ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS.

ALAMEDA'S CROPS ARE DOUBTFUL

San Leandro's Cannery Is Not to Be Built This Year.

Livermore's Creamery Closed Because of Scarcity of Feed.

Fruit Spoiled in Few Places and the Yield Will Be Small.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, April 11.

The crop and fruit conditions and prospects in Alameda County are now causing grave anxiety. The excessive warmth of to-day, it is expected, will be followed by a light rain to-morrow or next day and in many districts this will entirely ruin apricots and cherries. Some of the farmers report that it will now be impossible to get even moderate crops, as the young cereals are so stunted and backward that they cannot possibly produce anything but poor fodder.

The fruit crop, being so lacking in promise, has been the means of delaying the building of the cannery of San Leandro for which a generous public subscription was raised. It will not be opened this season, but the committee has accepted an agreement that insures the opening of the cannery next year. The proposition that has been agreed upon is that of the King-Morse Cannery Company of San Francisco.

The principal conditions of the contract are as follows: That the association deeds a block of land and pays over to the company the balance in cash which will aggregate the sum of five thousand dollars and which is to be collected by July 1, 1898; while the company agrees to break ground by November 1 of this year and begin with the erection of buildings by January 1, 1899. The cannery to have capacity of 50,000 cases per canning season. The last condition was proposed by the association, but a private interview with Mr. Morse, the president of the company, elicited the fact that the calculations are for a capacity of 100,000 cases per canning season.

A report received at The Call office from Haywards to-day says the hot spell has materially diminished the chances of good apricot and almond crops, but that there will be fair yields of other fruits unless something more destructive in the meteorological line visits the county.

The lack of feed for stock in the valley and foothill lands is having a decidedly bad effect upon the Livermore creamery.

The local institution was closed down on Wednesday morning, and the new management will seek other fields.

The Altamont skimming station, which has been operated in connection with the creamery, has not been put in use this season. Thirty-five thousand pounds of milk was the daily average of the skimming station for April of last year. Farmers of that section are moving their stock over in the Corral Hollow country, where the feed, though not in abundance, far surpasses the ranges in the Altamont hills.

Three weeks ago the creamery had eighteen patrons who furnished a daily average of 2500 pounds of milk. Since then the number of patrons has increased to twenty-two and the average daily amount of milk has decreased to about 1700 pounds.

It can be readily seen that the creamery could not long survive this condition of affairs and unless a change for an increase of feed for the stock takes place within the next two or three weeks, Livermore Valley's creamery will remain closed for the season of '98.

OBJECTS TO THE LITTLE PETITION

The Council Protests Against Changing the Pierhead Lines.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, April 11.

The City Council laid over indefinitely to-night the ordinance calling for the election of freeholders to frame a new charter.

The attempt to change the pierhead lines, as already published in The Call, was brought up by Mr. Upton, who introduced the following resolution:

Whereas, A petition has been filed and is now pending before the Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., in San Francisco, Cal., seeking to have moved landmark and pierhead lines in the Oakland harbor, as established about five years ago by the Federal Government, the effect of which change would be to put new pierhead lines and all wharves and landings solely upon lands claimed by the Oakland Water Front Company, leaving no free water frontage or landing place under the control of the public, as is now the case under the decision of the Supreme Court of California, as it now stands,

Resolved, That the City Council of the city of Oakland views the proposed change with great alarm as against the public interest, against the growth of Oakland and the rights of the city and the whole public; and this Council does most strongly protest against any change of pierhead lines, the effect of which would be to limit wharves, docks, piers or landing places to territory claimed in private ownership, thus taking the dominion and control of the city front out of the hands of the public and putting it into the hands of individuals or of a private corporation organized for profit, and this Council protests against any change of harbor lines, the effect of which would be to diminish the area of water front now under public control.

Resolved, That the City attorney be and he is hereby directed to appear (at the hearing of said petition) in support of this resolution, and the special attorneys of the city in the water front litigation are requested to appear in the same way and oppose any change of pierlines.

To the surprise of everybody the resolution created a warm debate. Brosnahan argued that the employment of the city's special attorney would mean a special fee. Mr. Hill denied this, and said that the special counsel would be glad of the opportunity to appear without any fee. It was seen that the resolution was not favorable to many, and after a warm talk an attempt was made to suspend the rules and pass the resolution forthwith. This was defeated by a vote of 6 to 4, Rowe being absent. It takes eight votes to suspend the rules, so the resolution went to the committee which meets next Monday night. As the meeting in San Francisco is set for next Monday morning, Oakland will have no official representative in a matter that vitally concerns her progress.

Berkeley News Notes.

BERKELEY, April 11.—Professor C. B. Bradley lectured at the university this afternoon on "The English Essay; Its Development and Some of Its Types."

Professor A. F. Lange is visiting high schools in the southern part of the State. Professor Frederick Slate left for the south on a similar errand yesterday, and Professor C. B. Bradley will leave to-morrow.

Farmers' institutes under the supervision of the university agricultural department will be held to-morrow at St. Helena, Friday and Saturday at Lodi, and on the 21st, 22d and 23d inst. at Napa.

On account of the Maine disaster and the threatened danger to the peace of the nation, Paul Revere Council No. 23, Jr. O. U. A. M., of Berkeley, has indefinitely postponed the entertainment and hop which it had arranged to give next Friday night.

Free, 1 month's treatment. New cure. Asthma cured to stay cured. Dr. Gordin, 514 Pine st.

BLANDING NO MORE ASSIGNEE

Judge Greene Ridicules the Jupiter Mine Scheme.

Its Stock Not Worth Wind to Blow It Across the Street.

Mrs. Ingalls' Attorneys May Now Take Steps to Nullify a Mortgage.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, April 11.

Charles F. Blanding is no longer assignee of the estate of the insolvent Mrs. Sarah T. Ingalls. This morning he was removed by Judge Greene and the court gave more than a hint that Mr. Blanding had looked out for himself at the expense of his clients more than the law generally tolerates.

For nearly a week the peculiar business methods of Mr. Blanding have puzzled Judge Greene and interested the attorneys who tried to unravel them. One of the pieces of evidence that seemed to impress the Judge as being not quite proper was that relating to the $1000 obtained from Mrs. Ingalls in return for the mortgage on her Berkeley property.

Mrs. Ingalls' attorneys asked Mr. Blanding why he did not incorporate the Jupiter Mining Company, and he replied that he never had money enough to draw up and file the articles of incorporation. Blanding stated that he tried to sell the note of Mrs. Ingalls for $1250, and with that money he intended to file his papers in Tennessee. He was then asked if it were not a fact that he had told somebody that he would use the money to float an insurance society, and he did not satisfy them as to whether he had said so or not.

In removing him as assignee Judge Greene made a few remarks. He commented rather severely on the manner in which Blanding had handled the affairs of Mrs. Ingalls, and in conclusion said: "These certificates of the Jupiter Dark Blue Shining Bright Consolidated Coal and Blue Gravel Mining Company (or whatever its name is) were not recognized by her creditors; they were valueless; they were not worth the wind it would take to blow them across the street. The $3000, therefore, passed into your hands without return. I am compelled to order your removal as assignee and must remark that if you are innocent you are innocent beyond your age."

It is probable that the attorneys for Mrs. Ingalls, having secured the removal of Blanding as assignee, will now attempt to have the mortgage set aside.

An Officer Not Guilty.

ALAMEDA, April 11.—The case of the People vs. Constable Jerry Quinlan of East Oakland, charged with disturbing the peace, was tried by jury before Justice Morris to-day. The jury brought in a verdict of not guilty. Deputy District Attorney Stetson conducted the prosecution and Attorney Chapman was counsel for the defense.

Quinlan was charged with disturbing the peace of one Vincent of East Oakland. A dogfight was being held in Vincent's blacksmith-shop, and Quinlan endeavored to stop the fight. Vincent swore to a warrant charging Quinlan with disturbing the peace.

LADY BULLER IS NOT INSANE

Her Attorney Says That Oakland Police Are Hasty.

Her Ladyship Is Arrested in West Oakland and Booked as Deranged.

Ways of the British Aristocracy Are Not Understood by Blunt Californians.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, April 11.

Lady Leilah Kirkham Yarde-Buller attended Judge Hall's court this morning to prosecute the litigation over the Kirkham estate, and this afternoon she was arrested in West Oakland on a suspicion of insanity.

For over a year some of her relatives living in this city have been of the belief that her ladyship was not of sound mind, but no occasion has arisen that would give them a valid reason for having her examined regarding her mental condition.

This afternoon Lady Yarde-Buller went to Jackson's drug store in West Oakland and asked the clerk to order her carriage to be sent for her. She talked very incoherently and behaved in such an excitable manner that the proprietor of the store concluded she was insane. He tried to enter into conversation with her, but she would give him no satisfaction beyond saying that she was a member of the British aristocracy, had wealth in plenty and would be much obliged if he would call up her carriage so that she might go home. Becoming convinced that the lady was not responsible, the Receiving Hospital was requested to take her in charge, and Warden Keating now has her in the insane department.

After her arrival at the hospital, Warden Keating sent for Dr. Wheeler, her brother-in-law, told him of the circumstances and asked him what he wished to have done. Dr. Wheeler replied that he had long been of the opinion that her ladyship was not able to take care of herself, and that it would probably be best for her to be examined, and if found irrational to be taken care of.

The divorce proceedings of Mrs. Yarde-Buller and the part she took in the litigation over the estate of her father, the late General Kirkham, have brought the family into much prominence during the past three years. Various stories of the doings of her ladyship have been circulated, but only in the form of rumors, although on some occasions they seem to have had some foundation. About a year ago Lady Buller came from England but did not announce her coming. It was thought that a previous arrangement she had made with the other heirs of the Kirkham estate had been entirely satisfactory and that her ladyship would spend her fortune and pass the remainder of her days in the west end of London. This, however, was not so, and Lady Buller with her two sons, one of them a lieutenant in the British army, arrived at the Hotel Metropole and announced that they were not satisfied with her ladyship's portion.

Another agreement was made, and for a time her ladyship lived with an old nurse in a little cottage on the edge of the marsh in West Oakland. It is not known when her ladyship moved her residence from this city, but it is now stated that she has been living for some time in a San Francisco hotel.

Upon being placed in the ward Mrs. Yarde-Buller at once fell in a deep sleep and her relatives and attorneys were notified of her detention. To-morrow morning she will be examined by doctors who will decide whether her insanity be due to legitimate weakening of the brain or to other causes.

Some time ago Lieutenant Blair, the elder of Mrs. Buller's two sons, returned to his regiment in England, and the younger one remained with his mother.

E. H. Wakeman, Lady Yarde-Buller's attorney, at whose home she has been residing for the past six months, and her son Arthur were at the hospital to-night. Mr. Wakeman was terribly put out because his client was charged with insanity. "Why, she is no more insane than you are," he said. "We were out late last night, and she drank pretty heavily. To-day she got out and was boisterous. The police did not know her, and when she asked them to call for her carriage they thought, of course, she was insane. Why didn't they charge her with drunkenness and lock her up until her son or myself could be notified. Then we could have taken her home in a carriage. Now she must be examined before she can leave this place. She will surprise the examiners in the morning, for she will be all right then. It is a wonder Oakland police don't know a drunk when they see one."

Elections Come in the Spring.

OAKLAND, April 11.—The annual election for town officials was held in Emeryville, Haywards, Pleasanton and San Leandro. The polls opened at sunrise and closed at 5 o'clock. While considerable interest was manifest in most of the places, there was no party strife, every candidate being placed in the field by petition.

Emeryville was quiet, there being little interest taken in the result. The vote stood:

Trustees—William Fieldwick, 233; J. T. Doyle, 211; W. H. Christie, 232; Mrs. Smith, 33. Clerk—J. C. Coburn, 212; Mr. Pierce, 33. Treasurer—C. G. Mayborn, 173; James Billis, 62. Marshal—J. T. Cushing, 231; no opposition.

At Haywards the election resulted as follows:

Trustees—John H. Haar, 154; T. S. Lee, 77; A. J. Powell, 209; F. J. Russell, 68; C. P. Van Dyke, 39. Town Marshal—W. J. Ramage, 236; F. J. Silva, 56; C. Pape, 1. Clerk—J. A. Collins, 209; M. B. Templeton, 88. Treasurer—A. E. Fischer, 230; J. Barderdo, 7. Library Trustee—Short term, E. O. Bennett, 205; long term, Charles Allen, 175; J. J. McDonnell, 169; R. Reid, 216; G. Toyne, 145.

Pleasanton spent an exciting day, for besides their candidates they had three specific propositions regarding public utilities and taxes which created considerable excitement, but all of them were voted down. The returns are:

Trustees—S. E. Elliott, 88; P. Kolb, 77; Frank Lewis, 115; Henry Reimers, 121. Clerk—J. H. Neal, 131; Pat Quinn, 76. Treasurer—E. L. Benedict, 166; no opposition. Marshal—M. Donnelly, 74; Ed Head, 133. For or against bonding the town to procure light and water, the cost not to exceed $20,000—Yes, 16; no, 155. For or against instituting a free public library—Yes, 43; no, 131. For or against a merchants' license—Yes, 75; no, 87.

The San Leandro vote was:

Trustees—I. H. Begier, 166; A. B. Cary, 189; J. A. Gallet, 231; J. H. Garcia, 150. Clerk—Antone King, 19; L. J. Martin, 121; N. T. Sturtevant, 99; F. H. Williams, 147. Marshal—M. Borge, 94; M. Geisenhofer, 236; N. L. Hansen, 79. Treasurer—Joseph Herrscher, 235; F. Meyers, 151.

DEMOCRATS DECRY ONE-MAN POWER

Major Harney's General Committee Outlines the Plans of the Party

After Some Reflections on Another Faction Primary Preliminaries Were Arranged.

There was a large and enthusiastic meeting of the general committee of the local Democratic party in Pioneer Hall last evening at which business of importance was transacted.

Major E. J. Harney, as chairman of the meeting, in calling the 225 who attended to order, outlined the work before them. In part he said:

You have assembled this evening as the legal representatives of the Democratic party of this city for the consideration of matters affecting its welfare, and to make arrangements for the selecting of a new general committee, in accordance with the provisions of the plan of the organization. The plan to which we propose to conform was adopted in 1896, and in the same year it was approved by the Democratic State Central Committee and also ratified by the Democratic State Convention, the highest authority within the Democracy of California. This general committee was elected by the Democratic voters of San Francisco in accordance with this plan, and therefore it stands to-day as the only body that can legally claim to represent the Democratic voters in this city and county.

It is true there is another committee composed of 110 members calling itself the Democratic County Committee who claims to represent the Democratic party of San Francisco. This committee, as you are all aware, was appointed by one man, who it would seem, presumes to hold in the hollow of his mighty hand the destinies of the Democracy of San Francisco, and at the same time this committee claimed by this man is posing before this city and State as antagonistic to the power of political bossism which is now, as it ever has been, nothing more or less than one man power.

The law of nature makes it impossible for the stream to rise higher than its source. A political committee appointed absolutely by one man cannot seriously be regarded as a menace to a political boss. The fundamental principle underlying our Democratic faith is based on the firm reliance in the sovereignty of the voters. The voters of this republic constitute the sovereign power of the nation, and on the same principle the Democratic voters of San Francisco have the right to outline their party's policy and to name their representatives in the executive council of its organization.

Major Harney then called attention to the fact that nothing would be approved but a fair, open primary, at which every Democratic voter will be given an opportunity to vote, and be assured that his vote as cast would be counted.

J. A. Fenton then offered a set of resolutions, calling for the election of a new general committee, which were adopted almost immediately after their reading by Secretary McGovern.

In substance the resolutions called for a primary election to be held on Monday, April 25, and calling for the election of 450 members, twenty-five from each Assembly district; also that the enrollment of Democratic voters should be held on April 14, 15 and 16, between the hours of 7 and 10 a. m. It also called for the organization of the various district clubs on April 20, and the election by roll-call of a permanent chairman and secretary. The resolution then told how the election should be conducted.

At the conclusion of the reading a communication outlining the history of the two factions was read and was listened to with interest. The legality of the two parties was touched on in an able manner, which led every one to believe that the paper was prepared by a lawyer. It was laid on the table.

A recess was then taken to allow the representatives of each district an opportunity to determine where the places for enrollment in their several districts should be held. Their selections were ratified and will appear in Wednesday's Call.

The chairman of the general committee has power to appoint a committee of three in each district to supervise the enrollment, but his selections are not to be members of the present general committee.

The campaign committee of twenty will hold a meeting this evening at its headquarters, in room 34, Baldwin Hotel.

Woodsum Not a Candidate.

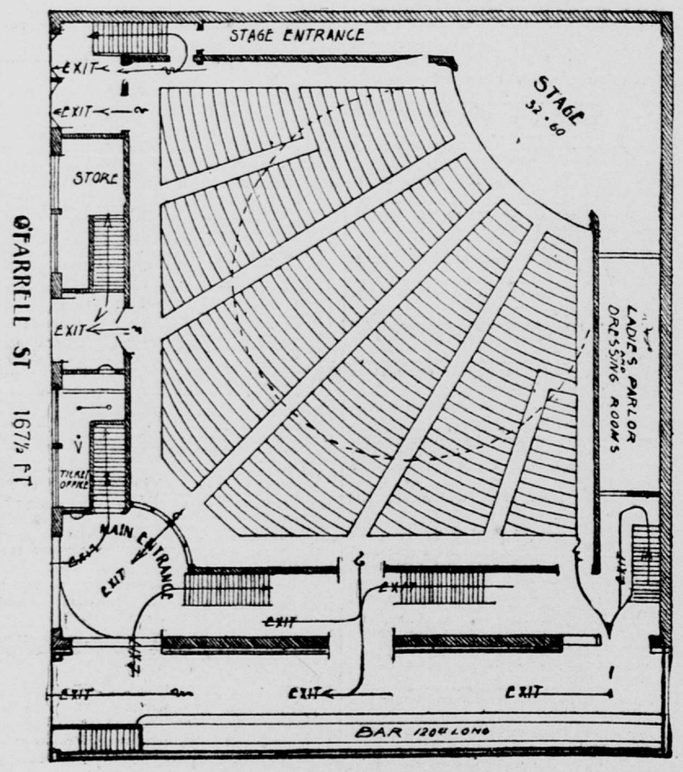
OAKLAND, April 11.—George C. Woodsum of Berkeley, who was formerly a deputy under County Clerk Jordan, says he is not a candidate for any office and does not expect to be. A few months ago Mr. Woodsum caused it to be understood that he would be a candidate for County Clerk, but he now declares he has abandoned all such intention.

Oakland News Items.

OAKLAND, April 11.—Rev. E. R. Dille, D.D., will give an illustrated lecture of the civil war under the auspices of Lyon Post No. 8, G. A. R., and Relief Corps No. 6, Tuesday evening at Loring Hall. There will be patriotic songs and recitations by well known amateurs.

The Unitarian Sunday-school Orchestra will give a concert Tuesday evening in the lecture room of the church.

WILL TAKE UP MORE ROOM.



Plans for Remodeling and Enlarging the Orpheum in Accordance With Latest Designs.

The great popularity of the Orpheum with the theater-going public of San Francisco has led the management to lay out plans for the remodeling and enlarging of the present building, which will make it at once one of the most commodious and best-equipped buildings in the country. Gustav Walter returned Friday evening from a long tour of investigation and inspection and the result was that he at once set an architect at work drawing plans for remodeling the structure.

The property adjoining the theater on the east, which was known as "Three Fingered Jack's Place," comprising forty feet, will be added, giving the building a frontage of 167½ feet on O'Farrell street. The annex will also be completely remodeled. The bar will be run the full length of 125 feet against the west wall, and a handsome arched doorway will lead into the theater proper.

Probably the best feature of the whole arrangement will be the new stage. Instead of being directly opposite the O'Farrell street entrance it will be placed in the southeast corner, after the fashion of Ronacher's famous establishment in Vienna. This will leave every seat in the building, even to the farthest corner, in a direct line with the stage, and the view will be equally good from all parts of the house. This will also give greater facilities for handling scenery, which is now the chief drawback of the house. The present entrance will be used only as an exit, or in case of fire, and a large and handsome entrance will be constructed at the west end of the building on O'Farrell street. This will be directly opposite the stage. The new stage will be triangular in shape, and can readily be made smaller or larger, according to the scenery used, without interfering with the view in the smallest degree.

The building will also be raised and two new galleries put in, which will give the house a seating capacity of 6000. The house will be completely refurnished with the most comfortable chairs obtainable, and will be finished off in a style of simple and harmonious beauty.

The Orpheum circuit now includes San Francisco, Sacramento, Kansas City, Los Angeles and St. Louis, and a new house will be opened in Omaha early in the fall. Negotiations are also being made for houses in Chicago and New York. With this enlarged circuit the management will be able to put on a better class of productions than have ever been seen on this coast.

The work of remodeling will be begun at once, and the theater will be reopened at about the same time as the new house in Omaha. It is not expected that it will be necessary to close the house over two weeks.

TRIP TO THE TENDERLOIN

Hoyt's "Stranger" Is the Thirstiest Play Ever Written.

The Strange Adventures of Mr. Pascoe at the Alcazar.

Another Morosco Melodrama—Continuances at the Other Playhouses.

This time our genial friend, Charles Hoyt, has forsaken the small suburban settlement with its modest delights and dissipations and has hied him to New York, and written a farce about the great metropolitan tenderloin. And—sad to tell—he has written not in satire, but in glorification. Hoyt, our one hope, our comic antidote for a nation's sins, has evolved a piece with the largest capacity for cocktails, wine and "wow!" that is yet on record. I have seen "Ten Nights in a Barroom," "Drink," New York Casino "reviews" and many plays that could hold their own in the consumption of strong fluids—but this piece, "A Stranger in New York," is the limit. It is a dramatic tank. It drinks from the rise of the first curtain until the drop of the last; it swims, splashes, soaks in it, until your brain grows dizzy and your chair reels. I prefer Mr. Hoyt in a more temperate mood, when he shouts less and says more. The fun of this piece depends wholly on its rattle and glitter and thirst; there is little observation in it and none of the good natured satire that is usually the best part of a Hoyt play—in fact, the author seems frankly enamored of the tenderloin, and for three acts he paints it an inflammatory red.

Such plot as comes to the surface is this: The "stranger," after picking up a letter of introduction, delivering it to the person addressed, and being welcomed with all sorts of brotherly love and libation is led off to the French ball, the host under the impression that he is entertaining the man in whose behalf the letter was written. The man who has lost the letter becomes the victim of a practical joke of his own which sends him to a pesthouse. He escapes and comes to the ball, where he is compelled to assume a spurious name, while the "stranger" enjoys the wine, the glory and the girls. There is a bit of side plot in the victim's wife, who employs a detective to discover her husband at the ball—but it is only incidental and very trivial.

The action and interest are centered in the phenomenal thirsts and capacities of the stranger and his companions. The ball scene, or rather a room in the Madison Square Garden on the night of a ball, takes up the last two of the three acts, exploiting specialties between drinks. Joseph Coyne, a young man of great lengths and limbernesses, extravagantly mobile countenance and considerable magnetism, plays the "stranger," with finished tenderloin assurance, and sings several songs with entertaining humor. Charles Dungan does all that any one could do for the "host."

This is not the original New York cast, but it includes Anna Boyd, Camille Cleveland, Minnie Bridges, Harry Rogers, Sam Marion and John Dudley, who certainly do not make the play out to be any less than it really is. In fact both Mr. Hoyt and the company do the tenderloin to its very rarest.

ASHTON STEVENS.

Alcazar.

When Eddie Foy essayed to portray the "Strange Adventures of Miss Brown" in the play of that name no one accused him of being a good female impersonator, nor will any one accuse William H. Pascoe, who plays the part in the present Alcazar production, of appearing anything but male. Mr. Pascoe's masculinity is more positive than his humor, but the good work of Mrs. Bates, Wallace Shaw and Gertrude Foster does a lot to make the performance a go.

Morosco's.

The patrons of Morosco's were entertained last night by an elaborate melodrama, "The Pavements of Paris," in which the regular company did its usual reliable work and La Petite Lund introduced several little specialties, besides appearing advantageously in the part of Marie. The scenes are more than averagely good, especially the one of Paris by moonlight.

Tivoli.

"Sinbad the Sailor" has been whipped into smoother shape, and is good for a long run at the Tivoli.

Columbia.

"Shore Acres" has all of this week at the Columbia, after which Mr. Herne's popular picture play gives way to Marie Jansen in "Delmonico's at Six."

California.

Edward Harrigan in "Old Lavender" was greeted by another large audience last night, and promises to make out a profitable week at the California.

Orpheum.

Hyde's Comedians furnish the best all-round vaudeville show that has been seen at the Orpheum in half a year.

Music Notes.

Little Paloma Schramm, the remarkable child pianist, gave a little impromptu performance in the Sherman & Clay Hall yesterday morning for a small invited audience of musicians and critics. She played several standard pieces of more or less difficulty with amazing fluency and understanding, and extemporized on several themes that were written out for her. The child is not yet 9 years old, and promises to make a sensation at the recitals to be given in the Sherman & Clay Hall to-morrow and Friday afternoons and Thursday evening.

The sale of seats for the Melba-Damrosch-Ellis season of opera commences Thursday morning at the California. The prices range from $7 to $2.

The first of two benefit concerts to be tendered the young violinist, Marino, comes off to-morrow night at the Sherman & Clay Hall.

Chutes.

The animals, their tamers, Chiquita and a vaudeville show in the free theater are to be found out at the end of Haight street.

Hartman En Route.

Ferris Hartman left New York for San Francisco last night, accompanied by the company which he will rehearse for "The Purser," the English farce, which appears at the Baldwin on the 25th inst.

A Bond Election for a Park.

OAKLAND, April 11.—The City Council to-night passed an ordinance calling for a bond election to purchase the Adams Point property, but no date is set.

Alameda News Notes.

ALAMEDA, April 11.—Mrs. Mary A. Laverty died last evening at her home, 2264 Clinton avenue. She was a native of Canada and 54 years of age.

The opera "Iolanthe" will be given on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week at Armory Hall, by a company of amateurs who have been well drilled and will probably give a good performance.

There were only twenty-five visitors at the Free Library yesterday during the three hours that the place was open. The belief is gaining ground that it would be a good idea to have the library closed altogether on Sunday.

The feature of the meeting of the Unitarian Club Wednesday evening will be a talk by ex-Congressman Sumner on "A Trip to England and a Few Glances at English Facts and Folks."

It is in contemplation by the parish of Christ Church to erect a building adjoining the present church which will be adapted to meetings of various kinds. It is proposed to have an assembly hall, rector's study, guild and class rooms, kitchen, etc. Plans have been prepared and will be discussed at the annual meeting this evening.

EDWARDS DAVIS MAKES ANSWER

His Scathing Arraignment of Those Who Belittle Him.

OAKLAND, April 11.—The following self-explanatory letter was received today from Rev. Edwards Davis regarding the Central Christian Church affair:

PACIFIC GROVE, Cal., April 11, 1898.

Noticing in the Sunday issue of the papers a statement of the deficiency of the funds of the Central Christian Church, with which my name is associated, I beg to express at this first opportunity my denial of any compromising action. I am not surprised that the manifest littleness of my successor has accordingly lessened the receipts of the congregation. If there is a deficiency now, I am confident there was no discrepancy in my accounts with the treasurer. Upon my resignation I submitted to the officers of the church a financial statement which was accepted, and voluntarily a motion was made and addressed by the clerk to me, commending me in its fairness.

As for Mr. H. E. Magill, referred to, I can but in justice to him express my confidence in his exactness as an accountant. In the beginning of my successor's pastorate in our denominational journals and private letters, I have besought the blessing of God upon his labors. The effort of Mr. Sawyer to detect a deficiency on my part is only accountable in his humiliation at realizing his incompetency in meeting the expectations and requirement of such a congregation. His prejudiced references to his predecessor has resulted in the disgust and departure of many of the members, resignations from the officers and an alienation of the former attending non-membership.

As for Deacon Dodson, such a degree has been conferred since my regime, I am not surprised at any such statement from him that I had retained money belonging to the church. He has not entertained a warm feeling for fellowship for me since having borrowed the small sum of $5, which for the past six months he has been unable to repay, nor am I surprised at any statement from Mr. Metcalf, especially since I have recently insisted on the payment of money borrowed to the extent of $26, due for some six months past. I absolutely deny any deficiency in my deliverance of funds to the church or discrepancy in my accounts therewith. I have no alteration to make to my accepted report. If the two officers mentioned will meet the deficiency in their accounts they can more conscientiously attempt to discover deficiency in mine. If the church desires any further communication it would be better for its welfare to express itself through its officiary rather than through the press. Its statements should be specific and not ambiguously general. Regretting the manifest littleness that has brought low a work which I have devoted years of sacrifice and interest, I am,

EDWARDS DAVIS.

KELLER ON WAR ISSUES.

If Trouble Must Come Business Interests Demand Prompt Action.

OAKLAND, April 11.—M. J. Keller returned from one of his semi-annual visits to Chicago and New York to-day. He said both cities were considerably excited over the threatened war. He thinks the business element is most conservative. He said:

"These interests think that it would be better to find a peaceable way out of the present complications if it can be done with honor. If war must be, they will be in favor of meeting it with vigor. War is better than indefinite suspense. The war agitation naturally retards enterprises and investment.

"Business, however, throughout the East is better than it has been, and in some sections of the country wholesalers report largely increased orders. That is particularly true from the great wheat belts in Kansas and Iowa and the Dakotas."

Great Benevolences.

In the large cities of the United States the condition of the metropolitan poor is constantly being ameliorated by the grand benevolences of wealthy people. Sanitary reforms are frequently suggested and carried out with earnestness and intelligence. Among sanitary reforms those produced by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters in dyspeptic stomach, disordered liver, bowels or nervous system are very conspicuous.

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