STRAW BOND MILL IN OPERATION

Result of an Investigation by Expert Newman.

Two Worthless Bonds Discovered and One of the Defendants Has Fled.

A Prisoner Released on His Own Recognizance Fails to Appear in Court.

As a result of an investigation by Chris Newman, the expert of the Board of Supervisors, two bonds recently accepted by Judge Campbell have been declared worthless and bench warrants have been issued from the Superior Court for the arrest of the two defendants.

One of them, Nellie Murphy, alias Mamie Meehan, a notorious pickpocket, was arrested yesterday afternoon, but the other, John Langer, a pork butcher, cannot be found, and the police believe he has fled the City.

Langer was arrested March 5, for assault with a deadly weapon upon G. Hranuelli, a cook in the restaurant at 1146 Market street, on March 5. He struck him over the head with an iron bucket and nearly killed him. He was released on his own recognizance by Judge Conlan, but the Judge, on hearing the serious nature of the case issued a bench warrant for his arrest.

Langer kept out of the way till April 10, when Detectives Dillon and Crockett arrested him in a butcher's shop in the Mission. On April 16 he was held to answer before the Superior Court in $1000 bonds by Acting Judge Kerrigan, and three days later was sent to the County Jail, but he was released on bonds that afternoon.

The sureties were Alexander J. Meader, a notorious straw-bondsman, and Mrs. D. P. Smith. Meader qualified on lot 67, Schoolhouse station, San Mateo, which he swore was of the value of $1000. Newman wrote to Assessor Hayward of San Mateo County and received a reply that the lot was assessed at $50. The name of Mrs. D. P. Smith, who qualified on property at 2311 Mission street, cannot be found on the records.

In the case of Nellie Murphy she was held to answer for grand larceny by Judge Joachimsen in $1000 bonds, and on April 21 she was released on bonds.

Meader was one of the sureties, and he again qualified on the same lot in San Mateo assessed for $50. The other surety was Joseph N. More, who qualified on a music-store, 1936½ Mission street, which is assessed for $90.

These facts were communicated by Newman to District Attorney Barnes, and bench warrants were immediately issued for the arrest of Langer and Nellie Murphy.

The bonds were not handed to Newman by Judge Campbell till April 26, although one was accepted on April 19 and the other on April 21.

A case showing the evil of prisoners being released on their own recognizance by a Judge to whose court the prisoner is not assigned came to light yesterday.

John Harris, a boiler-maker, 28 years of age, was arrested Tuesday afternoon by Policemen Buckley and Ennis in South San Francisco for being drunk and for carrying a concealed weapon. He was booked at the Southern station at 2:20 P. M., was removed to the City Prison about 4:30 P. M., and was released on his own recognizance at 5:15 P. M. by Judge Low at the request of Attorney Gallagher.

Yesterday morning when the case was called in Acting Police Judge Kerrigan's court Harris failed to appear, as was expected from the fact that he had hinted as much before he was released, and a bench warrant was issued for his arrest.

Prosecuting Attorney Mogan took occasion to remark that it was an instance of the evil of a Judge releasing a prisoner on his own recognizance without knowing whether the case would be assigned to his court.

It is not believed that John Harris is the man's real name, and the police expect to have considerable difficulty in finding him.

THE YAQUINA.

Captain Hinkle Exonerated From All Blame by the Inspectors.

Captains Phillips and Bohl, Local Inspectors of Hulls, etc., yesterday made their report on the Yaquina disaster. After reciting the facts, which have been published already, the inspectors say:

"After careful consideration of the evidence we are of the opinion that Captain Hinkle was navigating the steamer Yaquina on the above occasion in a careful and skillful manner and we have exonerated him from all blame accordingly.

"The hull of the steamer remained on the beach and about one half of the cargo was saved.

"The Yaquina was valued at $20,000 and the cargo lost at $3500."

HUGH HUME SUED.

William Davis Alleges Breach of Contract and Demands $10,000.

William Davis, by his attorney, L. D. McKissick, has sued Hugh Hume for $10,000, which he claims as damages for breach of contract made by Mr. Hume with Gustavus A. Wulkop and William H. Eastland in regard to increasing the circulation of the Evening Post.

According to the averments of the complaint a contract was entered into by Mr. Hume and Messrs. Wulkop and Eastland whereby they were to have exclusive control of the issue of the Post for two years from September 8, 1896.

It appears that some dispute arose and that Mr. Hume refused to deliver the papers according to the terms of the contract. Hence the suit that was begun yesterday.

Two Indictments.

The United States Grand Jury returned two indictments in Judge Morrow's court yesterday. The names of the indicted persons are withheld for the present.

NEW TO-DAY.

I CURE FITS

When I say I cure I do not mean merely to stop them for a time and then have them return again. I mean a radical cure. I have made the disease of FITS, EPILEPSY or FALLING SICKNESS a life-long study. I warrant my remedy to cure the worst cases. Because others have failed is no reason for not now receiving a cure. Send at once for a treatise and a Free Bottle of my infallible remedy. Give Express and Post Office address.

Prof. W. H. PEEKE, F. D.,
4 Cedar St., New York.

RUINART WAS BADLY BEATEN

Failed to Get a Mark in a Purse Race at Ingleside.

Receding in the Betting From 3 to 15 to 1, Tea Rose Won Easily.

Rey Salazar Was First Again—Montallade Proved Quite a Surprise. Strathrol Finished Third.

The crack Ruinart, winner of the Burns handicap and the Palace Hotel stake, came out in a seven-furlong run at Ingleside yesterday and, according to the conditions of the race, packed 121 pounds and his old side partner, Marty Bergen. Wheel of Fortune was a 7 to 5 favorite and displayed a total absence of winning form, never being able to raise a gallop. Ruinart, a 9 to 5 second choice, did not do much better, failing to finish among the first three. Tea Rose, the flying filly, racing in the colors of Bookmaker George Rose, with 90 pounds in the saddle, made a processional affair of it, taking the lead from Greyhurst entering the back stretch and beating the gray colt out at the wire by two lengths with apparent ease in 1:28¼. Good Times finished a fair third. The winner opened up at threes, receding to 15 to 1 on a rumor that the stable did not fancy her chances.

The attendance was good, and the betting livelier than for some days. The favorites without exception were all bowled over, some of them being of the most pronounced type, and the ring reaped a harvest.

Daggie Smith's fast filly Torsida was backed down from 7 to 5 to 9 to 10 to defeat the six other two-year-olds in the opening five-furlong scramble. Johnny Weber had the leg up, and, as usual, was away in front. Rey Salazar, the second choice, ridden by Piggott, was quickly at her side, and, outfooting the first choice to the wire, won by a head in 1:02¼. Towanda was third.

Of the poor lot which started in the second event at seven furlongs Ricardo was considered the best, and was chalked up an 8 to 5 favorite, receding later, however, to 11 to 5. Earl Cochran, a 7 to 2 choice, always had the footing over him, and, maintaining the lead throughout, led William O'B past the wire by three lengths in 1:29. Clawson landed Chappie, a 30 to 1 chance, in the show.

Eight cheap selling platers faced the barrier in the mile and a sixteenth, with Jack Martin ruling a meek 11 to 5 choice. After Mike Rice had led to the far turn, Piggott on Japonica, the second choice, went around the bunch and won, easing up, from old Jack Richelieu. Jack Martin secured the small end of the purse in a drive.

Strathrol, with his suspicious legs, was a pronounced even-money choice for the fifth event, over seven furlongs under selling conditions. The first choice, with Reddington at his side, cut out a hot pace to the stretch with Montallade, an 8 to 1 chance, galloping in third place. When straightened for the wire, Slaughter, on the latter, let out a link, and By Holly's horse galloped in winner by three lengths in 1:28½. Reddington nosed the favorite out for the place.

The Midlothian colt Lode Star opened up at evens to carry off the last race, a mile purse, but in some unaccountable manner fell out of the race at the first turn and was fully ten lengths behind the bunch turning into the backstretch. Elsie Smith showed the way to the stretch, where she quit. Fashion Plate then went on, winning very handily by four lengths in 1:44. The favorite made up a vast amount of lost ground the last half, finishing third, two lengths behind Russella.

NOTES.

Elsie Smith pulled up bleeding at the nose after the race she started in.

The saddle on the 100 to 1 shot Mosier slipped or he might have been closer up at the finish.

It did not look as though Bob Isom put up a very vigorous ride on Claudiana, but perhaps he did his best. His ride on Personne was also weak.

The stewards at Ingleside have rendered the following decision in regard to the bidding up of the mare Torsina on April 24:

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30, 1897.

F. H. Green, Secretary—DEAR SIR: On April 24, 1897, George Rose filed a protest against the bid of J. Josephs on the mare Torsina in a selling race that day, claiming that Mr. Josephs was not qualified to make a bid, as he at that time owed Mr. Rose for some bets he made previously. In accordance with rule 26 of the "American Racing Rules," this protest is not sustained. On the same day Mr. Rose filed a protest against the payment of second money and half of the selling surplus on the mare Torsina being paid to J. H. Shields, owner of the horse Potentate that ran second, claiming that Potentate was not owned by Mr. Shields, in whose name he ran, and should be disqualified accordingly. We find, upon investigation, that the registration on file in your office shows J. Josephs is owner and J. H. Shields is trainer. In accordance with the "American Racing Rules," Nos. 62 and 78, this protest is sustained.

The horse Potentate is disqualified; the horse Midas, who finished third, is placed second, and the horse Reddington, who finished fourth, is placed third, and they are to receive the several divisions of the purse and surplus of run-up money as their interest may appear respectively. Truly yours,

JAMES H. REES,
J. W. WILSON,
Board of Stewards.

Following are to-day's entries:

First race, two-year-olds, nine-sixteenths of a mile.

939 Thyne	101	939 La Loma	101
941 Siva	104	938 St. Philip	113
933 San Durango	101	933 Salabar	104
941 Castake	101	945 Aluminum	107
939 Red Fox	104	933 Zapata	104
909 Marvelous	101	927 Flushington	104
887 Rosormonde	115	926 Outlay	113
939 Benicia	104		

Second race, three-quarters of a mile.

940 Decision	107	942 Alazan	97
947 Mosier	109	757 Tobey	111
934 Doubtful	114	940 Mollie R	109
940 Spry Lark	107	923 Two Cheers	116
941 Lucky Star	97	938 Scorcher	97
879 Imp. Disparity	109	929 Tenacity	112
923 Free Will	107		

Third race, selling, one mile.

931 Collins	108	(928) Tulare	99
942 San Marco	107	949 Joe Terry	107
942 Horatio	91	931 Babe Murphy	106
928 Inflammator	91	944 Refugee	109

Fourth race, one and a quarter miles, hurdle handicap.

949 Reddington	157	936 Huntsman	134
918 Tuxedo	154	918 Brilliant	128
918 Candor	156	918 Dick O'Malley	130
(936) Arundel	146		

Fifth race, four miles, the Ingleside stakes, value $4000.

948 Wheel Fortune	114	935 Wawona	104
935 Schiller	112	894 Can't Dance	102
932 Marcel	109	881 Little Bob	100
944 Lobengula	109	723 Lucretia Borgia	92

Sixth race, three-quarters of a mile.

(943 Mainstay	122	938 Col. Wheeler	110
(869 Roltaire	105	930 Zamar II	107
938 Celoso	100	943 Wm. Pinkerton	109
922) Perhaps	114	899 Sal Clicquot	112
940) Cardwell	117		

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

First race—Rosormonde, Flushington, Zapata.

Second race—Disparity, Decision, Lucky Star.

Third race—Refugees, Tulare, San Marco.

Fourth race—Reddington, Arundel, Huntsman.

Fifth race—Lobengula, Marcel, Can't Dance.

Sixth race—Zamar II, Celoso, Col. Wheeler.

HIGH SALARIES WIN.

Police and Fire Department Officers Will Get Increased Pay.

Judge Seawell handed down an opinion yesterday sustaining the validity of the law which grants large increases in salaries for the officers of the Police and Fire departments of this City.

The contention was raised by a suit instituted by Max Popper, who thought the law unconstitutional. His main point was that the Legislature had no right to impose additional burdens on the people of this City without their consent, and that the new law was unconstitutional.

Judge Seawell decides that as San Francisco is incorporated under the consolidation act the Legislature has the power to control its affairs by general laws.

An application for stay of proceedings was denied, and the officers can get their increased pay on demand unless Auditor Broderick should prefer to wait for the Supreme Court's decision.

In Honor of Organist Mayer.

A special service of song will take place tomorrow evening at the First Congregational Church in commemoration of the twenty-five years of faithful services of Samuel D. Mayer as the organist and choirmaster of the First Congregational Church.

Clever Club Gossip

In to-day's News Letter.

THE "CALL" RACING GUIDE.

PACIFIC COAST JOCKEY CLUB. Ingleside Racetrack, Friday, April 30. Eighty-sixth day of the Winter Meeting, 1896-97. Weather cloudy. Track fast.

945. FIRST RACE—Five-eighths of a mile; two-year-olds; purse $350.

Index.	Horse. weight.	St.	¼	½	¾	Str.	Fin.	Jockey.	Betting. Op.	Betting. Cl.
926	Rey Salazar 111	3	.....	2 ½	1 1	1 ½	1 h	Pizgott	2	2½
915	Torsida 115	2	.....	1 ½	2 1	2 2	2 3	John Weber	6-5	4-5
927	Towanda 107	5	.....	3 h	4 1	3 4	3 1½	Snider	10	10
941	Los Prietos 109	4	.....	6 10	6 10	6 10	4 15	Macklin	6	10
927	Aluminum 108	6	.....	5 h	5 8	4 2	5 1½	Slaughter	10	20
927	Melvin Burnham 111	1	.....	4 ½	3 h	5 1	6 20	Bozeman	30	80
926	Sadie Schwartz 108	7	.....	7	7	7	7	Clawson	10	75

Good start. Won driving. Winner, E. T. Baldwin's b. g., by Emperor of Norfolk-Cleopatra. Time, 1:02¼.

946. SECOND RACE—Seven-eighths of a mile; selling; three-year-olds and upward; purse $400.

Index.	Horse. age, weight.	St.	¼	½	¾	Str.	Fin.	Jockey.	Betting. Op.	Betting. Cl.
932	Earl Cochran, 4 101	2	1 h	1 ½	1 h	1 3	1 3	Thompson	2½	3
.....	William O'B, 5 106	6	3 2	3 ½	3 1	3 1	2 1	Piggott	6	10
869	Chappie, 3 92	4	4 ½	5 1	6 ½	4 4	3 1	Clawson	10	30
921	Rufalbs, 3 87	3	5 ½	4 1	4 1	5 3	4 ½	J. Woods	8	10
929	Ricardo, 5 103	1	2 h	2 1	2 3	2 3	5 2	Slaughter	6-5	11-5
723	Fullerton Lass, 6 104	5	7 ½	6 2	8 2	7 2	6 10	Snider	10	12
934	Doyle, 5 107	8	8 4	9	9	8 1	7 2	Lenhardt	30	40
918	Personne, 3 99	9	9	8 2	5 ½	6 4	8 2	Isom	5	4
922	Kai Moi, 5 103	7	6 ½	7 ½	7 3	9	9	Griffin	100	300

Good start. Won easily. Winner, J. Cochran's br. g., by Siddartha-Jennie H. Time, 1:29.

947. THIRD RACE—One and a sixteenth miles; selling; four-year olds and upward; purse $350.

Index.	Horse, age, weight.	St.	Std.	¼	½	¾	Str.	Fin.	Jockeys.	Betting. Op.	Betting. Cl.
932	Japonica, 4 106	1	8	5 1	4 3	1 4	1 4	1 4	Piggott	3	3½
934	Jack Richelieu, a 115	6	7 1	6 h	6 1	5 5	5 5	2 1	Freeman	12	10
940	Jack Martin, 4 108	3	1 h	4 1	2 ½	3 ½	3 ½	3 h	Thompson	8-5	11-5
940	Mike Rice, 4 108	7	2 1	1 1	1 ½	2 ½	2 ½	4 h	Snider	12	30
910	Mosler, 4 108	8	3 ½	2 h	8	3 2	4 2	5 ½	Jenkins	100	40
932	Leonville, 6 112	5	6 3	7 ½	3 ½	8	8	6 ½	Hennessy	5-2	5-2
901	Dennis, 4 111	4	5 1	8	7 1	6 ½	6 ½	7 10	H. Brown	30	15
919	Joe K, 4 111	2	4 1	3 h	5 1	7 ½	7 ½	8	Bozeman	20	15

Good start. Won easily. Winner, E. Corrigan's br. f., by Longfellow-Hattie Harris. Time, 1:51.

948. FOURTH RACE—Seven-eighths of a mile; three-year-olds and upward; purse $500.

Index.	Horse, age, weight.	St.	¼	½	¾	Str.	Fin.	Jockeys.	Betting. Op.	Betting. Cl.
594	Tea Rose, 3 90	2	2 4	1 4	1 4	1 5	1 2	Clawson	4	10
839	Greyhurst, 3 92	5	1 h	2 3	2 2	2 1½	2 4	Thompson	10	10
938	Good Times, 3 108	3	3 2	3 1½	3 1½	4 2	3 3	W. Martin	5	5
(883)	Ruinart, 4 121	4	4 ½	4 4	4 4	3 3	4 ½	Bergen	2	4-5
896	Wh. of Fortune, 5 104	1	5	5	5	5	5	Piggott	6-5	7-5

Good start. Won easily. Winner, George Rose's ch. f., by imp. Midlothian-Red Rose. Time, 1:28¼.

949. FIFTH RACE—Seven-eighths of a mile; selling; three-year-olds and upward; purse $400.

Index.	Horse, age, weight.	St.	¼	½	¾	Str.	Fin.	Jockey.	Betting. Op	Betting. Cl.
929	Montallade, 4 100	3	3 1	5 ½	3 2	1 2	1 2½	Slaughter	6	5
913	Reddington, 4 102	4	6 1	2 ½	1 h	2 h	2 h	Piggott	6	4
(925)	Strathrol, 6 108	1	1 h	1 h	2 1½	3 4	3 4	W. Martin	6-5	11-10
907	Joe Terry, 4 105	5	7 3	7 4	7 2	5 1	4 4	Snider	8	12
(934)	Sea Spray, 5 110	8	2 1	3 2	6 1	4 2	5 10	Ames	30	60
(885)	Manchester, 5 112	2	4 2	4 h	4 h	6 2	6 2	Hennessy	6	4
914	Logan, a 111	6	5 2	6 3	5 ½	7 1	7 2	J. Shields	25	40
894	Treachery, 4 98	7	8	8	8	8	8	Feighery	30	100

Good start. Won easily. Winner, B. C. Holly's b. g., by Montana-Fusilade's Last. Time, 1:28½.

950. SIXTH RACE—One mile; three-year-olds: purse $350.

Index.	Horse, weight.	St.	¼	½	¾	Str.	Fin.	Jockey.	Betting. Op.	Betting. Cl.
938	Fashion Plate 99	4	2 2	2 2	2 ½	1 2	1 3	Slaughter	5	4
934	Russella 117	7	5 1	5 ½	4 2	3 ½	2 2	W. Martin	7	6
919	Ledestar 112	2	8	8	5 ½	5 3	3 4	Piggott	6-5	1
938	Claudina 99	3	3 ½	3 1	3 3	4 2	4 2	R. Isom	4	3
920	Los Cerrillos 97	8	7 10	6 3	6 3	6 10	5 4	Clawson	20	30
853	Essie Smith 117	5	1 h	1 2	1 2	2 1	6 10	Hennessy	10	10
908	Cogent 102	1	4 2	4 h	8	8	7 1	Ames	100	200
920	Tempestuous 114	6	6 1	7 2	7 ½	7 2	8	Shepard	30	100

Good start. Won easily. Winner, J. Harvey's b. f., by Racine-Faustina. Time, 1:44.

JUROR SIMONS IS RATHER UNHAPPY

Called on to Answer for Alleged Contempt of Court.

Witnesses Swear That He Talked to Them About the Turner Case.

Strong Testimony to That Effect Adduced in the Hearing Before Judge Wallace.

Isador Simon had an unpleasant hour in Judge Wallace's court yesterday in answering to a charge of contempt of court.

Simon was a juror in the case of J. F. Turner, who was tried for grand larceny. When the jury came into court to report that they were unable to agree, the foreman caused a sensation by declaring one member of the jury had refused to share in the deliberations of the jury, but from first to last had stood out against the other members on the question of the defendant's guilt.

At that time Deputy District Attorney Black announced that he could prove that Simon had been talking about the case, so he was cited to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt of court for disobeying the Judge's orders not to converse about the case, and yesterday was set for the hearing.

An affidavit by Simon was read by Attorney Schell. It set forth that when the balloting began in the jury-room there were five votes for acquittal, afterward there were four, then three and finally only one for acquittal. All the allegations of the accusing witnesses are denied, and it was charged that Mrs. Finnecan is the pliant tool of Megginson and Frenna in their desire to be revenged on Simon, because they were deprived of their revenge on Turner, when he would not vote for a verdict of "guilty as charged."

The affidavit contains this additional matter, which will be of interest to jurors and other citizens:

The only conversation affiant had relative to said Eisenschimmel was during a recess of the trial, when J. G. Hecker, one of the jurors sworn to try said cause, said to affiant, "Do you know how much Eisenschimmel gets a day?" To which affiant replied, "I don't know. How much does he get a day?" To which Hecker replied, "Well, I was told he got $50 a day." Affiant then said, "Who told you that?" and Hecker answered, "Juryman Rosenfeld told me." Thereafter when affiant resumed his seat in the jury-box he leaned over said Hecker's knee and said, "Is that so that Eisenschimmel gets $50 a day for experding here?" and he replied, "Yes, that's so, and Eisenschimmel says the jurors are well paid at $2 a day."

J. H. Paige testified that he knows Isador Simon by sight. He saw Simon in the jury-box during the trial of J. F. Turner, charged with grand larceny. During one of the recesses of the trial the witness heard Simon talking to one of the witnesses about the testimony of expert Carl Eisenchimmel in the Turner case. He said, "Did you notice how he changed his testimony?" Then he spoke about the testimony concerning the shading of letters. It was at the noon recess, in the courtroom, that the conversation between Simon and the other witness took place.

At the request of Judge Wallace the witness stepped down and pointed out the chair in the courtroom in which Simon and himself were sitting at the time of the conversation about the testimony in the case.

He said: "I was talking with Meggison, Frenna and Mrs. Elizabeth Finnecan, and I said it looked like a good jury. Somebody said they thought there would be a disagreement, and I said if there was I thought I could tell who would be the juror to disagree. Then I told them of what I heard Simon say. I told it to Meggison in the presence of the others."

In reply to Attorney Schell, who represented Mr. Simon, Witness Paige said that he went to the office of the District Attorney and swore to an affidavit setting forth the facts. He did so at the request of Meggison. According to his recollection the conversation of Mr. Simon took place on the 5th of April, just before 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Elizabeth Finnican testified that during the trial Juror Simon talked with her about the case. He approached her as she stood at the door of the courtroom and said a great deal about the case. He said he noticed that she was a constant attendant at the trial, and went on to say that it was too bad that there was so much villainy abroad, and wanted to know if she was interested in the case, and when she told him no, but she might have something to do with this man hereafter, he said he would rather it would be she than he who had to deal with Turner. He thought it too bad that people like this should prosper all the time, yet that was the way it looked. He said he would not have the nerve to ask a man to perjure himself for him, but this person on trial seemed to be able to get all that he wanted; that when persons like this could accomplish their ends it was too hard for honest people.

Attorney Schell had a lot of amusement in cross-questioning Mrs. Finnican, but she proved as witty as the lawyer and her story was not shaken.

J. F. Hecker, one of the jurors in the Turner case, was introduced on behalf of the defendant and testified that he talked with Simon about the pay of the expert and it appeared that they understood he got $50 a day.

Judge Wallace said that would be a harmless interchange between jurors.

Dr. W. P. Cool, A. D. McAvoy and J. H. Bartlett disputed an allegation in Meggison's affidavit that Simon was loitering about Turner's office on Saturday, April 10.

Victor Duhem testified that he witnessed the meeting between Mrs. Finnecan and Simon at the courtroom door. She seemed to attract Simon's attention and they talked only a few seconds.

Mr. Schell said this was important, as Mrs. Finnecan had detailed a conversation that would take five minutes by the watch to read.

On cross-examination by Deputy District Attorney Black it was admitted by Mr. Duhem that he was one of Turner's bondsmen in a former trial and was very friendly with him.

Mrs. Duhem testified that she heard Mrs. Finnecan say she hoped to see Turner behind the bars.

Further hearing of the case was postponed for one week.

Sunday Excursions

May be unpleasant on other lines owing to scant accomodations, but not so to pleasure seekers bound for El Campo. The big "Ukiah" makes four round trips every Sunday and there is always plenty of room. There is also plenty of room on arrival at the grounds—the largest improved picnic resort in the State. If you go you are sure to meet your friends.

Teachers' Annuities.

This morning at 10 o'clock at the Girls' High School the teachers of the public schools of the City will assemble by direction of Superintendent Webster to elect a committee from their number, who shall for one year have power to decide what annuity, if any, a teacher shall be entitled to if retired. That this committee shall be independent is the cause of much solicitude among the teachers.

CLINTON HUNGRY FOR STATISTICS

The Supervisor Makes Another Demand Upon the Spring Valley.

With an Expert He Will Now Examine the Company's Books.

Tax-Payers Again Address the Water Committee on Behalf of a Reduction of Rates.

Chairman Clinton of the Supervisors' Water Committee expressed himself as being put out yesterday because the Spring Valley Company had not supplied him with certain statistics regarding its income, which statistics he had hoped would assist the committee in fixing the new water rates. More than this, he insisted that the figures should be produced, and a special meeting of the committee will probably have to be called in order to examine them—if they are surrendered by the company.

This was the closing feature of yesterday's meeting of this committee, which, as every one knows, has been struggling along for weeks in its efforts to become familiar with the water question and be able to make some intelligent recommendations to the board.

Mr. Booker, the water company's chief accountant, was on hand, and it was he who was supposed to bring along the statistics and who confessed that he had not done so. What Dr. Clinton wanted was the average income of the company from the 25-cent and 50-cent rate-payers. These are the poor people, or small property-owners, and it is they Clinton wants to benefit most by a reduction of rates. Booker explained that he did not keep his books with an idea to be minute in the matter of details. He could not possibly furnish the exact income from these particular rate-payers. He could, however, give the bulk profits.

This was not what Dr. Clinton wanted and it was then that Attorney Kellogg, who represented the Spring Valley, invited the chairman of the committee to inspect the company's books for himself. Dr. Clinton said he would accept the invitation, but gave notice that he would be accompanied by an expert accountant.

Prior to this discussion the committee was addressed by several gentlemen who hope to see the water rates very materially reduced by the Supervisors. W. R. Sherwood spoke first, devoting his remarks chiefly to disapproving of the sentiments contained in a communication recently sent to the Supervisors by John T. Doyle. The latter was opposed to a reduction of the water company's income on the ground that the City owed its existence to the water supply.

Thomas Magee, the well-known real estate dealer, also spoke against high water rates. A reduction, he said, was imperative. San Francisco was already taxed to death, and taxes were still rising higher.

"Why, gentlemen," said Mr. Magee, "if you and I were as sure of getting to heaven as we are that taxes will continue to rise, we would need to have no worry on that point."

Charles Belden and a Mr. Woodman spoke in a similar vein, and then after the set-to between Dr. Clinton and Mr. Booker the committee adjourned.

MISSION PARK QUESTION.

The Improvement Union Favors the Cemeteries Site.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Mission Improvement Union was held yesterday afternoon at the office of Judge F. W. Van Reynegom, 26 Montgomery street, at which was discussed the question of a park for the Mission.

A. P. Van Duzer stated he was heartily in favor of the proposition to have the City purchase 1000 acres of land for a park and zoological gardens anywhere out in the southwestern section. But as this project would not give the Mission people a proper recreation ground for their wives and children without the necessity of paying carfare he favored the purchasing of the cemeteries, as described in THE CALL of last Sunday.

This site, he said, was already laid out, and all that was necessary was to sow seed and plant such shrubbery and rosebushes as would beautify the place.

The project of the larger park was so remote that it would take from twenty-five to thirty years to get it into anything like park shape. Besides, $1,000,000 would have to be expended upon it, which he considered the people of this City could not afford at the present time.

George Walcom coincided with the views of Van Duzer, but thought the Mission was entitled to a park of less gigantic proportions than the one spoken about, which would, when established, be more in the line of a State or coast undertaking, as the zoological collection itself would become National.

Daniel Webster Kelly suggested that by a selection of plants the proposed two-block park which lies in front of the High School could be used as a botanical school for the students attending that institution. There are fifteen acres of land there, upon which quite a number of plants could be planted.

Judge Van Reynegom favored this view and added that no place about San Francisco was so well adapted by climatic influence for the growth of exotic plants as the locality mentioned. He favored the greater park, but agreed with Van Duzer as to the time and expense it would take to bring the project to maturity.

John Bolger, John A. Lennon and J. C. Young expressed themselves as being in harmony with the previous speakers.

On motion the committee was instructed to call a general meeting of the Mission Improvement Union for Saturday evening, May 8, at Mission Improvement Hall, Twentieth and Guerrero streets, at which Professor George Hansen, a landscape architect from Berkeley University, and Dr. Miller of the Mission would be present to deliver addresses upon the park question.

The Mission people are unanimous in their opinion that they are entitled to a public park—just one sufficiently large where their wives and children can enter and inhale the fresh air without the necessity of going four miles to Golden Gate Park.

They also claim that they have been neglected sadly by the early City authorities when surveying and laying out the Mission, that no provision had been made for public squares. The Western Addition, which was settled and built on long after the Mission had been improved, has numerous parks, with the additional one of the Golden Gate at convenient distance. The entire Eleventh Ward has only two or three unimproved lots at a remote distance from the settled center.

Another convincing argument to be made by those who will urge the park question is the amount of taxable property lying adjacent to where the people want a park. To this must be added the fact of the large voting population of the Mission.

Families Disunited.

Divorce suits have been filed in the office of the County Clerk as follows:

Emma Frerichs against Martin Frerichs for desertion.

Wallace Bradley against Ella Bradley for cruelty.

Henrietta Sayles against Erwin Sayles for failure to provide.

Alice Elliott against Harry Elliott for cruelty.

Nellie A. Potter against Charles H. Potter for desertion.

Eliza A. Walker against Robert D. Walker for failure to provide.

Ancient Litigation Revamped.

J. W. Mulcahy has instituted a suit against the Hibernia Bank and the managers of that institution for the alleged purpose of having himself declared a member of the corporation named on the ground that he was one of the original depositors. Similar litigation has been attempted heretofore in matters of this character, but without success.

STILL HOPE FOR FRESNO'S RAISINS

W. Forsyth Thinks the Crop Will Be About 4000 Cars.

The Thrip Will Not Hurt the Vines More Than Five Per Cent.

Good Outlook for Grain and Most of the Fruits — Business in the Valley.

W. Forsyth, the widely known and prominent raisin-grower of Fresno, is in this City on a business trip. He was seen yesterday at the Occidental and asked as to the raisin and fruit outlook. He said:

"The vines never looked better, and the prospects are that we will have a very large crop. The thrip that has been talked about, news of which was telegraphed from Fresno, caused the growers some alarm, as they came earlier than usual. But they have not done any damage to amount to anything. It won't be 3 per cent, or certainly not more than 5 per cent.

"The thrip were called hoppers by some, and a good many people in this part of California thought they were grasshoppers, but there were no grasshoppers there. Professor Woodward of the Horticultural Experiment stations of the State University was sent down to make an investigation as to the work of the parasite. He decided it didn't amount to anything and he came back.

"From all indications, there will be a heavy crop of raisins in Fresno County this year. About Fresno the condition of the vines is all that could be well desired. Last year we shipped 3200 ten-ton cars of raisins, and there are about 200 cars of the crop yet on hand.

"I think there will be 750 ten-ton cars more this year than last according to present indications. This will be short of the crop of the year before, which was something over 4200 cars. If we get a little more rain, as we are almost sure to do, we will have a greater raisin product even than the amount estimated now.

"Nearly all kinds of crops there are looking well. Apricots have been considerably damaged, but the indications are there will be as many as there were last year. Peaches are light. Wheat and other grain will be ahead of last year, even if there is no rain. One rain would increase the crop. I think we are certain to have rain between this and May 10. It has never failed to come along about this period.

"Prunes are dropping, but if half drop there will be too many. Business in Fresno has improved over last year. The town is one of the most active in the State."

Lee L. Gorey, H. L. Hobbs and A. Gartenlaub of Fresno, also engaged in raisin and fruit growing, were with Mr. Forsyth. They corroborated Mr. Forsyth as to the crop, as well as the improved business.

Station J's Carriers.

Last night the nine mail carriers on duty at Station J, on Montgomery avenue, near Green street, were taken away and detailed for work at other stations. It has been ascertained that the mail matter may be distributed equally as well, and with great saving, from Station A and the main office.

LONG AT THE LEVER.

RIGORS OF THE ROAD

Break Down the Nervous System of a Well-Known Railroad Engineer. What Built Him Up Again.

From the Gazette, Chillicothe, Ohio.

Mr. Elbridge Waterman is a well-known railroad engineer of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Railway, who has been a great sufferer from nervous debility of an aggravated kind for the past ten years. The strain was telling on his nerves terribly, and steady work was impossible. The following is his story:

"For the past ten years," he said, "I have suffered as few men have with nervousness, heart trouble and rheumatism. I have lived on the footboard most of my life, and the constant jolting and nervous strain slowly but surely undermined my constitution. I was forced to quit work, and there seemed to be little prospect of my going back to the throttle again. I tried every remedy that I could find, but none of them did me any good. I consulted doctors all over the country, but to no avail. I would be better for a time, and then would come on an attack more severe than ever, and I would have to quit work. The money I have spent during that time for doctors and medicine, none of which did me any permanent good, would place me now out of want and in comparative affluence if I had it. An idea of how much time and money I lost may be gained when I tell you that during last summer alone I was totally unable to work four months on a stretch, and was much of the time confined to the house and to the bed, sometimes unable to move. It makes me cold all over when I look back on what I have gone through.

"But rheumatism was not the only thing I suffered from. My heart troubled me very much, and I was totally unable to sleep for days and weeks at a time. When I would drop off into a doze my heart would beat itself almost out of my bosom, and would wake me up as though I had been struck by a trip hammer. I had twichings in my arms and legs, and was altogether in such a condition that my wife and friends began to consider me beyond reach of medical assistance.

"I was almost of the same opinion myself, when I happened to see in the paper last June a letter from an old soldier in the West who had been cured of rhe