

PEKIN RETURNS TO SAN DIEGO

The Filibustering Vessel Manned by Famished Sailors.

Deserted and Robbed of Their Provisions by the Junk's Master.

LEFT TO PERISH AT SEA.

Sequel of the Expedition to Recover the Famous Esenada Gold Bar.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., Sept. 22.—The junk Pekin, which left San Diego some months ago to carry Garrat and an elderly man named Coleman into Lower California to recover the gold brick stolen in Esenada, and which returned off shore later with Coleman, arrived in port again this morning and brought a most sensational story of her trip and experiences. The boat today was in charge of Harry Lowry and two men, and their appearance as they landed on Jorres wharf was that of wild men, and starved with men at that. For four days they have been without provisions, and previous to that they had been compelled to subsist on dry beans...

"I was on the Hongkong at Elide Islands for guano. The Pekin, with Captain Colbert, arrived there. That was a terribler than landed Garrat at Esenada and had returned with Coleman to San Diego. He was running from the authorities with his boat, the Pekin, and had Pancho, Grueben and Brown with him as a crew. Colbert told me the whole story of his trip with Garrat and Coleman. He said that when he and Garrat arrived off Esenada they were becalmed, and about that time the Carlos Pacheco was sighted. Garrat became excited and me quick, wet or dry," he said, and he was up ashore through the surf in a small boat. Coleman stayed on board the Pekin. They remained to watch for signal lights, but saw none and left after twenty-four hours' waiting. Then the Pekin pulled out for San Diego, but remained out-side, and then learned of the capture of Garrat from a fisherman. Colbert then managed to land Coleman in a small boat at La Playa, inside San Diego bay, and got big pay for it. Coleman sneaked through the brush and into Los Angeles.

"The Pekin then sailed south with Colbert and the crew and joined the Hongkong at Elide. Colbert wanted me to ship with him on the Pekin for the South Sea Islands. He offered me provisions and wages. I accepted the offer and forfeited \$25 wages on the Hongkong and have been sorry for it ever since.

"We started for the South Seas all right and made our first stop at Cedros. There we were short of provisions and water. We traded tobacco for five wild pigs and some provisions. We killed the pigs and then found they were fish and the men made us all sick, so we had to throw that stuff overboard. Colbert was very coming desperate. His plan was to come to the small boat and get into the big boat and next reached Turtle Bay. The situation began to look serious for us. We had not much to eat and the South Sea Islands were all long way off. The crew began to 'kick,' and we were to suspect from the actions of Captain Colbert that he was trying to get away from the boat and take with him the few provisions we had left. He had money and if he reached anywhere there would be all right while we would be left.

"At Turtle Bay Colbert first showed his intentions. But finally we sailed for Hippito Bay, which is 500 miles south of here. Here we were again short of provisions. We made up our minds to go ashore, leaving us in the big boat. At 2 A. M. of September 4 I was awakened by the noise of the bumping of the small boat. I knew something was up. I looked out of the forward hatch and saw Colbert parading the deck with a big dirk in his hand. Pancho was standing by with a cocked rifle. 'Get back there, you scoundrel,' he called out to me. Then I heard Colbert and Pancho coming down the side and get into the small boat. They rowed ashore. I got out and found the cabin door fastened and Brown and Grueben were prisoners. I released them. They were cooked over the boat. Colbert and Pancho had taken everything—compass, clocks, guns, even our shoes and all provisions, except a few beans. We were in a bad fix. Nothing to eat and 500 miles away from home. No instruments to sail by and no small boat to land with. But we started on the fifth day and I am mighty glad we are here. One man fell sick from hunger and the other was a boy, so I had to do most of the sailing. The weather was good and God saved us."

TRING VISALIA'S SUSPECT

Witnesses Testify in Defense of Prisoner Charles Ardell.

VISALIA, CAL., Sept. 22.—The thirty-eighth and last witness for the prosecution in the case of Charles Ardell, one of the alleged Tagus train-robbery conspirators, was questioned this morning and a taking of testimony for the defense begun. O. P. Byrd was sworn, and his testimony was intended to neutralize the damaging evidence given by Ira Hawkins, who saw Lovren and a man closely resembling Ardell drive out Main street early on the morning of the attempted robbery. Byrd was night watchman at that time. He swore that at 1:30 o'clock that night he left the drug-house, walked along the back of Wood's store and then went to the Bank of Visalia, where he sat for a half hour on the iron step. During that time he saw no buggy drive along Main street except that driven by O. Knupp and Clark. On cross-examination Byrd admitted that he did not see Ardell and Clark pass along the sidewalk in front of him, as they claim to have done.

Incendiarism Near Vallejo.

VALLEJO, CAL., Sept. 22.—Two large stacks of hay were set on fire twice last night on William Carter's ranch, north of Vallejo, and on the second attempt they were destroyed. A watchman on the Government ships at the navy-yard saw two persons go to the stacks and apply the match. The distance was so great that he was unable to identify them. Anton Debnor, who disappeared last week, put in the crop on shares with Mrs. Carter, the owner of the ranch. It is supposed that

PERSONS TO WHOM DEBNER OWED MONEY SET THE FIRE FOR FEAR DEBNER WOULD DISPOSE OF THE CROP AND THEY FALL TO GET THEIR MONEY.

MOUNT LOWE DISCOVERIES.

Dr. Lewis Swift Sights Two Wanderers of the Skies. PASADENA, CAL., Sept. 22.—Dr. Lewis Swift, the astronomer in charge of Mount Lowe Observatory, has discovered two new comets. The larger and brighter he first sighted last Sunday night, but he got a better view last night, just before sunset, while the sun was hidden by the mountains. It was about one degree from the sun.

Sausalito Yacht's Mission.

Sausalito, CAL., Sept. 22.—The handsome schooner yacht Ramona, owned by Commodore W. F. McCarthy, which departed from Sausalito some weeks ago for the coast of Mexico, yesterday passed Port Harford, in Santa Barbara County. It is whispered that the yacht will never return to America. She will be sold to the Mexican Government, will fly the Mexican flag and be used as a guarda costa or gunboat. The yacht is over sixty feet in length and is noted for its fleetness on the water. Commodore McCarthy is now in Japan. The vessel is commanded by his brother, four seamen and a cook.

General Mills at Seattle.

SEATTLE, WASH., Sept. 22.—General Nelson A. Miles, arrived in Seattle this morning from Yellowstone Park and proceeded at once to an examination of the various proposed army posts and battery locations. The object of his visit to Puget Sound is to select permanent sites from among the number recommended by the Government engineers. This work concluded, General Miles and party will leave Seattle to-morrow night for Portland and San Francisco. From the latter city they go to New Mexico and thence East via Fort Riley, Kans.

Rail Fatality Near Gridley.

CHICO, CAL., Sept. 22.—The section boss on the Gridley section while making a tour of inspection yesterday found the body of an unknown man on the track near Gridley. It was mangled beyond recognition. Both arms were severed, the left leg cut off at the knee and the right leg near the foot. The only evidence seen to-day was his identity card found in one of his pockets on which "M. L. Langan, Washington House," Marysville, was written.

Tragedy at Spokane.

SPOKANE, WASH., Sept. 22.—Blanche Giles, the divorced wife of S. C. Giles, tried to kill him this morning by shooting him twice in the temple with a revolver. Both bullets glanced and he will survive. The trouble arose over a kiss. Though divorced a few months ago, they began living together some weeks ago without the formality of a remarriage. This morning she asked him to kiss her. He refused. She got out of bed, secured a revolver and fired at him.

Electric Railway for Sonoma.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., Sept. 22.—At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors today N. W. Griswold and others were granted a franchise for an electric road from Sonoma to this city, and from here through Knights Valley to the Napa County line. The roadbed is to run 17 1/2 feet from the center of county road, and where the county road is too narrow to permit this the promoters are to provide the additional right of way.

To Train Naval Reserves.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Sept. 22.—Mechanical Engineer Christie of the Union Iron Works was appointed chief engineer of the Naval Battalion of Sacramento and will immediately proceed to organize a corps of mechanical engineers and firemen so that in the future the Naval Battalion will be assembled to fully man any war vessel, should necessity for so doing arise.

Earthquakes in Northern Japan.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 22.—Press advices by the Empress of India report that earthquakes, disturbances and floods throughout the northern provinces of Japan, involving the destruction of upward of 1000 houses, the loss of several hundred lives and much distress among the survivors. The Government has inaugurated a systematic plan of relief.

FISH COMMISSIONER.

They Present Their Biennial Report to the Governor.

The Board of Fish Commissioners has forwarded to Governor Budd the fourteenth biennial report of the work of the commission. The report states that the work of the commission is steadily increasing and its field of usefulness rapidly extending. The board has increased the hatcheries by the addition of the Battle Creek, Tallac and Wawona stations, which are better equipped than ever before. The total output of fish for the year was 3,208,851. The fish industry, considered from a commercial point of view, has greatly increased. In 1889 the catch was 53,505,055 pounds, valued at \$2,465,317. In 1892 it was 57,538,466 pounds, valued at \$3,022,391. The report of the United States Fish Commission, which has been compiled, shows a remarkable advance over all previous years.

The report deals at length with the increase in the various families of fish brought from abroad and planted in California waters, as well as the fishery of Lobsters, crawfish, clams, oysters, etc., also received special mention. Under the head of fish exports from San Francisco the report shows that last year they amounted to \$1,468,000. The total value of \$400,000 over the exports of 1892. The relative success in the protection of the fish and oyster beds is in the enforcement of the laws we have done all that was possible, and while not claiming to have secured all that is possible under our jurisdiction, which would be impossible with many men as our funds will permit of our employing, we do claim to have given the food of the people and the calls for and to have so placed our men that the best service was rendered to the most important interests placed in our charge.

The board in its report made a suggestion that the members be acted upon. It states that the extensiveness of the territory to be covered makes it impossible to handle all of the business attached to the present commission. In nearly all other States the fish and oyster business is under the care of separate commissions. The same should be the case in California. The board suggested that the Legislature should pass an act creating the office of State Fish and Oyster Warden, who should have ten assistants, whose duties should be the enforcement of the game and fish laws. This would give the Fish Commission a better opportunity to attend to the propagation of fish and the stocking of streams and lakes.

The commissioners also suggest that the use of explosives in killing fish be made a felony, instead of a misdemeanor. Another suggestion is that the present law be so amended that the season for shooting and for selling wild ducks be the same as present ducks may be shot for four months and sold only during two months. Popular sentiment is against this arrangement, and the law cannot be enforced.

A Fast Sprinter.

C. C. Lee of Chicago, with his trainer, Jack Gibson, is in this city en route to Australia. Lee is ready to meet any man in this State in a race over all tracks in three miles. It is said that Lee is the best professional runner in America. Henderson, who was at one time the champion amateur sprinter of the Olympic Club, is reported to be in Australia.

An Old Man Missing.

Michael Feenan, a resident of 729 Fourteenth street, has been missing since Tuesday, the 19th inst. Mr. Feenan is 70 years old; his right side is partly paralyzed and he is almost totally blind and wears glasses. He had a pocket money of \$100.00. His family is much distressed at his continued absence.

RUNS ASHORE ON TEN-MILE POINT

The Steamship Chittagong Loses Its Course in a Fog.

FAST ON THE ROCKS.

Disaster to the Oriental Liner at the Victoria Harbor Entrance.

MAY FLOAT AT HIGH TIDE.

The Big Vessel Not Believed to Be in Danger—Extent of Damage Unknown

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 22.—The mournful tolling of the fog-bell at the entrance to Victoria harbor has become a familiar though hateful sound during the past few days, and to-day's weather was unanimously voted the "dirtiest" yet by the few navigators who did succeed in making port. The most serious mishap directly attributable to the fog befell the Big Oregon Railway and Navigation liner Chittagong, and that vessel is at present lying by her nose on Ten-mile Point, at the entrance to Cadboro Bay, waiting for the high tide to-morrow morning to float her again. She had loaded at Portland a full cargo of flour and bark, the latter on top, and when the mishap occurred, on her way to Comox for coal to carry her back to the Orient.

Captain Hughes was off duty, having temporarily resigned command to Captain Corfield, his first officer, with the intention of boarding the ship as she passed outward after coaling. Considerable trouble was experienced with the fog on the way up from the Columbia, and passing Race Rocks and Victoria last night it was too thick for the looked-for pilot to locate the ship or the steamer to locate the pilot. Under these circumstances Captain Corfield was proceeding at slow speed, just keeping the wheels turning, and taking regular soundings as he advanced. Ten minutes before the steamer struck the lead found sixty-two fathoms of water. Then there came a sharp concussion, and the big freighter was piled upon a ledge of rock just above Ten-mile Point, bow on and listing a trifle to port.

The engines were immediately reversed, but the vessel was held by her weight and could not be moved. Several attempts were made to shove her by the use of the engines, but all were ineffectual, and Captain Corfield came to town and reported his predicament to Captain Gaudin, agent of the Marine Department, by whom he was advised to lighten his ship forward as much as possible, until it could be ascertained how firmly she was held.

Returning to the steamer, the young skipper found her resting on an even keel, held about six feet from the bow and swinging easily. When the cargo, fortunately light, had been shifted off she hung by the nose only, and it is generally believed that she will float off without assistance at high tide, which will be about 5 A. M. The tide having been just at the turn and low when she went on. Should she require assistance during the night it can be readily obtained.

The Chittagong is one of the best-known regular line freighters visiting these waters. She is an iron screw steamer of 1241 tons, rated 100A in Lloyd's and owned by Peter Henderson & Co. of Glasgow. She is fifteen years old and for some time past has been under charter to the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, and employed in its American-Oriental service. The extent of the damage to the steamer will not be known until she is floated.

UNION LABOR PREVAILS.

The Great Register Will Be Printed Under the Direction of the Unions.

Employes Compel the Boss Printers to Come to Reasonable Rates.

Union labor had a hearing before the Election Commission yesterday, and it won its point. The commission decided that the great register could not be printed unless union labor were employed.

The Mayor desired to award the contract for printing the precinct registers to E. Heringhi & Co., money-lenders and dealers in Japanese goods. He said he believed that labor unions should exist, but that Heringhi & Co. should get the contract, as they were the lowest bidders. Creswell said he was opposed to letting the contract to any firm which would take the work out of the City, and he said he had reason to believe that Heringhi would do so.

Creswell followed up these remarks by moving that all bids be rejected and that the board advertise for others. It was expressed in the resolution at his suggestion that only companies hiring union labor need apply. Mr. Creswell had a line inserted which forbids the work being taken out of the City.

Creswell's motion to give printers three days in which to file new bids was also adopted.

MINES ON THE FRESNO.

Activity in the Grub Gulch and Potter Ridge Mining Districts.

"There is a great deal of activity in the Grub mining district," said John S. Wilbur, a well-known mining man of this City, who arrived here a few days since from the mines on the line of the Fresno River. "There is also considerable activity in the Potter Ridge district in this vicinity. That district is about 14 miles long by 4 wide and is a somewhat rocky country. There is in that section of the country the Gambetta mine, the Mammoth, the Buckskin, the Starlight and the Solano, which are all in operation, except the last, where the water supply failed. The old 'Lucky Bill' mine in the Potter Ridge district will soon be operated by a company that has changed its name to the Syndicate and Safe Deposits. This mine, which was worked in a primitive fashion with an arrastra, produced some \$50,000 in four years, but the owners quarreled among themselves and were forced to sell. This is to be worked by home labor, not as some of the mines sold to English syndicates who bring out their English miners and send all the products to England.

"The district is on the south side of the Fresno River, on the line of the Raymond

road to Yosemite Valley, and is not a great distance from the Fresno terminus of the San Joaquin Valley road. The ore that is obtained from the mines in that section is of the quality known as free milling, and produces good results.

"The mines give employment to a large number of men, and when the mine I have named is reopened it will give many more men a chance. The lode on which the mines are located is from twelve to fifteen feet wide and of great depth. Some of the mines are now down 500 feet."

MARRIED IN COURT.

Judge Campbell Keeps Up His Reputation as a Matchmaker.

Antone Bjerke, a carpenter, was arrested Monday night on a warrant charging him with battery. The complaining witness was Helena Anderson, 48 Clara street, with whom Bjerke had been living for over a year.

The case was called in Judge Campbell's court yesterday morning, and after hearing the evidence the Judge told Bjerke he ought to be ashamed of himself. Bjerke expressed his contrition and the Judge said he would dismiss the case if Bjerke would marry the woman and promise to treat her kindly.

Bjerke gave the required promise at once, accompanied by Policeman Coughlan, he went to the office of "Cupid" Danforth and procured the necessary license. The woman was waiting in court and a few minutes later she and Bjerke were joined together in the bonds of matrimony by Justice of the Peace Groezinger.

NOW FOR POLK STREET.

Residents on That Thoroughfare are Adopting Progressive Measures.

The Polk-street Improvement Club was organized last evening at 1605 Polk street. N. Bibo was selected as temporary chairman, R. Dross secretary and G. T. Roberts treasurer. The chairman stated that the purpose of the organization was to effect a general improvement on Polk street, from Sutter to Pacific street.

An executive committee composed of E. Bernheim, John Quinn, W. Bradbury, Val Schmidt and L. Schneider was nominated to take up the work and to nominate permanent officers of the club. About thirty-four property-owners and residents of Polk street joined the organization, which will be made permanent next Monday night.

ASSAULTED AND ROBBED.

Mrs. Hughes, 1304 Post Street, the Victim of a Foot-pad.

He Struck Her on the Chest and Snatched Her Satchel Out of Her Hand.

Mrs. Hughes, 1304 Post street, was attacked by a footpad and robbed, on Franklin and Geary streets, about 9 o'clock last night.

She is a partner in the firm of Mallory & Hughes, room-renting agents, 21 1/2 Geary street. She worked late last night, leaving the office between 8 and 9 o'clock with a lady friend. She, as usual, carried a hand-satchel, which contained a purse containing between \$40 and \$50, paid by customers during the day, and her private purse with a few pieces of silver in it.

They walked leisurely along Geary street till they reached the Unitarian Church on the southwest corner of Franklin and Geary. They had arranged to call upon a friend on McAllister street, and Mrs. Hughes left her companion on the corner till she went home and left the purse with the money.

She had observed a tall young man following her and her friend, and that made her walk hurriedly north on Franklin. She had reached the way to the block, when the tall young man ran swiftly behind her and struck her a violent blow with his clenched fist on the chest, almost taking her breath away. She gasped and fell on the ground. Her hands upon her chest. The robber seized her hand and satchel with both hands and wrenched it from her grasp.

The streets were shrouded in darkness and no one was near by to render Mrs. Hughes any assistance. Her companion, a friend, who was too scared to do anything, Her assailant rushed down Franklin street, followed by Mrs. Hughes, who screamed "Stop thief!" and disappeared in an alley. Mrs. Hughes, who was in a state of panic, called out "O'Farrell, stop!" He made his escape, and Mrs. Hughes immediately went to police headquarters and reported the robbery. She was unable to give anything but a cursory description of the robber, who, she thinks, must have known of her, as she usually carried money in her satchel.

Hahn, Levy & Co. Attached.

An attachment for \$12,369 has been filed by Daniel Meyer against Joseph Levy, doing business at 412 Sacramento street under the firm name of Hahn, Levy & Co. While Daniel Meyer is the attaching creditor, Joseph Levy is the attaching debtor. The amount represented by his suit includes debts due to the London, Paris and American Bank and to smaller parties who assigned their claims to Daniel Meyer. The amount of the suit is \$2000 and Daniel Meyer's is about the same amount. The concern is in the wholesale and retail grocery and hardware business, as signed by Mr. Rosenbaum of Rosenbaum & Schelling, attorneys for the creditors, as the Hahn, Levy & Co. firm. Hahn, Levy & Co. formerly transacted business at 412 Sacramento street and removed about six months ago to Sacramento street.

Starting More Steamship Lines.

Captain William Chrichton of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, a royal Japanese Mail Steamship Company, is here on his way home from England. His name is the one which has just established a line from Seattle to Yokohama and made arrangements for another from the same city to San Diego.

Captain Chrichton says his company has just established another line of steamers from London and Antwerp, and that in October it will establish another from Japan to Australia.

Anglers for Eel River.

John Butler, with his wife and daughter, Dr. von Hoffman, L. Meyers and Frank Marcus, departed yesterday on the steamer Pomona for Eel River. They will be met at Scotia by Charles E. Kenney and Mr. Pritchard of San Mateo, who have been rusticated on the river for the past four weeks and enjoying excellent sport.

Involved Debtors.

G. A. Nagel, a contractor, yesterday filed a petition in insolvency. He owes \$126 30 and has no assets.

EMMA ASHLEY'S STORY.

She Tells of Her Struggles in Behalf of Her Sister Lillian.

An Insanity Expert Testifies That the Prisoner is Incompetent Mentally.

Emma A. Ashley testified in her own behalf yesterday. Calmly, decisively and convincingly, she told her story. So familiar to her mind are the facts of her sister's relations with E. J. Baldwin and so recent the memory of their miserable lot during the celebrated trial that terminated in the attempt on the life of her millionaire enemy that she rattled along, under her attorney's guidance, with the volubility of a phonograph and with almost as much impassiveness.

In answer to General Friedrich's questions, the flaxen-haired defendant told of the main incidents of a life that, up to two years ago, was almost uneventful. She spoke of her religious views and her constant reading of her Bible, and then came to her trip to California. The shock she experienced when she found her sister a mother, though not a wife, the struggle of the pair to obtain a livelihood in Pasadena, and finally the journey to San Francisco were gone into.

"During the six weeks of the trial," said Miss Ashley, "we only once tasted fresh meat. We lived on tea and bread, and once in a long while a little ham. The baby was nervous and restless and pleaded for what we could get. I had a vegetable peddler would go by the house crying his wares he would run to the window and tease and beg for strawberries or fruit."

The witness expressed a firm belief in her sister's innocence of the charges brought against her and told in detail of her attendance at the trial of the suit against Baldwin. She explained that from the evening of July 1 to the time she appeared in the police court her mind was blank, and that she had absolutely no recollection of the shooting.

At the morning session Lillian Ashley was recalled to answer a few questions, and then Dr. H. A. Gimley took the stand. In answer to a long hypothetical question, presenting the facts in the present case, he answered that he believed that such a person would have been insane.

The testimony given by E. J. Baldwin at the preliminary examination was read to the jury, and Reuben Lloyd, one of his attorneys, retold the well-worn story of the assault. Court then adjourned until this morning at 10 o'clock.

THE BARON DE BATZ.

A Nobleman Comments the Mines of the Distant Amoor, From Which He Comes.

The Baron de Batz of Russia, who has had a long experience in mining in America and elsewhere, and who is one of the best-informed mining engineers in the country, is at the Palace.

He arrived here on the steamer Doric yesterday from the Amoor River, in Siberia, where he has been carrying on gold placer mining. He is now on his way to St. Petersburg on matters pertaining to those far-away mines.

The Baron is no stranger on the Pacific Coast and in the intermountain region. He was for four years in Montana, where he engaged in large operations.

Those mines yesterday, "are quite rich. They are all placer mines where I was, and five companies are at work. Of these three are big and wealthy. The Baron is a native of the Amoor, and Americans to mine there. I think well of the country and believe it will prove very rich."

FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN.

The Youths' Directory Fair Will Be Opened To-morrow Evening.

Father Crowley and a large committee of energetic workers are preparing for a grand festival to be held in aid of the Youths' Directory. The festival will be held in Armory Hall, on Market street, near Tenth. It will be opened to the public to-morrow evening and continue until October 10th. By this evening the booths, seventeen in number, will be all ready for occupancy. They will be arranged with great artistic taste.

Last evening the committees held their final meeting before the opening and complete arrangements were made. B. Kelly presided and Miss M. Sullivan officiated as secretary. Reports were made that several large sums of money had been collected to help along in the good cause. The booths will be filled with everything useful and ornamental that a purchasing public could desire. Among the articles to be sold and raffled are two or three pianos and a horse and buggy.

Orphanage Election.

The board of directors of the Fred Finch Orphanage which was appointed by the Methodist Episcopal conference at Pacific Grove met Monday to elect officers. The board consists of R. Bentley, D.D.; H. B. Heacock, D.D.; E. R. Dille, D.D.; J. H. Truman, John Kirby, D.D.; Joseph F. Fortier, C. B. Perkins. The following officers were elected: R. Bentley, D.D., Berkeley, president; H. B. Heacock, D.D., Santa Clara, vice-president; R. Dille, D.D., San Francisco, secretary; J. H. Truman, Mills building, San Francisco, treasurer. The following advisory board was elected: Rev. John Kirby; John Coyne, D.D.; M. G. Harris, D.D.; F. J. Masters, D.D.; Bishop J. P. Newman, D.D., L.L.D.; Rev. A. T. Needham, Rev. G. G. Gale, Rev. George G. Rev. R. D. Hansen, Rev. A. Gustafsen. The board of managers appointed were: Mrs. D. B. Finch, Mrs. John Kirby, Mrs. C. H. Holt, Mrs. S. Haeckley, Mrs. H. G. Blasdel, Mrs. W. B. Ellis, Mrs. E. G. Buchanan, Mrs. M. de Witt, Mrs. I. J. Truman, Mrs. Walker Burbank, Mrs. F. D. Boyard, B. T. Waterhouse, Mrs. A. M. D.D., Mrs. T. O. Lewis, W. W. Case, D.D., Mrs. J. Robinson, F. D. Boyard, D.D., Mrs. William Johns, Mrs. D. B. Waters, Mrs. S. C. Hart, Mrs. R. Bentley, Mrs. O. D. Gibson, Mrs. A. Kummer, W. S. Matthews, D.D., Mrs. R. McElroy, Mrs. J. H. Kenney, Mrs. C. M. A. Freese, Mrs. L. J. Hardy, Mrs. R. V. Watt, Mrs. C. B. Per-

More Charter Questions.

A Continuation of the Queries of the Association.

These further questions on the subject of the charter have been submitted by the Citizens' Charter Association. They are headed: CHAPTER III. CREATION OF THE CHARTER.

How was the new charter created? In accordance with section 8, article XI of the constitution of California.

Who made the charter? A board of fifteen citizens, subsequently reduced to twelve, elected and elected by the people on November 6, 1894.

How were these twelve citizens selected? They were selected from well-known freeholders and prominent citizens of San Francisco, without regard to politics and elected by the people of the entire City.

How long is the new charter in force? It is an ordinary sized pamphlet, containing 213 pages, easily read within four hours. How long is the present consolidation act in force? It is a long and complicated act, and very difficult of comprehension.

How is the new charter divided? It is divided into four distinct parts, defining clearly the rights, powers and duties of each department of the City Government.

What are the distinctive features of the new charter? No. 1. It simply follows the main lines laid down in the best modern charters of the most progressive cities of the United States, such as New York, Brooklyn, Boston, Buffalo, Detroit, St. Louis and St. Paul.

When will the new charter be voted upon? The citizens of San Francisco will vote upon the charter at the general election on November 3 of this year.

What are the people who further step necessary before it goes into effect? It must be approved as a whole by a majority of both houses of the Legislature of the State. It must be approved by the Legislature before April, 1897, it will go into effect July, 1897, otherwise not until January, 1898.

Can the charter be amended or changed after its adoption? Yes. Section 8, article XI, of the constitution of California provides that the charter can be amended every two years by a three-fifths vote of the people and approval by the Legislature. It is altogether changed whenever the people wish.

What are the elective and appointive officers? What are the elective officers of San Francisco under the present charter? The Mayor, Supervisors, Mayor, Auditor, Treasurer, Assessor, District Attorney, Sheriff, Superintendent of Public Works, Police Judge, and Superior Judges. Where are the provisions for their election? In the constitution and general laws of the State of California.

What does the charter say about the election of these officers? It simply mentions the appointed officers and leaves it to the people to elect as at present. Are there any other municipal officers who will continue to be elected? Yes, the County Clerk, Recorder, Tax Collector, Coroner, Justice of the Peace, Judges and Board of Education will continue to be elected until the constitution of California is amended so as to permit of their appointment.

Will such an amendment to the constitution be voted upon by the people of California at the general election, November 3, this year, will effect this very result? Yes; constitutional amendment No. 5, that will be voted upon by the people of California at the general election, November 3, this year, will effect this very result.

What officers will be appointed under the charter? A city attorney, Library Trustees, Board of Public Works, Board of Health and the Commissioners of Police, Fire, Election, Park and Amusement.

How do these officials now acquire office? Those that now exist are all appointed except the first.

OAKLAND OFFICIALS.

Two of Them Are Prevented From Enjoying a Four-Year Term.

The Supreme Court has affirmed the judgment of the lower tribunal in the case of The People, ex relatione W. N. Miller and R. A. Haines against John L. Davis et al. and the City of Oakland. The action was instituted in the nature of a quo warranto proceeding to test the title to office of the present Board of Public Works of the City of Oakland. The members of the board claim title to office under certain amendments to the city charter, Miller and Hughes, former members of the board, who were deprived of their office by virtue of the said amendments, claiming that the election which the amendments were voted upon was not authorized by law, and even if it were legal,