SUPREME COUNCIL, ORDER OF PENDO

A California Organization Extending East and South.

Officers That Were Elected to Serve for the Ensuing Year.

Bohemian Council, A. L. of H., Obligates New Officers—The Chiefs of Oshonee Tribe Raised Up.

The third annual session of the Supreme Council of the Order of Pendo, held in this City, was brought to a close on Thursday evening, having been in session since the previous Tuesday.

This order, a purely Californian one, was started in San Francisco, and in the three years of its existence, has organized and instituted fifty-six councils, which are distributed in California, Montana, Colorado, Texas, Florida, Missouri, Maryland, Kansas and Virginia. It pays sick benefits, and upon the death of a member, the beneficiary receives a pension for a stated number of months, according to the amount of insurance carried by the deceased member.

There were representatives from the various councils and the sessions were very harmonious, the business being conducted with a great deal of earnestness in a true fraternal spirit.

The reports presented showed that during the past year but one death occurred in the order, that $2795 was paid for sick benefits, and the number of beneficiary certificates exceed 1700.

There were no changes of importance made in the laws governing the order, it appearing that those which govern it sustain a spirit of harmony.

The following named were elected as officers for the ensuing term and were duly installed: George M. Leavitt of San Francisco, past councilor; H. W. Mathews of San Francisco, supreme councilor; A. J. Colby of San Francisco, supreme vice-councilor; Ernest Duden of San Francisco, supreme secretary; D. S. Stanley of San Francisco, supreme treasurer; George W. Jackson of Helena, Mont., supreme chaplain; Dr. R. E. Bunker of San Francisco, supreme medical director; Alexander Rothenstein of San Francisco, supreme organizer; W. F. Jones of San Francisco; supreme guide, Dr. Tom B. Moore of Butte; Mont., supreme warden; Arthur Fortier of Anaconda, Mont., supreme sentinel.

On Tuesday evening the Supreme Council gave a banquet at the Tortoni to the visiting delegates, and covers were laid for twenty-five. There were present: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Colby, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Stanley, Arthur Fortier of Montana, G. W. Jackson of Montana, Miss Ruth Rothenstein, Alexander Rothenstein, Charles. A. Rothenstein, Mrs. Verra Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Duden, Dr. Thomas B. Moore of Montana, Dr. Charles S. Parent, W. T. Jones, Miss Jennie Pamperin and others.

Supreme Councilor Mathews presided, and toasts were offered and responded to. Dr. Moore responded to the "Representatives from Montana," and gave an interesting account of the growth of the order in Montana, and there were responses by other delegates. Miss Pamperin rendered several solos in a very acceptable manner, and Mrs. Eaton presided at the piano. Messrs. Jackson and Fortier will remain in this city several weeks. Dr. Moore left yesterday for Los Angeles.

SUPREME OFFICERS OF THE ORDER OF PENDO.

Bohemian Council, A. L. of H.

Bohemian Council, A. L. of H., had its officers installed by Grand Commander Filben, assisted by Grand Secretary Burton and members of the Grand Council. The officers are: William W. Hobart, commander; George J. Vincent, vice-commander; William Henderson, orator; ex-Judge Robert Ferral, past commander; James W. Disbrow, secretary; Hon. Gus Pohlmann, collector; George W. Dixon, treasurer; A. Prescott, guide; P. Gleason, warden; L. Goulet, sentry. After the installation the grand commander and grand secretary fully explained the nature and intent of the legislation enacted at the special session of the Supreme Council. Resolutions thanking ex-Judge Ferral, the retiring commander, were adopted. Interesting remarks were made by the grand officers and Messrs. Vincent, Hobart, Dixon, Prescott, Ferral, Disbrow, Henderson and others.

Oshonee Tribe, I. O. R. M.

Deputy Great Sachem H. P. Jennings, assisted by Great Prophet Fuller; M. J. Fairfield, G. S. S.; G. W. Collins, G. J. S.; P. L. Bliss, G. S.; Fred Brandt, G. M.; S. Berel, G. G. of W., and C. Horn, G. G. of R., raised up the following-named chiefs of Oshonee Tribe last Wednesday: C. C. Clark, S.; H. W. Friermuth, S. S.; Tobias Roberts, J. S.; M. Kramer, P.; S. Berel, C. of R.; G. A. Trautner, C. of W., and I. Leichter, K. of W.

After the raising up there was a musical entertainment, in which Messrs. T. W. Bree, Hand and O'Neil took part. During the evening S. Berel, C. of R., was presented a fine gold watch in recognition of his services to the tribe and order.

Sons of Benjamin.

The following named have been installed as officers of California Lodge, I. O. S. B.: Morris Goldstone, Ex. P.; Jacob Goodman, P.; Samuel Sternberg, V. P.; Henry L. Springer, R. S. (fifteenth term); Louis L. Langley, F. S.; Ben Wacholder, T. (twelfth term); Morris Silverstein, C.; Aaron Schwartzkop, I. G.; Louis Kuhn, O. G.; Dr. A. Nusbaum, R. Rosenberg, S. Rosenberg, trustees.

Union Lodge, K. of H.

The following officers of Union Lodge, Knights of Honor, were installed last night: J. H. Riley, P. D.; George Walcom, D.; Henry Manning, V. D.; Captain J. Blair, A. D.; Charles E. Schaefer, R.; George J. Vincent, F. R.; H. A. Steffens, T.; S. S. Balk, C.; T. L. Tomilson, G.; J. T. Smith, guard; C. Smith, S.; J. E. Wilkinson, H. Tietjen and Captain A. Neilson, trustees.

MISSING SIXTEEN DAYS.

Luman S. Fisher's Whereabouts Is Unknown to His Friends.

Disappeared on a Bicycle—A Few Years Ago He Squandered a Fortune.

Luman S. Fisher, a young man formerly in the employ of Hooker & Co., on Drumm street, and a resident at the International Hotel, has been missing now for sixteen days and no one of his daily acquaintances knows where he is or why he disappeared.

Fisher was employed six years ago by the old firm of Truman & Hooker. He fell heir to $20,000 and quit work. Two years ago he had spent all the money. He then applied to his former employers for work and was given his old place.

Latterly he has been short of money, though neither debt nor disgrace seems to have figured as a possible cause for his sudden and inexplicable disappearance.

On January 6 he left the store as usual and afterward went to his room in the International Hotel. He soon came downstairs in a bicycle suit, mounted his wheel and rode off, whither none but he can tell. He left his belongings in the room undisturbed and among them was his street suit, for which he had substituted his cycle attire.

He owed only a part of a week's board at the hotel when he left and there seems to have been no other bills to embarrass him.

"My opinion is that Fisher just struck out for some new place, where he could leave his follies behind him," said one of the missing man's fellow-employes who was again making inquiries about him last night. "Fisher was a quiet, secretive sort of fellow. He is all straight at the store. I think there are a few dollars coming to him. He couldn't have had much money when he left; not over $10, perhaps. I don't think he has committed suicide or done anything like that.

"He has a brother who lives at San Anselmo, but the brother does not seem to worry much over the disappearance. He is a goody-goody sort of fellow and has taken care of his property.

"They used to room together when the one who is missing began spending his money at the rate of from $600 to $700 a month, and the brother couldn't for the life of him find out what he was spending it on.

"I think that when he got the money he was a good thing and people worked him. Now when he has had time to think it over, he has concluded to skip and get into some place where he can begin all over again.

"He is, I should think, between 27 and 28 years old, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, is slightly built and has a smooth face. His hair is full and of a dark auburn."

M'LEOD IS CHARGED.

A Coroner's Jury Says He Hastened His Wife's Death.

In the inquest over Mrs. Elizabeth McLeod yesterday the Coroner's jury censured her husband and recommended that he be held for manslaughter.

Mrs. McLeod died suddenly on Tuesday night after a violent quarrel with her husband, who had choked her. The verdict, however, was that heart disease caused the death.

The one thing that first caused McLeod's arrest was the woman's dying statement. Crying, "He has killed me!" the woman expired almost immediately. Dr. Morgan swore that the woman died of pericarditis and degeneration of the heart, but the jury thought the husband's assault hastened it, and the verdict so stated.

Postponed Concert.

On account of the Nordica concert, the first recital of the Heine trio will take place on the 30th inst. instead of this afternoon.

Rare Dramatic Critics

Are good ones. Fearless opinions felicitously expressed in to-day's News Letter.

HE YEARNED FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Dr. Edward R. Taylor's Will Prevailed With His Brethren.

Consideration of Judicial Reform by the Bar Association.

Sections Eleven and Twelve of the Proposed Constitutional Amendment Revised.

The San Francisco Bar Association devoted three hours yesterday to a consideration and revision of the proposed constitutional amendment in judicial reform, which it intends to submit to the Legislature at the earliest possible moment.

So keen were the debates on mooted propositions and the interest in the general subject that it was found impracticable to take up any more of the proposed amendment for consideration and possible revision than sections 11 and 12.

Section 11, as reported by the committee, read as follows:

No judgment or order shall be revised, modified or set aside, nor shall any new trial be granted by any appellate court for any error in any other court, unless it shall appear that if that error had not been committed the judgment or order must necessarily have been different.

As amended this section is almost exactly in the language of section 475 of the Code of Civil Procedure. It is as follows:

Courts must in every stage of an action disregard any error or defect in the pleadings or proceedings, or in the course of a trial or motion for a new trial, which does not affect the substantial rights of the parties. A new judgment or order shall be reversed or affected by reason of any such error or defect.

When section 12 came up for consideration Attorney W. S. Goodfellow moved that both be stricken out. He assigned no reason therefor and the motion failed to carry.

Dr. Edward R. Taylor made an eloquent plea for the revival of oral pleading. He believed that Judges frequently go to sleep over lengthy briefs and do not take due cognizance of vital points, and that in addition oral argument was necessary to bring out the fine points of a case. He was seconded in another forceful speech by Attorney John A. Wright.

Certain minor alterations were made in Dr. Taylor's revision of the section, and the report handed in by the committee was amended as follows, in which form it will go before the Legislature:

Every cause and matter in the Supreme Court or any District Court of Appeal (except such applications as may be made ex-parte) shall be orally argued in open court, and no cause or matter in said court (except ex-parte applications as aforesaid) shall be presented, considered or decided, upon printed or written arguments; but this shall not prevent the courts from requiring that the points to be argued and considered, together with the list of authorities to sustain such points, shall be printed and filed before a cause is taken up for argument. After ten causes or matters have been argued and submitted for decision no other cause or matter (except ex-parte applications) shall be taken up by the same court until each of said causes and matters has been decided.

In rendering judgment each of the Justices of the said courts who has heard the cause or matter adjudged shall separately, in open court, pronounce his individual decision and give his reasons therefor, and the same shall be reported by the phonographic reporter of the court, and a transcript preserved in the records of the court; but this shall not prevent any of the Justices from preparing his decision in writing before delivering the same or from so editing the phonographic or other report thereof as to render the same more clear. A remittitur or mandate must issue upon every judgment of said court on or before the expiration of thirty days after the entry thereof; but the court shall have power to authorize a mandate or remittitur to issue after the expiration of that period in cases where without deceptive or fraudulent intent on the part of the person in whose favor the judgment was rendered the mandate or remittitur had not theretofore issued.

An adjournment was taken till 1 P. M. to-day, when other sections will be considered.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK.

Great Progress Made by the Committee This Week.

The committee of '97, which will have charge of the arrangements for the great Christian Endeavor convention in July next, met at their headquarters in the Y. M. C. A. building Thursday evening. There was a very full attendance of the members of the committee.

Guy W. Campbell, president of the State Christian Endeavor Union, was made an ex-officio member of the committee.

The hall committee reported that about half a dozen architects had been consulted with reference to the plans for the arrangement of the Mechanics' Pavilion for the meetings.

After due deliberation Percy & Hamilton were selected as the official architects. They will begin work on plans immediately. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the other architects who had given advice and assistance.

Mr. Webster of the hall committee will leave for the East on Monday, and in his absence the work of his committee will be done by a special committee consisting of Rolla V. Watt, Mr. Bennam and Dr. Kelley.

Mr. Bennan, from the music committee, recommended the following to form the great music committee: J. J. Morris, W. C. Stadfeldt, Martin Schultz, Robert Evans, Rev. John Rea, O. M. Vesper, C. E. Lloyd, H. K. Snow, Robert Husband, S. H. Roberts, William F. Hoke, C. H. T. Parker, A. T. Sutherland, E. Meredith, J. N. Robinson, C. H. Tebbs.

It was decided to order 25,000 badges as soon as the design and form has been decided upon.

Governor Budd and Mayor Phelan will be requested to deliver the addresses of welcome to the delegates.

The Alameda City Union is hard at work, and sub-committees have been appointed in every society in that city.

A request for a speaker has been received from Auburn to present the '97 work to a district Christian Endeavor convention at that place on March 20, 1897.

More Power for Health Boards.

Copies of a bill pending before the Legislature to give the Board of Health of every municipality and every county in the State the same powers with respect to the adoption and passage of ordinances relating to matters of a sanitary character and to matters which affect or relate to public health, that Boards of Supervisors have, were yesterday mailed from the office of the Board of Health, at the new City Hall, to all other health officers in the State, to secure co-operation.

Compounding a Felony.

Charles Taylor, a barkeeper for William Abbott, and a friend of the men who are accused of having assaulted Mrs. Belle Neva some nights ago when she was in her cups, has been placed under arrest on a charge of compounding a felony. Taylor, it is claimed, attempted to bribe Stephen Neva, the husband of the injured woman by offers of money, to cease her efforts to get her assailants convicted.

PLENTY of time to ripen in the wood before being bottled is one of the reasons for the uniform high quality of C. H. Evans & Son's India Pale Ale and Brown Stout. Sherwood & Sherwood, Pacific Coast Agents.

NEW TO-DAY—DRY GOODS.

AT SACRIFICE PRICES!

OUR GREAT CLEARANCE SALE closes another and most successful week with special offerings of a variety of THE MOST SEASONABLE AND DESIRABLE LINES at

REDUCTIONS THAT WILL FORCE THEM OUT SPEEDILY!

LADIES' KID GLOVES.

400 dozen 5 and 7 HOOK GENUINE FOSTER GLOVES (slightly imperfect), odd sizes, colors and black, regular price $1 50 and $1 75 a pair, will be closed out at..... 50c

103 dozen 4-BUTTON UNDRESSED KID GLOVES, large buttons, in medium and light mode shades, regular price $1 a pair, will be closed out at..... 50c

107 dozen 4-BUTTON KID GLOVES, embroidered backs and large buttons, in medium and tan shades, also black, regular price $1 25 a pair, will be closed out at..... 75c

90 dozen 5-HOOK KID GLOVES, in black, regular price $1 25 a pair, will be closed out at..... 75c

92 dozen 8-BUTTON LENGTH MOUSQUETAIRE UNDRESSED KID GLOVES, in dark and medium tan shades, regular price $1 50 a pair, will be closed out at..... 90c

83 dozen 4-BUTTON DERBY KID GLOVES, large buttons, in medium brown shades, regular price $1 50 a pair, will be closed out at $1.00

74 dozen 4-BUTTON GENUINE FRENCH KID GLOVES, embroidered backs and large buttons, colors and black, regular price $1 50 a pair, will be closed out at..... $1.00

HOSIERY AND UNDERWEAR.

100 dozen CHILDREN'S BLACK RIBBED COTTON HOSE, spliced knees, double heels and toes, fast black, sizes 6 to 9½, worth 25c a pair, on special sale at..... 12½c

115 dozen LADIES' IMPORTED BLACK COTTON HOSE, double heels, and toes, Hermsdorf dye, worth $3 per dozen, on special sale at..... per pair 15c

78 dozen LADIES' 4-THREAD BLACK MACO COTTON HOSE, high spliced heels, double soles and toes, onyx fast black, regular price $6 per dozen, on special sale at 3 pairs for $1..... pair 33⅓c

2 cases LADIES' JERSEY RIBBED EGYPTIAN COTTON VESTS, high neck, long sleeves, handsomely trimmed neck and front; ankle length French cut drawers to match; regular price 50c each, on special sale at..... 35c

3 cases LADIES' JERSEY RIBBED Wool and Cotton Mixed VESTS, high neck, long sleeves; drawers to match; warranted non-shrinkable, white and natural, regular price $1 each, on special sale at... 75c

1 case LADIES' NATURAL GRAY SANITARY WOOL VESTS, high neck, long sleeves; drawers to match; regular price $1 each, on special sale at..... 75c

CORSETS! CORSETS!

73 dozen LADIES' ENGLISH SATEEN CORSETS, extra long waist, high bust, two side steels each side, embroidered with gold silk flossing, black and drab, worth $1 50, on special sale at..... $1.00

LADIES' MUSLIN UNDERWEAR.

LADIES' WHITE CAMBRIC APRONS, 45 inches wide, 1½ inch hem, three tucks, will be closed out at..... 25c

LADIES' FULL-SIZE MUSLIN GOWNS, yoke of tucks, finished with embroidery, lined back, will be closed out at..... 50c

CHILDREN'S EMBROIDERED SILK CAPS, lined, full ruche, silk strings, will be closed out at 50c

LADIES' CHEMISES, made of heavy muslin, yoke of hemstitching, will be closed out at..... 25c

LADIES' WHITE MARSEILLES SKIRTS, finished with scallop cambric, yoke band, will be closed out at..... $1.00

COATS AND WAISTS.

CHILDREN'S NIGGERHEAD COATS, sizes 1 to 3 years, lined throughout, finished with lynx fur, will be closed out at..... $2.25

LADIES' SILK WAISTS, in fancy stripes and figures, will be closed out at..... $3.75

MEN'S FURNISHINGS.

92 dozen MEN'S FULL-FINISHED HEAVY VICUNA MERINO SOCKS, with double heels and toes, regular price 25c a pair; Clearance Sale price..... 10c

76 dozen MEN'S EXTRA FINE CASHMERE LAMB'S-WOOL SOCKS, in assorted tans, vicuna and cadet blue shades, extra good value for $3 a dozen; Clearance Sale price..... pair 16⅔c

40 dozen MEN'S LAUNDERED PERCALE SHIRTS, with two collars and one pair cuffs to each, new styles (some slightly soiled), regular price $1 each; Clearance Sale price..... 50c

35 dozen MEN'S AND BOYS' TENNIS FLANNEL OVERSHIRTS, made full sizes, with double yoked backs and with pearl buttons, extra value for 75c each; Clearance Sale price..... 50c

22 dozen MEN'S HEAVY UNDYED WOOL UNDERSHIRTS and DRAWERS (odd sizes), regularly sold at $1 each; Clearance Sale price..... 50c

35 dozen MEN'S UNDYED SANITARY LAMB'S-WOOL UNDERSHIRTS and DRAWERS, warranted non-shrinkable, regular price $1 25 each; Clearance price 75c

28 dozen MEN'S AUSTRALIAN LAMB'S-WOOL AND CAMEL'S-HAIR MIXED UNDERSHIRTS and DRAWERS, warranted thoroughly shrunk, extra value for $1 50 each; Clearance Sale price $1.00

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ALL HALLOWS' NEW BELL IN PLACE

It Was Solemnly Blessed Before a Large Congregation.

Will Call Parishioners to Prayer in South San Francisco.

Was Hoisted to Its Position in the Tower During the Past Week.

All Hallows' Church, South San Francisco, has been furnished with a great bell, which will probably be heard for the first time to-morrow. The parishioners of that large parish are pleased over the acquisition, the mellow tones of which will hereafter summon them to worship. It is a fine specimen of musical-toned bell, of proportions that appear remarkably large in All Hallows' Church. Its weight is 1800 pounds, its design graceful, and on the rim is the inscription, "Gloria in Excelsis Deo." During the week it was raised to the tower.

Last Sunday the ceremony of blessing the bell was performed in the presence of a large congregation. The bell hung from a stand in front of the altar, where it was wreathed in garlands of smilax.

The Rev. P. J. Cummins of St. Charles parish officiated at the impressive ceremonies, assisted by Rev. M. P. Ryan of St. Brigid's Church and Rev. Joseph Meivin of All Hallows'. Revs. Philip O'Ryan, John Cullen, P. A. Foley and M. D. Connolly were present throughout the service. Cornelius Buckley and Miss Blanche Maguire were the sponsors.

The blessing began with the chanting of psalms, after which Father Cummins washed the bell inside and outside, in which he was followed by the assistant priests. Then the bell was anointed with holy oils seven times on the outside and four times inside, while prayers of dedication were said. At last the object of sanctification was enveloped in a cloud of incense. After the blessing Father Cummins addressed the congregation and explained the ceremonies.

"We usually assemble in church to assist at the great sacrifice of the mass," he said, "to listen to the preaching of God's word, or at the close of the day to receive the benediction of the most blessed sacrament. It is seldom that a congregation assembles to assist at a simple blessing. Not that blessings are known to us indeed, because we know that everything used in public or private worship is blessed by the church; our sacred edifices, vestments, holy water, sacred vessels, are all blessed. Still it is seldom that we gather at church to witness any of the ceremonials incidental to the blessing of these things. The blessing of a bell, however, is a matter of great importance and the ceremonies attendant upon it are almost as impressive and as solemn as those used in the dedication of a new church.

"The reason that the church attaches so much importance to this ceremony is apparent. For the bell forms an important factor in her devotions. It may be justly considered and looked upon as the voice of the Baptist crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight his paths.' Each succeeding day, morning, noon and night it brings to our minds the great mystery of the Incarnation. But at other times in measured tones it tolls for the dead, reminding us that we, too, must some day die, and admonishing us, as it were, to prepare for our end. So we see that the bell has its fixed place in divine worship. It reminds us of some duty to perform, and thus we readily perceive why it is that so much importance is attached to the blessing of it by the church."

In describing the ceremony he said: "The bell was washed to show us the purity of soul which those should have who preach the word of God as well as those who receive it. Also to teach us in a far higher degree that the praises of God should only come from pure hearts and clean lips. The bell is anointed seven times on the outside emblematic of the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost and four times on the inside to show that the teachings of Christ are to be conveyed to the four points of the compass."

Benediction of the blessed sacrament was held. Weble's "Alma" was rendered by the choir, Professor S. J. Sandy, Mrs. A. Troy and Miss Verdi Gilmore taking the solo parts. Thomas' "O Salutatis" and Geibel's "Tantum Ergo" were given by Mrs. A. Troy, Misses Grace McGuire and Verdi Gilmore, Misses Bre Peguilan, Blanche McGuire, Josie Gilmore and May Mealey, D. W. Ervin, J. H. Widman, E. Latapie, Messrs. Pontacq and Blaise.

MANY CORONER'S INQUESTS.

Official Determinations Set Forth in Ten Late Cases.

Yesterday was a busy time with the Coroner in the matter of inquests. Juries passed on ten cases, with results that follow:

William H. Hubbard, cigar-maker, of 336 Bush street, aged 48, suicide by gas.

John Ralston of 410 Francisco street, aged 40, accidental death from gas.

Teresa Klatt, of 1201 Treat avenue, aged 27, death from a criminal operation.

John Voerhamme, 111 Trenton street, suicide by cyanide of potassium.

Louise Manning, Thirteenth avenue and P streets, aged 32, death from a criminal operation.

In the case of Elizabeth McLeod of 216 Cortland avenue the jury found that heart disease caused the death, but they censured the husband for assaulting her and recommended that he be held for manslaughter.

Robert Michael, aged 52, 517 Howard street, suicide.

George A. Abel, 1303 Page street, aged 54 years, suicide by gas.

Martin Kerr, aged 64, verdict of accidental death—asphyxiation from gas.

Richard Binder's Suicide.

Richard Binder, an ex-saloon-keeper who had been living at 223 Lexington avenue for some time, committed suicide at the California House, 624 California street, yesterday morning. He stopped up all the crevices and turned on the gas.

Binder was about 35 years of age, was discouraged and out of work. In one of his pockets was a telegram from a San Rafael saloon man telling him not to return to work.

F. W. Runge's Estate.

The will of Frederick W. Runge has been filed for probate. After bequeathing small sums to relatives the testator provides that the residue of his estate shall go to his son, John F. Runge, who is to have $2000 when he is 22 years old, $5000 when he reaches the age of 25 years, and the remainder of the property, valued at $30,000, is to be delivered to him when he is 28 years old. Otto Luhn Sr. and E. H. J. Maruqardson are nominated as executors, without bonds.

New Government Desks.

Many workmen were busy all day yesterday and until an early hour this morning placing new furniture to the value of $10,000 in the Custom-house, including some of the United States courts. The furniture was ordered nearly three years ago, and had just arrived from the East. It was made by victorious bidders, who got the contract under competition.

CLAUD DUVAL IN THE POTRERO

On Foot and on Horseback He Plies His Nefarious Vocation.

Houses, Stables and Barns Entered During the Early Morning Hours.

A Man Beaten Into Insensibility and His Wife Assaulted During the Twilight.

Within the past week the Potrero has been visited by two desperate, bold men, who so far have succeeded in keeping out of the reach of the police of that section of the City.

The first appearance of those two daring men was on Friday, the 13th inst. When Mr. and Mrs. Florence Augustine, who live at 57 Seventh avenue, were returning to their home on Railroad and Second avenues, near Butchertown, at 7 o'clock in the evening, they were met by two men aged about 25 years, who walked close behind them until the outskirts of Butchertown were passed. Then one of them dealt Mr. Augustine a stunning blow on the head from behind, which rendered him unconscious for the time being. Immediately thereafter Mrs. Augustine was seized by the pair of ruffians and hurried some distance from where her husband lay on the sidewalk and brutally assaulted by both men, after which they took their departure.

The next heard from supposedly the same young men was on last Monday, the 18th, when Thomas O'Toole's room at the Continental Hotel was entered during the night and all his clothing stolen.

A few nights subsequently the residence of Mr. Roberts at 335 Mississippi street was visited by two young men on horseback at 3 o'clock in the morning. The men answered the description of those who assaulted Mrs. Augustine. They forcibly entered the barn and stole seventy-five grainsacks, all that, fortunately for Roberts, was in the building at the time.

The next mark left by these two industrious men—or, at least, the men supposed to be them, was on the morning of the 19th, when Thomas Strahan's premises were visited and his stable door forced open and a buggy-robe and a set of harness taken.

These depredations proved to be only byplays for the night visitors as compared with later discoveries. On the night of Wednesday, the 20th, they entered the Olympic Hotel, about a hundred yards from the police station, kept by Thomas Small. There the burglars carried off everything of any value in the shape of jewelry and silverware, the total value of which amounts to about $400. A complete inventory of the property is in the custody of the Chief of Police.

In this daring act they were observed by Officer H. G. Clancy at 3 o'clock in the morning as they emerged from the hotel loaded down with the stolen goods.

The officer commanded them to stop, but they paid no attention to the command, but started on a run in the shade of some freightcars standing on Illinois street. Clancy fired a shot in the direction in which they were going. This was answered by a return compliment of the same character. The officer continued the fire until he had emptied his revolver. The burglars in the meantime increased their speed until they reached the end of Kentucky street where it intersects Fourth. Here they got in the shelter of the lumber, and thus baffled the pursuit and eventually escaped with their plunder.

When or where they will next report for night duty in that section is just what is annoying Lieutenant George Bennett of the Southern station, who is considered one of the best thief-catchers on the police force. However this may be, he has succeeded in ridding the southern section of the rough gang that infested it previous to his going there, and should the two industrious young gentlemen run across his path their labors in this direction will be changed for the more profitable one to the State of making jute bags.

COMPETITION BY TELEPHONE.

Petition to Take Away the Franchise of the People's Mutual Company.

Heram de Laguna appeared before the Judiciary Committee of the Board of Supervisors yesterday afternoon to ask for a recommendation for the repeal of the franchise granted by the old board to the People's Mutual Telephone Company to erect poles, stretch wires and carry on the telephone business in this City. The petition was strongly opposed by James L. Crittenden, one of the principal movers in the People's Mutual Telephone Company.

In fact, Mr. Crittenden announced that if any steps should be taken to repeal the franchise to his company the City would be found to be a defendant litigant. He contended that the Supervisors have nothing to do with determining now whether the franchise is valid for any reason. It had been granted, the bond had been duly approved after examination and approval by the City and County Attorney and the money bid for the franchise has been deposited and remains in the City and County treasury. If the committee failed to make any recommendation those who are seeking the repeal of the franchise can bring the matter into court, where all questions can be determined. That would leave the City and County free from liability. The committee took the petition under advisement.

TALKED OF CHILD STUDY.

Professor Earl Barnes of Stanford Talks to the Kindergarteners.

Yesterday afternoon at the California Kindergarten Training School on Silver street, Professor Earl Barnes delivered a lecture on "Physiological Psychology and Its Relation to Child Study."

The subject was a most interesting one, and ably handled by Mr. Barnes. During his discourse he mentioned several books that bore on it, as being particularly of interest to the kindergartener. Among them were: "Sentimental Tommy," "The Invisible Playmate," "The Golden Age," "Boys' Town" and "Being a Boy."

A large audience was present, and greeted the able speaker warmly.

Local Control of Quarantine.

A communication has been sent by the Board of Health to Mayor Phelan for transmission to the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C., urging upon the Secretary of the Treasury to take action to prevent interference with the local quarantine officer's health regulations by a Federal officer. This has been brought about by the clash during the past few days between the local and the National officials.

In the Dominion of Canada women have municipal suffrage in every province and also in the northwest territories.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.