

MORTON STREET AND WATER RATES.

Special Session of the Grand Jury on These Topics.

CHEAP WATER FOR SHIPS

Chief Crowley and the Police Commissioners Testified.

THE CRUSADE AGAINST VICE.

Many Dens of Infamy Closed—Others Will Be Suppressed With-out Delay.

A special meeting of the Grand Jury was held yesterday afternoon. The witnesses attending were Chief Crowley and Police Commissioners Tobin, Alvord and Gunst.

It transpires that the subject of the inquiry was Morton street. The Chief made a full statement of what had been accomplished by the Police Department, acting on the suggestion of the Police Commissioners.

The Grand Jury commended Chief Crowley and the Commissioners for the good work already performed, and promised to render all the assistance within the power of the jury to further promote the cause of decency.

The Chief did not hesitate to express his entire confidence in the ability of the department to close all the infamous places on Morton street, and, when once closed, to keep the district quiet.

In regard to the work of the department in the line of arresting gamblers and lottery dealers the Chief presented figures to show that during his administration of affairs 20,000 arrests had been made, and the sum of \$420,000 collected on fines and forfeitures. Of lottery tickets thirty tons had been seized.

William Alvord, Police Commissioner, was the next witness called. He explained to the Grand Jury what had been done by the Commissioners and enumerated some of the difficulties encountered by the commission in closing such places as those which had made Morton street so notorious.

It was not ascertained whether Mr. Alvord gave to the jury a list of the estates and the names of property owners interested in property on Morton street. The closing of the houses of ill fame may diminish the income of owners for some months, but ultimately this property, so situated in the center of the city, will become so valuable for business purposes that the owners will gain rather than lose by the crusade against infamous tenants.

Commissioners Tobin and Gunst were called into the jury-room yesterday afternoon.

The water committee of the jury presented the following report:

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26, 1896. Frank Mackey, Foreman of the Grand Jury—DEAR SIR: The water committee, after submitting to you and other members of the Grand Jury their final report with reference to the adjustment of the water rates along the wharves of San Francisco, and append thereto a letter received from the Spring Valley Water Company expressing their earnest and hearty co-operation in adjusting and correcting discriminations heretofore investigated and reported on by this committee.

In conclusion we desire to state that the officers of the Spring Valley Water Company have met your committee in a spirit of fairness and in our investigations we feel assured they are sincere and will accept the reductions indicated in their communication. Respectfully submitted,

CORNELLIS O'CONNOR, A. S. PRINCE, C. S. LAUMISTER.

Following is the text of the letter from the Spring Valley Water Company to the Grand Jury with which reference is made in the foregoing committee report:

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26, 1896. To the Honorable Grand Jury—GENTLEMEN: We are pleased to inform your honorable body that the board of directors of the Spring Valley Water Works have concluded (and have advised the committee of the Board of Supervisors on water rates) that from and after July 1, 1896, this company will undertake the entire supply of water to the wharves of San Francisco, and the experience gathered by us to outfit, consumption and expense during the latter half of the year will form the basis for the fixing of the shipping water rates for the future at the wharves. Very respectfully,

President Spring Valley Water Works.

RICHMOND DISTRICT.

The Property-Owners of That Locality Object to More Expensive Public Improvements at Present.

The Richmond district property-owners are anxiously discussing the question of paving their streets. Their watchword is "Improvement," but they are beginning to think that they have about as many projects on hand for the advancement of their district as they can stand at present. The recent proposal to bituminize certain thoroughfares has divided Richmond, and hereafter has pulled so well together.

The larger portion of the residents are of moderate means, paying for their homes, and the prospect of more bills for street work is not agreeable.

The objectors say that there remains so much lateral and side sewer work to be done that much of the bitumen pavement have to be torn up, patched and botched, making poor work, with more and unnecessary expense. They have a red-rock quarry in the district which they aver will supply cheaply all the pavement they need at present. There are too many boulevards mapped out, and the property people along these avenues are moving to lay some of those to be removed.

The Anti-Cemetery Club is yet wrestling with the graveyards, which, although they have started, do not move out of the City as fast as desirable. The Cemetery Associations are not selling lots, apparently, since the passage of the prohibiting ordinance, but the deeds of prior purchases now being recorded have a rare old flavor—too rare and too old to be true.

They cannot understand why a grave lot should have been bought in the early '60s and '70s and not be recorded till the year of our Lord 1896.

Part of the cemetery question is the proposed removal of the City graveyards on Thirty-third avenue. These are used by certain benevolent societies for burial purposes, also by the City for the interment of the indigent dead. Those pieces of ground are rapidly filling up, and in the course of time burials there must of necessity cease for want of space, and when the City grows around them the bodies will have to be removed.

Charles H. Hubbs, president of the Richmond Property-owners' Association, is preparing an ordinance which will be presented to the Board of Supervisors soon. It prohibits interments in these cemeteries, and passed will open the way for the purchase of the City of a place of burial for its dead within the limits of the erection of a public cemetery.

CHARGES OF FRAUD.

Grave Allegations Made by Mrs. Marie Reusche.

Mrs. Marie Reusche is suing her stepfather for possession of certain property which, she alleges, he secured from her by fraud.

She claims that when her husband, Fritz Reusche, died, she was appointed administratrix, and under the guidance of her stepfather and an attorney he selected and managed the estate. She soon found that her stepfather had all the property, and now she charges fraud on the part of her stepfather and her attorney. She says the attorney is the one who probated her husband's estate, and the record shows this to be Julius Reimer. She is suing for a cancellation of the deeds by which she alienated her property and for an accounting.

The Wong Sam Case.

The Wong Sam case was continued before Commissioner Heacock yesterday until next Tuesday. Sam is charged with aiding in the abduction of the Chinese women at this port for immoral purposes.

MIDWEEK THEATER NOTES

Continued Success of the Carleton Company at Grover's Alcazar.

The Auditorium Has Been Renovated and a Brilliant Opening is Anticipated.

At the Baldwin Theater Frederick Ward returned to "The Mountebank" last night. The drama is not one that shows either Mr. Ward or his leading lady, Miss Fanny Gillette, in their happiest light.

To-night "The Lion's Mouth" will be played, and at the Saturday matinee "Virginius."

Nellie McHenry's humorous take-off of an up-to-date maiden in "The Bicycle Girl" is pleasing Columbia Theater audiences. The piece consists of a string of jokes and specialties which, if cleverly linked together, generally prove attractive, even if the plot be conspicuous by its absence.

The Carleton Opera Company is meeting with wonderful success at Grover's Alcazar in "The Lily of Killarney." Miss Rena Wilson, the prima donna, has already become a favorite with the public, and Jay C. Taylor and W. J. Carleton are retaining the popularity they have won here in former years.

The chorus has warmed more to its work than at any time in the past, and the performance, as a whole, is a thoroughly enjoyable one.

The Columbia Theater will give a bloomer matinee next Saturday afternoon, and every bloomer-clad girl will be given free admission to the theater to see Katie Putnam in "The Old Lime Kiln." The farce-comedy, "A Railroad Ticket," will be presented at the Columbia Theater next week.

The remarkable stage mechanism in "The Polish Girl" and "The Grand and the Grand" are immensely with the public. The pleader and the elevated railroad, with its mad jump from the track, are enough sensations to keep a melodrama going, not to mention the special electrical effects. Taken altogether "The Grand" is the most remarkable stage setting that San Francisco has seen for a long time.

Yesterday evening the cantata role of Casper in "Der Freischutz" was sung at the Tivoli Opera-house by G. Napoleoni, who will after the rest of the cantata roles in the opera. Next Monday evening Pianquette's opera comique "Rip Van Winkle" will be presented, which, we believe are made in good faith, regarding a reduction of shipping rates in future.

Messrs. Friedlander, Gottlob & Co. have added another place of amusement to their ventures in the Auditorium, which will be opened to-morrow evening with Sousa's Band. The stage has been finished, and the seating capacity arranged to accommodate fully 2000 people.

RECEPTIONS AND DANCES

A Large Tea Announced for Saturday at the McLean Residence.

Reception for Miss Charlotte Jewell, Women's Press Association Entertained.

The most prominent event of the week will undoubtedly be the tea to be given by Mrs. Robert McLean on Saturday at her elegant home on Pacific avenue. The date originally fixed for the fashionable entertainment was February 15, but owing to sickness in Mrs. McLean's family, the lady was obliged to postpone it to Saturday.

A prominent Jewish marriage that is attracting considerable attention is that of Miss Selma Altmyer, daughter of A. Altmyer, president of the new Bush-street synagogue, and the lovely Miss Frankel, one of the handsomest belles in Jewish society.

On Saturday evening last Mr. and Mrs. E. Block were delighted to receive at their handsome residence on Broadway street in honor of their lovely and attractive niece, Miss Charlotte Jewell. The guests numbered about 100, and were received by Miss Jewell, assisted by Miss Eva Roschmer and Miss Marie Bauman. The house was handsomely decorated. Palms and ferns lined the walls and covered all the corners in the drawing-room, sitting-room and library; smilax entwined the chandeliers, and misty ferns veiled pink carnations, and roses banded the mantels and shelves. The banquet hall was decorated in the prevailing colors—red and green. The orchestra was stationed in the library, behind a screen of palms, and furnished delightful music during the evening.

Shortly after 10 o'clock dancing was inaugurated. During the evening Miss Lillian Rothelie gave the winning solo, which was most enjoyed. At 12 o'clock an elaborate supper was served, after which dancing was resumed and kept up until an early hour. The guests carried off as souvenirs small hatched ties with red, white and blue ribbon, which were very appreciated, as it did on Washington's birthday. There were about 100 guests present.

The spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Marshall, at 351 Knox avenue, Oakland, was thrown open Thursday evening to the Coast Women's Press Association and other friends. Mrs. Marshall, known in the literary world as Emma Seckle Mack Hall, was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Eva Wren. The four rooms of the suite were artistically decorated, the most striking features being a mammoth bunch of calla lilies placed in a conspicuous position, and the quantities of brilliant California poppies which gleamed among the greenery.

A most enjoyable programme was rendered. The piano soloist was Miss Ethel Fleming, whose brilliant playing was particularly noticeable. The Misses Mabel Ransome, Daisy Pollard, Kate Wolcott, R. A. Marzetti, of Oakland and Miss Abigail Jennings of San Francisco gave some delightful vocal selections. The other musical numbers were given by Miss Mary Sullivan, Miss Alice Raymond, William Simonson, Alfred Wilkie, Fred Clark and Mrs. Eva Wren, whose rendition of "The Lullaby" from Jocelyn by Godard, was greatly enjoyed. Miss Susie Hobart, the talented elocutionist, contributed largely to the evening's entertainment by her realistic recitations of "The Kitchen Clock," "The Cheerful Visitor" and "Mamma's Baby Boy." The accompanists were Miss Blanche Farrington, Miss Mabel Busby, Henry Brethrick and Fred Clark.

Light refreshments were served and only the necessity for catching the late boats and streetcars brought the evening's enjoyment to a close.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brethrick, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Pinney, Mr. and Mrs. E. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. George Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Lynam, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lynam, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Marshall, Mrs. Mauda Kate P. S. Boyd, S. Darling, Harriet Crowe, Mary T. Lawrence, Emil Brown Powell, Emily C. Renssen, Ella M. Sexton, Lillian H. Shney, Ada H. Victor, Louise Ritter, Frances Fuller Van Fell, Louise E. Harton, Cornelia Harry Adams, Lena E. Harton, Cornelia Harry Adams, D. W. Gelwick, Shanklin, J. W. Hobson, French, G. W. Russell,

THEIR ROMANTIC WEDDING

Ida and Maud Itsell Were Married by a Justice of the Peace.

MR. BRETZ FOLLOWED SUIT.

The Double Ceremony Was Unexpected and on the Spur of the Moment.

Ida May Itsell married Seabery Peterson and Maud A. Itsell married Clifford J. Bretz, Tuesday, under circumstances as odd as romantic and peculiar. The young ladies are daughters of Andrew J. Itsell, vice-principal of the John Swett Grammar School, a well and favorably known educator. Both girls are pretty, intelligent and well-educated. They are of the brunette type, with dark, liquid eyes.

Their marriage was a great surprise to their parents, who reside at 1832 O'Farrell street. Justice Groezinger performed the double ceremony in his office in the City Hall, late Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Peterson and Miss Itsell, who is just 21, and the eldest of the girls, had been engaged for some time. So they suddenly took it into their heads to wed, and they accordingly followed out that line of action without delay. Mr. Bretz and Miss Maud went along as witnesses. The suggestion was made that a double wedding might just as well be performed then and there. A second license was therefore taken out and Mr. Bretz and Miss Maud were also married.

It was a great surprise to us, said the mother of the girls last night, "but I can't get over the shock that followed the announcement that Maud had done home." It was a great surprise to us, said the father, who does not know it yet. She is young and had plenty of time in which to select a husband. However, they are married, and I suppose we must make the best of it.

Bretz is a son of State Senator Bretz of Alameda, and Peterson's people, who are still in ignorance of his marriage, live at 1716 Van Ness avenue.

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L. HEINE WILL NOT STAY.

The 'Cellist Shakes Off the Dust of the Tivoli Orchestra.

He Was Replaced by Martens After Being Told to Go Ahead and Conduct.

When Adolph Bauer retired from the Tivoli conductorship the management of the theater requested Louis Heine, the well-known local 'cellist, to go ahead and take his place. Mr. Heine complied, and as a consequence difficulties have arisen, which will result in the 'cellist's leaving San Francisco.

It is asserted by Mr. Heine's friends that when Adolph Bauer laid down the baton the position of conductor was formally offered to the young 'cellist. He accepted, and C. Guterson was made 'cellist in his place, and for two weeks all went well under his leadership. At the end of that time Carl Martens of the Tivoli Opera Company intimated to the Tivoli management his desire to remain in San Francisco. His overtures were accepted and Louis Heine received an intimation to return to his 'cello.

The friends of the young musician say that he could not be expected to brook this sudden change, and they applaud him for the course he took in once notifying the Tivoli that he would sever all connection with the theater when he laid down the baton. Mr. Heine himself does not wish to make any statement for publication at present, but he does not deny that he was offered the position vacated by Adolph Bauer, and that when he least expected it, the intimation was given him in a few weeks Carl Martens would take his place.

Mrs. Kreling says she had no idea of making Louis Heine permanent conductor. "We told him to go ahead and take Mr. Bauer's place," she said, "but he had substituted for our leaders before and did not object to returning to the 'cello when Hirschbach had been away and came back again. Mr. Martens was at the Tivoli nine years ago, before he joined Emma Abbott, and we were naturally anxious to get him back again."

Louis Heine will conduct at the Tivoli for the last time on Sunday evening. The last time he played before his departure north will probably be at the fifth Carr-Bell popular concert on Saturday afternoon, when a number of the society ladies intend to give a reception to the performers of the concert. Louis Heine has himself declined the position of conductor with an opera company which George E. Nash intends to take on the road. The tour opens at Portland, Or., after which the troupe will tour the Pacific Coast until June.

The future plans of the 'cellist are not permanently settled. He may either return to this City or go East at the conclusion of the tour. His ability as a musician is well established, and local musical circles will feel his loss.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.

Semi-Annual Clean-up of the Property Clerk's Department.

The semi-annual clean-up of the police property clerk's department was finished yesterday and the unclaimed money and property were handed over by Property Clerk Cullen to the City Treasurer. The cash, which was in small sums, amounted altogether to \$74.

Among the articles were a cradle, gasoline stove, boxing gloves, a pair of crutches, about 100 revolvers of all descriptions, large quantity of knives, razors and scissors, umbrellas, walking canes, jewelry, watches, clothing, trinkets and lots of miscellaneous things.

Mr. Pelton's Request.

J. C. Pelton, the venerable educator, says that his application to the City Hall Commissioners for quarters in the City Hall was construed. He did not ask for living quarters, being already located at Ocean View, but merely for the privilege of deskroom, or an odd corner in which he might pursue his literary work, which includes a volume to be entitled "Sunbeams and Shadows."

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FROM MISSOURI

A Gentleman From That State Expresses Opinion

About a Leading Californian and Coast Institution.

IT IS TRUE THAT SOME FEW OF THE VISITORS to the hospitable shores of this Golden State go back to their homes and view that California is populated by "hays," "hayseeds" and so forth, but they are usually actors of inferior talents or disappointed speculators who have attempted to place some not too successful scheme on the market, and have found that the people who live here don't take all they hear for gospel truth without investigating a little. A criticism of our great medical institutions, of which we speak so much, and have found that the people who live here don't take all they hear for gospel truth without investigating a little. A criticism of our great medical institutions, of which we speak so much, and have found that the people who live here don't take all they hear for gospel truth without investigating a little. A criticism of our great medical institutions, of which we speak so much, and have found that the people who live here don't take all they hear for gospel truth without investigating a little.

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