

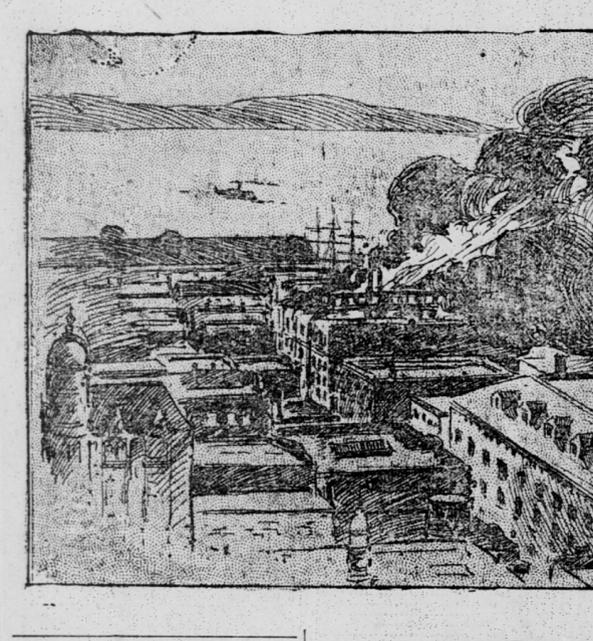
A FACTORY DESTROYED BY FLAMES

American Biscuit Company Is a Heavy Loser by Fire.

The Cause Was Attributed to the Heavy Shake on the Previous Evening.

Last evening the American Biscuit Company's factory, at Broadway and Battery street, was totally destroyed by fire. About 6 o'clock an alarm was turned in from box 354, and within a few minutes two more alarms followed.

FIRE SEEN FROM THE CLAUS SPRECKELS BUILDING.



The conflagration is given by Night Watchman Tim Phelan. He is of the opinion that the severe earthquake the previous night cracked the baking ovens in the upper portions, and that the intense heat set fire to the wood-work above.

A few minutes past 6 o'clock the watchman discovered the blaze, and dragged the ovens back of the stove he discovered that considerable headway had been gained.

The building is divided by a fire wall and for this reason the flames were held in the rear portion for some time, but in a while the whole structure was on fire, as the windows and doors in the dividing portion were open.

and successfully invest this so it will continue to grow. In the hurry and worry to accomplish this religion and the life to come are forgotten, with no other thought than the business man works and leaves no time for worship or even family duties, and it is not surprising when overworked nature can stand the strain no longer and he drops dead in the street in what should have been the prime of his life, often, alas, totally unprepared to meet his God.

The politicians and present day politicians, however, came in for the strongest part of the criticism. "Politician," he said, "was once a noble name, but now it is a stench in the nostrils of humanity. Society makes mistakes, but things have come to such a pass that the symbol for all want of principle is politician. When a man goes into politics he aims at it to get votes, no matter how, and everything else is lost sight of. The natural result of this is that the city wants to get anything it must pay ten or twenty prices for it, and our taxes are far higher than is reasonable or necessary for the same reason. As a demoralizer of youth politics stands almost without an equal, and when the young man goes into politics it can safely be said that he is cut away from all good influences and wanders about from saloon to saloon and from barroom to barroom, going from bad to worse, associating with the worst kind of people and losing sight of all good training he may have received, until at last he is hopelessly lost."

MAHER NOT ANXIOUS.

The Olympic Club has little hope of hearing favorably from the Irishman. Superintendent Kennedy telegraphed Maher on Wednesday that the Olympic Club would give 50 per cent of the gross receipts accruing from a twenty-round contest between Jeffries and Maher, but that so far as a guarantee is concerned the club would not take such a matter under consideration for a moment.

DIVORCE IS NOW SOUGHT.

Alleged That Another Lady Is Now Occupying Mr. McGalvey's Attention. Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, March 31. City steal politics and scandals are still the topic of conversation and a fresh morsel for gossip was furnished this evening when it became known that the majority of the City Council had caucused and had agreed on the reorganization of that body.

At the present time Mrs. McGalvey, with her little daughter Irene, is in hiding in this city, and she is devoting all her time to protecting her child from those who she imagines are planning to abduct it and take it back to McGalvey's stepmother, Mrs. Montross of Irvington. Before her marriage Mrs. McGalvey was Miss Blanche Cannon, and her father is one of the guards at the State treasury at the capital.

For some months Mrs. McGalvey stayed at Irvington, but she was not satisfied with her life there. She says her husband is more of a domestic than of a member of the family, and several times she made an attempt to leave him, but not having any money could not do so. Very close watch was kept upon her movements, as it was widely feared she would try to escape with her child by some means or other her story of unhappiness became known to the neighbors, and they decided to help her. The situation was thoroughly discussed and it was arranged that a party should be organized to escort Mrs. McGalvey to any place she might desire to go.

The neighbors clubbed together and put up a purse of \$5, and then carried out a little ruse by which Mrs. McGalvey and her child got away without exciting any suspicion. Some of the neighbors engaged the Montrosses in conversation, and they dropped the subject. A deputy constable was in charge of the rig, and as soon as Mrs. McGalvey and the girl were seated there was a race against time. Haywards, the rig had a good start, and when the fugitives were discovered there was a chase organized, but nothing was accomplished.

On arriving at Haywards Mrs. McGalvey and child boarded an electric car and came to Oakland. She is now in this city, and her name is concealed. Mrs. McGalvey alleges unfaithfulness as the chief reason why she desires to be free, and mentions the name of a certain Katie Meyers as her husband's lady friend. Mrs. McGalvey says her husband was a leading figure in the transaction surrounding the coroner's inquest into the death of the young girl, and hints that she is possessed of much interesting information that her husband might not like her to tell.

MOFFETT IS LOCKED UP.

Tells of Having His Throat Slashed Open by a Knife in Colorado. OAKLAND, March 31.—Mrs. Dora Gurnsey, a daughter of Mrs. J. H. Moffett, whose husband shot and killed her two weeks or more ago, swore to a complaint this morning charging Moffett with murder. He was removed to the City Prison to await his preliminary examination.

This is not Moffett's first experience with the sensation of approaching near death. To-day he told the following story of his other escapades. "I was in Colorado a few miles from Denver that several years ago I was nearly laid out by a slash in my throat inflicted by a knife in the hands of an enraged man. He was attacking me at the billiards at the time, and in some way a dispute arose which almost terminated in a blood-bath. He was holding a revolver and when my strength began to fail on the floor he drew a knife and recklessly stabbed me in the throat. Everybody thought I was dead and the man was threatened with lynching.

I lived through, just as I did this time. You can't kill me you can't head off."

CHARGED WITH THEFT.

Arrest of a Fortune-Teller for Robbing a Chinaman. Margaret McKeeney, a fortune teller, was arrested last night on complaint of a Chinaman named Wong Ling and charged with petty larceny. According to the story of the Chinaman he visited the woman's room at 522 Kearny street and asked her to tell him his fortune. He gave her \$1, and while she pretended to be reading his past and future she deftly removed his pocket book containing \$5.

After leaving her the Chinaman missed his money, and realizing he had been robbed he at once hunted up a policeman with the result that the woman was arrested. She emphatically denied the charge that the same process used here is the one their clients are accused of infringing upon.

A WOMAN FLEES WITH HER CHILD

Is Now Hiding so That No One Can Find the Girl. Neighbors Put Up a Plot That Made Escape Possible.

Her Husband a Prominent Politician at the Capitol. Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, March 31. City steal politics and scandals are still the topic of conversation and a fresh morsel for gossip was furnished this evening when it became known that the majority of the City Council had caucused and had agreed on the reorganization of that body.

WOMEN CONVINCED THAT EVER THAT SEVENTH STREET IS A LOCAL SYSTEM.

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THE ASSASSOR NOW SEES A WAY TO CLINCH HIS OLD ARGUMENT.

The railroad's lines, not having any cross-town connections with which to transfer, and being refused all transfer privileges by the Syndicate, it became imperative to transfer to the steam road as the only means of holding a large share of the Broadway travel. The new move is of peculiar interest to Assessor Dalton, who maintains that it will now be impossible for the railroad to argue that the Seventh street road is a portion of the main line and should not be taxed by the county, as it is assessed by the State Board of Equalization. Every year Assessor Dalton has put the local road on Rogers' list, but been stricken off by the county board, acting under the direction of the State Board.

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WILL CHANGE ITS SWITCH.

ALAMEDA, March 31.—At the last meeting of the City Trustees complaint was made that the switching of the electric cars on Park street took up too much of that thoroughfare and was dangerous in case of fire, blocking the street leading to the central firehouses. The company was communicated with, and it has notified the authorities that it will at once put in a switch on Santa Clara avenue, between Oak and Park streets, where the cars running on that avenue will hereafter be switched.

THE HUDSON LECTURES.

OAKLAND, March 31.—William H. Hudson, professor of English literature at Stanford University, will lecture on "Shakespeare and the English Romantic Drama" in the lecture-room of the Oakland Unitarian Church on the next four Friday evenings at 8 o'clock, as follows: April 2, 9, 16, 23. The subject is "Shakespeare's Time"; April 8, "The Stage"; April 16, "Shakespeare's Time"; April 23, "The English Romantic Drama."

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THE STREET RAILROAD WAR IS CAUSING A GREAT MANY CHANGES.

NEW CITY HALL APPOINTEES ARE NOW INSTALLED IN OFFICE. Merchants Anxious That Politics Be Kept Out of the Street Department. More Convinced Than Ever That Seventh Street is a Local System.

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OLYMPIC HANDBALL. A Large List of Entries Ready to Try Conclusions at the Popular Game.

Judging by the list of entries in the Olympic doubles handball tournament, there will be exciting times in the Post-street almshouse this evening. Prizes have been offered for the championship in each class, and the players are practicing daily in the hope that they will be successful. Following is the list of entries:

First class—Hampton and Curley, Harrison and James, Morton and an unnamed photographer, Saxe and Collins, and Sullivan and Taylor. Second class—Rush and Bowman, Cutter and Duff, Robinson and Russ, Herrin and Mellwood, McGuinness and Sheay and Mallon and Leighton. Third class—Parker and Bowditch, Slavin and Bartlett, Bostwick and Burns, Hayward and Littlefield, Gimmel and Jackson, Rutz and Johnson, Cunningham and Westover, McKenzie and Ransome, Morse and Kelly, and Gunn and Kelly.

STOLE AN OVERCOAT.

Detective Crockett yesterday afternoon arrested a young man who gave his name as Frank Dale and charged him with stealing an overcoat. Crockett saw him entering the Lincoln School on Fifth street, and convinced that he intended to rob the cloak room he proceeded to arrest him. Dale on catching a glimpse of the officer started to run away, but was captured after a short chase and taken to the City Prison. When searched several pawn tickets, showing that he had disposed of watches, supposed to have been stolen, were found in his possession.

AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHS.

An Entertaining Exhibit at the Sketch Club Draws Crowds. The Young Ladies' Social League of the First Presbyterian Church gave an amateur photographic art show in the rooms of the Sketch Club, on Sutter street. The work was very good, and would have reflected credit on professionals had it been their luck to have done it. The show will be continued this afternoon and evening.

WHO OWNS THE PURSE?

The police have in their possession a black purse which was found on Market street, and intended to rob the building, and they want an owner. The purse contained a small sum of money and a lady's gold watch.

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