ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS.

HE ANGERS HIS OAKLAND WIFE

Professor Earlston Says He Was Never Married to Miss Smith.

When Testifying in the Justice Court He Said She Was His Wife.

May Have to Answer to Bigamy and Perhaps Perjury and One More Felony.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Aug. 23.

Professor Earlston, the well-known aeronaut, is daily adding to his troubles by the many tales he tells while in the jail at Los Angeles. He is under arrest on a serious charge, sworn to by the father of a 15-year-old girl. Earlston thought he had made everything all right by marrying the girl, but word was received from this city that he had deserted a wife here, and then he had a charge of bigamy against him.

Now Earlston has added another chapter to his romances. He has stated he never was married in this city, although he took out a license to do so. This has stirred up the Oakland family into which he married, and they will not let the matter rest. They declare that he was married to Maude Smith, and that they lived together for two months before he deserted her.

If Earlston was not the husband of Maude Smith he may also have a charge of perjury to explain away. Some months ago he had a row with his brother-in-law and was arrested for disturbing the peace. At that time Earlston said he was the husband of Smith's sister and that he had been wrongly treated. Now the Smiths are intending that Professor Earlston shall not escape until he has proved his innocence of all the charges against him. They intend to procure documentary evidence of the marriage and forward it to Los Angeles, so that he will either have to answer to bigamy or betrayal or both.

The landlady at the house on Washington street where the Earlstons lived says that the professor did not treat his young wife rightly and that she would have gone hungry many times had she depended on her husband. Mr. Minot, the father of the Los Angeles girl, is doing all he can to see that Earlston is punished.

The professor's chances of soaring above the earth for a little while are very slim.

SOPHOMORES CHALLENGE.

Freshmen Anxious to Meet Them in the Annual Rush Next Monday Night.

BERKELEY, CAL., Aug. 23.—The freshmen of the State University issued a formal challenge to the sophomores this afternoon for their annual "rush." The date named for the friendly fight was next Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

It was only after a long struggle this afternoon with the sophomores that the freshies succeeded in calling their meeting to order for the purpose of challenging their rivals. Doors had to be barricaded, windows locked and guards stationed about to prevent an onslaught.

Before the difficulty was over and peace restored in the meeting hall Professor Thomas R. Bacon and Head Janitor Mason had to be called upon. Their presence tended to prevent violence being used, but throughout the freshies' meeting the sophs and seniors kept up a continual howl of derision in their effort to "drown out" the meeting. Allen, 1900, succeeded in getting into the freshies' meeting in disguise. Soon he was discovered. Instead of being escorted to the door and ejected he was picked up bodily and thrown out of the window to the ground below, a distance of twelve feet. It took six men to handle him, and in the effort to throw him out they tore down and broke the heavy blinds on the inside of the windows.

The forces of the two classes are quite evenly divided, there being about 180 fighting men in each. In consequence of the equality in numbers it is expected that a hard close fight will take place before all the members of one or the other class are tied up.

Intercollegiate Chess.

BERKELEY, CAL., Aug. 23.—Arrangements are being made to hold a chess game by wire this fall between the University of California and Harvard. H. W. Lewis, who was the champion of Harvard during 1894 and 1895, is now in San Francisco and is representing Harvard in making the arrangements. The match will probably take place toward Thanksgiving time, after the regular preliminary tournaments have taken place and the champions of both colleges shall have been selected. The game will be played according to the regular rules, the moves to be transmitted by wire, and the usual time being allowed between each move.

Much interest is centered in the match by the collegians at Berkeley, and it is believed that they stand a good chance of victory. Berkeley defeated Stanford last year at the game. The Blue and Gold players have secured two new players of prominence in the freshman class. They are Hopfield and Gordan. Parkhurst and Epstein of last year's intercollegiate team, which defeated Stanford, have both defeated Lewis, the Harvard crack.

Died by Strangulation.

BERKELEY, CAL., Aug. 23.—Josephine Rourke, the one-and-a-half-year-old daughter of Mrs. Thomas Rourke of Ninth street, West Berkeley, died this morning by strangulation, presumably brought about by a spell of coughing. It seems that the mother had left the little one, who had the whooping cough, in a baby buggy in the yard while she went about her household duties. Returning shortly, she found the infant in the last throes of death. A physician was summoned, but the child was dead before he arrived. The Coroner will hold an inquest to-morrow morning.

Since her child's death, Mrs. Rourke has been in a critical condition of hysteria. She has a large family of children, and her affliction is all the harder to bear because of the mysterious disappearance of her husband several months ago. He has not yet been heard from.

To Grout the Gutters.

BERKELEY, CAL., Aug. 23.—Street Superintendent Guy H. Chick has issued a notification to Berkeley property-owners that it is the intention of the Town Board to order the grouting of all cement and stone gutters in the college town. Property-owners will be given until October 15 to have the work done by private contract.

Church Garden Fete.

OAKLAND, CAL., Aug. 23.—The grounds of Dr. and Miss Milton, 1215 San Pablo avenue, will be the scene of a merry gathering to-morrow afternoon. The attraction is a garden fete for the benefit of St. Francis de Sales Church. At night the place will be beautifully illuminated, and a fine literary and musical programme will be rendered both afternoon and evening.

WANT THE CO-EDS.

Sentiment in Favor of Allowing Them Equal Standing With Men in the Athletic Association.

BERKELEY, CAL., Aug. 23.—Considerable opposition to the proposed new constitution for the athletic association at the State University has developed among the students, the alumni and members of the faculty.

Some believe there is an error in the graduate membership idea, believing that but few alumni will pay the $10 for membership, as outlined. Others argue that the co-eds should be granted membership on the ground that Berkeley is a co-educational institution.

In support of the equal suffrage question the forces are rallying rapidly, and it is believed that a hot fight in favor of the co-eds will ensue before final action is taken on the constitution.

L. N. Scott, '99's representative on the athletic board, takes the stand that should the co-eds desire to organize another basketball team the fact that they would have to be their own financiers would militate against their success.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

Seventy Meetings to Be Held in Various Parts of the State.

BERKELEY, CAL., Aug. 23.—Professor E. J. Wickson of the Agricultural Department at the State University left for Palmdale yesterday, where the first of the series of farmers' institutes for the fall season were to be held to-day and to-morrow. The schedule for seventy or more meetings to be held between now and January 1, 1898, in various sections of the State, from Healdsburg to Merced, has been made out. The dates set and places for the meetings are as follows:

August—Palmdale, 23d and 24th; Covena, 25th and 26th; Long Beach, 27th and 28th; Montecito, 30th and 31st.

September—Pacific Grove and Nordhoff, 1st and 2d; Santa Paula, 3d and 4th; Healdsburg, 10th and 11th; San Francisco, two evenings, date not set; Paso Robles, 22d and 23d; San Luis Obispo, 24th and 25th; Morgan Hill, 28th and 29th.

October—Newcastle, 1st and 2d; Gilroy, 6th and 7th; Watsonville, 8th and 9th; Danville, 12th and 13th; Santa Rosa, 15th and 16th; Cloverdale, 20th and 21st; Ukiah, 22d and 23d; Kingsburg, 28th; Modesto, 29th and 30th.

November—Halfmoon Bay, 3d and 4th; San Jose, 5th and 6th; Galt, 10th and 11th; Auburn, 12th and 13th; Easton, 17th and 18th; Bakersfield, 19th and 20th; West Side, 26th and 27th.

December—Winters, 1st and 2d; Woodland, 3d and 4th; Fresno, 6th and 9th; Hanford, 10th and 11th; Sebastopol, 15th and 16th; Napa, 17th and 18th; Mountain View, 21st and 22d; Livermore, 23d and 24th; Merced, 28th and 29th; Selma, 30th and 31st.

LAST OF DAVIE'S FERRY.

The Rails on Webster Street Will Shortly Be Removed.

Forfeiture of Franchise From the Ferry Landing to the Foothills.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Aug. 23.

The last remnant of the Davie ferry excitement of 1894 will be removed in a few days, and nothing tangible will remain of the scheme that was full of mystery from start to finish. Everybody wondered who really backed the enterprise, and when its stock was being sold its promoters told all kinds of stories of big profits, and when it suddenly collapsed the project was found to be thoroughly insolvent. Then a street railroad to connect with the ferry service was proposed, and everybody wondered what mysterious power was backing it. A franchise was granted and forty feet of track was laid, and nothing more was done. It now appears there was no backing to it and that it was merely a speculation that could not be worked.

The projected road was to commence at Thirteenth and Webster streets and go out to the foothills. The passengers were to be transferred from ferry to streetcars, and the intervening thirteen blocks between the ferry and the street line the passengers were to take advantage of the free ride on the narrow-gauge local of the Southern Pacific. It was a lovely scheme, as it appeared on paper, but the promoters could not make it work.

In a few days the Superintendent of Streets will take up the single rails that were laid and the street will be free. The line was to have been completed over a year ago, but nothing has been done and every term of the franchise has been broken, and the City Council will pass an ordinance ordering it forfeited.

The street line depended on the ferry, and when the public refused to patronize the one the other was not needed. Since the project was started, chiefly through the efforts of John L. Davie, he has had his reward by being elected Mayor, but the ferry has passed away entirely, although its memory will live long in the useful record of its founder.

Forced His Attention Upon Her.

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 23.—Louis J. Miller is wanted by the police on a charge of disturbing the peace of Miss Mary J. Alles. The two have been quite friendly in the past, but recently Miss Alles discarded Miller and joined the Salvation Army. The latter persisted in his attentions until last evening, when he attempted to force an entrance into her home. This she resented and threw him out after a tussle. To-day she will swear to a complaint and will endeavor to rid herself of his attentions.

Death of Russian Joe.

OAKLAND, CAL., Aug. 23.—Shortly after 9 o'clock this morning a man was seen in the lot north of the Central Bank building writhing as if in terrible pain. The patrol wagon was called and the man taken to the Receiving Hospital, where he was identified as "Russian Joe." He has been known around the streets for many years and was an industrious man.

Dr. Stratton used oxygen and hypodermic injections to rally him, but death ensued before he gained consciousness. After a careful examination Dr. Stratton pronounced it a case of heart disease.

Were They Married?

OAKLAND, CAL., Aug. 23.—Letters of guardianship have been applied for by Colonel Dimpfel of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children for Beatrice Tooley, 5 years of age, and Irene Tooley, 3 years of age, otherwise known as Wright. The mother is the Nellie Wright who decamped with one Jack Mulligan about the 29th of June last. It is alleged that the parents were never married. A hard fight for these children is anticipated.

Seeks Pay for Services.

OAKLAND, CAL., Aug. 23.—Miles Doody has filed an old claim for $25 with the Board of Fire Commissioners. He was deposed as assistant fire chief two years ago, and not notified for six days afterward. He filed a bill for services rendered, and he has waited ever since without securing the amount. He hopes to succeed better this time.

Bids Thrown Out.

OAKLAND, CAL., Aug. 23.—The City Council held a special meeting to-night to award the large contracts for paving and sewering East Twelfth and Eleventh streets. The bids were none of them technically correct, and on the advice of the City Attorney all were thrown out.

DIVORCE ASKED AFTER ONE YEAR

Sequel to a Wedding That Took Place Under Unusual Circumstances.

Charlotte Cameron's Husband Left Her on the Evening of Their Marriage.

Her Sister Was Also Secretly Wedded After Essaying to Go Upon the Stage.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Aug. 23.

Mrs. Charlotte Cameron has filed a suit for a divorce from Elwood Cameron, claiming desertion and failure to provide.

They were married in San Francisco April 23, 1896, when he was under age. His mother signed the request for his license and the Rev. Mr. Cook performed the ceremony the same night with Cameron's mother and sisters as witnesses.

Elwood refused to live with his wife after the ceremony and never visited her until some time in August or September, the night before her baby died.

The Camerons came to Oakland about three years ago and have been in the public eye on several occasions. The eldest daughter, Effie, disappeared suddenly two years ago, but was found in San Francisco, where she declared that before she would return home she would go on the stage and earn her own living. She did return, however, and on the strength of a big fortune in the East she was generously treated by many tradesmen in this city and by a well-to-do lady on Telegraph avenue, and together with her mother made an extensive Eastern trip.

On their return Mrs. Cameron furnished a house in East Oakland handsomely with furniture. Two months afterward the furniture was removed. The youngest daughter then ran away, and when found told of her ill-treatment and drudgery at home. Then came Elwood's sudden wedding, since which time he has treated his wife with utter indifference.

Effie Cameron was married on February 16 of this year to Frank Richardson, the son of an attorney of San Francisco. The marriage was a secret and every attempt made to keep it from the public. Rev. Dr. Coyle was called from the platform during one of the Munhall revival services to perform the ceremony. That evening was the only time that Mr. and Mrs. Cameron have been seen together since their wedding, and it was then thought that a reconciliation had taken place.

The suit filed to-day proves otherwise.

GONE TO TRINITY.

Two Alameda Young Ladies Will Try Their Fortune in Mining.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Aug. 23.—Miss Bessie Gallagher and Mise Carrie Waddell left last night for Redding, whence they will go to Trinity County and see what they can do toward making a small fortune by digging for gold. Before going they outfitted in regulation miner style, buying picks, pans, shovels, camping outfit, etc. They also took a tent. At Redding they expect to obtain a burro, and, having learned the mysteries of the "diamond hitch," as well as the proper vocabulary for handling these gentle creatures, they will then strike out for the mines.

Miss Waddell is an experienced miner already, having been in the Trinity region before and knowing how to handle the pan and the rocker. They have outfitted for a three months' stay and expect to strike it rich before the snow flies. Several other Alameda parties are preparing to go to the new mines in the northern part of the State.

A Queer Case.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Aug. 23.—Justice Swasey rendered a decision in a criminal case the other day which, while perhaps not exactly according to strict legal procedure, had the merit of combining justice with common-sense. It was a case of mother-in-law, daughter and son-in-law. They lived together, but after awhile disagreed and parted. It was claimed that the son-in-law in moving took some furniture that did not belong to him, and on the other hand he claimed that his mother-in-law had property of his that was an equivalent. No settlement could be effected, so an arrest on a criminal charge was made. After listening to all the evidence Justice Swasey rendered a judgment of not guilty, but directed the parties to swap their property back again, which was done, and happiness once more reigned.

Found Drowned.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Aug. 23.—The Coroner held an inquest this afternoon on the remains of an unknown man found drowned off Bay Farm Island on Sunday. The body appeared to be that of a sailor or laboring man, from 35 to 40 years of age, and had been in the water a month or so. It was dressed in blue overalls, black sack coat and heavy brogans. There were some memoranda in a pocket bearing the name of R. M. Fox, but nothing to show the identity of the man could be found. A verdict of drowning was rendered.

Proposes to Rebuild.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Aug. 23.—J. C. Linderman, proprietor of the partially burned opera-house, has returned from the mines to see what can be done about his property, which the City Trustees have declared to be a nuisance. A portion of the walls is in good condition, and he has about decided that he will rebuild the structure, making a portion of it two stories in height and a portion one story.

Plans for Renumbering Houses.

OAKLAND, CAL., Aug. 23.—The Board of Trade, Merchants' Exchange and various improvement clubs of the city will be asked to discuss the advisability of renumbering the houses by Superintendent of Streets Miller. His plan is to renumber those houses on the streets running north and south, so that they will be in accordance with the number of the streets. This plan is the one recently applied to Telegraph avenue with so much convenience.

To Teach at Stanford.

OAKLAND, CAL., Aug. 23.—Miss Mary McLean, daughter of Rev. J. K. McLean, D.D., president of the Pacific Theological Seminary, has returned from a two years' trip in Europe and will assume her position as assistant of the English department at the Leland Stanford Jr. University immediately.

A New Lieutenant.

OAKLAND, CAL., Aug. 23.—Company A, Fifth Infantry, held an election to-night to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Lieutenant Vaughan to adjutant on Major Hayes' staff. Sergeant William Downey received 46 votes and Sergeant Charles Brier 13. Downey was declared second lieutenant. Major Halstead presided at the election.

In fifty-four cases out of every 100 the left leg is stronger than the right.

TO KEEP AN EYE ON EXPERT AMES

Trouble in Store for Him When He Comes Back From the East.

Attorneys McEnerney and Delmas Evidently Forget About Their Duel.

Notarial Blanks Once More the Theme and the Sleepy Days Have Returned.

A dreamy peace hung over yesterday's session of the Fair-Craven trial, and naturally there was much disappointment among those of the spectators who attended with the heartless anticipation of hearing Attorney McEnerney reassert his thirst for a bucketful of Mr. Delmas' rich red blood.

The challenge for a duel which was the sensational feature of the close of last week's proceedings was not even referred to yesterday—in fact, the prospective combatants actually appeared to be friendly—and those who had hungered to witness a blood-letting affair are about reaching the conclusion that "one's afraid and the other dassent."

It was on the programme yesterday to put Handwriting Expert Daniel T. Ames on the spit and roast him plenty for having in the course of a public lecture delivered outside of court proclaimed the "pencil" will and the disputed Craven deeds to be rank forgeries. But, as was announced in THE CALL last week, the venerable professor of curly-cues and pen pressure put himself out of reach of the contempt citation by taking a train for the East. Of course he was not in court. Mr. Delmas asked for an order changing the date of the summons in such a manner as to hold it open until the absent expert returns, if he ever does. The court made an entry to that effect.

It was a dull and uninteresting day throughout. It marked the beginning of the eighteenth week of the protracted litigation and opened with Attorney J. J. West on the stand again and under cross-examination. Mr. McEnerney devoted most of his attention toward testing the witness' ability to remember events of ordinary import occurring during his employment last year in Lawyer Ruef's office. But about all that was elicited from West was a reiteration of his former testimony, to the effect that he saw Martin Kelly in Ruef's office late on the afternoon of July 9 of last year, thus showing that the politician could not have been in the company of John R. Aitken, as the latter has testified.

John C. Lynch, the new Collector of Internal Revenue, was the next witness. He was the Speaker of the Assembly in 1895, and was called for the purpose of identifying the bill which Mrs. Craven lobbied through that session providing for a schoolteachers' retirement fund. He did this, but when Mr. Delmas sought to show that Mrs. Craven had told the witness that a wealthy man had bequeathed $50,000 to the fund an objection from the other side barred the evidence out.

Efforts were made by the counsel for the defense to get in some evidence regarding notarial blanks through the medium of W. E. Stanford and Mrs. Addie Ballou, but in each instance Judge Slack refused to admit the testimony.

Captain Webb, who formerly had an office with General Dickinson, testified that early in January of last year he found in the general's law office some notarial blanks which were exact counterparts of those used by Cooney in acknowledging the Craven deeds. This was brought out for the purpose of breaking down the plaintiff's theory that Cooney used blanks that were not printed until two years after Senator Fair's death.

C. K. Bonestell, the attorney, followed Webb and corroborated the National Guardsman's statement. Mr. Bonestell said he was present when Webb recovered the blanks from a dusty package found on a shelf in Dickinson's office.

Bonestell was cross-examined by Attorney McEnerney. He said he was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court during one of its sessions at Sacramento some time during 1882 or 1883. He could not remember in what month he was admitted. The witness was told to describe General Dickinson's offices accurately, and he proved quite equal to the task. The rack of shelves upon which were kept the legal blanks was located directly in front of the general's desk in his private office.

Webb had been talking about blanks for several days before he examined the packages referred to.

"How did you come to meet Mrs. Craven?" asked McEnerney.

"Captain Webb introduced me to her, I think."

"Where was that?"

"At General Dickinson's office. She called there one day while I was there. The general was not there at the time. I was never present when the general and Mrs. Craven conferred."

Bonestell said it was at his suggestion that Webb searched through the shelves for the blanks. He was busy and wanted to get rid of the captain. Besides he said he was not interested in the blanks.

McEnerney asked if it were not a fact that the packages of blanks were brought into Dickinson's office by Mr. Stanford of the Crocker Company as late as February, 1898. Bonestell said this was not so.

Captain Webb was put on the witness-stand for cross-examination after the attorneys were through with Bonestell. The captain admitted that he was quite intimate with Mrs. Craven and called on her frequently. He was no longer connected with General Dickinson's office, because he was looking after an estate in Humboldt County and a ranch belonging to Colonel J. J. Stevenson in Stanislaus County. He recommended to Mrs. Craven that she employ General Dickinson as one of her staff of defenders, and did not hesitate to say that he had done everything he could to help Mrs. Craven's cause along.

Reuben H. Lloyd was now recalled to the stand and questioned by Mr. Delmas regarding a subpœna that was served upon Mrs. Craven at the time the Fair heirs were pushing the "pencil" will forward for probate. The object of exhibiting the subpœna and bringing out the fact that the lady defendant was to have been called as a witness in support of the now disputed will was to show that the heirs and their attorneys had practically admitted the genuineness of the document.

The attorneys for the plaintiffs objected to this showing being made, and the day closed with an argument. Judge Slack had not heard enough law to convince him on the point when the adjournment hour had arrived, so there will be more of it this morning.

An Afghan is bound by custom to grant a stranger who crosses his threshold and claims protection any favor he may ask, even at the risk of his own life. Yet, apart from this, he is cruel and revengeful, never forgiving a wrong, and retaliating at the first opportunity.

WITNESSES FOR THE DEFENSE

Attorneys for Figel Trying to Prove Him Innocent.

Attendants of the Receiving Hospital Give Their Testimony.

They Say There Was a Black Powder Smudge Around the Wound on the Cheek.

When the Figel case was called yesterday morning Mr. Ach announced that Judge Murphy was confined at home by a severe attack of bronchitis and asked that the case be continued until he was able to attend court.

General Barnes objected to the postponement of the case on the grounds that the defendant was in actual custody and was, therefore, entitled to a speedy trial. The general said that while he regretted that Judge Murphy could not be present he thought Mr. Ach thoroughly competent to conduct the case.

Judge Campbell sustained the objection and Detective Whitaker was called to the stand by the prosecution and testified that he, in company with Chief Lees, Mr. Ach and J. G. Maloney, had gone over the route taken by Maloney on the night of June 1 when he claimed to have seen Hoffman and Figel arguing in front of the store. Whitaker said it took 11 minutes to cover the distance.

Mr. Ach next called Isaac Fleisig, a merchant of Santa Cruz, who said he had talked with Mr. Hoffman on May 26. Mr. Ach asked him: "Did Mr. Hoffman know at that time that Figel was short in his accounts?"

General Barnes objected that this was not competent evidence.

Mr. Ach stated that he desired to show that the witness had been on intimate terms with Hoffman, who had told Fleisig that he was troubled because his bookkeeper was not straight.

The court sustained the objection and ruled the evidence out.

James Kearney, an interne at the Receiving Hospital, was the first witness for the defense. He testified that he was at the hospital the night Mr. Hoffman was taken there and that he had received and taken charge of the body. He had examined the wounds. He said that around the wound in the cheek he had found a ring of smoke about the size of a dollar, and on the inside of the mouth he had felt with his finger some granular substances which he took to be powder.

Joseph A. Mogan, a steward at the hospital, said he had helped take care of Hoffman's body the night of June 1, and had made an examination of the wounds.

He had seen a smoke smudge around the wound in the cheek. It was about two inches in diameter. The witness had everted the cheek and had found some powder-stains on the inside.

On cross-examination Mr. Ach read to the witness his testimony at the Coroner's inquest, in which he said that he had made no examination of the wounds. Mr. Mogan said he did not consider the superficial look he had given the wounds an examination.

"And yet all that time you knew all these facts about the powder-stain?" asked Mr. Ach.

"Yes," replied Mogan, "but I wasn't asked about them."

"Whom did you first tell of this?"

"Mr. Louderback called at the hospital and I told him."

Assistant Police Surgeon Dr. Edwin Bunnell said he had made a thorough examination of Mr. Hoffman's wounds after his death. He had noted a smudge around the wound in the cheek. On the inside of the cheek he had found a circle of powder grains about the size of a two-bit piece.

General Barnes asked: What conclusion did you come to as to whether Hoffman's wounds were self-inflicted or not?

Mr. Ach objected to this, and his objection was sustained.

The witness then testified that he had made some experiments with a revolver similar to the one with which Hoffman was shot. From these he thought a weapon held half an inch from the face would cause a powder mark similar to the one on Hoffman's cheek; held eight inches to two feet from the face no smudge or smoke mark would be made, but there would be a powder-burn. The hair would be burned between one and ten inches.

A hypothetical question by General Barnes as to the distance the pistol was held to inflict wounds No. 1 and No. 3 was ruled out on objection after a lengthy argument.

The witness further testified that, in his opinion, Hoffman might have been able to inflict either of the wounds after having inflicted the other, and that there was nothing in the nature of either to prevent their having been self-inflicted. He said Mr. Hoffman could have moved from one room to the other after receiving the wounds.

In the cross-examination the witness was questioned at length as to his experience in gunshot wounds, and was asked to give instances of cases he had treated. He testified that the effect of Hoffman's wounds would be to produce unconsciousness and afterward death. A severe shock resulted from the shots, and Hoffman was probably knocked down.

The cross-examination will be continued to-day.

The Alcazar.

"Jane" still holds its merry own on the Alcazar boards, affording the stock company unusual opportunities, of which it is not slow to take advantage. George Trader, as Charley Shackleton, and Selene Johnson in the title role lead on the uncensing fun in which the little play abounds. "Jane" goes for the balance of the week, and will be succeeded by "The Sportsman," a popular Eastern success.

At the Chutes.

The Chutes Free Theater is presenting another novel bill this week and in addition to Travelle, the juggler, the Zoyarrows, aerial artists, Robert Ellis, the baryitone singer, and other specialty performers, a series of Klondike pictures are shown. With a stereopticon views of Juneau, Dyea, Chilcoot Pass and the trip to the mining region are fully displayed. An interesting lecture accompanies the pictures, which are shown every afternoon and evening.

Captain Hatch Exonerated.

John Bermingham, Supervising Inspector of Local and Foreign Steam Vessels, has dismissed the charges against Captain Hatch of the Monticello preferred by Captain N. Sorensen of the schooner Agnes. The schooner while at anchor in San Pablo Bay on the night of August 3 was run into by the Monticello. It was shown on the investigation that the schooner had no lights out, and that the captain of the Monticello was not to blame for not seeing her.

The proportion of deaf-mutes to the population is one to every 2043. In 1851 there was one deaf-mute to every 1738 of the population. Physicians claim that this decrease is mainly traceable to greater knowledge and care in the treatment of scarlatina in children.

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NOISE AT THE GRAND.

"The Train-Wreckers" Abounds With Sensational Incidents.

"Il Trovatore" Revived at the Tivoli. The Orpheum's Child Band Makes a Hit.

The Grand Opera-house went one better than "The Heart of Maryland" in the way of noise last night. The play was J. A. Fraser's "Train-wreckers," and into the space of four acts were crowded a railroad strike, the wrecking of a bridge by dynamite—which smelt, by the way, suspiciously like gunpowder—the checking of a train as it was rushing into the river, the shooting of a soubrette and a mad break for liberty from the courtyard of a penitentiary.

The play was realistically and lavishly staged last night, and the tableau by the wrecked bridge after the alleged dynamite explosion was a remarkably effective stage picture.

Fred Butler was effective as the villain, but even villainy becomes monotonous on the stage when there is too much of it.

Oliver Paul, especially engaged for the role of a tramp, was an entertaining if not very convincing comic villain.

Julia Blanc put some of her usual careful character work into the role of an old hag, and the rest of the cast was up to the usual Morosco standard.

The Columbia.

A strong interest and a rapid, consistent unfolding of plot, the two essentials of a successful play, are the most salient points of "The Great Unknown," the Daly comedy revived at the Columbia last evening. So long as the "old, old story" has power to charm and the eccentricities of so-called geniuses the power to amuse, just so long will "The Great Unknown" hold a dear and familiar place in the affections of the play-goer. With but few exceptions the cast last evening was the same as on previous productions. Blanche Bates repeated her former success as delightful kittenish Etna, and Worthing appeared in his old successful role of Cousin Ned. Harry Corson Clarke has made Jeremiah Jarraway almost a stellar role and repeated performances only add to its excellence.

Gladys Wallis was a most delightful Pansy, and in the third act sacrificed beauty to art in the true spirit of an artist. Carlyle as the O'Donnell Don, the gallant Irishman with the ever-ready proverb, started out in his career of flattery and adoration bravely, but before he had gone far his Irish accent proved too much for him and he fell ignominiously by the wayside.

Lorena Atwood, a new comer, made sad havoc of dashing Mrs. Munkittrick's lines and came near spoiling an all-round good representation.

"The Great Unknown" will hold the boards for the remainder of the week.

The Orpheum.

As a rule the Orpheum audiences find much more joy and delight in music of the "Trow Him Down McClosky" type than in music beloved of the cultured ear. The band of little Hungarian boys with the big Teutonic name is proving a notable exception, however. The little fellows made their debut on Sunday night, and though the most clamorously welcomed of their selections was a concession to popular taste, "There's a Hot Time in the Old Town To-night," the audience did not disdain Strauss and took kindly to Sandor.

It seems that Mr. Walter expended three months of "masterly diplomacy" in inducing the Austrian Government to grant a furlough to the Magyar Husaren Knaben Kapelle, which rejoices in the proud distinction of "Emperor Franz Joseph's Own." Kaiser Franz Joseph let his little subjects go at last, on condition that their earnings abroad should go to swell the funds of the military college to which they belong. The boys range from infants of 7 or 8 years of age to a boy who wears a heavy mustache, but the average age appears to be 10 to 12 years. The conductor of the organization is Schizon yi Nikla.

There are two other new acts this week, in addition to Kaiser Franz Joseph's little Magyars. John Fox and Miss Katie Allen give an amusing sketch, "The Flat Next Door," which is smart and bright, without vulgarity, and Smith and Campbell do a talking comedian act in which they treat the audience to several new jokes and a good many old ditto. The Rackett Brothers, Johnnie Carroll, Mary Arniotis and Professor Leonidas remain on the bill.

Tivoli Opera House.

The good old "Trovatore" was revived at the Tivoli last night to a crowded and enthusiastic house.

Only four solo artists have much chance of distinguishing themselves in this early Verdian opera, and of these Michelena, in the title role, carried off the palm. His Manrico was an impassioned and vocally charming impersonation. The audience insisted on an encore at the end of the fourth act to Michelena's "Di Quella Pira."

Mertens, the baryitone, is not quite so much in his element in Italian as in German opera but he made an excellent Count di Luna, notwithstanding. Effie Stewart sang sweetly as Leonora, and Mrs. Hinrichs was more in her element as the gypsy Azucena than in anything she has yet attempted. The staging was good, and the orchestra, directed by Gustav Hinrichs, did excellent work.

To-night "Carmen" will be played.

The Baldwin.

"The Heart of Maryland," produced under the personal direction of the author, David Belasco, began the second week of the engagement at the Baldwin last evening. The audience was large and the applause of Mrs. Leslie Carter's acting rapturous and prolonged.

At the Oberon.

Herr Ritzau and his programmes were again in strong evidence at the Oberon last night. The selections covered a wide field and won repeated encores.

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