The San Francisco Call

FRIDAY.....JANUARY 10, 1896

AMUSEMENTS.

BALDWIN THEATER.—"Daughters of Eve."
CALIFORNIA THEATER—"Macbeth."
COLUMBIA THEATER—"The Lost Paradise."
MOROSCO'S OPERA-HOUSE—"The Fugitive"
TIVOLI OPERA-HOUSE.—"Ixion; or, The Man of the Wheel."
ORPHEUM.—High-Class Vaudeville.
GROVER'S ALCAZAR.—"My Precious Baby."
SHOOT THE CHUTES.—Daily at Haight street one block east of the Park.
PACIFIC COAST JOCKEY CLUB.—Races to-day.

AUCTION SALES.

BY JOHN H. FRENCH.—This day (Friday), Watches, Jewelry, etc., at 221 Montgomery st., at 10:30 A. M.
BY VON RHEIN CO.—Thursday, January 16, Real Estate, at Salesroom, 513 California street, at 12 o'clock.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Arguments in the railroad case were interrupted by a funeral.

The annual meeting of the Children's Hospital was held yesterday.

The downtown poolrooms have been effectually damaged by Ed Corrigan.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Protection and Relief Society was held yesterday.

Dr. Young will lecture at the Geary-street Temple this evening on the Armenian question.

The court interpreters for the ensuing year were appointed by the Mayor and Judges Slack and Campbell.

The sealing regulations for 1896 have at last arrived from Washington. Fifty copies are at the Custom-house.

The will of Aaron Gorfinkel, leaving an estate valued at $5000 to various relatives, has been filed for probate.

Mayor Sutro and Mayor Davie of Oakland held a conference in order to arrange for an anti-funding bill convention.

John Francis Griffin was found guilty of robbery in Judge Wallace's court yesterday. He will be sentenced Monday.

The Blum estate is sueing for the possession of some property held by Judah Boas, which, it is claimed, rightfully belongs to the estate.

The weather indications for San Francisco to-day are: Cloudy, and probably light rain; stationary temperature; fresh easterly winds.

Next Monday at Metropolitan Temple a mass-meeting will be held to arouse sympathy for the Armenian sufferers. Mayor Sutro will preside.

J. J. Seary and F. A. Jones have been chosen delegates to the National Convention of Marine Engineers, to be held at Washington on the 20th inst.

A big crowd attended the opening day at Ingleside track. The winning horses were Wyoming, Unity, Wheel of Fortune, Burmah and Pepper.

Trolley-cars will be run to the top of Mt. Tamalpais, instead of cable-cars, as was proposed. The survey for the road was begun yesterday.

Judge Hunt has sustained the demurrer of Charles Ashton and Julius Jacobs to the complaint filed last September by Mrs. Henrietta Heydenfeldt.

The police last night arrested nine bicyclists for violating the recent bicycle ordinance, which prohibits them from riding at a faster speed than six miles an hour.

The Street Committee of the Board of Supervisors has recommended an appropriation of $35,000 to begin work on the paving of Folsom street with bituminous rock.

The executive committee of the Civic Federation passed a resolution yesterday protesting against the removal of Superintendent Weaver by the Board of Health.

Thomas Upson, alias Joe Johnston, the bogus lottery-ticket man, made a vain plea for mercy to Judge Low yesterday and was sent to the County Jail to serve six months.

M. J. Ferrer, collector for C. D. Bunker & Co., Custom-house brokers, was yesterday held to answer before the Superior Court on three charges of forgery in $4000 bonds.

The Brewers' Protective Association members may patch up their internal troubles in order to meet and combat what they regard as a common enemy, the labor unions.

Coast Secretary George P. Keeney of the American Bimetallic Union left for Washington, D. C., last night to attend the conference of silver leaders to be held there January 22.

There are good chances of a lively row in the Manufacturers' and Producers' Association, caused by Director James Sproule's efforts to oust Mr. Mead from the position of secretary.

Minister W. R. Castle of Hawaii arrived from Washington, D. C., yesterday on a trip to his home. He favors the Spaulding resolution for the annexation of Hawaii to the United States.

William McDaniels has secured a writ of habeas corpus from the Supreme Court upon which he hopes to escape from the Humboldt County jail. He was arrested for stealing a hog.

John P. Gallagher, proprietor of the Hotel Langham, is after the scalp of Frank Dwyer for tempting him to lay $50 on a horserace, after refraining from gambling for twenty-six years.

Deputy Fish Commissioners made a successful raid upon illegal fishermen at Bouldin Island early in the week and captured four fishermen, two boats, a lot of fish and 600 fathoms of illegal nets.

G. Goodland of London, a hunter who has been killing bear, deer and mountain lions in Calaveras County, is in the City, en route to Australia and New Zealand to kill wild pigs and other game.

Heirs-at-law of Cornelius King, who died in the insane asylum, leaving his estate consisting of $214,000 in cash to his two nephews, James and Daniel King, yesterday began a contest of the will.

A. W. Seley, who embezzled $2650 from the Russ House in November and who was arrested and brought from San Jose yesterday, has made a written confession of his guilt. He is incarcerated in the City Prison.

Mrs. Marion Broje, a resident of this City, who was injured by being thrown from a street-car on the 7th of last July, has commenced a suit against the Market-street Railway Company for $50,315 damages.

City councils of St. Vincent de Paul's Society met last night at the Cathedral and decided to distribute a bequest of $4500 on a pro rata basis among the parish councils, which will give it to the deserving poor.

The Fire Commissioners yesterday made several appointments, transfers and promotions, and it was announced that the Scannel monument would be unveiled on Sunday afternoon in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

It is understood that a differential rate of $3 a ton on freight to New York will be maintained by the Pacific Mail in its new advanced tariff. The only hope left for shippers of "low" commodities is the clipper-ship line.

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon listened to Professor Davidson's report on the dangers and the necessities of the harbor. It was decided to print the report and hold a special meeting to consider it.

The Rix Compressed Air Machinery Company has filed articles of incorporation. Its capital stock is $50,000, all of which has been subscribed. The directors are Edward A. Rix, Alice R. B. Rix, William A. Hewett, Patrick Reardon and A. Barnard.

Charles Lawson, a sailor, who on January 4 hit John Curtin, the keeper of a sailors' boarding-house on Main street, over the head with a revolver, was yesterday held to answer before the Superior Court in $1000 bonds on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

A telegram was received yesterday by Dr. Calderon, Minister of Salvador in this City, from Mr. Castellanos, Minister of Foreign Affairs at San Salvador, which states that General Ezeta has organized a filibustering expedition and is now hovering around the port of Costa Rica.

A $20,000 damage suit has been commenced against the Selby Smelting and Lead Company by Attorneys John E. Ritchie and Delmas & Shortridge, on behalf of W. H. Moorehouse, a painter, who was nearly killed by the company's machinery at 416 Montgomery street last September.

Florence G. Pierce secured a divorce from David W. Pierce yesterday because her husband had been convicted of a felony. In May, 1891, he was convicted in the courts of New York of grand larceny for stealing a lady's breastpin. He was sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

The machinery of the secret service division of the Federal Government, and also that of the Department of Justice, has been put in motion to have C. D. Harson arrested. Harson was the principal witness for the defense on M'D. Howell's first trial. His whereabouts are not yet known.

Although rates of dividends have been reduced by the savings banks, new accounts are being opened daily with the various local savings institutions by working people with unprecedented rapidity. The bank managers say that in their experience they never saw such signs of prosperity among the masses.

The land-grant dispute between the Government and the Oregon and California, involving lands embraced in both the Northern Pacific and Oregon and California grants, and which Judge Gilbert of Portland decided in favor of the Government, has been appealed to the United State Circuit Court of Appeals here.

MEAD FIRES HOT SHOT.

The Secretary of the Manufacturers Replies to James Sproule.

FIGHTING OVER PROF. SMITH

A Demand to Have a Director Removed From the Investigating Committee.

L. R. Mead, secretary of the Manufacturers' and Producers' Association, does not propose to sit quietly by and permit Director James Sproule to assert that the affairs of the association have been mismanaged and neglected; more than that Mr. Mead is radically opposed to having Mr. Sproule's friend, Professor Emory Smith, late of Stanford University, being put into the association as manager of the organization.

The trouble started a week or two ago, when it became rumored among the directors that Mr. Sproule was making an effort to oust Mead and his assistants from the office and put his friend Emory Smith in to manage the affairs. The first public indication that there was discord in the ranks was on Tuesday, at the meeting of the directors, when Sproule requested that the directors go into secret session—"executive" session, as he termed it. Several of the directors opposed secret sessions, but his request was respected and the representatives of the press left the room.

The secret session was short, but long enough for Mr. Sproule to make a speech, in which, it is said, he advocated a change in the management of the association and that a manager be employed to run the business. He made a failure, for his motion was so amended that the substitute bore no resemblance to the original motion. By the amendment the chair was directed to appoint a committee of three to investigate the work of the association in the past and the efficiency of the management. On this committee were appointed James Sproule, M. J. Keller and W. F. Bowers.

Even the substitute failed to remove the sting of Sproule's dart. Secretary Mead had in his pocket a letter from Sproule that caused him anything but pleasure. The principal feature of that letter Mr. Mead regarded as a reflection upon him, and how far he was correct may be judged from the letter itself, which reads:

* * * Without any prejudice whatever to your good self, for whom I have the greatest respect—both personally and in a business way—I must say, with all possible emphasis, that I am in favor of a radical change in the detail management of our association's affairs. We are languishing, and with the limited time at your disposal to keep hold of matters it is more necessary now than ever before to resolve our affairs into a state of permanent efficiency.

Looking around for a man in whose ability, energy and foresightedness, in whom I, for one, could have confidence, I have not been able to locate any more suitable man than Emory E. Smith, who, I believe, has been to see you and quite a number of the directors of the association. We need a manager to take full charge of matters under the direction of the board—a man who will be every hour of the day on deck, with the interests of the association solely in mind and in hand.

I shall give the gentleman named such earnest advocacy as I believe the needs of the association and his eligibility warrant.

Mr. Mead took all this with as much grace as the circumstances would permit, but he gave vent to his feelings yesterday upon reading a published interview with Mr. Sproule. In the interview the latter says that he has no personal feeling against the former, nor is he making a canvass for Professor Smith in particular for the position of manager. Mr. Sproule was reported as saying:

My resolution was an expression of my belief that the association was in need of some person who could devote all his time to the advancement of the interests of the association. * * * The difficulty lay in the fact that Mr. Mead did not have time to attend to the affairs of the association as I believe they should be attended to. Mr. Mead has often told me that he could not spare the time to personally attend to the association business.

This aroused the secretary's ire. Mr. Mead said yesterday:

I do not know how Mr. Sproule got his information that I have not the time to attend to the business of the association. Since I have been the secretary of this organization, I have given all the time that was required to the affairs, as the association has been my hobby. It is not necessary for me to sit in the office ten hours a day. Mr. Dingle, the assistant secretary, attends to the routine and detail matters, but I know of everything of importance that is being done, and I direct all the business. One time I did tell Mr. Sproule that I did not have the time to attend to a projected matter that would have required the services of a corps of clerks.

I am not at all pleased that he should accuse me of neglecting my duties, for that is practically what his resolution and interview means. I claim, with some pride, that the association's affairs have been managed remarkably well, considering the means we have had at our disposal. I do not receive any compensation for my services as secretary, and the others in the office are not overpaid.

There is another matter that I am going to bring before the president, Mr. Scott. Mr. Sproule practically made charges that the affairs are mismanaged and neglected, yet Mr. Scott put him on the investigating committee. To this I will protest, as I object to having Mr. Sproule act as the complainant and then sit as a juror on my case. I have sent President Scott the following letter:

SAN FRANCISCO, January 9, 1896.

Henry T. Scott Esq., President Manufacturers' and Producers' Association—DEAR SIR: At a meeting of the board of directors of the Manufacturers' and Producers' Association of California, held at this office on January 7, Mr. James Sproule offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the chair to consider and report at an early day upon the advisability of employing a manager, who shall receive instructions from and be responsible to the board of directors; and also, if possible, to nominate a man for the position who can be secured at a salary within the means of the association and assume office at the pleasure of the board.

To which, after being seconded, Mr. M. J. Keller offered an amendment as follows:

Resolved, That the chair appoint a committee of three to investigate the work of the association in the past, the efficiency of the management, and to recommend plans looking to a renewal of the work.

Which amendment was adopted by the board of directors.

Under this resolution you appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. M. J. Keller, James Sproule and W. F. Bowers, to make the investigation called for in the amended resolution.

As this investigation should be judicial in its character and impartial I deem it important that the members of this committee should be not only active and thoroughly well informed, but absolutely impartial to the end that the best interests of the association may be promoted. I think I am fully justified in asking you to reconsider your appointment of James Sproule as a member of that committee. I shall presume that the work of this committee is intended to be and indeed it ought to be impartial and fair, and I am persuaded that Mr. Sproule is too strongly biased to give this work impartial consideration.

I think I have a right to make this assertion from the conduct of Mr. Sproule, which has become a matter of record with this association, and I therefore request that you reconsider this appointment and put in Mr. Sproule's place on this committee an impartial and fair-minded man. Awaiting your reply I am very truly yours, L. R. MEAD.

So much for the charges and insinuations of Mr. Sproule and the matter of having him removed from the committee. Now as to Mr. Sproule's protege. He declares that he is not particularly interested in Professor Smith. Look at the letter he wrote to me, in which he says, "I shall give the gentleman named (Professor Smith) such earnest advocacy as I believe the needs of the association and his eligibility warrant." Does not that look as though he was making Smith's fight? I seriously question Professor Smith's ability to fill the position of manager. Professor Smith is, no doubt, a scientific gentleman, because he was professor of the agricultural department at the Stanford University; but we require a business man and not a scientific farmer to manage this association. We want live, active men, such as we have at present—men familiar with the ways of the business and manufacturing world.

To sum it up, it looks to me as though Professor Smith had got out of a position at Stanford University and wants to get in here at a salary of $250 to $300 a month, and he got his friend Sproule to make his fight. I would not object to their making an ordinary application for a position, but I do protest against any one charging neglect to the present management in order to make a clean sweep of this office so as to place Professor Smith in charge. Sproule talks of radical change being necessary, yet Professor Smith, when asked what change he had to suggest, acknowledged that he had none. It looks to me that he simply wants the place and Sproule wants him to have it. If any one can fill this position better than the present occupant of the office I will make no objections to a change, but I will fight any attempt to clean out the office so as to make a place for Mr. Sproule's friend.

SUED BY CREDITORS.

S. H. Collins, the Jeweler, Attached on Notes Aggregating a Large Amount.

The jewelry-store of S. H. Collins, 227 Kearny street, was attached yesterday on claims aggregating $27,000. Collins made an assignment on the 2d inst. to Arthur Judis for the benefit of his creditors, and was permitted to carry on his business, but since then some of those to whom he is indebted for large amounts have become dissatisfied at the state of affairs.

The creditors who have begun suit are: S. T. Bernhard, who holds, as executor of his father's estate, a note for $3000, and Henry Meyer, who has Collins' note for $24,000. The latter transferred his claims to a clerk in the office of the attorneys who have charge of the case.

Bernhard's reason for beginning suit is, principally, that he was not consulted by Collins at the time that the assignment to Judis was made. That of Meyers is that the assignment is not in accordance with the law, which provides that such an act, to be legal, must be made to the Sheriff. Collins claims to have ample assets to pay dollar for dollar, if only allowed sufficient time in which to meet his obligations, which altogether amount to about $56,000.

Neither of the attaching creditors has any fault to find with the assignee, but they are dissatisfied for the reasons already stated.

TROUBLE OVER AN ESTATE

Heirs at Law of Cornelius King Want Some of the Money That Was Left.

Will Fight the Two Nephews to Whom the Eccentric Old Man Willed Everything.

Another big will contest was put well under way yesterday. It was precipitated by the death on January 4 of J. B. Fargo, administrator of the estate of Cornelius King. At once the heirs at law and the heirs under the will became active.

James and Daniel King, brothers and nephews of Cornelius King, had been made sole heirs of the estate by the old man, who also made them sole executors of the estate. They gave way to J. B. Fargo. On his death the two boys petitioned to be made administrators of the estate, James being represented by Blake & Harrison and Daniel by Knight & Heggerty.

Kate Sullivan of Watsonville, a sister of the deceased, yesterday asked for letters of administration for herself. She is represented by Sullivan & Sullivan. At the same time she joined the other heirs in asking that Public Administrator Freese be allowed to handle the estate. This was to be her second choice.

There are seven of these other heirs, all of whom are non-residents. Florence Carey King, Daniel King, Kate Riordan, Denis King and Michael King are represented by Walter H. Levy, Rothchild & Ach and Joseph P. Kelly. Florence Carey King Jr. and Mary Machado are represented by Sullivan & Sullivan and George P. Burke.

The estate in contest amounts to $214,000 in cash deposited in various banks in San Francisco. The grounds for breaking the will will be unsoundness of mind and undue influence.

Cornelius King died in the insane asylum at Napa on July 24, 1894. He was a character. He made his money buying and selling second-hand barrels, and would often roll an old barrel down the street to his shop to save expressage. He speculated sometimes, but bought no land, having a mania for piling up cash.

About 1890 he was assaulted by a footpad and was severely beaten about the head. This left him totally deaf and his eccentricities increased. Owing to his deafness he was continually fearful that some one was preparing to make another assault upon him. This eventually affected his mind, and when, in 1890, he fired several shots at a man, he was sent to Napa.

Several years previous to the assault which unbalanced him he had made a will leaving all his property to his two nephews. This, it is claimed, was practically the same as another will he made five years before that.

There is promise of a long and hard-fought litigation.

SALMON-FISHERS ARRESTED.

Deputy Fish Commissioners Capture Two Men and Their Outfits.

Deputy Fish Commissioners Davis and Stearns made a raid recently upon illegal salmon-fishers on the Bouldin Island drifts and captured two boats, 600 fathoms of three-mesh nets, a lot of salmon and four men. The regular fishermen on those drifts do not cause the deputies any trouble, as they conform to the law and use only 7½-inch mesh nets, and in several years but one man has been arrested there for illegal fishing.

Several days ago word was received that parties from the outside were fishing on the drifts with three-mesh nets and taking all kinds of fish. Davis and Stearns started out with the launch, and when they arrived within sight of the drifts made a run for the outsiders. No sooner did the latter recognize the launch than they began to throw their fish overboard by the hundred pounds. One boatload of fishermen was so successful as to escape after abandoning their nets and throwing the catch away. The other two boats were not so successful and the four fishers were placed under arrest. A letter received at the Fish Commission rooms in this City states that the regular fishermen who observe the law are pleased at the capture.

Reports from the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers are to the effect that the run of salmon up those waterways is larger than for years past. Those familiar with fish statistics say that the run is the largest in twenty years.

A Popular Railway Man Dies.

The railway agents in this city received black-bordered letters yesterday from the Denver and Rio Grande Railway, announcing the death of Captain W. F. Tibbits, traveling passenger agent of that line, in Denver. Captain Tibbits held the position of traveling passenger agent of the Denver and Rio Grande for eighteen years, and was one of the best-known railway men west of the Mississippi. To most of the San Francisco passenger agents he was an old and intimate friend from whom many courtesies were received, and to travelers a most obliging official. He died January 4.

He Was Disinherited.

W. J. Bernard is suing John F. Bernard and Frances E. M. Bernard for possession of a third interest in a seventy-five foot lot on Oak Grove avenue, near Harrison street. The lot was deeded to the defendants by Ellen F. Bernard, their mother, and the plaintiff claims that his sister and brother unduly influenced the mind of his mother against him, and he was in consequence deprived of a share in the property.

There Was no Quorum.

Considerable business lay upon the table yesterday awaiting action by the Traffic Association, but as some of the members of the association's executive committee were out of town a quorum could not be gathered, so the meeting went over until to-day.

CIGAR STANDS MUST GO.

Harbor Commissioners Have Determined to Remove All Obstructions.

THE NEW FERRY DEPOT AGAIN.

Attorney-General Fitzgerald Is Not Ready Yet for the Conference.

The Harbor Commissioners have finally decided that everything in the shape of cigar and fruit stands, offices in which ballast men make their headquarters, and those in which dealers in brick transact their business must be moved from State property. There will be no exception to this rule, and while all will be given time to move, they will be informed at the same time that no pull can save them.

When the board met yesterday a number of those who have been using space on the water front free of charge were present. They were not permitted to state their case, as President Colnon ruled them out of order. In doing so he explained that the board would be as lenient as possible with all who had stands on the State property. "There is no intention," said he, "of forcing everybody to move at once. Thirty days' notice will be given to one and all, and where it would involve a hardship to insist on the thirty-day limit further time will be given. Everybody must move, however, as the board has determined to rid the water front of all unnecessary obstructions."

"Hitherto the water front seems to have been owned by everybody and anybody," said Commissioner Chadbourne. "Advertisers have used the State buildings to suit their own purposes, and anybody who wanted to set up a cigar or fruit stand has chosen his own location and occupied it. The sooner this state of affairs is stopped the better. The water front is for the use of the shipping, and everything not directly connected with that will be removed."

Among the protestants was John McLaughlin, who has a cigar-stand adjoining the shed over Spear-street wharf. He is an old sailor, and is known from one end of the water front to the other. During a voyage to Alaska his vessel was wrecked. For days he was exposed to the terrors of an Arctic winter, and when rescued both his hands and his right foot were frost-bitten.

All three were amputated, but still McLaughlin manages to get around, and can hand out a cigar or a plug of tobacco as quickly as any full-limbed man in San Francisco.

"I'm willing to move if the Harbor Commissioners will only give me something else to do," said he yesterday. "I'm a thorough seaman, and although my hands are gone, I can write and figure as well as the best wharfinger on the front. When I became a cripple those who knew me said I would become a burden on the City, but I said no. I started this cigar-stand, and I've made a living. Now, if the Harbor Commissioners are going to take it away from me, let them give me something to do."

John Rezzola, who has a fruitstand on the bulkhead between Clay and Washington street wharves, was another protestant. He is a cripple, 68 years of age, and has a wife and five children to support. He has made a living on State property for years, but now he will have to move with the others.

After the routine work of the board had been gone through with President Colnon drew attention to the mooring bits along the water front. He said he had been informed by several people that they were of no use except in calm weather, and that when a storm came up and any strain was put on them they pulled out and vessels went adrift. "In view of the fact that winter is coming on," said he, "I think some action should be taken in this matter."

Superintendent of Construction Patterson defended the bits and said they stood fairly well. His principal objection to their removal was the fact that it would cost a great deal of money to drive mooring piles in their place. To this President Colnon replied: "If the change is necessary for the safety of the shipping it will have to be made and that is all there is to the matter. It's not a question of money, but one of the safety of vessels during a gale. There is a ship unloading at Howard-street wharf now that the bits would not hold if a storm came up."

Chief Wharfinger Root and Chief Engineer Holmes were both of the opinion that the mooring bits should be replaced by piles, as the latter would give to the strain while the bits would not. Commissioners Cole and Chadbourne favored the change and it was finally decided to take action on the matter at the next meeting of the board.

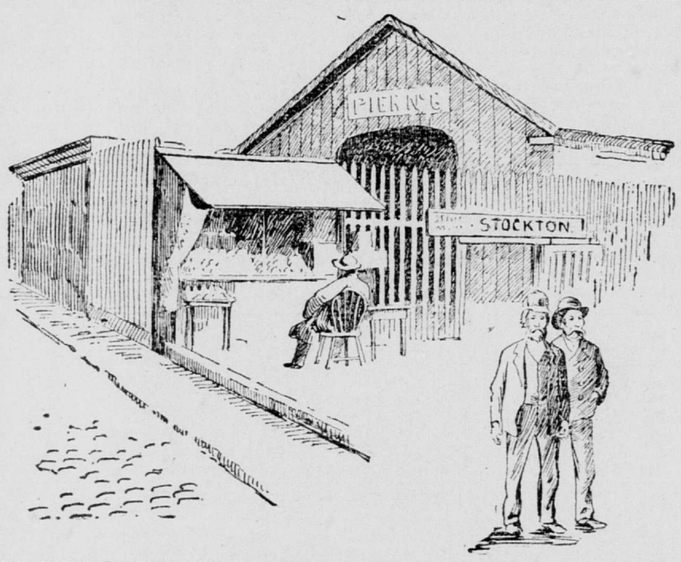
Chief Wharfinger Root reported that quite a number of vessels (six) had been anchored in the fairway by the pilots last Wednesday night. As the attention of the Pilot Commissioners has once before been called to this matter the members of the board felt annoyed over the affair. The secretary was instructed to send another letter to inform the pilots that if they infringed upon the rules again an example would be made of some of the ships.

Superintendent of Construction Patterson informed the board that he had an offer for some scales that had been removed from Howard-street wharf some years ago and he wanted to know what to do in the matter. Everybody looked mystified until Secretary Keegan explained that one of the board's tenants had put up the scales and paid no rent for the privilege for five years. A bill for $500 was sent him and he moved away, leaving the scales behind. He also owed the Pacific Bank money and that corporation claimed the scales and sold them for $5. When an attempt was made to remove them the State stepped in and took possession. The secretary was instructed to advertise the scales for sale as belonging to an "unknown owner."

All the contractors for the ferry depot were again in attendance, but as Attorney-General Fitzgerald had been unable to meet with Messrs. Stratton and Ford the matter went over again to next Tuesday. Commissioner Cole said he thought it was a pity the matter could not be settled at once. He was of the opinion that the work ought to be gone on with and get the Attorney-General's opinion afterward.

Commissioner Chadbourne thought that would be anything but a safe course to pursue. "The Attorney-General is a member of the Board of Examiners, and is also the attorney for the Controller, and thus holds the trump card. It is better to have this matter straight at the start, and then the contractors will not have their money tied up when the work is half done. If you, Mr. Cole, will guarantee that the contractors will get their money I'll vote right now to go ahead with the work."

Commissioner Cole declined to enter into any guarantee, so the contractors departed to assemble again in the boardrooms next Tuesday.



THE FRUITSTAND ON THE BULKHEAD BETWEEN CLAY AND WASHINGTON STREETS THAT WILL BE REMOVED BY ORDER OF THE HARBOR COMMISSIONERS EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appointments, Resignations and Promotions—Unveiling of the Scannell Monument.

The Fire Commissioners met yesterday afternoon and imposed the following fines: Joseph Shaughnessy of engine 31, ten days' pay for ungentlemanly conduct and vulgar language to a gripman; William Douglass, engineer of engine 19, ten days' pay for neglect of duty, and George Burry of truck 4, twenty days' pay for neglect of duty.

The resignations of Thomas Henritty, hoseman of engine 4; Robert Langan, hoseman of engine 17, and Charles J. Tracy, hoseman of engine 24, were accepted. William Murphy, hoseman of engine 18, was promoted to stoker of engine 17, and F. H. Kenny, hoseman of engine 2, to foreman of engine 9. The following appointments were made: Charles Smith and W. Little, hosemen, engine 33; J. Quinlan, hoseman, engine 24; P. Gillin, John Farley and Daniel Martin, hosemen, engine 9, and Richard Cosgrove, hoseman, engine 17. All the members of engine 9, except the permanent members, were transferred to other companies in view of the recent developments connected with the fire at Battery and Bush streets.

A recommendation was made to the Board of Supervisors to pay Edward O'Neill of engine 7 $50 as compensation for injuries sustained while in the performance of his duty.

It was announced that the monument erected by the members of the department in the firemen's plat, Laurel Hill Cemetery, to the memory of the late Chief, David Scannell, would be unveiled on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. As the late Chief's friends were so numerous no individual invitations will be sent out, and the press was asked to mention the fact, so that all who desire could be present.

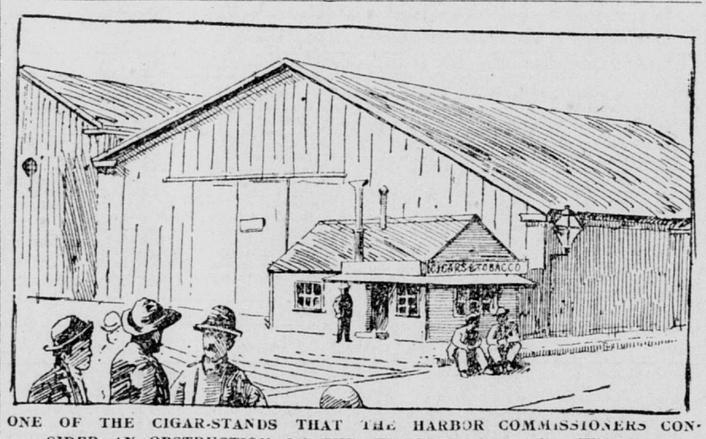
Mills' Marriages.

Annie E. Mills is seeking to have her marriage with C. R. Mills annulled. She alleges that she and Mills were married in Ohio on April 29, 1889. They came to this City some time after, and here Mills became infatuated with Elizabeth Anna Stuart. On June 19, 1894, he left his home, and after securing a license in Alameda County, he married her, leaving the first wife alone. She says she has had nothing to do with him since. The second wife is made a co-defendant, and the plaintiff asks for $150 with which to prosecute her suit.

Drink and Despondency.

John H. Smith, a teamster, living at 1211 Fillmore street, while suffering from despondency and an overdose of whisky, attempted to commit suicide yesterday morning by cutting his throat with a knife. He was taken to the Receiving Hospital and the wound, which is not dangerous, was stitched and dressed by Dr. Rinne. Smith was then taken to the City Prison and booked as a "drunk." He has a wife and five small children.

DR. MORRIS, Dentist, has removed to the Phelan Building, rooms 30, 32 and 34.



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G. Goodland, a Noted Hunter, Is Here, on His Way to Queensland.

HE HAS KILLED MUCH GAME.

His Story of Former Experiences at the Antipodes in Pig and Kangaroo Hunting.

G. Goodland of London, Eng., a hunter who has been killing bear, deer and mountain lions in Calaveras County and other parts of the Sierra Nevada region, is at the Russ.

He is an old hunter and has had some graphic experiences in going after emus, kangaroos, wallaby, wild pigs and other game in New Zealand and different parts of Australia. He thinks California hunting quite exciting, and is well pleased with his trip. There were four in his party. They spent most of their time in the mountains near Westport. At one time they were snowed up for four days. He says they killed several of the little brown or cinnamon bear, two mountain lions, and all the deer they wanted. In speaking of his adventures, he said:

I am now on my way to Queensland and shall sail on the Alameda to-morrow. I expect to have a try at the wild pigs there. I have been in Queensland before and know what the sport is. It is very exhilarating, and there is a spice of danger in it which makes it very interesting.

The pigs in Queensland go in bands, and they come down on you like a storm. You must have a good pony or you will have no chance in the fray. You kill them with a long spear.

Though these pigs come at you as though they would eat you up, they will in many cases turn from you when almost upon you, and you will have to sort out your pig and pursue him before he will come to bay and show the mettle that is in him.

But these pigs are not so vicious as the wild hogs of India. These are very dangerous. They are big, with tremendous snouts and tusks, and a snap from one of them is enough to take a man's leg off. A hunter there has to be very wary indeed.

The male pigs of Queensland are from two and a half to three and a half feet long. They are all as black as coal, and are armed with long, sharp teeth. I have had a great deal of enjoyment in going after them.

Hunting the wild pigs and kangaroos now form the best sport to be had at the Antipodes. But the kangaroos are protected by the laws. They once overran the country so they were considered a nuisance. They peeled the fruit trees of ranchers and made inroads on them in other ways that were very distasteful to the early settlers.

A law was passed offering a bounty for their killing. They disappeared so rapidly, their skins being used for boots and shoes, that in a few years the country became almost clear of them. Then shortly followed the marsupial law, which forbade their killing. This is the law in force now.

The emu has also been protected in the same way. Time was when a man could go forth on the desert and kill emus, if not by the dozen, at least in such a number as satisfied his desires for sport. He had to look out, too, for a kick from one of these birds would break a leg.

There is yet good sport in going after wallaby. There are a good many there. However, the wild pigs which I am now going after afford the best of all sport. I shall be some time in hunting them.

I hoped to get a California grizzly while here, but did not have the time to chase one down. I have been in Africa, but at that time I did not hunt, and consequently killed no big game in that country.

Mr. Goodland expects to return to California at some future time for further hunting in the Sierras. His trip after wild pigs in Queensland will be somewhat extended.

QUITE AS DRY AS DUST.

Arguments Presented by Counsel in the Railroad Case.

The Funeral of John W. Coleman Comes to the Rescue of Judge McKenna.

It took nothing less than a funeral to break in on the tedious reading of affidavits and arguments as to their admissibility in an injunction suit brought by the Southern Pacific Company against the Railroad Commissioners.

Judge McKenna, ever patient and kind, lay back in his comfortable armchair yesterday morning, when ex-Judge Hayne resumed his argument left off abruptly the day before. Counsel, in words most eloquently spoken, but to laymen, and others, for that matter, as dry as dust, went over the ground he covered the day before. The hearing lasted until after the noon hour, when his Honor, with a pleasant expression, unbecoming the sad nature of part of his ruling, announced that an adjournment would be taken, as most of the legal lights engaged in the case were called upon to attend the funeral of the late John W. Coleman, in Oakland.

The affidavit which has brought out ex-Judge Hayne's lengthy argument was published in yesterday's issue of THE CALL. Mr. Hayne's endeavor was expressed by Judge McKenna quite tersely in answer to an interrogatory of Attorney Herrin for the railroad company when he said:

My understanding of the arguments made by the respondents is that the Government, being a creditor of the complainants and desiring to protect its interests, appointed a committee through Congress to investigate the affairs of the railroad. This committee reported back to the President of the United States, who transmitted the report to Congress. When the committee began its investigation the corporation was anxious to get an extension of time in which to make its payments and, may be reluctantly, sent its officers before the committee, where they testified, not as individuals, but as for the corporation.

At this Attorney Herrin rose with a start, saying:

The Southern Pacific was not indebted to the Government, in fact was in no way related to the Government and can be in no way bound by the utterances of individuals happening at the time to be members of the corporation.

On these lines the arguments lasted until recess and will be carried on again this morning.

Heavy Damages Asked.

Mrs. Marion Broje, a resident of this City, through her attorney, Eugene F. Bert, has filed a suit against the Market-street Railway Company, asking that $50,315 damages be allowed her in compensation for injuries received by herself in an accident which happened on July 7. On the day of the accident Mrs. Broje left her home and took a Third-street electric car. On arriving at Market street she alighted and hailed a Market-street car westward bound, as she intended visiting the park. Standing at the same place were two ladies, each accompanied by a gentleman. The car came to a standstill and the gentlemen went to the dummy and the ladies entered the closed portion of the car. Mrs. Broje attempted to follow the ladies, and had just reached the first step when the car started, throwing her violently to the ground and injuring her.

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