

THE HIGHLAND NOBLEMAN

Golf and Other Games Will Interest Sir Charles Ross at Burlingame.

HAS JOINED HIS FRIENDS.

His Remarkable Marriage to a German Heiress and the Mysterious Separation.

Sir Charles Ross, Bart., the Scottish nobleman whose house dates back many hundreds of years and whose castles in the Highlands have long added to the picturesque of the north of Scotland, left for San Mateo yesterday.

The knight of the Highlands has many friends among the English and Scotch colonists about San Mateo and Burlingame, and he will remain with them for awhile. Sir Charles, like his famous ancestors, is no mean hand at any kind of sport. In the golf games thereabout and in the other

Oxford-Cambridge race, which was unprecedented, as a man is never sent for if he was down, as the expression goes in the English college towns.

"He was married to Miss Behrnes, a lady of vast wealth and a daughter of the senior member of the firm of Behrnes & Son, the great Hamburg bankers, and created a sensation by abruptly leaving her shortly after the wedding day.

"The cause of his strange conduct has never been satisfactorily explained. Sir Charles is 26 years of age, and is reported to be very shrewd and wary, from bitter experience. He is said to have recently bonded a certain Rossland proposition, and proceeded to San Francisco to unload. "His family is well known and highly respected in Scotland."

A HANDSOME LAW FEE.

Attorneys Langhorne and Miller to Talk in Washington for a Stake of \$50,000.

James P. Langhorne and John H. Miller, attorneys, the latter until recently the partner of Morris M. Estee, left last night for Washington, D. C., to argue before the United States Supreme Court the railway tax cases.

Messrs. Langhorne and Miller are special counsel for the State of California in all the cases against the Southern Pacific. In every court thus far they have won their point.

In the Superior Court in this city they

NEW MUSS IN THE GUARD.

O'Connor and Tilden Cannot Be Legally Commissioned After All.

ALL WAITING LIKE MICAWBER.

Amid the Suspense the Old Organizations Are Getting Private Property Together.

New complications have arisen to increase the middle into which the local National Guard was thrown by the reorganization orders of two weeks ago.

It is now considered likely, or even possible, that Colonel C. O'Connor of the old Third will become lieutenant-colonel of the new First Regiment, or that Captain Tilden, retired, of the old First will become major of the First Battalion. The orders under which an election for colonel of the new regiment were held a week ago Thursday night directed that at the same time the officers voting should designate their preference for lieutenant-colonels and majors, and intimated that such preferences would have weight with the Governor when he came to assign officers to these commands. The orders did not so definitely state, but the natural supposition was that the expression of preference would be confined to the three lieutenant-colonels, Geary, Smith and Crocker, and to the six majors of the three old regiments.

But during the hot campaign over the colonelcy, when puffs and combinations were working fast, this supposed requirement was ignored and a successful combination was effected by which Colonel William Macdonald was elected colonel, and by the same vote Colonel O'Connor was declared the preference of the majority for lieutenant-colonel and Captain Tilden was designated as the choice for one of the three majors, the two others being Major Draddy and Huber, already serving in that capacity.

Now it is pointed out that the commander-in-chief could not commission O'Connor and Tilden if he wanted to. The military law of the State provides that all officers must be elected, and the Governor has no power to create a major out of a captain, active or retired, or anybody else and put him in command of a battalion. Neither, it is almost universally conceded, can he make a colonel out of a job. A lieutenant-colonel and give him a command. So it is generally conceded that O'Connor and Tilden will get nothing but the honor of a complimentary vote.

Had O'Connor and Tilden been actually elected the thing would have been settled. It is thought to be a pretty certain thing that Majors Draddy and Huber will be commissioned. The doubt as to the legality of the Governor's action in proposing to detail a lieutenant-colonel and three majors to permanent commands during their unexpired terms remains as widespread as ever, the great majority of guard officers holding that it is as necessary to elect them as to elect the colonel. It is rather expected that the Governor will say no more but permanently detail Geary, Smith or Crocker to be lieutenant-colonel of the new regiment, and that he will simultaneously detail one of the existing and waiting majors to the battalion for which Tilden was named.

Besides these uncertainties there is that of the protest against the field officers voting at the election for colonel. This was filed in advance of the voting. Just after the vote its withdrawal was asked, but the presiding brigade officer said that it was on file and he wouldn't give it up. It has gone on to Sacramento with the election returns and will have to be acted upon in spite of the fact that nobody now wants it to be. If it should happen to be held to have been well taken a new election for colonel might be ordered. What was the result of such an election might be variously predicted, and as new puffs and combinations would set to work, Macdonald might win again and he might not. It is the whole lot of the thing that is now most actively interested in nullifying its effects.

So the whole lot situation is in as big a muddle as ever or a worse one. Macdonald will be in command of the new regiment or anything else until he is examined and commissioned. Nobody knows who would command the local forces should occasion arise in this transition period. The new regiment has been created by general order, but the three battalions are each under a lieutenant-colonel and a major. If there is a First Regiment now it appears to have three lieutenant-colonels, of whom Geary is the senior, but nobody ever heard of a regiment having three lieutenant-colonels. If the guard had to be used in an emergency just now some officers would have to be ordered to get out of the way so that the soldiers could move.

The armory question is as doubtful and unsettled as ever. Most of the guardsmen are not bitter enemies of the National Guard, but they think that two companies should be in the armory on Ellis street, and that the other companies and the signal corps will be concentrated in the armory of the old Second at Page and Gough streets.

The destruction of the old regimental organizations has set about many thousands of dollars' worth of personal property belonging to the old regiments and to companies. Each regiment had furnished the National Guard with headquarters, and now there will be one in place of three. There are expensive carpets, furniture, fixtures, decorations and so on worth several thousand dollars. Much equipment of the old regiments is personal property of the old organizations. The First and Second are about \$300,000 worth of camp equipment alone not belonging to the State.

Official possession of surplus State property has been taken and now the officers of the old organizations are taking inventories of the personal property and wondering what to do with it. When things get settled a little, and the new regiment gets pulled into shape, portions of all this property will be sold. The two old regiments, the new regiment on business basis and the rest will likely be sold. Old homes are being broken up and a new one started. Colonel Fairbanks, re-elected to the command of the Fifth Regiment, was passed before last by the examining board, consisting of Colonels Bush and O'Connor and Lieutenant-Colonel Geary.

The British Battle-Ships.

The majestic and the magnificent, our two new battle-ships and the finest in the world, take their place this week in the effective list of the navy as the first and second flagships of the channel squadron. This, now that the Royal Sovereign and the Empress of India, the Empress of India, the Resolution, the Repulse, each 14,500 tons, the Blake, 9000 tons (to which the Endymion's crew will be turned over this week); the Blenheim, her sister; the Belona, 1890 tons; the Halcyon, 1070 tons, and the Speedy, 810 tons. The magnificent and the majestic have been both completed for commission within two years, an unprecedented feat highly creditable to the dockyard at Chatham and Portsmouth. —London Chronicle.

Human Leopards in Sierra Leone.

A correspondent in Sierra Leone writes, under date November 9: "The doings of the Human Leopard Society are again about to form the subject of inquiry at Sierra Leone, two members of which will be arraigned on Monday next before Chief Justice Clark on a charge of murdering a

Krooman named Jack Purser. According to the evidence adduced in the Police Court, the members of this society are by their laws to give somebody as contribution to be killed and eaten. In the present instance the prisoners are charged with killing a man, in pursuance of their vow, at Maabondo, in the Imperi country of the Sherbro district, situated within about fifty miles of Freetown. The man adopted is for members to cover themselves with leopard skins, and then, crawling on all fours, to spring upon their victim and stab him in the neck with a three-pronged dagger, the medicine being made, composed of various portions of the human body. It was only in July last that three men were convicted of a similar crime and subsequently underwent the extreme penalty of the law." —London Times.

TO SUE THE COMPANY.

Damage Suit Threatened Against the Southern Pacific Owing to a Conductor's Assault.

A suit for \$25,000 damages against the Southern Pacific is threatened by M. C. Merker, a wealthy resident of Rochester, N. Y., who now lies in a Portland (Or.) hospital suffering from injuries inflicted by one of the railroad company's conductors.

Mr. Merker recently paid a visit to San Francisco, and early in the week purchased a ticket to Portland. On the way north Conductor Hubbard took it into his head that Merker was traveling with a scalped ticket. This idea took possession of him when he went through the train at Port Costa. He asked Mr. Merker to write his name so that his signature could be compared with that on the ticket. Mr. Merker refused and the conductor assaulted him. It has developed that Mr. Merker was the rightful owner of the ticket.

HE COLLECTS HIS DUES.

Collateral Inheritance Tax From Probate Proceedings a Source of Revenue.

A Handsome Showing Made in the County Clerk's Office by C. F. Curry.

With the close of the year 1895 comes also the close of the first year's administration of the County Clerk's office under the management of the popular and competent official, Charles F. Curry.

It has been customary heretofore with County Clerks and other officials to create a convention boom for themselves by comparing the increase in receipts of their office during their terms as an incentive to the public to try to make the politicians and voters believe that the increase in revenue was purely and simply the earnest labors of the County Clerk or other official who succeeded in receiving more money in fees than did his predecessor.

For the increase or decrease of revenue coming into the County Clerk's hands through the exertions of the Clerk or his deputies Mr. Curry takes no credit, knowing as he does that litigation alone brings suits and revenue to the City treasury through the courts and County Clerk's office.

Yet County Clerk Curry takes both pride and pleasure in the conscientious knowledge and belief that he has performed his whole duty to the people of this City by turning every dollar that belongs to them by right and law into the treasury, and not permitting any money to escape through carelessness that should be paid in. This carefulness is shown by a glance at the amount secured from wealthier estates in probate, upon which there is a collateral inheritance tax.

During the year 1894, and under Mr. Curry's management, the sum of \$19,689 was collected and paid into the treasury from this tax.

County Clerk Curry has, by his careful attention to the collection of this tax, paid into the treasury the sum of \$90,332.48 during nine months of the present year, and in addition to this the sum of \$184,000 will go into the treasury, making in all for the year 1895 \$284,000, as against Mr. Healy's \$19,000 for the year 1894.

The regular business done in the County Clerk's office during the past year is, however, in excess of the year 1894, when compared with the number of suits commenced.

The following table will show the number of suits commenced and the revenue received therefor for the years of 1894-95. It will be observed by the figures for the month of July, 1894, that there were 1314 suits commenced. The increase there was from the fact that there were over 600 street assessment actions begun to enforce the payment of delinquent property-owners' taxes, and to say nothing of the streets and other city improvements. This surplus of actions taken from the revenue of 1894 would leave an increase of actions and revenue to the credit of 1895, of \$184,000. County Clerk Curry claims any credit. The list is as follows:

1894—	Cash Paid
No. Suits Commenced.	Treasury.
January.....229	\$7,263.75
February.....229	\$7,263.75
March.....229	\$7,263.75
April.....229	\$7,263.75
May.....229	\$7,263.75
June.....229	\$7,263.75
July.....229	\$7,263.75
August.....229	\$7,263.75
September.....229	\$7,263.75
October.....229	\$7,263.75
November.....229	\$7,263.75
December.....229	\$7,263.75
No. Suits Commenced.	Cash Paid
January.....458	\$14,520.25
February.....458	\$14,520.25
March.....458	\$14,520.25
April.....458	\$14,520.25
May.....458	\$14,520.25
June.....458	\$14,520.25
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The holiday season is rapidly passing, and the matter of litigation.

THEY RAN LIKE REAL MICE.

Consternation Among Women Shoppers.

Policeman Leiber of the Jefferson Market Court, squad several days ago arrested Anthony Korber, 24 years old, of 150 West Sixteenth street, on a warrant that had been issued to Annie Brill, 25 years old, of 116 Eldridge street, by Magistrate Kudlich, in Jefferson Market Court.

According to Clyde E. Ames of 172 Amsterdam avenue and M. Levy of 420 Knickerbocker avenue, Mrs. Brill was standing in front of Hill's store, in Sixth avenue near Seventeenth street, acting as a saleswoman, when Korber, who occupies some position of authority in the place, was much annoyed by her letting the mice dance from strings in front of possible customers. Korber, losing patience, ran out to the curbstone and struck the woman a violent blow in the breast. The force of the blow staggered the woman, and in trying to save herself from falling she dropped the mice she was holding, which contained over fifty artificial mice. The force of the fall released the toys, and they ran across the sidewalk so realistically that the many women who were passing were led to believe they were real, and a display of hosiery was the result.

When arraigned in court Korber denied that he had struck the woman. He said that he had only pushed her away. Ames, Levy and Mrs. Brill all swore that they received a violent blow in the breast, and Magistrate Kudlich fined Korber \$10.—Tribune.

Whalebones that are bent can be straightened by being thrown into cold water for a few hours.

A CALIFORNIA DRAMATIST.

New York Applauds Miss Ada Lee Bascom's Melodrama, "A Bowery Girl."

AT THE GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.

The "Gods" Were So Numerous That They Hung Over the Gallery.

Another California girl has made a hit on the stage in the East. This time, however, it is not as an actress that a native daughter has stepped into sudden fame, but as a playwright.

Miss Ada Lee Bascom is the young lady over whose melodrama, "The Bowery Girl," the New York gallery boys have been howling themselves hoarse during

ters prevented her from making such good terms as she might have done.

Miss Bascom is a bright, petite brunette, full of life and vivacity. She is fond of curling herself up in a corner of the sofa or on the floor and devouring books and plays, but when she launches out into conversation she does it with vim and she possesses the dramatic gift of making her hearers see with her eyes.

NEEDS OF THE POTRERO.

Residents Agitating for a Better County Hospital and Adequate Water and Light Supplies.

Residents of the Potrero, particularly in the western portion of it, are agitating for a better City and County Hospital.

The hospital question came up on Friday evening at the meeting of Nuevo Potrero Improvement Club. It was said that the present condition of the hospital is an eye-sore to the property-owners and residents thereabout, and some discussion was had as to the possibility of the City ever putting up a better building in the place of the present one.

Messrs. L. J. Dwyer, M. J. Hurley and others devoted themselves to the improvements needed by that vicinity among the speeches of the evening, particularly the necessity of a better water supply and the want of several more electric lights. As one of the speakers said:

"This portion of the City has built up

THE COMMITTEE AT WORK.

Systematic Fight Now Waged Against the So-Called Funding Bill.

WASHINGTON AGENT ACTIVE.

The Members of Congress Personally Requested to Vote Against the Measure.

The committee of fifty having in charge the fight against Huntington's funding bill scheme are not wasting any time in passing useless resolutions, but are hard at work devising ways and means to defeat the will railroad magnate.

Headquarters have been established in Mayor Sutro's office in the Montgomery block, where all business relating to the funding bill will be transacted. An enthusiastic meeting was held Thursday afternoon, when the situation was discussed at length.

Mayor Sutro stated that his latest advice from Washington showed that Huntington's emissaries were on the battle-ground in force, and using every means in their power to make converts for their master. They had secured practical control of the Congressional machinery, and were spending money lavishly.

"It is not by any means too late," continued the Mayor, "to defeat this sort of work, provided the committee will do its duty. There is nothing to be gained by resolutions, because every moment that is now given the funding bill advocates that much longer time in which to get in their corrupt work, and we all understand what that means."

Mayor Sutro then read a telegram which he had received to every member of Congress. This was unanimously agreed to and Secretary Nussworthy was directed to act accordingly. The message was forwarded Thursday night, but will not be delivered to the Senators and Representatives until to-morrow morning. A general protest is entered against the passage of the so-called funding bill, and the Nation's law-makers are further asked to postpone action in the matter until the Pacific Coast can be heard from. The full text of the telegram will be given to-morrow.

The committee, at the suggestion of Mayor Sutro, has appointed C. F. Perkins of New York as their Washington agent. It will be recalled that this is the gentleman who so ably engineered the fight against the last funding bill. Charles A. Sumner, who was also in Washington at that time, will probably be asked to look after the situation in the East, though until the situation is more definitely understood no action will be taken in that direction.

The committee agreed that in view of Mr. Sutro's successful battle of last year and his perfect knowledge of the situation he was the proper person to conduct the present contest. He was given full power to act, with instructions to call on the committee for such advice and assistance as he thought necessary.

The finance committee reported \$3000 as the amount subscribed to date, of which \$2000 has been paid in. Those who have been entrusted with subscription books and will receive for such amounts may be offered are: John M. Reynolds, C. B. Williams, Stewart Menzies, George K. Fitch, J. Richard Freud, J. C. Jordan, E. A. Phelps, Max Popper and L. J. Truman.

"The committee is doing all it possibly can to defeat this iniquitous measure," said J. M. Reynolds yesterday, "and while the railroad apparently has the upper hand now, I honestly think we will succeed in a few days. Our agent in Washington, C. F. Perkins, is thoroughly posted on the subject, and with the assistance that can be rendered from this end of the line, should certainly be able to make a good showing."

"There are some people who think that to fight the Southern Pacific successfully is hopeless. That is a mistaken idea. All along the line they have shown signs of weakening, and it only requires, in my opinion, a few more determined blows to loose their grip from California's throat. In any event we shall not leave it to certain Congressmen to say that they did not understand the feeling on this coast or they would have voted differently. The situation will be made clear to them, then if they vote for the corporation their motives will be readily understood."

McGarrahan's Mantle.

Samuel Chester Reed, the son of his father, who commanded the American privateer General Armstrong, which performed marvelously effective work during the War of 1812, is daily seen haunting the corridors at both ends of the Capitol, says the Washington Times. His tall, gaunt figure, long iron-gray hair, aided by certain peculiarities of dress, makes him a picturesque and noticeable personage in the usual throng of lobbyists.

The mantle of Uncle Billy McGarrahan has fallen upon Mr. Reed, who is a claim of greater antiquity, but less value, than the general California. For four score years the father and son have been striving to secure compensation for the destruction of the General Armstrong. After a struggle lasting half a century, and after a partial settlement effected. Of the sum set apart something like \$14,000 remained, and Mr. Reed desires to have this turned over to him for services of various kinds he performed in securing a settlement of the claim. The funds in dispute are held by the Secretary of State.

In Algeria there is a river of ink. In the upper part of its course it flows through beds of decaying moss, in the lower part through a stratum of iron ore, and thus, through the combination of the two, it creates a river of very nearly the color and something of the taste of black ink.

NEW TO-DAY.

"77"

FOR

GRIP

Languor.

Languor and depression are the first symptoms of a Cold and Grippe. When active persons are disinclined to exertion and know not what ails them it is safe to predict that they have taken Cold or that the Grip is coming on.

This is the most preventable time and "77" is the remedy; its prompt application will make you "cold proof." Carry it.

"77" cures Colds, Cough, Sore Throat, Influenza and Catarrh.

"77" will "break up" a cold that "hangs on."

Dr. Humphreys puts up a Specific for every disease. They are described in his Manual, which is sent free.

Small bottles of pleasant pellets—fit your vest pocket; sold by druggists, or sent, on receipt of price, six cents, to Dr. Humphreys' Medicine Company, 111 and 113 N. William st., New York. Be sure to get

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SIR CHARLES ROSS, THE SCOTTISH NOBLEMAN AND GOLD MINER, AS HE APPEARED AT THE PALACE.
(Sketches by a "Call" artist.)

amusements that may be suggested he will be able to bear a strong hand.

Sir Charles has left the care of his Center Star gold mine in British Columbia to his associates. The mine is stocked for \$500,000, but it is estimated now that there is \$700,000 in sight in it, and the old prospectors about the mine tell the Baronet that the mine is good for millions by spring.

"I don't know whether it is or not," said Sir Charles yesterday; "of course in mining, it is natural to think one is going to make a big thing, but time only can tell about that. However, the mine is certainly showing up well. It would be hard for it to appear better."

"I have been at the camp of Roslyn, where the mine is, a good deal. It was very rough and wild there for a time. I mean by that there was a regular stampede to the new district. It is better now. Things have got on a steadier and more desirable basis."

The coat-of-arms of the Rosses is a curious and significant illustration of the characteristics of the family which the Baronet represents. The arms represent three lions rampant, and the crest a hand holding a garland of laurel. Two savages,



The Significant Arms of the Knight of the Highlands.
(Sketches by a "Call" artist from "Burke's Peerage.")

wreathed above the head and middle with laurel, and holding clubs in their hands, complete the arms, save for the Latin motto below, "Successus Nourishes Hope." Sir Charles has traveled much in different parts of the world, and is well informed both in regard to the governments and material resources of most countries of the globe.

He is much infatuated with California, which he thinks is scarcely equaled by any other country.

The nobleman dresses quietly and in excellent taste. He appears more like a successful business man who is enjoying a vacation than anybody else. No doubt, Sir Charles will cause a decided flutter in the society of Burlingame and this City before he returns if he decides to remain any length of time.

He is what the ladies would call handsome.

This dispatch was received from Vancouver last night in reference to the Baronet. A former English club intimate here of Sir Charles Ross has the following to say of him:

"Sir Charles is a lively young man and a good fellow. His peculiar actions used to be the talk of all the fellows in the club. He is a great sport and has lots of money, but not so much as he had before he 'bucked the tiger' in the London Stock Exchange and tried the experiment of keeping a stable of racehorses. He lost heavily in both ventures.

"He is an all-round athlete, a crack shot and a 'bung up' oarsman. He rowed in the Cambridge eight as a single man and after he was married created a great deal of jealousy in the Cambridge crew by being sent for again to row in the great