CORRIGAN IN A TIGHT CORNER

Confessed Under Oath That He Had Seriously Blundered.

A Great Injustice Was Done Messrs. Spreckels and Leake.

It Was All About an Obligation for $2500, Which the Turfman Seeks to Ignore.

Had Edward Corrigan, turfman and sport, been possessed of the true instincts of a gentleman who is not loth to acknowledge when he has committed an error, he would have stood up yesterday morning and proffered an abject apology to Adolph B. Spreckels and W. S. Leake, the late president and secretary, respectively, of the Pacific Coast Jockey Club.

The opportunity for this was presented to him, and it would undoubtedly have been received with good grace, but Corrigan either did not appreciate the situation, or, what was more apparent, did not want to.

Nevertheless, while under oath, and while under the presence of a series of direct and unavoidable questions hurled at him by Attorney Garret McEnerney, this Mr. Corrigan was compelled to confess, practically, that he had been articulating through his chapeau when he made a statement recently to the effect that Messrs. Spreckels and Leake had conspired to rob him of $2500.

Corrigan has had a great many business transactions with Mr. Spreckels during the past two years, chief among which was the borrowing of money from the young millionaire. But all this ended recently, when Messrs. Spreckels and Leake withdrew from the Jockey Club in order to let the Chicago horseman run things in his own peculiar way, and since then Corrigan has not had many kind things to say about his former associates. At all events, during the settling-up process Mr. Spreckels found that Corrigan still owed him $2500 on a promiss ory note executed on the 3d of February, 1896, and he formally apprised the man who in the East is known as "the master of Hawthorne" of the fact.

Corrigan refused to redeem the obligation and in consequence a suit was begun to recover the amount.

This proceeding had the effect of causing Corrigan to lose his temper and to forget as well his pretensions toward uprightness and integrity. In his angry moments he proclaimed that he had thought all along that he had been dealing with gentlemen, but found himself mistaken. More than this he made remarks which were printed in a morning paper, from which the inference could be drawn that Mr. Leake, with the knowledge and consent of Mr. Spreckels, had juggled three promissory notes and a like number of checks in such a manner as to deprive him of $2500 due him.

But these gentlemen were given a speedy and positive vindication yesterday morning, when, by mutual consent and on an order of court, they met with Corrigan at the office of Attorneys Rothchild & Ach for the purpose of giving depositions.

Mr. Spreckels was first sworn, and in response to Mr. Ach's questions said that on February 3, 1896, he loaned Corrigan $2500 and received his note therefor. He paid the money over in the form of a check on the Nevada Bank. On the 10th of March of the same year Corrigan wanted some more money and Mr. Spreckels loaned him $10,000, again giving a check on the Nevada Bank and again receiving a promissory note, and once more, on May 21, 1896, Corrigan borrowed $5000 more.

This time the check was drawn on the California Safe Deposit and Trust Company, in favor of a Mr. Summerfield, but was indorsed "payable to bearer." All three of these checks were produced by Mr. Spreckels before the notary who took the deposition, and the cancellations showed that they had been paid over to Corrigan. They all bore the latter's signature, too. The promissory notes for $10,000 and $5000, respectively, Mr. Spreckels did not possess, as he had turned them over to the horsemen when they were redeemed, but he did have the unpaid note for $2500 and promptly exhibited it. This amount he said was still due.

Then Corrigan was sworn. He was inclined at first to dodge a direct admission that the signatures on the checks were his, but Attorney McEnerney's persistent demands for a positive answer finally brought out the desired acknowledgment.

"Now, Mr. Corrigan, you received all of that money—those three separate amounts—didn't you?" asked Mr. McEnerney.

"I presume I did," replied the Chicagoan, hesitatingly.

"Well, now, didn't you?"

"I suppose—well, I must have received it. The checks show for themselves."

The attorney then handed Corrigan the unpaid promissory note, and asked him if he had executed it. Corrigan first "supposed" he did, and then acknowledged it flat-footedly.

"Now, Mr. Corrigan, what we want to know is whether or not you are willing to swear that you paid that amount?"

Here was the nut of the whole affair. Corrigan was palpably worried, and gazed uneasily at that canceled $5000 check. Then he proceeded to explain, rather disjointedly, that he had been under the impression for some time that, while he had given a note for $5000 on the last borrow, still he had received a check for but $2500, the idea being to take up the first note for $2500. He remembered that he had made a dicker of some sort with Mr. Leake, who was acting for Mr. Spreckels.

He acknowledged, however, that there was a mistake somewhere, as the last check plainly indicated that he had received the full $5000.

This would show that the $2500 debt was still delinquent.

"You thought you received but $2500 when you gave that last note for $5000 there, and thought that in that manner you had disposed of the first $2500 note, and yet the check here shows that you received the full amount—isn't that about the situation?" asked Mr. McEnerney in conclusion.

Corrigan nodded affirmatively and Mr. McEnerney said he guessed they had heard all that was necessary in the case. Corrigan had blundered, but would not come out and say so.

He said he might have paid the money over in some other manner, but could not say how. He would like to have time to look over his books, he said, and in this manner was granted a week's respite.

"I will say this for Mr. Corrigan," said Attorney Ach, rather apologetically, "this $5000 check is a surprise to him. He had forgotten it. It is in reference to that matter that he asks for time to consult his accounts. He is not quite sure as to how he stands."

Messrs. Spreckels and Leake and their friends departed in triumph, while Corrigan remained behind to tell his troubles to Mr. Ach. It is extremely doubtful now if the case will ever come up in court.

PICNIC AT EL CAMPO.

St. Peter's Parish Preparing for a May Day Outing.

Energetic Committees Working to Insure the Happiness of All Who Would Be Merry.

St. Peter's parish is to have a picnic at El Campo next Saturday, Mayday, which those interested declare is to be an occasion of unusual enjoyment. Boats leave Tiburon ferry, foot of Clay street, at 9:30 and 11:30 A. M. The returning boat will leave El Campo at 5:30 P. M.

El Campo is one of the most delightful spots on the bay for an outing, beautifully sheltered and always warm and pleasant. Fogs are unknown there, so it is said. The committee of arrangements announce that there will be no liquors sold or permitted, either on the boat or on the grounds.

The committee on games has arranged a schedule of twenty races, giving every one an opportunity for lots of fun and of securing a valuable prize. Valuable gate prizes will also be given.

The object of these annual excursions is to get all the members of the parish in touch with one another and also to perform little works of charity. The following are the committees:

Committee of arrangements—James B. Hughes, chairman; J. C. O'Donnell, secretary; Anthony Quill, treasurer; Captain C. D. Douglass, P. J. Curtis, D. J. Drew, P. J Tormey.

Committee on music—John Kenny (chairman), Thomas P. Curtis, P. J. Sullivan; committee on prizes—L. C. Cull (chairman), John O'Brien, S. Brinchat, Martin Connelly, P. Biggens, M. McCann, M. Larkin, Thomas Kendrick, P. Dugen, E. Fennessy, Dr. H. Lagan, H. F. Wynne, J. C. Flood, A. McKeany, P. Cassidy, W. W. Guppen, P. J. Whalen, C. D. Douglass, T. Wadsworth, John Kenny, P. J. Tormey, T. G. Maguire, James P. Slaven, Senator L. J. Dwyer, Phil Sheridan Council, Y. M. I.

Committee on games—Captain C. D. Douglass (chairman), Morris Barrett, James Burke, James B. Hughes, H. Pinkham, Patrick Biggens, D. J. Drew, John O'Brien, E. D. Sullivan, Frank McAleer, John Cumming, J. C. O'Donnell, P. J. Tormey, Andrew McKeany, Edward Finney, P. J. Doyle, Joseph I. Twohig, P. J. Curtis.

Floor committee—Thomas Wadsworth, chairman; P. J. Whelan, floor manager, H. Pinkham and James Bailey, assistants; E. P. Barry, Frank Mitchell, John Cosgrove, Peter J. Haggerty, John Welch, E. D. Sullivan, Edward Brown, James Sullivan, James Grace, Daniel Wren.

Committee on order—John Kenny, chairman; T. L. Healy, M. Larkin, A. Quill, James Burke, M. McCann, Richard Curtis.

Schedule of games—Altar boys' race of St. Peter's Church; race for boys under 10 years; race for girls under 10 years; race for boys under 15 years; race for girls under 15 years; race for single men, open to all except professionals; race for single ladies, open to all; race for married men, open to all except professionals; race for married ladies, open to all; cadet race; egg race for ladies; race for fat men; race for fat women; three-legged race; candle race for young ladies; potato race for gentlemen, open to all; pack race for gentlemen. Hop, skip and jump, running jump, putting the shot, open to all except professionals. Best lady jig and reel dancer, best gentleman jig and reel dancer.

FURNISHINGS DAMAGED.

Suit of Webster Jones Against Rudolph Spreckels on Trial Yesterday.

The suit of Webster Jones against Rudolph Spreckels was on trial before Justice Groezinger yesterday, the plaintiff giving his testimony.

He stated that he had rented his elegant home to the defendant because he intended to remove to Ross Valley. He had asked $200 per month, but had taken $110 per month, with a year's rent paid in advance in consideration of Mr. Spreckels residing in the house and taking good care of it. He testified that the latter had agreed to turn over the property at the end of eighteen months in as good condition as he had received it.

Mr. Jones further stated that when the lease was up he found that during the last four months of its duration Spreckels had not lived in the house, and had not even kept a caretaker there, and the range was broken, the curtains and carpets torn and soiled, and the place in a generally bad condition. The water had been allowed to run until it had ruined plants and sidewalk. He had sent the bills for repairs, amounting to several hundred dollars, to Mr. Spreckels, but no attention was paid to them, and he sued for $250 damages.

The case was continued until the defendant's attorney could have a chance to produce testimony.

Fell Thirty Feet.

Charles Meyers, a painter, living on Jessie street, met with a serious accident yesterday morning. He was painting a house at Fillmore street and Golden Gate avenue and fell from a scaffold, a distance of about thirty feet. He was picked up in an unconscious condition and taken to the Receiving Hospital. There was a lacerated wound on his forehead and it was thought that his skull was fractured.

Row in a Saloon.

James Cooney, a cook, went into a Third-street saloon yesterday morning and raised a disturbance. He threw a beer glass at the window smashing it, and when the bartender attempted to eject him he showed fight. When hostilities had ceased Cooney had a wound on his forehead and his left wrist and right hand were cut. He was taken to the Receiving Hospital, where his wounds were dressed, and a charge of malicious mischief was entered against him at the City Prison.

ADVANCES made on furniture and pianos with or without removal. Noonan, 1017-1073 Mission.

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You should see even if you need none.

The price is so low it will pay you to get one just to ornament your room.

Solid oak, well made, with drop-lid pigeon-holes and lower shelf.

$3.50.

CHOICE RUGS ½ PRICE.

Not the common, ordinary kinds, but rich, luxurious ones. To advertise our Carpet Department, a limited quantity, as follows. (They'll be gone quickly at these prices, so call early:)

100 Smyrna Rugs, 26x54.....$1.25
175 Smyrna Rugs, 30x60..... 1.50
50 Smyrna Rugs, 36x72..... 2.25
—ALSO—
250 Wilton Rugs, beautiful designs, 26x54..... 1.40

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(Near Stockton).
130-132-134 MORTON STREET.
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Dress Goods
For Economy Seekers.

FRENCH FOULARD SILKS—All pure silk, 22 inches wide. Special all week ..... 25c Yard
CHANGEABLE TAFFETA SILKS—19 inches, 10c a yard less than the regular price. Special..... 65c Yard
SEVENTY-FIVE CENT FANCY SILKS—19 inches wide, very heavy, all the newest colors. Special..... 69c Yard
OUR $1.25 FANCY RAYE SILKS—A three-toned novelty for waists and fancy linings, very swell, 20 inch. Special... $1.00 Yard
EXTRA HEAVY TWILL SERGES—Navy or black, strictly all wool, 37 inch, a bargain..... 35c Yard
HEAVY TWILL CHEVIOT SERGE—Navy blue only, 45 inch, a tough fabric, fine for outing costumes and skirts. At Hale's..... 50c Yard
FANCY WORSTED CHECKS—A 40-inch cloth in all the new colors, popular, durable, reasonable. At Hale's..... 50c Yard
FANCY BROCHE SUITING—Figures formed by fancy colored curled yarns on black warps, a swell cloth, 38 inch. At Hale's 50c Yard
FANCY MIXED ZEPHYR CHEVIOTS—All the newest shadings, a spring novelty, 50 inches wide. At Hale's..... 75c Yard
ENGLISH MOHAIR CURL SUITING—A novelty in the latest colorings, 40 inch, stylish, exclusive. At Hale's..... $1.00 Yard

ART DEPARTMENT.
(REAR OF STORE).

NEW TAPESTRIES—A big assortment in new patterns, 50 inches wide, 40c to ..... $1.50 Yard
DENIM TABLE COVERS—36x86 inches, tinted and embroidered, linen fringe, 50c to..... 98c Each
DENIM TABLE COVERS—Tinted ..... 39c Each
DENIM TABLE COVERS—Delft designs..... 39c Each
DENIM TABLE COVERS—Stamped..... 25c Each
CUSHION COVERS—Tinted denim..... 15c Each
CUSHION COVERS—Tinted and applique..... 25c Each
CUSHION COVERS—Stamped denim..... 12½c Each
(See Window Display).

NOTION DEPARTMENT.

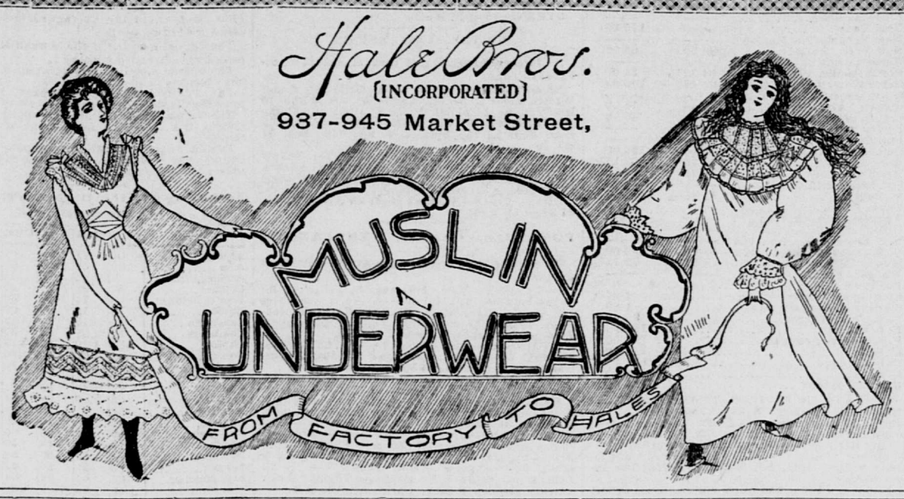
LADIES' SATIN BAND AND BUTTON CLASP HOSE SUPPORTERS—Five colors..... 12½c Pair
M. K. Stockinet Dress Shields, No. 2, 6c pr. 25 Pins on a paper for..... 1c paper
MUSLIN ROSE—8 in a bunch, rubber stem, pink and cerise. 25c Per Bunch
VELVET AND MUSLIN VIOLETS—3 dozen in a bunch..... 35c Per Bunch
CLOVER—11 large blossoms and 4 buds, white or heliotrope..... 50c Per Bunch
SWEET PEAS—3 sprays to a bunch, Jac, pink and a combination of heliotrope and Jac... 60c Bunch
ROSE BUDS—Pink, cerise, Jac, tea ..... 75c Dozen

EMBROIDERY DEPT.

FINE CAMBRIC GUIPURE EDGE:
1½ inches wide..... 5c yard
2½ inches wide..... 7½c yard
5 to 8 inches..... 12½c yard
SWISS FLOUNCE—45 inches wide, deep embroidery....Yard 25c
MUSLIN ALLOVER—30 inches wide..... Per yard 25c

WASH GOODS DEPT.

The Wash Goods Department probably receives more new goods every day than any other one department. We must apologize for the crowds you always meet, but good goods, novelty patterns and small prices create a trade and necessarily crowded counters. The arrivals yesterday were:
A NEW LAPPET MULL, in 5 colors, to be sold at 15c the yard.
A NEW JACQUARD SWISS, in 5 tinted colors, to be sold at 12½c the yard.
A NEW DOTTED SWISS ORGANDIE, in 15 colorings, to be sold at 10c the yard.



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The items quoted are on dependable merchandise—Garments of superior material, finish and workmanship—Made to fit, wear and satisfy—Worthy of the customers we cater to—No inferior stuff at any price.

"IF YOU GET IT AT HALE'S IT'S RIGHT."

HERE ARE THE PRICELETS FROM MUSLIN UNDERWEAR.

NIGHTGOWNS.

LADIES' HEAVY MUSLIN GOWNS, 3 clusters of 4 fine tucks on yoke, cambric ruffle on neck, front and cuffs, as clean as a whistle. Sale price..... 45c Each
LADIES' FINE MUSLIN GOWNS, V-shaped or high neck, tucked and embroidery trimmed, large ruffle of cambric on neck, front and cuffs. Sale price..... 50c Each
LADIES' SOFT-FINISHED MUSLIN GOWNS, large turn-down collar, embroidery trimmed, fancy stitched pleated front. Sale price..... 59c Each
LADIES' CAMBRIC EMPIRE GOWNS, embroidery trimmed front, ruffled embroidered collar and cuffs. Sale price..... 73c Each
LADIES' MUSLIN EMPIRE GOWNS, very heavy soft-finished muslin, deep lawn ruffle, embroidery trimmed front, fancy silk-stitched, a dream in itself. Sale price..... 85c Each
LADIES' SOFT-FINISHED MUSLIN EMPIRE GOWNS, all over embroidery trimmed yoke, deep embroidery ruffled collar and cuffs. Sale price..... 98c Each

MUSLIN DRAWERS.

GENUINE LONSDALE MUSLIN, deep ruffled bottoms, open or closed, worth 25c, liberal width. Sale price.. 15c Pair
ONE-INCH EMBROIDERY RUFFLED BOTTOM, tucked, worth 35c. Sale price..... 23c Pair
TWO-INCH EMBROIDERY RUFFLED BOTTOM, tucked, worth 45c. Sale price..... 33c Pair
SOFT-FINISHED MUSLIN, embroidery insertion and two-inch embroidery ruffle on bottom. Sale price..... 43c Pair

EXTRA.

PURE SILK GLOVES—1200 pair, pearl and medium gray; 6½, 7, 7½ and 8's...15c pair

INFANTS' DRESSES.

INFANTS' SHORT CAMBRIC DRESSES, tucked yoke, embroidery trimmed neck and cuffs, a neat little garment. Sale price..... 25c Each
INFANTS' SHORT CAMBRIC DRESSES—Fine Nainsook, embroidery trimmed yoke, pleated back, embroidery trimmed neck and cuffs. Sale price..... 39c Each
INFANTS' FINE LAWN SHORT DRESSES—All over embroidery, trimmed yoke, neck and cuffs, embroidery ruffle. Sale price..... 48c Each
INFANTS' NAINSOOK AND FINE LAWN SHORT DRESSES—Embroidery tucked, imitation hemstitched yoke and bottom, embroidery ruffle on neck and cuffs. Sale price..... 63c Each

Good Clean Merchandise—Every Item a High-grade Garment.

INFANTS' LONG SLIPS—Fine Cambric, embroidery trimmed yoke, neck and cuff. Sale price..... 25c Each
INFANTS' FINE CAMBRIC LONG SLIPS—Pleated and all over embroidery trimmed yoke, ruffled neck and cuffs; there is style even in baby dresses. Sale price..... 44c Each
INFANTS' FINE CAMBRIC LONG SLIPS—All over embroidery, trimmed yoke, embroidery ruffle on neck and cuffs; a dainty little garment. Sale price..... 48c Each

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A store within a store. Our great mailing department busy with orders from our hundreds of country friends. New Zealand, Alaska, Honolulu, South America, all contribute their orders. Send for our 120-page Fashion Book and Catalogue, 1300 illustrations; free to the country. Let us be your agents here. Write us for information. Call and see us when visiting here. Order by mail anything we advertise.

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LADIES' WHITE SKIRTS—Fine muslin, tucked, deep cambric ruffle on bottom, liberal width. Sale price.... 50c Each
LADIES' WHITE UMBRELLA SKIRTS—The best of heavy muslin, deep flounce, tucked and ruffled bottom, extra wide. Sale price..... 59c Each
LADIES' FINE WHITE CAMBRIC SKIRTS—Liberal ruffle on bottom, prettily tucked, as neat as wax. Sale price..... 75c Each
LADIES' FINE WHITE CAMBRIC UMBRELLA SKIRTS—Deep flounce, deep cambric ruffle, trimmed with embroidery, one of Hale's specialties. Sale price..... $1.00 Each
LADIES' FINE WHITE MUSLIN UMBRELLA SKIRTS, 2 deep lawn flounces, trimmed with ruffled embroidery, an elegant skirt. Hale's price..... $1.00 Each
LADIES' FINE WHITE CAMBRIC FLOUNCE UMBRELLA SKIRTS—Embroidery insertion trimmed, very deep ruffled embroidery bottom. Sale price..... $1.45 Each
LADIES' FINE WHITE MUSLIN UMBRELLA SKIRTS—An 8-inch cambric flounce, all over embroidery, ruffled bottom, a very wide skirt. Sale price..... $1.75 Each

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All of the Best Cambric—Well Made, a Fresh Clean Stock.

2-INCH EMBROIDERY TRIMMED, V-shaped neck. Sale price.....Each 19c
HIGH NECK, tucked yoke, fancy silk stitched. Sale price.....Each 25c
LACE OR EMBROIDERY TRIMMED, V-shaped neck. Sale price.....Each 35c
ROUND OR V SHAPED NECK, very elaborately trimmed with embroidery. Sale price..... 50c Each

EXTRA.

TAFFETA AND CASHMERE GAUNTLET GLOVES—For a thousand uses—Tan, browns.....8c pair

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For Economy Seekers.

DAMASK TOWELS, pure linen, 18x39 inches, knotted fringe, colored border, a towel that is good. At Hale's..... 15c Each
DAMASK TOWELS, pure linen, 24x50 inches, knotted fringe, colored borders, a big towel, a good towel, a cheap towel, were 25c. Special..... 19c Each
DAMASK TOWELS, pure flax, 22x44 inches, 2 rows of openwork, colored borders, knotted fringe, as absorbent as a sponge. At Hale's..... 25c Each
BLEACHED COTTON KITCHEN TOWELS 15x28 inches, a bargain. All week..... 4c Each
HUCK TOWELS, hemstitched, 18x36 inches, a close woven 20c towel, to be on sale all week 15c Each
HEMMED HUCK TOWELS, not so very fancy, but made to wear, 21x42 inches, colored borders. Special all week at.... 18c Each
UNBLEACHED TURKISH TOWELS—A thick and heavy towel, a blood-warmer. Special all week—
24x50 inches.....15c each
23x54 inches.....19c each
BLEACHED TURKISH TOWELS, the bath's delight, extra fine Terry cloth, 19x46 inches. Special at Hale's..... 12½c Each

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BLEACHED HEMSTITCHED SHEETS—Good, heavy, closely woven muslin,
2 yards wide.....45c each
2¼ yards wide.....50c each
2½ yards wide.....55c each
HEMMED PILLOW CASES—45x36 inches, made of remnants of heavy sheeting, therefore the quality for the price. Special.. 10c Each
CRIB COMFORTERS—Figured Sateline covered, ruffled edge; for baby..... 50c Each
CURTAIN SCRIM—Colored stripe, 42 inches wide; 4 pretty colors; special all week..... 10c Yard
(12½c grade.)

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LADIES' BLACK FIGURED ALPACA SKIRTS—Fitted to you free, thoroughly well made. At Hale's..... $2.75 Each
(All Skirts thoroughly lined with percaline and bound with velvet).
LADIES' SERGE SKIRTS—A heavy serge skirt in black or navy, for outing, work or street, very serviceable. At Hale's... $3.50 Each
COLLEGE CHECK SKIRTS—A made-to-order air about them, altered and fitted free. At Hale's..... $3.25 Each
LARGE PATTERNED FIGURED MOHAIR SKIRTS—Hangs beautifully. At Hale's..... $5.00 Each
TAN JACKETS—Fancy silk lined, 4 large pearl buttons, a swell little affair. At Hale's..... $5.00 Each
TAN SUMMER CAPES—High slashed collar, double pleated back, handsomely braided. At Hale's..... $5.00 Each
LADIES' CASHMERE SERGE SUITS—Bolero Jacket effect, black braided, Danish collar, silk lined; high band on skirt; fitted to perfection, as good as made to order; black, blue or green. At Hale's..... $12.00 Each

OUR BUSY BAZAAR.

WHITE BRISTLE TOOTH BRUSHES—were a nickel; Special.....3c each
RULED PENCIL TABLETS—200 pages; note paper size; Special.....4c each
MONARCH TOILET PAPER—Silk tissue; in Hale's Bazaar .....5c package

NO HOPE FOR THE SHIP SAMARIA

The Wreckage From Her Washed Ashore Along the Coast.

Fishermen Looking for Bodies, but None Have Come Ashore.

The Schooner Albion Had to Put Back in Distress—Lost Her Mainsail.

All doubt as to the fate of the overdue collier Samaria seems to have been set at rest. In a private letter received by E. L. Woods from Astoria yesterday, it is learned that a life-preserver, part of a boat and a section of a deckhouse, all marked "Samaria," had all drifted ashore off Cape Disappointment during the night. The wreckage was hauled up on the beach by some fishermen and a search made for bodies, but none were recovered.

Fire broke out on the collier Washtenaw now being repaired at the Fulton Iron Works yesterday, but was put out without much damage being done. The fire started in the galley and made a great smoke, but a "bucket brigade" soon had it under control.

The schooner Albion, which left here a week ago for Alaska, ran into a heavy norther on the 25th inst., and was so damaged that she had to put back here for repairs. The mainsail was carried away and took with it all the blocks and the standing rigging from both sides of the masts. She will have to go on the dry-dock for repairs.

The ship Occidental also put in. At first it was thought she was in distress as the Guide showed her as bound from Departure Bay for Acapulco. It was learned on her arrival, however, that there was no demand for coal in Central America, so the vessel's destination was changed for San Francisco.

There was a shakeup among the carpenters, sweepers and dredger hands on the water front yesterday. All Commissioner Cole's appointments went out and Commissioner Harney's men will fill their places to-morrow.

Since the arrival of the United States ship Camanche in the harbor for the use of the Naval Battalion, that organization has greatly felt the need of an engineer corps to have charge of and handle the machinery on the vessel. During the last Legislature the matter was actively pushed before the Committee on Military Affairs, with the result that a bill was passed providing for an engineer division, to be composed of fifty or more men.

A list has been opened at 22½ East street for applicants who may wish to enlist as machinists, water tenders, boilermakers, oilers, first, second and third firemen. The opportunities for promotion in an organization of this kind just forming are very bright, and the officers having the matter in charge expect to soon have a division of first-class men on their hands, especially as the men when called upon by the Government for their services will receive the same pay as those in the corresponding ratings of the United States navy. Any information relating to the details of the organization may be obtained by addressing J. R. Christy, chief engineer N. B., N. S. G., 22½ East street.

The bark Mermaid will come out of her retirement in Oakland Creek next week and will dock for an overhauling. She will take away with her 100 men bound for a new Eden in the Solomon group. Nearly 150 applications have been received, but at least half of these have not the necessary $100. As the vessel will not sail until May 15, Captains Quinton and Alexander McLean think they will have no difficulty in securing the required number.

The Pacific Mail Company's steamer Acapulco got in yesterday from Panama. She was expected to get here last Thursday, but was delayed by a heavy northwest gale. She brought very few passengers and a light cargo.

The side-wheel tug Tiger, formerly owned by the North Pacific Coast Railroad, has been sold to K. C. Eldridge, and he will bring her to San Francisco and put her to work in the bay.

The British schooner Fortuna arrived here in ballast yesterday and will be put under the Mexican flag. In future she will trade between here and Mexican ports.

The German bark C. H. Watjen has been hauled out of Oakland Creek and will load wheat for Europe. She is the first vessel to get a charter in six weeks.

It was inadvertently stated in yesterday's CALL that Morton's special delivery had gone out of business on the water front. This is not so, as their solicitors are there as usual and can always be found at their post. The only change made by Mr. Morton was the removal of his office and receiving-room at the ferries. His delivery system on Taylor, Market and Battery streets is still in full force, however. Morton Brothers assert that they are still in the ring, and that it will take a dozen transfer companies to kill their opposition.

EXPENSIVE ECONOMY.

Big Damage Suit Growing Out of Market-Street Railway Parsimony.

Henry Johnson, by his attorney, Martin Stevens, has instituted an action at law against the Market-street Railway Company for $10,000 damages for personal injuries.

The plaintiff avers that on the 18th of the present month he was riding on one of the electric cars of the defendant corporation, which was operated by a motorman without the assistance of a conductor; that he told the motorman to stop at the corner of Frederick and Stanyan street; that when nearing that point the car was slackened in speed and the plaintiff was about to alight, when the person acting in the dual capacity of motorman and conductor carelessly and without warning so operated the motive power that the speed of the car was suddenly increased, whereby the plaintiff was forcibly thrown to the ground, breaking his right arm in two places and painfully bruising his head and body.

Mr. Johnson complains of the conduct on the part of the company for employing one man to do the work of operating this car when two were needed, and holds the company responsible for this culpable negligence, as the accident would not have happened if there had been a regular conductor on the car. This is another instance where an effort at economy may prove a source of expense.

CHAPPELLE ATTACHED.

The Private Detective and Turfman Sued by a Collector.

A collector of bad debts took out an attachment yesterday against the racehorses of E. S. Chappelle, the private detective and turfman, and a deputy Sheriff served it at the Ingleside track. The attachment is based on assigned claims for $49 92.

"Curley" Shields, the well-known horseman, was also attached in a suit brought by N. S. Hall to recover $299, claimed to be due for money loaned the defendant.

TEN THOUSAND STILL NEEDED

Balboa Boulevard Macadamized One Hundred Feet Wide.

United States Commissioner on Roads Interested in the Project.

He Will Probably Introduce Boulevard Building in the East on the Same Plan.

Ten thousand dollars more will complete the Balboa boulevard, which is attracting attention all over the country.

Roy Stone, United States Commissioner on Roads, is taking much interest in the work on the Balboa boulevard. William M. Bunker of the boulevard committee received a letter from him yesterday inquiring for full particulars concerning the manner in which the boulevard is being constructed. The writer explained that he required the information for the benefit of Eastern communities which might desire to follow the example of San Francisco.

Heretofore the unemployed in other States have been set to work at repairing roads, but the experiment of making permanent roads has never been tried.

Three hundred and fifty men were engaged yesterday on the boulevard. The work of macadamizing the roadway to the full width was begun yesterday and if the good people who have not yet subscribed will now step to the front and assist in the undertaking the beautiful driveway will be completed to the Ingleside.

Mr. Bunker, speaking of the 250 unemployed men under Leffingwell, who made a raid upon the town of Lodi last Friday, said:

"This committee has never recognized those people in any way. They organized simply for the purpose of bulldozing the community. We organized this boulevard committee to furnish relief to the genuine unemployed, who are willing to work on the boulevard. Those Leffingwell people came to us at the outset and said, 'We demand recognition as a body,' and they were told that they were recognized, and for that reason we didn't want them. They refused to leave the City in detachments or to accept positions offered to squads of three and four, but insisted that the whole gang should be employed as a body. Their leader, Leffingwell, said that if they were to accept employment as individuals, the organization would fall to pieces, and that they proposed to hold together."

Supervisors Devaney and Delaney propose to introduce a resolution at next Monday's meeting of the Board of Supervisors to turn over to the boulevard fund the $3000 usually appropriated for Fourth of July fireworks.

It is estimated that $10,090 more will be necessary to complete the work. Yesterday afternoon the fund stood as follows:

Previously acknowledged, $26,913 41; Indianapolis Furniture Company, $25; improved Order Red Men, $95 95; cash, "Alvarado," through THE CALL, $2; grand total, $27,036 16.

CLEANER CORRIDORS.

Head Janitor O'Neil of the City Hall Much Pleased.

The corridors of the new City Hall already bear witness to the good effect of the anti-expectoration ordinance. Head Janitor T. J. O'Neil reports that the work of keeping the main corridors clean has been minimized, thus permitting the employment of the men in other parts of the building.

Another advantage is sanitary in its character. Hitherto vast quantities of soap and water were required to scrub out the stains of tobacco juice that befouled the stone floors of the passage ways, and the atmosphere was kept damp by the evaporation that followed those diurnal floods. That evil has been obviated in great part by the fact that not so much water is needed.

An odd phase of the expectoration nuisance, which leads to spitting on the various stairways, has grown up, however, by reason of an effort on the part of some graceless wretches to show their defiance for the spirit of the law without, as they think, violating the letter, and thus laying themselves liable for prosecution. Inasmuch as the ordinance forbids the befoulment of the corridors, but says nothing of the stairways, some evilly disposed clowns consider it a mark of wit to use the stairways as cuspidors. Chief of Police Lees has instructed the policemen on duty in the municipal buildings to arrest the first person caught offending in this regard, and a test case is to be made in the Police Court.

NEW TO-DAY.

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50 Novelty Suits (checks), Eton style, at $5.00—worth $13.50.
50 Black Figured Silk Skirts at $7.00—worth $12.
25 Black Figured Silk Skirts at $9.00—worth $18.
25 Tan Kersey Jackets, lined throughout with silk, at $3.75—worth $7.00.
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