LOUD'S POSTAL BILL TABLED

Failure of an Attempt to Correct Abuses in the Mails.

By an Overwhelming Vote the Measure Is Buried for the Present.

Forty-Seven Republicans Join the Democrats and Populists in the Decisive Vote.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

Call Office, Riggs House, Washington, March 3.

The Loud bill to correct alleged abuses of the second-class mail matter privilege, which last year passed the House by a majority of 144 to 104, was buried under by an overwhelming majority by the House to-day. The vote was not taken directly on the bill, but on a motion to lay it on the table. By a vote of 162 to 119 the motion was carried. Forty-seven Republicans joined with the Democrats and Populists in accomplishing this result, and ten Democrats voted with the majority of Republicans. The refusal of Loud to allow a vote on an amendment at the last minute was reponsible in a measure for the result, but the strength of the measure undoubtedly waned throughout the three days' debate.

By the terms of the special order under which the House was operating the bill was read for amendment. Under the five-minute rule Vanderver (D.) of Missouri offered an amendment to exclude from the operation of the act books and reprints of books designed for the use of school children and students as text books for study.

Clark (R.) of Iowa, in opposing the amendment, said the country owed the school book publishing houses nothing. They were engaged in the business of taxation and if given this bonus they would use their profits in increasing their lobbies at State capitals.

After an extended debate the amendment was voted down, 47 to 72.

Griggs (D.) of Georgia offered the amendment of which he gave notice yesterday to allow newspapers and periodicals to transmit at pound rates 1000 sample copies. He offered this as an amendment to Loud's amendment to permit the transmission of sample copies to the extent of 10 per cent of the bona fide circulation of publications entitled to second-class privileges.

After some discussion the Griggs amendment, slightly modified, was adopted.

Quigg (R.) of New York moved to strike out the clause providing that news agents shall not be allowed to return to publishers at the pound rate unsold publications, but shall pay postage at the rate of 1 cent for four ounces. It was defeated, 24 to 99. The Loud amendment, as amended, was agreed to without division.

An amendment to include the publications of State medical associations within the list of those entitled to second-class privileges was lost.

At 4 p. m., the hour set aside for the vote to be taken, Richardson (D.) of Tennessee moved to lay the bill on the table. A rising vote gave the verdict to the opponents of the measure, and on Loud's demand, the roll was called. But the record making vote only confirmed the rising vote. By a vote of 162 to 119 the bill was laid on the table.

The annnouncement was greeted with a burst of applause. The following Republicans voted with the majority of the Democrats and Populists to lay the bill on the table: Baker of Maryland, Barney of Wisconsin, Barrett of Massachusetts, Beach of Ohio, Bingham of Pennsylvania, Boutelle of Maine, Broderick of Kansas, Brown of Ohio, Brownlow of Tennessee, Brumm of Pennsylvania, Bull of Rhode Island, Burleigh of Maine, Campron of Rhode Island, Codding of Pennsylvania, Cooper of Wisconsin, Curtis of Kansas, Davenport of Pennsylvania, Davidson of Wisconsin, Dayton of West Virginia, Dingley of Maine, Dovener of West Virginia, Gibson of Tennessee, Hopkins of Illinois, Howell of New Jersey, Hurley of New York, Kerr of Ohio, Kirkpatrick of Pennsylvania, Knox of Massachusetts, Kulp of Pennsylvania, Linney of North Carolina, McEwen of New Jersey, Olmstead of Pennsylvania, Pitney of New Jersey, Powers of Vermont, Pugh of Kentucky, Robbins of Pennsylvania, Russell of Connecticut, Sauerherring of Wisconsin, Southwick of New York, Stewart of New Jersey, Sulloway of New Hampshire, Updegraf of Iowa, Walker of Virginia, Weaver of Ohio, White of North Carolina, Wilbur of New York and Williams of Pennsylvania.

The following Democrats voted against the motion: Allen of Mississippi, Davis of Louisiana, Flower of Georgia, Hinrichsen of Illinois, Howard of Georgia, Love of Mississippi, Ogden of Louisiana, Taylor of Alabama, Underwood of Alabama and Young of Virginia.

At 4:35 p. m. the House adjourned.

GREAT CRUELTY IN TRUANT SCHOOLS

Children Harshly Treated in Many Massachusetts Institutions.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

BOSTON, March 3.—The Legislative committee on education this morning continued the hearing of the measure reported by the State Board of Education relative to school attendance and truancy. Witnesses made startling revelations of cruelty in truant schools. Agent Walton said he found great difficulty in his attempts at inspection of the schools. In one case the school was kept in a basement, damp and unhealthy. Mr. Birtwell said he thought it would be better to have the truant school under the control of the State rather than the counties. Boys were herded together in small cottages.

Agent Walton told of a visit to the Essex County truant school. He had seen one boy with a horse weight and a chain tied to his feet and hands. Two other boys confined in a small cellar were chained together with a long chain. The superintendent did not act as though it was any unusual thing to have his boys chained together in this way. The boys were ignorant, too, not knowing what simple words meant. Mr. Birtwell told of the other county truant schools of the State where similar abuses were existent. In one school a girl of 14 was in custody. She was at the school four months. Several weeks after when she came to the school it was found she was about to become a mother. The girl was sent to the school, not only a truant, but as a stubborn child.

Many of the schools had lamentably poor sanitary accommodations. In the Hampden school was a sort of a pen or inclosure, where the boys were allowed to play. At the school at Becket in Berkshire County Mr. Birtwell said he found hanging in the schoolroom a rawhide, a ball and chain and handcuffs. The present superintendent said that when he came there he found a boy walking about the yard with a ball and chain on his feet. The superintendents of these schools were allowed to run the truant schools as they pleased.

Sudden Death at Gilroy.

GILROY, March 3.—J. Besson, a Frenchman, aged 43 years, died suddenly here to-day. He lately came from San Jose, where he was employed as a cook. He recently purchased the Newman Hotel, near the depot. On his person was found several hundred dollars. He had no relatives in this country. The Coroner will hold an inquest to-morrow.

ONE ADMITS THE SHOOTING

Deputy Haens Confesses That He Fired Upon the Strikers.

Sheriff Martin and Minions Try to Justify the Slaughter at Lattimer.

One Witness Declares That After the Fatal Affray the Chief Officer Had a Bruised Cheek.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 3.—The trial of Sheriff Martin and his deputies at Lattimer, Pa., progressed slowly to-day. Deputy Hess' cross-examination was continued. He said that he was sure that he did not fire a shot; he had heard no command given to fire. Although the life of the Sheriff was in great peril, the witness claimed he did not order his company to fire upon the strikers, as he was afraid that the Sheriff might possibly be shot instead, he being in the midst of the bunch of strikers.

John A. Salmon of Harrisburg testified to being for four days a deputy Sheriff. He said the day was so warm that he was overcome by the heat and was leaning against the fence back of the deputies when the shooting occurred.

Attorney George A. Cox of Philadelphia, representing the Austrian Government, made his first appearance since the trial commenced. Mr. Cox stated that his visit was purely an unofficial one, as he had had a representative here all the time and was kept well informed.

"I fired one shot," said Charles J. Haens, this afternoon. He was the first of the deputies to admit that he had shot. He told how he had seen at West Hazleton Deputy Platt level his gun at a striker who was picking up a stone. He told the story of the shooting at Lattimer. On cross-examination he said he did not aim at any point of the men's bodies.

Sheriff Martin was recalled and asked if he observed any weapons on the strikers at West Hazleton. He answered that he saw three men with revolvers in their hip pockets. On cross-examination he said he did not converse with any of them, nor did he arrest them. Asked if any of the men in line at Lattimer had not been sworn in as deputies, he said: "Well, there were not many who had not been sworn in." He could not tell how many.

T. M. Conifee, a tipstaff, said that on the night of the shooting he met Sheriff Martin in the court-house about 8 o'clock. The Sheriff had a bruise on his cheek and a scratch on his neck. This was the last witness for the defense, and when he left the stand Attorney Lenahan announced the closing.

District Attorney Martin, said he had six or eight witnesses in rebuttal whom he would have in court in the morning. Court then adjourned.

DISINHERITS THE WIDOW AND SON

Peculiar Provisions Made in the Will of the Late Ignatius Colvin.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

TACOMA, Wash., March 3.—The last will and testament of Ignatius Colvin, the Thurston County pioneer, who died last week in a San Francisco hospital while submitting to a surgical operation for cancer of the face, has been submitted for probate. In some respects the will is a remarkable document. Colvin bequeaths to his widow and one son, Ben Colvin, $1 each. To the daughters are given life estates in good farms, and to the second son, Fred Colvin, is bequeathed a life interest in 300 acres of the home farm. It is a condition of the will that these bequests are to be enjoyed by the favored heirs only so long as they have absolutely no business relations with the widow, her children by a former husband, or the son who is cut off with a dollar. To make sure that the conditions shall be observed, provision is made for the appointment of Frank Ruth of Ranier and John Galvin of Centralia to manage such forfeited estate. In case, however, of non-compliance with the will, the heirs of the legatees are to have full and unconditional title to the property.

The will was made two years ago at the time of family difficulties in the Colvin household, Mrs. Colvin at that time made application for a divorce, but this was denied her. In the family division Ben Colvin upheld his mother as against his father. Since that time a reconciliation has been effected and Ben again enjoyed his father's full confidence.

CANADA LOOKS TO HER FORTS

Activity of Military Authorities That Causes Some Surprise.

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TORONTO, Ont., March 3.—With more than ordinary speed the Canadian defensive authorities have been quietly strengthening the military forces and increasing the artillery along the frontier. The greatest increase has taken place in this city and east and west as far as Quebec and Ontario extend, the Pacific and Atlantic seaboards being left mainly to the care of the imperial Government. Recently six of the very latest pattern field battery guns have been added to the Toronto garrison and the magazine which has heretofore been at "Old Fort," on the lake shore, is to be moved to new armories, for the reason that Old Fort could be easily surprised from the lake and the magazines endangered.

Under the guidance of an expert officer a complete system of underground magazines is being constructed and to-day a large additional supply of the best ammunition and explosives arrived. Accommodations at the armories is to be provided for a greatly increased number of militia, including men for extra batteries of artillery and for cavalry. All this in addition to the permanent staff.

In response to a request from the British Government all able-bodied members of the various regiments have been requested to enroll themselves in the reserve force, and more than 500 have responded during the past few days. They are to be supplied with the most modern weapons, like militia, and will be required to attend drill at least twice each month.

The Government, in explanation of this activity and increased armament, stated to-day that these steps were necessary in case of civil tumult and other causes. There is absolutely no fear of any civil tumult, and the "other causes" are the reason for the great increase of military forces and appliances. Britain evidently desires Canada to be able to do something in her defense.

AN ABSCONDER IN THE TANKS

Ex-Bookeeper Simpson of the Oregon Railway Arrested.

Captured by the Detectives in a Friend's House on Howard Street.

He Exculpates Captain Reed of Any Participation in His Escape From the Arcata.

Frederick Simpson, ex-bookeeper of the Coos Bay, Roseburg and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company, who is wanted in Marshfield, Or., for embezzlement and arson, was arrested last night by Detectives Ed Gibson and Crockett and locked up in the City Prison.

Several weeks ago Simpson's employers became suspicious of his actions, and they employed an expert to examine his books. It is claimed that a heavy shortage was discovered, and after a consultation it was decided to swear out a warrant for Simpson's arrest. Before it could be served, however, the disgraced bookkeeper took passage on the steamer Arcata, bound for this city. Chief Lees was at once notified, and he detailed Detectives Gibson and Wren to arrest the fugitive. As the vessel steamed into the harbor Gibson, who was in a small boat, attempted to board it. Captain Reed, who was in command of the steamer, refused to stop, notwithstanding, it is claimed, Gibson explained to him his mission. Foiled in his effort to board the vessel, Gibson rowed to the Vallejo-street wharf, where he was joined by Wren, who was anxiously awaiting the arrival of Simpson. Despite the vigilance of the detectives Simpson managed to elude them, due, it is claimed, to the blunder of the captain in pointing out the wrong man. Immediately after debarking from the vessel Simpson went to a house at 819 Howard street, where he has since been stopping.

Last night Detectives Crockett and Gibson visited the house and placed the absconding bookkeeper under arrest.

He offered no resistance, and was at once taken to police headquarters.

To the detectives Simpson said he had been employed by the company for about three years. Shortly before his flight, he claimed, the auditor of the company sent for him and informed him that some irregularities had been discovered in his books. Simpson pleaded ignorance of the charge and offered to assist the expert in examining his accounts.

The next day he hired a team and drove a distance of twenty-eight miles to the steamer Arcata, which he boarded. He claimed that his object in coming to this city was to get sufficient money to cover the shortage. He then intended to return to Marshfield and square matters with his employers. Simpson vigorously denied the charge of arson, which he thinks was trumped up in order to spur on the detectives to arrest him.

He exculpates Captain Reed of the charge of having assisted him in eluding the detectives. Simpson will be detained in the City Prison, pending the arrival of an officer from the scene of his alleged crime.

DEATH OF F. J. CONN.

Former Attache of the Secretary of State's Office Dies at Indio.

News was received yesterday of the death at Indio, Riverside County, of Frederick J. Conn, an attache of the Secretary of State's office.

Conn was one of the most popular young men in the Republican party. From the first time he was able to take part in politics he took an active interest in the Republican party. He was a member of the Republican County Central Committee, and as such worked hard and faithfully.

He went to Sacramento during the sessions of the last Legislature to accept a position offered him in the office of Secretary of State Brown; and while there contracted a slight cold, which he neglected, and soon it developed into a lung trouble.

Upon the advice of his physician he went to Indio, accompanied by his father, in search of health, and the first reports received from there by his friends were encouraging. A few days ago, however, he suffered a relapse and gradually sank until death claimed him. In connection with the office he held under the Secretary of State he was clerk of the State Board of Examiners. Previous to his going to Sacramento he was engaged in the wholesale salt and soda business at 212 Sacramento street in this city, which he disposed of to accept the position he held at the time of his death. He was also well known among the members of the Young Men's Institute, having twice been president of the institute in St. Peter's parish.

He was 28 years old and resided in the Mission from the time of his birth.

The funeral will be held on Monday morning from St. Peter's Church, where a solemn requiem mass will be celebrated.

PROTECTING HOME INDUSTRY.

Manufacturers' and Producers' Association Will Co-Operate With the Building Trades Council.

At the meeting of the Building Trades Council last night a communication was received from President Kerr of the Manufacturers' and Producers' Association in which he stated that his association would co-operate with them in every way possible for the protection of home industry.

The Iron-molders' Union No. 286 sent a communication drawing the attention of the council to Eastern-made bathtubs which are built in Wisconsin by scab labor and shipped to this city, where they are sold at a reduced price. These tubs have been boycotted by the Plumbers' National Council.

It was stated that Eastern prepared marble was about to be used in the construction of the Affiliated Colleges. After discussion it was decided to send a communication to Dr. Beverly Cole, the dean of the college, drawing his attention to the State law, which prohibits any but California material in any State building, and at the same time adding that they would hold him responsible for any dereliction in this direction.

Charges were made that non-union men were employed at the Chutes at reduced wages and made to work ten hours a day. A committee was appointed to wait on the manager of that place and if the charges are true to ask him to recognize the principles of the labor organization.

Kicked by a Horse.

Driver Mulburg of truck 4, stationed at 1616 Pacific street, was severely kicked by one of the horses yesterday and had to be removed to his home. He was attempting to pass the stall when the accident occurred.

Resented the Insult.

Ah Quong, a Chinese servant in the Fulton House at 3 Fulton street, attempted to take liberties with a young woman who rooms in the house last night and received an ugly scalp wound, the result of coming in contact with a poker wielded by his intended victim. The Chinaman subsequently visited the hospital, where the wound in his head was dressed by Dr. Thompson.

WILL RESTRICT MEMBERSHIP.

Important Meeting of the Pacific States Baseball League.

A meeting of the Pacific States Baseball League was held in the offices of Eugene F. Bert last night. Those present were: Eugene F. Bert, president; A. Stevens, secretary; F. Bonnet, treasurer; F. W. Stanton and O. S. Tuttle of Santa Cruz; W. J. Hennessey and E. J. Cripp, Sacramento; D. F. Crowley, San Francisco; E. J. Caplin, Olympics; Cal Ewing, Reliance, Oakland; F. A. Bushnell, Oakland; W. Weston, San Jose, and J. W. Coffroth.

A schedule of games for the ensuing year was presented by the executive committee, but action on it was laid over until the next meeting. J. W. Stapleton received the appointment as official scorer for San Francisco for the coming season.

It was decided to adopt the double umpire system for the coming season and umpires for San Francisco will be appointed at the next meeting. The following appointments of umpires were made last night: Frank A. Griffin and Joe K. Stafford, Sacramento; Enoch Alzina and Arthur Otto, Santa Cruz, and P. Cancannon, San Jose.

George Bunker, who managed the California Markets last season, appeared before the meeting and requested admission into the league. The matter was referred to the executive committee and will be acted on next week.

THE PRUSSIANS WILL BE BARRED

A Foreign Insurance Company Seeks Admission to This State.

Commissioner Clunie Says It Is an Encroachment Upon Our Rights as Citizens.

Nothwithstanding the edict of the New York insurance companies against the operation of Prussian companies in this country, the Magdeburg Fire Insurance Company has decided to organize a company called the Magdeburg Insurance Company of New York upon the ashes of the Magdeburg Insurance Company of Prussia, shut out of the State of New York by reason of the unjust and inequitable treatment of American companies by Prussia. It is owned by the same persons owning and controlling the rejected Magdeburg of Prussia, and it is now extending itself to California for admission.

The local insurance companies and the insurance houses of the State generally think that this application of the Magdeburg company is an encroachment upon the rights of American citizens and think it is an evidence which shows how lightly American institutions are respected abroad. It is contended by the Insurance Commissioner that the interests of the people of this State will be best promoted by denying certificates of authority to all foreign companies seeking admission.

WORKING DAY AND NIGHT AT NORFOLK.

Not Enough Men at the Yard to Complete the Work on Vessels Being Repaired There.

NORFOLK, Va., March 3.—A force in the steam engineering department was employed all last night in preparing a shaft for the torpedo boat Foote. This shaft came yesterday at 1 o'clock and was immediately placed in the lathes, which have been going every moment of time since then. The force will continue at work to-night. The Foote was taken out of the wooden dock this morning and put in the stone dock to make room for the Puritan, which will be docked on Saturday and will remain in the dock nearly all of next week.

The torpedo boat Winslow is lying at the North wharf with steam up, and when the weather permits will leave the yard for the South. For the first time in the history of the navy yard men are being advertised for to come in for work, ship fitters being wanted in the construction department. Other men are also being called for in this department. About 250 men are at work on the Newark, and it is said that the ship could be gotten ready for sea in six weeks, though the work will probably take about four months. Work on the Puritan is being rushed.

NOT SUCCESSFUL AS A TORPEDO BOAT.

An Interesting Experiment Made With an Ordinary Steam Launch at Dry Tortugas.

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KEY WEST, Fla., March 3.—An interesting experiment to determine the value of an ordinary steam launch when rigged as a torpedo boat was made at Dry Tortugas last night. Anchored there are the battleships Massachusetts, Indiana and Texas. To determine if a launch could approach any of these ships unobstructed the launch of the Indiana was given a coat of bottle green paint and her commanding officer, Lieutenant Ray C. Smith, was given orders to steam seaward until hid by the obscurity of the night. A white light shown from the truck of the Indiana meant that the launch was lost, and the commander could make the attack at will. The launch circled around to the opposite direction, but the searchlight of the Indiana discovered the boat before gaining an effective torpedo range. The Texas is now engaged in coaling from a schooner alongside. The bunkers of the Indiana and Massachusetts are filled and the ships are ready for service. The crews of all three vessels are daily exercised in pistol and rifle practice ashore.

With Quickest Dispatch.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., March 3.—Orders have been received at the navy yard to make the outfit for the United States steamer Lancaster with the quickest possible dispatch. It is expected that the Machias and Essex will be ready for service at the Portsmouth yard at once.

NAVIGATION IN HUDSON STRAIT AND BAY.

LONDON, March 3.—In the course of an interview to-day Rear Admiral Albert Markham, the well-known explorer of the Hudson Strait and Bay, expressed his surprise at the account received from Ottawa of the experiences of the exploring steamer Diana while along the Labrador coast and in Hudson Strait and Bay. This account, he said, was at variance with all the previous experiences. In his opinion the Hudson Bay route is open certainly four months and possibly six months a year. He declares that it would be an immense boon to commerce, cheapen the transport of cattle and wheat to Great Britain, be invaluable from an imperial standpoint in saving time in the transport of men and stores to the naval base at Vancouver, and afford a duplicate British route should the Canadian Pacific be seized by America in time of war.

Now a Doctor of Letters.

PARIS, March 3.—Carmen Sylva, as Queen Elizabeth of Roumania is known to the literary world, has just received her diploma constituting her a doctor of letters and honorary member of the University of Budapest. The diploma is a veritable work of art and is inclosed in an artistic case of great intrinsic value. Accompanying it is a letter from the council of the university written in four languages, Hungarian, Wallachian, Latin and French.

FELDMAN WAS A FUNNY MAN

He Was One of Big Bertha's Troupe of Comedians.

One of His Acts Nearly Caused the Wreck of the Stage.

Appearance of a Woman Who Claims He Was Engaged to Her.

Dr. L. N. Feldman, who committed suicide at 528 Eddy street last Tuesday, was one of the most picturesque romancers who ever imposed upon the credulity of a local newsgatherer.

Feldman arrived in this city about two years ago and first gained prominence when he claimed to be a member of the famous house of Peel of England and heir to the title.

Young Sir Robert Peel was visiting the United States at the time, and Feldman boldly asserted that he was the real Sir Robert, and that the young man over whom New York swelldom was going into raptures was in reality his younger brother, Sir Herbert Peel. Feldman detailed the family history with such marvelous accuracy that a prominent Englishman who was visiting this city at the time and was intimately acquainted with the Peels, was deceived by the story.

Before this Feldman, who had long been ambitious to scintillate before the footlights, secured an engagement at $12 a week at a well known Kearny street variety theater, whose destinies were presided over at the time by the notorious "Big Bertha." Feldman played an engagement of four consecutive nights with such success that the manager was compelled to cancel the engagement in order to save the building from demolition.

Feldman made his debut as a vocalist, his first appearance earning for him a small but choice selection of potatoes and other momentoes of disesteem. That gave him an idea for a "funny act," which he proceeded to arrange for the following night. Feldman secured the services of half a dozen street arabs and, supplying them with an assortment of vegetables, stationed them in different parts of the house.

Donning a costume consisting in part of a ball catcher's body pad and mask, Feldman made his entrance and proceeded to dole out a comic ditty. This was the signal for his assistants in the body of the house, and they proceeded to present their compliments with a heartiness that nearly knocked the recipient through the scene.

It was a great hit, and Feldman was in raptures. Visions of a princely salary floated through his mind, and he adjourned to the "parlor," where he proceeded to mortgage himself to the house for weeks to come by buying wine for "Big Bertha" and her friends. Bertha was willing to accept the wine, but she would not accept the attention that Feldman insisted should go with it, so when he persisted in declaring his regard for her, the heavyweight manageress picked up the diminutive comedian and threw him bodily down stairs.

This threatened to terminate his stage career, so far as that house was concerned, at least, but the next day "Big Bertha" was repentant, and, sending for Feldman, induced him to go on again that night.

He had hardly reached the center of the stage before he repented, for, before he could utter a single note, carrots, cabbages, eggs that were overripe and other tokens fairly rained upon him. Not only were his assistants provided with an apparently inexhaustible supply, but the major portion of the audience, having heard of the new "act," had come prepared to show their appreciation of his efforts to entertain them.

It was awful, and the lady song and dance artiste, who made her bow after Feldman escaped, slid around the stage like a novice on roller skates. After that the curtain had to be rung down until the scrambled eggs could be mopped up.

The fourth night settled it for Feldman. Before he came on the members of the orchestra deserted their accustomed places and sought refuge in the wings, from which place of safety they struck up the introduction to the star performer's song. Feldman made his appearance, clad in his baseball armor, and was swept off his feet by the storm of enthusiasm that greeted him. Everybody in the house was armed, not only with vegetables, but some brought along bricks and cobbles, which were passed over the footlights with a will.

A cobble fired at the first volley smashed the wire mask and made a dent in Feldman's skull. Others missed their mark and wrecked the scenes. As the enthusiasm increased backs and legs were wrenched from chairs and contributed to the ovation, but it took too much time to dissect the furniture, and then whole chairs were tossed up.

Finally the stage hands rescued the funny man and dragged him out of the line of fire. It has since been a matter of dispute whether he resigned before the order of dismissal reached him, but at any rate that was positively his farewell appearance.

The last time Feldman attracted public attention was in June, 1896, when he was arrested for petty larceny and carrying concealed weapons. He was convicted on both charges in Police Court 2 and on June 27 he was sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the County Jail. He was discharged on April 24, 1897, having earned credits enough to shorten his term by two months.

Coroner Hawkins was notified yesterday that a Hebrew benevolent society would take charge of the remains of Dr. Leopold N. Feldman, who committed suicide last Wednesday afternoon, and would bury him in the Jewish cemetery.

The stomach of the deceased has been taken by Chemist Morgan of the Morgue, and he will report to the Coroner to-day. Autopsy Surgeon Gallagher is of the opinion that the poison used by the deceased was carbolic acid or some similar corrosive substance.

Several ladies called at the Morgue yesterday to see the body. One lady had a little girl with her and said that she knew the doctor well and that he was a splendid man. Another visitor early in the day was a handsome blonde, who gave her name as Grace Gordon, a divorced woman. She informed Deputy Coroner McCormick that she and the doctor were engaged to be married yesterday, but further as to her relations with the deceased she would not speak.

A little red pocket-book found on the person of the dead man was filled with poetry, nearly all of which was selected, although the names of the authors were not given. All were addressed to "Regina" and were of a most ardent and respectful nature.

Manifesto of Carlists.

MADRID, March 3.—The Carlists have issued a manifesto announcing their intention to take part in the coming elections.

THE EMPORIUM. | THE EMPORIUM.

DON'T FAIL TO BUY A SACK OF EMPORIUM FLOUR FOR $1.00 BEFORE SALE CLOSES SATURDAY NIGHT.

Fine Furniture Cheap.

A manufacturer of good Furniture was in need of ready money and was willing to make a sacrifice. We had the money. Now he has the money and we have the Furniture. Do you want some of it at a slight advance on the exceedingly low prices that we paid? You'll never get better bargains.

The quantities of each article are as stated below. The prices cannot be duplicated when these lots are gone:

50 antique hardwood bedroom suits, style like picture; strongly made, nicely finished; dresser has long beveled glass; 18x40 inches; worth $25; to be sold for... $15

50 solid oak bedroom suits; handsomely carved, with 18x40-inch beveled mirror; worth $30; will be sold for... $20.50

This 3-Piece Bedroom Suit, $15,00.

This Sideboard, $16.

50 mahogany bedroom suits, in handsome, modern style, beautifully finished; all with French-plate mirrors, and worth $35 suit—to be sold for.....$22.50

10 golden birch bedroom suits, with fine French beveled mirrors; very popular styles; worth $40 a set—will be sold for.....$21.00

17 solid oak sideboards, like picture, with two swell front drawers, one plush-lined for silverware; also one large drawer and cupboard; fine bevel mirror; ornate carvings; worth $22—to be sold for.....$16.00

9 solid oak hat racks, with French beveled glass; very substantial and worth $15—to be sold for.....$8.00

The Emporium and Golden Rule Bazaar.

THE PINTA NOW IN COMMISSION

She Will Sail for San Diego To-Day in Command of Captain Turner.

Will Be Turned Over to Division 8 of the Naval Reserve for a Training Ship.

The United States gunboat Pinta will sail for San Diego to-day. She left her dock at Mission street yesterday for a trial on the bay. The machinery proved to be in first-class order and she was pronounced ready to start for her destination. The Pinta has been given to the San Diego naval reserve by the United States for a training ship, and she will in future be stationed at San Diego.

The officers of the naval reserve who will take out the Pinta are: Captain Louis H. Turner, in command; Lieutenant Commander T. A. Nerney, executive officer; Lieutenant A. Morgan, navigator; R. Lowe, chief engineer; Ensign J. J. Delaney of Santa Barbara; Ensign George E. Kammerer, and eighteen men.

On her way down the coast the Pinta will put into Santa Barbara. Captain Turner and his staff will inspect the division of the Naval Battalion stationed there and will deliver to them two boats which were taken down for their use. The inspection will occupy Saturday afternoon and evening. Sunday morning the gunboat will get under way for San Diego. Lieutenant T. M. Shaw, the navigating officer of the battalion, will join the ship at Santa Barbara and take her to her destination.

On arriving at San Diego there will be an inspection of the third division on either Monday or Tuesday. After the inspection the division will be taken aboard the Pinta by Lieutenant L. A. Chandler, as executive officer, and the gunboat will be then turned over to Lieutenant Shaw by Captain Turner. After the ceremony Captain Turner and Lieutenant Commander Nerney will return to San Francisco by train, while the other officers and the men will come back on the Santa Rosa.

The battery of the Pinta consists of two-pounder howitzers, one Gatling gun and one Hotchkiss one-pounder rapid-fire gun. She was thoroughly overhauled and put in first-class trim at the navy yard, and the naval reserve boys at San Diego and Santa Barbara will be able to have many a first-class practice cruise on her. She is just the kind of a boat they want, as they will be able to man her with the men at their command.

FRATERNAL SOCIETIES.

INDEPENDENT FORESTERS.

Court Yerba Buena was officially visited last Tuesday by the high chief ranger, who expressed himself well pleased with the condition of the court and praised the officers for the good work done during the term. Last week he visited Court Seal Rock in company with the vice high chief and the chief deputy and made one of his logical speeches, which had the effect of inducing fifteen of a number of strangers who were admitted after the business of the court had been transacted to apply for membership. He also paid a visit to Court Halcyon and was well received. On Thursday night he visited Court Mission and on Friday night he was with Court Noe Valley. At each place he was tendered a reception, which was followed by a smoker, at which there was presented a good programme of entertainment.

There was a good attendance of members and friends in the hall of Court Endeavorer on last Wednesday night on the occasion of the visit of High Chief Ranger McElfresh, who was accompanied by Vice High Chief Ranger Peery and Chief Deputy Ben I. Salomon. The high chief ranger delivered one of those interesting addresses for which he is justly noted, after having been introduced by Deputy Salomon. After that there was presented an excellent programme of entertainment in addition to cigars and light refreshments.

Last Saturday the high chief ranger left for a tour of visitations in El Dorado, Amador and Sacramento counties. He expects to return to his home in Los Angeles on the 23d of March.

THE CHOSEN FRIENDS.

The district meeting held February 22, in the hall of Empire Council, temporarily in Alcazar Social Hall, was well attended, and it was a very successful affair, conducted under the auspices of Mrs. K. M. Gandon, Mrs. Dora Finnen, James Jordan, I. J. Lelatour and Mrs. R. Davidson, the committee of arrangements. Empire, Crystal, America and Samaritan councils were represented. Of the grand officers there were present: H. W. Hutton, S. V. C.; M. Boehm, G. C.; Past Grand Councilors Sanborn and O'Brien; S. C. Wallis, G. F.; Clara McDonald, G. T., and Mrs. Sweeney, G. P. The principal speaker of the evening was State Senator E. I. Wolfe, who delivered an able address and presented an old-age certificate for $2104 to C. Zschschiesihe, he having attained the age of 75 years. There was to have been a presentation of one for $2089 to R. T. Van Orden, but on account of illness he could not be present, and the check was handed to him without ceremony the folowing day.

Next Thursday the initiatory team will initiate candidates in the hall of Social Council.

Preparations are being made for the district meeting to be held on March 9, in Sacramento, by the councils of that city. Addresses will be delivered by C. M. Arnold, P. S. C., and H. W. Hutton, S. V. C.

COMPANIONS OF THE FOREST.

The entertainment given by Loyal Circle Monday, 14th inst, was an unusually interesting one and it drew to the social hall of the Foresters' building a very large audience. The chief feature was the presentation of the farce, "Domestic Infelicity," by the Young People's Progressive Society. The several members acted and spoke well their parts and their efforts met with loud and continued applause. For amateurs they did exceedingly well. Then followed a dance until midnight, at which time the members and guests regretted that the hour for parting had come.

Supreme Grand Secretary Mrs. Morrow has received a letter conveying the information that Primrose Circle was recently instituted at Lawrence, Mass., with sixty-five charter members and that another is to be instituted at Manhattanboro, N. Y.

The members of Eureka Circle on last Monday laid at rest the mortal remains of the late Mrs. Addie Bell, past chief companion of the circle, who, during her lifetime, was a very active member.

Sherwood Circle, C. O. F., will this evening hold an open meeting in Foresters' Hall on O'Farrell street.

Supreme Grand Chief Companion Mrs. Sarah Beversen has returned to her home from her visit to North Bloomfield, where she instituted Hydraulic Circle.

KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF HONOR.

Mrs. Belle W. Conrad, the grand protector, paid an official visit to Bay City Lodge last Monday, and she was welcomed by a large membership. She witnessed a rendition of the work of initiation and then delivered an interesting and encouraging address.

The grand secretary has been advised that steps have been taken for the organization of a new lodge, but its name and location will not be given out until the date for institution shall have been fixed.

Assessment No. 467 has been levied for March.

Mrs. Conrad, grand protector, visited the lodge in San Jose last week and in the near future will visit the one in Sacramento.

The death of the wife of Grand Medical Examiner L. D. Wetherill occurred in Union, N. Y., recently. In a few words, she was a noble woman whose passing away many will mourn.

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