

THEY WILL GO ON THE STAGE.

William Dailey Will Engage Mattie Overman as a Heroine.

THE PLAY OF A CENTURY

In Which Mrs. Tunnell Will Also Appear as Dr. Brown's Friend.

CONTRACTS TO BE SIGNED.

Richard C. White Writing a Play That Will Eclipse the Interdicted Durrant Case.

A play is now being written in which Mattie Overman and Mrs. Tunnell are to have the star parts.

Richard C. White is the author of the play. He says it will eclipse even the famous Durrant play.

Billy Dailey has gone to Mexico to bring back Mattie Overman and Mrs. Tunnell. They will be the heroines of the play.

It is only the other day that the Supreme Court, in its own legal way of expressing things, said, practically, that Superior Court Judge Murphy had no right to go and interdict the production of that great play, "The Crime of a Century."

The play, written by Richard C. White, the veteran actor, and promoted by Billy Dailey, who tried to produce it on a stock-company basis, was staged at the Alcazar on Monday night, July 19, 1895.

The house was crowded with people, whose morbid curiosity had been aroused by newspaper reports of the Durrant trial, then in progress.

White, the rising playwright, saw himself as a Hoyt, and Dailey, why—well, Abbey or any of the greatest would-be interdictors in the history of the law.

It was at this juncture that Judge Murphy did what the Supreme Court has said he should not have done and caused the Sheriff to step on the stage during the second act and stop the performance.

Manager Dailey was angered, that goes without saying. For months he fumed over his and his friends' arrest and threatened all kinds of suits for damages, which he claimed had been caused by the untimely interference.

Still, when THE CALL correspondent interviewed Mr. Dailey in Los Angeles the day the decision was rendered, he was in a most pacific mood.

"I am sorry," he said, "that I ever went into a venture calling upon me the disapproval of the public. I do not want to engage in anything more of the kind, hence I will not attempt to again stage 'The Crime of a Century.'"

"Dailey is all right," asserted one of his friends in Morosco's Theater last night. "He's just pulling somebody's leg. He doesn't want it to be known that he is having Richard C. White writing a play on the evidence and story from the case of Dr. Brown and Mattie Overman."

"Dailey has been in communication with Mattie Overman ever since she disappeared from this City for fear of having to testify at the Davidson trial. She went to Tia Juana, across the border into Mexico, and then she went to Ensenada, where Mrs. Tunnell joined her by steamer from San Diego."

"The last I heard from Billy he had arranged to meet the ladies in San Diego a day or two after Mrs. Davidson would be acquitted, and they were to arrange then on what terms the two stars would consent to an engagement."

"Miss Overman especially, Dailey writes, is anxious for the engagement, and she has won over Mrs. Tunnell, who was diffident at first. They are both clever women, with much self-control, good voices and they are intelligent. There is no reason why Dailey should not have trump cards in that kind of material."

"Dailey proposed that Mrs. Davidson should also be engaged, but it did not meet with the approval of the other ladies. It seems they are at odds. I do not follow the Brown scandal very closely, so I cannot tell exactly where the hitch comes in. It is too bad, however. Mrs. Davidson, and in fact Dr. Brown himself, could not be brought into the cast with Overman and Tunnell. Mrs. Davidson, I hear, will go on her own account. She is going to lecture and to doubt she will do well."

NEW TO-DAY.

Aticura WORKS Wonders In curing torturing, disfiguring, humiliating humours of the Skin, Scalp, and Blood when all else fails.

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don't know what Brown intends doing after this. But if he wants a job I know Dailey will treat him right.

"No, I do not know exactly the plot of the play. I heard some of it the other day, but it has slipped my memory. There are some strong situations. There is the meeting of Brown and Miss Overman in a Pullman north bound. He, a very sick man, is tenderly nursed by the young girl, who, as a result of her nightly vigil, falls quite ill. The doctor, having recovered, is recalled to this City by a clamoring congregation and, although his heart is almost breaking, he must leave the young woman in a public hospital. Reaching this City, he sends Mrs. Tunnell north to care for Miss Overman. The two form quite an attachment for each other, and likewise both nurse in each other a worship for Dr. Brown. Jealousy follows when they discover this. At this time Mrs. Davidson, the villain of the plot, steps in. Kind and good natured from outward appearance, but dark as night within, she learns the love secret of the two other women and decides to take advantage of the situation. She joins the pastor's congregation and causes herself to be liked by him for her good work as a Christian teacher. In this way she has three unsuspecting people under her thumb. She has her entree everywhere and manages to abstract letters and shift them to suit her villainous purpose from one household to another, and then she drops her mask and demands a king's ransom for her silence."

"In the meantime the pastor's wife, who knows a thing or two herself, has been playing a bit of diplomatic detective work on her own account. She unravels the whole scheme of the Davidson woman and when the ransom is to be paid over she steps in and causes the woman's arrest."

"Of course I mention all these names because they are familiar, but the people playing the parts will be called something else. It will be a great show, won't it?"

HONORS FOR MRS. PEET.

Her Birthday to Be Celebrated by All Temperance Unions.

The President of the State Woman's Christian Temperance Union an Active Philanthropist.

All the Women's Christian Temperance unions of the State will celebrate the anniversary of Mrs. B. Sturtevant Peet's birthday, April 27, as Franchise day.

They are preparing for all-day sessions, and the programmes will relate to woman suffrage and incidentally the life and work of their esteemed president.

Mrs. Peet has been the president of the California Woman's Christian Temperance Union for several years. She has done yeoman service in woman suffrage ranks for a still longer period, and during the last three sessions of the Legislature was active in her efforts for legislation favorable to her sex and in the interest of reform.

Her home is at San Jose, but she spends



Mrs. B. Sturtevant Peet, President of the State Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Whose Birthday Will Soon Be Celebrated.

much of her time in this City in conference with other State officers of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in assisting in philanthropic work. She was one of the promoters of the movement that resulted in the organization of the Woman's Federation for Public Good.

THE BLACK PLAGUE.

It Is Again Causing a Great Many Deaths in Different Cities of China.

W. B. Edminster, manager for Ovide Musin, the violinist, returned here last night from Hongkong on the Coptic, en route to his home in Chicago.

He says the black plague is again infesting various cities in China, especially the ports and river cities. There have been a great many deaths.

"The day before the steamer sailed from Hongkong," he said last night at the Grand, "there were forty deaths, and prior to that for a good while deaths had been fully as great on the average. The disease attacks the poorer class of natives more than any other. It does not bother the European except a little, when it is shown by a slight sickness at the stomach."

"There were twenty patients in the hospital at the time we left. Of course only rather the better classes get there. The poorer people die where they are. There is a good deal of interest in the black plague and considerable fear of it. Of course it is very dangerous to the natives, so many of whom live in filth and poverty."

Mr. Edminster will only be here a few days.

Verona Concordia Election. Last evening the following officers of the Verona Concordia were elected and installed for the ensuing term: President, Henry Back; vice-president, Paul Ball; secretary, Adolph Assant; financial secretary, Conrad Westefeld; treasurer, H. Erede; guard, William H. Smith; surgeon, F. F. Lord, M.D.; trustee—P. J. Mink, Joseph Firsching, H. Bendit, F. Kayser, Ed Wrede. After the installation the Verona sat down to a collation, which was gotten up with the same good taste that characterizes all their undertakings.

Ladies' Southern ties, \$1.45, all shades, every toe. Ryan & Ryan, 10 Montgomery avenue.

SOURCE OF THE ROENTGEN RAY.

Berkeley Professors Still Guarded in Their Statements.

THEIR GREAT DISCOVERY

X-Rays May Come From the Anode or Glass of the Tube.

ALL THE WORLD INTERESTED.

Experiments of Cory and Le Conte Sustain the Theories of the English Physicists.

Although nothing further was done yesterday by the university experimenters at Berkeley toward advancing the discoveries as to the source of the wonderful X, or Roentgen, rays, the statement of Professor Cory published in THE CALL yesterday has awakened great interest in scientific circles, not only in this City and State, but all over the world.

It is no exaggeration to say, in fact, that the eyes of the whole world are now turned to Berkeley and scientific men of almost every complexion are awaiting with keen interest the further results of Professor Cory's and Mr. Le Conte's experiments.

The discovery of the real source of the Roentgen ray, often mis-called the cathode ray, is of almost as much importance, or at least second in importance only to the primary discovery of Professor Roentgen himself. For when the source of the strange ray has been laid bare such experiments as those already made by the Wizard Edison—that of seeing through a solid substance for instance—will no longer be mysterious and occult, but will take their places in regular order as an established science.

To-day the experiments will be resumed, when, it is confidently expected, the results already obtained will be still further corroborated by additional proof.

Professor C. L. Cory and Instructor Joseph Le Conte of the department of mechanics at the university received many congratulations yesterday because of their success in tracing the source of the X-ray farther than has been done by any other experimenters, either on this coast or in the East.

Dr. Joseph Le Conte, the veteran geologist at the university, has been almost as deeply interested in the work of the experimenters as they are themselves. At the first experiments with the ray at Berkeley

There is a merry war among the San Francisco roses. Florists have piled their shops full to the ceiling with the choicest flowers of the season, and are offering them at prices which would make a London, New York or Paris dealer drop dead with amazement.

The war is being fought with roses. The fragrance of the queen of flowers is the odor of battle, and the only blood that is shed flows from the pocketbooks of the dealers pricked with the thorns of undue competition.

Too many people are in the business; too many flowers are grown in and around San Francisco, say the dealers, and the end must come soon. Many must lie down in the bed of bankruptcy on a mattress of rose leaves, mixed with caterpillars and thorns.

Early in the season several dealers placarded their shops with the announcement that the choicest cut roses would be sold in quantities to suit for 65 cents per dozen. The other dealers saw the cut and put out bigger signboards, offering roses at 50 cents.

Violets were put to the front also, and were offered at 10 cents per bunch, and finally down to two bunches for 5 cents in some places. Each bunch contained many violets as a man could cover with a large-sized hand opened to its fullest extent.

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Hotter and hotter raged the battle, and lower and lower fell the prices until roses were offered yesterday at 25 cents per dozen and in two or three shops at 15 cents. Nor were they stale or wilted specimens, or of the common varieties. They comprised all shades of tint, perfume and elegance. Among them were the France, Jacqueminot, Gloire de Dijon, Marechal Niel and the gorgeous deep velvet bush rose, whose perfume is so rich and generous that it renders the air almost burdensome.

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THE NEW HOG LIMITS. Ranchers Will Be Allowed Six Months Before Being Removed From Their Places.

The Health and Police Committee of the Board of Supervisors took definite action regarding the hog limits yesterday, though the regulations they will be recommended to the board will not take effect for six months, giving the ranchers practically seven months in which to find other quarters.

A majority of the board was in favor of moving the ranches within three months when the board last met, but it was decided to give the committee another opportunity to study the matter, and the result was the six months' extension.

When that time has expired, no hogs can be raised or kept in any part of the City, except in the district south of Golden Gate park and west of Stanyan, Power and Hamburg streets, and south of Spreckels, Havelock and Onondaga streets, Amazon avenue and Dwight street.

devices into condition for further developments. The apparatus for making tests is much more complete now than at first, so that their work has been greatly facilitated.

"What we can yet do," said Professor Cory, "in the way of arriving at an absolute solution of the problem of the source of the cathode ray, we are unable to say, but we intend to keep on trying until we either find it out or prove to ourselves that it cannot be determined. We are rather careful about giving out any extended reports as to our developments for fear that our fabric will fall before we have it fully complete. Scientific men should use much precaution in the matter of making statements before they are absolutely sure of their ground."

WANT A WRIT.

The Supreme Court Asked to Interfere in Judge Trout's Recent Decision.

The Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company has petitioned the Supreme Court for a writ of prohibition restraining Judge Trout from enforcing the decision he recently rendered in the suit of Claus Spreckels against the company.

Spreckels sued to have the company restrained from bringing an action against him in the courts of Honolulu, and Judge Trout decided the case in his favor. A temporary injunction was issued and a stay of execution was granted pending an appeal. The appeal has taken the form of an application for a writ of prohibition restraining Judge Trout from making the temporary injunction permanent, and restraining the plaintiff in the suit from taking advantage of the decision rendered.

The Body Identified. The body of the man who shot himself in Golden Gate Park on the 26th inst. was identified at the Morgue yesterday as that of Henry Montfort, a window-cleaner, aged 42 years, and formerly a resident at 1002 Pacific street. He had been dependent over the death of a sister.

A WAR AMONG THE ROSES

Choicest of Cut Flowers Offered at Fifteen Cents Per Dozen.

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NEW TO-DAY—DRY GOODS. BARGAIN-DAY SPECIALS!

This week our regular Saturday bargain offering comprises a variety of NEW AND SEASONABLE GOODS, all offered for this special occasion at Prices That Will Command Attention!

LACE NECKWEAR!

At \$1.00 Each. YOKE COLLARETTE, Butter Point Venise Yoke, trimmed with Oriental Lace, value for \$2.

At \$1.25 Each. BATTISTE LACE COLLARS, linen shade, sailor back, regular value \$2.25.

At \$1.50 Each. ESCURIAL LACE COLLAR, in black and butter, regular value \$2.50.

At \$2.50 Each. BATTISTE LACE COLLARS, linen shade; MOUSSELINE DE SOLE AND LACE COLLARS, Butter Vandylee Lace, trimmed with Oriental Lace, Collarettes, White Embroidered Yokes and other novelties; special value at \$2.50 each.

LADIES' AND HOSEY!

At 25 Cents a Pair. MISSES' FINE RIBBED BLACK MACO COTTON HOSE, full finished, double knees, heels and toes, Hermsdorf black, regular value 35c and 40c.

At 25 Cents a Pair. LADIES' FINE MACO COTTON HOSE, double heels and toes, Hermsdorf dye, black and assorted tan shades, good value at 35c.

At 33 1/2 Cents a Pair. LADIES' RICHIELEU RIBBED LISLE-THREAD HOSE, high-spiced heels and toes, Hermsdorf dye, black boot and colored top combinations, also all black, extra good value at 50c.

At 25 Cents Each. CHILDREN'S JERSEY RIBBED EGYPTIAN FLEECE COTTON VESTS, high neck, long sleeves; pants to match; regular value 40c.

GLOVES! GLOVES!

At 45 Cents. 2000 pairs 5-HOOK UNDRRESSED KID GLOVES, in mode, tan and slate shades, regular value \$1, will be offered at 45c a pair.

At 50 Cents. 1000 pairs BIARRITZ KID GLOVES, colors mode and slate, regular value 85c, will be offered at 50c a pair.

At 65 Cents. 1000 pairs 6-BUTTON LENGTH MOUSQUETAIRE CHAMOIS SKIN GLOVES, in natural color and white, regular value \$1, will be offered at 65c a pair.

At 75 Cents. 950 pairs 5-HOOK KID GLOVES, colors and black, regular value \$1.25, will be offered at 75c a pair.

MEN'S & BOYS' FURNISHINGS!

At 15 Cents. 200 dozen ALL-SILK WINDSOR SCARFS, in assorted opera shades, navy and white figured, black, light, fancies etc., extra value for 25c, will be offered at 15c each.

At 60 Cents. 52 dozen MEN'S LAUNDRIED "STANLEY" SHIRTS, with collars and cuffs attached, in a choice variety of new patterns, worth \$1, will be offered at 60c each.

At 25 Cents. 150 dozen BOYS' CALICO AND CHEVIOT WAISTS, made with two pleats in back and front, in a variety of handsome patterns, worth \$1, will be offered at 25c each.

At \$1.00. 45 dozen MEN'S FULL-FINISHED TWELVE-THREAD BALBRIGGAN UNDRESHIRTS AND DRAWERS, "Norfolk and New Brunswick manufacture," regular price \$1.50, will be offered at \$1 each.

LADIES' WAISTS!

At 50 Cents. LADIES' WAISTS, laundered collar and cuffs, made of fancy striped and checked material, will be offered at 50c each.

At \$1.00. LADIES' SHIRT WAISTS, made of fancy dimities and lawns, laundered collar and cuffs, made in the latest style, regular price \$1.50, will be offered at \$1 each.

CHILDREN'S DUCK SUITS!

At \$1.50. CHILDREN'S SUITS, of fancy striped ducking, full skirt, blouse finished with deep sailor collar, sizes 4 to 10 years, will be offered at \$1.50 each.

At \$2.25 and \$3.00. CHILDREN'S SUITS, made of English Gallathea, in fancy stripes and white ducking, made with sailor blouse and full skirt, will be offered at \$2.25 and \$3 each.

NEW RIBBONS!

At 50 Cents. FANCY DRESSING RIBBONS, elegant designs, 3 1/2 inches wide, value 70c, will be offered at 50c a yard.

At 65 Cents. FANCY DRESSING RIBBONS, in any number of designs, value 90c, will be offered at 65c a yard.

At 25 Cents. 3 1/2-INCH ALL-SILK, BLACK SATIN AND GROS-GRAIN RIBBONS, will be offered at 25c a yard.

At 35 Cents. 4 1/2-INCH ALL-SILK, BLACK SATIN AND GROS-GRAIN RIBBONS, will be offered at 35c a yard.



RULED OFF THE TURF.

The Sentence Meted Out to Plunger "Little Pete" and Two Jockeys.

A CHINESE CONFEDERACY.

Jerry Chorn, Chevalier and Hinrichs Pulled Horses and the Wily Celestial Cashed Tickets.

After a reverie lasting over a period of months the officials of the California Jockey Club finally concluded that some element stronger than luck figured in the phenomenal successes met with by the Celestial plunger, Fong Ching, or as he is more familiarly known, "Little Pete," in landing on winners at the Bay District track. Detectives were detailed to solve the system, and as a result Jerry Chorn, the very capable colored rider under contract to ride for Bookmaker Barney Schreiber, and Hippolyte Chevalier, a clever lightweight, also colored, find themselves ruled off the turf for life.

The same sentence was meted out to the cunning Chinaman who caused their fall, but to him matters but little. Jockey Hinrichs, the "St. Louis Garrison," who during the summer months was the Chinese plunger's right bower, was treated most considerably; the board of stewards directing that a refusal to assign ride a horse over the Bay District course would shut off his case. Dan Williams, the colored trainer, and owner of the horses Venus, Midas and Sport McAllister as well as being the guardian of Chevalier, and who it is claimed was pretty cognizant of his lad's wrong-doing has, together with his racers, been warned off the track.

By many it is claimed that the Chinese confederacy has been operating with success for a period of many months, but that it is only of late, when some of the association books at the Bay District track were getting hard hit, that the officials decided to probe the matter. Then it was found that certain jockeys were in the habit of visiting Chinatown at night and at rendezvous were met by Little Pete, where the next day's racing card was being entered. After liberal donations of China ink, a highbinder cigar and a few broiled rats, horses were picked out to play and the riders received their instructions. The following day the public played the horse in a certain race that figured to win, the plunger had his choice, but after the race Little Pete was found in line.

Finally, the stewards claim, one of those in on the "know," and whose name they refuse to divulge, let the cat out of the bag, and the whole scheme was laid bare. It was corroborated by Hinrichs, who admitted pulling horses to the gain of the Chinese plunger. Others are also under suspicion, and may be compelled to quit the turf before the stewards complete their investigation.

Coady, who rode the favorite, Cabrillo, in the run won by Sir Richard on March 25, has also earned a rest, the stewards suspending him indefinitely for failing to ride the horse according to the orders issued from the judges' stand.

The running of Fairfairs has also got steppeacher rider Andy Blakeley into difficulties. The first time out the horse ran last and at his second appearance won handily, so it was decided by the stewards to refuse any more entries from Mr. Blakeley. The ownership of Fairfairs is in doubt and as it was thought "Tom" Griffin transferred the horse to Blakeley's name merely to escape a "run-up" in event of his winning a selling race,

the entries of Griffin will also be rejected in future.

It is a strange fact that the Bay District track was chosen by the jobbers for executing their schemes and he does not see why more people from California do not go there. Everything is cheap, the people are industrious and enterprising and the country is growing fast.

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