The San Francisco Call

TUESDAY.....MAY 25, 1897

AMUSEMENTS.

BALDWIN THEATER.—"An American Citizen."
MOROSCO'S OPERA-HOUSE.—"A Dark Secret."
ALCAZAR THEATER.—"The Three Hats" and "The First Born."
COLUMBIA THEATER.—"The Fatal Card," Monday evening, May 31.
TIVOLI OPERA HOUSE.—"Martha."
ORPHEUM.—High-Class Vaudeville.
OBERON.—Grand Concert.
SUTRO BATHS.—Bathing and Performances.
THE CHUTES AND SKATING RINK.—Daily at Haight street, one block east of the Park.
GOLDEN GATE HALL.—Lecture.
SHERMAN, CLAY HALL.—"An Irish Evening."

PICNICS AND EXCURSIONS.

EL CAMPO.—Music, Dancing, Boating, Fishing, every Sunday.

AUCTION SALES.

BY CHAS. LEVY & CO.—This day, May 25, Furniture, at 1135 Market street, at 11 o'clock.
BY E. S. SPEAR & CO.—This day, May 25, Rugs, at Kearny street, corner Sutter, at 11 A. M., 2 and 7:30 P. M.
BY FRANK W. FUTTERFIELD—This day, May 25, Furniture, at 712 Valencia st., at 11 o'clock.
BY H. J. LEUTHOLTZ.—Wednesday, May 26, Furniture, at 1344 Market st., at 11 o'clock.
BY VON RHEIN & CO.—Thursday, May 27, Real Estate, at Salesroom, 513 California street, at 12 o'clock.
BY EASTON & ELDRIDGE.—Saturday, May 29, Real Estate, at Geneva, Merced County.
BY EASTON & ELDRIDGE.—Tuesday, June 1, Real Estate, at 638 Market street, at 12 o'clock.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Gasoline vessels are now permitted to carry passengers.

There were interesting exercises at the Presidio yesterday.

Cloudy in the morning; fair during the day.—A. G. McAdie, forecaster.

Six men, supposed to be till-tappers, have been gathered in by the police.

A harmless crank demanded $3,000,000 from the City Treasury yesterday.

The Free Employment Agency of the State Labor Bureau will be closed June 1.

Martin Kelly has been allowed a new trial in his libel suit against W. R. Hearst.

Christian Endeavorers will give up Sunday reheaesals at the desire of Presbyterian pastors.

The Davis will contest is being tried in Judge Coffey's department of the Superior Court.

Miss Emma Ashley will appear at the Auditorium on Saturday night in a series of living pictures.

The gunboat Wheeling reached a speed of fifteen knots on her first trial trip on the bay yesterday.

A. L. Kennedy and wife are under arrest on a charge of cruelty to the six-month-old baby of C. W. Backmaster.

The Butchers' Board of Trade has made final arrangements for the great picnic to-morrow at Shell Mound Park.

Alexander Lindstrom, a two-year-old baby, fell into a water-hole on De Haro street yesterday and was drowned.

Barnett Stone, a tailor out of employment, shot himself in the head yesterday with a revolver, killing himself instantly.

Proceedings were begun in the Superior Court yesterday to force the firm of McAvoy & Gallagher into involuntary insolvency.

A petition has been filed for the voluntary insolvency of L. Corravo & Co., retail grocers, with debts amounting to $2298 97, assets $300.

John Clark, Thomas Sullivan and William McElroy, who have been robbing tills north of Market street, were arrested yesterday afternoon.

To-morrow there will be outpost duty at Golf Hill, Presidio. Those who will go there will have a chance to see splendid military movements.

W. F. Hastings of this City will soon go to England to take possession of a fortune left him by a woman whom he had befriended when she was a girl.

The steamers Humboldt and Pomona started on another race to Eureka yesterday. When off Point Reyes the Humboldt had gained two minutes on her rival.

Michael Boyce, a laborer for the Towles Lumber Company, was struck by a switch engine at Fourth and Townsend streets last evening and fatally injured.

Ex-Attorney-General Hart, who returned from Washington, D. C., yesterday, believes that Eugene F. Loud will be appointed Postmaster of San Francisco.

The charge against C. L. Elwell, mate of the Dirigo, was dismissed yesterday by United States Commissioner Heacock, owing to the absence of the prosecuting witnesses.

William Kline, grocer, has sued the Pacific Coast Syrup Company for $25,000 damages, alleging that the defendant sold him a spurious product as pure raspberry syrup.

Queen Victoria was not forgotten by her loyal subjects in this far-off land of the West yesterday. Several prominent American citizens of English birth drank to her health and long life.

The Harbor Commissioners will again discuss the free-market question at Thursday's meeting. The members of the National Labor Exchange want space set apart for their products.

The sealing schooner Bowhead has been sold to the North American Commercial Company and will go out on a whaling and trading cruise. She will take the place of the missing schooner General Siglin.

Mrs. Margaret Moffatt has sued her husband, William Henry Moffatt, for $50 a month, permanent maintenance, and her father-in-law, Henry Moffatt, for $50,000 damages for alienating the affections of her said husband.

A concert under the auspices of the Van Ness Fraternity will be given to-morrow evening in the Second Unitarian Church, Twentieth and Capp streets, for the benefit of Andrew G. Wood, leader of the church choir.

Expert Gumpel was again the star throughout yesterday's act of the Fair-Craven drama. He continued to give direct testimony for the plaintiffs, and devoted most of his time on the witness-stand to explaining why he had testified that the "pencil" will and the disputed deeds were fabrications.

Frank Perrell, 17 years of age, and Thomas Kirby, 12 years of age, who maliciously raised a cry of fire at the Hearst Grammar School and nearly caused a stampede among the children, were sentenced by Judge Campbell yesterday, Perrell to six months in jail and Kirby to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society.

Grand Opera-House.

"The Dark Secret" was revived at the Grand last night with a cast including most of the favorites of this stock company. The great scenic feature of the melodrama is regatta day at Henley, on which Leander Stevenson, a champion oarsman, was to row across a tank of real water to victory. The river scene was very realistically put on, and the gallery joined with the crowd on the stage in applauding coming boats. Owing to some hitch in the machinery, however, the boats did not come, and the curtain finally fell without Leander Stevenson's row to victory. The boat race is billed for a certainty to-night, however.

Fred Butler and John J. Pierson both shone as villains in "The Dark Secret," and Maude Edna Hall, who has grown less rampageously melodramatic since her last engagement, did some clever work as May Joyce, a young woman who swears to avenge a brutal murder.

At the Chutes.

The Venetian Ladies' Orchestra, which has been making such a success at the Orpheum, is giving concerts every afternoon and evening in the Casino at the Chutes. The roller rink has been closed for the summer season and the music of the mandolin players is proving very popular.

NEW TO-DAY.

Dangerous, Warning Signals

of heart disease are shortness of breath from going upstairs, sweeping or singing, sinking or smothering spells (especially at night) fluttering or palpitation, pain or tenderness in the left breast, side, arm or shoulder, irregular or intermittent pulse, weak, hungry or fainting spells, dropsy, swelling of the feet or ankles, etc. There is one sure, practical remedy for heart troubles, the prescription of Dr. Franklin Miles, and is guaranteed to benefit.

Dr. Miles' Heart Cure

Book on the Heart and Nerves free. Address DR. MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

BUDD TO CONFER WITH CHIEF LEES

This Week Durrant's Fate Will Be Definitely Decided.

Emmanuel Church Trustees Continue to Be Worried by Cranks.

Rev. George Gibson May Remain After All—Mrs. Vogel Complains. Tubb's Tactics.

Governor Budd arrived from Sacramento last night. To-day he will lend his ear to the attorneys for Durrant. The Governor has definitely decided that he will not allow Durrant a personal interview. Any application or statement from the condemned man will be presented through his attorneys.

The Governor hopes to reach a decision in the case not later than Friday. Already he has reviewed the entire case for the prosecution, and what he hears to-day will be much in the nature of rebuttal. Great pressure is being brought to bear upon him to allow Mrs. Durrant to make an appeal in person in behalf of her son.

Chief Lees called at the hotel last night, but failed to see the Governor. The two will have a conference this morning.

Investigations that are being carried on by the police and others tend to throw considerable discredit upon the veracity and reliability of the "witnessee," Bryant and Mrs. Schwartzler, regarding Durrant's case.

District Attorney Barnes received the following letter from J. B. Schroeder Jr. of Redwood City:

I had called to my attention this morning an article in the San Francisco Examiner pertaining to one Bryant, or as he gave his name to me while in my employ, A. R. Duval. He did work for me for a number of months and I finally discharged him because I considered him insane, and from subsequent letters sent to me by him I had my opinion verified, also by his acts after his dismissal by me, which, if you desire, I will give you in detail. I send you this communication to repudiate any claim he may make with reference to his sanity, for he undoubtedly was insane.

Detective Ed Gibson, according to instructions from Chief Lees, saw Dr. Deardorff, 14 Grant avenue, yesterday. He told Gibson that about a year ago Mrs. Schwartzler came to his office and gave the name of Miss Winters and asked permission to use his office two hours a day. She told him she had patients in San Jose, Alameda and Sacramento and in this City and wanted a place to receive them and that she would throw other business in his way. She only used his office a few days and he found out that she was a criminal practitioner. He intended to tell her to stop coming to the office when he found this out, but she was only there a few days and did not come back again. She told him on one occasion that Durrant was innocent; that she knew it. They only locked horns on the subject once. He told her he believed Durrant guilty and that he ought to be hanged. She was a woman not to be believed and was a criminal practitioner and he had no faith in her.

It seems that Attorney Tubb has approached others than Miss Turner, attempting to force them to sign a petition for the commutation. He has been interviewing the different witnesses in the case and is reported as saying that he will make it warm for the witnesses of the prosecution.

Mrs. John Martin is adopting a similar course to that pursued by Attorney Tubb. She has already called upon several of the witnesses, among them Mrs. Vogel of 919½ Powell street.

Mrs. Vogel called upon Chief Lees yesterday afternoon and made the following statement:

Mrs. Martin called last Friday afternoon between the hours of 3 and 4 o'clock. She told me she saw a man in a concert hall who looked so exactly like Durrant that she fainted away, the resemblance was so close. She wanted to know if I had not made some mistake. I said that I had made no mistake; that I saw Durrant and inquired into all the particulars as to where I was sitting in the window, what I was sewing and all about the case. She said to me that she did not want an innocent man hanged and that she would move heaven and earth to free Durrant. Then she went away. She returned again in about a quarter of an hour afterward and a gentleman came with her. They called to see if I had not made some mistake in my testimony. The man was very pale and had dark eyes and gray hair. She took two envelopes out of my box and asked me for a lead pencil and she wrote down everything I said. She did not show me what she wrote, or read it to me, nor did I sign it. I tell you this now so that you will know all about it.

The gentleman told me he was in Alaska during the time of the Durrant case and told me he was very much interested in it, and pointed to a map which I had to some island in Alaska where he had been. Then they went off. On Saturday afternoon they called again. I saw them coming and went down to the back yard and Vogel went to the door. They told my husband that I invited them to come; that I told them to come again; that the gentleman who was with her wanted to find out all the particulars (it was the same man who had been there before). My husband told them I was not in and would not be home and they went away. I am sure they wanted to catch me with something. I told them just exactly the same that I told you and not a word different, and tell you this before they do anything about it so you will know what happened.

Mrs. Martin attracted considerable attention by her conduct at the Emmanuel Baptist Church last Sunday. She occupied a seat in the front row and after the services she interviewed several of the members who were present. Among those she accosted were Mrs. Leek and Miss Wolf. Upon seeing Officer Robinson in the church Mrs. Martin hastily departed.

Henceforth officers will be present at all the services of the church. "We will have officers there to keep these cranks from causing any trouble," said one of the trustees last evening. "If they come to the church and try to raise a disturbance they will be ejected quite unceremoniously."

The opinion among the members of the Emmanuel Church seems to be that Rev. Dr. Gibson will consent to remain as pastor of the church. While he has said nothing since the action of the trustees in refusing to accept his resignation, it is thought that since the return of Secretary Lynch he has become less unwilling to remain.

In regard to a current rumor that exception would be made to the decision in the Lamont case on the score of one juror having admitted before being sworn that he had a prejudice, Chief Lees said last night that he had nothing to add to the reports of the trial. In the newspapers of August 30, 1895, it would be found that this particular talesman had merely stated that he had an "impression," but that it would not affect his judgment. He was accordingly passed as being entirely eligible within the meaning of the law.

Columbia Theater.

The Columbia Theater is closed this week and a force of artisans are at work painting and redecorating the interior. In its new dress, the theater will be reopened next Monday evening by the Frawley Company, whose first offering will be "The Fatal Card."

Trunks Moved 25 Cents.

Commercial Transfer Company, 43 Sutter st. Tel. main 49. Furniture moved reasonably.*

RAISED A FALSE CRY OF FIRE

Children in the Hearst Grammar School in a Panic.

The Presence of Mind of the Teachers Prevented a Stampede.

Two Boys Who Maliciously Raised the Cry Severely Lectured and Sentenced by Judge Campbell.

The presence of mind of Mrs. Nettie A. Wood, principal, and the other teachers in the Hearst Grammar School, Hermann and Fillmore streets, prevented a stampede of the schoolchildren about two weeks ago and probably saved a number of them from being trampled to death, as there are 760 pupils in the school.

The facts in the case came out in Judge Campbell's court yesterday, when three boys appeared before him to answer a charge of disturbing the peace. The boys were Frank Perrell, 17 years of age, and Thomas Kirby and Willie Donlan, both about 12 years of age, who live in the vicinity of the school.

The evidence showed that Donlan had nothing to do with the case, and the charge against him was dismissed. Perrell was sentenced to six months in the County Jail and Kirby was sent to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society.

Perrell conceived the idea of having some fun at the expense of the teachers and children in the school and he induced Kirby to join him in the scheme. The scheme was for Kirby to run into the school shouting "Fire! fire! the school's on fire!" and Perrell was to join in the cry from the outside.

The scheme was carried into effect on the morning of May 13, when the children were busy at their lessons. Kirby, as arranged, ran into the school and yelled "Fire! fire! the school's on fire!" and a voice outside was heard repeating the cry. Kirby immediately ran out and joined Perrell, and the two waited in a convenient spot to see the excited children come tumbling out, but they were disappointed.

When the cry of fire was heard there was a panic among the children and they jumped to their feet. Instantly the voices of the principal and teachers were heard commanding them to take their seats and the benefit of the fire drill was seen by the children promptly obeying the command, although some of the younger ones showed some reluctance in doing so and looked as if they would prefer to rush out of doors.

A hasty examination showed no sign of fire or smoke and then it dawned upon the teachers that a malicious joke had been played upon them. Next day a complaint was sworn to charging the boys with disturbing the peace and they were arrested.

Judge Campbell in sentencing Perrell lectured him severely upon the heinous nature of his conduct and told him if it had not been for the presence of mind of the teachers he might have been the cause of several children losing their lives in a mad rush for the doors. Then he would have been charged with murder. He also talked severely to young Kirby and both boys expressed their contrition.

"NAT" IS HIMSELF AGAIN

Returns to His Native Heath in "An American Citizen."

Myra Morella Is a Charming Martha at the Tivoli—Irish Concert.

After Nat Goodwin's recent incursions into costume comedies at the Baldwin it was refreshing to see him last night clothed again in modern dress and in his right mind as "An American Citizen." Goodwin's talent essentially lies in the portrayal of certain types of modern American character, and Madeline Lucette Ryley's play affords him an excellent opportunity to shine in the field where he is most at home.

The chief change in the cast since the first production was the substitution of Miss Hattie Russell for Miss Emily Melville as Lady Bunn. Miss Russell, who has some of her sister's (Ada Rehan) dignity, played the role effectively. The rest of the cast was good, and the staging, particularly in the carnival scene, was picturesque.

On Saturday night Goodwin will say farewell with a bill containing several novel features.

At the Orpheum.

There were four new acts on at the Orpheum last evening, and not one of them seemed to make a genuine Orpheum hit. Not that they were poor by any means, but the crowd lacked enthusiasm. Little Anna Laughlin did her best work in her imitation of Mrs. Leslie Carter in the "Heart of Maryland." Miss Laughlin is one of the cleverest child actresses now before the public. Mlle. Omene, a veritable female Herrmann, did some exceedingly clever tricks. The costuming of both Mlle. Omene and her assistant could, however, be improved without hurting the performance.

The Eclair Brothers do a specialty entitled "The Crocodile and the Demon." Both gentlemen are clever contortionists and do their work well. Jules and Ella Garrison, travesty artists, do the same act they did here some time ago. The Osrani Pantomime Company has been put down to the last of the bill, and it is to be sincerely hoped that this is its last week.

Alcazar Theater.

Francis Powers' Chinese play still crowds the Alcazar Theater, and it is safe to say that it will continue to do so for the next two or three weeks. The Alcazar people are proud of their actor-author and are doing everything in their power to make his benefit Friday evening an unusually big success.

"The Three Hats," a farcical comedy in three acts, precedes "The First Born." It starts off very much like "The Arabian Nights," but the resemblance ends there. George Osbourne as Sam Selwyn, a married man, does an effective piece of comedy work. Francis Baker, a clever character, makes the most of his part as a teacher of penmanship. Juliet Crosby and Gertrude Tidball play two pretty little ingenue parts, and Adele Belgarde, the practical wife of Sem Selwyn, appears to advantage. The rest of the parts are well cast.

Tivoli Opera-House.

An exceptionally good revival of "Martha" was given at the Tivoli last night. Dainty little Myra Morella made a winsome Martha, and sang her lines charmingly; Bernice Holmes was an effective Nancy; John J. Rafael was good as Plunkett, and Rhys Thomas sang well as Lionel. The spinning scene between these four principals was an exceptionally pretty bit of acting and singing.

Maurice Darcy made a good deal of the sheriff's role, and the choruses, particularly in the market scene, were good.

Irish Concert.

An interesting evening of Irish songs, legends and recitations will be given this evening at the new Sherman & Clay Hall by Dennis O'Sullivan and Daniel O'Connell.

OFF ON A RACE UP TO EUREKA

The Humboldt and Pomona Are Having Another Contest.

Large Sums of Money Will Change Hands Here and in Eureka on the Result.

The Sealing Schooner Bowhead Has Come Out of Retirement and Will Go Whaling.

The steamers Humboldt and Pomona had another trial of speed yesterday. On the last occasion the Humboldt won the contest, and if she keeps up the clip she started with should prove an easy winner again. Hundreds of people were down to see the steamers off, and at least $1000 will change hands on the result. The cabin-boys on the two boats have a pool of $65, the winners to take all.

Owing to some necessary repairs to the donkey engine the Pomona could not get away on time. Captain Bonifield of the Humboldt waited on Captain Doran, however, and it was getting well along toward 3 P. M. before either vessel got away.

It was 2:36 P. M. when the Humboldt passed Meiggs wharf and the Pomona followed her four minutes later. At 3:02 P. M. the Humboldt passed Point Lobos and had not gained a second on her rival. The last seen of the racers was off Point Reyes. The Humboldt passed that point at 4:56 P. M. and the Pomona at 5:02 P. M. It will thus be seen that the Humboldt has gained two minutes in about thirty miles. The result of the contest will be known today.

Agent Kalish denies emphatically that the Humboldt is for sale. He says she was built by the people of Humboldt for the Eureka trade and that she will remain in it unless somebody wants to pay a fancy price for her.

The sealing schooner Bowhead has come out of retirement, and after a thorough overhauling will start on a trading cruise under the flag of the North American Commercial Company. She will replace the General Siglin, which was lost with all hands while on her way to the company's trading stations. The career of the Bowhead has been a varied one. She was built to the order of A. M. Simpson and is the only vessel afloat that has a redwood deck. It was an experiment and the result has been more than satisfactory, but the expense—well, that is another story. The Bowhead was built for a tugboat and as such served for several years on Coos Bay. One day her boiler burst and the vessel was almost wrecked. After lying at anchor for years she was sold to W. Bendt and others and turned into a sealing schooner. For two seasons she did not pay expenses, and for two years was laid up in Oakland Creek. Now she has been brought out of retirement and will go into active service in the Arctic.

The schooner Elvenia is to go into commission again despite all stories to the contrary. While lumber laden she went ashore from her moorings and did considerable damage to her bottom. She was towed here in a water-logged condition, and after the deckload was discharged off Meiggs wharf, was towed to Oakland Creek and run high and dry on the sand. The lumber was taken out and W. Campbell and others bought the hull for a song. It was towed over yesterday and will go on the drydock to-day, and the new owners say that the Elvenia will be in the lumber trade again before the month is out.

The schooners Norma and Galilee are both discharging cocoanuts and the wharf rats and youngsters who frequent the front are having a good time. No stray nut escapes them, and their depredations have become so numerous that Luke G. Sresovich, the owner, has had to put a special policeman on guard to watch the piles of cocoanuts. About the only lively scenes on the water front these days is the boy fleeing up the wharf with a cocoanut under his arm and a corpulent policeman chasing him.

The Harbor Commissioners held a short session yesterday. The free market was discussed and the members of the board decided to settle the matter next Thursday. J. Alfred Kinghorn-Jones appeared on behalf of Branch 167 of the National Labor Exchange and asked that space be set aside in the new market for fifty-four branches of the organization which he represents. The members of the exchange do not believe in money as a legal tender, but each man is paid "in exchange" according to the work he does. The object of the space is to get rid of the surplus products of the Labor Exchange.

A. Rowley of the State Board of Trade also wanted to know something about the free market. According to him the plan is not feasible, but still he wanted to meet the farmers and see what was to be done. Commissioner Colnon said nothing could be done until the farmers were heard from and that would not be before Thursday afternoon.

The schooner Nettie Sundborg, which went ashore at Hardy Creek several weeks ago, has been launched and is now as good as ever. She will come down with her load.

The sailors on the Monadnock saw a grewsome sight yesterday. The partly decomposed body of a man went floating past on the ebb tide. A boat was sent out to recover the remains, but they could not be found and are now probably over the bar and lost forever.

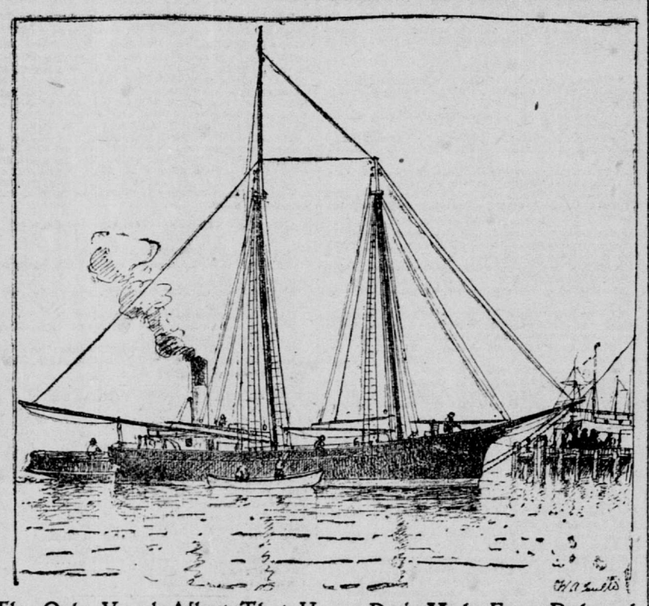
The steel ship Dirigo has lost her charter on account of her long trip. She was to have gone to Honolulu to load sugar for New York, but now the bargain is off and the chances are that she will have to join the idle fleet in Sausalito.

No work was done on the British ships in port yesterday. All the men had a holiday and all the vessels were decked with bunting in honor of the Queen's birthday.

The British ship Stronsa will have to go to Portland to load wheat. Owing to a misunderstanding she came here and the charterers refused to handle her. Now she must return to Portland and take in her cargo there.

Wayne Harris, the runaway boy, was located on the British ship Glencairn yesterday by Officer Shaw and returned to his parents at the Hotel Avondale. The 14-year-old lad was at work in the ship's galley peeling potatoes when arrested.

The sky above the bay was brilliantly illuminated by vagrant shafts of light last night. The searchlights of the Monadnock, Monterey and Bennington were being tried and there was just enough mist over the water to make the piercing rays exceedingly effective. The clouds, shore points and principal features of the City were successively lit up by the weird white gleams and the spectacle was admired by thousands of citizens.



The Only Vessel Afloat That Has a Deck Made From Redwood Lumber. As a Tug the Bowhead Blew Up, as a Sealing Schooner She Was a Financial Failure, and Now She Is Going on a Trading Cruise to the Arctic.

SIX SUSPECTS ARRESTED.

The Police Have Gathered In Men Who Are Supposed to Be Till-Tappers.

There are now six men detained in the tanks of the City Prison on suspicion of having robbed the till of the stationery-store at 118 Taylor street last week.

That deed was a particularly desperate one, in which the thieves held up the proprietor of the place at the point of a revolver. However, this robbery is but one of the same kind in many that have all the earmarks of having been committed by the same gang.

On Saturday three hangers-on in the tenderloin were brought in by Officer O'Dea and posse, and yesterday three others, giving the names of Clarke, McElroy and Sullivan, were taken from Market and Ellis streets, where they make their rendezvous. Officers Ellis and Bunner believe that these are the till-tappers, and are holding them for identification.

CIGARETTE LAW SCORED.

Dealers Declare Such Measures Do the City Much Harm.

They Believe the Proposed Ordinance Would Be Decided Invalid by the Courts.

Tobacconists all over the City laugh at the proposed law to make it a crime to sell or give away cigarettes, and they assume, first, that it will not be passed and, next, that it will be declared unconstitutional if it should be enacted. In any event, they do not expect that should it pass there will be any serious attempt to enforce it.

The following expressions of opinion by well-known local dealers in cigars and tobacco give an idea of the general sentiment:

M. A. Gunst & Co.—We deal chiefly in cigars and care very little for the cigarette trade, but the attempt to pass such a ridiculous law is a silly thing. This is the wrong City and the wrong generation for people to try experiments suitable for the dark ages or for puritanical countries.

American Tobacco Company—It is ridiculous to try to pass such laws in a free country.

Michaelitschke Bros. & Co.—We have no fear. If they pass such laws it will be in order next to fine a man for kissing his wife on Sunday, as they did under the old "blue laws" of the New England States. The attempts of cranks to pass such laws give the City a bad name. The law would be unconstitutional anyhow.

M. N. Hirsch—It is a ridiculous and unpatriotic proposition to try to prescribe what people shall eat or smoke. It can never be the rule of action in a City like this.

E. W. Briggs—All my researches in law and history prejudice me against such laws. A man of full age ought to be his own judge of what he smokes or drinks.

M. Bonim of the Richelieu—That law would rob an American citizen of his liberty. It cannot be possible that it will even pass. What crank had the audacity to introduce it unless he wanted to cinch the dealers?

F. M. Ferguson—It is ridiculous to discuss it. The people out here love liberty too well and the law would be invalid if it was passed.

Mrs. Marshal Asks Damages.

Mrs. Julia Marshall and her husband, Irving Marshall, have sued James Callanan for $5000 damages. Mrs. Marshall complains that the defendant did brutally beat, assault and wound her on the 31st of last March, causing her to be "confined to her bed for eight weeks." She thinks she requires the amount mentioned to compensate her for her sufferings.

Sold the Bicycle.

H. A. Ossoke, a plumber, was arrested yesterday by Harry Reynolds and booked at the City Prison on the charge of petty larceny. He is charged with stealing a bicycle from the cyclery of Harvey Fuller, 1232 Folsom street, and selling it to A. B. Jacobs, 418 Larkin street, who also keeps a cyclery.

Pozzoni's Complexion

Powder produces a soft and beautiful skin. It combines every element of beauty and purity.

DEFENDING A WAGON TRAIN

Teaching Officers and Men the Art of War at Golf Hill.

Giving the Lieutenants a Chance to Show How They Would Handle Men.

Yesterday Was a Busy One for the Soldiers at the Presidio—Outpost Duty To-Morrow.

Yesterday was a busy one at the Presidio post, for there was a drill by the light artillery on the main parade ground, maneuvers by the cavalry on the northern extension of the parade ground, field exercise by the infantry at the foot of the hill and big-gun practice at the fortifications at Fort Point.

The artillerymen made a fine showing in the handling of the pieces and in firing, while the cavalry, as usual, made a good display. The big-gun practice was practical, as was also the work of the infantry, which was nearer the realistic than can be attained on the parade ground.

It was a problem prepared by Captain O'Connell, the senior captain of the First Regiment, for the purpose of enabling the lieutenants of companies to place their men, as if in case of battle, to the best advantage, and to save them from the fire of the enemy. The plan is a good one and the configuration of the country admirably adapted to testing the judgment of the officers in the placing of troops, whether on the offensive or defensive, with a view to obtaining the best results. It gives the officers the best opportunity to carry out theories, and it gives the men a chance to understand a little outside of routine of the goosestep. The men carry out the orders of the officers, and the officers, if they make any mistakes, have the same pointed out to them by superiors, who are able to pass in judgment on the movements and who can advise them.

There were four companies in the field, one company forming the attacking party that had for its mission the capture of a wagon train defended by the other three companies. The attacking company was under command of Second Lieutenant Dennis E. Nolan, while the battalion was under the orders of First Lieutenant Hiram McL. Powell. The train and escort was passing down a defile from the main road north of Mountain Lake, near the Marine Hospital, on its way to sheltering woods east and north of Golf Hill.

Suddenly scouts reported the enemy lying in wait in the lupin and high mustard on the south side of a fence that runs east and west. Two companies were sent forward to attack the enemy, while the third remained with the train to protect it from capture. It was then the officers were called upon to use their judgment in distributing their men according to tactics and at the same time save them as much as possible from the fire of the enemy. The men were sent out as a skirmish line and when at a reasonable distance were deployed by the center, right and left flank, and when in the judgment of the officers they had advanced far enough one section engaged the enemy to draw its attention while the others made movements that would tend to be advantageous and save the train from capture.

That ended the first attack and then a second attack was made, but in this the men were not so well handled as in the first, for they were too much exposed to the fire of the enemy. Had it been a real battle the enemy from under cover would have picked off the advancing defenders without trouble. One of the lieutenants ordered his men to kneel and prepare to fire when at a distance of fifty or sixty feet from the fence, and for this the inspector drew his attention to the fact that the men ought to have been taken as close to the fence as possible, "for," said the inspector, "a fence is a great protection, even if it is only a three-rail fence. The point at which you ordered your men to kneel and lie down exposed them to the fire of the enemy and had bullets been flying there would have been a great many killed." One lieutenant was also given a reprimand for following too far behind his command. As a whole the men were commended for the promptness and correctness in carrying out the commands given them.

There was one thing lacking to make the affair realistic and that was a few rounds of blank cartridges. Had shots been exchanged the inspector would have had a better opportunity to judge of the actions of the men.

To-morrow there will be outpost duty, in which all branches of the service will be engaged. This will be an interesting sight to those who have never witnessed it. The outposts have for their object the guarding of all approaches, the obtaining of the earliest information of the enemy's movements and to obstruct and delay his advance. The outposts cover the entire front of the main command and extend well beyond the flanks and toward the rear. Generally outposts are disposed as follows: A line of sentinels who keep themselves concealed and watch the ground in their front and between them and the posts right and left, the sentinels being from 100 to 300 yards apart; then there is a line of small groups called pickets posted about 400 yards in the rear of the center of the line of sentinels, for which it furnishes reliefs; behind these is a line of larger groups called supports posted 600 yards in the rear of the line of pickets, and behind this line is the reserve about 1000 yards in the rear of the supports and 2000 yards in front of the main body. These distances are not arbitrary, but may be modified according to circumstances by the commander of the outposts.

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