The San Francisco Call

THURSDAY .....JANUARY 28, 1897

AMUSEMENTS.

BALDWIN THEATER.—"Magda."
COLUMBIA THEATER—"Devil's Auction."
MOROSCO'S OPERA-HOUSE—"Orphans of New York."
ALCAZAR THEATER.—"All the Comforts of Home."
TIVOLI OPERA HOUSE.—"Maritana."
ORPHEUM—High-Class Vaudeville.
THE CHUTES AND SKATING RINK—Daily at Haight street, one block east of the Park.
SUTRO BATHS—Bathing and performances.
PACIFIC COAST JOCKEY CLUB.—Races to-day.

AUCTION SALES.

BY S. EASCH—This day, January 28, Furniture, at 319-321 Sutter street, at 11 o'clock.
BY INDIANA AUCTION CO.—This day, January 28, Millinery, at 1057 Market st., at 11 o'clock.
BY FRANK W. BUTTERFIELD—This day, January 28, Lodging-house, 118 Ellis st., at 11 o'clock.
BY VON RHEIN CO.—This day, January 28, Real Estate, at Salesroom, 513 California street at 12 o'clock.
BY G. H. UMBSEN & CO.—Monday, February 1, Real Estate, at salesroom, 14 Montgomery street, at 12 o'clock noon.
BY EASTON & ELDRIDGE.—Tuesday, February 2, Real Estate, at salesrooms, 638 Market st., at 12 o'clock.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Five divorce suits were filed in this City yesterday.

Will E. Fisher has been sued for a divorce by his wife, Rebecca Fisher.

The death of C. C. Nordhausen is surrounded by mysterious circumstances.

J. A. Jenson has been sentenced to twenty-five years in the State prison for burglary.

Rain, with southeasterly winds, is the best the weather bureau can promise for to-day.

Henning Koster's will has been filed for probate. The entire estate is bequeathed to his family.

Testimony in the case of Quackenbush against Quackenbush is being heard by Judge Seawell.

Heavy rains are falling all over the State, with a prospect of the storm continuing for a day or two longer.

A new society has been formed for the entertainment of the Exempt Firemen. It is called the Gleaners.

Harry Casner, a merchant living at 226½ Fulton street, has filed a petition in insolvency. He owes $1164 30; assets $660.

Chin Wah Sing, a house-cleaner in the Palace Hotel, fell down an elevator shaft, a distance of 100 feet, and was crushed to death.

Two manacled prisoners jumped overboard from a Stockton steamer yesterday, and were nearly drowned while attempting to swim ashore.

In the Jennie Parsons' estate contest a continuance for one month has been granted for the purpose of securing the deposition of Ned Hanley.

Ex-Mayor Ellert says that he thinks that a sewer system for San Francisco can be provided without a bond issue, by doing the work by degrees.

Mrs. Stanford invited all the messenger-boys in the City to her mansion on Nob Hill yesterday afternoon and entertained and feasted them.

Will E. Fisher, the insolvent real-estate agent, returned from Stockton yesterday morning. He was accompanied by Joseph Nye, a private detective.

Hon. Henry E. Highton lectured last night in Metropolitan Temple, upon "The True Basis of American Citizenship." The proceedings were held under the auspices of Golden Gate Council No. 34, Y. M. I.

Four of the favorites won at Ingleside yesterday. The successful horses were: Last Chance, Benamela, Caspar, Mr. Reel, Morte Fonse, Greyhurst and Salvation.

Dr. Rottanzi, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors, has found the deficit in City funds for the first six months to aggregate over $78,000.

Chinatown is swarming with highbinders imported by the Sam Yups to avenge "Little Pete's" murder and many prominent Celestials have employed Caucasian guards.

Patrick Kenny, an old man from Vancouver, B. C., is in a padded cell in the Receiving Hospital, and it is believed that he has been knocked down and robbed by a gang of thieves.

The Corinthian Yacht Club met at Red Men's Hall on Bush street last night, elected officers for the ensuing year, and debated upon what constitutes an amateur yachtsman.

Justice of the Peace Carroll has decided that George Allen, who trained Tom Sharkey for the go with Fitzsimmons, is entitled to recover the full amount claimed by him for his services.

Dr. James Graham Sharp and Miss Rose Eppinger were married last evening at the residence of the bride's parents, 1707 Octavia street. Rev. Dr. Voorsanger officiated at the ceremony.

Miss Martha Shainwald and Leopold Meyer were married last evening at the bride's apartments at the Colonial. The ceremony, which was very private, was followed by a reception for 200 people.

Major Frank Robinson and wife of San Francisco have formed Christ's Rescue Home for wayward girls. They expect to win by giving the girls great liberty after cure and by treating them kindly while there.

At the Railroad Commissioners' meeting, it was decided to temporarily postpone action on a uniform system of railroad bookkeeping, pending information to arrive from the Interstate Commerce Commission.

William Robinson Whittier and Miss Elizabeth Carroll were married yesterday at noon at the residence of the bride's mother, corner California street and Van Ness avenue. Archbishop Riordan performed the ceremony.

The park committee of the old Grand Jury yesterday made its promised report to the new Grand Jury. The committee of the new Grand Jury will be enlarged, and a thorough investigation of the charges of extravagance will be made.

Chief Crowley addressed a letter yesterday to the Chinese Consul that the explosion of firecrackers during the Chinese New Year would not be permitted, and any violators of the law would be severely punished.

Two of the many burglars who have recently been working in the neighborhood of the panhandle of the park, robbed the grocery-store of Hueppeden & Mueller, at Lott street and Golden Gate avenue, of $291 90 yesterday morning.

Society amateurs are preparing for a representation of Tom Robertson's comedy "Caste" at the Bush-street Theater just before Lent. The proceeds are to be divided between the Children's Hospital and the Bishop Armitage Orphanage.

Sister Anna, superintendent of the Maria Kip Orphanage, has petitioned to be appointed guardian of the following-named children: Leonie Lehman, May Sophia Wood, Sadie Gee, Adolpha and Matilda Muller, Mabel Molloy and Mary Margaret Lyons.

Edward B. Rambo of San Francisco has returned home from San Diego, where he assisted in the closing of a deal for 120 acres of land on San Diego Bay, which, it is believed, is to be used by a Union Pacific Railroad extension from Salt Lake and by a new trans-Pacific steamship line.

Mrs. Ida A. Hull of the Methodist Chinese Mission will retire the first of February from active rescue work. Mrs. Hull is well known, having been identified with the rescue work for four years. She will, however, continue to teach in the mission. Miss K. Lake will take up her work.

In Judge Hunt's court yesterday a jury gave a verdict for the defendant in the case of Osmond J. Neilson against the Market-street Railway Company. Neilson asked for $10,000 damages on account of being injured by a collision of a streetcar with a wagon in which he was riding.

Mayor Phelan has addressed a note to the Grand Jury, calling for an investigation of certain allegations to the effect that Frank Marty, who held the contract for supplying milk to the City and County Hospital under the old Board of Supervisors, had offered to bribe certain officials in order to secure a renewal of the contract.

This evening the young people of Calvary Presbyterian Church will entertain members and friends of the Young Men's Christian Association at the Association building, Mason and Ellis streets, and have provided for the occasion a most interesting programme of music, songs, readings, etc. Mrs. Priest-Fine, Mrs. Sedgley-Reynolds, Walter Campbell, D. M. Lawrence, Professor Burnett and F. Shaw will assist in the entertainment of the guests. All friends of the institution are invited to attend.

The commission, consisting of Mayor Phelan, Judge Seawell and Judge Low, to appoint interpreters for the criminal courts, met yesterday afternoon and partly completed the work in hand. Louis Locke was appointed Chinese interpreter, Dr. C. D. Salfield German interpreter, and Victor D. Martini Italian interpreter. Carlo Dundero was a prominent candidate for the position of interpreter of Italian, but he was barred out by being a resident of Alameda County. The interpreter of French Spanish and other languages will probably be appointed to-day.

IT WAS TOLD ON A GOOSEBERRY BARREL

Story of a Burglary in Hueppeden & Mueller's Grocery.

French Maids and Other Servants Gather Around in Heartfelt Sympathy.

Two Clever Thieves Succeed in R fling the Cashbox of an Unsuspecting German.

It was a cosmopolitan aggregation that came and went all of yesterday to and from Hueppeden & Mueller's grocery-store.

Something dreadful had happened, it was quite evident, for the news of it had spread for blocks around in an extraordinarily short space of time.

Burglars had visited the place; they had stolen money and things, and dear Mr. Mueller, who was always so kind and prompt in his attentions, might have been murdered, perhaps, had he been there when the thing occurred—but he was not.

That did not lessen the sensation, however, around Golden Gate avenue and Lott street, where the popular grocery-store is located. It is a neighborhood of private houses and of people comfortable enough in their situation in life to have French maids with dainty caps, Japanese boys with clean aprons or smoothly shaven Chinese servants.

They were all aware of the calamity that had befallen the grocers, and the rain cut little figure with them in their decision to call and hear all about it from the victims themselves.

Hueppeden, the younger man of the firm, was alone in the store when a CALL reporter dropped in, his partner (Mueller) having gone to the police office to tell his troubles. To state it more correctly, only one of the firm was in the store, but he was not alone. Around him, as he sat on a gooseberry barrel, the head of which threatened any moment to shift and let him fall through, were three inquiring friends, each with his share of sympathy and a desire to hear the details of the affair in all its minuteness.

"C'est terrible!" exclaimed the pert little French maid from the 1900 block, who hugged under her gossamer the baby boy she had no right to have taken out in the rain, as she heard the sorrowful grocery-man's tale of woe.

"Yes, it was," echoed Hueppeden, catching the drift of her remark. "You see," he continued, while adjusting the barrel head that had become more insecure as he wiggled about so as to address his remarks in turn to an Irish woman of huge proportions, who insisted upon having her inquiries answered even if her sleeves were rolled up and she wore no French cap.

"It was all the money in the house to pay our bills this month. Just think, 291 dollars and 90 cents."

Hueppeden is a rather good-looking man on the sunny side of thirty-five. He is possessed, too, with a magnetic way of imparting his feelings as he addresses a person, even if it is with the strong dialect of a German who comprehends better than he speaks the English language. His polite attentions to the French maid, offering her a cracker-box on which to sit, and his pulling out a 100-pound sack full of potatoes, on which he proposed to have the Hibernian visitor rest herself while they listened to his story, showed he understood the delicate little attentions pleasing to the other sex, and the demeanor of both women indicated their appreciation of his gallantry.

"Merci bien, monsieur," warbled the maid.

"Mercy, too, says I," uttered the matron; "peddlers are bad enough around our place, without such things as buglars."

After serving a Japanese lad with some small order, Hueppeden returned to his barrel head, and his late customer joined the quiet little girl-servant who had been standing all the while listening, wide of mouth, to the horrible details of the burglary.

As he sat there on a throne as insecure as many others less pretentious, the grocer strung out his yarn in an interminable fashion. The froth had melted off the growler an urchin had had filled in a hurry a half hour previous for his thirsty father, and the clock ticked wearily as the audience drank in repeated doses of the same story, forgetting in their interest their duties to their employers.

"There was a little fellow, just so small," said Hueppeden, illustrating the height by putting his hand to the chin of the lady seated on the potato sack, she reddening as in pleasure she had been selected and therefore became part of the thrilling story.

"He came here about 9 o'clock yesterday morning and bought ten cents' worth of wine. Then he went out by the back way and called me to ask whether Dr. Ginsy lived down the street. He talked with me for five minutes, and some other fellow came in from the front and ran away with the cashbox under the counter."

This tale of woe was repeated hundreds of times yesterday and the gang of burglars who have infested that portion of this City near the panhandle of the park will have to carry strong "jimmies" hereafter if they hope to crack any houses in that neighborhood, for there will be no more doors carelessly left open.

SUICIDE OF A CLERK.

Angus McMillan Becomes Despondent and Turns on the Gas.

Angus McMillan, a clerk, about 30 years of age, committed suicide in his room at 160 Ninth street by inhaling illuminating gas either Tuesday evening or yesterday morning. His body was discovered at 6 o'clock by J. McDonald, owner of the house in which the young man took his life. Both gas jets were turned on and the body was rigid, showing that death had taken place some hours before.

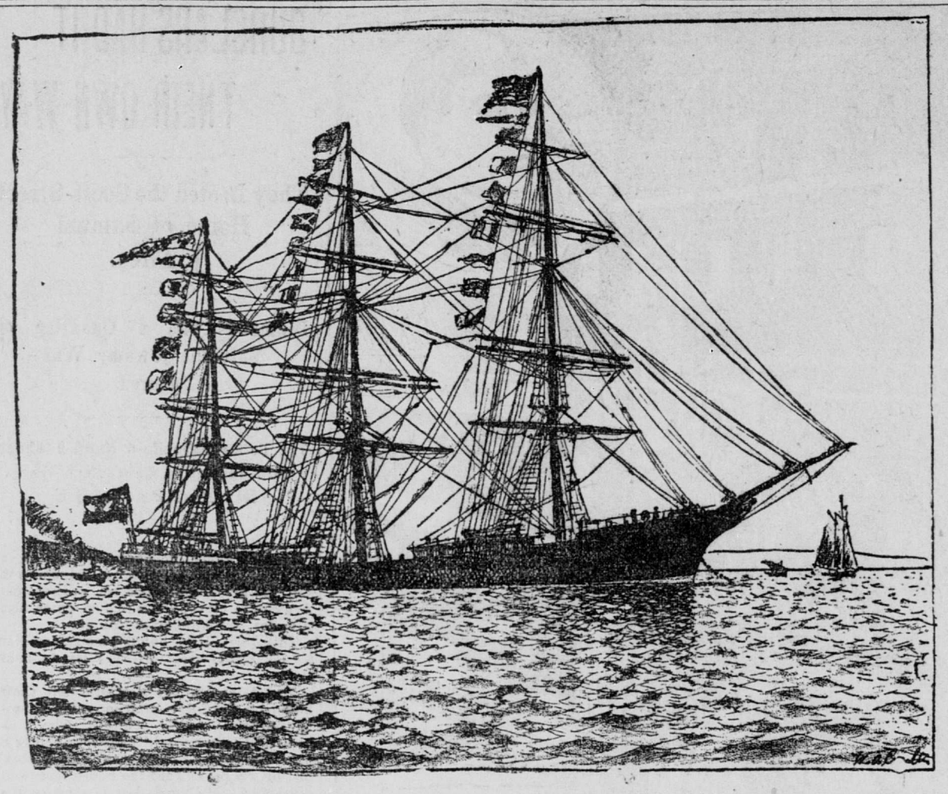
From papers found on the body it was learned that the suicide had been employed, up to a few months ago, as a clerk in a St. Helena grocery-store. He left that position and came to this City, but was unable to secure employment. It is thought that owing to this fact he became despondent, and deciding that life was not worth the living killed himself.

Revival Meetings.

The opening service of a special series of revival services was held at Simpson Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church Monday evening, which gives promise of developing into the greatest religious awakening ever experienced in that section of the City. Dr. Urmy, pastor of the First Church, preached a sermon on the power of the Holy Spirit, and so moved the people that many went to the altar. The Epworth League is out in force assisting in the services. These meetings will be under the direction of Drs. Phelps, Urmy and Stephens, who have combined for an extended series of meetings at the three churches represented. Dr. Phelps of California-street Church preached last evening.

Furniture Company Incorporated.

Articles of incorporation of the Kragen Furniture Company were filed yesterday. The incorporators are Samuel Kragen, Louis Kragen, Moses Garren, B. Kragen and Rachael Kragen. The capital stock is limited to $100,000.



The German Ship Watjen Flew Her Flags Yesterday. She Was Decorated in Honor of the Thirty-Seventh Birthday of Emperor William and the Captain Kept "Open House" in Consequence.

THE DOCTOR AND THE DETECTIVE

Opposite Opinions as to What Caused Nordhausen's Death.

Doctor Taylor Says the Man Could Not Have Shot Himself.

Detective Whittaker Says the Evidence All Shows That He Did.

The mystery surrounding the death of C. C. Nordhausen, the wealthy dry-goods merchant of Oakland, has been intensified by the result of the autopsy upon the body.

Ex-Coroner Dr. Taylor, who was the first physician called to attend Nordhausen, and Autopsy Surgeon Morgan performed the autopsy yesterday afternoon and came to the conclusion that the man was murdered and that the case was not that of a suicide.

The fatal bullet entered the left breast, and ranged downward until it struck one of the ribs. This bone turned the course of the bullet inward and the leaden pellet passed through the lung and lodged in the back.

The doctors are satisfied that the bullet was never fired by Nordhausen. The weapon was discharged when the man was lying on his side, and was held either over his shoulder or at an angle with the stock or handle considerably elevated.

A careful examination was made of the ragged cut or wound in the forehead. Nordhausen stated that it was caused by a fall, but the physicians are convinced that it was produced by a blow from a blunt instrument. The edges were ragged and bruised, and while the skull was not fractured there was a clot of blood on the brain under the wound.

Detective Ross Whitaker, who has been steadily working on the case, differs entirely from the opinion of Drs. Taylor and Morgan, and from his investigations he has no hesitation in saying that Nordhausen shot himself.

Yesterday he procured the bullet that was extracted from Nordhausen's body at St. Luke's Hospital and it fits exactly the exploded shell in the revolver that was found in Nordhausen's room in the Baldwin Hotel, and the shell is an exact counterpart of the other four in the pistol. The pistol was identified as Nordhausen's by J. Heeseman, his nephew.

That is one reason why Whitaker scouts the idea of murder. Another is that the necktie worn by Nordhausen is burned and shows where the bullet went through it. The revolver is one of the most difficult to pull, and the presumption is that to enable him to pull the trigger he had to hold it at an angle, which would account for the course of the bullet.

Besides there are the statements made by Nordhausen before his death to different people that he shot himself. First to Manager Lake of the Baldwin Hotel, then to the doctors at St. Luke's Hospital, to Heeseman, his nephew, and to others.

The last person he talked to on the subject was Robert Durst, steward at the hospital. In answer to Durst's question he said "I shot myself."

"What for?" asked Durst.

"It was an accident," curtly replied Nordhausen.

He was also asked about his watch and chain and he replied, "Never mind about that. It doesn't amount to anything. That's all right."

"There is no woman in the case," said Whitaker last night. "Of that I feel assured. No woman was seen going in or out of his room during the time he was at the Baldwin. From the time he registered at the Baldwin till six or eight hours before he rang for the bellboy Monday morning he had been drinking whisky and absinthe. He was never known to be a drinking man, and drinking to excess as he was while at the Baldwin might have had something to do with the shooting.

"The cut on his forehead may have been caused by a fall or he might have got mixed up in a scrap, but that had nothing whatever to do with his death."

The friends of the deceased scout the idea of his going off on a spree. They think that he fell in with some thugs who found his soft spot was Randsburg, and in his enthusiasm over the subject he failed to detect their character and that they got him out, drugged, robbed and murdered him. It is possible that when assaulted he attempted to use his pistol. He was an extremely sensitive man and was just the person who would seek to hide the mortifying circumstances of such an event to the very last.

The deceased was worth about $100,000. In addition to one-half interest in the Reliance building he owns some real estate in West Oakland, and also has recently made an investment in Randsburg, the value of which is not known. He is also the owner of some stock of unknown value.

The funeral was arranged to-day to be held Friday afternoon, but in view of the developments this may be changed.

EMPEROR WILLIAM WAS REMEMBERED

His Subjects Made a Gallant Display on the Front.

In Spite of the Rain the Watjen Was Gayly Decorated With Flags.

Commissioner Cole's Name May Not Appear in the Archives of the Ferry Depot.

The birthday of Emperor William of Germany was celebrated on the water front yesterday. Among the vessels that were decorated was the C. H. Watjen. Although some of the stevedores were at work, nevertheless not a man in the ship's crew did a hand's turn. All on board had a holiday and a regular holiday dinner. The bill of fare, both fore and aft, was the same, and every seaman fared as well as the captain. After dinner the health of Emperor William was drunk in gin punches.

Emperor William is 37 years old, and the Watjen is only one of the many vessels in the German mercantile marine that celebrated his nativity. The Watjen is 8 years old, and during that time not a desertion has taken place. During his career as master Captain Breming has yet to find the man who wanted to leave the C. H. Watjen of his own accord.

The master has been trading to California since 1874, and every year the vessel has been in commission the crew has never failed to assemble on January 27 and give three cheers for the Emperor.

"Rates are so low," said Captain Bleming, "that I will have to lay up. I offered to pay my men off, but not one of them would leave the ship. They agreed to accept any terms I might offer, but insisted on staying by the Watjen. Nearly all have been on her for years and all look upon her as a home.

Among the crew of the Watjen are the sons of three German millionaires. Their fathers sent the lads to sea sooner than have them run away from home. One of them is the son of one of the head men in the North German Lloyds Steamship Company; another is the only son and heir of the owner of twenty fishing steamers, while the third is the prospective heir to a baronetcy.

The Harbor Commissioners are in a quandary. In a few days the laying of "the first stone" in the building will be a necesity. The Risdon Iron Works has faithfully performed its part of the work, and all the iron work that the contract calls for has been put up. The cornerstone is also ready, but there is no stone with which to continue the work. Agents of the company have been applied to, but they can give no definite answer, and the chances are that weeks may elapse before the foundation can be commenced.

In the meantime the cornerstone has been made, and on it is the name of Harbor Commissioner Cole. The latter goes out of office next March, and should a successor be appointed the beautiful block of marble will have be be defaced and the name of the new Commissioner chiseled in.

Another of the disengaged fleet will pull up her anchor and depart for new quarters within a few days. The Hiawatha will leave in ballast for Newcastle, N. S. W., to load coal for San Francisco. The coal rate from Australia is only about 15 cents less than that from San Francisco to Europe, so many owners figure that it is cheaper to send a vessel to Newcastle, N. S. W., and there load coal for this port again than to tie the vessel up. Favorable winds would bring the ship back here in time for next season's shipments of wheat, and in that event the owners would make expenses and have a chance for a profitable year's work at the end of the run to Europe.

The sealing schooner Kate and Ann is at anchor in Drakes Bay. Captain Frank Morrow came to port in order to get a new boat-steerer for one of the crews. Boat-steerer Cowen was taken sick while out on a hunt and, gradually growing worse, the men had to put him back aboard the schooner. Captain Morrow saw that the man was very sick, so he ran for Drakes Bay, where the sick man and the captain were landed. Cowen was given medical attendance and Captain Morrow came to San Francisco to secure another boat-steerer.

When the Kate and Ann headed for Drakes Bay Hunter Dan Clausen and a couple of men were out at sea chasing seals. Clausen had only been married a few days before the vessel sailed, and when he saw the schooner heading for shore and the steamer Arcata headed for San Francisco he decided to make for home. He reached here Tuesday, and will leave here this morning again with Captain Morrow and Jack Lee for Drakes Bay to rejoin the sealer. Lee will take the place of Cowen, who is now on his way to San Francisco.

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WAS WILLING TO PAY FOR FAVORS

Supervisor Dodge Receives a Visit From a Milkman.

A Renewal of His Hospital Contract Worth $1000 to Him.

Was Free With His Money Among City Officials—The Grand Jury Will Investigate.

Mayor Phelan has addressed a communication to Chairman Peixotto of the Grand Jury calling attention to charges of attempted bribery which have been made against Frank Marty, the milkman who had the contract under the old Board of Supervisors for supplying milk to the City and County Hospital. The allegation as stated in the Mayor's communication is that Marty approached Dr. Washington Dodge, chairman of the Hospital Committee of the present Board of Supervisors, and certain officers in charge of public institutions, with a view of corruptly obtaining a renewal of the contract for supplying milk to the hospital.

Mayor Phelan also calls attention to the report of the expert, W. D. Griffin, of the Board of Health, "in which serious allegations are made involving fraudulent contracts to deliver goods and to perform work."

The Mayor volunteers, when the jury shall undertake the investigation, to lay before it certain information that is in his possession. What that information is he refuses to state.

A morning paper is authority for the statement that Milkman Marty sent a friend to Dr. Dodge to give him to understand that if the contract were given again to Marty he (Marty) "would make it all right" with the doctor. The doctor refused to listen to such overtures, but a few days later Marty himself appeared before Dr. Dodge and in so many words offered him $1000 as a present if he would give him the contract for supplying milk to the Almshouse and City and County Hospital.

The story went on to say that when Marty did not get the contract in spite of this inducement he went to Superintendent Reddy of the Almshouse and offered to give him a regular stated sum of $40 a month and Ed McClung, the clerk, $20 a month if by the use of their influence he, Marty, got the contract.

As to the truth of all this Dr. Dodge will not speak. He said last evening that it was farthest from his mind to make any complaint before the Grand Jury against a "poor devil of a milkman whose head I myself cut off." The whole matter was extremely annoying to him, he said, as he had no desire to pose as "Mr. Honesty come to town."

Colonel McClung being interviewed, said that there was no truth in the statement as to Marty having offered him any money to recover to him the contract. He said that shortly after Captain Reddy became superintendent Marty had offered him a piece of money as a present and quite as a matter of course. He seemed to think it was all right to do so. There was no consideration offered. Captain Reddy declined the gift, saying that he (Marty) was mistaken in the man he had to deal with.

Shortly after that Marty offered him, McClung, a $5 gold piece in the same way, which, in the same way, was declined. There the matter had ended, Marty appearing quite surprised at encountering people who refused money when offered to them. Colonel McClung said he thought the Dr. Dodge incident a litogether likely to have occurred as related.

As Mayor Phelan has brought the matter to the attention of the Grand Jury an investigation will of course be made, and it is expected that a great deal of other information along these same lines will be developed.

There are delivered to the Almshouse thirty-five cans of milk per day, three gallons to the can, at 50 cents per can; there are delivered to the City and County Hospital twenty-five cans, making sixty cans or $30 per day—over $900 a month.

This is quite a contract in milk, and dealers say that the rate of a fraction above 4 cents a quart in such quantities is quite profitable.

Joe King was the chairman of the Hospital Committee of the old board, and it was he who awarded the contract to Marty. The price was reduced by Marty at that time from 60 to 50 cents a can. King declares that he "received no $1000 for the contract, either."

Only an Examiner Story.

Yesterday morning the Examiner printed a story to the effect that Dr. A. H. Giannini and Dr. Howard Morrow had been dumped out of a buggy, and that Dr. Giannini had his foot crushed and was confined to his bed. As usual the story was incorrect. Dr. Giannini says he was not even out riding with Morrow or any one else and was not hurt. It was only "another Examiner yarn."

JANITORS' HEADS ALMOST CUT OFF

School Directors Attempt to Repay Political Favors.

Strenuous Efforts to Practice Economy in the Department.

The Substitute Teachers' Salaries Discussed—Many Changes Recommended.

For nearly three and a half hours last night the new Board of Education resolved, amended, argued and made speeches to the gallery. The first opportunity to make a speech was when the roll was being called. Director Head interrupted by saying:

"I object to the calling of the name of Dr. D. F. Ragan as a Director of this board. His right to sit in the deliberations of this body is in doubt. At the last election R. H. Webster was elected Superintendent of Public Schools. He presented himself for recognition as such, but his demand for his rights was overlooked and he was obliged to appeal to the courts, and his case is now in court. While the matter stands thus Mr. Babcock has no right to act as Superintendent de facto and appoint any one to fill vacancies in the board while his own position is in question. Therefore, I protest and ask that Dr. Ragan's name be not read in the rollcall."

Chairman Barrington ruled that Mr. Head's protest was out of order.

One of the principal features of the evening was a report presented by the Committee on Janitors, which consists of Directors Gallagher, Burns and Drucker. In brief it provided for the dismissal of a dozen or more women who have been engaged in the menial task of keeping the school buildings tidy, and read as follows:

Resolved, That the following janitors be appointed vice those removed: A. Gault, Polytechnic High School, vice Mrs. Moore; William Hugh, Rincon Grammar School, vice Mrs. H. Heapy; John E. Owens, Spring Valley Grammer, vice A. Ascher; James Cavanagh, Le Conte Primary, vice Mrs. S. Gordon; Mrs. Burns, Douglas Primary, vice Mrs. R. Breen; P. J. Sullivan, Hamilton Grammar, vice Mrs. B. Ross; Catherine Maguire, Agassiz Primary, vice Mrs. S. Hoffman; Mrs. Lawton, Crocker Grammar, vice Mrs. H. A. McAllister; Mrs. Flynn, Girls' High School, vice Mrs. F. Letis; Mrs. Mahoney, Edison Primary, vice Mrs. H. Momm; John Kearney, Longfellow Primary, vice Mrs. M. Clyne; M. Hines, San Francisco Normal, vice Mrs. H. Hartwigsen; A. Ascher, Hancock Grammar, vice Mrs. B. Manning; Mrs. McAuliffe, Whittier Primary, vice Mrs. M. Lynch.

This brought Director Head to his feet, and pointing to the recommendation of the committee, he said: "This is the reward for political services. In order to provide places for big burly political heelers who have done work at the polls and elsewhere this committee proposes to throw out upon the cold charity of the world these women, many of whom are widows and have little children to support. I protest against this board taking such a step and placing itself on record in any such manner. No board in the past has dared to take such action."

Mr. Head stated that, in the first place, he objected to voting on the whole resolution, in which the fate of nearly fifteen widows was involved, and he called for each change to be taken up and voted upon separately. There was a fight against this course, but it carried. As a result only three changes were made, and they were the appointments of John E. Owens, Catherine Maguire and Mrs. Mahoney. Directors Bantel, Burns, Gallagher and Ragan voted solidly for the appointments as recommended by the committee.

Director Waller submitted a detailed statement of actual receipts and expenditures from July 1, 1896, to January 1, 1897, showing a deficit, on the basis of the full allowance of half of the appropriation, on January 1, 1897, amounting to $36,865 05. Adding in the half of teachers' salaries for November yet due the total deficit on January 1, 1897, was $74,838 15. He also submitted a statement of estimated expenditures and available funds from January 1, 1897, to July 1, 1897, based on actual and estimated receipts, showing a total deficit July 1, 1897, of $124,746 20.

Another long argument having economy as its basis was called forth by a report in relation to cutting off the pay of the substitute teachers, which was as follows:

Your special committee, consisting of Directors Ragan, Head, Derham and Superintendent Babcock, to whom was referred the resolutions offered by Director Waller that the unassigned teachers now doing substitute duty be added to the day substitute class, and the suspension of the substitute list below the number thirty beg leave to report that it has carefully considered the subject matter and reports favorably on the resolution that the unassigned teachers be placed at the head of the substitute list and that they be assigned to the first vacancies in the department and that it is the sense of the committee that the substitute list as it now stands is required for the needs of the department and it is opposed to the suspension of any of the substitute class.

The resolution was adopted.

P. M. Nolan, chairman of the City Board of Examination, made the following recommendations:

That Miss Henrietta E. Carville be granted a grammar grade certificate on her California life diploma of the grammar grade.

That Mrs. Sadie Garvin be granted a grammar grade certificate on her California life diploma of the grammar grade.

That Miss Mai Mead Galloway be granted a grammar grade certificate on her life diploma of graduation from the San Francisco Normal class.

That Mrs. Annie McCone Callwell be granted a grammar-grade certificate on her diploma of graduation from the San Francisco normal class.

That Miss Effie F. Grant be granted a grammar-grade certificate on her diploma of graduation from the California State Normal School located at Chico.

That a special bookkeeping certificate of Miss Maggie McDonald be renewed.

That Miss Louise H. Krauss be recommended to the State Board of Education for a State educational diploma of the grammar grade.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Classification made the following recommendations:

That Miss Alice E. Lynch of the Hirst Grammar School be transferred to the Webster Primary School; that Miss F. L. Soule of the unassigned list of teachers be assigned to the Hirst Grammar School; that Miss F. A. Gilmore be assigned to the charge of the class of Miss Cora Gallagher of the Everett Grammar School, now on leave of absence; that Mrs. Irene Reeves and Miss Henrietta C. Byrne be appointed High School substitutes, to be paid only for actual services rendered; that six typewriting machine typewriters be transferred from the Polyclinic High School to the Mission High School; that Miss L. R. Pettigrew of the unassigned list of teachers be assigned to the Third Grade class of the Emerson School; that Miss Emily Hartrick be transferred from the evening substitute list to the unassigned day list; that Mrs. L. A. Rich be transferred from the unassigned day substitute list to the unassigned evening school substitute list.

The recommendations were adopted.

The Committee on Rules recommended that the March vacation be postponed three weeks to correspond with the carnival week; also that permission be granted to the young ladies of the Girls' High School to have an entertainment for the benefit of their school library.

The same committee also recommended that leave of absence be granted to the following teachers: Miss Cora Gallagher, Everett School, from January 25 to March 1; to Miss J. S. Wolf, Everett School, from February 1 to June 1. Granted.

No definite action was taken relative to closing the schools for a month on account of a shortage in the teachers' salary fund.

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