

The San Francisco Call. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1895. AMUSEMENTS. BALDWIN THEATRE—'The Big '1492.'

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

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Supervisors asked to stop poker-playing in this city. The will of the late Charles Mayne was filed for probate yesterday.

POKER DENIS MUST CLOSE

Supervisors Are Asked to Take Some Steps in the Matter.

WHERE BANK CLERKS PLAY.

Other Houses Run by Fiends Who Make Women and Children Go Hungry.

The life of the downtown poolrooms—those institutions running contrary to the Elliott ordinance—is dependent upon the action to be taken this morning by the Police Court Judge who is to consider the cases.

This is an easy matter. Captain Wittman, who took charge of the poolroom nuisance, sent his men in civilians' clothes to the different rooms in the 'Beltry,' at the corner of Ellis and Market streets.

Neither on the winning nor the losing tickets was a commission collected. This is the outcome was that the Police Department lost \$12 on 50-cent wagers, and won \$750 by guessing the winner—by accident.

Another mint scandal is brewing in Carson, Nevada, and it is probable that the Board of Examiners will begin an investigation.

The Police Commissioners last night recommended wholesale changes of sergeants from one district to another to take effect on December 21.

The Supervisors have appointed a special committee of experts to investigate the work of the steam-heating contract work on Francisco and Stockton streets.

The Harbor Commissioners again met yesterday afternoon to consider the case of the California material, and will do so if possible.

A batch of fourteen blooded yearlings of running stock, shipped from Montana, brought good prices last night, as buyers bid for them.

The Supreme Court has affirmed the decision of the Oakland court allowing Mrs. Clara Howard \$10,000 damages for injuries received on the Oakland Street Railway Company.

Jennie Misrowsky was before Judge Deingerfield yesterday asking that her marriage to Morris Misrowsky be annulled.

A man giving the name of Bart Morrison, who is suspected of attempting to hold up a milkman on Tuesday morning, was arrested.

sumed to see to the welfare of the customers, but instead, he more particularly looks to protect the shapers and surething players who drop into the games to rob the players and divide the spoils with their partners.

These gambling halls are numerous about the city and they catch a class of men who can ill afford to play at the game. Mechanics and laborers, inveigled into playing by hired men around these houses, lose their wages and are left at home penniless to their wives and children.

The police are anxious to close these places as soon as the Supervisors will pass the much-needed ordinance. After that attention will be paid to places such as 'Bill' Brown is running in the back room of the Grand Hotel bar.

MIDWEEK THEATER NOTES

Continued Success of Mrs. Downing's 'Helena' at the California.

Milton Nobles and Morosco's Company. Daniel Sully at the Columbia.

The second week of Rice's Surprise Party at the Baldwin is proving as profitable as the first. Those who remember the old Rice's company realize that there are many new and good features.

Bayman, the fellow who posed as the president, secretary, treasurer and steward of the Crescendo Club at 11 Ellis street, has made himself scarce about his usual haunts.

When it was first taken into consideration that the women don't play pool, and a dozen or more were arrested, they showed they were only doing a commission business.

The performance of 'For Revenue Only' at the Grand Opera-house shows that Milton Nobles possesses the power of inspiring his subordinates with his own ability for impersonation.

The revival of 'Fatinitzza' is proving a pleasant diversion at the Tivoli Opera-house. 'Ixion' will be the holiday performance.

The Orpheum has only one new act at this week, that of Frank Moran, 'The Senator at Large.' Moran's jokes and puns have captured his audiences.

United States Circuit Court of Appeals. Alaska Gold and Silver Mining Company, plaintiff in error, vs. John G. Braden, executor of the last will and testament of T. C. Doran.

The Last Big Fee. Judge Coffey is much perturbed over the fact that to him is given the credit or the discredit of the big fee allowed Nathan F. Fretz.

MARTIN IS TO CONTEST.

He Is to Try to Regain His Position as Fire Commissioner.

RELIES ON THE GUNST CASE.

His Attorney Will Apply to the Attorney-General for Permission to Sue.

A. J. Martin, who was removed from the Board of Fire Commissioners by Governor Budd, has decided to again ask the Attorney-General for permission to sue in the name of the people to be reinstated in the office in place of C. M. Boyd.

The board also decided that no transfer companies should be permitted to solicit outside of their offices, if they occupied such, on the ferry wharves inside what is known as the 'ticket line.'

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THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Investigation by the Grand Jury Will Be Commenced To-morrow.

THE COMMISSIONERS AND EX-AUDITOR

Smiley Will Testify—Some Feeling Manifested.

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NEW TO-DAY.

'Pure and Sure.'

CLEVELAND'S BAKING POWDER

Only rounded spoonfuls are required—not heaping spoonfuls.

CHANNEL STREET WHARVES

The State Sued to Have Encroachments Declared Illegal.

PUBLIC PROPERTY USURPED.

Lumber Companies and the Pacific Improvement Company Made Defendants in the Suit.

Tirey L. Ford, attorney for the Harbor Commissioners, brought suit in the Superior Court yesterday on behalf of the people against the Pacific Improvement Company, the E. K. Woods Lumber Company, the Albion Lumber Company and the Union Lumber Company.

On the north side of Channel street, between Fifth and Sixth, are several wharves extending within the 200-foot limit. The land on this side of the street is owned by numerous private persons.

On the south side of Channel street the land from Fifth to Sixth is owned by the Pacific Improvement Company, and wharves have already been built, or are in process of construction by certain lumber companies, along the entire distance from Fifth to Sixth street, and such wharves extend within the 200-foot limit of Channel street as above described.

The review of the situation covered the ground thoroughly, and Mr. Ford received instructions to begin the legal contest, which he did yesterday.

The conflict in the statutes referred to in his opinion is the only legal point involved. The code contains a clause which very definitely places a limit on the State's jurisdiction over Channel street at Fifth-street crossing.

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