

LEPER BUILDING DESTROYED BY OFFICIAL ORDER

A New Structure Will Take Its Place.

SCENE AT THE PESTHOUSE

FOUR SUPERVISORS SUPERINTEND THE WORK.

The Task of Rebuilding Will Be Begun as Soon as the Ruins Can Be Cleared by Workmen.

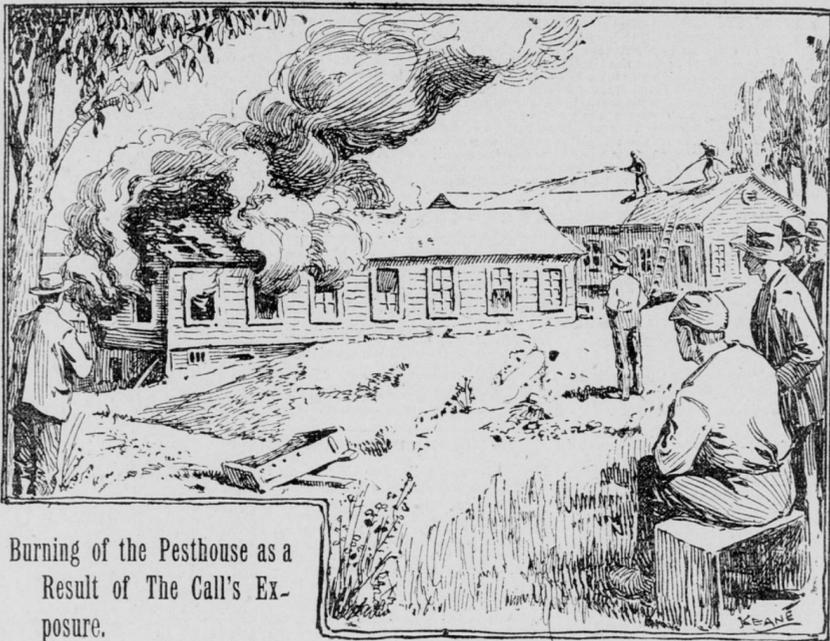
The leper building at the Pesthouse is no longer in existence. It was burned

to the ground at noon yesterday by order of the Board of Supervisors to make room for a new structure that was ordered built some days ago. The leper patients and their small belongings were removed to another of the groups of tumble-down structures Friday and when Supervisors Holland, Aigeltinger, Attridge and Kalben of the Committee on Public Buildings arrived on the scene shortly before noon yesterday everything was in readiness for the work of demolition. Fire apparatus was put in readiness to prevent the spread of the flames to adjoining structures and then the match was applied. The old wooden shell burned fiercely for a time and residents in that vicinity who had not been apprised of what was going on became alarmed and some one turned in the alarm. The fire department responded, but there was no need of the services of the firemen for before they reached the scene the building had been reduced to a heap of smoldering embers. The ruins will be cleared as quickly as possible and the construction of the new building will be begun without loss of time.

The building to be erected on the site of the old leper building will be of cheap construction, but in its dimensions it will be ample for the present needs of the unfortunates who are to occupy it. It is to be fitted with comfortable beds and all furnishings provided for the comfort of the patients and their attendants.

The building destroyed yesterday, which has been occupied for many years by the lepers who have been confined at the Pesthouse, was not fit for human occupancy, and the fact that it was the only place provided for the shelter of those afflicted with leprosy has long been a disgrace to the city. Some time ago The call exposed the true and sordid condition of the Pesthouse, and as a result of the public indignation resulting from a knowledge of the fact the Board of Supervisors voted sufficient funds for the construction of a new building. It was thought best to build an expensive building, as it is hoped that in the near future arrangements can be made with the Federal Government for the accommodation of California lepers at the leper colony in the Hawaiian Islands. Whether or not this desirable condition of things can be brought about, it is nevertheless a fact that the fire that was kindled at the Pesthouse yesterday was in the interest of humanity.

OFFICIAL DESTRUCTION OF THE CITY'S DISGRACE.



Burning of the Pesthouse as a Result of The Call's Exposure.

ments can be made with the Federal Government for the accommodation of California lepers at the leper colony in the Hawaiian Islands.

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His Collar-Bone Broken.

Frank Anderson, a young man, while riding on his bicycle along Bryant street yesterday afternoon, fell while crossing Twenty-fourth street. When picked up it was found that he had broken his collarbone. He was conveyed to the City and County Hospital, where Dr. Pryor attended to him, after which he was removed to his home at 132 Shotwell street.

GORGEOUS FINISH OF THE CHARITY FETE SOCIETY TURNS OUT FOR THE CLOSING NIGHT.

Magnificent Vaudeville Entertainment by the All-Star Combination of the Iowa.

The gingerbread fete for the benefit of the Children's Hospital came to a brilliant close last evening. Society turned out en masse to greet the Iowa boys, who were the star attraction of the night. The gallant tars made a brilliant showing, and each number on the varied and excellent programme was heartily applauded. In fact, the audience did not seem to be able to get enough of minstrelsy and monologue, and encores were frequent and many.

All the booths did a thriving business, and many of the tables looked dimly

empty long before the close. However, the pleasant jingle of the treasury box did much to recompense the deserted, inartistic appearance of the hall.

A large number of friends of the hospital neglected to visit the fete during the week, reserving themselves and their well lined purses for the closing night. The pleasant result was that quite as much money was taken in at the door and spent at the various booths last evening as during all the previous nights of the show combined.

At the matinee there was also a splendid attendance. The little ones of the Ladies' Relief Society attended in a body as the guests of Miss Kohl, and the generous hostess saw that every child had a chance to get the grab-bag and a plate of ice-cream.

The board of lady managers of the Children's Hospital spared neither time nor expense to make the fete an artistic as well as a financial success, and to their excellent management all credit for a most pleasant affair is due.

Next September the great charity ball will be held, and the dance will be the first great event of the winter season.

RELEASED FROM PRISON.

Manuel Rivas and His Girl-Wife Allowed to Enjoy Their Honeymoon.

Manuel Rivas and his girl wife, Inacia, appeared before Judge Mogan yesterday, the husband to answer a charge of perjury and the wife as a witness. The wife's mother is the complaining witness, but there seemed to be a doubt as to the daughter's age, the mother being considerably confused on the subject.

The judge observed that the complaint was defective and remarked that it was a common occurrence for complaints drawn up by his warrant clerk to be defective and he was getting tired of it. On that ground alone he would have to dismiss the case, but thought it better to continue it till tomorrow to see if additional light as to the girl's age could be brought forward.

Meantime he released Rivas and his wife on their own recognizance to appear Monday, the wife having been booked as a witness, as she positively refused to leave her husband.

Mary A. Smith's Will.

The will of Mrs. Mary A. Smith, who died on the 8th inst., leaving an estate of real and personal property valued at

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 - Striped Taffeta Silks, white and monotone effects, equal stripes, in violet, turquoise, etc., etc. \$1.00 Yd.
 - Polka Dot Taffetas, latest colorings, in both large, medium and small dots. \$1.00 Yd.
 - Black and White and Blue and White Checked Taffetas, complete line, different size \$1.00 Yd.
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- Black Goods.** 1 case Black Mohair Crepons, ten different designs \$1.25 Yd.
 - 20 pieces Extra Quality Black Mohair Crepons, poplin effects, eight different designs \$1.50 Yd.
 - An elegant assortment of Black Figured Mohair Granites, 44 inches wide, handsome designs \$1.00 Yd.
 - 20 pieces Black Wool Taffetas, 44 inches wide, genuine French manufacture \$1.25 Yd.
 - 1 case Reversible Silk and Wool Figured Etamines, four different designs, \$2.00 and \$2.75 Yd.

SPECIAL!

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Save Your Skin

How to Preserve, Purify and Beautify the Skin and Complexion.



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Pimples Cured in 6 Weeks.

I was troubled with pimples, especially on the chin and forehead. I tried several home remedies, but as they proved to be of no value, I decided to use CUTICURA SOAP, and in six weeks I was entirely rid of them. HENRY P. DAHLKE, 6111 So. Paulina St., Chicago, Ill.

Face Covered With Pimples.

My face was covered with pimples and blackheads, so that I could not go out. Others would be full of white matter. Ten dollars spent for soaps, medicines, etc., never did me any good. It took only three cakes CUTICURA SOAP to cure my face. JOSEPH E. CLAMER, 127 Court St., Elizabeth, N. J.

Save Your Hair

How to Prevent Falling Hair, Scalp Humors and Dandruff.



Cleanse the scalp and hair thoroughly with a HOT shampoo with CUTICURA SOAP, rinse with warm water, dry carefully, and apply a light dressing of CUTICURA, purest of emollients, gently rubbed into the scalp. This simple, refreshing and inexpensive treatment will clear the scalp and hair of crusts, scales and dandruff, soothe irritated and itching surfaces, stimulate the hair follicles, supply the roots with energy and nourishment, and make the hair grow upon a sweet, wholesome and healthy scalp, when all else fails.

Bad Scalp Humor Cured.

I had a bad scalp humor, and thought I would go frantic with itching. I lost considerable of my hair for which I had an abundance, and was very proud. I tried several remedies, but they all proved a failure. I tried CUTICURA SOAP, found immediate relief, and the itching is all gone. MRS. M. JUDAN, 246 Halliday St., Jersey City.

Bad Dandruff Cured.

Dandruff made my hair fall out so bad I got discouraged. I rubbed CUTICURA OINTMENT well into the scalp twice a week, and shampooed with warm water and a good lather of CUTICURA SOAP once a week. My hair is growing out thick once more, and free from dandruff. MISS ADA JAYES, Chelsea, Mass.

Save Your Hands

How to Make the Hands Soft and White in a Single Night.



Bathe and soak the hands on retiring, in strong, hot lather of CUTICURA SOAP. Dry thoroughly and anoint freely with CUTICURA Ointment, the great skin cure and purest of emollients. Wear during the night old, loose, kid gloves with the finger ends cut off. For red, rough, chapped hands, dry, fissured, itching, feverish palms, shapeless nails, with painful finger ends, this one night treatment is simply wonderful and a blessing to all afflicted with sore hands.

Tetter on Hands Cured.

I had been troubled with tetter for several years. At times my hands would be sore all over, so that I could not use them at all, and were so tender that clear water, even, smarted like fire, and it spread over arms, neck and face. I had been treated by physicians without benefit. I used four bottles of CUTICURA RESOLVENT, one cake of CUTICURA SOAP, and one box of CUTICURA OINTMENT, and it has never troubled me since. ELLA GURZON, Eppingham, Ill.

Baby's Sore Hand Cured.

I was obliged to keep the first three fingers of my little boy's hand done up all the time, as it was a raw sore, beginning to extend down toward the palm. We consulted three different physicians, each a certain length of time. A gentleman recommended CUTICURA remedies. I purchased CUTICURA SOAP, CUTICURA OINTMENT, and CUTICURA RESOLVENT, put aside what I had been using, and began with them. Well! they cured that hand. MRS. DIAMOND, 161 Bronson Ave., Rochester, N. Y.

PURE AND SWEET

and free from every blemish is the skin, scalp and hair cleansed, purified and beautified by CUTICURA SOAP. It removes the cause of disfiguring eruptions, loss of hair and baby blemishes—viz.: The clogged, irritated, inflamed or sluggish condition of the PORES. CUTICURA SOAP combines delicate emollient properties derived from CUTICURA, the great skin cure, with the purest of cleansing ingredients and most refreshing of flower odors. No other medicated soap ever compounded is to be compared with it for preserving, purifying and beautifying the skin, scalp, hair and hands. No other foreign or domestic soap, however expensive, is to be compared with it for all the purposes of the toilet, bath and nursery. Thus it combines IN ONE SOAP all the BEST PRICES—namely, the best skin and complexion soap and ONE the best toilet and baby soap in the world.

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A DIAMOND THIEF CLEVERLY CAPTURED

W. C. Epperson, the Man Who Has Been Stealing From Local Jewelers, Overreaches Himself.

W. C. EPPERSON is one of the slickest men that has come under the notice of the police for some time. He is the man who has been stealing diamond rings from jewelers under the pretext that he was a man of means and wanted to purchase diamonds to present to his lady friends.

April 3 he went into the jewelry store of W. S. Tabor, 910 Market street, and asked to examine some diamond rings, as he had just arrived in the city and was going to "blow himself in." He was shown a trayful, but as none of the rings suited him Tabor turned his back on him for a moment while he got another trayful. After carefully examining the rings Epperson said he was not



satisfied with them, but might call again. After he had left it was discovered that a ring valued at \$165 was missing.

Wednesday last Epperson called at the jewelry store of S. Schwartz, 502 Battery street, and went through the same performance, a valuable diamond ring being discovered missing after he had left. The police were notified and jewelers were instructed by the police to be on the lookout for the thief. Friday night he went into the jewelry store of Max Shirsper, 736 Market street, and tried to work Shirsper, but the jeweler was on his guard and declined to show him any rings. He left the store and Shirsper followed him outside to see if an officer was in sight. Detectives Ed Gibson and Wren happened to be in the neighborhood of the store and Shirsper notified them. Epperson had walked as far as Grant avenue when the detectives overtook him and placed him under arrest.

He appeared to be very indignant at being arrested and declared that he was a wealthy merchant from Spokane, but the detectives were not to be bluffed and he was locked up in "the tanks" in the City Prison. Yesterday morning Schwartz called at the prison and positively identified Epperson as the man who stole the diamond ring from him, and was even more positive from a peculiar pin that he wore in his tie. Epperson was booked on a charge of grand larceny, and other charges will be made under their notice for some time, and they are satisfied that he has swindled a large number of jewelers and others. Epperson gave his occupation as a barber, but it is believed that he is a professional crook.

from the Oak saloon on Sutter street, kept by Mollison's uncle. They started in to carry the historic, and Ballard was found at Sutter and Stockton streets by Policeman Alexander in an advanced stage of intoxication. He was sent to the Receiving Hospital, and later to the City Prison. His father lives at 157 Perry street, and called at the prison yesterday afternoon and bailed him out.

TOUGH MAN WITH A "PULL"

Lewis Edwards Convicted by Judge Mogan of Disturbing the Peace.

Lewis Edwards, who says that he is assistant bartender in the Chicago saloon, appeared before Judge Mogan yesterday on a charge of disturbing the peace. He was arrested about 2 o'clock yesterday morning in the King House, on Fourth street, for choking Emma Brady. The screams of the woman attracted the attention of Policemen Say and O'Shea and they placed Edwards under arrest.

In Judge Mogan's court yesterday Edwards was particularly offensive in his demeanor and declared to the arresting officers that he had a "pull" and could beat the case. His conduct exasperated the judge and he convicted him and ordered him into custody to appear for sentence to-morrow morning, when he will get the full limit.

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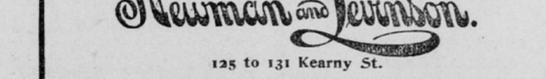
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