

PHONOGRAPH PARLORS RAIDED BY FRANK KANE

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CHARGED WITH FAILING TO DO THEIR DUTY.

Offenders With a Political Pull Alleged to Have Escaped the Just Punishment for Their Crime.

TWO of the "phonograph parlors" were raided yesterday by Frank J. Kane, the manager of the Society for the Suppression of Vice. Numerous obscene pictures were confiscated, and the proprietors of the establishments were arrested.

On the first night, since the exposure of the vicious character of the exhibitions presented at these places, Kane had been making a quiet investigation of the situation with the result that he decided to proceed against the M. Kollmann Company, which does business at 38 Market street, and M. F. Levy at 414 Kearny street. The evidence of wrong-doing had been done away with at the other places.

Accompanied by a number of his deputies, Kane first visited the Kollmann place. Here the greatest pictures had been removed, but enough indecent photographs remained in the machine to warrant action being taken against the proprietor. About a dozen of the colored pictures were seized. Mr. Kollmann, the manager of the parlor, was inclined to protest against the course of Mr. Kane, declaring that some of the pictures seized were objectionable. Mr. Kollmann's moral pretensions had evidently been tested by long association with his immoral stock-in-trade. When asked if he would allow his children to feast their eyes on some of these productions, he replied that children had no business to come into the place at this hour of the night, and contained more juveniles than adults.

While the raid was in progress here a police officer was given as to the moral character of the exhibition. A lady accompanied by two little girls detested the place and by chance selected the machine placed "For men." She gazed into it a moment, then with a look of mingled disgust and indignation, turned to her children, exclaiming: "What a shame to look at, and walked briskly out of the place."

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person, any figure, picture or object that is obscene, indecent, vulgar or lewd. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, have in his possession, or under his control, operate, manufacture or to assist in the manufacture of, or to offer for sale or otherwise dispose of, any instrument, picture, representation, machine, device, or mechanical device or contrivance, used or designed to be used for any of the purposes prohibited in the two preceding sections, or to be a witness to any such exhibition, representation, reproduction or repetition.

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the California street lines. As soon as the new turntable is in service the California street road will be extended from its present terminus at the corner of Market and Drumm streets, thus giving residents along and near California street a line to the foot of Market street.

From the tracks of these two lines and to the south of them an open and clear space from eighty to a hundred feet wide will be reserved for pedestrians bound for the ferries. South of this passage-way will be the termini of the roads operated south of Market street, including the San Francisco and San Mateo Electric Railway, which will run along East street instead of along Stewart street. Here will also be the terminus of the Ferries, Park and Ocean road, which now operates its cars only to the junction of Market and Eddy streets, whence it transfers to the cars of the Market-street cable lines.

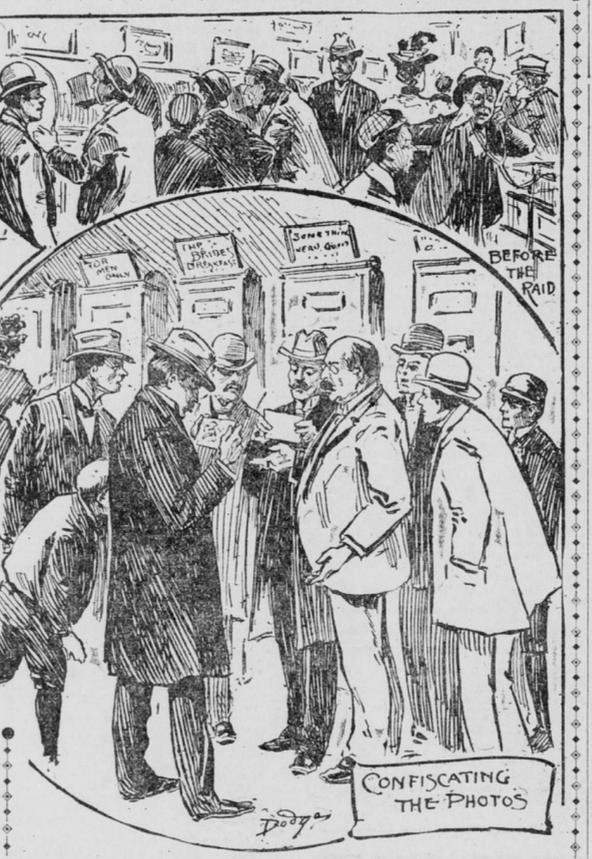
Supervisors Have No Power to Force an Inspection of Custom-House Appraisements.

City and County Attorney Lane called on Customs Collector Jackson recently for the purpose of conferring with him with reference to a resolution recently passed by the Board of Supervisors dis-

visors were overwhelming, and that he would so report to the Supervisors.

MR. COOMBS IS NOW DISTRICT ATTORNEY TOOK THE OATH AMID COMPLIMENTS.

Frank L. Coombs, the newly appointed United States Attorney for the Northern District of California, took the oath of office yesterday morning and assumed its duties. In introducing his successor Mr. Foote made a feeling speech, thanking the court and his assistants for the many courtesies extended to him. In the course of his remarks Mr. Foote said: "I came into office under Mr. Cleveland—in my opinion one of the most distinguished men of his own party who ever occupied the Presidential chair—and I have had the distinguished honor to be continued in office under that incomparable statesman and patriot, the man who now most fittingly occupies the chair once occupied by the martyred Lincoln, Honorable William McKinley, President of the United States." Judge de Haven paid a graceful com-



pliment to Mr. Foote, and extended a cordial welcome to his successor. Mr. Coombs then stepped forward and was sworn in by Judge de Haven.

The party then repaired to the United States Circuit Court, where Mr. Coombs took the oath of office before Judge Morrow, and where a similar scene was enacted.

Advances made on furniture and pianos, with or without removal. J. Noonan, 1017-1023 Mission.

Knocked Down a Woman. F. W. Fawcett, a tough-looking citizen, was convicted by Judge Conlan yesterday on the charge of battery and was ordered to appear for sentence to-morrow. Mrs. Mary Streuli, whose husband is proprietor of the Swiss saloon, 42 Dupont street, was standing in front of the saloon Friday night talking to a friend when Fawcett came along in an intoxicated condition. Without any provocation he struck Mrs. Streuli, knocking her down. Policeman Cohen happened to see the assault and chased and captured Fawcett.

Victim of a Horse Deal. T. O'Malley, 31 Broadway, swore to a complaint in acting Police Judge Barry's court yesterday for the arrest of John Flinn on the charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. January 28 Flinn called upon O'Malley and said he was the owner of four horses and a wagon and had traded one of the horses with James Maher, but needed \$13 to carry out the trade. O'Malley gave him the money, and now alleges that he has discovered the horse did not belong to Flinn, but was stolen, and one of the thieves was serving a sentence of six months.

Fine pianos to rent at Mauvals', 769 Market street.

SOUGHT TO KILL THE WOMAN WHO HAD JILTED HIM

Mad Act of a Real Estate Agent.

DISARMED AFTER A STRUGGLE

H. M. BENSON CREATES A SCENE IN A LODGING HOUSE.

He Attempted to Shoot a Woman for Whom He Left His Wife and Three Young Children.

H. M. Benson, a real estate agent, is locked up in the City Prison with a charge of disturbing the peace recorded against him.

Jealous of the woman whom he claimed as his wife, Benson last evening placed a loaded revolver in his pocket and started out with the avowed determination of killing her. Learning that she was stopping in a lodging-house at 118 Sixth street, Benson invaded her apartments, but was prevented from making her a subject for the Coroner by the night clerk, who had followed him to the room and disarmed him just as he was in the act of shooting his helpless victim. A policeman was at once summoned and he placed the murderous real estate agent under arrest.

The woman whose life Benson sought is named Ellen Malone. According to her story he was married to her sister, by whom he had three children. The faithful real estate agent attempted to end his miserable existence by swallowing a quantity of morphine. He was found in a semi-conscious condition and removed to the Receiving Hospital, where he soon recovered. Since then, he claims, he has received corroborative evidence of the unfaithfulness of Ellen, and he determined to kill her and then blow out his brains.

"She has wrecked my life," declared Benson, after he had been taken to the City Prison. "I am sorry that she deserted my wife and babies. I realized I had made a mistake. I was madly in love with her and when I learned that she was receiving the attentions of other men I attempted to commit suicide."

"I fully made up my mind to kill her and then commit suicide," he tearfully remarked to Desk Sergeant Bidwell. "My God, why did they stop me? I borrowed the revolver from a friend, and after examining it to make sure that it was all right I went to her apartment intending to murder her and then blow out my brains. Just as I entered the room in which she was seated the clerk, who evidently divined my purpose, took the revolver from me."

"I will kill her yet!" dramatically concluded Benson, as he was being led into a cell. "She has ruined my life and must pay the price. I will kill her and then give my liberty I will kill her and then give myself."

It is likely that an additional charge of threats against life will be recorded against Benson to-morrow.

Price Gives Esola A LESSON ON RAIDS BREAKS UP A FAN-TAN GAME WITHOUT AXES OR CLUBS.

His Men Catch the Guard Napping and Make the Haul of the Season.

The little rivalry between Police Lieutenants Price and Esola is causing no end of trouble for the Chinese, and if it continues the chances are that the Celestials will either hide away their fan-tan games or close them down for a short period. On Friday night a squad under Esola forced its way into two clubs and arrested a number of players. Not to be beaten, Price last night made a splendid haul at "San Jose Charlie's" club, 122 Waverly place.

Price, who has studied the habits of the Chinese for years, laid his plans carefully, and as a result secured as many men in one raid as Esola did in two, besides securing evidence. Instead of rushing in a squad armed with axes up against the doors and thus warning the players, Price caught them napping. He detailed Officer Butler to watch the place carefully, and when a favorable opportunity presented itself to give a signal. Butler carried out his instructions to the letter. He secreted himself in the hallway, and after a short watch had the

DR. KILMER'S REMEDIES. THE NEW METHOD OF BLOOD PURIFYING

What the New Discovery in Medical Science Has Accomplished.

The Prompt Way to Cure Yourself When Symptoms Show That Your Blood Is Out of Order.

THE EMINENT SPECIALIST'S FREE OFFER TO ALL READERS OF "THE CALL."

For a great many years it has been the custom for sick people to say: "My blood is out of order. It needs purifying. I feel all used up. My skin needs clearing. My brain feels tired."

They are right, but do they act right? They generally go and get a laxative (bowel-cleaner) to purify the blood. Does their blood run through their bowels?

Science has to-day furnished proofs that all the purifying that your blood needs, in fact, all that can be done, must be done by your kidneys.

All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes. The kidneys strain or filter out the impurities in the blood—that is their work.

Purifying your blood is not a question of taking a laxative or physic. Does your blood run through your bowels?

What the bowel-cleaner does is to throw out the poisons confined in your bowels ready for absorption into your blood, but the poisons which are already in your blood, causing your present sickness, it leaves there.

There is no other way of purifying your blood except by means of your kidneys. That is why bowel-cleaners fail to do their work—they fail to help the kidneys.

When you are sick, then, no matter what you think the name of your disease is, the first thing you should do is to afford aid to your kidneys by using Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great Kidney Remedy.

In taking Swamp-Root you afford natural help to nature, for Swamp-Root is the most perfect healer and

gentle aid to the kidneys that is known to medical science. Dr. Kilmer, the eminent physician and specialist, has attained a far-famed reputation through the discovery and marvelous success of Swamp-Root in purifying the blood, and thereby curing chronic and dangerous diseases, caused by sick kidneys, of which some of the symptoms are given below.

Pain or dull ache in the back or head, rheumatism, neuralgia, nervousness, dizziness, irregular heart, sleeplessness, sallow complexion, pimples, blotches, skin troubles, dropsy, irritability, loss of ambition, obliged to pass water often during the day and to get up many times at night, and all forms of kidney, bladder and uric acid troubles.

Swamp-Root is sold by all dealers, in fifty-cent or one-dollar bottles. Make a note of the name, SWAMP-ROOT, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and remember it is prepared only by Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

The great discovery Swamp-Root has been tested in so many ways, in hospital work, in private practice, among the helpless too poor to purchase relief, and has proved so successful in every case that a special arrangement has been made by which all readers of "The Call" who have not already tried it may have a sample bottle sent absolutely free by mail, postpaid. Also a book telling more about Swamp-Root and containing some of the thousands upon thousands of testimonial letters received from men and women who owe their good health—in fact, their very lives, to the wonderful curative properties of Swamp-Root. Be sure and mention the San Francisco Sunday Call when sending your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

pleasure of seeing the lookout doze away. He at once gave the signal and rushed into the room.

There was a mixed crowd in the center of the room playing fan-tan. As soon as the officers made their appearance the players commenced grabbing for the money and beans, but they were too late. The complete layout, including \$5 in cash, the beans and books were taken as evidence. Twenty-one Chinese, six Japanese, three Filipinos and one Ladrono Islander were placed under arrest. The raid is probably the most successful one that has ever been made, as the men were actually caught playing the game and evidence was snatched out of their hands.

Easter Services for Soldiers. Rev. Oliver C. Miller, who served as chaplain of the Eighth California Volunteers, will conduct a service at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the chapel at the Presidio. His subject will be "The Soldiers Guarding the Cross and Tomb of Jesus." Professor Otto Fleissner, organist of the First Presbyterian Church, and his choir will have charge of the music.

A New March. "The Golden State," a new march composed by L. A. Darling of Eureka and dedicated to the Native Daughters of the Golden West, will be played for the first time this afternoon in the chapel at the Presidio. Mrs. Lena H. Mills, Joaquin Parlor of Stockton, at a post lenten ball to be given to-morrow night in that city in aid of the Grand Relief fund.

H. Murphy, 630 Market street, lends money on estates, second mortgages, etc.

STOP, MEN! CAST IT OFF NOW!

You Know Your Weakness. You Can See Yourself Losing Day by Day. It Is Time to Shake Off the Serpent That Is Eating Your Life Out.

"I will outgrow it," you say. But I say you will not. When this awful drain has once fastened its terrible hold upon you it is then too late to hope to outgrow it. Long before you see evidence of your weakness the cause occurred. Nature held you up as long as she could, but nature has not strength to regain the power lost. You must have help, and that help must come through the nervous system, upon which all vital parts depend. You must check the loss and restore the natural power. You can do it through the nerves.



I Am Able to Help You.

Thirty years of my life have been devoted to the study of this weakness. I understand it as you do your trade or life work, perhaps better, because I am in love with my work. I am full of enthusiasm over the wonderful success of my treatment. I have been urged to greater and deeper study by the grateful praises of my thousands of patients. I desired to perfect my methods so that no case would resist. I have done it, and I offer you now the remedy which has made over ten thousand men grateful to me. It is the new method, commended by every honest physician, and backed by all the great scientific men in the land. It is

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