The San Francisco Call

MONDAY.....DECEMBER 28, 1896

AMUSEMENTS.

BALDWIN THEATER—The Brownies.
CALIFORNIA THEATER—"A Paris Tragedy," Thursday, December 31.
COLUMBIA THEATER—"His Wife's Father."
MOROSCO'S OPERA-HOUSE—"Across the Potomac."
ALCAZAR THEATER—"Niobe."
TIVOLI OPERA HOUSE—"Jack and The Beanstalk."
ORPHEUM—High-Class Vaudeville.
CIRCUS ROYAL—Eddy and Mason sts.—Prof. O. R. Gleason.
THE CHUTES AND SKATING RINK—Daily at Haight street, one block east of the Park.
SUTRO BATHS—Bathing and performances.

AUCTION SALES.

BY S. EASCH—This day, December 28, Furniture, at 319-321 Sutter street, at 10:30 o'clock.
BY SULLIVAN & DOYLE—Tuesday, December 29, Horses and Buggies, etc., at 134 Seventh street, at 11 o'clock.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Rain Monday; high southwesterly winds.—W. H. Hammon, local forecast official.

There was a large number of people at Sutro's yesterday to see the tug of war.

Larkin street, from McAllister to Sutter, will be illuminated with arc lights to-night.

Alexander Marchand will be buried from St. Mary's Cathedral this morning at 9 o'clock.

The Coroner's office was kept busy yesterday forenoon in answering calls for sudden deaths.

Several closely contested games were played in the San Francisco handball court yesterday.

The Polk-street Improvement Club met yesterday and arranged details for the fiesta this week.

F. O. Young won the all-round Siebe medal at the Columbia Pistol and Rifle Club's shoot yesterday.

John Daggett, Superintendent of the Mint, has donated many California Indian relics to the Park Museum.

After a hard contest Adolph Strecker carried off the beautiful Unfred diamond rifle medal at the Columbia's shoot.

In consequence of the uncertainty of the weather yesterday there were not many strollers at the ocean beach.

Bills having for their purpose the protection of dairy products have been prepared for presentation to the next Legislature.

At a meeting of the American Branch of the Socialist Labor Party last night they were advised to strive first for municipal control.

Dr. Hasket Smith of England delivered an address yesterday at the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A., on the "Mysteries of Ancient Egypt."

Little, if anything, could be gleaned as to the cause of the fire at South San Francisco on Saturday night, at which the night watchman lost his life.

Leaders of the local Spanish movement to aid the Junta met yesterday and decided to do nothing until they hear from Palma, leader of the New York Junta party.

Captain William F. Swasey was interred yesterday in the Pioneers' plat, Masonic Cemetery. Funeral services, which were largely attended, were held in Pioneer Hall.

The South Side Social Settlement has been merrily celebrating the holidays during the past week and there are entertainments to be given during the fore part of this week.

The Adjutant-General, in his biennial report, recommends the Legislature to allow the National Guard $58,750 for clothes and equipments, and $80,000 for encampments.

A small black bear which escaped last Thursday from Mark Strouse's packing-house on the San Bruno road, near Cortland avenue, was yesterday recaptured after a lively struggle.

A Christmas festival will be given by the San Francisco Boys' Club Association at their headquarters, 740 Bryant street, this evening. Santa Claus will be represented by Leonard Everett.

There are ten candidates in the fight for Prosecuting Attorneys of the Police Courts. At a caucus of nine Supervisors-elect Saturday night five voted in favor of giving patronage to the junta.

The erection of a suitable monument in Golden Gate Park in memory of Robbie Burns is an almost assured fact. The present intentions of the officers of the Caledonia Club seem to promise this.

A grand military tournament will take place at the Presidio next April. An elaborate programme has been prepared and all branches of the service will be represented in the athletic competition.

The Germania Schuetzen Club, the Nord-deutscher Schuetzen Club and the San Francisco Schuetzen Verein held their monthly class medal contests and bullseye shoots at the Shell Mound rifle range yesterday.

The Pacific Mail steamship Peru arrived yesterday afternoon, fifteen days from Yokohama, after an uneventful voyage. The secret of Li Hung Chang's influence with the imperial family is told in one of the papers which she brought.

Rev. C. O. Gill, the Berkeley football coach of 1893 and former great Yale tackler, returned yesterday from Peking, China, where he has been engaged in missionary work for three years. His wife's ill health compelled their return to this country.

Richard Childres, a late arrival in this City from Minneapolis, attempted to commit suicide by mixing sulphate of zinc with his beer, and when prevented from doing so tried to use a pistol. He now lingers in a padded cell, awaiting the Insanity Commissioners.

SOUTH PARK FESTIVITIES.

The Holiday Season Fittingly Observed by the Social Settlement.

The South Park Settlement has been having a busy week of Christmas festivities. The various clubs and classes which meet at the club's home at 15 South Park have each either observed the holiday season or will do so during the coming week.

Wednesday afternoon a number of little girls gave a musicale at the settlement in aid of the Childrens' Hospital. The little ones furnished their friends with a delightful afternoon and succeeded in realizing $22 for the hospital. The little girls participating were:

Loretta Ryder, Sophia Cleversahl, Nellie Ryan, Myrtle Lestrange, Sadie Alexander, Mattie Orr, Hazel Neuman, Maggie Miller, Maggie Boyne, Aielma Bruce, Katie Fitzgerald, Annie Fitzgerald, Alice McNevin, Violet Newman.

Saturday the kindergarten had a Christmas-tree entertainment and a merry time. This evening the young ladies' class will have a party, and Tuesday evening the girls' class will have a similar affair.

Wednesday evening the boys of the settlement will give the first performance of a play entitled "Bonito," written especially for them by George Trader. This is expected to be something very nice. Neat cards of invitation have been sent to members and friends of the settlement.

The dress of a fully equipped diver weighs 169½ pounds and costs about £100. The thick underclothing weighs 8½ pounds, the dress itself 14 pounds; the huge boots, with leaden soles, 32 pounds; the breast and back weighs 80 pounds and the helmet 35 pounds.

NEW TO-DAY.

For Children's Skin

scalp, and hair, nothing in the whole world is so cleansing, purifying, and beautifying as

CUTICURA SOAP

purest and sweetest for toilet, bath, and nursery. For distressing facial eruptions, irritations of the scalp, dry, thin, and falling hair, red, rough hands, chafings, inflammations, and simple baby rashes and blemishes, it is wonderful.

Sold throughout the world. Sale greater than the combined sales of all other skin soaps. POTTER DRUG AND CHEM. CORP., Sole Props., Boston, U. S. A.

"How to Purify and Beautify Baby's Skin," free.

HE SHOOK HANDS WITH RAMESES II.

Rev. Dr. Haskett Smith Tells of Civilization 7000 Years Ago.

The Ancient Egyptians Worshiped the Same God We Believe In.

Dr. Smith Tells How He Surreptitiously Shook the Hand of the Mummy of Rameses the Great.

Yesterday afternoon in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. the Rev. Dr. Haskett Smith of England delivered a lecture to a large audience on the subject "Seven Thousand Years Ago, or the Mysteries of Ancient Egypt."

Dr. Smith is a man of wide experience in Eastern travel and study, and has had exceptional opportunities for study. He has made four trips up the Nile and spent five years on Mount Carmel, where he owns a summer residence. He is now completing a trip around the world and will make a brief sojourn in San Francisco. He usually illustrates his lectures with stereopticon views, but in this instance was obliged to omit them.

In his opening remarks Dr. Smith said that the nineteenth century, now so near its close, will take rank among the most remarkable in history. In invention, discovery and studious research its achievements have been most remarkable. Prominent among these achievements was the rescuing from oblivion of the literature, history and works of art of that most marvelous and fascinating country, the land of the Pharaohs.

One hundred years ago practically nothing was known of ancient Egypt, but by the flood of light which modern scholarship has brought to bear upon the subject the hieroglyphics cut on the sublime ruins have all been read. One of the most interesting results of this research is the evidence it has opened up corroborating the sacred records in that faithful book—the Bible. It has at the same time proved that very mistaken interpretations have been put upon these sacred records. One of these serious mistakes was that the system of chronology which was taken from the margins of the manuscripts of the sacred Scriptures was supposed by our fathers to be of divine authority. These marginal notes as to dates are now known to be purely human calculations, and being computations from erroneous data, of course gave erroneous results. These errors indicated that the world was but 6000 years old, and it is now known that the age of the earth is practically limitless, so far as our human conceptions of time are concerned, and that 7000 years ago there lived a people on the shores of the Nile who possessed the highest civilization, culture and religious life—as high in their way as ours of to-day.

Dr. Smith explained that his time was too brief to treat in an adequate way a history which extended over the long period of 7000 years, but he wished as concisely as possible to call attention to four important points which have been brought out by modern research in deciphering the hieroglyphics and digging among the ruins.

The first point is that the ancient Egyptians actually worshiped the same God that we do. Their hymns, which can now readily be translated, prove their belief in the one, only, self-existent, invisible God, who created all things. They were a most intensely religious people and carried this devotion into every detail of life.

The second point is that they believed in a future life, in a judgment to come, in future rewards and punishments and in the resurrection of the body and immortality of the soul. Their belief in the resurrection of the body, however, did not reach the spiritual Christian conception of it.

The third point is that the ancient Egyptians had elevated woman to equality with man. This is a point of deep significance, for it is only where high civilization has been reached that woman is not crushed and oppressed as the weaker vessel. The record has been cut in stone that the Egyptian mother, wife and daughter were treated with a greater delicacy of courtesy than the husband and father.

The fourth point is that they had reached a high proficiency in art. Men have spent their lives in unearthing the ruins of Egypt and have exhumed pictures, statuary and various works of art which would do credit to the most pre-eminent artists of the present day.

Speaking of the short time he had for such a great subject Dr. Smith said that the history of Egypt began when Menes consolidated the empire 5000 years before Christ and closed with the death of Cleopatra, twenty-seven years before Christ, and that he could barely lift the fringe of the curtain and show some of the salient features in the study. He told how the discovery of the way to read the Egyptian literature resulted from the finding of the famous Rosetta stone, when the French army under Napoleon invaded Egypt in 1799. Ancient Egyptian is now a language, which can be studied as Greek or Latin.

The Pharaohs of whom the Bible speaks were, first, Seti, of the time of Moses' birth. Dr. Smith here created a laugh by telling the audience that Pharaoh was the father of Pharaoh's daughter. Rameses II the Great was the Pharaoh of the time of the oppression, when Moses called down the plagues. Rameses was a great hero, and Dr. Smith again created a laugh by saying he had shaken hands with Rameses and would be sure to know him if he should see him in a crowd walking down Market street. The mummy of the great conquering king was in such remarkable preservation that the features were still well formed. The third king was Manepta. He was the Pharaoh of the exodus and perished in the Red Sea.

The address closed with an eloquent account of the great Sphinx at Memphis.

REV. DR. HASKETT SMITH.

MAKING THE FUR FLY.

Lively Coursing at the Ingleside and Sacramento Parks.

Dogs That Won Long Green—Arrival of Some Fast Eastern Jackrabbit Chasers.

Although the weather was anything but favorable to outdoor sport yesterday, the Ingleside Coursing Club stands were tolerably well filled with the admirers of the grand old sport of the leash. The betting was spirited as usual, and the racing, with the exception of a few courses, was up to the standard. The arrival of a number of dogs from the East will give an impetus to the sport. The result of the coursing is appended:

First round—Tipperary beat Dashaway, Eclipse beat Pronto, Sly Boy beat Ben Brush, Myrtle beat Tommy Hall, Grannwaile beat Rosalind, Electric beat Fireman, Happy Jack beat Susie, Queen B beat Best Trump, Monitor beat Sarsfield, Molly Bawn beat Coomassie, Cleverness beat Bend-a-long, George Dixon beat Marguerite, Kitty Scot beat Sunnyside Maid, Will o' Wisp beat Rueben Glue, Wildflower beat The Giant, Fairview beat Swinnerton.

First ties—Tipperary beat Eclipse, Sly Boy beat Myrtle, Grannwaile beat Electric, Queen B beat Happy Jack, Cleverness beat Monitor, Molly Bawn beat George Dixon, Kitty Scott beat Will o' Wisp, Fairview beat Wildflower.

Second ties—Tipperary beat Sly Boy, Molly Bawn beat Grannwaile, Cleverness beat Queen B, Kitty Scott beat Fairview.

Third ties—Tipperary beat Molly Bawn, Kitty Scott beat Cleverness.

Final—Tipperary beat Kitty Scott.

John Grace, the veteran, was in the pigskin and James Grace, a chip of the old block, handled the slips in excellent style.

The Sacramento Coursing Club held a rattling meeting yesterday, notwithstanding the inclement weather. The hares ran like demons, and quite a number of them made their escape. The following were the successful competitors in the club race: Faster and Faster, Defender, Moonlight and Little Wonder. In the open stake Little Delight, Combination, Airship and Reception were the winners. The Sacramento Club holds meetings every Sunday during the winter season.

J. H. Rosster of Alameda has formed a partnership with L. F. Bartels of Denver, Colo., under the name of Bartels & Rosseter, and they will run their hounds both East and West under that name.

A. P. Slocum of Oaks, N. Dak., arrived in this City last night with a string of ten greyhounds for the new kennel. In addition to Pocahontas, Wayfarer, Arrapahoe and Santa Alicia, Mr. Rosseter's old dogs, he brings Ben Hur, by Border Ruffian, Olicana; Brandon Belle, by Border Ruffian-Carmen; Bona, by Border Ruffian, Miss Lottie; B. B. & B., an imported dog, by Royal Express-Dear Sal; Mercy May, by Royal Crest-No Mercy, and imported Bed of Stone, by Greentick. With the latter are five whelps.

These dogs, or those of them that are in condition at the time, will be run in the Interstate Coursing Club's meet at Ingleside on February 22.

A gentleman who does not wish his name known has given a $100 challenge cup for the Sapling Stake at this meeting, the cup to take the name of the puppy first winning it.

The John Grace cup will carry with it a purse of $400 to the winner and a good sum to the runner-up.

NEW MISSION HOUSE.

The Cornerstone Was Laid by Bishop William Ford Nichols Yesterday.

The cornerstone of the new Episcopal Mission of the Good Samaritan was laid with imposing religious ceremonies by Bishop Nichols, assisted by a number of the clergymen of his diocese. The new building, which is to be of wood, will stand on Second street, near Folsom, just opposite the old mission house. It will be 50 feet wide by 110 feet long and composed of two stories, reading, social and billiard rooms below and the chapel above. It is to cost $10,000 and when finished will be a handsome and commodious edifice. The mission is in charge of the Rev. W. I. Kip Jr.

During the services yesterday the children's choir of the mission supplied the melody of the ceremony. Dr. Middleton, United States Army, of the Presidio, and Major W. B. Hooper made appropriate addresses.

Germany is in a very difficult position. Like a prisoner in the middle ages sentenced to be crushed to death between two converging walls, so is Germany between France and Russia, who at the first spark of hostility—whether from England or the Balkan Peninsula—will surely close in upon her simultaneously from the east and from the west.

HOW SOCIETY AMUSES ITSELF

Interesting Christmas Festivities at Paso Robles.

The I Gondolieri Members Give Their Initial Entertainment.

Glee Club Reunion—Henley Private Theatricals—Patterson-Granger Nuptials.

Burns Macdonald, who will marry Miss Bessie Younger next Thursday, will give a dinner to his best man and the ushers that are to be, this evening at the Bohemian Club.

The guests of Paso Robles Hotel, numbering 160, were royally entertained on Christmas night with games of various kinds. After the distribution of prizes they were all invited to partake of a repast spread in the spacious hall, which looked beautiful with its Christmas decorations. Before retiring the guests voted thanks to Manager E. F. Burns and Mrs. Bennett for a very pleasant evening.

Some of the prominent young men of the Italian and Swiss colonies have organized under the name of "I Gondolieri," and on last Tuesday evening gave their initial party at Beethoven Hall. The evening proved quite a success and was highly enjoyed, not only by the members of the club, but also by their invited friends and parents, who chaperoned their daughters and sons.

The grand march, which began sharply at 9 o'clock, was led by Dr. A. H. Giannini, the president of the club, and his charming sister, Miss Florence Scatena. The main feature of the march was the forming of a gondola, the emblem of the club. Among those present were:

Miss Florence Scatena, Miss Aida I. Sbarboro, Miss Chariotte Borlini, Miss Olive Sartori, Miss Tillie Chichizola, Miss Amalia Levaggi, Miss Romilda Frapolli, Miss Dollie Arata, Miss Stella Patrachi, Miss Minnie Barbieri, Miss Emma Grondona, Miss Margaret Olcese, Miss Adele Rottanzi, Miss F. Bacigalupi, Miss H. Merlo, Miss Lillye Rocca, Miss K. Campodonico, Miss H. Ruthruff, Miss Alvia Cousins, Miss A. Kavanagh, Miss M. Ferroggiaro, Miss Miss A. Barretta, Miss M. Barretta, Miss M. Sullivan, Miss Margaret Fontana, Miss C. Barnes, Miss Elvira Panario, Miss Eugenia B. Brizzolara, Miss Sibyl Tonini, Miss L. J. Wilson, Miss H. Stefoni, Miss Mary O'Keefe, Miss C. J. Lecari, Miss A. Frapolli, Miss C. Bosqui, Miss Nina Spadina, Dr. A. H. Giannini, Dr. C. E. Caglieri, A. E. Sbarboro, A. A. Borlini, Marquis G. Ripamonti, A. Michiletti, Dr. H. J. Sartori, Baron G. de Barras, V. Lucchetti, C. F. Grondona, W. R. Borlini, Horace R. Sartori, Dr. T. A. Rottanzi, J. M. Campodonico, Dr. L. D. Bacigalupi, E. Cevasco, G. Giannini, F. Argenti, A. Cafferata, J. B. Argenti, J. A. Devoto, P. Lefranchi, G. B. Root, D. L. Perrone, D. F. McElroy, W. Funge, M. B. Bosqui, F. J. Burke, G. F. Mann, W. H. Thompson, C. J. Lacari, S. V. Costello, B. S. Davis, W. E. Balconi, O. A. Roleau, F. A. Cavagnaro, Dr. C. A. Glover, A. P. Giannini, G. Rececconi.

The Glee Club, which was organized in 1881, held their regular annual meeting and banquet at the residence of one of its members, Charles N. Parrish, 351 Lexington avenue, on Christmas night.

The club numbers some professional as well as amateur musicians among the members.

The soloists of the evening were R. D. Valerga, Miss Lulu Ward, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Parrish, and the accompanist was Miss Grace Parrish.

The evening was pleasantly spent in songs and glees and musical selections, followed by a collation.

Many pleasant recollections of their many amateur and professional careers were recalled. The club members and their friends adjourned about midnight.

A grand surprise party was tendered to Mrs. George Wilson at her residence, 116 Eighth street, on Christmas evening, in honor of her forty-eighth birthday. The parlors were handsomely decorated with evergreens and crysanthemums. The evening was pleasantly spent in games, dancing and singing, Miss Josie Reardon contributing several select songs. Miss Nellie O'Meara and Michael Fogarty led the grand march to supper at 12 o'clock.

Among the many guests present were Mr. Mrs. George Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Green, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Hoye, Mr. and Mrs. White, Miss Nellie O'Meara, Miss Josie Reardon, Miss Annie Corbett, Miss Lillian Corbett, Miss Lillie Green, Miss Kate Pierce, Miss Della McDonald, Miss Mary Gordon, Miss Jessie Boland, Miss Annie Murry, Miss Kittie Murphy, Miss Ella Sherer, Miss Annie Roberts, Miss Myra Wise and Miss Omelia Hunt.

Thursday evening a most delightful time was enjoyed by a few intimate friends at the home of Mrs. A. E. Henley.

A farce was given and at its conclusion the festivities were continued in the "den," a charming and novel nook in the spacious residence. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Henley, Mr. and Mrs. Sossa, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Henley, Miss Clara Paul, Miss M. Epstine, Mrs. H. Stevens, Mrs. M. R. Morgan; Messrs. Winn Hoag, Dr. W. L. Davis, S. Martinez, A. D. Jaqua, E. Marschuts, W. Carter and Charles Henley.

The wedding of Henry R. Patterson, a merchant of Berkeley, and Miss Lettie J. Granger took place on Wednesday evening at the home of the bride, North Berkeley. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Bentley of Berkeley M. E. Church. Miss Anna Sullivan was the bridesmaid, August Vollmer acted as best man and Miss May Granger and Roger Wilson were the pages. The bride wore a beautiful white silk trimmed with point lace. The presents were numerous and costly.

Those present at the reception were: Mrs. Granger, Mr. and Mrs. S. Granger, Misses May and Edna Granger, W. Granger, Mrs. Hickies, Miss Clara Hickies, Misses Sarah and Lizzie Granger, Charles Granger, Mr. and Mrs. W. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wilson, R. Wilson, Miss Maud Wilson, John Davidson, Miss L. Sinclafr, W. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sullivan, Misses Anna and Minnie Sullivan, Abraham Sullivan.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have left for the southern part of the State. After their honeymoon they will reside in North Berkeley in their beautiful new home.

Miss Hattie Milliken entertained a few of her most intimate friends at her home, 214 Castro street, on Wednesday evening. The parlors were made bright with berries and winter greens. At a late hour a dainty repast was served, after which the guests returned to the parlors to participate again in the pleasures of the evening.

The marriage of Miss Louise Marie Schemmel and Henry Melville Ayer will take place on Wednesday, December 30, at the residence of the bride's parents in San Jose. The ceremony is to be strictly private.

A most enjoyable surprise party was given to Henry G. Gerl at his residence, 1610 Guerrero street, on Christmas eve. The house was very neatly decorated with greens and lanterns. The evening was spent in dancing, singing, recitation and enjoyable conversation. Those present were: Mrs. Gerl, Miss Paulsen, Miss Buhlinger, Miss Rogers, Miss Rotenculber, Miss Hyden, Miss Gray, Miss Husing, Miss Silva, Miss M. Gerl, Misses M. and S. McAleer, Misses M. and B. de Herro; Messrs. H. Gerl, H. Ruppel, Mr. Lane, Mr. McNulty, Mr. Hendricks, J. Bickford, C. Shuler, F. Rogers, R. Gunn, F. Krause, E. Binder, F. Rotenculber.

Mrs. Horace Smyth left for the East night of December 26 on the Sunset Limited, taking with her as companion and friend Mme. Cortez. They sail for Europe on the North German Lloyd steamship Kaiser Wilhelm II January 9.

ALEXANDER MARCHAND DEAD.

Prominent in Railroad Circles—A Wife and Son Survive Him.

Alexander Marchand, the senior member of the firm of Conklin & Marchand, railroad and steamship ticket agents, died Saturday night at his residence, 1135 Geary street. Mr. Marchand had been ailing for some time, and about two weeks ago returned from Bartlett Springs, since which time his condition grew rapidly worse. The immediate cause of death was catarrh of the stomach.

Mr. Marchand was born in Kentucky and when quite a young man left college to join the Stonewall Jackson brigade. He served with considerable distinction during the Civil War and when the war was over engaged in steamboating on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Later he became connected with the Southern News Company and was a prominent member of the Benevolent Order of Elks.

Mr. Marchand was possessed of a particularly genial and happy disposition and was very popular in railroad circles. He was known among his friends as "Colonel."

He leaves a widow and a son 17 years old. The funeral services will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral this morning at 9 o'clock. The remains will be taken to Calvary Cemetery and temporarily placed in a vault. The final resting place will be at Louisville, Ky.

HOITT'S School, at Burlingame, will reopen January 5. Address Ira G. Hoitt, Ph.D.

Miss Bessie Younger and Mr. Burns Macdonald, Who Will Be Married Next Thursday.

PERU TIED TIGHT TO THE WHARF

Uneventful Passage of Fifteen Days From Yokohama.

Secret of Li Hung Chang's Great Influence With the Imperial Power.

Chinese Passengers Fumigated at Quarantine as a Precautionary Measure.

The Pacific Mail steamer Peru, Captain de Friele, from Hongkong and Yokohama, passed in yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock, and lay at quarantine till 11 o'clock last night. No sickness was reported aboard, but a number of Chinese passengers were taken over to the island and fumigated as a precautionary measure, as the plague and fever is one several Chinese ports. The cabin passengers were Rev. Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Gill and G. G. Lotman.

The Peru experienced strong gales from the west, southwest and north-northwest to the meridian, thence moderate and squally weather to the Golden Gate. She left Yokohama on December 13, and made the voyage in 15 days 3 hours and 25 minutes.

The British bark Forfarshire arrived in yesterday afternoon from Newcastle, N. S. W. On November 5 last she buried at sea August Thisen, a seaman 19 years old.

The steamship Peru brought a very large quantity of Oriental mail. In the Hongkong Daily Press of November 25 last is a story from the North China Daily News which shows the source of Li Hung Chang's influence and grip with the Emperor and imperial family. Li's influence, according to the story, lies chiefly with the dowager Empress. The article says:

A native correspondent at Peking tells us again the story of the course taken by Li in 1874, when the Emperor Tung Chih was dying, which so bound the Empress Dowager to him. At that moment there was a formidable party in the palace opposed to the two Dowager Empresses, anxious to put them and their party out of the way and raise to the throne the dissolute son of Prince Kung, now dead. The Dowager Empresses appealed to Li, then Viceroy of Chihli, and as such the lawful protector of the dynasty. He did not lose a moment, but made a secret forced march to Peking, accompanied by his personal guard of 4000 well-armed men—horse, foot and artillery, all Anhui men—on whose devotion he could rely under any circumstances. The march of eighty miles was made in thirty-six hours and timed to arrive at Peking at midnight.

A Prince who was an adherent of the Dowager Empress had been placed in charge of the Chungwen Gate with a guard of his personal retainers with orders to open it only to Li and his force. At midnight Li and his Anhui men were admitted and marched at once into the Forbidden City in dead silence. Every man held a chopstick in his mouth to prevent his talking and the metal trappings of the horses were all muffled. Arrived within the forbidden precincts the Manchu bannermen on duty at the various palace gates were all replaced by Li's men, the empresses having sent out eunuchs to point out which detachments were doubtful or had almost openly declared for the conspirators. These were at once disarmed, bound and hurried off to the prisons of the Board of Punishments.

The artillery was posted to command the entrances to the Forbidden City, the cavalry was set to patrol the grounds and pick up any stray conspirators who could be found and the infantry were stationed so as to surround the palace, where lay the Dowager Empresses and the present Emperor, Kuang Hsu, then a child about 4 years old. When day broke the surprise of such of the conspirators as had not been arrested during the night was complete. The disaffected were quietly made away with or sent into perpetual exile in the Heilungchang region, and the next day Prince Chun's little son was proclaimed Emperor, with the title of Kuang Hsu. It turned out that neither Prince Kung nor his son had any connection with the conspiracy, and they were unharmed, Prince Kung remaining, as he always has been, a stanch friend of H. E. Li.

Everything being settled Li marched back to Tientsin with his troops as unostentatiously as he had come, and so secretly had everything been done that only those directly concerned in this coup d'etat knew what had happened or how entirely it was due to the loyalty and promptitude of Li, who might at that moment if he had chosen to be false have raised himself to the throne, that a civil war was averted and a great bloody tragedy prevented.

As we have said, the Empress Dowager has never forgotten her debt to the ex-Viceroy, and it is only due to her entreaties and her representations that the stability of the dynasty still depends on him that H. E. has consented to take up his post in the Tsungli Yamen. The Emperor, it is said, is too much under the influence of Weng Tung-ho to realize what he owes to his great subject, and only on the expostulation of his imperial aunt made up his mind to refuse H. E. Li's application to be allowed to retire.

A smoking match recently amused the public at Lille, France. Fifty of the hardest smokers of the district sat down together to consume two ounces of the strongest tobacco in the shortest possible time. They used clay pipes, and were helped by a big jug of beer. The winner finished in a quarter of an hour.

NEW TO-DAY.

—The— Morning —Cup—

The cup that cheers, that warms, that starts you out fortified for the day's battles—the veritable cup of health—a cup of

Ghirardelli's Ground Chocolate

No stimulating effect, but full of food, easily and quickly digested. 'Tis absolutely pure, and always fresh. Made here

30c. a lb. All Grocers.

NEW TO-DAY—AMUSEMENTS.

Alcazar

THIS EVENING AT 8:15, AND SPECIAL MATINEE NEW YEAR'S DAY, The Furious y Funny Three-Act Comedy, —"NIOBE!"— WITH GEORGE OSBOURNE, HUGO TOLAND, And Our Great Company in the Cast. Order seats by telephone, Black 991. Night—15c, 25c, 35c, 50c. Matinee—15c, 25c, 35c.

CIRCUS ROYAL. People's Palace Building, Eddy and Mason sts. TO-NIGHT:—TO-NIGHT: BIG SUCCESS—BIG SUCCESS THE GREAT GLEASON! THE GREAT King of Horse-Tamers. POPULAR PRICES. POPULAR PRICES. 10c, 20c, 30c, 50c.

THE CHUTES. Daily From Noon Till Midnight, R. M. BROWN, the One-Legged Cyclist; KOKTO, Walking Down the Chutes on a Globe, and THE ANIMATOSCOPE. Every Evening—No Extra Charge.

NEW TO-DAY.

Naked Pills are fit only, for naked savages. Clothes are the marks of civilization—in pills as well as people. A good coat does not make a good pill, any more than good clothes make a good man. But as sure as you'd look on a clothesless man as a mad one, you may look on a coatless pill as a bad one. After fifty years of test no pills stand higher than AYER'S Cathartic Pills SUGAR COATED.

NEW TO-DAY—AMUSEMENTS.

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