

FLAMES AMONG THE FURNITURE. The West Coast Company's Factory Badly Damaged. THREE ALARMS SOUNDED. Much of the Rough Material in the Shops Destroyed. ONLY A SMALL INSURANCE. The Loss Will Reach a Total of Nearly Fifty Thousand Dollars.

One-half of the West Coast Furniture Company's factory on Fourth and Bryant streets was destroyed by fire last night. The blaze caused three alarms to be sounded from box 63 after 10:20 o'clock.

No sooner had Assistant Chief Engineer Dougherty, who is acting as Chief during the absence of Chief Sullivan, reached the locality than he realized it was a dangerous blaze, and had to be conquered quickly or it would spread.

The building is a large brick structure in the shape of an L, four stories on the Fourth-street side, three on the Bryant-street front. The former is filled with a large stock of furniture and the latter part is where the rough material was worked up.

It was in this part that the fire was located, near the boiler-room, and it spread through the shavings and inflammable material with alarming rapidity.

Ten minutes after the second alarm the third was turned in, and seventeen engine companies were soon at work pumping thousands of gallons of water through the windows into the fire, which was fortunately confined within the brick walls.

In the yard between the L and the street was the principal seat of operation. Half a dozen streams were "siamesed" and the column of water was directed against the flames, which were steadily progressing toward Bryant street.

Lines of hose was carried to the roof of a couple of small buildings in the yard and to the top of the main building from which they were brought to bear upon the monstrous furnace below.

On the south side of the building is a vacant lot, and there the water-tower took up its position and directed a powerful stream into the building. Another stream was directed into the building from the Perry-street end, which prevented any spread in that direction.

where the Underwriters' Patrol men were busy covering the furniture with rubber blankets. Mr. Emanuel could not venture a guess as to the loss. The fire destroyed the contents of the cabinet-room, consisting of lumber, machinery and miscellaneous materials.

The loss and damage will not be learned for several days. Mr. Emanuel states that there was not a very large amount of raw materials in the part that was gutted, but others assert that the place was well filled, as the firm has several large contracts to fill.

The greatest loss and damage was to the machinery, which was heated to a white heat by the flames and then broken to pieces by the douches of cold water that flooded the place.

It was roughly estimated that Emanuel & Co. will lose between \$25,000 and \$35,000, while Ames & Daliam's loss will run between \$6000 and \$10,000. It is believed that not less than \$50,000 will cover the loss, to say nothing of the damage to the building.

A VICTIM OF FIRES. Emanuel & Co. Have Had a Run of Very Bad Luck. The fire here seems to have camped upon the trail of E. and L. Emanuel.

This is about the fourth time they have been burnt out. Several years ago their building at the same place was wiped out by a blaze. Eight years ago the scene of last night was enacted in the south L, while the whole of that part going up in smoke.

The big Bancroft fire on Market street will long be remembered. It started in Emanuel's furniture store in that fatal structure, which was then a series of small fires in the factory during the past six years, but none of a serious nature.

MIDWEEK THEATER NOTES. Crowds Go to See "Romeo and Juliet" at the Tivoli Opera-House.

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The work given last night was Gounod's "Romeo and Juliet," for the first time in this city. That significant fact shows what an operatic famine San Francisco has been enduring, for in the East and in Europe "Romeo and Juliet" is one of the most popular works of the French repertoire.

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THEY RECEIVE SPIRITUAL ADVICE. Eloquent Priests Address the Young Ladies' Institute.

SUPREME JURISDICTION. This Question Will Receive Consideration by the Grand Council.

COSTLY GIFTS FOR OFFICERS. Grand Banquet, Reception and Entertainment at K. R. B. Hall in the Evening.

The Grand Council of the Young Ladies' Institute opened yesterday morning with an address by the Rev. Father Comyns of St. Charles, the spiritual director of the



Miss Sophia A. Grote, Acting President of the Grand Council, Y. L. I.

organization, who complimented the order for its efficient work in the past and encouraged them to reach still further in their laudable endeavor to aid the sick, suffering and destitute with which the land is abound.

By their fruits shall ye know them," said Father Comyns. "I am happy to state that the fruits of your labor are such as to justify me in saying you may be recognized as a band of noble Christian workers in the vineyard of truth."

This address was followed by continuing the reading of the minutes of the grand directors. At the conclusion the reports of the grand secretary and grand treasurer were submitted.

That the institute is in a most flourishing condition is amply demonstrated by these reports. The receipts of the past year aggregated \$9320, while the disbursements amounted only to \$5219.

The reports of the finance, supply, headquarters and printing committees were submitted. The report of the finance committee corroborated that of the treasurer, showing a surplus of \$4101.

tainment and reception was tendered the visiting delegates by Young Ladies' Institute No. 1 at K. R. B. Hall, corner of Mason and O'Farrell streets.

New officers have recently been elected in this order, and the ceremony of installation was first conducted with closed doors. The installation ceremony was conducted by Past Grand President Elias Comyns. Following is the list of newly elected officers:

President, Miss Kate Driscoll; first vice-president, Miss Margaret Ryan; second vice-president, Miss Lida Carroll; corresponding and recording secretary, Miss M. E. Grote; financial secretary, Miss Mary A. Degan; treasurer, Miss Alice Dwyer; marshal, Miss Anna Nyham; trustee—Genevieve Carroll, Mary Monahan, Kate Conklin and Rose Oilwell; organist, Miss Lottie Dwyer.

In the name of the order Miss Sophia A. Grote presented the retiring president, Miss Kate Fitzpatrick, with a handsome and costly gold watch and chain. Miss Grote embraced the occasion to praise the retiring president for the efficiency she had demonstrated in the discharge of her manifold official duties, and thanked her therefor in the name of Institute No. 1.

Miss Fitzpatrick replied in a neat speech, saying the moment was one she would always remember, and the gift should be one of her most carefully cherished mementoes, coming as it did from those with whom she had been so long and so intimately associated. Miss Kate Gleason, the retiring treasurer, was presented with a beautiful pin, also.

A royal "good time" was then enjoyed by those assembled, which lasted till late in the evening. Customs Employees Now Smaller. The long delayed June salary warrants for the Custom House employees arrived yesterday, and in consequence there is great joy in Federal circles. It was at first thought the fund had been exhausted, and would not be replenished until November, when the next appropriation becomes available.

Found in the Bay. The body of John Nybeck, who has been missing since July 2, was found in the bay at the foot of Third street, yesterday morning. The deceased was 40 years of age, and was found on him he had recently signed for the schooner Ida McKay. Nybeck was a native of Finland, and about 47 years old.

DEATH AT THE BATHS. Frank Denvin Falls Into an Empty Tank and Crushes His Skull. Sutro's Famous Resort the Scene of a Tragedy, Attributed to Carelessness.

Frank Denvin, the 16-year-old son of William J. Denvin, a contractor, living at 422 Castro street, received injuries at the Sutro Baths yesterday resulting in his death three hours later.

Whether the accident was due to the criminal carelessness of those in charge of the baths or to young Denvin's own recklessness, or both, is a matter of much speculation. In attempting to climb a ladder leading to one of the slides the deceased lost his footing, tumbling to the big tank below. His head was first to strike the hard cement, resulting in a severe fracture of the skull. The tank was empty, otherwise the fall might not have resulted fatally.

Young Denvin, in company with Mrs. de Haven and Bert de Haven, 417 Castro street, and Mrs. Chapman, 435 Eddy street, visited the Cliff House yesterday with the intention of making a day of it. About noon the boys determined to take a plunge before lunch and for that purpose repaired to the bathhouse. There were a lot of other sun-seekers on hand, and soon the two boys were making merry with the throng. It is considered great sport to slide down the sharp inclines which lead into the smaller tanks, and it was while endeavoring to enjoy these exhilarating slides that Denvin met his death.

GOLD IN CREEKS OF SAUSALITO. Little Nuggets Give Promise of Coming Wealth.

JACK HAYES' LUCKY FIND. Glittering Sands Which Line the Hurricane Gulch.

ROCK THAT IS PURE QUARZ. An Old Tin Pan and a Shovelful of Earth Yield a Lump of Yellow Metal.

Jack Hayes of the harbor police is no longer a silver man, in fact he is a decided gold bug. His change of metallic preference took place a day or two ago. Mr. Hayes lives in Sausalito among the charming Hurricane Gulchers.

A creek runs behind Mr. Hayes' cottage and in his wanderings along its bank Mr. Hayes has observed the presence of old-fashioned, gold-bearing quartz in large quantities. Mr. Hayes knows this rock to be gold quartz, because when he was younger he spent many a prosperous hour prospecting on Pikes Peak and vicinity for this same metal.

Day before yesterday Mr. Hayes said to his wife, "I believe I will experiment a little." Accordingly he shouldered a shovel and hung therefrom a large pan. He filled the pan full of the promising-looking earth and cradled it out in the good old way. Mrs. Hayes, who tells the remainder of the story, says she heard shouting in the neighborhood of the creek and saw her husband rushing toward the house, hatless, shoeless, but bearing in his hand the large pan half full of the wet earth.

As soon as Mr. Hayes recovered his breath sufficiently he gasped, "Look at this," and held up to the astonished gaze of his wife two gold-sized nuggets of pure yellow gold. Mr. Hayes is now negotiating to buy the lot that adjoins him on the creek side.

"I always wanted the lot," said he, "but it seems dearer to me now than ever before. But I hardly think there is very much metal hereabouts. I found these nuggets in the bed of the creek. It may have been washed down from up higher on the ridge."

"All the land around here was first bought by a man named Miller as mining property. It was subsequently sold to the Sausalito Land and Ferry Company. The ground upon the ridge about seven or eight years ago was quite extensively prospected for gold, but whether much was found or not I do not know. There may, of course, be nothing in this; still, next Sunday, when I have leisure, I intend to thoroughly examine the locality and wash quantities of the gravel. Even if it has washed down from above the creek is deep enough in gravel to contain a snug little fortune."

The two nuggets found by Mr. Hayes are about as large as huckleberries. He says the aristocratic folks living upon the

hill may be glad enough to come down to the plain, ordinary level of gold before the year is out.

DEMOCRATS TO RATIFY. The Junta and the Buckleites With Rival Shows.

Arrangements for the rival local Democratic ratifications went ahead independently last night and Saturday night. Democrats may take their choice between open-air meetings on Grant avenue run by the Junta and the meeting at the Metropolitan Hall which the Buckleites will strain every nerve to make a great success.

There was some little street talk yesterday between members of the factions about getting together in the interest of the National ticket, and when the Buckleite ratification committee met at headquarters with the presidents and secretaries of the district clubs there was an understanding that a committee from the Junta would visit them, but at 10:30 p. m. arrived and no committee came the possibility was given up and everybody was in favor of an independent ratification anyway.

There will be bands, bonfires and a street display of numbers yet to be arranged. The committee, consisting of James H. O'Brien, Joseph Rothchild, T. E. Tracey, T. J. Gallagher, M. J. Donovan and M. H. Kelly, will decide upon speakers to-day and also upon a list of vice-presidents. In addition to the following district vice-presidents elected last night: Twenty-eighth, J. J. Rafferty; Twenty-ninth, P. H. Cahill; Thirtieth, James McCuskey; Thirty-first, P. H. Enright; Thirty-second, H. B. Gorkin; Thirty-third, John O'Brien; Thirty-fourth, Mr. Ault; Thirty-fifth, L. J. Dolan; Thirty-sixth, M. S. Sears; Thirty-seventh, H. M. Kelly; Thirty-eighth, J. O. Wren; Thirty-ninth, John McCarthy; Fortieth, Charles Hegarty; Forty-first, W. J. Bryan; Forty-second, W. H. Humphreys; Forty-third, W. J. Henderson; Forty-fourth, H. P. Morion; Forty-fifth, James J. Stanton.

The Junta committee, consisting of M. C. Hassett, Max Popper, P. J. Harney, Thomas H. Haskins, T. J. Pinder, W. P. Sullivan and John F. McGovern, decided to have four bands, three bonfires and three speakers' stands on Grant avenue, between Market and Bush streets. Processions will form in three or four sections of the city and march to Grant avenue. The Iroquois Club will turn out with the Junta.

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Between San Francisco and Sausalito Park same schedule as above.

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