CHINESE BUREAU TO BE ISOLATED FROM POLITICS

Chief Dunn Is on His Way Hither.

HE WILL REMODEL THE WORK

CUSTOMS INSPECTORS RETURN TO THEIR POSTS.

All Members to Be Appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury and to Be Responsible to Him.

News comes from Washington of a revolutionary change in the management of the Chinese Bureau at this port. The many scandals which have disgraced the bureau for several years past in the Ciprico-Williams-Meredith cases have set the Treasury Department to thinking seriously. The irresponsible and unsatisfactory composition of the local bureau, and the report of Special Agents Smith and Linck with reference thereto, have been carefully studied at Washington. Before the appointment of Rev. John E. Gardiner as Chinese Inspector and the arrival here of Chinese Inspectors Barbour and Tippett, the work of the bureau was done by Customs Inspectors appointed by the Collector of Customs, or on his recommendation. No extra salary is received by the customs officers acting as Chinese Inspectors. Their occupation has been changed without any change in emolument, even the chief of the bureau receiving only $4 per day.

As these customs officers are subordinate to the Collector, the Treasury Department has deemed it advisable to divorce the bureau from the Custom House and to make it an independent body, as is the Immigration Bureau, with its head and all its members appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury, and directly responsible to him. This decision was arrived at a short time ago, and the first step was taken at Washington yesterday by the appointment of James R. Dunn as chief of the Chinese Bureau at this port.

Chief Dunn is now on his way to this city and is expected to arrive within a few days. On his arrival, Customs Inspectors Lynch, Boyce, Urquhart and Chief Flesh will assume their former duties as Customs Inspectors under the authority of Surveyor Spear. Gardiner, Barbour and Tippett, being Chinese Inspectors appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury, will be retained, and this force may be strengthened by one or two additional inspectors to be appointed also by the Secretary. The falling off in the number of Chinese immigrants arriving since The Call began the agitation about eight months ago has lightened the work and fewer inspectors will be needed in the future than in the past.

Mr. Dunn was a Deputy Surveyor of Customs before his appointment as chief of the Chinese Bureau, and his salary of $2500 per annum will be retained and probably increased. He was in charge of the interests of the Government at the Nasnville and Omaha expositions, and has had considerable experience with the wily Chinese and his brokers.

The new arrangement will relieve the Collector of the Port of much work and trouble. He will be no longer indirectly responsible for the sins of the bureau, save such as may arise through a lack of watchfulness, and the members of the bureau, being appointed by and directly responsible to the Secretary of the Treasury, will be put upon their mettle, knowing that local political influences can have no bearing on their official acts.

Another consideration which has had weight with the Secretary in making the change is that the chief of the bureau should be a man of higher standing and responsibility than a simple customs inspector. He will be less trammeled in the performance of his duties, and if he makes mistakes those mistakes must be on the side of the Government, and not on the side of the coolie brokers; otherwise he will be likely to lose his head without as much ceremony as was wasted in the case of Chief Meredith.

NEWS FOR ANGLERS.

Late Dispatches Which Tell the Condition of Trout Streams Near the Coast.

Judging from the number of anglers who purchased tackle at the sporting goods houses yesterday there will be a large number of trout fishing disciples on the early trains and boats that leave the city to-day. Reports received at this office yesterday from different points in the country state that the main streams are still high and of a milky color and that the best catches will be made by anglers who use bait.

A telegram from Duncans Mills states that Austin Creek is high and that the pools contain several large steelheads. From Glen Ellen the reports received are very flattering. The Sonoma is in prime condition and the fishing in the vicinity of Glen Ellen should be better than anglers have witnessed in many years.

A dispatch from Halfmoon Bay, or, in other words, Spanishtown, state that exceptionally large catches of trout will be made in the Purissima and San Gregorio Creeks, as the fishes are plentiful in both creeks.

The San Lorenzo River is high, but owing to the smashing up of the dams and other obstructions last season by order of the Fish Commission a large number of steelheads ascended the stream and as a result the spoon will prove a killing lure to-day. The Pieta and other small streams near Cloverdale are in grand order now for fly fishing.

The Lagunitas and Papermill are too high for fly fishing, but these waters will get an unmerciful slashing to-day, as at least a hundred anglers have decided upon whipping them. Those who will leave the train at Ross station and journey over the hill to the headwaters of the Lagunitas will enjoy good sport, as the largest and best fish are now lurking in the pools that are within a short distance of Libertys. Anglers who take the train from Third and Townsend streets and get off at San Mateo will doubtless meet with good success on San Mateo Creek, which is only a short distance from the town of San Mateo.

ON TRACK AND FIELD.

Championship Games at Berkeley. Amateur Athletic League Contests Will Be Very Close.

At Berkeley this afternoon there will be the championship spring field day. The time is fast nearing when the two colleges, California and Stanford, will fight for the athletic honors of the year. To-day's meet at Berkeley will determine the team which is to represent the blue and gold in the intercollegiate field day.

During the last month the California athletes have been at work on the track and field. The big gaps which were due to the graduation of some of the old members of the team are now filled by younger blood. After the performance this afternoon judgment may be formed on their merits.

Next Saturday Stanford and California will cross bats in the initial intercollegiate baseball contest of 1899. Stanford has done superior work in the preliminary games of the season although the majority of victories in the triangular league formed by the college nines and the Fireman's Fund team went to the blue and gold. The game will be played in San Francisco.

A week from to-day the Academic Athletic League will hold its championship field day on the University of California cinder track. This league comprises the preparatory schools of the State and the championship games are as well attended as the intercollegiate match contests between Stanford and California. All the first-class academies in the central portion of the State are members of this league, which numbers among its individual members some of the best young athletes of the State.

The contest this year will be centered among the teams representing the Lowell High School of this city, the Polytechnic School, Oakland High School, Ukiah High School and Berkeley High School. In former years Oakland carried off the honors quite consistently, but this year's championship games will probably tell another story. The local high school has a first rate team and stands a good chance of winning the pennant.

The Urban School of this city has organized an athletic team and application will be made for membership in the Amateur Athletic League.

Returned Fully Recovered.

D. B. Davidson, cashier of the Nevada Bank, who has been away in the country recovering his health, returned on Thursday fully recuperated and registered at the California. He will take up his manifold and important duties at the bank to-day.

Full line of autoharps at Mauvais', 769 Market street.

Salvation Army Meeting.

The Salvation Army self-denial effort winds up in this city on Sunday evening, and Staff Captain and Mrs. Dunham are arranging an elaborate special programme of services for the day and evening.

YELLOW TAIL BIDS ADIEU TO THESE SHORES

Celebrates Departure by an Easy Win.

SHOWS HIS OLD-TIME FORM

FOUR BEATEN FAVORITES AT THE OAKLAND TRACK.

Tiburon in Front at Odds of 30 to 1. Eddie Jones Downed Joe Ullman a Nose—Limewater in Form.

On the eve of his departure for the East Fred Foster's ten thousand dollar investment, Yellow Tail, the giant two-year-old son of imp. Watercress and Paloma, captured a race at Oakland yesterday in dashing style, and may not prove such a counterfeit after all. In his early morning workouts he scared the rail birds by his terrific bursts of speed, and the paddock crowd backed him to a standstill. Asked to beat a very moderate field, the books laid as good as 7 to 10 against the big fellow. Piggott had the mount, and the youngster won pricking his ears, eased almost to a walk, a head before Marcus Daly's Limerick. The four furlongs was reeled off in 49 seconds, but the winner could have bettered this considerably.

The card was a good one and betting in the ring was livelier than for some days past. The favorites, though, traveled the same precipitous, uneven road, Basseda and Yellow Tail being the only ones to earn brackets. Polka, Tiburon, a 30 to 1 shot, Eddie Jones and Limewater, the other winners, were all more or less supported.

By good judgment Eddie Jones on Polka, second choice for the opening sprint, reached the wire a scant head before Dolore, the favorite, with Piggott up. Nothing else had a chance from the outset.

Pocketed in the stretch, it at one stage looked very dubious for Basseda, the 7 to 20 favorite for the first two-year-old scramble, but Piggott extricated himself near the paddock, winning easily. Icedrop secured the place from Tanobe by a couple of lengths.

Walter Jennings' black filly Sombre looked such a certainty for the fourth number that very scant odds were laid against her. She showed no speed, and, later Bullman's saddle slipping, the filly finished among the "also rans." Charley Macklin, astride Tiburon, a 30 to 1 shot, rode a pretty race, leading Anchored over the mark nearly two lengths.

The mile selling run went to Eddie Jones, faultlessly ridden by Charley Thorpe. Opening a 7 to 5 choice, the colt's odds drifted to 3 to 1. In a hard drive Thorpe proved too strong a finisner for Master Reiff, beating Joe Ullman out a short head on the wire with Moringa a nose further away.

Torsida ruled a top-heavy choice for the mile and a sixteenth affair and finished third. After many trials and tribulations Holmes managed to land Limewater winner, a head in front of Una Colorado, a 60 to 1 shot.

Track Notes.

The $2000 Palace Hotel handicap, at one mile and a furlong, will be the feature of the card at Oakland this afternoon. A large field will face the barrier, and the race should prove quite as interesting an affair as the Burns handicap.

Dr. Sheppard will start for the first time in the colors of Burns & Waterhouse to-day.

When Earl Islington, a starter in the opening scramble, fell on the back stretch young Stimpson, his rider, was not seriously injured. The lad escaped with a bruised ankle.

Fred Foster loaded Abuse, Yellow Tail, Sam McKeever, George H. Ketcham and a couple of two-year-olds into a car and departed for Chicago last evening. Foster was unfortunate in his speculations here this season, but will probably try it again next winter.

Tommy Lottridge, who sought to make a rider of Ruiz, thinks an injustice was done the lad when the judges suspended him on Thursday for his handling of Benamela. According to eye witnesses the horse was practically left at the post and the rider came in for cersure when he started after the field. In the same race Sir Urian was left at the post. Frank Taylor says Benamela is a "hard luck" horse and attaches no blame to Ruiz. The past reputation of the Spanish boy was not the most glossy, but since his reinstatement some days ago his record compares favorably with any of the jockeys riding. In some instances officials are prone to let ancient history take precedence over facts of the present.

To-Day's Entries.

First Race—Six furlongs; three-year-olds and upward.

888 Dr. Sheppard	114	898 Saintly	97
897 Jim Brownell	106	(883) Highland Ball	111
897 February	104	897 Socialist	103

Second Race—One mile; three-year-olds and upward; selling.

906 Earl Cochran	100	895 Stromo	86
897 Harry Thoburn	100	(894) Tony Licalzi	105
(869) Stamina	92	898 Benamela	100

Third Race—Four furlongs; two-year-olds.

(856) Orthia	105	(893) Alary's Garter	105
... Artemis	100	(880) Bathos	111
... Princess Zelka	100	... Flower of Gold	100
(833) Andrisa	108	880 Flamora	108
840 Illiloette	100	840 Ella Boland	108

Fourth Race—One and an eighth miles; Palace Hotel Handicap; $2000.

888 Rey del Tierra	108	875 What-er Lou	121
900 Morinel	98	(889) Wheel Fortune	104
826 Ad. Spreckels	113	875 Rosinante	100
875 Satsuma	121	(901) Rosormonde	103
875 Napamax	107	875 La Goleta	108
(900) David Tenny	110	888 Tempo	100
901 Topmast	112	901 Frohman	82
882 Cromwell	110		

Fifth Race—Two and a quarter miles; selling; three-year-olds and upward.

898 McPryor	100	884 Roadrunner	113
907 Twinkle Twink.	97	(898) Robert Bonner	109
898 Vincitor	102	898 Tom Calvert	106
769 Reolia	90		

Sixth Race—Futurity course; three-year-olds and upward; selling.

877 Rio Chico	104	663 Maud Ferguson	106
767 Guilder	114	890 Sylvan Lass	109
883 Etta H.	115	(885) Juva	104
883 Jinks	104	881 Balista	103
394 Headwater	108	(897) Sly	115
858 Amasa	114	870 Wyoming	117
895 Lavator	102	894 Peixotto	119

Selections for To-Day.

First Race—Dr. Sheppard, Highland Ball, February.

Second Race—Harry Thoburn, Stamina, Stromo.

Third Race—Orthia, Andrisa, Bathos.

Fourth Race—Rosinante, David Tenny, Adolph Spreckels.

Fifth Race—McPryor, Reolia, Robert Bonner.

Sixth Race—Maud Ferguson, Lavator, Peixotto.

RACING AT THE SOUTH.

Double Dummy Wins a Handicap at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, March 31.—Weather cloudy; track fast. Two favorites won.

One mile and twenty yards, Phidias won, Our Clara second, Dominis third. Time, 1:49.

Six furlongs, Very Light won, Marion Sansom second, Maurice W third. Time, 1:18.

One and an eighth miles, selling, School Girl won, Bill Powell second, Bishop Reed third. Time, 1:50½.

One and a sixteenth miles, handicap, Double Dummy won, Hobart second, Muskadine third. Time, 1:51.

Thirteen-sixteenths of a mile, selling, Walkenshaw won, Dousterswivel second, Whirmanteline third. Time, 1:24½.

Seven furlongs, selling, Lauretta D won, Tappan second, Halton third. Time, 1:31.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 31.—Weather cold and attendance light; track good.

Half mile, two-year-olds, Bahia won, Capron second, First Past third. Time, :50½.

Six furlongs, selling, Clinton Park won, Finer second, Savarin third. Time, 1:18.

Half mile, two-year-olds, Lamplighted won, Cheesestraw second, Lord Wier third. Time, :50¾.

Seven furlongs, handicap, Branch won, Hazel Dean second, Admetus third. Time, 1:30.

Seven furlongs, selling, Burlesque won, Cecil second, Ransom third. Time, 1:30½.

'99 Cleveland Cycles sell for $40 and $50.

THE HOUNDS ARE READY.

Dogs That Are in Superb Condition for the Racing To-Day at Union Park.

Another gigantic open stake will be run at Union Park to-day and to-morrow. With ninety-six crackerjacks in the running, many being new performers to the local sward, recently imported from the Eastern States, together with the best dogs lately running at Ingleside, the sport on the two days named will border on the sensational. Several of the entries are many-times stake-winners and the talent are at sea in picking the ultimate winner.

Lowe & Thompson start a new Eastern bitch, Jessamy, by Lord Neversettle-White Lips, but as she is drawn against the great English dog, Interesting, she looks to have a difficult course to negotiate.

Greyhounds new to the Union Park sward are St. Ellen, Eleven Spot, Flashing Lass, Bonnie Scotland, Handsome Fortune, Olympus and Mamie Pleasant. They are all said to be fast and clever and needs must be to win out against such company.

Many close courses will be decided this afternoon and in any one of the following races the short-end should have an excellent chance to raise the flag:

Scout vs. Lightfoot; St. Ellen vs. Lady Gilmore; O'Grady vs. Sharkey; Crosspath vs. Lady Herschel; Soubrette vs. Mira Monte; Beau Peep vs. Rosebud; The Devil vs. Thad Stevens; Conqueror vs. Emin Pasha; Jennie Wilson vs. Flyaway; Morning Glory vs. Victor; Victor King vs. Lord Byron; Pretender vs. Tod Sloan; Olympus vs. Rollicking Airs, and many others.

Coursing will begin promptly to-day on the arrival of the 12:55 train from the city, and the Southern Pacific Company, in anticipation of an enormous crowd, will run an extra train at 12 o'clock, returning from the park at 4:45 p. m.

THE CALL'S RACING CHART.

OAKLAND RACE TRACK, Friday, March 31, 1898.—Seventieth day of the Winter Meeting of the California Jockey Club. Weather fine. Track fast.

JOSEPH A. MURPHY, Presiding Judge. JAMES B. FERGUSON, Starter.

902. FIRST RACE—Futurity course; selling; three-year-olds and upward; purse, $350.

Index.	Horse.	Age.	Weight.	St.	¼m.	½m.	¾m.	Str.	Fin.	Jockeys.	Betting. Op.	Betting. Cl.
866	Polka, 3		106	1	...	2 1	2 1	...	1 ns	E. Jones	8-5	5-2
771	Dolore, 5		118	2	...	1 1	1 1	...	2 6	Piggott	5	2
853	Petrarch, 6		120	3	...	5 ½	3 ½	...	3 1	Macklin	10	25
872	Colonial Dame, 4		114	9	...	11	9 1	...	4 h	W. Narvaez	10	25
897	Midas, a		123	5	...	4 h	6 h	...	5 h	Holmes	20	50
699	Formella, 4		114	6	...	9 1	5 h	...	6 h	Hennessy	5	10
896	Henry C, 4		119	7	...	10 3	10	...	7 2	Glover	30	100
885	Royal Fan, 3		104	4	...	3 1	4 1	...	8 1	Roullier	20	40
885	Sidelong, 3		104	11	...	8 1	8 1	...	9	Devin	6	6
878	Merry Boy, 5		120	10	...	7 ½	11	...	10	Flint	15	40
869	Madrone, a		120	12	...	6 1	7 1	...	11	Snider	10	5
890	Earl Islington, 4		107	8	...	*	...	...	...	E. Stimpson	10	20

*Fell.

Time—To ¼, :22½; to ½, :47½; last ⅝, 1:02½; short ¾, 1:12½. Winner, J. Givens' ch. g. by imp. Midlothian-Minuette. Poor start. Won first three driving.

Too much early use was made of Dolore. She should have won. Colonial Dame was indiscreetly ridden. Formella short. Sidelong went the overland. Madrone cut off on far turn.

Scratched—Magnus 116, Sweet William 123.

903. SECOND RACE—Three and a half furlongs; selling; two-year-old fillies; purse, $350.

Index.	Horse.	Weight.	St.	¼m.	½m.	¾m.	Str.	Fin.	Jockeys.	Betting. Op.	Betting. Cl.
880	Basseda	115	4	...	...	4 2	...	1 2	Piggott	2-5	7-20
886	Icedrop	115	2	...	...	2 1	...	2 2	Thorpe	4	4
853	Tanobe	110	1	...	...	1 2	...	3 4	Hennessy	10	15
880	Palapa	110	5	...	...	5 1	...	4 h	Macklin	30	100
891	Pidalia	110	3	...	...	3 1	...	5 2	Frawley	40	100
893	Fannie Mills	110	6	...	...	6 ½	...	6 ½	Bullman	8	16
886	Champion Rose	110	8	...	...	7 1	...	7 1	W. Narvaez	100	300
850	Giga	110	9	...	...	8 2	...	8 3	Devin	8	20
848	Kolena	110	7	...	...	9	...	9	J. Ward	30	100

Time—1-16, :07; 3-16, :18¾; 7-16, :42¼. Winner, E. Corrigan's br. f. by imp. Bassetlaw-Duchess of Towers. Bad start. Won easily. Second and third driving.

Basseda pocketed in stretch, but got out. Icedrop was away well. Giga poorly ridden. Should have been closer up.

Scratched—Solace 110.

904. THIRD RACE—Four furlongs; two-year-old colts and geldings; purse, $460.

Index.	Horse.	Weight.	St.	¼m.	½m.	¾m.	Str.	Fin.	Jockeys.	Betting. Op.	Betting. Cl.
815	Yellowtail	115	5	...	...	2 3	1 h	1 h	Piggott	3-5	1-2
...	Limerick	108	1	...	...	1 h	2 3	2 8	Thorpe	4	5
892	Tom Sharkey	100	6	...	...	3 1	4 1	3 1	McNichols	30	30
891	Sisquoc	102	3	...	...	4 1	3 h	4 h	Mead	40	75
868	Gusto	103	8	...	...	6 ½	5 2	5 2	Bullman	10	10
886	Big Horn	103	2	...	...	8	6 1	6 2	Frawley	15	40
...	Saul of Tarsus	109	7	...	...	5 1	7 2	7 3	Hennessy	4	5
893	Yoloco	108	4	...	...	7 2	8	8	Macklin	50	200

Time—¼, :24¼; ½, :49. Winner, Fred Foster's ch. c. by imp. Watercress-imp. Paloma. Good start. Won under a pull. Second and third driving.

A romp for the winner. Limerick ran well for a new one. Sisquoc should have been third.

Scratched—Tar Hill 103.

905. FOURTH RACE—Futurity course; selling; three-year-olds and upward; purse, $350.

Index.	Horse.	Age.	Weight.	St.	¼m.	½m.	¾m.	Str.	Fin.	Jockeys.	Betting. Op.	Betting. Cl.
859	Tiburon, 3		95	2	...	4 ½	2 2	1 h	1 1½	Macklin	10	25
855	Anchored, 3		107	5	...	5 2	6 2	3 h	2 2	J. Reiff	10	25
895	Georona, 3		102	1	...	3 1	4 1	5 2	3 h	Hahn	15	75
865	Jingle Jingle, 3		102	3	...	2 h	3 1	4 h	4 h	McNichols	8	15
887	Sombre, 3		102	4	...	1 ½	1 1	2 2	5 3	Bullman	1-2	7-20
(750)	Judge Stouffer, 5		120	6	...	6 2	5 1	6 3	6 4	Piggott	6	7
885	Yaruba, 3		106	7	...	7	7	7	7	Jones	8	25

Time—To ¼, :21½; to ½, :41; last ⅝, 1:02½; short ¾, 1:12½. Winner, P. E. Smith's b. g. by imp. Friar Tuck-Lulu B. Good start. Won first three driving.

Saddle on the favorite slipped. She had no speed anyway. Anchored finished gamely. Jingle stopped. Yaruba well played.

Scratched—Stromo 104, Faversham 107, Mainbar 116, Charmante 102.

906. FIFTH RACE—One mile; selling; four-year-olds and upward; purse, $400.

Index.	Horse.	Age.	Weight.	St.	¼m.	½m.	¾m.	Str.	Fin.	Jockeys.	Betting. Op.	Betting. Cl.
875	Eddie Jones, 4		110	5	4 h	3 1	2 ½	2 h	1 h	Thorpe	7-5	5-2
875	Joe Ullman, 5		111	6	6 4	6 8	5 ½	4 1	2 ns	J. Reiff	2	8-5
894	Moringa, 4		103	4	1 1	1 1	1 ½	1 h	3 6	Devin	3	13-5
882	Imp. Mistral II, 5		110	1	5 h	2 h	4 1	5 2	4 1	Macklin	8	15
(884)	Horatio, 5		115	2	2 h	4 1	3 ½	3 ½	5 1	Piggott	8	15
889	Earl Cochran, 6		107	3	3 ½	5 1	6 3	6 4	6 2	Roullier	50	100
...	Don Vallejo, 5		107	7	7	7	7	7	7	Romero	100	100

Time—¼, :25½; ½, :50; ¾, 1:16; mile, 1:41½. Winner, Burns & Waterhouse's br. h. by Morello-Early Rose. Good start. Won first three driving.

Thorpe outfinished Reiff. Ullman was the best. Mistral is not good.

Scratched—Truxillo 110, Gotobed 106.

907. SIXTH RACE—One and a sixteenth miles; selling; three-year-olds and upward; purse, $400.

Index.	Horse.	Age.	Weight.	St.	Std.	¼m.	½m.	¾m.	Str.	Fin.	Jockeys.	Betting. Op.	Betting. Cl.
895	Limewater, 3		96	8	...	4 h	4 2	4 2	1 h	1 h	Holmes	3	13-5
876	Una Colorado, a		99	4	...	1 2	1 1½	1 2	3 ½	2 ns	Jenkins	20	60
847	Torsida, 4		105	5	...	3 1	3 h	3 ½	2 h	3 3	Bullman	1-2	13-20
883	P. A. Finnegan, 4		98	3	...	2 1	2 1	2 ½	4 2	4 ½	Coburn	8	6
889	Prince Blazes, 4		100	2	...	5 ½	7 3	7 4	6 1	5 h	McNichols	15	30
847	Twinkle Twink, 6		97	7	...	6 2	5 1	5 2	5 2	6 3	J. Daly	100	200
882	Byron Cross, 4		95	1	...	7 n	6 2	6 1	7 3	7 8	W. Narvaez	100	200
846	Coda, 6		102	6	...	8	8	8	8	8	Devin	12	30

Time—1-16, :07; 5-16, :31¾; 9-16, :57; 13-16, 1:23; mile, 1:43; 1 1-16 miles, 1:49¼. Winner, Sunset Stable's b. c. by imp. Quicklime-Bracelet. Good start. Won first three driving.

Limewater was pounds the best. Was almost left at the post. Una Colorado apparently likes weight off. Torsida has seen better days. She was the joker in the deck. Coda had no speed.

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HOSPITAL FORCE PARALYZED

CHAS. LEDWITH FALLS DOWN A FLIGHT OF STAIRS.

He Is Taken to the Receiving Hospital Suffering From Concussion of the Brain and Recovers Consciousness.

Charles Ledwith, a night bartender in Ben Tiley's saloon, 17 Turk street, was taken to the Receiving Hospital yesterday morning suffering from concussion of the brain, and when his pockets were searched the hospital attaches thought they had discovered a pawnshop.

He had $525 50 in gold coin, $7 in currency, $4 60 in silver, two Confederate currency notes, two lady's gold watches and a silver watch, one man's gold watch, chain and locket, two diamond rings, one ring with a red stone, one ring with two green stones, one plain gold ring, four purses, a bunch of keys, a lady's gold pin and a pair of gold cuff buttons. A slungshot was also found in his pocket, and it gave rise to the suspicion that something was wrong.

Ledwith left the saloon yesterday morning at 7 o'clock. Friends say that although he had not been drinking since New Year, he broke the pledge, as he felt blue, and very little affected him from the fact that some years ago he had his skull fractured while working as a tin-roofer for J. T. M. Guilfoy on Eighth street.

The landlady of the Parker House, 1122 Market street, saw him come upstairs shortly before 9 o'clock to the landing where she happened to be, and as he reached the top he staggered and fell backward to the bottom. Two men came in from the street and helped him to his feet, and then the ambulance was summoned and he was sent to the hospital.

He recovered consciousness late yesterday afternoon, and on being questioned by Detective O'Dea he admitted that he had been drinking, and claimed that the money and jewelry were his property. He carried them around for safety, as his room had been entered twice in the Devon House within a few months and looted. He said he had no recollection of falling and was surprised to find that he was in the hospital. He got the slungshot several nights ago, as there had been a row in the saloon and he wanted something with which to protect himself.

Ledwith is known to be a crank for cheap jewelry and will buy anything of the kind or lend money on it. He had $250 and some jewelry and watches in the safe of his friend, W. H. Hughes, a saloon-keeper on Howard street who went out of business recently, and he had carried them around with him since, besides other money and articles.

Ledwith's wife called at the hospital and said that two diamond studs in his shirt front were missing. It appeared that the two men who came to his asistance tore open his shirt, and it is supposed that the studs were pulled out and lost.

The police at first thought that an attempt might have been made to rob Ledwith, but that idea was abandoned, and then it was thought that he might have been using the slungshot for something besides self-protection, but that idea was also abandoned.

A WAR BETWEEN DELIVERY COMPANIES

DETAILS OF BAGGAGE TRANSFER TRUST.

Facts and Figures Brought to Light Through the Medium of a Justices' Court Suit.

A suit filed in the Justices' Court yesterday discloses the somewhat perplexing details of a parcels delivery trust, the existence of which it is safe to say has heretofore been unknown even to those who pay attention to such matters. The suit is against the Pacific Transfer Company, the plaintiff Morton Bros.' Special Delivery Company.

It appears from the complaint that in December, 1896, the two transfer companies entered into an agreement whereby competition was to end between them. The conditions of the compact were that the defendant company should pay over to Morton Bros. on the 10th day of each month one-third of the net profits of the previous month's business, it being understood and agreed that the amount to be so paid should never fall below the sum of $500. The firm of Morton Bros. on its part agreed to pay each month to the defendant company one-third of the gross receipts derived from the business of handling baggage to and from the ferry depot and wharves.

So far as is known, things progressed smoothly under this agreement until the summer and fall of last year. The complaint avers that for the months of June, July, August, September and October the one-third of the gross receipts due the defendant company amounted to $282 70. To offset this there was due plaintiff from the defendant company the sum of $2500, being $500 for five months. Of this amount $2054 45 was paid on account, leaving a balance due of $162 85. It is for this amount that suit is brought.

New Chapter Eastern Star.

Under dispensation of Grand Patron Lawrance, Associate Grand Patron George L. Darling, assisted by Grand Matron Mrs. Maria A. Pierce, Grand Secretary Mrs. J. Willats and members of several of the local chapters, instituted Olive Branch, a new chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, in the Native Sons' building last Wednesday night, with the following-named officers and charter members: Mrs. Charlotte E. Marais, W. M.; C. L. P. Marais, W. P.; Melissa G. McConkey, A. M.; Salina Ciprico, T.; Annie L. Arper, C.; Margaret M. Fitch, A. C.; Emma Rohrbacher, organist; Olive Schmidt, Valentine Schmidt, Sarah Dewitt, Annie Schumacher, Edmund S. Ciprico, Sophie Dyer, Robert W. Smith, Edith L. Smith, Eliza C. Kitchen and Theresa Fredericks, members. After the ceremony there were addresses of congratulation by the grand officers, Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, M. W. P. G. M., and J. N. Young.

INSURANCE MEN GROW TIRED OF COMPETITION

New Organization to Be Formed.

WILL CONTROL CITY BUSINESS

BID FOR A COMBINATION OF LOCAL COMPANIES.

Should All Not Come In There Will Be War to the Knife With Those Who Stay Out.

There is food for all kinds of gossip in the insurance situation at present existing in this city. There are plans on foot to revolutionize the entire local business and bring all the city companies under the control of a local board. Should the plan succeed there will be peace and harmony and low rates and general congratulations over the improved conditions, but should it fail there will be rate cutting and mutilated companies strewn over the downtown streets.

All these secret meetings have not been for the pleasure of convening and talking over the best way to word a policy or how to make the uninsured insure; it is the question of competition which has taken up most of the time, and the best means to prevent too much and too strong competition has been the subject of those long talks in Monterey and at the Cliff House.

At present the Pacific Coast Board of Underwriters control most of the insurance of this coast. It has the greater number of the large companies on this list, and the companies belonging to it are bound to have dealings only with the other members of the compact. But there is a sufficient number of companies who have not joined the compact to maintain a continual menace to the plans and rates and commissions of the compact companies, and they have grown to be a thorn in the side of the more powerful organization. The companies on the outside are not bound to keep up rates, and so as a rule they make rates for themselves just a little below those of the compact companies, and increased business is the result. The board has at various times offered inducements to the outside companies to come into the fold, but there are certain rules of the board, principally one relating to city agents, which have proved objectionable. The board is bound by rules which suit the coast but not exactly the local conditions, and so the idea is now being put forth that the local companies should get together and form the San Francisco Fire Insurance Exchange, a body to be governed in accordance with the needs and conditions of city business.

To this end the work of the board during its last session has been mainly directed and many of the rules adopted have been with a view to strengthen the new organization. They have in the first place decided to curtail the number of men doing business as insurance men, but who have taken it up as a side issue. There are many real estate firms who transact a small insurance business on the side, and there are many more who, controlling insurable property, farm out the policies to whoever will give the highest commission. It is the intention to stop such work so far as is possible.

The question of city agents has also been given much argument, and also the propriety of allowing one office to have both board and non-board companies under its control. Other questions on rates and rebates and commissions have been under discussion, and all with a view to this new organization which is contemplated.

The board companies, it is understood, will be willing to come down to the rates and the commissions charged and paid by the non-board companies, and they will make other concessions in order to have the support of all the companies, but if they do not come into the new organization it looks as if a war will be on. Board companies will be authorized to violate the rate cutting rule of the board and make rates under any offered by any one of the outsiders. The situation has become so strained that it has come to a point where peace or war must exist, and the big companies have decided to try peace first.

The upshot of it all seems to be that rates will drop and will stay lower for some time to come.

It was reported on the street yesterday that the Union Company of London, one of the Catton Bell Agency's companies, had been expelled from the board. The report proved incorrect, however, for the action of the board amounted only to a vote of censure. The agency had violated one of the rules relating to commissions.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS.

No Law Requiring That They Be Printed Either Monthly or Quarterly.

City and County Attorney Lane has filed with the Board of Supervisors a written opinion in which he holds that there is no law requiring municipal officials to cause to be printed monthly or quarterly reports of the affairs of their respective offices. Also with reference to charges that may be made by the official paper of the city. The opinion is as follows:

You have requested my opinion as to "whether or not all monthly or quarterly or any reports of municipal officials are required by law to be advertised in the Evening Post newspaper—the official organ of the city and county of San Francisco"; also whether said newspaper "is entitled to charge its regular rates for publishing said reports when required."

In reply I beg to state: (1) I know of no provision of law requiring the monthly or quarterly reports of municipal officials to be published in any particular newspaper, whether designated "official" or otherwise. (2) The contract between the city and the Evening Post only covers "orders, resolutions and authorizations, notices and other publications and advertisements published or caused to be published by the Board of Supervisors or the clerk thereof." For any other advertising which it may receive from the city or its authorized officials the Evening Post or any other paper is entitled to charge its regular rates.

ARTILLERY WILL SOON SAIL.

Four Batteries for Honolulu and Three for Manila.

The four batteries of the Sixth United States Artillery, which have been ordered to Honolulu, will leave here about April 12 on the Nippon Maru. Major S. M. Mills, Sixth United States Artillery, has been assigned to the command of the battalion, which will consist of Batteries A, I, K and N. Batteries I and K are now at Fort Monroe, Va., and Battery A at St. Francis barracks, Florida. Battery N is one of the new batteries to be organized.

The three light batteries ordered to Manila will leave about the middle of April. The officers and men will go either on the Newport or the Morgan City. The companies of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, assigned to the Department of California, are expected here within three days and will be stationed at the Presidio and Alcatraz. Eight New Yorkers were mustered out yes