The San Francisco Call

SUNDAY.....DECEMBER 6, 1896

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

There will be considerable rifle shooting at the Shell Mound range to-day.

"A generally fair Sunday with brisk westerly winds" is forecasted for to-day.

A movement is on foot to cut Sutter street through Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Arnold Kiralfy, one of the Kiralfy brothers, of London, arrived in this City last night.

Stanford and California varsity football players were dined last night by the University Club.

Trappean, Grady, Ruinart, James II, Captain Rees and Preston were the winners at Ingleside track yesterday.

Fully 20,000 persons viewed the illumination and decoration of Sixth street last night. The spectacle was brilliant.

George E. Martin has arrived here to start in search of a lost phosphate island that was once seen by his uncle, a sea captain.

The San Francisco Nursery for Homeless Children held a festival for the benefit of the institution yesterday at Golden Gate Hall.

Fung Ah Get, a Chinese accused of murder, hanged himself by using his queue in his cell at the City Prison early yesterday morning.

Charles Manner is waiting for Judge Coffey's decision to learn whether he is to have $50,000 worth of the late J. S. Hendy's estate or only $10,000.

Divorce suits have been filed in the County Clerk's office as follows: Rebecca Singerman vs. Samuel Singerman, Lenora Ettinger vs. Isaac L. Ettinger.

George Taylor and George Williams, while being taken to Judge Conlan's court yesterday to be sentenced, made their escape, but Taylor was recaptured.

The regents of the State University will probably elect a secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Bonte at their meeting on next Tuesday.

The Market-street Railroad Company placed two electric cars on the Masonic avenue and Frederick-street line yesterday to give a regular service on that branch.

In Judge Bahrs' court yesterday William Dowling entered a plea of guilty to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. He will be sentenced on the 12th inst.

Judge Hebbard's effort to convict Thomas S. Williams of libel has failed. The jurors after being out twenty-four hours were discharged because they could not agree.

James P. Dunne and others of Lodge No. 3 of Elks speak in defense of Grand Exalted Ruler Detweiler. The suit of Lodge No. 6 promises to stir up unfraternal feelings.

Four new coast records and one world's record marked the cycle racing at the new Velodrome track yesterday afternoon. The sport was the best seen here for many a day.

The steamer Australia sailed for Honolulu yesterday with an unusually heavy passenger list. T. K. James, who leaves for New Orleans in a few days, was down to see his old ship off.

Judge Seawell has decided against Joseph Hamel, who claimed the real estate of the late Margaret Buckmaster by virtue of a deed given in consideration of "love and affection."

The New York Journal gives full credence to the story of the San Francisco airship. Its article was written in the Examiner's office in this City, though that paper pooh-poons the story.

The Supreme Court yesterday refused to grant a rehearing in the case of Rankin against Newman. This finally ends the suit which, incidentally, led to the disbarment of Horace W. Philbrook.

The California Homing Club last evening elected Commander McCalla of the United States navy an honorary member and publicly thanked him for establishing the homing pigeon service at Mare Island.

Ralph Duncan, a clerk from Omaha, told the police yesterday that he had committed a crime and as he felt like committing another he wanted to be restrained, and was accordingly locked up in the City Prison.

The bark Invercoe and the scow schooner Erie were in collision near Port Costa yesterday. The schooner sprang a leak and was run on the Benicia mud flats by the tug Vigilant. The cargo of wheat has been ruined.

Le Roy G. Harvey, who got away with $50,000 belonging to Mrs. Emily A. P. Smith and Miss Maude A. Smith, has been discharged from custody, as the complaining witnesses no longer wished to prosecute the charge of grand larceny.

The new steamer Humboldt was towed from Humboldt yesterday by the tug Rescue to get her machinery at the Fulton Iron Works. The Rescue then coaled up and immediately started back for Eureka with the barkentine C. C. Funk in tow.

The four great stained-glass pictorial windows in the facade of St. Ignatius Church have been seriously damaged by boys shooting at pigeons in the eaves of the church, and they are now being repaired at considerable expense by local artists.

Attorney George P. Goff has sued Mrs. Florence-Blythe-Hinckley for $20,000, which he says he earned by writing a brief in her behalf for her chief counsel, Attorney W. H. H. Hart, by which she won the Thomas H. Blythe estate, valued at $4,000,000.

Oakland High School 28, Lowell High School 0, was the result of the final inter-high school football match played at Central Park yesterday afternoon to settle a tie and to decide which team shall contest with San Mateo for the State academic championship.

The Dresden Keramic Club, a woman's art society of this City, held in the Occidental Hotel parlor yesterday afternoon and evening its second annual exhibit of work, comprising about 500 pieces of exquisitely tinted and painted chinaware of various designs.

Suit has been commenced by the Mutual Savings Bank of San Francisco against the San Francisco Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to foreclose a mortgage of $6000 on a lot 73x137:6 in size, at the corner of Oak and Ashbury streets.

Captain Hicks of the British ship Manchester is at outs with Balfour, Guthrie & Co. He says they are putting the grain aboard in bad sacks, and threatens to dump it all on the wharf again to-morrow unless better ones are supplied. Balfour, Guthrie & Co. insist upon his taking whatever they send down.

Mrs. Marie Viola Keller appeared before Notary Levy in Samuel M. Shortridge's office yesterday to continue her deposition and produce any letters addressed to her by Judge Hastings as "my dear wife." The deposition was continued, but she declared she had searched her trunks in vain for the letters.

Jim Corbett replied last evening to the offer that was made him by the Olympic Club of this City, that he would meet Fitzsimmons in a ten-round contest if a $15,000 purse was given. Fitzsimmons says that the contest must be to a finish and that he has already agreed to Dan Stuart's terms to fight Corbett somewhere in Texas.

LE ROY G. HARVEY GOES SCOT FREE

He Got $50,000 Worth of Mrs. Smith's Property.

Technicalities Stood in the Way of Successful Prosecution.

District Attorney Barnes Said the Complaining Witnesses Had Grown Lukewarm.

The indictments against Le Roy G. Harvey for embezzlement and grand larceny growing out of his appropriating to his own use about $50,000 worth of bonds and other property belonging to his clients have been dismissed.

When the grand larceny case against Harvey was called by Judge Bahrs yesterday morning it was apparent that there was but little interest felt in the proceedings by Harvey himself, who evidently knew that he was soon to be freed from further responsibility for his extensive peculations. There was no pretense that he did not get the money, but it seemed to be agreed that he had so far imposed on the trustfulness of Mrs. Emily A. P. Smith and her daughter that it would be difficult to secure a verdict of conviction.

Harvey appeared to be particularly well pleased with himself, and it was noted that he was by far the best dressed man in the courtroom, not even excepting his Honor Judge Bahrs and District Attorney Barnes, both of whom are strictly up to date in the matter of wearing apparel. It could scarcely be expected, however, that mere public officials could outshine a financier like Harvey, whose superior abilities have placed at his disposal a fund of $50,000 that he may safely devote to personal adornment.

Before moving to dismiss the charge of grand larceny against Harvey the District Attorney read and filed with the clerk of the court the following letter:

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25, 1896.

Hon. W. S. Barnes, District Attorney, San Francisco, Cal.—DEAR SIR: My daughter and I are the complaining witnesses in the cases of the People against Le Roy G. Harvey now pending trial in Judge Bahrs' court. Since the former trial on another charge, which resulted in acquittal of Harvey, we have come to the conclusion that, under all the circumstances of the case, we do not wish to proceed further with the matter, and therefore we request you to dismiss the charges.

Trusting that this will meet with your approbation and action, I remain, yours truly,

EMILY A. P. SMITH,
MAUDE A. SMITH.

Mr. Barnes said that on account of the peculiar circumstances under which Harvey obtained possession of the property and the lukewarm feeling and disinclination of the complaining witnesses to proceed with a vigorous prosecution, he could not feel much hope of securing a conviction. It appeared to be a breach of trust on the part of Harvey, who had taken advantage of the confidence reposed in him by the ladies whose property he had appropriated.

The ruling of the court at Harvey's former trial on the charge of embezzlement, wherein the same property was concerned, was also referred to by Mr. Barnes. As the jury then had been instructed to acquit, it seemed that without the hearty co-operation of Harvey's victims it would be a waste of the public funds to proceed further with a trial when a conviction would be almost out of the question.

Judge Bahrs wanted to know if the District Attorney moved to dismiss the case, and Mr. Barnes replied in the affirmative, whereupon an order was entered in accordance with the District Attorney's request.

Harvey stalked haughtily from the courtroom.

ST. IGNATIUS ORGAN.

The Grand Instrument to Be Heard for the First Time on Christmas Morning.

The members of the St. Ignatius choir met last Friday evening at Philistorean Debating Hall, St. Ignatius College, for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization.

The meeting was presided over by Rev. Father Cotelli. Rules were adopted for the regulation of the choir. It was decided that the persons wishing to become members would have to undergo an examination as to their ability in reading and transposing music.

The choir, under the leadership of Rev. Father Allen, will sing on Christmas morning the following sacred music:

Guiseppe Cerrutis' Kyrie Gloria, Credo: Fauconier's Sanctus; Alarvy's Agnus Dei, and the effortory will be Lambillotte's Pastoral Christmas Hymn.

The grand organ is completed and will be heard for the first time on Christmas morning. It was presented to the church by Mrs. Walsh and is considered to be one of the finest in America. It was constructed under the direction of W. D. Wood of Detroit, who has a National reputation in his specialty of organ building.

Clarence Eddy, the celebrated organist, has been engaged for the occasion, so that lovers of music will have the pleasure of listening to America's leading organist.

The choir is composed of the following professional and amateur singers:

First tenors—Mannlloyd Jones, Dr. Morrisey, F. Laviolette, C. Wilkes, O. Steers, F. Dolan, F. Burke, J. J. Burke, Morris Pope, G. W. Camp, Charles McAuliffe, E. McDermott, Arthur O'Sullivan, H. Hingspergen, F. Mahoney, T. McCurdey, R. Cunningham.

Second tenors—M. Breen, John Pope, E. P. Shortall, Walter Hay, William Butler, R. J. Wright, G. Widman, Charles Lane, M. J. Martin, P. Lawler, G. Fox, J. F. Ritter, Gustav Rowan, Charles O. Laughlin, G. Knox, Daniel C. B. McCarthy.

First bass—F. P. Berger, George Connolly, J. Linehan, F. P. Haynes, T. P. O'Brien, Richard Curtis, J. P. Lawless.

Second bass—George V. Woodes, W. J. Shorb, R. Plancich, C. J. Tubbs, J. Panzini, F. Banning.

QUACKENBUSH'S PROPERTY

Suits Involving Over a Million Dollars Are Piling Up in Court.

Nancy A. Quackenbush, who claims to be the wife of the millionaire Thomas M. Quackenbush, though he coyly denies the soft impeachment, has filed an amended complaint in her demand for maintenance.

Some time ago Quackenbush instituted an action against her, in which he named her as Miss Nancy Abbott, calling on her to produce in court a certain paper which she had reported to be a marriage contract, and by virtue of which she claimed to be his wife. He said such paper, if it really exist, is a forgery, and he demanded that it shall be canceled and destroyed by order of the court.

The lady's response was to sue him for $500 permanent alimony, but just before the filing of her papers he had deeded his real estate to his daughter, Mrs. Swortfigner, so Mrs. Swortfigner and her husband George are named as co-defendants in Mrs. Quackenbush's amended complaint, the allegation being made that the transfer of the property to Mrs. Swortfigner is fraudulent and collusive, and is made to deprive the plaintiff of her rights.

Mrs. Quackenbush asks the court to frustrate Quackenbush and his daughter in their conspiracy by deciding that the transfer of the property is illegal; that they be restrained from incumbering the property or transferring it to others, and that they be compelled to pay her the $500 a month alimony called for in her original complaint.

QUICK WORK OF THE TUG RESCUE

Brought Down the Humboldt in Twenty-Five and a Half Hours.

Then Coaled and Took the Barkentine C. C. Funk From Here to Eureka.

Sailing of the Oceanic Company's Australia for Hawaii With a Large Passenger List.

The Oceanic Steamship Company's Australia had an unusually heavy passenger list when she started for Honolulu yesterday. Among those in the cabin were:

Miss A. Blacow, J. T. Bowers and son, Mrs. Andrew Brown, Miss R. L. Buckey, J. B. Castle, Charles Chilton and wife, J. R. Colis and wife, J. P. Cooke, J. H. Crawford, Mrs. S. M. Damon and son, Miss May Damon, M. Davis, H. J. Day and wife, C. F. Eckart, Mrs. Captain Godfrey and five children, J. H. Goodhue, M. Green, Miss M. H. Hardy, Dr. Leon F. Harvey and wife, Miss Mabel Hitchcock, Charles E. Hogg, Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. W. L. Hopper and three children, Mrs. J. J. Horner, D. W. James and wife, J. A. Kennedy, Mrs. L. B. Kerr and two children, Mrs. A. Lowerey and maid, J. F. Lowerey and wife, Miss Helen S. Lowerey, Allan Lowerey, Frederick Lowerey, Sherwood Lowerey, Mrs. Edward Madden, C. J. McCarthy, P. A. G. Messcharet, J. F. Millar, C. H. Musser, Marcus O'Farrell, M. J. O'Farrell, Dr. J. M. Peebles, Mrs. J. F. Renton, Charles A. Rice, Mrs. W. H. Rice, W. Spaethe, O. B. Spalding, M. P. Spencer and wife, E. F. Sweeney, Miss Templeton, Mrs. Torbert, J. G. Waibel, Mrs. William Weight, Miss Lucia Wheeler, Mrs. Charles Winter and Mrs. D. H. Washard and infant.

Joseph Seeley, late of the Pomona, went out as chief steward, vice T. K. James, resigned. The latter was down to see the last of his old ship and the reception he received must have been most gratifying to him. The passengers thronged around him and all and sundry wished him success in his new venture. Mr. James goes to New Orleans to manage one of the largest hotels in that city. For years he was in the employ of the Pacific Mail Company, and made many a trip to China on the City of Rio de Janeiro. The day he resigned from the Australia he had just finished his one hundredth trip, but was compelled to make another run, as the company could not get a suitable man to take his place.

James was giving some of his reminiscences on the wharf after the vessel had sailed to a party of his friends. "It was on the Rio de Janeiro, and Freeman was purser then as now," said he. "We were on our way to Yokohama and we met nothing but a succession of gales. Everybody was seasick, and the son of a millionaire Milwaukee brewer was the worst of the whole lot. Time and again he asked me for something to give him relief, but nothing would stay on his stomach.

'One day when there was a very heavy sea on he said, 'Oh! James, if you would only give me something that would stick to my insides for half an hour I would be out and about inside of six hours.' 'I'll fix you,' was my remark, and his face showed the joy my words brought. 'If you do,' said he, 'you will earn my eternal gratitude.' I hurried to the purser's room and got a bottle of mucilage. With that I went back to the young millionaire's stateroom and handing it to him said: 'Here, drink that; if it doesn't stick to your insides, why nothing concocted on this sublunary sphere will.' He looked at me, looked at the mucilage and then burst into a roar of laughter. I think that laugh cured him, as he was up and about next day." James will probably leave for New Orleans the latter part of this week.

Chief Freight Clerk Walton of the Oceanic Steamship Company is dangerously ill with appendicitis. He is stationed on Pacific-street wharf and for the last two days Purser E. B. Sutton of the Alameda has been kindly doing his work for him. This is the second attack Mr. Walton has had, as some years ago he was stricken down when purser of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's Newbern.

Lord and Lady Sholto Douglas have departed for Portland, where the latter will appear in a variety theater. They went on the steamer Columbia and hardly a dozen people were down to see them off. If the "ghost walks" they may return to San Francisco, if not they will remain in Oregon and eke out an existence on Sholto's remittances.

Deputy County Clerks E. P. Peterson and A. Houston, James A. Daly, who ran for Supervisor of the Seventh Ward, and Otto Hines have chartered the yacht Nellie and yesterday started for the Cordelia Slough on a duck-hunting expedition. The Nellie is a roomy boat and should provide the party with ample accommodation during the week spent on the marshes.

The new Humboldt came down in tow of the Ship-owners' and Merchants' Towboat Company's Rescue yesterday. The run from bar to bar was made in 25 hours 30 minutes, which is remarkably quick time. After unloading at the foot of Third street the new boat will go to the Fulton Iron Works to have her boilers put in. The new boat has already been described in THE CALL and a cut of her published, so the readers of this paper will easily recognize her when she goes out on her trial trip the end of the month. The Rescue did not waste any time here but at once coaled up and during the afternoon started for Eureka with the barkentine C. C. Funk in tow. The latter will load redwood lumber for Sydney.

Among the arrivals yesterday afternoon was the British ship Bacchus in tow of the tug Active, and the Rathdown in tow of the Vigilant.

The scow schooner Erie met with a peculiar accident at Port Costa yesterday. She was on her way to the mills with a load of grain and had a northwest wind and ebb tide to help her along. While she was still two miles away the British bark Invercoe was towed out into the stream by the tug Vigilant and there dropped, while the tug got out her hawser to tow the vessel to San Francisco. The scow came sailing along and got dangerously near the stationary ship. "Luff! luff!" yelled the captain of the Invercoe, but the men on the scow attempted to put about and before the schooner gathered way she was under the bark's quarter. A few minutes later it was discovered that the scow was leaking badly, so Captain Silovich was told to haul in his hawser and go to her assistance. The Invercoe came to an anchor and the Erie was run on the Benicia mud flats. The schooner is not badly damaged, but the wheat cargo will probably be a total loss.

A peculiar state of affairs exists between Balfour, Guthrie & Co. and Captain Hicks of the British ship Manchester. The vessel is chartered to load wheat at the fine rate of £16 3 9d (freights are now going begging at 18s 9d) and Balfour, Guthrie & Co. are loading her. The Stockton steamers have put in several loads and Captain Hicks has all along been grumbling at the sacks in which the wheat is sent down. He says they are no good and yesterday refused to receive another consignment because of the state they were in. He further notified Balfour, Guthrie & Co. that if the sacks of wheat now in the hold were not repaired he would have all the wheat put on the wharf at owner's expense to-morrow. The grain firm laugh at his threats and want Hicks to go ahead as that would mean the abandonment of the charter and the saving at least of 8s a ton for them.

A barge loaded with brick went adrift from Fort Point yesterday afternoon with three men on board. The men were taken ashore by the life-saving crew, and the barge taken in tow by the tug Reliance and towed back to port.

On board the British ship Rathdown, December 1, Ah Sing, steward, died of consumption and was buried at se.

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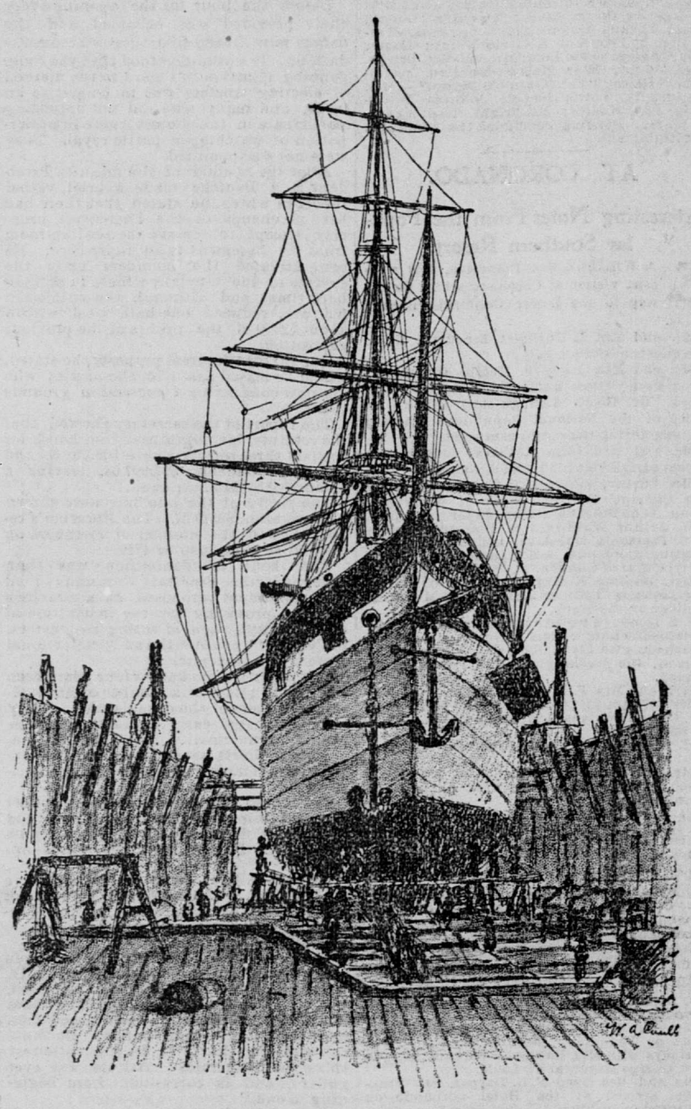

IN THE FLOATING DOCK.

The Norwegian Bark Stjorn Was on the Merchants' Drydock Yesterday. She Has Been Chartered to Carry Wheat and Lumber to Australia for a Lump Sum, and Captain Halse Is Anxious to Get Back Here in Time for the Spring Loading. Hence the General Overhauling That the Bark Is Getting.

FLORENCE'S MILLIONS.

Attorney George P. Goff Wants $20,000 for Preparing a Brief.

Attorney George P. Goff has sued Florence Blythe-Hinckley and Frederick W. Hinckley, her husband, for $20,000 for legal services.

In his complaint Mr. Goff sets forth that while Mrs. Hinckley was endeavoring to prove that she was the daughter of the late Thomas H. Blythe and entitled to inherit his estate he entered into a contract with her guardian to write and furnish to Attorney W. H. H. Hart, her leading counsel, a brief to assist in establishing her claim. He avers that he prepared the brief and furnished it to Mr. Hart, who presented it to the court, and that by means thereof Mrs. Hinckley won her case, receiving property valued at $4,000,000.

Mr. Goff says it was agreed that he should receive a reasonable compensation for his services in preparing the brief which was so effectually utilized by Mr. Hart, and in view of the lady's success he thinks she ought to pay him $20,000 and his costs of suit. If she has not the cash he requests that enough of the Blythe block on Market street be sold to satisfy his claim.

CATARRH AND THROAT TROUBLE

No Longer Dreaded by the Advanced Specialists of the Medical World.

With the announcement of its particular specialty, the cure of catarrh and kindred throat troubles, the Copeland Medical Medical Institute once again claims the attention of the reading public. In the treatment of the troubles that claim most of their attention and in the general practice of the medical profession as well, the Copeland Institute has been remarkably successful and stands high in public confidence.

Concert Next Tuesday Night.

The Schubert Symphony Club and the lady quartet of Chicago will be a drawing card at the Association Auditorium, Mason and Ellis streets, next Tuesday evening, December 8, when they will give a splendid programme of vocal and instrumental music. From present indications the hall will be filled, as it will be the first appearance of this excellent Eastern company in San Francisco and they will positively give but the one entertainment here this season. Reserved seat tickets are now on sale at Sherman, Clay & Co.'s and at the Association building, Mason and Eddy streets.

CHURCH WINDOWS BROKE

Boys Shooting at Pigeons Do Much Damage at St. Ignatius.

The Numerous Broken Parts Are Now Being Replaced by Local Artists.

When the fathers of St. Ignatius Church on Hayes street had the four magnificent windows set up in the facade of the church they did not deem it necessary to protect the glass with wire screens. Now they find to their surprise that this oversight will cost them several hundred dollars, besides much trouble in repairing the damage done.

Somewhere about the same time that the great windows were placed in position pigeons first made their homes high up in the eaves of the church building. The birds used to fly about the street and alight on cornices near the windows. This was early impressed on small boys of the neighborhood, who found a new but mischievous sport in shooting at the birds. Airguns and catapults were employed by the boys, who generally stood across the street in a vacant lot, from which vantage ground they carried on their hurtful play. No particular attention was paid to them, but lately when the windows were examined it was discovered that as many as thirty-eight panes in the pictorial glass which represents various subjects of church history had been destroyed.

These broken parts included portions of figures and the decorative sections, so that it was necessary to place the work of repairing in the hands of a competent local artist. Owing to the great size and harmonious color scheme of the subjects in the windows it required a nice consideration of the general arrangement to have the new pieces conform with the rest.

These windows are among the finest of their kind on the Pacific Coast, having been made in Munich for the facade of St. Ignatius Church from designs by eminent artists. The beauty of these works of art has been seriously impaired, but the delicate task of replacing and matching the broken portions has been intrusted to a local artist, whose ability is a guarantee that the damage can be repaired. For some days past men have been working on the windows, and others preparing strong wire screens for protection against vagrant missives.

Park Music To-Day.

The following attractive programme has been prepared for to-day's open-air concert in Golden Gate Park:

"Un Concert dans le Bois".....F. Maye
"Premier Suite Pour Orchestre".....C. Broutin
Selection from "Lucrezia Borgia".....Donizetti
"A Jolly Night" (popular songs).....Beyer
"Comic Tattoo, or a Band on a Strike"..Fahrbach
"Sigurd Fantasia".....Beyer
Fantasia, "Alpine Echoes".....Herfurth
First solo cornet, William Fornari; second solo cornet, William Mahood.
"Loreley Paraphrase".....Nesvadbe
Waltz, "Jolly Girls".....Volstedt
Galop, "Wie der Wind".....Faust

Emergency Hospital Benefit.

An entertainment will be given next Wednesday evening at Native Sons' Hall for the benefit of the Emergency Home of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, which will consist of concert, dance and refreshments. The affair is being arranged by Mrs. John Pettee.

NEW TO-DAY.

The terms on which *Schilling's Best* tea is sold by grocers are such that you have no risk in trying it—none at all.

And the tea is always alike—fresh-roasted.

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San Francisco 473

NEW TO-DAY.

"Your pills are the best in the world. I used to be annoyed with constipation until I began using them. Now I have no trouble of that kind any more and I attribute my recovery to the use of your valuable medicine. In the springtime of the year I always take your *

Pistols and Pestles.

The duelling pistol now occupies its proper place, in the museum of the collector of relics of barbarism. The pistol ought to have beside it the pestle that turned out pills like bullets, to be shot like bullets at the target of the liver. But the pestle is still in evidence, and will be, probably, until everybody has tested the virtue of

Ayer's Cathartic Pills.

* This testimonial will be found in full in Ayer's "Curebook" with a hundred others. Free. Address J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

THEY WERE IN JAMISON'S RAID

Arrival of Famous Campaigners Who Want to Buy Mines.

They Say the Boom in Johannesburg Is Solid With a Growing Output.

But at Buluwayo, Though the War Is Over, It Is Slow Because of No Railroad.

Barclay Bonthorn and W. Gordon Ross, of Johannesburg, and Theodore Haddon of Buluwayo, South Africa, all owners of gold properties in the Dark Continent, arrived here yesterday and registered at the Palace.

Mr. Bonthorn commanded a corps of mounted Scots in the Jamison raid and Mr. Ross was a member of the committee of the Scottish corps, which consisted of 2500 armed men. They were ready to do battle on many occasions, but when the war was entirely declared off they resumed the peaceful occupation of mining.

They are now on their way to British Columbia to examine some gold properties. They will visit the new and thrifty camp of Rossland, and will spend some time in looking over the mines of Trail Creek.

Mr. Bonthorn says that notwithstanding contrary reports the Johannesburg district is going steadily ahead.

"The output is increasing," he said. "It is averaging about 300,000 ounces of gold a month, or about $6,000,000. Developments on new properties are revealing additional bodies of mineral. Wherever prospecting is being intelligently done it is met with reward.

"The same interest continues. Things are not as wild as they were, so far as stock speculations are concerned, but in every other way there is life and all that could be desired. I predict the country will go right along, so far as gold mining is concerned."

"It is rather slow about Buluwayo, in Rhodesia," said Mr. Haddon. "The war is entirely over, however, the natives having ceased hostilities. But we are 700 miles away from any other place. Communication is slow, and we can expect no great activity till the railroad, now being pushed forward, gets to Buluwayo."

The gentlemen are possessed of large wealth, which they have made almost exclusively in mining since going to South Africa several years ago.

They left on the evening train for British Columbia.

Grand French Ball.

A highly successful ball was given last night at Odd Fellows' Hall by the well-known French society, the Ligue of Henri IV. A number of prominent members of the local French colony were present and from the time that the grand march opened, soon after 9 o'clock, till well into the morning dancing was kept up in the large hall, which had been elegantly decorated for the occasion. The officers of the League d'Henri IV are: President, P. B. Berges; first vice-president, J. Bayle; second vice-president, J. B. Lacaze; treasurer, P. Berges; recording secretary, P. A. Bergerot; financial secretary, Aug. Bergez; directors—B. Sarthou, J. S. Godeau, J. B. Carrere, P. Robert, F. Garrissere, J. B. Pene.

One Case of Diphtheria.

One case of diphtheria, that of a 12-month-old child living at 3628 Twentieth street, was reported at the Health Office yesterday. Two cases of scarlet fever were also reported.

NEW TO-DAY.

THE OWL'S GIFT DOLL

THE OWL DRUG CO.,
1128 Market St.

THE OWL'S
Semi-Annual Gift Day,
Thursday, December 10th.
ON THAT DAY
BETWEEN THE HOURS
9 and 11:30 A. M.,
2 and 4:30 P. M.,
7 and 9 P. M.
EVERY LADY PURCHASER
AT OUR ESTABLISHMENT
Will receive free a handsome Imported Doll for the Children whether purchase is 20c or $20.
A Doll included with each country order up to 5 P. M., the 10th.
No Dolls sent by mail.

PIEDMONT BATHS.

SUNDAY, Dec. 6, grand vaudeville entertainment; first performance in the new theater; the following high-class artists will appear: Bobby Shea, the original Irish bird; Heneila, the premier of dancers; Marca brothers, the hit of both hemispheres; Remonde, in his favorite specialties; the Great Uno (the Only), the famous Zouave in his world-challenge drill (his first appearance in America); Ida Melville, the clever serio-comic singer; Dougherty and Farnham, in their comedy creation "The Drum Major"; Remonde and Hemella, supreme masters of Terpsichore.

P. S.—Particular attention is called to the elegant wardrobe of these artists. Music by Rosner's Hungarian orchestra at 2 P. M.

REMOVAL NOTICE.

PIERCE & CO., GENERAL WESTERN Agents National Cash Register Co., have removed their offices from the Chronicle bldg. to rooms 312 and 313, Parrott bldg., opp. Baldwin Hotel. Tel. South 103.

NEW TO-DAY.

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