Kadosh.

Henry Bruner, thirtieth degree, senior warden Lodge of Perfection, chancellor of the Knights of Kadosh.

A couple of the illustrious brothers went into the public Pullman and suggested to the grand commander and Mrs. Caswell that they should come back into the rear car and see some old friends. Midway up the aisle of the committee's car Judge and Mrs. Caswell were halted by the body of the committee, hatless and with heads lowered but hands outstretched, at once in honor and in greeting. Brother Cline was in the center of the little crowd and it fell to him to make a pretty speech.

"Illustrious Brother T. H. Caswell, grand commander of the Supreme Court of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States," said he, "it gives me great pleasure to have the opportunity, during my administration as grand master of the Grand Consistory of the State of California, and on behalf of the brethren of the Scottish Rite of this State, to bid you welcome upon your return and also to extend to you our joyful expressions of congratulation on your election to the highest honor that can be conferred upon a Mason of our beloved rite.

"We not only feel that you have been honored, but that we of this State have also been honored by the selection of one of our number to preside over the future welfare of our jurisdiction. May your life and health long be spared to enable you to enjoy the high honor which the Supreme Council has conferred upon you. Again, illustrious sir, I welcome you home and congratulate you."

There was some handshaking, such words as "Grateful to you for this reception * * * glad to see you * * * home again * * * honored by the Supreme Council * * * Masons of California," etc., from Judge Caswell, and then Brother Bruner stepped out with his pretty basket of flowers and presented them to the lady at the side of the grand commander. Mr. Bruner said some nice words, that matched with the occasion, and Mrs. Caswell thanked him and the committee heartily, and then retired to the drawing-room. After this there were one or two toasts drank—out of those broad, low goblets which look like elegant crystal soup-plates on pedestals and are not made to hold water—while the grand commander told of his trip in the East and of how glad he was to get back to California before the snow fell.

At the Oakland mole the party was met by a uniformed body of the Grand Consistory, which escorted the grand commander to his home in this City on Bartlett street.

Thursday evening, December 5, a banquet will be tendered the new grand commander at Masonic Temple by the Grand Consistory of the State. This will be a gathering, it is expected, that will mark an epoch in the history of Masonry in California.

Judge Caswell was born in Otsego County, New York, in 1825, of an old American family of English extraction.

In 1843 he went to Arkansas to benefit his health and there he remained a year or so. He then attended St. Mary's College, Kentucky, where he finished his education. Returning to Arkansas he studied law and was admitted October, 1848. Then came the gold discovery on this coast and he resolved to make the venture to California. With a well-equipped party he took the overland route, starting from Fort Smith, Arkansas, April 1, 1849.

His Masonic life began in Nevada City in 1850. He was made a Master Mason June 7, 1851; was exalted to the Royal Arch degree January, 1855; created Knight Templar in Sacramento April 5, 1855; crowned an active inspector-general, thirty-third degree, of Supreme Council for Southern Jurisdiction, in the city of Baltimore, May, 1870, and in October, 1882, was made grand minister of state of the Supreme Council, thirty-third degree, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States. He was master of Nevada Lodge No. 13 for four years, high priest of Nevada Chapter No. 6 for nine years, commander of Nevada Commandery No. 6 for three years; elected grand high priest in 1858, grand commander in 1873 and grand secretary of the Grand Chapter and grand recorder of the Grand Commandery of California in 1878, which position he still occupies; grand recorder of the Grand Council in 1880, as also chairman of the committees on correspondence of all these bodies. In 1888, at the session of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third degree of A. and A. S. R., Southern Jurisdiction, held at Washington City, Mr. Caswell was elected grand chancellor of that body, and in 1892, also at Washington, he was elected grand prior.

In October, 1892, he was elected deputy grand master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland for the United States. In October, 1893, he was elected deputy grand commander by

Thomas H. Caswell, Grand Commander of the Supreme Council.

the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite.

He was recently elected grand commander of the Supreme Council, Thirty-third degree (mother council of the world) of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

FOR DROPPING MEMBERS

An Amendment That Is Under Consideration in Dr. Brown's Church.

The Pastor Explains That It Is Merely a Plan to Get Rid of "Dead Timber."

There was no evidence of discord at the business meeting of the First Congregational Church held at the close of the weekly prayer-meeting last evening.

An amendment to that article of the church manual providing for the dropping of names from the membership-roll was read, and it was stated that it would come up for consideration at prayer-meeting next week.

The amendment, it was stated, had no special local or present application, but was, as Dr. Brown put it, merely for the purpose of getting rid of "dead timber."

It was adopted by the recent National Council of Congregational Churches held at Syracuse, and recommended as a wise provision for every congregation of that faith in the land.

The standing committee recommended, and the congregation approved the following:

Kindergarten committee—J. H. Morse, L. C. Hunter, A. Hesser, A. E. Skillicorn, M. J. Gunn, A. Tuttle, Mrs. A. Tuttle, J. H. Hunt, Mrs. J. H. Hunt, Rod G. Guyett, Mrs. Rod Y. Guyett, Mrs. G. K. Fitch, Mrs. H. V. Scott, Mrs. H. Clay, Miss Maude Clay, Mrs. Simpson, Miss Mattie Whittier, Miss Sara Coleman, Miss H. Zeile, Miss Jessie Hathaway, Miss Louise Hoffman, Miss Augusta Taylor, Miss Mae Purdy, Miss L. M. Robertson, Miss Ruth Clark, Miss Florence Doane, Charles G. Nagle.

Vestibule committee—G. H. Morse, Joseph Merchant, A. J. Dewing, H. S. Woodham.

Ushers—J. J. Vasconcellas, T. H. Hatch, A. Farless, A. W. Allison, J. Ching, W. F. Christensen, Ray Sompson, A. E. Skillicorn, H. N. Fargo, W. Johanssen.

Social committee—L. H. Clement, Thomas Scott, C. G. Nagle, Mrs. D. W. Folger, Miss E. B. Cutler, Mrs. Maggie Rhoads, Mrs. Kate S. Gates.

Decoration committee—Louise Hoffman, Florence Scott, Alice Dewing, Elizabeth Pritchard, Carrie Rogers, Annie Onion, Lizzie Hoffman, Myrtle Simpson, F. S. French, Mr. Mitts, J. J. Vasconcello, Edward Allison.

Pastor's assistants—Mrs. A. L. Stone, Mrs. Kate S. Hart.

A communication from Brigadier J. J. Keppel of the Salvation Army, thanking the church for courtesies extended, was read.

USED TWO REVOLVERS.

John Max, a Park Suicide, Who Wrote "Death Is Welcome as a Strain of Music."

John Max, a native of Germany, about 40 years of age, committed suicide last evening in Golden Gate Park, near the McAllister-street entrance, by shooting himself.

The peculiar feature of the suicide was the deceased used two revolvers, both new and of the same pattern. He placed one weapon at the temple and the other over his heart and fired both simultaneously, evidently fearing that if he depended on only one weapon his intention to take his life might result in failure.

The following letter was found on him:

Life is not the same to all; to some of blessing, to some of curse and to some not much in anyway, and, when the future has but empty hands, death is as welcome as a strain of music. JOHN MAX.

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Each ingredient is tested before compounding, and it must be found of the highest standard. The baking powder itself is tested. That's why each spoonful does perfect work.

MIDWEEK THEATER NOTES.

De Wolf Hopper Played to a Masonic Audience Last Night.

Haverly Fills the Columbia and the Other Houses Also Draw Well.

De Wolf Hopper in his inimitable "Wang" played to a Masonic audience at the Baldwin last night.

For the first time since Gus Williams and his company appeared here, members of the highest branch of the Masonic order—the Mystic Schrine—attended the Baldwin in a body, wearing the Turkish fez of the order to a man. It was a compliment to Mr. Hopper, who is a shriner, and he appeared his best, despite his lame leg.

The only new feature introduced to distinguish the performance from that of its successful predecessors was a burlesque on the Masonic initiation. A lot of sand was taken on the stage by a fantastic negro attendant, and the audience was given to understand that it was hot—redhot—and that the initiate, to prove his eligibility to Masonic membership, must walk thereon with bare feet and without a flinch or a fissure in the sizzing flesh.

Mr. Hopper continues to wield his popular sway over his San Francisco audiences, and the presence of his Masonic brethren last night made him forget that his stumble on the stage at Denver had produced lameness.

There is a large advance sale of seats for "Dr. Syntax" to be put on by the same company next Monday.

Haverly's Minstrels played to a large audience at the Columbia. Changes are made in the programme nightly and the attendance attests the popular hold which the prince of minstrels has on the theater-going public.

"The War of Wealth" is enjoying a successful run at the California, which contained a large audience last night.

At the Alcazar "The Governor" continues to attract large audiences. The piece is well mounted. "Cad, the Tomboy," will be the attraction next week.

Bizet's romantic opera, "Carmen," continues to fill the Tivoli nightly. "The Lucky Star" will be on next week.

"The English Rose" is still a great drawing card at the Grand Opera-house. The attraction for next week has not been announced.

The Orpheum attractions continue to attract. This week's programme is unusually varied, and the specialties are winning nightly applause.

NOVEL CHURCH BAZAAR.

The Calendar Is Represented by Living Months and Holidays.

Taste, ingenuity and energy combined to make the calendar bazaar at Trinity Presbyterian Church an unusual success. The Sunday-school rooms of the handsome church on Capp and Twenty-Third streets presented a gala appearance last evening.

In the center of the main room was a tasteful circular booth, representing August, where candies were dispensed, for a consideration, by Mrs. J. McCullough, Miss Neva Hulse, Miss Irene Walker and Miss Edith Crandall.

The March and September booths were presided over by Mrs. E. G. Denniston, Mrs. J. Cumming Smith, Mrs. L. J. Hendy, Mrs. H. P. Theller, Mrs. R. Gratli, Mrs. J. D. Jessup, Mrs. Zabriski, Mrs. George Harrison, Mrs. Cross, Miss Ida Somers, Miss Mamie Spear, Miss Lottie Moore, Miss Christie Woodin. In the pageant which is seen each evening at 9 o'clock this booth is represented by Mrs. George P. Theller, attired in white and gold, with an American flag draped across her shoulder, as California.

The April booth had a fool and a grab-bag, dividing attention pretty equally, Mr. Frank Lobey proving a successful jester.

The October, or household booth, was in charge of Mmes. Barry, Brimsmaid, Cheeney, Smith, Stratton, Chalmers and Thompson, and was represented in the pageant by a trades parade for Labor day and a cupid and fortune-teller for Hallow'een.

The Fourth of July booth, brave with National colors, was in charge of Miss Day and Mrs. E. B. Hardy, and was represented in the parade by Mr. Booth as Uncle Sam.

The May and June booth, one of the prettiest, was a bower of flowers, where Miss Sadie Cole held sway as queen, Miss Zadie Zabriski as a zephyr, and Miss Mae Dalton and Mrs. W. A. Ruthrauff sold flowers.

One of the most attractive booths from an epicurian standpoint was that in memory of November, and which sent out its representative to the pageant a wheelbarrow load of Thanksgiving dainties.

The January and February booths, where Valentine day and George Washington's birthday were fitly represented, were in charge of Mrs. Frank Dalton, Mrs. F. W. Foster, Miss Bryant and Miss Kerr.

The bazaar will close with the third of a series of successful entertainments this evening.

ECLETICS IN SESSION.

Twenty-Second Annual Meeting of Their Medical Society.

California Medical College Hall was well filled yesterday and last night with members of the Eclectic Medical Society of the State of California, who came from all portions of the State to attend the twenty-second annual meeting of that body. Dr. H. M. Logan, president of the society, presided.

The feature of yesterday's session was the reading of papers by the following-named physicians:

D. Maclean, H. T. Wester, J. W. Hamilton, W. B. Church, L. F. Herrick, A. E. Scott, George G. Gere, V. A. Derrick. Papers will also be read to-day by H. W. Hunsaker, E. H. Mattner, G. H. Derrick, H. B. Mehrmann, B. Stetson, H. P. Kirk, L. T. Wade and O. L. Jones.

All papers were fully discussed, and the critics and seekers after additional information displayed the greatest good-nature in their efforts to point out the weak points of essays, while the authors read the attacks in the same spirit.

Among the most highly appreciated efforts was the paper of Dr. Hamilton on "Advancement of Eclecticism."

The election of officers will take place to-day, and the session will then come to an end.

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—LAST 3 NIGHTS!—
—LAST MATINEE SATURDAY!—
—"WANG!"—
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