& Co; Hulsefeld & Meany; H S Crocker & Co; J S Van Winkle; John A Roebling's Son & Co; J B Stokes; J D French; J L Ellwood Mnfg Co; John Noonan; Jacob Unna; Mack & Co; Main & Winchester; M Sherwood; Miller, Sloss & Scott; Phelps & Arnold; P C Syrup Co; R Crooks & Co; S J Friedlander & Co; Sherman, Clay & Co; Tillman & Bendel; Triest & Co; Y H Stanley; Williams, Dimond & Co; Washburn & Moen Mnfg Co; Western Transfer Co; Union Can Co; Bissinger & Co; Gero, Herman & Co; H Waldeck & Co.

Per Homer—Buckingham, Hecht & Co; Wolf & Sons; Gordan & Co; Roth & Co; G H Peck & Co; Standard Oil Co; Holbrook, Merrill & Co; Standard Oil Co; Hellbrock & Schulz; H Levi & Stetson; Hilmer, Bredhoff & Schulz; H Levi & Co; William Marvin & Co; Pacific Coast F M Co; J Ivancovich & Co; K C Keene; H S Emerson & Co; Cressy, Voorhies & Co; D Biggs & Co; Garcia & Maggini; Crabb & Gifford; J De Martini; J J Newbegin; Sunset T & T Co; Am Type Co; J T McArthur; J Ivancovich & Co; A Levy & Co; Wolf & Sons; Dalton Bros; G W McNear; S S Vincent; A Paladini & Co; A Union Fish Co; J B Inguglia; Wheaton, Broen & Co; Wolf & Sons; F E Haight; D M Union; Witzel & Baker; Ross & Hewlett; Marshall & R; H Kirchman & Co; Hills Bros; C E Whitney & Co; Norton, Teller & Roden; Labor Exchange; H Dutard; Sacramento Fish Co; G Camilloeni; L Juri & Co; W B Sumner & Co; Bissinger & Co; Herman Waldeck & Co; Standard Oil Co; Wellman, Peck & Co; Russ, Early & Harville; O P Smith & Co; A Wyss; Ross & Hewlett; Getz Bros & Co; D De Bernardi & Co; J H Newbauer & Co; Hills Bros; Western Meat Co; F Uri & Co; Norton, Teller & Roden; Brigham, Hoppe & Co; Chas Tetzen; Dodge, S & Co; Getz Bros; H N Tilden & Co; J Hoff; Marshall, Teggart & Co; Ross & Hewlett; Western Meat Co; Wellman P & Co; C A Steiner.

IMPORTATIONS.

NEWPORT—Per Homer—1 bx shoes, 71 bxs oranges, 46 bls husks.

San Pedro—1045 sks barley, 1 bx telephones, 2 cs machinery, 3 blocks, 1 bx pictures.

Hueneme—1 bbl hardware, 4 cs eggs.

Ventura—1 cs syrup, 1 cs molasses, 1 sk seed, 1 cs honey, 1 bx phonographs, 25 bxs lemons, 102 bxs oranges, 1 bx dry fruit.

East San Pedro—88 bxs oranges, 7 bxs tomatoes.

Santa Barbara—62 bxs lemons.

Goleta—20 cs pampas plumes, 1 bdl snowshoes, 1 tent and sled.

Gaviota—24 sks crawfish, 1 bx butter.

Port Harford—203 sks onions, 8 bxs butter, 29 cs eggs, 3 cps chickens, 96 sks beans, 33 bxs fish.

Cayucos—2 sks abalones, 32 bdls hides, 51 bxs butter, 20½ cs eggs, 17 dry calves.

San Simeon—5½ cs eggs, 31½ bxs butter, 38 sks abalone shells, 3 dried calves, 1 tub butter, 1 cp chickens, 1 sk beans, 3 calves, 16 dried do, 2 goats.

VICTORIA—Per City of Puebla—10 cs evaporated onions, 33 bbls whisky, 2 pkgs express, 1 sk coin.

Port Townsend—2 pkgs mdse, 1 pkg express, 2 sks coin.

Seattle, via O N R R—560 sks 40 hf sks flour, 534 copper plates.

Seattle—234 pkgs mdse, 10 pkgs express, 2 sks coin, 7 bxs fish, 1 cs cigars, 4 sks oysters, 44 bags bones, 15 bxs salt fish, 153 sks bones, 71 rls $1 bdls paper, 12 bxs salmon, 50 sks charcoal.

Tacoma—1 cs cigarettes, 1 cs dry goods, 35 pkgs mdse, 1 bbl vinegar, 1 bx olive oil.

Everett—46 bdls paper, 1 cs dry goods, 31 pkgs mdse, 3500 bars bullion, 3 rls carpet.

Anacortes—60 cs codfish, 1283 bbls lime.

West of Fargo, via Tacoma—1 cs boots and shoes, 145 hf 500 qr sks flour, 3408 sks wheat, 4 bdls hides.

East of Fargo, via Tacoma—2 cs books.

New Whatcom—3 sks nuts, 1 pkg mdse, 10 hf bbls fish, 10 bxs salmon.

Vancouver—30 bdls hides, 49 bdls pelts, 2 sks tails, 1 pkg mdse.

East, via Vancouver—10,000 kgs nails, 314 cs tobacco, 212 cs 213 bdls paper, 1903 pcs pipe, 5 cs boots and shoes, 5 bbls axle grease, 305 cs hats, 25 bbls starch, 40 tbs 20 cs cheese, 713 bdls 190 cls 5 bbls hard steel, 95 pkgs hardware, 115 bxs 414 bars steel, 2190 spls barbed wire, 265 bdls iron, 1 bdl feathers, 8 cs hames, 1 cs harness, 5 cs silk dyestuff, 6 cs brushes, 2 crs furniture, 50 bbls glucose, 864 bxs tin plate, 30 organs, 1 piano, 1650 bxs canned corn, 400 cs canned milk, 30 bbls 3 pcs chain, 854 pkgs iron wire.

Per City of Sydney—1560 cs mdse, 2520 kegs nails, 1195 kegs horseshoes, 1209 pkgs genl hardware, 281 pkgs dry goods, 438 reams paper, 264 pkgs stamped ware, 7 pianos, 929 bdls pipe, 1129 pkgs iron etc, 100 pkgs paints etc, 400 bbls sulphur, 270 bbls oil, 264 bdls wire, 318 coils rope, 350 pkgs soap, 121 pkgs cedarwood logs, 1707 bags coffee, 67 bdls deerskins, 237 bxs lines, 53 boxes treasure (28,748); 14,129 pieces 1149 tons.

Per schr Lily, frm Umpqua—3¼ bbls 3 kegs 9 firkins butter, 455 bxs apples, 13 bxs fruit, 1 bx furs, 1 sk, 2 pkgs hides, 4 bxs salmon, 111 M lumber.

THE STOCK MARKET.

The downward tendency in mining stocks continues and sales are of small volume.

The Pennsylvania Mining Company of Grass Valley has declared the regular monthly dividend of 5 cents per share.

The Le Roi Mining Company of British Columbia has declared a $50,000 dividend. This makes $725,000 paid to date. The company has just completed its own smelter at Northport at a cost of $100,000, and will begin treatment of its ores about the 15th. It is expected that it will then pay dividends of $100,000 monthly.

In the Standard Consolidated mine at Bodie for the week ending January 1 the usual prospecting work was done in the Security, Bullion, Black, Incline, Fortuna and Burgess ledges on the 150, 172, 190, 265, 380, 470 and 582 levels. No new developments of ore were made. The condition of the mine is practically unchanged. The stopes in the Moyle, Bullion, Black, Incline, Maguire and Fortuna ledges yielded the usual amounts of fair to good ore.

Standard Mill statement—Ore crushed for the week, 269 tons; average assay vanner tailings, $6 43; concentrates produced, 2½ tons; assay value, $79 01; amalgam produced, 763 ounces; value per ounce, $2 28.

BOARD SALES.

Following were the sales in the San Francisco Stock Board yesterday:

Regular Session—9:30.			
200 Alta	11	100 Ophir	59
150 Con Cal & Va	1 25	300 Sierra Nevada	60
100 Gould & Curry	36	400 Silver Hill	05
Afternoon Session.			
1450 Alta	11	500 Justice	31
1000 Andes	13	600 Mexican	22
800 Belcher	38	400 Ophir	59
100 Best & Belchr	48	25 Potosi	35
800 Challenge	23	500	33
50 Con Cal & Va	1 25	200 Savage	16
100	20	100 Standard	1 50
10 Confidence	1 00	200 Utah	08
900 Gould & Curry	36	700 Yellow Jacket	35
200 Hale & Norcrs	1 45		

Following were the sales in the Pacific Stock Board yesterday:

Regular Session—10:30.			
200 Alta	11	200 Gould & Curry	36
100 Belcher	33	200 Hale & Norcrs	1 40
400	37	200 Ophir	59
200 Best & Belchr	48	300 Overman	12
200	47	300 Potosi	31
200 Bullion	04	200 Sierra Nevada	64
200 Con Cal & Va	1 25	400	61
150	1 22½	800 Union Con	33
4000 Con Imperial	01	300 Utah	10
700 Crown Point	26		
Afternoon Session.			
400 Alpha Con	07	200 Crown Point	26
1000 Alta	11	300 Gould & Curry	36
500 Belcher	37	400 Justice	30
700	38	250 Mexican	22
300 Chollar	31	500 Sierra Nevada	62
600 Con Cal & V	1 22½	400 Yellow Jacket	35
1500	1 20		

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

FRIDAY, Jan. 7—4 p. m.			
Alpha Con	07	08	Julia	01	—
Alta	11	12	Justice	30	31
Andes	12	14	Kentuck	05	06
Belcher	37	39	Mexican	22	23
Best & Belchr	47	49	Occidental	1 30	1 35
Benton Con	20	—	Ophir	58	59
Bullion	04	05	Overman	11	12
Caledonia	18	20	Potosi	32	33
Chollar	30	31	Savage	16	17
Con Cal & V	1 20	1 25	Seg Belcher	07	08
Challenge Con	22	24	Scorpion	05	06
Con Imperial	01	02	Sierra Nevada	62	63
Crown Point	25	27	Silver Hill	04	05
Con New York	—	02	Standard	1 50	—
Eureka Con	25	—	Union Con	32	34
Gould & Curry	35	36	Utah	07	08
Hale & Norcrs	—	1 40	Yellow Jacket	35	36

STOCK AND BOND EXCHANGE.

FRIDAY, Jan. 7—2 p. m.					
	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
U S Bonds—			M E L Co	15¼	15¾
4s quar coup	113	—	Oakland Gas	55½	—
4s quar reg	112	—	Pac Gas Im	93¼	—
4s quar new	125	—	Pac L Co	55	57
Miscellaneous—			S F G & E	94¾	94¾
Cal-st Cab 5s	112½	—	San Fran	3¼	3⅜
Cal El L 6s	126½	—	Stockton Gas	14¾	—
C C Wat 5s	100	—	Insurance—		
Dup-st ex c	—	98½	Firem's Fnd	190	—
E L & P 6s	129¼	—	Bank Stocks—		
F & Ch Ry 6s	116	—	Anglo-Cal	56¼	59½
Geary-st R 5s	—	101	Bank of Cal	245	250
H C & S 5½	102	107	Cal S D & T	99	101
L A L Co 6s	—	100	First Nat	195	—
Do gntd 6s	98½	102	Lon P & A	129	—
Market-st 6s	125	—	Mer Exchnge	12	—
Do 1st M 5s	113½	113¾	Nev Nat B	150	—
NatVin 6s 1sts	—	100	Savings Banks—		
N C g Ry 7s	100	—	Germ S & L	1450	1620
N Ry Cal 6s	108½	—	Hum S & L	1050	1160
N Cal 6s	102	—	Mutual Sav	35	40
N P C Ry 6s	104½	—	S F Sav U	475	—
N P C Ry 5s	99¾	—	S & L So	—	100
Oak Gas 5s	104	—	Security Sv	250	—
Do 2d 5s	111	112	Union T Co	950	—
Om Ry 6s	125	130	Street Railroad—		
P & O Ry 6s	110	115	California	108¾	—
P & CH Ry 6s	110½	—	Geary	40	—
Powell-st 6s	120	124	Market-st	53	53¼
Reno Wt&L	—	105	Oak S L & H	—	—
Sac ElecRy 5s	—	100	Presidio	7	—
S F & N P 5s	104¾	105	Powder—		
S P of Ar 6s	102	103	California	92½	107½
S P Cal 6s	108¾	109¼	E Dynamite	82	90
SPC 1st cg 5s	96½	102	Giant Con Co	37	37¼
S P Br 6s	108¾	—	Vigorit	3¾	3⅞
S V Wat 6s	119½	121	Miscellaneous—		
S V Wat 4s	102¼	—	Al Pac Assn	99¼	100
Stock Gas 6s	100	—	Gen Ld Wks	100	—
Water—			H C & S Co	28¾	29¼
Contra Costa	60	61	Hutch S P Co	39⅝	39⅞
Marin County	50	—	Mer Ex Assn	90	—
Spring Val	99¾	100	Nat Vin Co	—	7½
Gas and Electric—			Oc S Co	35¼	35½
Cent Gaslight	98½	—	Pac A F Al	—	3
Capital Gas	—	—	Pac Bor Co	91	—
			Par Paint Co	6¾	—

RESULT OF WATER FIGHTS

Vast Amount of Money Saved by the Keen Competition.

Figures Show the Great Cut Into the Old-Time Incomes.

Interest in the Reports That Must Be on Record Before the Month Closes.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Jan. 7.

Before the last day of this month the water companies of this city must file their annual statements, and there is considerable speculation as to the income each has received during the past year. There has been a vigorous cutting of rates, below the schedule fixed by the City Council.

At different periods each company has stated its determination to keep in the fight to the finish, but each month it has been apparent that no practical investor could consent to keep up the ruinous competition. However, there has been no change up to this date, and the Council next month must commence to fix the rates for the ensuing year upon the data furnished by the two companies.

The annual statements on file at the City Hall show better than anything else the amount of benefit this city has received by active competition in the supply of water. Nearly three years ago the competition between the Contra Costa and the Oakland Water companies commenced, and the income of the new company, according to the report filed in January, 1896, was $90,641. Last year's report showed receipts of $99,620.

The Contra Costa Company filed a report in 1882 showing receipts of $199,832. This amount gradually grew until the present competition, which has reduced the income of the old company to one-third of what it was in 1894.

The reports show the following figures: For the year 1894, $407,926; for the year 1895, $337,370; for the year 1896, $183,736; for the year 1897, $142,718.

Another table shows the exact decrease in the amount paid by the city, which it must be borne in mind has grown very rapidly during the past eight years, for its water supply.

In 1895, which report represents the work of 1894, the Contra Costa alone received $337,370. In 1896 the report filed by both companies showed total receipts of $274,337, and the reports filed last year show a total income of both companies of $242,338. The difference between the total income of both companies last year and the income of the old company in 1894 is $165,588.

The companies do not as a rule file their statements until the last day allowed by law, January 31, but it is predicted that the income of both companies will show a decrease over last year's figures, while the total number of patrons will be considerably increased and differently distributed.

In an interview to-day President Dingee of the new water company said there has not been any agreement between the two companies, but they had practically come to an understanding to charge the full rates allowed by the City Council.

AT THE FRIDAY NIGHT COTILLON

Borel Ball and Miss Attie Murphy's Fancy Dress Cotillon Announced.

There was the usual large and fashionable gathering at the meeting of the Friday Nights at Native Sons' Hall last evening.

It was the second cotillion and third meeting of the club, and, like the preceding affairs, was an unqualified success.

Each meeting of the Friday Nights sees Native Sons' Hall adorned in a particularly bright and novel fashion, and last evening was no exception to the rule.

Green and white were the prevailing shades. Festoons of green and green and white bunting hid the balcony rail and draped the long bare walls.

From the center of the ceiling was suspended a huge Japanese umbrella, and at regular intervals were swung inverted umbrellas of brilliant hue and gaily colored lanterns filled with delicate brakes and ferns. The stage was banked with giant palms that formed a screen for the musicians.

As usual, Mr. Greenway led. He was assisted by Miss Helen Hopkins. The three leading couples in the first set were Miss Caro Crockett and Percy Hayne, Miss Theresa Morgan and Walter Martin, Miss Edna Hopkins and Harry Poett.

Four figures were danced, the leaders, to the satisfaction of all, introducing none but old and well-tried favorites.

Those present last evening were:

Miss Ayres and Mr. Broderick, Miss Muriel Atherton and Mr. King, Miss Bacon and Mr. Crowell, Miss Leontine Blakeman and Mr. Fernald, Miss Alice Borel and Mr. Robbins, Miss Sophie Borel and Mr. Lewis, Miss Bertie Bruce and Mr. Dutton, Miss Gertie Carroll and Mr. de Long, Miss Caro Crockett and Mr. Haynes, Miss Cadwalader and Mr. Van Winkle, Miss Della Davidson and Mr. Holladay, Miss Frances Curry and Mr. McAfee, Miss Sarah Collier and Mr. Rathbone, Miss Bernie Drown and Mr. Somers, Miss Jane Dunn and Mr. Owen, Miss Pauline Dunn and Mr. Cotton, Miss Charlotte Ellinwood and Mr. Wilcox, Miss Lillie Follis and Mr. Russell, Miss Helen Hopkins and Mr. Greenway, Miss Edna Hopkins and Mr. Poett, Miss May Hoffman and Mr. Berry, Miss Alice Hoffman and Mr. Greenwood, Miss Marguerite Jolliffe and Mr. Carr, Miss Ethel Keeney and Mr. Kilburn, Mrs. McNear and Mr. Dibble, Miss Mai Moody and Mr. Duperu, Miss Eva Moody and Mr. Watson, Miss Marie Messer and Mr. Dibble, Miss May Morgan and Mr. Martin, Miss Alice Moffit and Mr. Veeder. Miss Attie Murphy and Mr. Grace, Miss Marie Oge and Mr. Pringle, Miss Ethel Patton and Mr. de Haven, Miss Gertie Palmer and Mr. Smith, Miss Grace Sanborn and Mr. Baker, Miss Helen Smith and Mr. McCully, Miss Florence Stone and Mr. Pringle, Miss Mollie Thomas and Mr. Bee, Miss Helen Thomas and Mr. Jackson, Miss Helen Thornton and Mr. Dutton, Miss Ronnie Wallace and Mr. Sanborn, Miss Helen Wagner and Mr. Tobin, Miss Marie Wells and Mr. Clement, Miss Daisy Van Ness and Mr. Wiltsee.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Murphy will give a fancy dress cotillion on Friday evening, February 4, at the Maple Hall, Palace Hotel. The ball is in honor of their debutante daughter, Miss Attie Murphy.

Mrs. Antonio Borel has arranged to give a ball on Thursday evening, January 20, at Native Sons' Hall in honor of her daughters, the Misses Borel. Several hundred invitations will be issued for the occasion.

MORNING SESSION—10:30.

100 Contra Costa Water	60 00
20 Oakland Gas	56 00
Street—	
50 Alaska Packers' Association	99 50
10 do do	99 62½
$4000 Edison L & P Bonds	129 50
100 Hutchinson S P Co	39 75
125 Mutual Electric Light	15 50
100 Oakland Gas	56 00
35 S F Gas & Electric Co	94 75
25 Spring Valley Water	99 87½
$25,000 S F & N P Ry Bonds	104 50
AFTERNOON SESSION.	
610 Hutchinson S P Co	39 75
$1000 Market-st Ry Con Bonds 5s, s 30	114 00
60 Mutual Electric Light	15 25
$2000 Northern Railway of Cal 5s Bonds	102 00
20 S F Gas & Electric	94 75
50 do do s 3	94 62½
45 do do	94 62½
45 Spring Valley Water	99 87½
50 Vigorit Powder	3 75

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

Henry D. Pritchett to Be Superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The Senate to-day confirmed these nominations:

Aulick Palmer to be marshal for the District of Columbia.

To be United States Consuls: John C. Billzheimer of Indiana at Zanzibar; L. B. Myers of Indiana at St. John, N. B.; G. L. Darte of Pennsylvania at Martinique, West Indies.

Henry D. Pritchett of Missouri superintendent of the United States coast and geodetic survey; A. C. Tonner of Canton, Ohio, assistant commissioner of Indian affairs; T. B. Needles of Nashville, Ill., a commissioner to negotiate with the Indians of the Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Muskogee or Cree and Seminole nations; A. J. Duncan of Cleveland, Ohio, to be an Indian inspector; F. O. Getchell, Indian agent at Devil's Lake agency, N. D.; T. J. Bufort, Indian agent at Silentza agency, Ore.; D. H. George, Indian agent at Green Bay agency, Wis.; J. H. Sutherland, Indian agent at White Earth agency, Minn.

TRAFFIC MANAGER GRAY IS DEAD

The Southern Pacific Loses Another of Its Trusted Officers.

From a Freight Clerk to the Head of the Traffic Management by Gradual Strides.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company has lost another of its trusted officers in the death of Richard Gray, the traffic manager of the road, who died at his late residence, 236 San Jose avenue, yesterday forenoon. Richard Gray was born in Ireland in 1844 and was consequently 53 years of age at the time of his death. His first connection with railroading was in the freighting department of the Chicago and Northwestern road in Wisconsin. Having served at this place for a few years he was promoted to a more responsible position at Cedar Rapids, in Iowa. From there he became cashier at Council Bluffs of the same road.

In 1872 he came to California as the representative of the Inter-Union freight line and in 1873 he became connected with the Southern Pacific Company, taking the position of chief clerk in the freight department. From this place he was promoted to the position of assistant freight agent and in 1882 was again further promoted by being made general freight agent, which position he held until 1889, when he succeeded to the position of general traffic manager on the promotion of Mr. Stubbs to be third vice-president of the road. This position Mr. Gray held up to within a few months of his death. Although a sufferer for the past eight years, he attended to his duties until the end of last September, when he was compelled to remain at home. His suffering and death was the result of paralysis.

In life he was of a retiring and modest disposition, kind to those under him and courteous to the public having business with his department. He leaves a widow and three children, a son and two daughters, all grown. While he had not accumulated great wealth, he left an estate sufficient to maintain his family in comfort.

The funeral will take place from the residence, 236 San Jose avenue, on next Sunday. Interment will be at San Rafael, where the family has a plat in the cemetery.

CAPTAIN EDE'S BIG PURCHASE

He Pays $152,000 for Property on Powell and Ellis Streets.

Only Three Days' Negotiation Required—A. M. Speck & Co. the Agents.

One of the most important sales of business property occurring in this city for some time is that of the five-story and basement building on the southwest corner of Powell and Ellis streets, which took place yeterday afternoon. The sale was made by the Auzerais estate, and the structure was purchased by Captain William Ede, the price being $152,000. A. M. Speck & Co. acted as the brokers in the transaction.

The property fronts 48 feet on Powell street and 75 on Ellis. The lower story is occupied by Pein Brothers' saloon and the La Grande laundry. The upper floors are leased to Dr. McDonald for $300 a month and rented by him for offices to professional men. The lease will expire March 1, but Dr. McDonald has the privilege of taking another lease at an advance of $50.

The contract for this property was given in January, 1890, and about one year was required to build it, the cost being over $70,000.

Captain Ede, the buyer, owns another piece of property fronting 76 feet on Market street, next the Phelan building. This latest purchase is merely in the nature of an investment. The building yields a monthly rental of $760, and pays about 5 per cent net interest on the cost.

The property was offered at auction last summer by Baldwin & Howell, but at that time the highest bid obtainable was $142,000. This sale was consummated in three days, one of the quickest on record. P. F. Nolan, the shoe merchant, has been trying to negotiate the purchase, and had an option of a week. It was a pure cash sale, and the property is incumbered by no mortgages.

San Francisco Athletic Club.

The San Francisco Athletic Club elected the following officers at a recent meeting: President, Alexander Greggains; vice-president, E. Turner; financial secretary, F. McConnell; treasurer, J. Schuler.

At the monthly exhibition of boxing and wrestling which will take place on the 13th inst.—that is if nothing unforseen happens to prevent it—Young Sharkey of the San Francisco Club will box four rounds with Nick Aronson for a special medal.

VIGOROUS BLOOD FOR WANING LIFE

Interesting Lecture by Dr. L. C. Lane on "Transfusion."

A Branch of Science Which Promises to Become of Inestimable Benefit to Mankind.

The initial lecture in the eighth annual course of the Lane lectures at the Cooper Medical College was delivered last night by Dr. L. C. Lane, the theme being "Transfusion."

The audience, while not large, was thoroughly appreciative, the speaker commanding its rapt attention throughout his dissertation.

The lecturer was introduced by Dr. Henry Gibbons Jr., dean of the college.

By "transfusion of blood," the speaker stated, is meant the transference of blood from one animal to another of the same species; from an animal of one genus to that of a different one; from an animal to man or from man to man.

The first mention of such an operation is found in one of the old Greek tragedies, in which the sorceress Medea proposed to her daughter to save the life of the latter's father by transfusing him with her maiden blood. This is merely a poetical tradition, and it is entirely uncertain whether such an effort were made.

The first historical record of transfuion accomplished was its trial in the case of Pope Innocent VII, who had fallen ill with a disease characterized by profound lethargy. All medical means having failed to restore the Pontiff, a Jewish physician proposed to transfuse him with young blood. This was done by passing the blood of the Pope into the veins of a young man, while that of the latter was transferred to the Pontiff. Three experiments of this kind were made, all failing to revive the Pope, who died within a few days. The three young men perished almost immediately—presumably through the introduction of air into their veins.

The unfortunate results of this experiment operated to prevent further essay in this matter for nearly two centuries. The operation was then tried in England about the time of the discovery by Harvey of the circulation of blood—1628. It was believed that by transference of young blood into the vessels of an old man the latter could be rejuvenated.

This operation has been found useful to mankind in resuscitation of those who have nearly died through loss of blood, and in a great number of cases it has proved efficient for this purpose.

The process may also be used for resuscitation after asphyxiation from illuminating gas. This theory was successfully worked out by the savant Claude Bernard, whom the speaker had seen nearly destroy the life of dogs, and then, withdrawing from them a large part of their blood and replacing it with the pure blood of other dogs, bring the animals to quick recovery, little the worse for the treatment.

It is probable, the speaker averred, that many persons found in an asphyxiated condition might easily be saved by this means, and he suggested that in the interests not of science alone, but of humanity as well, the large contingent of worthless dogs be drawn upon for material for the operator bent upon solving the problems yet to be worked out in this vitally important field of scientific research.

FIRST FRUITS RIPEN.

Good Work Being Done by the Alaska Trade Committee.

Governor Sheakley writes to the Alaska Trade Committee from Chicago that his office is now in full running order and is daily visited by crowds of prospective Yukoners, who are furnished with all the information which will aid them to make a judicious selection of outfits and routes.

The committee is actively engaged in soliciting subscriptions and expects to have a large number sent in within the next few days. Several firms in the city have signified their willingness to double their subscriptions, as the benefit they are deriving from the committee's work more than pays them for the small outlay they have made in subscriptions. The work is being extensively advertised in the East and the number of letters received and persons registered amounted to fifty-two yesterday, which was one of the quiet days in the way of registration, but the attendance at the exhibit has not fallen off.

The following subscriptions were received yesterday at the ferry office of the committee: Del Monte Milling Company $10, California and Northwest Trading and Mining Company $20, American Type Founders Company $25, Blake, Moffitt & Towne $25, Carson Glove Company $25.

Young People Entertain at the Y. M. C. A.

The evening given by the Young People's Society of St. Luke's Church was a decided success. It was given to bring the young folks together and to entertain the young men. It succeeded in doing both, the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. were crowded and the merry making lasted until a late hour.

FERRY DEPOT BUILDING.

Home Production to Be Used in the Finishing of Structure.

The San Francisco Trades Council, through its committee appointed at a recent meeting, waited on the Harbor Commissioners and urged that body to have none but California production used in the finishing of the building. In this the committee was successful, and so reported at the meeting Thursday night. The intelligence was received with much joy by the members of the council, who considered it a great victory, inasmuch as the contract was about to be let to an Eastern firm for the marble necessary to finish the building.

The question of the proposed charter about to be made for the city by freeholders elected was under discussion by the council, and it was finally decided to form a convention, represented by every branch of labor in the city.

To this end it was proposed to have delegates elected from the various labor unions, which will, when qualified, sit as a convention and adopt such measures as will be beneficial to united labor, and submit the same to the freeholders, to be incorporated in the laws to govern this city in the future. Should the claims so presented be ignored, then it may be presumed that the unions will oppose the adoption of the charter when it comes up for adoption. It is almost certain that civil service laws will not be one of the recommendations submitted by the labor convention, as this branch of the bone and sinew of the people are not favorable to an aristocratic office-holding class to the exclusion of all comers.

HER BABY GOT POISON

Gertrude Ferguson Took Too Much of Her Medicine.

Luckily She Lived Very Near to the Receiving Hospital.

During Her Mother's Absence the Little One Procured a Deadly Draught.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Jan. 7.

A bright little girl twenty months old was taken to the Receiving Hospital this morning by her mother and relieved of two ounces of a poisonous mixture which she had drunk.

Mrs. Ferguson, who lives at Third and Harrison streets, left her bedroom this morning to go into the kitchen to prepare breakfast. Her baby Gertrude was asleep, but soon after the mother's departure the little one awoke, and, seeing a bottle of cough balsam on the bureau, she took it up and drank its contents.

The mother heard the child coughing, and, going to the room, at once saw the nature of the trouble. Knowing that the dose of the mixture for a child is but five drops, Mrs. Ferguson quickly carried the child to the Receiving Hospital, which fortunately was only two blocks away. Dr. Stratton, by the use of the stomach pump, was able to save the baby's life, and when it was sufficiently recovered to speak little Gertrude told her mother that, seeing the bottle and liking the taste of the medicine, she had taken advantage of her opportunity to drink all she desired.

MARTHA NACKEL'S STORY.

She Accuses Her Stepfather of Having Criminally Assaulted Her.

H. Oloff, engineer at the Olympic Club Pumping Works, was arrested last night on a warrant from Police Court 4, charging him with making a criminal assault on Martha Nackel, his stepdaughter. The latter is 17 years of age. According to her sworn statement, her father took her out to the Cliff House several weeks ago, and, placing a revolver to her head, frightened and assaulted her. Oloff denied the story told by the girl, and says he will be able to prove his innocence at the proper time.

Several months ago the prisoner's accuser attempted to commit suicide by throwing herself in the surf at the Cliff House. She was rescued by one of the life-saving crew, and sent to the Receiving Hospital. At that time she declared that her stepfather's treatment of her impelled her to take the rash step. Subsequently Oloff had her sent to the Girls' Training School as being incorrigible. She was released only a few days before the alleged assault occurred.

NEWMAN WANTS A FANCY PRICE

Unwilling to Sell His Lease of His Property in the Blythe Block.

The New York Life Insurance Company Wants to Purchase and Build.

The New York Life Insurance Company is negotiating for the purchase from the Blythe estate of the Gore corner of Market, Geary and Kearny streets. The company is anxious to secure the strip of land running back from the corner to the building formerly occupied by the Golden Rule Bazaar. In the event of the property being secured, the company will erect a large building which will be in keeping with the structures on the opposite corners.

The only thing that prevents a sale of the property is that Charles Newman, proprietor of the Richelieu saloon, holds a lease of the property on the gore corner. The occupants of the stores on the Market street side, have no leases and remain there subject to notice to remove at any time.

Newman's lease of the saloon property will not expire for over four years and he wants a fancy price for surrendering it. An offer of $40,000 has been made to him for the lease, but he says he will not sell at less than $75,000.

"It is a good-paying corner," said Newman last night, "and I will not surrender my lease unless I am paid what I think it is reasonably worth. The insurance company has offered me $40,000 to vacate, with the privilege of having first choice of the stores in the new building. I believe that the corner will net me more than that during the next four years, and I do not intend selling out at a sacrifice. I am content to remain where I am unless the intending buyers meet my figure. I will not sell the lease I hold for less than $75,000. If the insurance company agents want to pay that amount the lease is at their command. If they do not I will remain where I am, for I believe that the business at the corner during the next four years will be worth fully that amount to me."

Y. W. C. A. Officers Elected.

At the twentieth annual meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association, held yesterday, the following officers were elected: Mrs. P. D. Brown, hon. president; Mrs. L. C. Redington, hon. president; president, Mrs. W. O. Gould; first vice-president, Mrs. George M. Prescott; second vice-president, Mrs. J. F. Merrill; third vice-president, Mrs. M. P. Jones; fourth vice-president, Mrs. H. J. Sadler; recording secretary, Miss H. Van Winkle; corresponding secretary, Mrs. George Thurston; treasurer, Mrs. I. H. Morse; directors, Mrs. L. C. Redington, Mrs. W. O. Gould, Mrs. G. W. Prescott, Mrs. J. F. Merrill, Mrs. M. P. Jones, Mrs. H. J. Sadler, Mrs. A. R. Baldwin, Mrs. N. G. Kittle, Mrs. George P. Thurston, Miss H. Van Winkle, Mrs. I. H. Morse; managers, Mrs. J. L. Martel, Mrs. F. A. Ijams, Mrs. M. Godley, Miss M. Scott, Mrs. J. A. de Grayer, Mrs. W. H. Crocker, Mrs. L. P. Tuggle, Mrs. I. S. Van Winkle, Mrs. William Gunn, Mrs. J. A. Fillmore, Mrs. H. L. Reed, Mrs. M. J. McDonald, Miss Mary Farquarson, Mrs. Wendell Easton, Mrs. B. M. Gunn, Miss M. Berry, Mrs. J. Spruance, Miss Alice Crane, Mrs. W. C. Pond, Mrs. J. Hemphill, Mrs. Leopold Algeltinger, Mrs. J. A. Cruzan; trustees—William E. Brown (chairman), J. F. Merrill, C. S. V. Gibbs, A. B. Forbes, E. B. Pond, W. F. Whittier, George W. Prescott.

A JUMP IN PASSENGER RATES.

The Fare Between This City and Portland to Be Increased.

Commencing on the 20th of this month the new passenger rate between San Francisco and Portland will go into effect.

The first class railroad passage between the points named, including a berth in the Pullman, will be $25, subject to a rebate of $8 on arrival at the terminal points of Sacramento, San Francisco or Portland, as the case may be.

The second class fare, including berth in a tourist sleeper, will be $16, with a rebate of $5 on arriving at destination.

This will make a through rate of $17 net first class and $11 net second class, as against the rates at present existing of $10 and $5.

The passage by water will also come higher as the cabin fare is to be raised from $5 to $12 and the steerage from $2 50 to $8.

This action by the railroad and steamship officials has been some time under consideration, but was deferred until the conditions of travel would warrant it.

To-Day's News Letter

Is full of interesting matter. The Crier plays the devil with several citizens, pretentious and otherwise; the Looker-on gives the latest stories of clubdom; Pleasure's Wand relates the doings of the playhouses and criticizes the players; Sparks reviews the foibles and frivolities of certain people. Finished book reviews, pungent editorials on pertinent topics and stories and miscellaneous matter, bright and sparkling, make up a journal of weekly news of exceptional interest, and all for 10 cents.

DON RAY TO TAKE HIS SEAT

The New Prison Director Will Succeed E. J. DePue To-Day.

Something About the Latest Addition to the Board—Politics of Members.

There will be a change in the personnel of the State Board of Prison Directors after the regular monthly meeting at San Quentin to-day. Director E. J. DePue will vacate his chair and give way to Don Ray, who was appointed by Governor Budd during the last session of the State Legislature, which body confirmed the appointment at that time.

The new director is one of the firm of Whittaker & Ray of San Francisco, and also has large property interests about Galt, where he makes his home. Although Mr. Ray is soon to become a member of the Board of Prison Directors, the other