The San Francisco Call

TUESDAY.....DECEMBER 17, 1895

AMUSEMENTS.

BALDWIN THEATER.—Rice's Big "1492."
CALIFORNIA THEATER—"Helena."
COLUMBIA THEATER—"A Day in June."
MOROSCO'S OPERA-HOUSE—"For Revenue Only."
TIVOLI OPERA-HOUSE—"Fatinitza."
ORPHEUM—High-Class Vaudeville.
GROVER'S ALCAZAR.—"Streets of New York."
MACDONOUGH THEATER (OAKLAND) — Herrmann, the Great.
SHOOT THE CHUTES.—Daily at Haight street, One block east of the Park.
PACIFIC COAST JOCKEY CLUB.—Races to-day.

AUCTION SALES.

BY INDIANA AUCTION CO.—This day (Tuesday), Japanese Art and Curios, at 22 Geary street, at 2 P. M.

BY INDIANA AUCTION CO.—This day (Tuesday), French Liquor Store, at 346 Third street, at 11 o'clock.

BY EASTON, ELDRIDGE & CO.—This day (Tuesday), Real Estate, at Salesrooms, 638 Market street, at 12 o'clock noon.

BY EASTON, ELDRIDGE & CO.—This day (Tuesday), Rugs, at 232 Sutter street, at 2:30 and 7:30 P. M.

BY KILLIP & CO.—This day (Tuesday), Horses, at salesyard, corner Van Ness avenue and Market streets, at 7:30 P. M.

BY G. H. UMBSEN & CO.—Real Estate, Saturday, December 28, at 12 o'clock noon at salesroom, 14 Montgomery street.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Butte football team will arrive Thursday morning.

The trackwalkers of the Southern Pacific must ride the tricycle.

Colonel W. P. Barnes is seriously ill and it is feared he will not recover.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will consider two propositions to assist the needy.

A movement is on foot to effect a combination of all the street railways of the State.

"The Rendezvous," in aid of the Boys' Brigade, in the Sutter-street Y. M. C. A. building, will close to-night.

A vaudeville show is being arranged by the Olympics, to be presented at the Columbia Theater on January 20

A big mass-meeting in protest against the Armenian outrages is in course of arrangment by the ministers of the City.

The Woman's State Federation for the Public Good met at Y. M. C. A. auditorium yesterday afternoon and adopted by-laws.

The Methodist preachers passed a resolution yesterday approving of the attitude of THE CALL on the poolroom question.

Gaston Dambrine, the steward of the steamer Washtenaw, was killed yesterday by falling down the main hatch of the vessel.

The preliminary examination of Mrs. Eugenia Scauller on the charge of arson was commenced before Judge Low yesterday.

The trade in Japanese wares is being pushed farther east. The people are becoming alarmed and the papers are taking the matter up.

Remelia Florentina, a gardener on Silver avenue, attempted to commit suicide yesterday morning by cutting his throat with a razor.

In the Douglas "crimping" case Attorney Riordan yesterday raised the point that the act of 1872 applied only to American vessels and seamen.

But one favorite got home in front at Ingleside yesterday. The winning horses were: Rico, Toneno, Our Maggie, Last Chance and Philomena.

Captain Lees was handed a rabbi's robe yesterday which Rev. P. H. Schweitz, the forger, stole from a synagogue in Minneapolis before coming here.

Frank Mason, alias Pope, a "trusty" in the City Prison, made his escape yesterday morning and detectives are scouring the City in search of him.

A circular has been sent to the principals of the public schools requesting aid for the Salvation Army in giving the poor of this City a merry Christmas.

Robert O. Collier, a traveling salesman while driving across Bartlett street yesterday afternoon, was run down by a train and probably fatally injured.

The creditors of the late Jacob Bacon, printer, who have been running his establishment since his death, will sell it to pay the debts, amounting to $16,000.

The Harbor Commissioners, at an adjourned meeting yesterday, wrestled again with the stone depot and ferry building question. They will meet again to-day.

Warehouseman Robert J. Woods says he will not be able to communicate with Secretary Carlisle about the Harry Wise partnership before two weeks, at least.

Carroll Cook, on behalf of Leon R. Meyers, charged with committing an indecent act, demanded a jury yesterday and Judge Campbell set January 7 for the trial.

Car 1004 of the Mission-street electric line wrecked a wagon belonging to W. P. Fuller & Co. yesterday afternoon and scattered its load of coal oil over Fourth street.

An autopsy yesterday showed that the death of the woman, Mrs. A. J. Meyer, at 723 Kearny street was due to natural causes, and not caused by poison, as supposed.

Louis Braverman, dealer in jewelry at 121 Post street, has been forced into insolvency by a petition of a number of creditors. His liabilities are estimated at $225,000.

Joe King, the Supervisor from the First Ward, created a storm of merriment at yesterday's meeting of the board by his ludicrous attempt to pose as a moralist and reformer.

A suit full of sensations is to be brought in a few days to set aside the foreclosure and sale of the Los Angeles Consolidated Electric Railway on behalf of the stockholders.

Union painters at work in the shipyards of the Union Iron Works are likely to be called out because of an alleged attempt to reduce the wages and increasing the hours of labor.

General John H. Dickinson still asserts that Mr. Barnes and he have come to an agreement to try the Minnie Williams case in January. He says the defense is now being prepared.

"Occasional light sprinkles of rain to-night and probably Tuesday morning; generally fair the greater portion of Tuesday," is the forecast for to-day's weather issued by W. H. Hammon.

The funeral of Charles Mayne took place from the Palace Hotel yesterday afternoon. It was largely attended by business men, who were friends and associates of the deceased in life.

Three more policemen were sworn in yesterday by Chief Crowley: Isaac Tuchler, 26 years of age, born in San Francisco; David Murphy, 25, Ireland; William Harrison, 33, San Francisco.

N. Feldman, the Englishman who threatened to shell the City, swore out a warrant in Judge Conlan's court for the arrest of Eva Starr, the variety actress, for robbing him on Saturday night.

Chief Crowley has William Jackman, John Staysen and J. D. Bawman, Ellis street commission pool brokers arrested. They will have their hearing this morning before Judge Joachimson.

The Manufacturers' and Producers' Association has sent a letter to the Harbor Commissioners protesting against the use of any stone in the new ferry depot not taken from California quarries.

Relatives of Mrs. Ida Levy yesterday told to Secretary McComb of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children a sad story of the woman's experience during the period of her married life.

There is considerable dissatisfaction among the dairymen of San Francisco over the proposed skim-milk ordinance. Many claim that dishonest milkmen will be given greater latitude than ever before.

Sebastian Ramers, the son of a Guatemala planter, who attempted suicide about ten days ago, was taken from the City and County Hospital to the City Prison yesterday and booked on the charge of burglary.

The Standard Oil Company has ordered forty tank cars from the East and is soon to enter the business of selling petroleum as fuel on this coast. It is said to control the refinery for producing illuminaling oil to be built at Puente.

Fifteen members of the Art Association met at the Mark Hopkins Institute yesterday afternoon and decided to appoint a committee to make arrangements for the preparation of a portfolio of sketches to be presented to Edward F. Searles.

United States District Attorney Foote said yesterday that as Attorney George W. Monteith's letter on the Huntington-Stone pass affair had been addressed to the United States Attorney-General, he was not paying any attention to it.

A number of the defendants in the suit of the Noe heirs to gain possession of the San Miguel tract of land near the county line, have filed their answer to the Noe suits. They plead that the action is barred by the statute of limitations.

Chita Jackson, who played a prominent part in the Ware murder case by bringing into it the story of a mysterious woman, was on trial for grand larceny before Judge Belcher yesterday. She was accused of robbing Samuel Jackson, a Klamath Falls farmer anxious to see the sights of San Francisco, of $40. The jury disagreed. The defendant was tried under the alias of Emma Cleverly.

THE NEW TRACK-WALKERS

How They Will Push and Pull Themselves Along on Tricycles.

ALAS! THE POOR PUBLIC.

There Is No Way to Make the Southern Pacific Properly Patrol Their Line of Tracks.

Only a person who is constantly thrown into contact with the rolling department can understand the struggle for existence through which the recently discharged employes of the Southern Pacific are going.

The company let out 581 men within the past ten days, and a batch to complete the thousand will be listed and executed between now and New Year's day.

In no one case has the dismissal come in the nature of a discharge, but simply as a lay-off" on account of the lack of business. The men who are still to lose their positions will be notified that their services will not be required "until affairs pick up in a few months."

This being the case the men on the outside consider themselves as railroad men still, and hold themselves in readiness to resume work when called upon.

In the meantime the Southern Pacific people are engaging men to take the place of those who have been let out and in a short while they will have two gangs of men at their service instead of one, as they had a year and a half ago, when they found themselves with a strike on their hands.

The shopmen who have gone out as per order and who see their places filled by green men are chafing under the hardship and will soon bring the matter to the attention of the American Railway Union.

This move on the part of General Manager Julius Kruttschnitt in behalf of the Southern Pacific system was made, presumabiy, for the sake of economy. The wholesale discharge of men up to date represents a saving of nearly $1000 a day to the company. "But why is it," the discharged men ask, "other men are put in our places if it is purely on account of economy that we were let out?"

As a matter of fact, where half a thousand men have been thrown out of employment, one-third that number have been engaged to take their places. Manager Kruttschnitt, in doing this, saves two-thirds of the regular wages and gives himself a contingent of workmen to fall back on in the event of trouble on his lines.

This policy is something entirely new on this coast, and it was certainly unexpected. Among the 582 men let out more than half were employes for the past ten or twenty years. With that improvident spirit usually accompanying a knowledge of security in office, these men allowed themselves to be left destitute and with large families on their hands when the ax fell.

There is another important change being made. Mr. Kruttschnitt has called off the majority of track-walkers who heretofore patrolled the lines.

It was the custom for the track-walkers to patrol a distance of about eight miles. Now, the section-hands must do this work themselves, covering a distance of forty miles, every fourth section along the road taking up the task on the first run. The next run is made by the second, fifth, ninth and thirteenth section, and so on until all the sections have a turn at the run. In this manner, the inspectors never get familiarized with the track and their work must necessarily be slipshod, to the great discomfort of the traveling public who stop to think of the additional risk they take going over the Southern Pacific lines.

These new track-walkers cannot possibly cover forty miles each day inspecting the road without some mode of locomotion other than their legs, and so they have been furnished with tricycle cars. On these they pump themselves quickly over their forty miles, going at a speed which allows of but little inspection of the track.

The Government of the United States has established a law requiring the railroads to put a brakeman to every two cars on freight and passenger trains. The railroads do not comply with that law. To compel them to do it would necessite hundreds of Government inspectors to be appointed. To compel the railroads to properly patrol their tracks it would first be necessary to enact a law to that effect and then to appoint deputies to compel the railroad men to do the work. In other words the Government deputies themselves would be the track-walkers.

In the meantime the public take more than the usual chances of accident when traveling over the lines of the Southern Pacific Railroad of Kentucky.

FEDERAL COURT CALENDAR.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS.

Met and adjourned until first Monday in January.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.

[McKenna, J.]

Petition of Gardner & Thornley for review of a decision of the Board of General Appraisers; decision of the board affirmed.

United States vs. North Bloomfield Mining Company, motion of defendant to dismiss as to Defendant Meyers; granted.

Argonaut Mining Company vs. Kennedy Mining and Milling Company; motion for survey; continued to the 23d.

Atlantic Transfer vs. Woodbridge Coal and Iron Company, order to show cause; continued to the 30th.

Meyers vs. Gaskill et al., motion to strike out demurrer; denied.

Clarke, etc., vs. Kohn; demurrer; dismissed.

Argonaut Mining Company vs. Kennedy Mining and Milling Company; order to show cause; continued to the 23d.

Norton vs. San Jose Fruit Packing Company; motion for injunction; continued to the 23d.

Truman vs. Carvill Manufacturing Company, motion for interlocutory decree, etc.; denied.

McGorry vs. O'Connor et al., demurrer; argued and submitted.

Grover vs. Hunting et al.,; demurrer to second amended bill; continued to January 6.

Truman vs. Carroll Manufacturing; to amend pleadings; argued and submitted.

Edmunds, etc., vs. Nolan Bros. Shoe Company; demurrer; argued and submitted.

Meyers vs. Gaskill et al.; demurrer; continued to the 23d.

For to-day—Walkerley et al. vs. Barker, etc., et al.

In re petition of Grace & Co.

Zan et al. vs. MacKenzie.

Casebolt vs. Omnibus Cable Company.

Bullion and Exchange Bank vs. Otto et al. (11,942).

Bullion and Exchange Bank vs. Otto et al. (11,943).

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.

[Morrow, J.]

United States vs. Howell; on trial.

United States vs. An Sing; continued to January 6.

For to-day—United States vs. Howell; on trial.

Specially set for to-day—Hansen vs. Shooner, Centennial, etc.

Fireman's Fund Insurance Company vs. Bark Sharpshooter.

OF INTEREST TO SAILORS.

An Important Question Raised in the Douglas "Crimping" Case.

A question of considerable interest has arisen in connection with the case of James Douglas, the "crimp," who was arrested on complaint of United States Commissioner Gwin for unlawfully receiving money from seamen for finding them employment.

The case was partially heard by Commissioner Heacock. Attorney Riordan demurred to the complaint on the ground that the ship upon which the men were to sail was not an American vessel. The act of 1872, he argued, applied only to American vessels, as was evidenced by its title, and it was for the protection of American seamen only.

The five men were to have been shipped by Douglas on the British ship Province.

Mr. Riordan called the Commissioner's attention to a decision in the Kallum case, of United States Circuit Judge Wallace of New York, which held, first, that the law applied only to American seamen, and, second, that the remedy, the action for penalty, should be a civil and not a criminal one.

Owing to the importance of the question, Commissioner Heacock took the matter under advisement until next Monday.

MRS. MEYER'S DEATH.

An Autopsy Showed That It Was Not Due to Poisoning—She Was Much Married.

By an autopsy held at the Morgue yesterday the death of the woman, Mrs. A. J. Meyer, at 723 Kearny street, was found to be due to a hemorrhage, and not to poison, as supposed.

After the body was removed to the Morgue Dr. Petit informed Deputy Coroner McCormick that there had been $60 in the room belonging to the deceased and that among her possessions was a gold watch. As the money and watch had disappeared, the matter was reported to Detective Anthony. During the morning a negro albino named G. M. Cogar, who had been living with the woman, came to the Morgue and turned over $12 to the deputy, saying he had paid the woman's bills with the remainder and had taken the watch out of pawn. Detective Anthony took charge of Cogar, who is a minstrel, but last evening he was let go and nothing of a criminal nature was found against him.

The woman had a number of aliases, among them Mrs. L. V. Cameron, Mrs. A. J. Meyer and Mrs. L. V. Bennett. She was the wife of Bennett until 1895, when she took a second husband in San Jose. This was A. J. Meyer, on electrician, now living in Oakland. She came to San Francisco from Wisconsin, having become estranged from her parents because of her waywardness. A wine merchant, who has since committed suicide, once started her in business in a Geary street resort, near Central avenue.

FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD.

The Woman's State Federation Adopts By-Laws for Its Conduct.

Encouraging Words Spoken Regarding the Work in Progress in This City.

The Woman's State Federation for the Public Good met at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium yesterday afternoon and adopted by-laws for the conduct of the organization. The matter of incorporation was postponed for one week. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. D. J. Spencer, second vice-president, and the record kept by Mrs. Julia M. Brown, secretary.

Nine of the societies in the federation were represented in the meeting by an aggregate of twenty delegates:

Councils Nos. 1, 2, 11, 15, W. A. P.; Girls' Training-school, Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Council No. 2, Daughters of Liberty; Woman's Missionary Society of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Pacific Coast Woman's Press Association.

The Woman's Press Association is a newcomer into the federation, responding by letter and five delegates—Mrs. Nellie Blessing Eyster, Mrs. Florence Perry Matheson, Mrs. P. T. Dickinson, Mrs. Florence Fuller Victor and Mrs. M. B. Foster. Addresses were made by Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Oatman on the objects of the federation. The ladies were enthusiastic, and the delegates generally expressed a feeling of encouragement. The sense of the meeting was that delegates individually and the federation as a body should be active in urging women to take a deeper interest in the matters coming within the scope of the organization. Disappointment was expressed at the absence of Mrs. French, who, it was hoped, would have attended to express her views.

The by-laws adopted provide that the meetings shall be held monthly at such time and place as the executive committee shall appoint. The executive committee shall meet on the same dates one-half hour earlier than the regular meetings. Annual meetings will be held in April. Special meetings may be called by the president or three members of the executive committee upon written notice to all members four days previous to the date of the meeting. The duties of the officers shall be the usual duties of officers of such organizations.

The by-laws hold members to a strict accountability by declaring that absence from three consecutive meetings must be satisfactorily explained or the organization of which such absentee is a delegate will be asked to name her successor. The executive committee is to be composed of the officers of the federation and three elective members.

Delegates from one-fourth of the societies represented in the federation shall constitute a quorum. A majority of the members of any committee shall constitute a quorum at a committee meeting. The federation shall not be auxiliary to any organization except a National one having the same objects. These by-laws may be amended in like manner with the constitution.

The meeting adjourned to Monday, December 23, at 2 P. M.

A Union for Reform.

The San Francisco Union, an organization of women for the alleged object of doing home missionary work, heard last night through its president, Mrs. Agnes B. Shepherd, a report from the committee on advertising, that success had been partially accomplished before the Board of Supervisors. The president spoke later quite encouragingly of the work of the union. She said that about $400 had been received to aid in the work of boycotting the newspapers, or words to that effect, that are not conducted according to the notions of these particular women. They will continue their committee work and have another general meeting at Metropolitan Temple in January.

OLYMPIC CLUB AFFAIRS.

A Theatrical Entertainment and Bowling Tournament.

The Superintendent of the Olympic Club, W. J. Kennedy, was busy yesterday arranging details for an Olympic Club entertainment which will be held at one of the principal theaters in the near future. The Club will be strongly represented in talent as the boxers, wrestlers, gymnasts and vocalists of note will appear on this occasion.

The bowling tournament opened last evening, but as it will not terminate until Saturday, a surmise as to who the winners will be could not be made from last evening's play. There are, however, some very excellent bowlers among the contestants and it is thought that records made at past tournaments will be snowed under on this present occasion.

POPULAR works of fiction, history, travel, religion, etc., at retail and by auction, to close consignment. The prices will surprise you. 747 Market street. *

Camera Club Slides.

The members of the California Camera Club were treated, in the club's rooms in the Academy of Science building, to a new set of 100 slides, received in exchange from the Omaha club, the Frankford (Pa.) club and the club of St. Louis. These represented a variety of scenes in and around Omaha, the far north, in Pennsylvania, in England and in Scotland.

STANDARD authors, Bibles, dictionaries, encyclopedias, etc., at auction-store, 747 Market treet. *

AT THE CITY PLAYHOUSES.

Sardou's "Helena" at the California Proves an Artistic Treat.

DAN SULLY AT THE COLUMBIA

Melodrama at the Alcazar and Grand Opera-House—Other Attractions.

Victorien Sardou made a play especially suited to Mrs. Robert Downing's talents when he constructed "Helena," which was produced for the first time in this City at the California Theater last night.

The action of the drama is laid in medieval Italy, when the factions were raging between the Guelphs and the Ghibellines. Like most stories of that unhappy epoch, there are wars and rumors of wars, running all through the plot, but the real interest of "Helena" is a more human one than that of the internal factions that rent Sienna, along with the rest of Italy, in the fourteenth century.

Orso, the chief of the Guelphs, a "base mechanic" sprung from the people, has presumed to publicly throw some flowers into the balcony of Helena Saracini, sister of the chief of the Ghibellines, the daughter of one of noblest families in Sienna. The lady throws them back into his face with scorn, which so maddens Orso that he arouses his faction to arms, burns Helena's palace while her brother is defending the fortress and humbles her in the dust. A few hours later Helena recognizes Orso by his voice as the man upon whom she had invoked the vengeance of her brother. She stabs him herself and believing him to be dying relents and nurses him in her ruined palace, while her kinsmen are seeking him to slay him.

As Helena Mrs. Downing has strong opportunities and she makes the most of them. From the time she entered, insulted and brokenhearted, to cry for revenge, till she died from poison, given her by her brother to end her supposed disloyalty in sheltering her foe, Mrs. Downing was always natural, sincere and thoroughly artistic. She was always strong, but she never indulged in canting, nor did she once jar on her hearers by a false or over-acted effect. She was Helena to the life—a proud, gentle-hearted girl, who, maddened by insult strikes, and, seeing her foe at her feet, relents, and lets her woman's pity lead her to her own undoing.

Mrs. Downing's appearance was thoroughly in keeping with her role. She looked girlish and majestic withal, and she knew how to wear her quaint medieval gowns with grace, which is a good deal more than can be said for every actress who dons such robes. As Orso Robert Downing had a role that did not particularly commend him to the sympathies of the public, but his robust style enabled him to play it realistically. Edwin Terry was graceful and efficient as Helena's brother, and the other parts were well sustained, particularly that of a messenger, which was played by B. Williams.

In spite of some of its brutal characteristics "Helena" is a strongly romantic play, and its real attraction depends, not on the incidents, which crowd thick and fast on one another, but on the human interest which surrounds its heroine.

The acts are short and the interest does not flag. The staging is excellent and has the commendable characteristic of being painted from Italian models, for the scenes are true to the country represented. Taken altogether "Helena" makes a strong addition to the Downing repertoire. It will be repeated to-night.

The Columbia.

Daniel Sully is one of those high-class comedians who seem to be born rather than formed to their art. As "Bernard Bryan" in Dan Mason's new comedy-drama, "A Day in June," he carried the Columbia by storm last night. The play approaches the melodrama in some parts, which gave Miss Kate Michelena, as Helen Farwell, a chance to acquit herself with much distinction in the pathetic role of a deserted wife.

The part of Mrs. Belle Dashington, a somewhat frisky widow angling for a husband, was ably portrayed by Miss Julia Hanchett. Nor was the villain wanting in the person of Herschel Mayall, who made the part of George Farwell, alias Wallingford, one of the most finished characters in the piece. Much of the comic interest was supplied by Robert L. Robinson as Erastus, the colored servant, while the subordinate characters were all ably personated.

Baldwin Theater.

Rice's "1492" continues to be a decidedly drawing attraction at the Baldwin Theater. Bessie Bonehill introduced a new song last night about "knickerbockers," which proved a hit. Several of the other performers slightly varied their specialties.

Grand Opera-House.

"For Revenge Only," which was produced last night at the Grand Opera-house, is a clever skit on political campaigns. Milton Nobles, who is, of course, the star, around which the satellites, great and small, revolve, feigns to be a reporter, space writer and all-round champion liar.

An idea of his methods of gathering news is given to the audience when, on being refused admittance to the house of Jefferson Potter, a candidate for office, he enters by the window and succeeds in gaining Mr. Potter's confidence. The interview is very amusing. Potter is enraged at a dreadful "roast" which Tom Knowall (Milton Nobles) ingenuously confesses to having written in a morning paper. He tells Potter to read another paper, where he has been lauding him to the skies. He finally persuades him to start a paper of his own. During the campaign Knowall writes every one's speeches.

The house was thrown into profuse merriment by the appearance of Cornelia Sawin, vice-president of a female suffrage league; it might indeed have been the first appearance of the new woman, though Miss Blanc played the part somewhat indifferently. Dollie Nobles was sprightly as Rose Merrywin, and the other parts were well sustained.

At the Orpheum.

The new act at the Orpheum last night was that of Frank Moran, the "Senator at Large." This comedian, who wears a cork-blacked face, amused his audience hugely with a sort of stump speech, into which he introduced many puns and witticisms. He sometimes introduced a little dialogue, with the people in the front rows, which was also relished by the people in the end of the house. "What is marriage?" asked the comedian. "A failure," answered a voice from the audience. But this was not right, Maran assured his hearers. Marriage was "a matter o' money" (matrimony)—and puns such as this brought him much applause.

Agile little Clotilda Antonio continues to be a favorite on account of her skill in dancing on her hands. Among the other acts retained from last week are those of Hill and Hull, the grotesque marvels, Mlle. Marthe Marthy, the eccentric vocalist, the Sisters Anderson, Gianto, the clever performer on the slack wire, the Freres Mathias, etc.

At the Tivoli.

Now that everything Russian seems to be in favor it seems hardly surprising that "Fatinitza" should attract a large and appreciative audience at the Tivoli last night. Like all productions at this popular resort the piece was superbly mounted, while the orchestra had no small share in making the well-known opera a success.

Laura Millard as the Princess gave her exacting, brilliant solos a most artistic rendering, while among the men Harris and Napoleoni, though old favorites, shone with a luster undimmed by the lapse of a decade. The gay combination of Turks, Russians, Bashi-Bazouks and ballet-girls is sure to have a most successful week.

The Alcazar.

Melodrama showed its power of attraction at the opening performance of "The Streets of New York" last night. Although the play is an old one, it seems to have improved with years. The stage settings were all that could be desired, while the characters were, in general, faithfully and ably sustained. Frank Armstrong as Badger, the clerk, made a charming hero, rough and even a little uncouth, as his part requires, but so natural as to call forth applause and tears apparently at will.

Francis Powers as Gideon Bloodgood, the polished villain, did some excellent work, giving a really fine stage study of artistic hypocrisy up to date.

Among the female characters Miss May Noble as Alida Bloodgood and Miss Nellie Young as Lucy Fairweather were especially deserving of notice. Perhaps the best scene in the piece was the arrest of Badger at the close of the second act, while the fire scene at the end of the fifth act was exceedingly effective.

Between the second and third acts John E. McWade, the well-known ballad-singer, made a great hit. His first selection, "Tommy Atkins," was warmly applauded, but his rich barytone sounded to far greater advantage in the old song, "Comrades," which he rendered as an encore. On being recalled for the second time, he gave "We'd Better Bide a Wee." Mr. McWade will be remembered as having sung in "Pinafore" with Jessie Bartlett Davis, now of the Bostonians.

MAY START A POOR FARM.

Propositions That the St. Vincent de Paul Society Will Consider.

A Temporary Home for Those in Need. What a Practical Charity Is Doing.

The society St. Vincent de Paul has in contemplation the methods of assisting the deserving poor who are temporarily out of work. One is the securing of a large building in which those who are homeless may have shelter and comfortable beds, and the other the establishment of a large farm on a plan similar to some conducted in England under the auspices of charitable institutions.

The first of these propositions will be considered at a meeting to be held before the close of January next, and the other will be discussed at another meeting.

"The idea," said Rev. Father Hannigan of the St. Vincent de Paul Society yesterday, "is to secure a large building in which we could provide shelter for those who are without it, and in that way we could relieve the distressed at much less cost than under the present system. Every morning we have calls from thirty or forty, who ask for assistance in money to procure a bed or a meal, and the deserving ones are assisted. Would this be for those of the Catholic faith only? No, not at all; the St. Vincent de Paul Society does not know any religion in the distribution of its charity. Often people who are not of the Catholic faith appiy for assistance, and about the first thing they say is, 'Father, I am not a Catholic,' and they are told that the society does not want to know anything about their religion, that all it wants to know is whether the applicant is in need of assistance.

"The matter of establishing such a shelter has been considered for some time and it was to have been discussed at a meeting held last Thursday, but the disposition of other matters prevented us from reaching it. It will, however, be taken up at the next meeting.

"The society has also under consideration a proposition to establish a large farm where those out of employment may find work, food and shelter. Such have been in operation in some parts of England and they have proved very successful. Not only have those who have been sent there had plenty of food and good shelter, but they have also earned fair wages. A market is found for their products and what there is over the necessary expenses is paid to the workers as wages. Those who work on these farms can remain there as long as they desire and they are at liberty to go whenever they find anything that is to their liking.

"This is something that the society will look into and determine if such a farm can be established here, but that will not be done at once."

RUN DOWN BY A TRAIN.

Probable Fatal Accident at the Bartlett-Street Crossing.

Robert O. Collier, a Traveling Salesman, Badly Injured and His Rig Smashed.

Robert O. Collier, traveling salesman for George W. Caswell & Co., 406 Sacramento street, met with what may prove a fatal accident yesterday at the railroad crossing on Bartlett street, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets.

He was driving in a buggy and attempted to cross the track in front of the incoming train from San Jose. The horse got frightened at the approaching cars and balked, and before the rig could be got out of the way the engine dashed into the buggy. Collier was dragged along about forty feet and thrown into the ditch at the side of the track, and the remains of the buggy were scattered here and there. The horse was untouched and ran away at a terrific pace, and has not since been heard of.

Collier was picked up from the ditch unconscious and was carried into a stable close by. Dr. J. H. Campbell was summoned and did all he could for him till the patrol wagon arrived, when he was taken to the City and County Hospital.

He was badly cut about the head and severely bruised on the right side. Blood was oozing from his right ear and the doctors fear that he has sustained a fracture of the skull, but they are not yet able to determine the full extent of his injuries. He was semi-conscious late last night and it is hoped that the injuries will prove not so serious as was at first anticipated.

The injured man lives at 1724 Clay street, and his family were promptly notified of his misfortune.

Disastrous Failure!

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PAINTERS IN TROUBLE.

Prospects of a Call-Out at the Union Iron Works Shipyards.

A Reduction of Wages and an Increase of the Hours of Labor the Causes.

It is likely that there will be trouble among the painters and employers at the Union Iron Works at the Potrero upon the matter of wages. A report was made at the meeting of the Painters and Decorators last evening that produced considerable excitement, and which resulted in the passage of a resolution that the union rules be enforced and that $2 50 shall be the wages for eight hours' work and all overtime be charged for at the rate of time and a half.

The trouble seems to have been caused by the Union Iron Works people attempting to follow the example of a painting contractor named John G. Edmondson of 220 Brannan street. From statements made in the meeting it seemed that the contractor had been employing any and all kinds of painters to work upon the Pacific Mail steamships and upon the ships being painted in the Union Iron Works. This line required skilled and unskilled painters.

A while ago he took advantage of the large number of applicants that daily hang around the works in the hope of obtaining employment and he began to hire painters at $2 50 and work them nine hours and fifteen minutes a day.

The Pacific Mail was paying him $3 25 per man per day, so that he made 75 cents on every painter on the job. When the Mail Company learned that he was making so much on the work it reduced his rate to $3 per man, and Edmondson, so the report went, met the cut by reducing the men's wages to $2 25 for nine hours and fifteen minutes work. The men stood it, because they realized that there were plenty outside of the gates to take their places if they walked out. Besides, the union rules did not deal so much with the wages as the hours, and the small number of union painters upon that class of work made resistance impracticable.

The painters at their meeting last evening, in addition to foregoing statements, were informed that the Union Iron Works people have undertaken to follow Edmondson's example and cut the wages. Edmondson is at present painting the steamer Colon, now being renovated and repaired at the Union Iron Works. When the foreman in the works saw how the contractor operated he made a similar effort with the painters at work upon the battleship Oregon and the barges that are being made for the Russian Government for the Siberian railway.

Considerable of this work is of the first class and cannot be done by men who are only fit for whitewashing chicken coops. As a rule most of the painters employed thereon are artists in their line and they demand $3 a day. The first break was made on Saturday night, when the men were paid off and found that they were receiving the same wages as Edmondson's men for nine hours and fifteen minutes' work. A few of the first-class painters threatened to quit unless paid $3 a day for their services. Their protest was effective and they were paid in full. The others accepted what was given and went off grumbling, and last evening their statements were made to the union, and as said it caused much agitation and discussion. The result of the debate was that the union men were instructed to demand $2 50 for eight hours' work and time and a half for all overtime. Many of the members fear that this action will result in the union men being called out at the Union Iron Works within a few days.

SCHWEITZ' SACRILEGE.

The Forger Stole a Saleth From a Synagogue in Minneapolis.

Rev. P. H. Schweitz, who was held to answer before the Superior Court about ten days ago by Judge Joachimsen on four charges of forgery, and who professed that he was the victim of circumstances, turns out to be a greater hypocrite than was supposed.

Schweitz used to take his meals before his arrest at the restaurant of Morris Ossosky, 1020 Folsom street. A few days ago he sent for Ossosky and gave him a valuable silk robe worn by a rabbi to sell for him, so that he could have a few dollars.

Ossosky took the robe and offered it for sale at one of the pawnshops. He was astonished when the pawnbroker showed him an advertisement in the Jewish Gazette, published in New York, which translated reads as follows:

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.

My Brother and My People: A traveler who was here during the last holidays and who also acted as reader on New Year's and Day of Atonement on Sabanacles, came in our Synagogue, Keneseth Israel, and after Sabanacles he stole my good saleth, with a good ornament (collar), and in the middle of the saleth there is also an embroidery and lined with good white silk. The saleth was sent from Europe. Maybe he has sold it, and I request to receive information about both the theft and the possibility of its return to me, or whether he has sold it. If not we will publish his name and more yet. We will follow him up everywhere, through all the papers; but when he sends it back I promise no one shall know, and there shall be peace between us.

REV. A. H. SANAI.

The description in the advertisement of the saleth answered the one offered for sale by Ossosky, and when he remembered that Schweitz had left Minneapolis in October for this City he concluded that Schweitz was the thief. He took the robe to Captain Lees yesterday afternoon and the captain at once wrote Rev. A. H. Sanai, Minneapolis, asking for a fuller description of the robe and of the traveler who stole it. It is worth about $100.

Schweitz is considered by the police the most accomplished confidence operator that has visited the coast for years. His confidence operations included every railroad in the East, the Southern Pacific here, W. BeDell, agent of the Pennsylvania road, Greenewald Brothers, the ticket agents, and a number of grocers and others.

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Knocked Down by a Car.

John Kalpf, carpenter, near the Six-Mile House, San Bruno road, while under the influence of liquor last night, staggered in front of a cable car at Eighteenth and Howard streets and was knocked down. He had his nose broken and his scalp torn. He was taken to the City and County Hospital.

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