

WILL FIGHT A COLLECTION OF THEIR GAS RATE

Consumers Form an Organization.

STAND FOR THE \$1 10 CHARGE

ATTORNEYS EMPLOYED TO REPRESENT CONSUMERS.

Plan of Attack and Tests to Be Made Against the Tentacle Grasp of the Corporation.

Public sentiment has set its seal of censure upon the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company's usurious charges and the pliant obedience of the Board of Supervisors. Now comes an organized opposition to the receding Supervisors in the form of a gas consumers' syndicate, which will fight the enforcement of the \$1 15 rate.

The new organization has been formed by H. G. Cupples, the civil engineer. He has now enrolled on his list of subscribers about thirty of the big hotels and boarding-houses of this city. The proprietors of these establishments have entered into a mutual agreement to raise a fund which will enable Cupples to prosecute the syndicate's case. Black & Leaming, the well-known lawyers, will fight for the cause of the consumers. They will bring the matter before the courts, standing firm upon the ground that the act of the Supervisors rescinding their former resolution which reduced the gas rate to \$1 10 is illegal and void.

At present the consumers' organization is confined to a number of the hotels and boarding-houses, where the monthly expenditure for lighting runs into three figures. It is the idea of the new organization to enroll all the big consumers possible and make a determined fight for the maintenance of the \$1 15 rate. Small consumers will not be solicited to join the organization, but any victory for the latter will be general in application.

The new association of big consumers has been in process of formation for several weeks, and the attorneys representing subscribers will bring before the courts a bill of particulars in a few days. The test will then be made whether the Supervisors have the right to place on the gas company the Supervisors acted without the support and backing of the law. This matter will soon be decided by the courts by the people against the monopoly.

Bogus Gas Inspectors.

Two young men, named James Gallagher and James Devins, yesterday visited the residence of Mrs. Potter at 3522 Nineteenth street and after representing that they were gas inspectors, entered the house. One of them attempted to enter Mrs. Potter's bedroom, and as she was suspicious of his actions she sent word to the Seventeenth-street station. The men, evidently becoming alarmed, at once left the house and proceeded to another residence across the street, where they were denied admittance. Just then Detectives Reynolds and Dinan and Policeman Nolan appeared on the scene and placed the bogus gas inspectors under arrest. Last evening they were formally charged at the City Prison with impersonating gas inspectors.

A PROMINENT ELK.

Edwin B. Hay of Washington, D. C., Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Visits San Francisco Lodge.

Edwin B. Hay, past grand exalted ruler of the Protective Benevolent Order of Elks, a prominent lawyer of Washington, D. C., arrived in this city Friday.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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from Salt Lake, where he had been spending a few days. It was not his intention to visit this city, but, as he stated yesterday to Colonel Howell, the exalted ruler of San Francisco Lodge, he found himself as far as Salt Lake and concluded to see San Francisco before returning to his home. Last evening he paid a visit to San Francisco Lodge and was received with welcome such as Elks only know how to give.

San Francisco Lodge has made arrangements to pay a fraternal visit to Stockton Lodge on the evening of Saturday, the 20th inst., and the committee that will have charge of the visiting members is J. P. Dunne, A. J. Carmany, T. O. Haydenfeldt, Frank Sims and H. S. Manning, the exalted ruler.

The lodge will have a ladies' night on the evening of June in the lodgeroom at 223 Sutter street. There will be an excellent programme, light refreshments and an informal dance.

SCIENTISTS TO MEET.

An Excellent Opportunity to Display California's Many Advantages.

Professor M. E. Jaffa of the State University is making preparations for the reception and entertainment of the members of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, who will hold their annual convention in this city on July 5, 6 and 7. The arrangements have been made for the holding of the meetings in the Academy of Sciences Hall, but the Chamber of Commerce has also been offered to entertain the gentlemen, and the offer is now under consideration. The mission of the association is to collect data and information regarding the soil, climate and natural resources of the different localities of the United States, and the judgment of the learned gentlemen is worth more to home-seekers than all of the local literature printed.

Some idea of the association may be obtained from a perusal of the names of the officers, all of whom are well known in the field of science, particularly that branch which relates to agriculture. They are:

President, Professor Henry T. Armsby; vice presidents—Professor Joseph E. Stubbs, Professor Charles S. Murkland, Professor H. Snyder, Professor F. H. Mell, Professor F. P. Anderson; secretary and treasurer, Edward B. Voorhes; executive committee—Professor H. H. Goodell, Professor H. C. White, Professor Alex. Cole, Professor J. H. Washburn and Professor W. M. Liggett; biographer, Professor A. C. True.



Grand President Mattison Names the Members and Organization Will Be Effected at Once.

WILL RAISE A FUND FOR THE MEDALS COMMITTEE OF NATIVE SONS AT WORK.

By resolution of the Grand Parlor of Native Sons, in session at Sallinas, Grand President Frank Mattison was empowered to appoint a committee to have in charge the Native Sons' volunteer medal fund. Yesterday the following committee was announced: John T. Greany (chairman), W. W. Shannon, W. J. Wynn, James A. Devoto, Edward J. Taaffe, Frank H. Dunne, Merton C. Allen, Peter G. Du Fay, F. H. Kerrigan, of San Francisco; Walter W. Greer, Sacramento; George E. Catts, Stockton; Herman C. Lichtenberger, Los Angeles; E. A. Forbes, Marysville; Rod W. Church, Oakland; W. A. Gaston, San Jose.

This committee will meet for organization on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in Native Sons' building and on the following Saturday evening at the same hour and place the committee will meet the board of grand officers for the purpose of devising ways and means and to take initiatory steps toward circulating subscription papers for the fund. Following are the grand officers: Past grand president, M. Conley of Yosemite Parlor No. 24; grand president, Frank Mattison of Santa Cruz No. 50; grand first vice president, R. C. Rust of Excelsior No. 91; grand second vice president, Frank L. Coombs of Napa No. 82; grand secretary, Henry Lunstedt of California No. 1; grand treasurer, Henry S. Martin of Stanford No. 78; grand orator, Lewis F. Byington of Nantico No. 106; grand marshal, George H. Dunning of Santa Cruz No. 50; grand inside sentinel, A. W. Fielder of Los Positos No. 96; grand outside sentinel, J. H. Marquise of Marysville No. 6; grand trustees—Pletcher A. Cutler of Humboldt No. 4, H. R. McConbie of Stockton No. 4, Frank Sabers of Ramona No. 105, M. T. Dooling of Fremont No. 44, Will D. Shea of California No. 1, C. G. Dunbar of Sutter No. 23, Frank Barnett of Piedmont No. 120.

Ladies who have time and the disposition to help in the education of children, even two hours a week, will please apply to Silent Workers at Sunshine Hall, 924 and 926 Harrison street.

CALEDONIAN CLUB'S GAMES.

The Programme Will Include a Number of Events Never Seen Here Before.

The Caledonian Club is rapidly completing its arrangements for the thirty-third annual gathering and games at Shell Mound Park on Decoration day. The games committee has completed the programme. It will include several events never seen here before. There will be forty events. The prize list will amount to over \$500, and competitors will be present from Portland, Truro, and other points, including some from the States.

At a meeting of the club Friday night a large sum was voted for refreshments to the club's guests, and they will receive a genuine Highland welcome. The following committees have been appointed: Programme—James H. Duncan, C. A. McPhee, D. A. McDonald; advertising—George Davidson, W. Mitchell, John Reid; music—James Gray, D. E. Finlay, J. J. Cameron; finance—F. F. Finlay, W. Cameron, Dr. J. A. J. McDonald; printing—Andrew McNeil, J. H. Duncan, John A. C. The grand marshal, Mrs. Flora Jacobs, and the circle deputy, Mrs. Duke, were each presented a bunch of roses. Then followed a collation.

Sharboro & Co., Grocers, formerly of 821 Washington St., have removed to 621 Montgomery, near Washington.

Sarsfield's chronic ulcer salve will cure sores, eczema, salt rheum, ulcers, fever spots, disease of the rectum, etc. All druggists. Three sizes, \$1, 50c and 25c.

WELBURN'S WIFE SAT WITH HIM IN THE COURT

Held His Hand and Comforted Him.

EVERY INCH THE SOLDIER

GAVIN McNAB ASKED FOR TIME TO PLEAD.

Ex-Collector Had a Full House of Sympathizers in Judge de Haven's Courtroom to Cheer Him Up.

Ex-Revenue Collector Welburn appeared in United States District Judge de Haven's court yesterday for arraignment. The room was crowded with spectators, most of whom had known the defaulting collector when he held his official position. He appeared in the garb of a



United States soldier—a private—and his face showed the days of suffering through which he had passed since he took his flight after the suicide of Cashier Norton, which led to the exposure of Welburn's wrong doing.

GAVIN McNAB Asks for a Continuance in the Welburn Case.

Just before the clerk of the court called the case of the United States vs. Welburn the wife of the prisoner stepped forward and seated herself at the side of her husband. She placed her hand in his and seemingly forgot, and ignored the days in which the man in whom she put her trust had often forgotten and ignored her in his delirious dream of dissipation, when he was one of the bright particular stars of the tenderloin.

"O. M. Welburn stand up," said Clerk Manley. The prisoner stood up and said that his name was O. M. Welburn and that he waived the reading of the indictment. Through his attorney, Gavin McNab, he asked that he be given until next Wednesday at 11 a. m. to plead to the indictment. Judge de Haven granted the request and Welburn returned to the County Jail.

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A Fruitvale Masonic Event.

Last Tuesday night there was a special meeting of the Masonic Lodge at Fruitvale, Alameda County, for the purpose of conferring the third or Master Mason degree on T. O. Crawford, the County Superintendent. There was present a large membership; also Rev. Mr. Scott, past grand master of the State of Illinois; J. H. Edwards, grand lecturer of California; Frank B. Ogden, past master; Berry S. McFarland of Oak Grove Lodge No. 214; Harry A. Melvin, deputy District Attorney of Oakland; B. C. Hawes of Alameda; and a delegation from Alcatraz, Live Oak, Oakland, Brooklyn, lodges of Oakland and Mount Eden, Oak Grove and Durant lodges. After the ceremony of making Fellow Craftsman Crawford a Master Mason there was an adjournment to the banquet hall, where there was a collation, after which several hours were pleasantly spent in listening to responses to toasts. This lodge has been remarkably well having doubled its membership during the past twelve months.

The Grand Chief Visits.

Ira W. Coburn, grand chief companion of the Companions of the Forest of America, paid the last official visit of the term to Olympus Circle last Friday night. For the occasion the altar and the st. Edwards, grand lecturer of California, with roses and other choice flowers, while over the station of the chief companion there was displayed in graceful form two American flags to which one of patriotism of the membership. There were present a large number of the grand officers from Portland, Truro, and other points, including some from the States. To demonstrate how well the officers could employ the ritualistic and secret work there was the initiation of five candidates, after which there were by the grand officers speeches of congratulation and information and the presentation to the grand chief companion of a handsome sofa pillow, made by James Gray, D. E. Finlay, J. J. Cameron, and the circle deputy, Mrs. Duke, were each presented a bunch of roses. Then followed a collation.

At the tented annual session of the Grand Legion of Select Knights of America, held in Foresters' Hall on Eddy street, Grand Commander J. J. Sutherland, Grand Recorder J. L. Binet and Grand Treasurer G. M. Lawton presented their yearly reports and from these it appeared that since the adjournment of the previous Grand Legion the membership had increased 25 per cent and that the reserve fund, after the payment of all unpaid claims, had increased 17 per cent. The following grand officers were elected for the current term: J. Sutherland, past commander; W. M. Park, commander; E. Horman, vice commander; H. Dohnken, lieutenant commander; W. G. Thomson, marshal; J. L. Binet, recorder; G. M. Lawton, treasurer; D. F. Lambert, standard bearer; E. W. Hesser, guard; George G. C. C. The grand scribe, Mrs. Flora Jacobs, and the circle deputy, Mrs. Duke, were each presented a bunch of roses. Then followed a collation.

TOOK A REEF IN THE STOMACH OF A FISHERMAN

Nautical Cure for Indigestion.

THE PATIENT IS RECOVERING

FIRST OPERATION OF THE KIND IN SURGERY.

John Tohakka, Who Was Dying From Dilation of the Stomach Caused by Chronic Indigestion, Is Cured.

Since the early days of navigation sailors have been in the habit of taking a reef in a sail when the storm was stronger than the ship could stagger under with all her canvas spread, but for the first time in the medical history of the world a "reef" has been taken in a man's stomach. There is no medical term that conveys the operation, so the doctor who performed it simply calls it what it was—"taking a reef in a dilated stomach."

On March 25 last John Tohakka, a native of Finland, aged 45 years, was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital suffering from a very bad case of chronic indigestion. He is a fisherman and his irregular mode of life brought on the trouble. Some time ago his stomach began to swell, and when he was admitted to the hospital he looked as though he was suffering from dropsy. The case was as-

signed to Dr. George Childs Macdonald, and he diagnosed it as chronic indigestion. For three weeks Tohakka was treated in a most skillful manner, but in a general health improved the dilation of his stomach got worse, if anything. Slightly three weeks ago Dr. Macdonald decided that in order to effect a cure the stomach would have to be restored to its normal size. Drugs would not effect the object aimed at, so the knife and needle had to be brought into use. Tohakka had the situation explained to him and readily agreed to have the operation performed. After being put under the influence of an anesthetic the "reef" was taken in the stomach as well as his ever again.

The "reef" consists of a double fold, which was carefully sewed together. This reduced the organ to its normal size. The opening made in the body was then closed up and made secure and the patient was put back to bed. He began to improve at once, and in a short time was able to be up and about. He can now eat the best food, and yesterday made a hearty meal of roast chicken and potatoes. He will be in a condition to leave the hospital, and Dr. Macdonald says he will be able to follow his usual vocation as though nothing had happened.

ROSE LUNCHEON AT CASA BOYD

Delightful Entertainment in Honor of Mrs. N. P. Perine.

New Mining Company.

The Arrow Gold and Silver Mining Company incorporated Friday with a capital stock of \$200,000, all of which has been subscribed. The subscribers and directors are Charles L. Fair, George A. Knight, George J. Weeks, Robert Stevenson and Fred S. Knight.

Board of Education Must Appear in Court and Show Cause.

The entire Board of Education has been summoned by the Superior Court on Monday morning at 10 o'clock and show cause why they should not be punished for contempt of court for refusing to obey a writ of mandate issued out of the court's order, directing the board to pay E. C. Kilpatrick, principal of the Business Evening School, his salary from February, 1898, to the present date. The writ was issued April 10, and on the same day the board passed a resolution authorizing the payment of Kilpatrick's salary "out of any unexpended balance of any of the funds of the board, and if there be no unexpended balance, the resolution was in violation of the court's order, and consequently on his affidavit the order to show cause was issued.

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POOLSELLING AGAIN BEFORE THE COURTS

Second Trial of Book-maker Jones.

OBJECTIONS TO THE VENIRE

THEY ARE ALL SWEEP ASIDE BY JUDGE GROEZINGER.

All Afternoon Taken Up in Selecting the Jury and the Hearing Will Take Place Tomorrow.

The second trial of H. L. Jones, the bookmaker, charged with violating the new ordinance against poolselling by selling pools at the Ingleside racetrack, was commenced before acting Police Judge Groezinger and a jury yesterday afternoon.

At the first trial before Judge Mogan the jury stood ten for acquittal and two for conviction. Judge Mogan, from the fact that his calendar was overcrowded, transferred the cases to Judge Groezinger, and against the protest of Attorney Ach the case of Jones was again set first for trial.

A venire of 100 jurors had been served, and Attorney Ach at once adopted the same tactics as before Judge Mogan. He began by challenging the venire, and put Officers O'Keefe and O'Meara under oath, asking them innumerable questions as to how they selected the men, from whom they received their instructions, were any of the men related to the venire, and if they had any business dealings with them, and so on. The challenge was denied.

Then because one of the initials in one of the names was apparently wrong the agent challenged the venire, as the full 100 had not been summoned. This was also denied, and Ach took the usual exceptions. Ach insisted that all the names should be called out to see if the jurors would be getting at the full number had not been answered, and the defendant was entitled to have the whole 100 names put in the box. Prosecuting Attorney Carpenter cornered him by asking if he demanded a continuance and thereby put the jurors to the unnecessary inconvenience of coming to court that day.

His motion that way, and the Judge promptly denied it. Then he took exception to the Judge having excused two jurors in the morning without consulting him. Finally the Judge ordered attachments issued against the defaulting jurors and the first twelve men were called to the box.

It took all afternoon to select the twelve, as there were so many objections, and the case was continued for trial till tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock. The names of the twelve jurors are: D. W. Landers, Solomon Newman, Louis Ehrenberg, M. J. Bohannon, E. E. Myers, Chris Heiny, C. A. Toogood, H. M. O'Connell, H. A. Berkelman, S. F. Weeks, J. A. Miller and M. A. Judd.

While questioning the jurors Attorney Ach would ask, "Do you know the Ingleside racetrack?" "Do you know that a number of valuable improvements have been made there?" "Do you know that a large number of men are employed there?" "When it came to Prosecuting Attorney Carpenter's turn he asked the juror: "Do you know the State's prison?" "Do you know that a large number of prisoners are there through betting at the racetrack?" Attorney Ach strenuously objected to Carpenter's questions, but he contended he had as much right to ask them as Ach had to ask about the improvements at the Ingleside track and the number of men employed there.

Silks

Our Spring clearance sale of desirable silks at seventy five cents a yard, which begins Monday morning at eight o'clock, we believe will be the most worthy of your attention of any silk sale the people of San Francisco ever saw.

Colored Silks

Corded, checked and striped taffetas, worth \$1.00 and \$1.25

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Changeable silk velvets worth \$2.00

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Because of the lateness of the spring season we have decided to close out our wash goods at a reduction of 50 per cent.

Striped organdies reduced from 25c and 15c to 12 1/2c a yard.

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Goods now on display in our windows.

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NEW ZEALAND BISHOP HERE.

Will Visit Ireland With Two Secular Priests.

Bishop Michael Verdon of New Zealand was a passenger on the Moana, which arrived Friday, and is a guest at the Occidental. Bishop Verdon is accompanied by his assistant, Rev. Dean O'Leary, and the Very Rev. Father O'Dwyer of the diocese of Goulburn, New South Wales. The three clergymen are on their way to Europe and will be gone a year. They will visit their native places in Ireland before returning to the scene of their ecclesiastical labors.

Bishop Verdon has been at the head of the diocese of Dunedin for the past three years. Previous to being consecrated Bishop he was president of the Manly College at Sydney, and has also been president of the Irish College in the Propaganda at Rome. This is his first visit to America. He has been located in Australia for six years, and he will visit Dublin, where he was born.

Father O'Dwyer has been parish priest of Tumul for the past twenty-six years, and this is his first trip home during the period. He was ordained priest at the same time as Father Breslin of this city. Father O'Dwyer is the parish priest of the diocese of Dunedin, with the title of dean.

Father O'Dwyer states that the Catholic church is making rapid strides in the colonies. Some magnificent edifices have been erected, and altogether the outlook is highly encouraging.

Terrorizes Her Neighbors.

Judge Graham's courtroom was yesterday almost filled with the neighbors of Mrs. Mary Cunningham, 423 Twenty-third street, charged with battery by throwing a tin can at Nelson Pease, son of a neighbor, and cutting him on the forehead. The Judge, after listening to several of the witnesses, continued the case for two weeks, but warned the defendant that if she did not behave herself he would give her six months. The neighbors all say that she terrorizes them chiefly with her tongue.

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