CHEAPER GAS IN SAN JOSE

New Plant Soon to Be in Operation.

CUT IN RATES TO FOLLOW

CONSUMERS WILL BENEFIT BY THE FIGHT OF RIVALS.

The Electric Improvement Company Yet Waging War on the Light and Power Corporation.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 22.—Within a month a new gas company will be in full operation and San Jose will enjoy cheaper light, fuel and power. This is in the nature of a surprise that the Electric Improvement Company will spring on the people and its rival, the Light and Power Company, which for years has mulcted its customers by exorbitant rates. The Electric Improvement people have secretly guarded the matter and not one hundred citizens of the place know that they have erected one of the most complete and up-to-date gas plants on the coast. The works have been tested and mains laid up San Fernando street nearly to Market street.

The officers of the Electric Improvement Company were seen at their headquarters to-day and refused to discuss the matter. Manager Edwards refused to give The Call reporter a pass to inspect the plant. A trip to the works, which is situated alongside the narrow-gauge railroad near San Fernando street, proved more productive. Here additional property was lately purchased and a corrugated iron building, with cement floor, has been erected. Inside is one of the latest improved gas plants, built by the Western Gas Construction Company of Fort Wayne, Ind. The Lowe process is used and crude petroleum is the chief factor in making gas. There is a mammoth furnace, carborator, washer, cooler, condenser and purifier, similar to plants just put up in San Francisco and Oakland. A gasometer capable of holding 40,000 cubic feet of gas has been built. There are also vast underground tanks for storing petroleum. The capacity of the works is 175,000 cubic feet per day.

The operation of the works by the Electric Improvement Company means a great deal for San Jose and Santa Clara County. It is said that the company has secured an option on the oil wells at Moody Gulch, near Los Gatos, and will secure petroleum there. The Moody Gulch wells are good ones and have been worked for two or three years. They will now be developed to their full extent. This means a new industry for Santa Clara County.

The process used by the Electric Improvement Company will so cheapen gas that it can be used for power and fuel. This with petroleum the company will furnish will give the city cheap power and enable manufactories to be started.

A few days ago the works were started and the gasometer filled, and all found in readiness. Gas lamps were burning at the works to-day. Ten-inch mains have been laid up Otterson street to East, East street to San Fernando and up San Fernando to Vine. The pipes will go up to First street and there branch off in all directions.

Gas rates will drop. The new company will start within a month. The rate now is $2 75 per 1000 cubic feet and the new corporation, it is said, will cut this 33 1-3 per cent at the start. The Electric Improvement Company since it came into existence a few years ago has been the means of reducing the price of incandescent light over 200 per cent and arc lights from $3 50 to $2 each. It has had a bitter fight with the Light and Power Company and come out best every time. It now has the contract for lighting the streets. Bids have been called for lighting the city buildings with gas and here will be the first contest of the corporations on gas.

A trip among the brokers show that the stock of the old concern has taken a fearful slump during the past few days owing to the news of opposition, and stockholders are trying to unload.

The officers of the Electric Improvement Company are: President, F. M. Pickering of San Francisco; vice president, J. A. Hicks; manager and secretary, H. J. Edwards. The company has been lately strengthened and its capital increased to $1,000,000.

BRYAN DID NOT MEET MR. CARNEGIE

Denies That He Went to New York to Consult the Iron and Steel King.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—Colonel William J. Bryan passed through the city to-night on his way home. He was met by friends, with whom he dined.

"Is it true that you went to New York for the purpose of consulting with Carnegie?" Colonel Bryan was asked.

"No, it is not true. Personal business took me to New York. I held no conference with Mr. Carnegie. I have read his opinion in reference to annexation and the military question and am very glad, indeed, to know that he has taken the position which he has."

In reference to the annexation and expansion question, Colonel Bryan said that he stood where he always had stood, opposed to a headlong policy of imperialism by the annexation of any conquered territory without the consent of the governed.

Little indication of Colonel Bryan's recent rank in the army appears in his apparel, although a white campaign hat would suggest to the passer-by that the wearer probably had seen service. He has apparently completely recovered his health.

Unrequited Love Caused Insanity.

RIVERSIDE, Dec. 22.—So far no tidings have been received of Bert Farmer, the missing man of San Jacinto. Farmer left home several days ago and took to the hills in an insane condition and has not been seen since. Indian trailers have been employed to search for him. It is feared that Farmer has died from hunger and exposure on the mountains. Unrequited love is said to be the reason for Farmer's sudden insane freak.

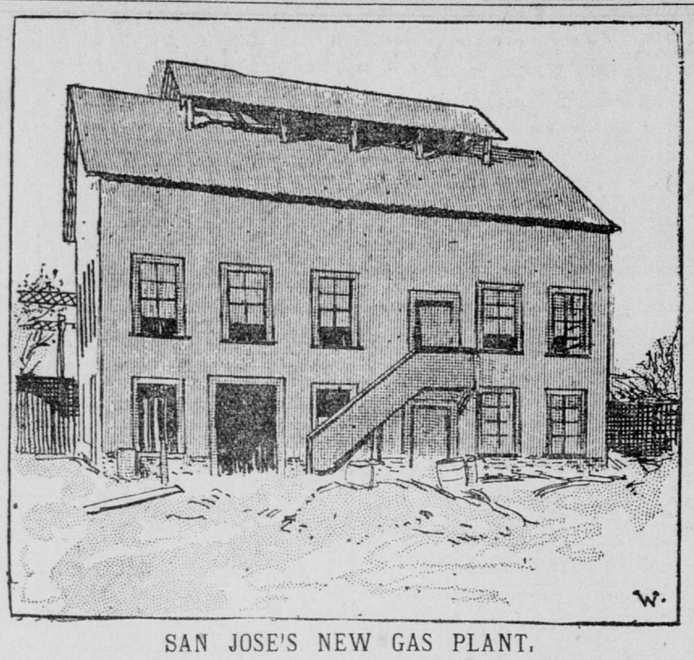
Charged With Embezzlement.

SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 22.—A bench warrant was issued by Judge Angellotti today for the arrest of M. M. Grover of Sausalito on an indictment by the Grand Jury. Grover was formerly secretary of the Sausalito Land and Ferry Company, and is accused by President Harrison of the company with having embezzled $2000 of the company's funds. It is alleged that Grover collected money for water from persons whose names were never entered on the books.

Death of a Coast Pioneer.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 22.—Andrew B. Young, a pioneer of the Pacific Coast, died in this city to-day, aged 76. Mr. Young came to California from Maine in 1846. In 1855 he settled on Puget Sound.

Lurline Salt Water Baths,
Bush and Larkin sts. Swimming, Russian, hot and cold tub baths. Saltwater direct from ocean.



SAN JOSE'S NEW GAS PLANT.

ROLLINGER NOW FEIGNS INSANITY

Held for the Murder of His Wife.

PRETENDS TO BE INDIFFERENT

STOLIDLY STARES WHEN FACED BY LENA HECKER.

Remarkable Similarity in This Case to That of Adolph Luetgert, the Chicago Sausage Maker.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The Coroner's inquest was begun to-day in the case of Mrs. Michael Rollinger, who, the police assert, was murdered and partially cremated by her husband. The accused man somewhat startled the police and spectators when confronted by Lena Hecker, the woman for whose sake the crime is alleged to have been committed, by stolidly staring at her and then declaring that he did not know her and never even saw her before. This action, coupled with his apparent utter indifference to his surroundings, leads the police to believe that Rollinger is feigning insanity.

The Journal to-day points out twenty points of remarkable similarity between the case of Rollinger and that of Adolph Luetgert, who is now serving a life sentence for wife-murder. Love of a woman, other than the wife, is said to have been the leading cause of both alleged murders. Each of the murders, it is claimed, was caused by strangulation. Both men, one of whom was a sausage maker and a German, the other a butcher and an Austrian, quarreled continually with their wives and suffered business reverses prior to the alleged crimes. Luetgert and Rollinger were well acquainted with each other and lived in the same quarter of the city. In the Rollinger case, as in that of Luetgert, a wedding ring will play an important part in the establishment of the corpus delicti. Mrs. Rollinger's body has been exhumed and her wedding ring cut from her finger.

As a result of the inquest Rollinger was held without bail on a charge of murder, and Lena Hecker was ordered detained as a witness. In her testimony before the Coroner's Jury, Miss Hecker stated that Rollinger had asked her to marry him, saying that in two months' time everything "would be all right." Other witnesses testified that Rollinger frequently beat his wife.

BRUTAL NEGRO SOLDIER KILLED BY A CONDUCTOR

Created a Disturbance on a Street Car and Then Tried to Use a Knife.

MACON, Ga., Dec. 22.—Private Turner (colored) of the Sixth Virginia Volunteer Regiment was shot and almost instantly killed by O. S. Thrower, a street car conductor this afternoon. Turner, very drunk, boarded Thrower's car and used vile language in the presence of ladies. Thrower pulled him out of the car to the rear platform. While Thrower was assisting a lady off the car, the negro kicked him several times and applied more vile epithets. Turner went back on the trailer, but soon returned with a knife in hand and swore he would cut Thrower's head off. As he stepped on the platform Thrower fired, the bullet striking the negro in the mouth. He died in fifteen minutes. A crowd of negro soldiers and civilians soon gathered and swore vengeance on Thrower and all street car conductors. One conductor was chased several blocks by the negroes. Guards have been placed on all the cars on the line leading to the negro camps and to-night the camp is under a strong guard to prevent an outbreak on the part of the negro soldiers.

PASO ROBLES TAKES ACTION.

Needs of the People in That Vicinity Will Be Looked After.

PASO ROBLES, Dec. 22.—A meeting of citizens was called here last night to take action in regard to the needy people in and around Paso Robles. It seemed to be the object of some real estate agents and large land owners to make light of the needs of the ranchers, but the fact remains that there is a large number of people in and around Paso Robles that needs assistance.

A committee consisting of A. R. Boots, H. Eppinger Jr., S. D. Merk, J. E. Cliff and Dr. Glass was appointed to investigate the needs of the people. They decided to telegraph to San Francisco for seed and hay.

Another meeting was called for Saturday night to be held at the City Hall, at which time the committee will report.

Beacon Swept Away by Storms.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 22.—H. M. S. Imperieuse has reported to the local agent of the Department of Marine and Fisheries that Maple Spit beacon, on Baynes Sound, has been swept away by recent storms. The Government has decided upon the suppression of smuggling along the coast. A number of protective stations will be established, three in inland waters and three along the west coast. Officers will have power to seize any vessel found smuggling or otherwise breaking the customs laws.

Charges Against a Sheriff.

SANTA BARBARA, Dec. 22.—The report of the Grand Jury made public today charges Sheriff T. H. Hicks with making overcharges on mileage, and directs the District Attorney to bring suit against him to recover the amounts said to have been misappropriated.

MUST ANSWER FOR A MURDER

Arrest of Erza T. Barnes at Colville.

TO BE TAKEN TO ARIZONA

ACCUSED OF KILLING HENRY HANNA NEAR PRESCOTT.

Skeleton of the Victim of the Alleged Assassin Was Found With a Bullet Hole in the Skull.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

PRESCOTT, Ariz., Dec. 22.—A telegram received to-day from Sheriff Ruffner, dated Colville, Wash., conveyed the information that he had arrested Erza T Barnes, who is suspected of murdering Henry Hanna near Prescott last January.

Barnes, in company with Hanna and two other men, left Elko County, Nevada, in the latter part of October, 1897, arriving at Prescott a month or so later. Barnes and Hanna went into the wood business and in the early part of January Hanna mysteriously disappeared. Some time in March, Barnes also left as suddenly as he had come. Two months ago a skeleton was found covered with brush two miles from Prescott, with a bullet hole through the skull.

Hanna was known to have had from $600 to $700 in money, and Barnes was indebted to him $150, which provided a motive for the murder.

Barnes will be brought to Prescott for trial.

R. G. ROSE NOW IN THIS CITY

OCCUPYING ROOMS IN AN ELLIS STREET HOUSE.

The Gamewell Fire Alarm Company Claims He Is Short in His Accounts.

The Gamewell Fire Alarm Company is trying to get some trace of R. A. Rose, its Pacific Coast agent, who has been missing for the past three weeks. It is alleged by the company that he is short in his accounts to the extent of at least $3000.

It was learned that a man answering to the description of the missing agent was lodging in a house on Ellis street, near Van Ness avenue, and a representative of The Call called on him last night. He admitted that his name was Rose, but refused positively to make any statement whatever. He kept the door closed and concealed himself in the room, and all questions had to be transmitted through the medium of his wife.

He was asked point blank if he had represented the Gamewell Fire Alarm Company on this coast, and if, among other things, he had sold a storage battery to the city of Alameda for $1000 without forwarding the money to his employers, but he preferred to remain silent, saying that he would answer all questions at the proper time.

From the family occupying other rooms in the house the information was elicited that Rose and his wife have been living there but two days.

THE CLOSE OF THE TERM.

Commencement Exercises of the Young Woman's Christian Association.

Commencement exercises of the various classes supported by the Young Woman's Christian Association were held last evening at the association headquarters, 1259 O'Farrell street. The large parlors of the handsome quarters were prettily decorated for the occasion. Hosts of members and friends of the association were present and enjoyed a carefully prepared programme. The programme follows:

Piano solo, Miss Grass; the toy symphony, by Y. W. C. A. orchestra; chorus, by Y. W. C. A.; address, by Rev. Dr. Stephens; club swinging, by physical culture class; vocal solo, by Miss Scott; tableaux, by Hypatia Literary Circle; recitation, "The Bard and the Cricket," by Mrs. Giesy; chorus, by the Glee Club; farce, by the elocution class, entitled, "A Love of a Bonnet." A toy symphony closed the entertainment.

In the Divorce Courts.

Mrs. Mercedes de Robles was granted a divorce from Rafael de Robles yesterday on the ground of failure to provide. Charles R. Aubrey has applied for a divorce from Edna S. Aubrey, alleging cruelty as a cause of action. Adelaide Ruchers has sued Albert E. O. G. Ruchers for a divorce. As a cause of complaint the plaintiff alleges desertion. Mrs. Mary G. Valentine filed her answer and cross-complaint to the suit recently instituted by her husband, W. D. Valentine, for divorce on the ground of desertion. Valentine, who keeps a pawn shop on Ellis street, contended that his wife deserted him without cause. This Mrs. Valentine denies, and by way of cross-complaint states that her husband's attachment for a song-and-dance artist broke up their home. Her husband bought the song-and-dance woman a victoria that took first prize at the World's Fair, she alleges, and the song-and-dance artist, in order to make known her appreciation, lived with her (defendant's) husband. For these reasons Mrs. Valentine asks that she be granted a divorce on the ground of infidelity.

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

COLONEL BURNS SHUNS MENTION OF HIS RECORD

County, State and National Archives Bulge With Varied Details of His Unlawful Acts.

A Sacramento County Grand Jury Returned Twelve Indictments Against Him for Embezzling Money Belonging to the Public Treasury of This State.

While Colonel Dan Burns is a candidate for a seat in the United States Senate, he has not yet "pointed with pride" to his record, either as a public officer or a private individual.

Records, if they are an official relation of good deeds, are a convenient thing to bring forward in support of an individual's claim to be the recipient of trust and honor; but if, as in the case of Colonel Burns, the records happen to be a history of criminal acts, it is best to blot out the past and attempt to secure the favor of legislators by the judicious use of railroad passes and corrupt political influences.

For instance, it would be embarrassing to Colonel Burns to bring forward the records of Yolo County, which show that he was arrested for embezzling the funds of that county while serving it in the capacity of County Clerk; also, that he was arrested on a charge of embezzling $500 belonging to a citizen of that county. Then, again, Colonel Burns would be somewhat embarrassed if the records of Sacramento County were spread out for the consideration of legislators, because these records show that the Grand Jury of that county once upon a time returned twelve indictments against him for embezzling various sums of money belonging to the State of California.

And there are other records in which Colonel Burns' name figures most conspicuously. For instance, the records of this State now on file in the public archives at Sacramento. These records show that Colonel Burns was publicly charged by the State Controller, after a careful investigation, with having misappropriated something more than $30,000 of the State's funds while holding the office of Secretary of State, and that the Controller recommended that Burns be arrested and made to wear a felon's stripes as punishment for his unlawful acts. These records also show that the $30,000 stolen falls on the shoulders of the taxpayers of the State for the reason that the money has never been recovered.

If one were to go further afield he would find in the office of the Secretary of State at Washington, D. C., a record of Colonel Burns' arrest, conviction and imprisonment in Mexico for fraud. In Mexico the patient investigator would find the records of four courts of justice and the records of the government bulging with official details of Burns' arrest, trial, conviction and imprisonment on charges of fraud, as well as a complete history of his alleged fraudulent acquisition of the title to mining property valued at $20,000,000, to say nothing of the charge of using vast sums of money in bribing public officials.

There is a lurking suspicion in the minds of the poor but honest citizens of this commonwealth that the existence of the scraps of official history distributed through this and other countries may account for Colonel Burns' failure to "point with pride" to his past record.

For the benefit of those who have not the time nor the opportunity to search the records of Senatorial candidates there is appended herewith a copy of one of the twelve indictments on file in the office of the County Clerk of Sacramento County. In perusing it it may be well to bear in mind that Grand Juries return indictments only after a presentation of evidence sufficiently strong to satisfactorily determine the guilt of the person accused. From the record:

State of California, County of Sacramento.
The People of the State of California against D. M. BURNS. } In the Superior Court of the County of Sacramento, the 26th day of November, A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty-four.

D. M. Burns is accused by the Grand Jury of the County of Sacramento, by this indictment, of the crime of embezzlement committed as follows:

The said D. M. Burns on the ..... day of December, A. D. 1881 at the said County of Sacramento, in the said State of California, and before the finding of this indictment, then and there being an officer of the State of California charged with the receipt safe keeping and transfer of public moneys, to wit then and there being the duly elected qualified and acting Secretary of State of the State of California, and as such officer charged with the receipt safe keeping and transfer and payment into the State Treasury of the State of California of the fees and moneys collectable in by and through the said office of Secretary of State under and by virtue of the trust duties and obligations imposed upon him, the said D. M. Burns, Secretary of State aforesaid by the laws of the State of California on the 20th day of November 1881 at the City and County of Sacramento, State of California, there came into and was in the control care safe keeping possession and custody of him, the said D. M. Burns as Secretary of State aforesaid certain public moneys to wit the sum of Twelve Hundred and Forty Five ($1245.00) Dollars in lawful money of the United States of America and then and there of the personal property of the State of California, which said money had on said day last aforesaid been paid into the office of Secretary of State of the State of California and received in said office for and on account of Reports of the Supreme Court of the State of California, sold to the firm of A. L. Bancroft and Company of San Francisco, California by him the said D. M. Burns as Secretary of State aforesaid, and after the said public moneys as aforesaid to wit: the sum of Twelve Hundred and Forty Five and 00-100 Dollars as aforesaid had as aforesaid come into the control care safe keeping and possession and custody of him the said D. M. Burns as Secretary of State aforesaid, to wit: at the City and county of Sacramento, State of California, on the ..... day December, A. D. 1881 he the said D. M. Burns, then and there being Secretary of State as aforesaid and then having in his control care safe keeping possession and custody by virtue of the trust imposed upon him as Secretary of State aforesaid the public money aforesaid, to wit: the said sum of Twelve Hundred and Forty Five 00-100 Dollars in lawful money of the United States of the personal property of the State of California.

Did then and there, willfully, unlawfully and fraudulently, and not in the due and lawful execution of the duty and trust imposed upon him, the said defendant, D. M. Burns, as Secretary of State aforesaid, convert, appropriate and embezzle the said public moneys, to wit:

The said sum of Twelve Hundred and Forty Five 00-100 Dollars in lawful money of the United States and then and there the personal property of the State of California to his own use and benefit, contrary to the form force and effect of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the people of the State of California.

(Signed) JOHN T. CAREY,
District Attorney of Sacramento County.

The remaining eleven indictments are similar in form to the one above quoted and charge Burns with the embezzlement of various sums received by him during the time he served as Secretary of State.

The records of Sacramento county will also show that Burns confessed under oath, that he had falsified the records of his office while serving as Secretary of State for the purpose of covering up the defalcations with which he was charged. Witness the following from his testimony before Judge Van Fleet:

I took the memorandum cash book and changed these figures or amounts. I did not change any figures, but where there would be $13 25 I marked $9 75, and I took this cash book to him (Deputy Gale) after the 8th day of December some time—it must have been three or four days afterward.

An indication of the contents of the State Controller's report made to the Attorney General after having investigated the affairs of Burns' office is given in the opening paragraph. It is as follows:

Hon. E. C. Marshall, Attorney General—Sir: I have the honor herewith to transmit to you the result of an investigation of the office of Secretary of State during the incumbency of D. M. Burns, from January 5, 1880, to January 8, 1883. The examination shows Mr. Burns to be a defaulter to the State in the sum of $31,739 59.

Colonel Burns aspires to be United States Senator. His candidacy is being supported by the political agents of the Southern Pacific Company, who are aware of the facts concerning the past record of Colonel Burns. Why does the Southern Pacific Company wish Colonel Burns to have a seat in the nation's lawmaking body?

PREPARATIONS BEING MADE FOR CHRISTMAS

Services to Be Held in the Churches.

Preparations in anticipation of a glorious celebration of Christmas day are being made in the various churches throughout the city. Judging from the indefatigable efforts of those in charge of the preliminary work of decorating and arranging the musical programmes to be rendered on the occasion, the individual ceremony peculiar to the various denominations will be characterized by a grandeur that promises to eclipse all efforts in the past to make the day one combined tribute to the honor of the birth of the Savior.

A feature in nearly all the different houses of worship will be the rendition of selected sacred music to be arranged specially for the occasion.

In the Catholic churches masses will be solemnized during the course of the morning, commencing at 5 o'clock and continuing until noon. At St. Ignatius Church solemn high mass will be celebrated at 5 a. m., with the Rev. J. P. Frieden, S. J., as celebrant, Rev. J. Burkard, S. J., as deacon and Father Butler, S. J., as sub-deacon. Charles Carroll, S. J., will assist as master of ceremonies. At 10:30 o'clock another solemn mass will be observed, at which the Rev. G. Burkard, S. J., will be celebrant, Rev. John Forhan, S. J., deacon, and James P. Morrissey, S. J., sub-deacon. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. D. J. Mahoney, S. J. In the evening there will be solemn vespers and benediction and a sermon by the Rev. Vincent Chiappa, S. J.

The musical programme will be rendered as follows: 5 a. m.—"Kyrie," "Gloria," Generall, Mercadante; "Credo," "Sanctus," "Benedictus," Agnus Dei," Gounod; motet, "Adeste Fideles," "Christus Natus," Melvil; organ pieces—Pastoral, Henri Deshayes; Christmas offertory, J. Lemmens. 10:30 a. m.—"Kyrie," "Gloria," "Credo," De Vecchi; "Sanctus," "Benedictus," Fauconier; "Agnus Dei," Alary; motet, "Pastores Erant Vigilantes," Melvil; organ pieces—"Prima Sonata," Filippo Capocci; postlude, Dudley Buck; "Marche Nuptiale," Filippo Capocci; andante from symphony, "A Country Wedding," Carl Goldmark. 7:30 p. m.—Psalms, Gregorian; "Magnificat," Carcano; "Nazareth," Gounod; motet, Lambillotte; "Tantum Ergo," Aldega; "Adeste Fideles."

At St. Joseph's Church, on Tenth and Howard streets, solemn high mass will be celebrated at 10:30 o'clock in the morning, at which a sermon appropriate to the occasion will be delivered. At the conclusion of the mass benediction of the blessed sacrament will be given, which will conclude the morning services. At both the late mass and that to be celebrated at 5 o'clock in the morning the following musical programmes will be rendered by a specially augmented choir: 5 a. m.—"Kyrie" and "Gloria," Mercadante and Generall; "Credo," Madonna; "Sanctus" and "Agnus Dei," Caglieri. 10:30 a. m.—Generall's grand mass in G will be sung; the "Sanctus" and "Agnus Dei" will be from Giorza's first mass; the offertory will be the "Ave Maria" by Loretz. At solemn benediction will be sung "O Salutaris," by Generall; "Tantum Ergo," by Mercadante, and at the end "Adeste Fideles."

The choir will consist of: Sopranos—Miss Lottie Crawford and Mrs. Julius Klein; altos—Mrs. Helen Kelly and Mrs. Thomas Gibson; tenors—D. F. Gilfeather, Mr. Borondo and Philip Murphy; bassos—F. P. Scollin and George Knorr; organist and musical director, P. J. O'Sullivan.

At St. Peter's Catholic Church the following musical programme will be rendered at the solemn high mass at 10:30 o'clock: Cimarosa's grand military mass by a quartet and chorus. The soloists will be: Soprano, Miss Roney; tenor, William Knowles; contralto, Miss Ella Kreig; basso, Charles Deane. Charles Deane will sing the offertory, Adam's "Noel." Mass will be immediately followed by benediction of the most blessed sacrament, during which Rubinstein's "O Salutaris" will be sung by Miss Roney, Mr. Flood and Mr. Deane, and Rosewig's "Tantum Ergo" by a full chorus. Mrs. G. E. McCrea will preside as organist and director.

At St. Mary's Church (Paulist) the following programme both for the service and music to accompany it will be rendered: High mass will be sung at 5 a. m. Low masses will be celebrated at 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 o'clock. Solemn high mass will be sung at 11 o'clock. The following musical programme will be rendered at this mass: Grand Italian Mass No. 1; trombone solo, "Noel," by Alfred Roncovieri, "Adeste Fideles" (Novello); soprano soloist, Mrs. Siegel; contralto soloist, Miss J. Murphy; tenor soloist, William Derham; basso soloist, William Gordon, assisted by the following: Sopranos—Miss T. Pauba, Miss M. Higgins, Miss N. O'Brien, Miss M. Norton, Mrs. M. Brennan, Mrs. Carl Sommers, Mrs. Steinman; contraltos—Miss Helen Ford, Miss Charlotte Johnston, Miss M. Nicolai, Miss M. Daly; tenors—J. Shirley, William Craighton; bassos—William O'Brien, D. Sheerin. The sermon will be preached at this mass by Rev. P. J. MacCorry, C. S. P.

At the Howard Presbyterian Church, on Oak street, the following musical programme will be rendered: Morning service—Organ prelude, "Hallelujah Chorus," from "Messiah" (Handel); quartet, "There Were Shepherds" (Buck); hymn, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" (Mendelssohn); alto solo, "The Star of Bethlehem" (Adams); hymn, "Awake the Sacred Song" (Handel), soprano solo and chorus, "Noel" (Adam); hymn, "How Firm a Foundation" (Rippon); organ postlude, "And the Glory of the Lord," from "Messiah" (Handel. Evening service—Organ prelude, "Christmas Pastoral" (Ashmall); quartet, "Arise, For Thy Light Is Come" (Buck); hymn, "Hark, Ten Thousand Harps" (Mason); bass solo, "Nazareth" (Gounod); hymn, "Glory to God on High" (Giardini); quartet, "Let Your Mingling Voices Rise" (Holden); soprano solo, "Glory to Heaven's Eternal King" (Meyer-Helmund); quartet, "There Were Shepherds" (Buck); hymn, "All Hail the Power" (Holden); organ postlude, "Hallelujah Chorus" from "Mount of Olives" (Beethoven). The members of the choir are: Miss Alma Berglund, Miss Isella H. Van Pelt, Frederick Purdy and Charles E. Ker. William F. Hooke is the organist and choirmaster.

At St. Peter's Episcopal Church, on Stockton and Filbert streets, the musical programme at the morning service will be as follows:

Organ voluntary, "Christmas March" (Gustav Merkel); processional, "Adeste Fideles" (J. Reading); Lord's Prayer and versicles; Venite Chant, No. 20, "Gloria Patri" (Mendelssohn); "Te Deum in F" (Dykes); "Benedictus in F" (Wilkins); "Apostles' Creed" (Stainer); Versicles, introit, "Lovely Appear," solo and chorus, (Gounod); holy communion service, "Kyrie" (Gounod); "Gloria Tibi" (Garret); hymn 51 (Mendelssohn); the sermon; offertory solo, "Noel" (Adam); "Sursum Corda" (Camidge); "Sanctus" (Gounod); communion hymn, No. 59, "Gloria in Excelsis," ancient chant; "Nunc Dimittis" (Stainer); retrocessional hymn, No. 55, (Dykes).

At 7:30 p. m.—Full choral services, processional hymn, No. 49; Lord's Prayer and versicles; "Gloria Patri," chant; "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" (Stainer); hymn 53 (Avison); the sermon; offertory solo, "Noel" (Gounod); benediction hymn, "Jesu Our Savior" (Rev. J. Ankstell, A. M.); retrocessional hymn, No. 55, (Dykes).

The above musical services will be rendered by the regular vested choir of the church of thirty-five voices. Fred H. Flood, organist; J. Wesley Wilkins, choirmaster and musical director.

At Grace Episcopal Church on California and Stockton streets the order of service and the musical programme will be as follows: First celebration of holy communion, 8 a. m.; matins and second celebration, with sermon by the rector, 11 a. m.; "Venite," Gregorian, first tone, fourth ending; "Te Deum," Festival (Kimball), in B flat; "Jubilate" (Holden), in B flat; "Kyrie" (Barrett), in F; offertory, "Angelic Voices"; "Sanctus" (Taylor), in C; "Gloria in Excelsis," old chant. Full cathedral service, 7:45 p. m.; "Psalter" chanted to Gregorian tones; "Cantate" (Goss), in G; "Deus Misereatur" (Thomas), in C; anthem, "Hark, Angelic Voices" (Johnson); offertory, "When All Things Were in Quiet Silence" (Lansing); organ postlude, "Hallelujah Chorus" (Handel). Organist and director of the choir, William H. Holt.

The complete programme at the Howard-Street Methodist Episcopal Church will be rendered as follows: 11 a. m.—Organ voluntary, Short prelude and fugue in B flat (Bach); carol, "Shout the Glad Praises" (Danks), by the Sunday-school; hymn No. 183; prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer by the congregation; anthem, "Sing, O Heavens" (Simper), soprano solo by Miss H. Lask, tenor solo by Dr. H. D. Noble; announcements; "Gloria Patri"; carol, "I Have a Father in the Promised Land," by the infant class; offertory, soprano solo, "The Child of Bethlehem" (Brewer), Miss Mattie D. Whittington; hymn No. 186; barytone solo, "Nazareth" (Gounod), William Pruette; sermon, The "Condescension of Christ"; barytone solo, "Palm Branches" (Faure), William Pruette; carol, "Awake, Awake" (Sweney), by the Sunday-school; hymn No. 248; benediction; L. M. Doxology; organ postlude, "March aux Flambeaux" (Scotson Clark).

7:30 p. m.—Organ voluntary, "Grand Offertoire de St. Cecil," op. 7, No. 1 (Batiste); carol, "Rise and Sing" (Danks), by the Sunday-school; hymn No. 190; Creed and prayer, concluding with "Lord's Prayer," chanted by choir and congregation; anthem, "Hymn of Nativity" (H. J. Stewart), tenor solo by Dr. H. D. Noble; announcements; carol, "Carol! Carol! Christians!" (George W. Warren), by the Sunday-school; scripture lessons, Matthew, chapter xi, verses 1-15; "Gloria Patri"; duet, for soprano and contralto, "Noel" (Gounod), the Misses Mabel and Ethel Perkins; admission of members to the church; anthem, "Blessed Be the Lord God" (Williams), soprano solo by Miss Mattie D. Whittington; offertory; organ solo, "Amaryllis" (Ghys); violin solo, "Legende" (Wieniawski), Miss Susie Blair; hymn No. 192; sermon, "Jesus the Fulfillment of Prophecy"; carol, "In the Wintry Heaven" A. H. P., by the Sunday-school; hymn No. 187; benediction; L. M. Doxology; organ postlude, "Marche Solennelle" (Westbrook).

At the Church of St. John the Evangelist on Fifteenth street the vested choir of boys and men will sing the following service on Christmas day: Morning—Processional, hymn 51, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," Mendelssohn; introit, "Benedictus Qui Venit," in E flat, Cruickshank; "Kyrie Eleison," "Gloria Tibi" and "Credo," in C, Tours; hymn 50, "Adeste Fidelis," Reading; offertory, anthem, "There Were Shepherds," Charles Vincent; "Sursum Corda" and "Sanctus," in C, Tours; hymn 225, "Bread of the World," Hodges; "Agnus Dei," in E flat, Cruickshank; "Gloria in Excelsis," in C, Tours; "Nunc Dimittis," Chant, Blow; retrocessional, hymn 56, "Christians Awake," Wainwright. Evening—Processional, hymn 51, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," Mendelssohn; psalms for evening of Christmas day to chants by Cooke, Barnby and Woodward; "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis," in D, Parry; hymn 53, "Shout the Glad Tidings," Avison; offertory, anthem, tenor solo and chorus, "Behold, I Bring You Glad Tidings," Barnby (tenor solo by Andrew Y. Wood); benediction hymn 647; retrocessional hymn 56, "Christians, Awake," Wainwright. Miss Esther M. Phillips, organist and choirmistress.

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—OF THE—

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ASSETS.

Real estate owned by company	$101,587 96
Loans on bonds and mortgages	1,482,680 99
Cash market value of all stocks and bonds owned by company	1,730,375 61
Amount of loans secured by pledge of bonds, stocks and other marketable securities as collateral	2,800 00
Cash in company's office	1,366 84
Cash in banks	424,563 57
Interest due and accrued on all stocks and loans	18,740 69
Interest due and accrued on bonds and mortgages	23,133 88
Premiums in due course of collection	271,237 52
Total assets	$4,056,487 46

LIABILITIES.

Losses adjusted and unpaid	$38,384 23
Losses in process of adjustment or in suspense	229,332 48
Losses resisted, including expenses	17,641 67
Gross premiums on fire risks running one year or less, $1,801,671 86; reinsurance 50 per cent	900,835 93
Gross premiums on fire risks running more than one year, $1,755,420 08; reinsurance pro rata	938,233 21
Commissions and brokerage due and to become due	28,435 63
Total liabilities	$2,148,363 25

INCOME.

Net cash actually received for fire premiums	$2,354,554 86
Received for interest on bonds and mortgages	76,714 84
Received for interest and dividends on bonds, stocks, loans and from all other sources	57,493 84
Received for rents	5,053 00
Total income	$2,493,816 54

EXPENDITURES.

Net amount paid for fire losses (including $291,545 03, losses of previous years)	$1,241,388 82
Paid or allowed for commission or brokerage	511,087 99