The San Francisco Call

THURSDAY.....JANUARY 23, 1896

AMUSEMENTS.

CALIFORNIA THEATER—"In Old Kentucky."
COLUMBIA THEATER—"The Ensign."
MOROSCO'S OPERA-HOUSE—"A Man Without a Country."
TIVOLI OPERA-HOUSE.—"Ixion; or, The Man of the Wheel."
ORPHEUM.—High-Class Vaudeville.
GROVER'S ALCAZAR.—"Wolves of New York."
MECHANICS' PAVILION—Bicycle Tournament, commencing March 5.
SHOOT THE CHUTES.—Daily at Haight street ct Clock east of the Park.
BAY DISTRICT TRACK.—Races.

AUCTION SALES.

BALDWIN & HAMMOND.—This day (Thursday), Real Estate, at 10 Montgomery st.
BY E. S. SPEAR & CO.—To-morrow (Friday), Cloaks, Capes and Jackets, at 31 and 33 Sutter street, at 11 o'clock.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

John P. Wilson, the librettist of the Tivoli, has been dismissed.

The downtown poolroom men will start in doing business this morning.

"Showers" are predicted for to-day by Local Forecast Official A. McAdie.

Concert Valley in the Golden Gate Park is undergoing a changed scene.

Granite stone cutters have adopted a new scale of prices for their labor.

Red Men's Hall is to be adorned with a heroic bust in bronze of Adam Smith.

The police have not succeeded in arresting the mutilators of the horse on Jessie street.

John H. Crowley, a native son, 30 years of age, was last night sworn in as a policeman.

The Woman's Republican State Central Club met last night and elected officers for the year.

The annual meeting and installation of officers of the Mercantile Library will be held this evening.

An eight-lap bicycle track will be built in the Mechanics' Pavilion and a tournament held from March 5 to 11.

The widening of Lombard street for boulevard purposes will be discussed before the Supervisors this morning.

The winners at Ingleside yesterday were: Pat Murphy, Clara Wilson, Cadmus, Strathmeath, Alvarado and Olive.

A successful concert was given by the Grace Church choir last night, in the association auditorium, for the choir fund.

Recent discoveries have brought the shortage of Paying Teller Wittland of the Grangers' Bank up to about $13,000.

Eugene V. Debs, National president of the A. R. U., is now in Texas, but he is likely to bob up in California at any time.

An electric-car on the Ingleside division of the Mission line ran away last night and several passengers were injured by jumping off.

E. V. Debs' private secretary writes to the local A. R. U. men that their National president has no intention of abandoning organized labor.

A voluminous bill of exceptions has been filed by the attorneys for Durrant, and a stay of proceedings until February 11 has been granted.

President Cleveland is expected here next summer, when he will enjoy the salmon fishing that is so abundant in this State and along the coast.

Four boys named Ed Shea, Frank Kane, George Sullivan and Frank Martin, respectively, have been arrested on suspicion of being burglars.

The sad predicament in which are the Americans imprisoned in the Transvaal is told in a cablegram smuggled over the frontier and sent to friends in this City. It is reproduced in THE CALL.

Suit has been commenced to have forfeited the unused franchises belonging to the Market-street Railway Company, and granted December 9, 1890.

Owing to the injunction proceedings in the United States Circuit Court no business was trasacted at the meeting of the Railroad Commission yesterday.

There is a movement on foot to have the State and branch granges and similar bodies of producers hold a convention in support of the public market project.

A committee from the Federation of Women visited the Receiving Hospital yesterday and made a thorough investigation as to its internal condition and needs.

Phillip Ratz, another of the nefarious North Beach gang, came before Judge Wallace for trial yesterday. A jury was secured and preliminary testimony was taken.

Judge Seawell has decided that the directors of the California and Virginia Consolidated Mining Company, whom Theodore Fox sought to dislodge, may remain in office.

Joseph Cantor, a jeweler on Powell street, has made a complaint because Miss Stebbins, principal of the Le Conte Primary School, whipped his son for playing truant.

It has been decided to fly the homing pigeons from Marysville on Saturday morning and to have an interval of twenty minutes in the time when each man's entries are released.

The advertising department of the Southern Pacific Company has been moved from the building at the corner of Market and Montgomery streets to Fourth and Townsend.

H. Skirm and Phillip Waitz, photograph agents, who insulted two ladies on Sixteenth street on Monday, were yesterday sentenced to ninety days each in the County Jail by Judge Conlan.

J. J. Sullivan, a salesman for D. N. and E. Walter & Co., was arrested yesterday for sending threatening letters to Miss Minnie Grundell of 1512 Pacific avenue, a witness in his wife's suit.

General Passenger Agent Goodman has on exhibition one of the novel boxes of oranges presented by the residents of Pomona to each visitor on a recent excursion to that city from Los Angeles.

The grandchildren of Charles Shrakkart, the pickle manufacturer, have sued him for $1000 which was left them by their grandmother while on her deathbed, but which he refuses to turn over.

V. E. Dunton, a visitor from Napa, was robbed on Grant avenue yesterday by Mamie Barnum, alias Ethel Brandon, a notorious thief, who was arrested and charged with grand larceny.

Attorneys for San Miguel rancho property say they believe that Judge Norton's decree of 1860, found by THE CALL in the County Clerk's office, bars the Noe heirs from claiming title to the rancho lands.

The District Council of Carpenters and Joiners has received $100 from the National secretary at Philadelphia to be used in organizing new unions in the principal cities and towns in this State.

A license to transact a savings bank business has been issued by the Bank Commissioners to the Oakland Savings and Investment Company, which has a capital of $100,000. J. C. McMullin is the president.

One of the three Chinese women imported by Wong Sam in violation of law confessed yesterday that she had been born in China, and was not a native of Alameda, as represented in her certificate.

The present Election Commissioners were knocked out by a decision of the Supreme Court yesterday. It was ruled that the law under which the new commission was appointed is unconstitutional.

The recommendation of the chief of the Life-saving Service to Congress to establish and maintain a lifeboat station and patrol at Point Bonita has received favorable action in Congress and a site has been selected for the new station.

Peter Murray, a sailor, after being clubbed and wounded at the Sailors' Home on Tuesday night, was yesterday held by Judge Low to answer before the Superior Court for assault to murder, because to defend himself he threw a piece of crockery at a special officer.

Septimus de Greayer has applied for letters of administration over the estate of his sister-in-law, Blanche de Greayer. She left an estate valued at $5000. The testatrix was the wife of Harry de Greayer, who was shot by one of the park police. Her only heir is a son in England.

John E. Murphy, an asphaltum-roofer living at 700A Shotwell street, was working on the roof of a house on Folsom street, between Third and Fourth, yesterday afternoon, when he fell a distance of twenty-five feet, fracturing his ribs and sustaining possible internal injuries. He was taken to the receiving Hospital.

The National Guard of California was shaken up yesterday when information leaked out that the War Department has been inquiring about the strength and condition of the force for field servicing. The adjutant-general sent word to Washington that California would be able to send about twenty companies or 2000 men into the field.

Samuel B. Thompson, charged with a criminal assault upon a little girl, was before Judge Sanderson yesterday to be examined as to his sanity. Judge Sanderson, upon hearing that insanity was to be his defense to the felony charge, refused to pass upon the case and would only act to the extent of securing for the prisoner an immediate trial. He took the matter under advisement.

THREE LIVES SACRIFICED.

Mate Johnson and Two Men of the Golden Shore Drowned at Sea.

ANOTHER MARINE DISASTER.

The Men Were Lost While Attempting to Rescue the Chief Officer.

Of the many disasters reported during the recent gales, that of the four-masted schooner Golden Shore is the worst. The vessel weathered the southeasters, and when everything seemed to be all right and nothing but plain sailing ahead the chief officer was washed overboard, and in an attempt to rescue him two of the crew were drowned.

The second mate was not a navigator, but nevertheless he was a thorough seaman, and that was more than could be said of the four men who formed the rest of the crew. They were green hands put aboard at Port Townsend, and the only other men aboard were two Japanese. Had it not been for these men—one the steward and the other the cook—the chances are the Golden Shore would never have been heard from again. While the "seamen" could not do anything to help, the cook and steward took their trick at the wheel and also did their work in the galley.

The Golden Shore left Port Blakeley twenty-nine days ago, bound for Australia. A storm was raging at the time and she put into Clallam Bay for shelter. After a wait of over a week Captain Henderson squared his sails and made another start for Melbourne. Off Cape Flattery some heavy weather was encountered, but all went well until the 8th inst., when a heavy head sea was "being bucked into." The weather looked threatening and the order to shorten sail was given. As the majority of the crew knew nothing at all about working a ship the mate went forward to show them what to do and at the same time help out.

It was Magnus Johnson, one of the best known shipmasters in California. For years he ran on the sugar-boats to Hawaii and for a long time was captain of the Aloha. Latterly there has been very little doing in the island trade, and sooner than remain idle ashore he took a position as first mate on the Golden Shore. He was born on one of the Shetland Islands, was about 50 years of age and a thorough navigator. He used to live at 335 Tenth street, and his only relatives are a sister-in-law and two nieces.

The fatality seems a simple matter when told in cold print, but to the captain and men left aboard the big schooner it meant a question of life and death. A reef was being taken in the spanker and Johnson was laying down the law to the "green hands" that a reef point was not made to haul on, but to tie up the sail. At the time he had one of the reef points in his hand, and just at the moment the Golden Shore gave a heavy roll and Johnson fell. He held on to the rope, but a heavy sea that broke aboard carried him away.

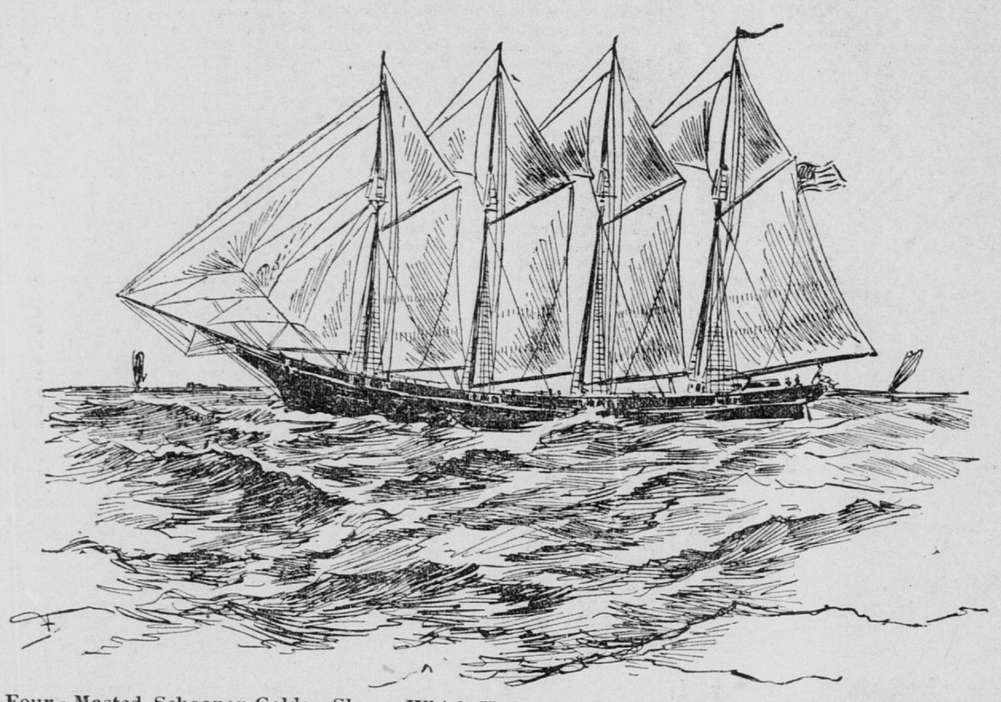
The second mate saw the accident and he yelled "Man overboard." Captain Henderson ran to the wheel and, putting the vessel up in the wind, ordered a boat lowered. Robert Pierson, aged 23 years, a native of the Jersey Islands, and James Conway, aged 28 years, a native of Boston, were the only two men in the crew that knew anything about handling a boat, and they were ordered to man her. Before they could get away a sea came along, tore the boat out of the davits and neither boat nor men were ever seen again. Since that time the captain, second mate and Japanese steward and cook have worked the vessel into port. The other four members of the crew were practically useless, as they were afraid to go aloft.

"It was the most disastrous voyage I have ever attempted," said Captain Henderson yesterday when the Golden Shore had come to an anchor off Meiggs wharf. "How Johnson came to be washed away is a mystery to me. He was a thorough seaman and one of the best all-around fellows I ever met. Some of our crew were green hands and he was careful to explain to them that the reef points were not to be hauled on, but to tie up the sail. I guess he was illustrating his story, because he had a reef point in his hand when he was washed away.

"I saw him plainly in the water and strange to say he did not appear to be swimming, but lay face downward in the water. I ordered a boat lowered and running aft took the painter of the gig and made it fast to the rail. With the painter fast the boat would have been held fore and aft, but either Pierson or Conway let it go and when it was near the water a wave caught it broadside on and not only swept it away but pulled the davits out of the schooner and carried away part of the rail.

"The boat turned over and over several times, and finally davits, boat and men went out of sight. When we had time to look around again Mate Johnson was also gone."

From that time until the Golden Shore reached San Francisco Captain Henderson has been on watch. Whenever sail had to be made the wheel was left in charge of one of the "green hands," and the captain and second mate went aloft to furl or make sail or do any other necessary work. When the vessel reached port yesterday the master looked as though he had not been asleep for a month. His face was inflamed by the wind and sea, and his eyes looked like two holes burned in a blanket. He is not daunted, however, and after a new crew has been put aboard the Golden Shore will sail again for Melbourne, Australia.



The Four-Masted Schooner Golden Shore, Which Had to Put Into Port on Account of Losing the Chief Officer and two of the Crew During the Recent Southeaster.

WAS NOT NATIVE BORN.

Wong Sing Hong, Who Was Illegally Imported by Wong Sam, Denies That She Was Born in Alameda.

One of Wong Sam's imported Chinese women confessed to Assistant United States District Attorney Bert Schlessinger yesterday that she had been unlawfully brought to this country and landed. Her name was Wong Sin Hong, and for her it had been represented that she was a native daughter and born in Alameda.

Wong Sam had made out her certificate. Altogether he imported three $1000 slaves, not by the Atlanta Fair scheme, however. The other two women were Chung Sun Kwai and Jew Ah Fung. THE CALL published an affidavit from Jew Ah Fung some time ago in which she said she had been sold by her mother in Hongkong to a woman and that she had been consigned to San Francisco.

Through Wong Sam's efforts two men were also illegally landed. They were Om Lung and Jew Ah Tie.

Wong Sin Hong will now be deported, as her confession of yesterday has become a matter of court record. She made a similar statement some time ago to Chinese Inspector Richard Williams.

THEY MAY VOTE BY PROXY

Fox Has Lost His Suit Against the California Mining Company.

Rights of Stockholders by Proxy Defined in an Opinion by Judge Seawell.

Judge Seawell has decided the case of Theodore Fox vs. the directors of the Consolidated California and Virginia Mining Company in favor of the defendant directors.

The suit was to set aside an election held on October 21, 1895, at which the defendants were elected. At the election, of the 216,000 shares of stock of the company 130,355 were voted, and of these last-named shares 129,323 were voted by Fish, one of the directors, who held most of them by proxy.

The stock voted by Fish stood in the names of various people as trustees. Neither the books of the corporation nor the certificates of stock disclosed the names of the persons for whom the stock was held in trust.

It was claimed that all the stock standing in the name of a trustee was illegally voted and that the persons named as trustees in the certificates were not legally stockholders.

Under the act of April 23, 1880, it was provided that "all stock in each and every mining corporation in this State shall stand on the books of said company in all cases in the names of the real owners of such stock or in the names of the trustees of such real owners, but in every case where such stock shall stand in the name of a trustee the party for whom he holds shall be designated upon said books and also in the body of the certificate of such stock."

This section, the court holds, is in conflict with section 25, article 4, of the constitution, which provides the Legislature shall not pass special laws in any case where a general law can be made applicable. There is no reason, the court held, why a law requiring the name of the beneficial owner of the stock of a mining corporation to appear on the books or in the certificate which would not equally apply to any corporation for profit.

There was no evidence that the stock issued to the trustees was issued without the owners' consent, and therefore the court held that their consent must be inferred. The stock was therefore legally issued, and the mere fact that the trustees had no real ownership in the stock other than as holders of the legal title does not impair their right to vote the stock so long as the beneficial owners make no objection. By permitting the stock to remain in the hands of the trustees the owner tacitly consented to allow it to be voted at all elections. Whether the stock should be voted by the person in whose name the stock stands or by the holder of the certificate, so long as the latter does not object, is a matter between them alone, with which a stranger has no concern.

Judgment was entered confirming the election of the individual defendants as directors of the corporation named.

RETIRED ON PENSIONS.

Five Schoolteachers Granted Annuities Under the Act of the Legislature.

Mayor Sutro, Superintendent of Schools Babcock and Treasurer Widber met yesterday to consider the applications of Miss Letitia Pyder, Mrs. H. A. St. John, Mrs. Laura D. Hopkins, Mrs. M. J. Cline and Mrs. M. H. Currier, schoolteachers who desire to be retired under the act of the Legislature creating a teachers' pension fund and permitting teachers to give up their labors on an annuity. The applications were granted, and pensions were ordered for all, Mrs. Hopkins to receive $45 per month and the rest $50.

Hermann Loses His Suit.

First Mate Charles Hermann of the Katie Davenport, who sued the Port Blakeley Mill Company for $10,000 damages before United States District Judge Morrow to compensate him for a broken leg, has lost his suit. He was helping to load his vessel with lumber at the time of the accident at Port Blakeley, and the circumstance against him was that the company was able to prove that the injury to Hermann was caused by a fellow-employe's carelessness, and that the company was not responsible for the fellow-servant's wrong act.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT.

Narrow Escape of the Tug Monarch on the Bar Last Tuesday Night.

RUNAWAY THIEVES WANTED.

The Schooners Orient and Gotama in Collision and Badly Damaged.

The tugboat Monarch, owned by the Shipowners' and Merchants' Towboat Company, had a very narrow escape on the bar last Tuesday night. She was passing in when a giant comber came along and swept her from stem to stern. Her side lights were washed away and all her hawsers went over with the receding waters. The wave even washed into the pilot-house, but Captain Dan Thompson succeeded in keeping the vessel on her course and managed to dodge the next sea that came along. The Monarch passed up the bay under a slow bell, as the captain did not care to make speed when he had no lights out. Superintendent Gray of the Towboat Company said that outside of the loss of her hawsers and sidelights the Monarch had sustained no damage. Yesterday afternoon she was sent out and picked up the anchor of the Occident, which that vessel lost off Meiggs wharf during the recent storm.

The harbor police searched the steamer Santa Rosa diligently yesterday for two lads named Clem Lacombe and Charles Cleel. The youngsters told a pitiful tale to James Patterson of the Pacific Saw Works at 17-19 Fremont street, and that gentleman took them in. They said they had come here from the East and were starving, although they had again and again tried to get work. In return for Patterson's kindness they stole jewelry valued at $400 from his residence on Union street, near Taylor, and disappeared. They were traced to the Santa Rosa, but although a diligent search of the vessel was made no trace of them could be found. The police think the youngsters were two of an Eastern gang of crooks and expect to hear of them again in a few days. In the meantime Patterson is out his diamond studs and gold watch and has lost his faith in destitute boys.

The steamer Walla Walla from Puget Sound ports did not get in until 4 A. M. yesterday. She encountered very heavy head seas and southeasterly weather that caused her delay. She brought down eight prisoners who were sentenced to various terms in San Quentin at Sitka, and whose stories were fully told in the telegraphic dispatches from Port Townsend.

Seal-hunters are in demand in Japanese waters. By the last steamer Donald Ross of Ross & Hewlett received a request to send over five good men, and he is now on the lookout for them. They will probably be sent over on the Coptic.

The British bark Sharpshooter, which was sold last Tuesday for $2260, is to be turned into a barkentine. She will be refitted by the J. F. Cunningham Company, and when Captain Luttrell returns in the Viking he will take her out on a trading cruise to Samoa, Hawaii and the Gilbert, Solomon and Marquesas groups.

The Harbor Commissioners yesterday appointed John Reed to be captain of State dredger No. 1. Reed was formerly assistant engineer on State dredger No. 2, and his place has been taken by N. H. Todman, the latter being succeeded as night watchman by John Dennigan.

The schooner Gotama, Captain Brissen, and the schooner Orient, Captain Mitchell, both bound for Coos Bay, had a drifting race out between the heads yesterday afternoon.

The sea was rolling heavily without a breath of wind, but the vessels were making good speed on the outrunning tide until they reached the nine-fathom buoy. Then a big toppling wave threw them together with a furious bump. At the first shock the Orient lost her bowsprit, and had her headgear carried away. On the next roll of the swell she returned the blow by falling heavily against the port side of the Gotama, crushing her bulwarks and tearing her sails into ribbons.

The rigging was carried away and the upper works of the vessel badly damaged. The schooners slogged each other at every roll of the swell for several minutes, till finally they drifted apart.

The tug Active came along and the captain of the almost wrecked Gotama gladly availed himself of a tow back to this City. She was anchored off Powell street about 8 o'clock last evening.

Captain Mitchell of the Orient declined assistance and set to work repairing his bowsprit and damage to his gear. He continued on his way to Coos Bay.

The American ship Roanoke, 216 days from New York, is outside the heads and will come into the harbor this morning. Her long voyage is due to having put into a South American port for repairs of damages in a gale. She is a four-master, the largest American ship afloat and is a sister ship to the Shenandoah and Susquehanna, all three being built at Bath, Maine, by Seawell & Co. A fourth big ship built by this firm was lost. The Roanoke is 311 feet in length, almost 50 feet beam and 29 feet deep. She is of 3400 tons burden.

The steamer Farallon arrived from Yaquina Bay last night, being over a day late on account of rough weather. The British ship Celtecburn arrived last night from Newcastle, Australia.

The little schooner Lila and Mattie, which left this port for the north on January 17, went aground last evening at the mouth of the Coquille River. No lives were lost. The vessel may be floated.

FREE-MARKET CONVENTION.

A Proposition to Have the Granges Aid the Local Movement.

At a recent meeting of the California Fruit Exchange Edwards & Edwards were appointed to confer with the special committee of the Merchants' Association having in charge the matter of establishing a public market. The exchange declared in favor of such a market and promised to do all in its power to help the thing along. Yesterday Mr. Edwards called upon Secretary Freud, with whom he held a long conversation. Mr. Edwards made a suggestion that may be favored and acted upon. With a public market in view, he suggested that a convention be held under the auspices of the Merchants' Association, of the State Grange and branch granges, the Fruit-growers' Association and kindred bodies, in fact, all producers who would like to come in direct contact with the consumers, and who are not satisfied with their dealings with the middlemen. He believed that the granges almost as far south as Los Angeles would enter heartily into a movement whereby their members could be freed from the tax imposed by the commission merchants.

Mr. Edwards was told that he would have to submit his proposition to Mr. Kohlberg, the chairman of the free-market committee, who will present it to the association at the meeting to-night.

THE ACCOUNTS DIFFERED.

Why H. D. Luce Lost a Case in the Justices' Court.

A peculiar state of affairs in the books of the W. R. Larzelere Commission Company was brought to light in Justice Cook's court yesterday in the suit of H. D. Luce against M. Callaghan and wife. The company transferred a claim against the defendants to Luce, who brought suit for $236 35. The testimony brought out the fact that three sets of books are kept by the company. One of these showed that the Callaghan account was closed on June 8, 1892, while another showed that the date of closing was October 13 of the same year.

Attorney H. K. Asher, who appeared for the defendants, pleaded the statute of limitations, and threw so much doubt on the correctness of the accounts that his clients were given a verdict.

SENT THREATS BY MAIL.

Arrest of Salesman J. J. Sullivan by Postal Inspector Thrall.

The Person Addressed Was a Witness in a Suit His Wife Had Brought for Support.

One of the salesmen for D. N. and E. Walter & Co., carpet dealers at 539 Market street, J. J. Sullivan by name, was arrested by Postoffice Inspector Thrall yesterday afternoon for sending a threatening letter to Miss Minnie Grundell of 1512 Pacific street.

Sullivan was indicted on Tuesday afternoon by the Federal Grand Jury, before which body all the facts were placed.

It seems that Miss Grundell was a witness to the signing of an agreement between Sullivan and his wife which had been called into question recently in Judge Hebbard's court in a suit she had brought for the maintenance of herself and six-months old child. To his wife's complaint Sullivan filed an answer stating that on the day of their marriage she had entered into an agreement by which his wife promised to never ask him for any support, and shortly after he entered a counter suit asking for the annulment of the marriage. Sullivan claims that the child is not his. As to the agreement itself Mrs. Sullivan has admitted that she made it, but she explains that she had not read it and did not know what it was, Sullivan having misrepresented the contents to her.

Miss Grundell's part in the matter was simply that she made an affidavit as to what had transpired between Sullivan and his wife before the agreement was signed. This affidavit Sullivan says did not state facts and he wanted Miss Grundell to make another one in Attorney Deuprey's office, but she refused. Then Sullivan sent a threatening letter to her, telling her he would make it hot for her. He sent her a postal-card on January 6, also threatening her. The postal-card read:

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Miss Minnie Grundell: Please keep your promise and go to Mr. Deuprey's office at 405 Kearny street, immediately, and you will save yourself a great deal of trouble.

I'm liable to get mad, Minnie, and I'll tell all I know concerning you, etc., so take a fool's advice and do as you are asked, and simply tell the truth.

That is all I expect.

If you are not there by Saturday noon I'll send the Sheriff's man after you to act as escort.

Respectfully, J. J. SULLIVAN.

Minnie was not scared, and the Sheriff's man went in the other direction.

Entered by Burglars.

The barber-shop of F. Maurer, 114 Hayes street, was entered by burglars on Sunday night, who selected several articles and took their departure. Entrance was effected by forcing open the door with a "jimmy." This is the third time within a few months that the shop has been visited by burglars. The police have been notified.

NEW TO-DAY.

"Pure and Sure."

Cleveland's BAKING POWDER

"I use it in my kitchen and class work."

EMMA P. EWING, *Principal Chautauqua Cooking School.*

BLOOMERS FOR COMFORT.

Miss Brown Gives Some Excellent Reasons for Her Dress Reform.

A BANGLE ON A FINGER-NAIL.

Earns Her Own Living and Says She Is Not a New Woman and Would Not Vote.

"I wear bloomers for comfort and cleanliness during bad weather. I am not a new woman, and I would not vote if the opportunity were presented. I have no reforms to accomplish, and I am perfectly satisfied with my attire."

This is the pith of the causes Miss F. E. Brown offers for wearing bloomers during rainy weather. The young lady can be seen almost any rainy day, when she has business to transact, dressed in the costume which she believes will ultimately be worn by her sex, and which she claims is the logical way to dress at this season of the year.

"I have been wearing bloomers for nearly a year now," said Miss Brown in an interview last night, "and the more I use them the better satisfied I am with the results. I have a great deal of walking to do, and when the weather is wet and the wind rampant I find that I am very comfortably clothed. A little less than a year ago I went into the business of selling groceries for a wholesale house on Pine street—Howard H. Hogan—and found that it was necessary for me to be on the move all the time I was working. During the good weather my skirts are very comfortable, and then I wear them, but when it rains and the streets and pavements become sloppy and damp, I can see no reason why women, as well as men, should not take some measures to keep dry.

"I cannot for the life of me understand how women can travel around and sweep up the mud with the edges of their skirts without sooner or later doing something to overcome such unpleasant results. It is not only uncomfortable but very unhealthy for ladies to gather up the refuse of the sidewalks with the hem of the skirts, and just as long as I have my say in the matter I will continue to wear bloomers and high-topped boots. You have no idea how little I care for people who stare at me. I have quite got over paying any attention to them. At first I used to be annoyed by the foolish little girls who sniggered and tittered, but I no longer regard them in any way. I enter the cars when it is necessary and make myself as comfortable as anybody there.

"Sensible people pay no attention to me and a great many ladies appear to understand that I am doing the right thing. I believe a good many more women would do likewise if they could only bury that false modesty and understand that their health and comfort would be augmented by such a course.

"Yes, as you have observed, I look healthy and am healthy. I have gained twenty pounds in the last few months and never felt better in my life. I attribute it all to the fact that I adopted what seemed to suit me best and stuck to it. It is easier to walk in bloomers than in skirts and there is a certain feeling of comfort that none can understand who have not experienced it."

Miss Brown certainly looked healthy in every sense of the word. Her color was fresh and rosy, while her eyes sparkled like Maud Muller's must have done when she finished raking that celebrated meadow "sweet with hay." Her manner of speech was quiet and reserved, while an unaffected modesty marked her entire conversation. She talked of bloomers just as though she had thought the whole thing out carefully and believed she was right.

"One hears a good deal about women who want certain rights," she resumed, "and I have no doubt they are entitled to them, at least so far as they are personally concerned. A great many of them want to take the place of men, yet they do nothing to prove their right to occupy any of the walks followed by the opposite sex. It is a good plan when you want to do a reasonable thing to do it quietly, if it can be done honestly. In my case I found that it was necessary for me to go out and make my own living, so I entered immediately into the work of canvassing the residences and selling groceries, as I have told you before. If I walked around in bad weather with soggy and damp skirts I would not last long in any occupation, but with my bloomers it is comfortable, invigorating and in every way satisfactory. Mind you, I do not wear them all the time, as a properly made dress is good for all purposes when the weather permits, but when it rains I take to my bloomers and thank heaven I am permitted to enjoy them."

Miss Brown as a little side fancy wears a small gold bangle, consisting of the seal of California, on the finger-nail of her right hand. It is fastened to the end of the nail by a small ring running through a hole in the bangle, the nail being about an inch long and nicely manicured. "I put it on my finger-nail when it was short and have let it grow out to its present length. It is merely a fancy of mine and enables me to feel a little different from other people. I suppose we all have whims and why not I?" Miss Brown when dressed in her chosen bad-weather attire presents a very neat appearance. Her boots are laced in front and reach to the knee. The bloomers hang almost as full as a skirt and the upper portion of the body is clothed in a ladies' walking jacket with the latest pattern puff sleeves. A soft felt hat set jauntily on a wealth of blonde hair, tastefully done up behind, completes the picture, and a graceful and refined carriage adds to the lady's general appearance.

Miss F. E. Brown, Who Wears Bloomers When It Rains and Says They Are an Improvement on Skirts.
[*Reproduced from a photograph.*]

NEW TO-DAY—AMUSEMENTS.

Grover's ALCAZAR

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