ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS.

RETRACTS ALL DEMANDS ON THE DIRECTORS

De Garmo Gray Sues for Peace.

WILL NOT GO TO COURT

HE KNOWS THE EXPOSITION LEFT NO PROFITS.

The Ex-Manager Suddenly Appears in Oakland After It Was Thought He Had Gone to Portland.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Dec. 22.

The last chapter in the story of the mismanagement of the Oakland Exposition was written to-day. The directors were treated to two surprises. One the sudden appearance of Manager De Garmo Gray, the other the receipt of two letters from his attorney stating that Mr. Gray had been misinformed regarding the finance of th exposition when he made his demand for a share of the profits; that he wished nothing further done in the premises, and that the issue was closed so far as Mr. Gray is concerned.

Mr. Gray called on Directors Keller and Gier quite early to let them know that he had not gone to Portland, as recent dispaches indicated. The directors were led into believing that he had gone to Portland by a statement made by his assistant, Mr. Morrison, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Gray was at first very aggressive, but after a short talk he was in a different frame of mind, and after his departure the letters were received in which he withdrew his demands and indicated his desire to close the incident.

It is stated that the figures on which Mr. Gray based his demand were supplied to him by his assistant, but the directors declare that if Mr. Gray were really led astray by his assistant's figures it was his own fault, for he was his assistant's superior.

"The publication of the details of this matter in The Call this morning," said Director Gier, "has brought this matter to a crisis. Mr. Gray is very anxious to have no more notoriety and says that there was one little error in the publication. Regarding last Monday, the time at which Gray and his attorney promised to meet the board of directors, it was said that neither was present and that his assistant had no authority to represent him. The assistant, Gray stated to-day, was clothed with authority to represent him, but of course we could do no business with him. Mr. Gray asked me why his relations with us had not been more pleasant, and I told him it was all his own fault. I reminded him that I had always spoken frankly to him, whereas he had always tried to act independently of the directors and had not treated us as openly as we treated him. I reminded him of the fact that until he sent us an attorney's letter containing threats and demands, we were disposed to treat him leniently, but that when he made such charges we were bound to reply to them out of self-respect. He promised me that everything was at an end, and that he would at once instruct his attorney to notify us of that fact. A couple of hours later the letters arrived. One was written to our attorney, George E. de Golia, the other to our secretary, George E. Roeth."

Director Keller also received a similar visit. Gray was accompanied by two friends when he called on Mr. Keller, and he began firing questions at the director in a very aggressive manner. Mr. Keller promptly told the ex-manager that he had not a word to say in the presence of two gentlemen whom he did not know and whose authority to be witnesses to any conversation he did not admit. As Gray persisted Mr. Keller retired, and after a short time the two friends went away and Gray arrived at the same understanding as with Director Gier. The withdrawal of his charges and demands were sent in open envelopes through Mr. Keller, and at the meeting of the exposition directors this evening they were read.

WELL KNOWN IN CHICAGO.

A Bad Character Given to Gray by the Pinkertons.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—William A. Pinkerton was not surprised to learn of De Garmo's defalcation when seen to-day by a Call representative. He said he had been looking for something of the sort. Regarding De Garmo he said:

Charles P. de Garmo, alias Colonel Charles P. de Garmo, alias Count de Garmo, alias C. P. Gray, was well-known around Chicago, and in fact all principal cities in the East. He started in life as an usher or programme seller for Colonel Jack Haverly, who had a number of amusement companies on the road, and he probably derived the title "Colonel" from the fact that Colonel Haverly used to dress him up in uniform while he distributed programmes on the street. Later he returned to Chicago, and in the days of the old Chicago Driving Park Association on the West Side he was a programme seller on the race track. He was always cheeky and was fantastic in his dress, and his associates were all among people from the half-world. For a while in Chicago he thrived off the earnings of a noted woman named Bessie Melville. When she drove him away he wrote letters threatening to commit suicide if she did not send him certain sums of money. The woman paid no attention to him and he drifted away to the Pacific Coast, posing as a promoter of theatricals, etc.

In San Francisco he became acquainted with Irma Stewart Stanley, an actress of the burlesque type. She was a large, fine, stoutly built woman; he was a small, stunted-looking fellow, his height being only about five feet three inches, and they made a queer looking couple. He brought her through Chicago and fooled the newspapers in regard to his intentions and his marriage, and then they went to New York, where he lived by his wits. Eventually, with his wife, he started for the Paris Exposition in 1887.

In Paris he picked up a precarious living as a "procurer" for young Americans who were on their first visit to the city. He also acted as a courier for parties who could stand his cheek and nerve. His wife separated from him in Europe and remained there. De Garmo returned to Chicago during the World's Fair year and engaged in an advertising business in company with a man named Boyle. While here he kept up his habits with his old associates and was refused admission to several of the popular hotels and restaurants on account of being accompanied by women of questionable character.

His advertising scheme was called the "Little World's Fair." The whole transaction was a bunko scheme, and Mr. Boyle soon found that De Garmo was doing nothing but eating up his money, so he broke away from him. Then De Garmo drifted away from here.

The next heard of him was in New York, where it is said he was employed as a "stool-pigeon" for the police department. From there he drifted out to South Africa, posing as a promoter of what was called a "Pure Food Exposition." While in South Africa he was the cause of exposing Charles Williams, alias White, as being the man who married Mrs. Nagle in Cheyenne, Wyo., and attempted to decamp with $100,000 of her money. De Garmo remained in South Africa for about a year and then drifted back to this country to introduce his pure-food shows. In the meantime he had changed his name to Charles P. Gray. The last time he was in Chicago, although he did not have $3 in his pocket, he called on the late P. F. Studebaker and endeavored to get the contract for the Studebaker building, which adjoins the Auditorium Hotel in this city, for the purpose of giving a pure food show. Studebaker, on inquiring who he was, happened to run across some one who told him that Gray was a fraud and a dead beat, and advising him to have nothing to do with the man. The last heard of De Garmo was in San Francisco, where he was endeavoring to get up a pure-food show at Oakland, Cal.

During his last visit to Chicago De Garmo was accompanied by a very beautiful young woman about 22 years of age, whom he introduced as his wife. He stated that on account of his past record and his former ways of living he had changed his name to Charles P. Gray. The woman had every appearance of being a lady.

NO PRECEDENT FOR THE CASE OF CHEESEMAN

An Expert Prophecy Comes True.

LIKELY TO KILL AGAIN

HE ONCE DECLARED THAT HE FEIGNED INSANITY.

Many New Features Will Be Introduced When the Interesting Case Comes Up for Trial.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Dec. 22.

The trial of Frank Cheeseman for murder will establish a precedent in this State, for no similar case has ever come before the courts of California. In the report in The Call of September 30, of the commitment of Cheeseman to an asylum occurs the following statement from the testimony of Dr. J. W. Robertson, the expert, which statement has proved to be remarkably true, and opens up an entirely new question in criminal law:

Dr. Robertson declared that while at the present time Cheeseman is insane, it is quite possible that he might be so rational at some future time that some State hospital, actuated by a desire to prevent the terrible overcrowding to which such institutions are now subject, might discharge the murderer as cured, and in a short time his mania might be as rabid as ever. Under this condition Dr. Robertson said that Cheeseman should be ordered to be confined for life, or else under such restraint that, should his reason return, he should be again subject to the jurisdiction of the court. Only by such caution, said the expert, could it be guaranteed that Cheeseman would not again commit murder.

Cheeseman was taking things very easy at the County Jail to-day, and declares that he does not remember anything relating to the murder, except what he has read in the papers. His early career was a remarkable one, and this is not the first time he has been charged with murder. On a former occasion he killed a man, but escaped the gallows by proving insanity. At the time he murdered Brooke last August he was keeping company with Brooke's stepdaughter, Miss Etta Payne, whom he also shot and wounded. In an interview given by Miss Payne, she said that Cheeseman had admitted to her that he could feign insanity and that he was only feigning when he was tried for his first murder. This statement of Miss Payne will go a long way toward supporting the theory that Cheeseman is a very clever actor and that he knew what he was doing when he shot Brooke.

Cheeseman's father says that since Frank was 7 years old he has been eccentric. At the age mentioned he was run over and sustained injuries to his head. From that time his conduct has always been unreliable. For nearly twenty years he has made periodical attempts to end his life. He has attempted hanging, cutting his throat, shooting himself and jumping from the ferry boats. But he has always escaped with his life.

District Attorney Snook and the jail officials declare that Cheeseman is perfectly sane now and that if he was shamming, which they do not believe, it was a very clever piece of acting, for the expert and the jury which passed on his case were thoroughly convinced of his lunacy at the time he was in Judge Ogden's court.

Cheeseman's case is very similar to that of Ferdinand Uhl, who, without provocation, shot and instantly killed Patrick Murphy in Temescal last spring. Uhl had been in an insane asylum, having shown homicidal tendencies. He was released as cured, but his homicide suddenly took possession of him one night, and after threatening to kill some one who called at his house he ran out and shot the first man he met.

THE CALL'S MARKET REPORTS OFFFICIAL

JUDGE OGDEN REGARDS THEM MOST RELIABLE.

So Adjudged in a Case That Interests Every Commission Merchant.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Dec. 22.

The market reports printed in The Call are official and admissible in evidence to establish current prices. Superior Judge Ogden so decided to-day in the suit of Clarence D. Smith against the Oakland Preserve Company, brought to recover a balance of $325 claimed due for a carload of Bartlett pears from Butte County, sold the Oakland Commission Company.

It appears that defendant had purchased several carloads early last September when, according to The Call, these pears ranged in price from $45 to $50 per ton. On September 15 the price jumped from $50 to $60, and defendant had waived an order for an additional carload, hence, of course, plaintiff declined to supply at the old price.

On behalf of the plaintiff Walter G. Manuel, ex-President of the City Council, was called as a witness. In testifying as to market prices witness quoted The Call. "These prices," said Mr. Manuel, "are gathered by competent reporters, who daily visit the wharves, warehouses and commission houses. The prices are published in the big dailies, but The Call is the most accurate in the matter."

Attorney Young for the defendant objected to The Call reports as being hearsay statements, but Judge Ogden overruled all objections, saying that such reports, issued by competent authority, are admissible. "Such reports are better and more reliable than the testimony of one who has actually made a purchase.

Judgment was given in favor of plaintiff for $262, the amount of the advance in prices being deducted because Judge Ogden did not consider the parole waiver as sufficient to impair the sanctity of a written contract.

Confessed Their Crime.

OAKLAND, Dec. 22.—Nelson Ladell and W. N. Griffin, arrested last night for breaking into the safe at the Galindo Hotel and carrying off $65, confessed today at the City Prison. The lads had been employed about the hotel by the proprietress, Mrs. Allen, who had taken them in out of charity, because they were starving. Yesterday Mrs. Allen concluded to discharge Ladell on account of his intemperate habits. Out of revenge they robbed the safe and prepared to leave the city, when Deputy Constable William Moffat apprehended them. All but $15 has been recovered and Mrs. Allen, still with a heart of sympathy and charity, placed only a charge of petty larceny against them. To this Ladell and Griffin will probably plead guilty.

Oakland News Items.

OAKLAND, Dec. 22.—Health Officer J. T. McLean of Alameda to-day filed an answer to the suit of Antone Gonzalves for $500 damages for negligently inflicting the tuberculin test on his cows. He denies the allegation and asks for a dismissal.

In the Probate Court to-day a petition was filed for the restoration to capacity of Miss Mary L. Wheeler, the school teacher who went insane some time ago after being treated through Christian science.

Mrs. Lizzie Small, the widow from whom John L. Sherman embezzled $500, for which he was convicted a few days ago, has recovered $299 of the stolen money, which was found on the prisoner's person. She received the money through attachment proceedings.

the alleged unlawful removal of her fence last June, was dropped from Judge Greene's calendar to-day.

READY FOR NORTHERN TRIP.

Berkeley Football Men Leave This Evening to Contend With the Gridiron Veterans of Oregon.

BERKELEY, Dec. 22.—The football team of the University of California will leave to-morrow evening on the Oregon express to play their Christmas match with the Multnomah team of Portland.

Nearly all the Berkeley men who lined up against Stanford last Thanksgiving day will go north with their team. Athearn and Craig are forced to stay behind and their places are to be taken by Hooper and Masters. Both the latter did splendid work on the scrub team during the season, and are well qulified to line up for the Varsity. Three substitutes have been provided for, among them Kerfoot, '01, who will second Bart Thane as quarterback. Percy Hall will captain the men and Manager Everett Brown and Trainer Al Lean are booked to accompany them.

The team looks at its prospects with fairly good spirit, although it expects a very close fight. Beyond some signal practice this afternoon it has had no training since the big game.

The Multnomah Club is composed of the crack players in the north. They expect most of their best men home for the Christmas vacation, so their line-up will be unusually strong.

Society Christmas Tree.

BERKELEY, Dec. 22.—Several of the prominent society ladies in Berkeley are preparing to give some of the children in the West End an afternoon visit from Santa Claus the Monday after Christmas day. Subscriptions and donations are being solicited to make the affair a success. It is expected that each child present will be given some small Christmas gift, together with candy and other good things. Small presents of clothing, toys, money or books will be received up to 9 o'clock Monday morning by the committee in charge.

The names of those interested, by whom also donations will be received, are: Mrs. James Bunnell, Mrs. Florence H. Chick, Mme. Victor Paget, Mrs. A. G. Freeman, Mrs. Hugh McMichael, Mrs. P. R Boone, Mrs. Adelaide Marquand, Miss Katherine Bunnell and Miss Mary Bird Clayes.

THREAT OF SUICIDE WAS ONLY A RUSE

RELATIVES OF MRS. HOLDEN BELIEVE SHE STILL LIVES.

Disappeared From Alameda Last August, but It Is Now Thought She Fled to Escape Creditors.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 22.—The relatives in this city of Mrs. Nellie M. Holden, widow of the late ex-Lieutenant Governor of this State, who disappeared from here last August, claim to have information that the woman is still alive. They refuse to divulge her present whereabouts and decline to make any statement further than that the woman is safe and sound.

From other sources it is learned that Mrs. Holden's letter threatening to commit suicide was a ruse, and that instead of plunging into the foaming surf off the Cliff House as she intimated, she made her way to Mendocino County, where she has property and friends and where she is presumed to be living at the present time.

Mrs. Holden was a bookkeeper in the real estate office of Thomas A. Smith, the husband of her niece. She left there the morning of August 11, ostensibly to go to Ukiah to arrange some property interests. On August 18 Attorney R. B. Tappan received a letter from her dated at the Cliff House the afternoon of the day she left Alameda. It reads as follows:

"Long before you get this letter I shall be dead. I have borrowed money and people who owed me money have not paid me. My brain is reeling. The ocean is the best place for me and I will drown my sorrow."

The letter was postmarked "San Francisco, August 12," and had been forwarded to Santa Rosa, where Tappan had been visiting. The relatives of the woman at once set on foot an investigation and traced her movements to the Cliff House, but there all trace of her was lost. The search continued for a week or more, when it was dropped.

The suddenness with which the search for the missing woman ended created comments and rumors floated about that the woman's relatives had heard from her. They would not admit this for the public benefit, but to intimate friends they freely expressed the belief that the woman had not committed suicide. They went further and insisted that she was all right. The grounds of their belief were kept a carefully guarded secret.

After Mrs. Holden's disappearance it was learned that she had become hopelessly involved in financial tangles and was being hounded by her creditors. It is now generally admitted that she disappeared to get beyond their reach, and is now dwelling in peace in some secluded locality of Mendocino County.

Judge M. P. Wiggin, a relative by marriage of Mrs. Holden, said to a Call reporter:

"Oh, the woman is all right. I was always under the impression that she did not commit suicide, and all the subsequent developments in the case have added strength to my ideas in the matter."

Alameda's Poundmaster Dead.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 22.—Victorine Joseph, Alameda's poundmaster, died to-day, after a brief illness. Joseph first became prominent in this city as the valet of the late Judge Charles Uznay. Deceased was a veteran of the war and a member of Joe Hooker Post, G. A. R., under whose auspices the funeral will be conducted.

Alameda News Notes.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 22.—Columbia Lodge, I. O. O. F., of this city, paid a fraternal visit last night to Harbor Lodge of West Oakland.

The musical organizations of the University of California will give a concert Thursday night in the Unitarian church.

The graduating class of the Alameda High School serenaded their teachers last evening. The graduating party was held this evening at Harmonie Hall. To-morrow evening a mock graduating exercise will be held.

Still After Justice Clift.

OAKLAND, Dec. 22.—C. E. Kinard filed an amended complaint late this afternoon in his suit brought in the Superior Court to depose Fred C. Clift as Justice of the Peace of Oakland Township. The objections of Justice Clift to the original complaint on the grounds of uncertainty, ambiguity and insufficiency were sustained yesterday and in the pleading filed to-day Kinard sets forth a long list of fees collected by Clift which he alleges were not turned into the treasury at the proper time. He avers also that his allegations are not more definite because he was refused access to Justice Clift's records. Kinard charges malfeasance in office. Justice Clift's term of office terminates January 1.

The "Kalamazoo" Tabooed.

OAKLAND, Dec. 22.—The "Kalamazoo" and kindred nickel-in-the-slot devices are again tabooed and made the object of extinction in the local war in behalf of morality. Of late many of these nickel-eating machines have been installed in saloons and cigar stands, and to-day Chief of Police Fletcher issued an order, of which the saloon men and others were notified by Sergeant Green, that these machines must be removed by next Sunday. In the opinion of Prosecutor Harry Melvin and Police Judge Moore the "Kalamazoo," the "Owl" and such machines are gambling devices, though some Judges have held otherwise in the past.

Venus Shone in Daytime.

OAKLAND, Dec. 22.—A bright star was visible all forenoon in the southwestern skies, and, according to Professor A. O. Leuschner, director of the students' observatory at the State University, the star was the planet Venus, which will reach its greatest degree of brilliancy on January 4. The professor attributes its visibility in daytime to peculiar atmospheric conditions prevailing just now.

Christmas Magic, by Professor Hoffman, in next Sunday's Call.

AGED LAWYER HAS DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT

Came From Chicago a Month Ago.

J. R. PARKER CAUSES ANXIETY

A STRANGER CALLED AT THE HOTEL FOR MAIL.

The Attorney Was Well Supplied With Money, and Evidently Came to This State to Stay.

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John R. Parker, an attorney, has disappeared, but as no one seems to know where he is or where he has gone, all theories regarding foul play, suicide, levanting and similar means by which people drop out of sight, are admissible, and one no more than another. There are many suspicious things connected with the disappearance of Parker. He arrived in Oakland last month and took quarters at the Galindo Hotel. From Agent W. C. Ames he rented a law office in the Blake & Moffitt block. He evidently came to stay, for he brought a large wardrobe, a goodly stock of law books and even went to the trouble of having his coal bins in the office filled. He paid rent in advance and gave evidence of having plenty of money.

He discussed with several parties the proposition of investing on this coast, telling them that he had come from Chicago partly for the purpose of making investment and partly to go in the law business.

Three weeks ago Parker told Mrs. Allen, proprietor of the Galindo, that he felt sick, and since that time he has not been seen. Before he left he told Mrs. Allen that he was going on a visit to the country to look at some land, but would be back in a couple of days. A few days after his departure a stranger appeared at the hotel and stated that Mr. Parker was sick. He also asked for Parker's mail. Mrs. Allen has not seen the stranger nor Parker since.

Agent Ames of the Blake & Moffitt estate says that when Parker engaged his office, November 18, he paid in advance, and exhibited a wallet full of $100 bills. He told Ames he intended to bring his two sons to the coast and have them enter the State University.

Parker evidently has a large correspondence, for mail matter, including some registered letters, has arrived for him and is daily increasing. Agent Ames has reported Parker's prolonged absence to the police, and a telegram has been sent to Chicago with a view to finding out something of the missing man. Parker is about 60 years of age, 6 feet tall, and weighs about 200 pounds. He has a dark complexion, and wears a chin beard and mustache.

SECRETS OF BRANDES TOLD IN A REPORT

Why His Star Was Taken Away.

FOLLOWED YOUNG GIRLS

MANY COMPLAINTS MADE TO SHERIFF WHITE.

Berkeley Property-Owners Felt Much Safer When the Active Watchman Was Not Around.

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Each day adds something new to the long list of unpleasant incidents connected with the last few years in the life of W. A. Brandes, the alleged murderer of his daughter.

The latest story comes from Brandes' home and is told in a report on file in the Sheriff's office, which has just been made public.

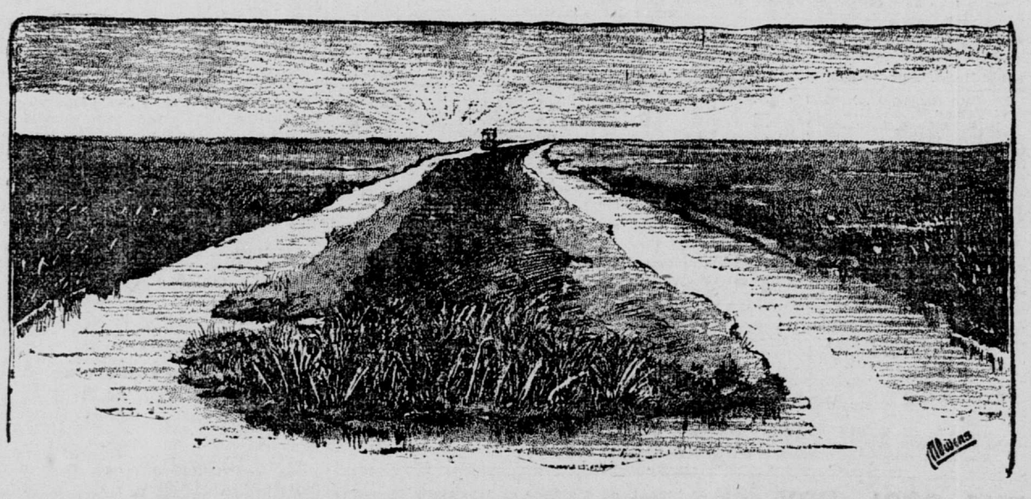
About a year ago Brandes made himself very obnoxious to a large number of residents of Berkeley. Young ladies complained of his manner and of his following them; property owners complained of mutilated flower gardens and broken trees and shrubs; contractors of new buildings complained that tools were stolen, and in all cases it was believed that Brandes could at least help to solve the mystery surrounding the perpetrators.

Sheriff White was approached and was asked to revoke Brandes' appointment as a Deputy Sheriff. He decided to investigate the matter and for three weeks Deputy George Woodsum was watching the Berkeley watchman. During those three weeks Woodsum saw much that led him to believe that Brandes was frequently "putting up jobs" on those who did not employ him to watch their property.

Woodsum reported that all the vandalism took place on property the owners of which did not contribute to Brandes' income. He also learned that these damages were always done at night, and that next morning Brandes would invariably appear and suggest the advisability of employing him to keep a watch on the property. It was also noticed that there was never any damage to property after Brandes was employed.

George Woodsum was also instructed to inquire into several complaints made by young ladies about Brandes. He found many ladies who declared that Brandes would try to introduce himself to them and would follow them. He would be at places where he knew they would be and was known to boast of his many lady acquaintances. These facts were all reported upon by Woodsum, and Sheriff White thereupon revoked Brandes' appointment.

After that Brandes had no authority other than as an ordinary citizen watchman. The star he wore was simply that of a private detective.



Dredger at Work on the Unique Artificial Roadbed Being Built for the Valley Road Across the Tule Lands, a Few Miles West of Stockton.

STREET RAILWAY FARE CASE.

Company Playing a Waiting Game to Defeat Commissioners.

The officers of the Market-street Railway Company are evidently playing a waiting game with the Railroad Commissioners in the hope of drawing them out of court, so to speak. Months ago the Commissioners applied to the Superior Court for a writ of mandate to compel the secretary of the company to produce his books before the Commission in order that the transportation rates might be established for the company. The latter was not at all pleased to have any one fixing its rates, and as might be expected, contested the right of the Commissioners so to do. The case was heard before Superior Judge Seawell, and last October he denied the application for the writ and judgment was ordered entered for defendant.

Up to the present time judgment has never been entered by the defendant, and from all appearances it never will be. The reason for this omission is surmised to be to keep the case from being appealed to the Supreme Court, for until the company has the judgment entered the officials of the State cannot do anything in the premises.

The railroad people well know that as soon as the judgment is entered Attorney General Fitzgerald will have an appeal ready and carry the case into the higher court. Whether the new Attorney General will follow the railroad cases as closely as the present one remains to be seen. If by any means the defendant can put off the entering of judgment for twelve months the case will be safe forever, because the same matter cannot be taken up again.

A Clever Swindler.

Superintendent D. F. Supple of Postoffice Station H, corner of Laguna and Hayes streets, has reported to the Postal Inspectors that an unknown woman has been swindling residents of the Western Addition in a novel manner. Her plan is to visit residences where there are rooms to let and to engage a room. She transacts all her business with women for obvious reasons. Instead of making a deposit for a room she exhibits a postal money order application for $75 and bearing a revenue stamp, which she represents to be a money order payable to herself. She borrows one dollar or a dollar and a half from the landlady for the purpose of paying for the expressage of her trunks and leaves the worthless application as security. Her latest victim, Mrs. White of 309 Broderick street, called on Mr. Supple to inquire whether the application was worth anything, the female faker having failed to put in an appearance with her trunks.

Bret Harte has one of his old-time Christmas stories in next Sunday's Call. Read it.

RED CROSS SOCIETY'S WORK IN THE ARMY

SICK SOLDIERS CARED FOR AT THE PRESIDIO.

Convalescents' Home Established at the Post is Doing Great Good.

As is well known, the Red Cross Society filled a large void during the war. The work accomplished by the California branch of the society was tremendous, and reflected credit on its members and on the State. Since the close of hostilities its work has not ceased. On September 9 a convalescent home was inaugurated at the Presidio, and its existence has proved a boon to the boys in blue encamped in its vicinity.

The home can accommodate twenty-five patients, and is situated in a sunny spot on the reservation. It contains a large ward, with twenty beds; three rooms for special cases; a large dining-room with seating capacity for twenty, a bathroom with modern porcelain tubs, a kitchen, storeroom and reading and smoking room.

The different State, city and auxiliary societies completely furnished the establishment with an ample supply of bed and table linen and all necessaries.

Mrs. Mary J. Wilson, its superintendent, has given the most complete satisfaction in its management. Three trained nurses are constantly in attendance, and care for the slowly convalescing soldiers. Miss Alice Hussey and her assistants have won the gratitude of the sick boys by her kindly ministrations.

Since its opening the home has received 121 patients, of which number ninety-six have been discharged or furloughed. Dr. A. Pedlar is its present acting physician. The latter was a captain in the Heavy Artillery, but accepted this work, as it gave him an opportunity to relieve the afflicted.

Letters have been received by Mrs. W. B. Harrington, president of the society, from parents of sick soldiers all over the Union, thanking her for attentions shown their sons and conveying assurances of undying gratitude.

Booked for Murder.

Mrs. Dora Fuhrig, midwife, was yesterday arrested by Detective Cody and booked at the City Prison on a charge of murder in causing the death of Mrs. Anna Walmsley, the wife of the proprietor of a Market-street lodging-house. Justice of the Peace Barry fixed her bonds in $5000.

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UNIQUE WORK IN RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION

Marsh Land Made Into Solid Earth.

LAST LINK OF VALLEY ROAD

WILL NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

Many Difficult Engineering Problems Solved Between Stockton and Point Richmond—Status of the Work.

No piece of railroad construction has more interest for the people of California to-day than that now in progress between Stockton and Point Richmond by the Valley road. With this section of seventy and a half miles of railroad in operation will come the first genuine and direct competition for transcontinental business out of and to San Francisco that the Southern Pacific Company has ever had. It will be the last link to connect San Francisco with the outside world by a direct and rival line.

Included within this stretch there is now in progress a bit of engineering work that is unique in the annals of railroad construction on the Pacific Coast, and which is a high tribute to the ingenuity of W. B. Storey Jr., chief engineer of the Valley road. It is the conversion of an artificial roadbed of solid earth out of tule or marsh lands for a distance of eight and a half miles, beginning about ten miles west of Stockton.

But this is only a small portion of the very heavy work to be done, much of which is in progress, before the Valley road reaches its tide water terminus.

All the lighter work is being held in abeyance until the difficult and costly gaps have been practically closed, but no time will be lost by this policy, for as soon as the conditions warrant all the necessary force will be put to work to complete the line at the earliest day. The outlook at present is that this momentous time will not be sooner than September next.

For the first eight miles west of Stockton the line passes over reclaimed land, and the work of grading is simple. Between twenty and thirty teams are at present engaged in this task.

To the westward of this is a stretch of ten miles of tule or marsh lands, subject to the ebb and flow of the tides, and cut up in every direction by sloughs. Trestling already bridges one and a half miles of this. It is across the remaining eight and a half of this marsh that an artificial roadbed is being built. Four powerful dredgers are engaged in this work. On each side of the projected roadbed the dredgers are carving out canals between 60 and 70 feet wide and varying in depth from 20 to 30 feet. The earth thus removed is used to build up a roadway 100 feet wide, along which the rails are to be laid. The dredgers have already been over the route four times and will be kept at the task until the requisite height has been obtained. The bed is being built in layers, so as to permit of the material becoming thoroughly dry and solid. It is not intended to utilize the canals, but they will incidentally serve to act as drains for the roadway. Beyond this, to Antioch, is about thirteen miles. Three-quarters of this has been graded.

Between Antioch and Pacheco Landing, about sixteen miles, no work has been done, but from the latter point to the eastern end of the big tunnel, a distance of five and a half miles, the grading is practically completed.

More than half of the 5600-foot tunnel at this point is bored. From the eastern end the mountain has been penetrated 1210 feet and from the western end 1825 feet. From the western end of the tunnel to Pinole is about seven miles. This has been partly graded. Contracts for the grading of the last eleven miles, between Pinole and Point Richmond, have been let, but the work has not yet been commenced.

In addition to the work outlined three rivers must be spanned with costly drawbridges and a 1000-foot viaduct must be erected at a height of 75 to 80 feet. The bridges will cross the San Joaquin River about three miles from Stockton, Middle River about fourteen miles from that city and Old River two miles farther west. The bridges will cost between $30,000 and $40,000 each. The viaduct will run through Alhambra Valley, back of or to the south of Martinez, and will mean an expenditure of between $90,000 and $100,000.

SHELTER FOR CHILDREN.

Good Work Done by State Home Finding Society.

The Children's Home Finding Society of California held its annual meeting in San Jose on Wednesday. This organization has a number of branches in the State, the largest of which is in San Francisco. During the past year 101 children were received and 92 were placed and replaced. Five new advisory boards were established. The society received $2700 52, all of which has been expended in its work. There is a proposition on foot, advised by Rev. H. W. Brayton of this city, to build a receiving home. At the present time children have to be placed in existing institutions or boarded in private families until homes are found for them.

With one exception the old officers were re-elected. H. Morton was substituted for C. R. Lamar. The officers for the coming year are: President, Hon. H. V. Morehouse; first vice president, Rev. L. Delos Mansfield; second vice president, S. B. Hunkins; recording secretary, F. J. Hambly; financial secretary, Rev. H. W. Brayton; treasurer, S. B. Hunkins; legal counselor, F. J. Hambly; directors—H. Morton, Mrs. B. R. Cochrane, Mrs. Jennie T. Loomis and F. R. Shafter.

Improvement Club Officers.

At the last meeting of the Cortland Avenue Improvement Club the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Frank Schmidt; vice president, James B. Newsome; treasurer, John Dunmore; financial secretary, Eugene Myers; recording secretary, William J. Bell; board of directors—C. Bunder, B. Hughes, F. Powers, M. F. Heyfron and Carl Wolters.

M. Sullivan, E. Wackmuder, C. Wolters, D. O'Brien and James McLester were appointed a committee to arrange for a ball on Saturday evening, January 14.

The Board of Supervisors will be asked to try and induce the Spring Valley Water Company to build a large tank on Bernal Heights.

POLICE INSURANCE FAULTY.

Corporal Patrick Slevin's Widow Deprived of Deserved Money.

The deadly technicality has made its appearance in the Supreme Court again. Under a decision rendered yesterday by Justice Temple, a policeman's widow is deprived of a sum of money that many believe she is entitled to.

Patrick Slevin was on the police force of this city for the best part of his life, and as he raised a large family of children he never was able to amass much money to keep himself and wife in their old age. Several years ago he was retired from active service by the Police Commissioners in order that a younger man might take his place. A year or so ago, while riding in the southern part of the city, he was run down by a railroad train and killed. The widow applied for the $1000 that was provided by law for the relatives of deceased officers.

This law provides that the money shall go to the widow, children, mother or unmarried sister of a deceased officer, who had served for ten years, but there was a joker in the act that works a great injury to the widow. The Police Commissioners refused to grant the demand on the ground that the law specifies that death must be from natural causes. Mrs. Slevin obtained from the Superior Court a writ of mandamus to compel the payment of the amount, and from this writ the Commissioners appealed. Justice Temple reversed the order of the lower court, holding that the strict letter of the act must be observed, and that in order to secure insurance money death must be natural and not from violence. He says:

"Although unable to understand the reasons which induced the Legislature to dispose of the funds in this mode, I see no way to avoid the conclusion that such is the law. Judgment is reversed."

Stuart Robson tells how to win success on the stage in next Sunday's Call.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

GRAND HOTEL.

W J McCann, Auburn
F M Varden, Auburn
W F George, Sacto
F H Green, S Rafael
E F Fraser, Sacto
C K Cadman, Pinole
E M Downer, Pinole
W J Donnell & w, Cal
W J Johnson, Cal
J J Pratt, Cal
H Beale, Stanford
H B West, Stanford
T J O'Hara, Stanford
J W Davis, Tulare
J H Godfrey, L Ang
J D Biddle, Hanford
O Halmann, Nev
Mrs O Halmann & f, Nev
A B Stewart, Stanford
Mrs C B Kanser, Cal
J W White, Pomona
P B Johnson, Sacto
G A Fennick, S Jose
Mrs J H Roberts, Cal
Mrs L Gerlach, Stktn
J R Dayman, L Ang
Mrs M Warring, S Jose
H E Higgins, Cal
J B Higgins, Cal
S D Jacks, S Rosa
J H Seiver, B C
G E Long, Iowa
J W Rossiter, Stanford
J H Manning, Seattle
F F Sharpless, Cal
W McMullen, Boston
Mrs S J Joss, Cal
E Wrigley, Buffalo
H M Plate, S Jose
G H Foster & w, Cal
F C Towner, Pomona
K O'Connor, Cal
A Cox, Ukiah
B L Wertheimer & w, Cal
W Patterson, B C
Miss J Patterson, B C
S L Bartlett, B C
H Field, Cal
J W Johnson & w, Cal
G M Antrim, S Jose
T A Goldman, Napa
A B Towne & w, Cal

PALACE HOTEL.

W M Thornton, Mont
E Crozer, Phila
Mrs F T Storey, N Y
Mrs Wagener, S Jose
O G Sage, Sacto
E Gilkinson, Dawson
L Eaton, Pasadena
J D Farrell, Seattle
Mrs Farrell, Seattle
J H Gill, N Y
T E Gibbon, L Ang
H Finney, Kansas City
H Burmeister, Stanfrd
H W Heiss, N Y
J Bayha, Cologne
G Huser, Cologne
W Douglass, Arizona
J D Robinson, Pa
L T Wright, Keawick
M H Foley, St Paul
L Patterson, Stanford
G S Dearborn, N Y
L H Lapham, N Y
H O Allen, Chicago
H L Billings, Chicago
R Brandt, N Y

NEW WESTERN HOTEL.

J Dawson & w, L Ang
P Lamia, Chicago
J O'Connor, Stockton
C A Williams, Mich
P H Moll, Sacto
W D McLeod, N Y
C E DeWitt, Delano
A G Holmquist, Chico
J Cameron, Redlands
M Cooper, Sacto
D F Burke, N Y
J Green, S Diego
J L Danielson, Fresno
J M Farmer, S Jose
Mrs Roberts, Omaha
Miss Roberts, Omaha
J C Ross, S Rosa
L Fairweather, Seattle
C McLain, Victoria

LATE SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED.

Thursday, December 22.

Schr Nettie Low, Low, 5 hours from Point Reyes.

Stmr Chilkat, Anderson, 27 hours from Eureka.

Stmr Aloha, Jorgensen, 11 hours from Point Arena.

Stmr Point Arena, Hansen, 11 hours from Point Arena.

TRANSATLANTIC STEAMERS.

ROTTERDAM—Sailed Dec 22—Stmr Maasdam, for New York.

NEW YORK—Sailed Dec 22—Stmr Germanic, for Liverpool.

SAN FRANCISCO CALL.

BUSINESS OFFICE of the San Francisco Call, corner of Market and Third streets, open until 12 o'clock every night in the year.

BRANCH OFFICES—527 Montgomery street, corner Clay; open until 9:30 o'clock.

287 Hayes street; open until 9:30 o'clock.
621 McAllister street; open until 9:30 o'clock.
615 Larkin street; open until 9:30 o'clock.
1941 Mission street; open until 10 o'clock.
2261 Market street, corner Sixteenth; open until 9 o'clock.
106 Eleventh street; open until 9 o'clock.
2626 Mission street; open until 9 o'clock.
NW. corner of Twenty-second and Kentucky streets; open until 9 o'clock.

MEETING NOTICES.

CALIFORNIA Commandery No. 1, K. T., Masonic Temple, Post and Montgomery sts.—Regular assembly THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING, at 7:30 o'clock. Order of the Temple. All fraters are cordially invited.
SIR JOHN P. FRASER, Em. Com.
SIR HIRAM T. GRAVES, Recorder.

YERBA BUENA Lodge of Perfection No. 1—Regular meeting THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING, Dec. 23, at 8 o'clock. D. 4. GEO. J. HOBE, Secretary.

THE annual meeting of the stockholders of THE NEVADA NATIONAL BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., will be held at its banking house, No. 301 Montgomery st., San Francisco, Cal., on TUESDAY, January 10, 1899, at 3:15 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.
D. B. DAVIDSON, Secretary.
San Francisco, December 9, 1898.

DIVIDEND NOTICES.

DIVIDEND NOTICE—The German Savings and Loan Society, 526 California st.—For the half year ending December 31, 1898, a dividend has been declared at the rate of four (4) per cent per annum on term deposits and three and one-third (3 1-3) per cent per annum on ordinary deposits, free of taxes, payable on and after Tuesday, January 3, 1899.
GEORGE TOURNY, Secretary.

DIVIDEND NOTICE—Dividend No. 88 (fifty cents per share) of the Oceanic Steamship Company, will be payable at the office, 327 Market st., on and after Tuesday, January 3, 1898.
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