HEAVY LOSSES GET AWAY WITH A BIG COMPANY

Palatine Fire Association Is Absorbed by a Rival.

The Concern's Assets Have Steadily Decreased While Its Losses and Expenses Have Been on the Up Grade.

The Palatine Fire Insurance Company, which has posed as one of the largest and strongest of the British underwriters doing business in this country, has been absorbed by a rival concern and will pass out of existence. The announcement that its directors had reached an agreement with the Commercial Union Assurance Company of London to assume its liabilities and take over its assets reached this city a few days ago and created a flurry of excitement in insurance circles.

While none of the details of the deal are known here, it is stated that heavy losses and disastrous business experiences made the move necessary. The company's "home office" figures are not to be had here and consequently it is impossible to form any idea of its financial condition. Its Pacific Coast manager, Charles A. Laton, states that while he believes the institution to be solvent, he has no data upon which to base the opinion. Insurance Commissioner Clunie says that the "home" reports of the company have not been filed with him.

The United States statements of the Palatine for the past five years show that the assets in this country have decreased nearly $200,000 during that period, while the loss ratio has increased from 56.9 per cent in 1895 to 67.7 per cent in 1899. The expense of management has been from 26 to 38 per cent, which has wiped out all margin of profits.

If the company has met with similar experiences in all the fields in which it has operated, retirement from business would be the natural result.

The Pacific Coast offices of the concern are at 439 California street. As soon as the deal is completed the offices will be closed and the business conducted over the counters of the Commercial Union's establishment here.

"The amalgamation of the two companies is not yet an accomplished fact," said Charles A. Laton, manager of the Pacific Coast branch of the Palatine Company yesterday, "but I have little doubt that it will go through. A complete agreement has been reached by the directors of the two concerns, but its ratification by the shareholders is necessary. I have no doubt that they will agree to it. Our office here may be absorbed by that of the Commercial Union. I have received no information on that point.

"The present deal has been brought about by the directors of the two companies for the mutual benefit of both. The insurance losses last year and up to the present time this year have been enormous. Our company made a loss of nearly 5 per cent last year, and the losses up to the present time this year are greater than for the same period during the preceding twelve months.

"The Palatine has plenty of assets in this country, as our statement will show. I have not the statement of our assets in England for this year. It is in the hands of Commissioner Clunie."

Mr. Clunie said that as far as America was concerned, the Palatine Company was in good condition. He knew nothing about its financial condition at home, and said that its main office statement had not been filed with him.

NEW TEACHERS FOR STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

President Frederick Burk Selects Well-Known Pedagogues for His Faculty.

Frederick Burk, president of the San Francisco Normal School, was re-elected to that position Thursday at a meeting of the board of trustees. He nominated the following teachers to compose the faculty: Walter J. Kenyon, Miss E. B. McFadden, Percy Davidson, Miss Alma Patterson, Professor E. E. Brown, Professor E. P. Cubberly and Miss Estelle Carpenter.

Walter Kenyon is at present instructor in the Lowell Normal School, Massachusetts. He was formerly a teacher in Colonel Parker's Normal School at Chicago. For two years he was supervisor of manual training and drawing in the Stockton public schools. Miss Effie B. McFadden has for the past three years been supervisor of nature study in the public schools of Oakland. Mr. Davidson is a graduate of Stanford. Miss Alma Patterson is a graduate of the San Jose Normal School and of Stanford.

Cronin Before the Grand Jury.

The United States Grand Jury examined witnesses yesterday in the matter of the robbery of the postoffice at Benicia by William Cronin, the burglar now in custody of the police. Postoffice Inspector Erwin has secured evidence against Cronin for the burglary of the Colusa postoffice. On that occasion a large quantity of stamps were stolen and shortly after the burglary Cronin sold $50 worth of postage stamps to a man for $40. The purchaser will be a witness against Cronin. Charles Legrand and A. E. Waterman identified Frank Deffendorf, alias George Logan, as the man they saw with Cronin at Benicia on Saturday afternoon and evening.

MARKS BROS.'

BIG OFFERINGS FOR To-Day and Monday

Hosiery.

LADIES' SILK AND LISLE THREAD HOSE, only about 20 dozen left; worth 50c; sale price 25c
LADIES' SILK HOSE, the kind we have always sold for 75c; to-day....50c
LADIES' RICHELIEU RIBBED HOSE, full finished, black only; to-day....12½c
CHILDREN'S HEAVY RIBBED HOSE, our usual 25c value; to-day....19c
CHILDREN'S SCHOOL HOSE, double knee, our 12½c value; to-day....8 1-3c

Knit Underwear.

LADIES' BALBRIGGAN VESTS, silk finish, high neck, long sleeves....21c
LADIES' SLEEVELESS VESTS, all colors....12½c
LADIES' SILK VESTS, sleeveless, all colors; worth 75c....49c
CHILDREN'S KNIT VESTS, regular 35c value; to-day....24c
INFANTS' VESTS, half wool, all sizes, regular 35c value; to-day....25c
LADIES' SILK AND LISLE VESTS, sleeveless, all colors; good value at 40c....25c

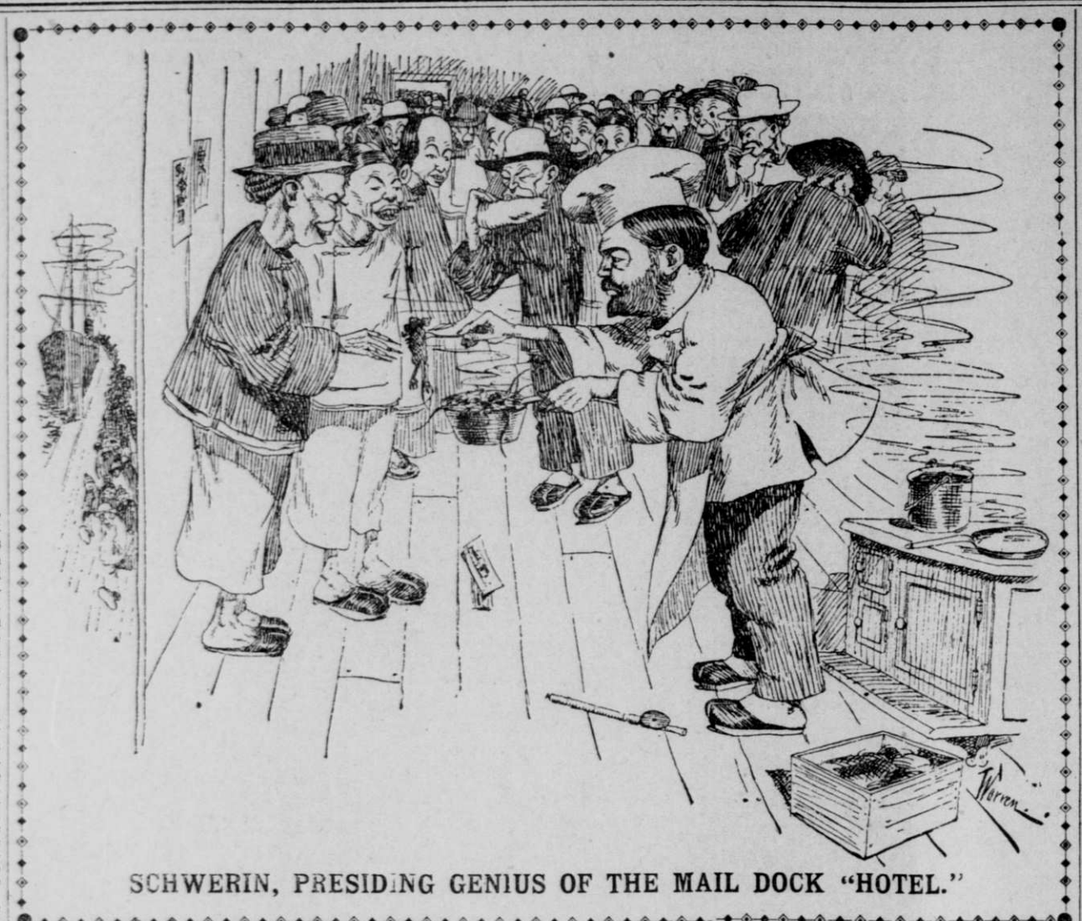
LAST 2 DAYS of CORSET SALE.

Our 75c quality; to-day and Monday....50c
Our $1.00 quality; to-day and Monday....75c
Our $1.25 quality; to-day and Monday....$1.00
Our $1.70 quality; to-day and Monday....$1.25
Our $2.00 quality; to-day and Monday....$1.50
Our $2.50 quality; to-day and Monday....$2.00
Our $3.00 quality; to-day and Monday....$2.25

BUYERS OF RIBBONS, LACES and EMBROIDERIES will do well to visit Marks Bros. to-day, as special inducements await them in these departments.

COUNTRY ORDERS RECEIVE CAREFUL ATTENTION.

1212-1214 MARKET ST., Between Taylor and Jones.



SCHWERIN, PRESIDING GENIUS OF THE MAIL DOCK "HOTEL."

TURNS THIEF TO FEED HIS HUNGRY BABES

H. Kusfeld, a Laborer Out of Work, Steals Rather Than Starve.

Caught in the Act of Committing Crime, He Pleads Poverty as an Excuse for His Wrongdoing.

Henry Kusfeld, 111 Valparaiso street, told a hard luck story in Judge Mogan's court yesterday when he appeared to answer to a charge of petty larceny. If his tale is found to be true the Judge will dismiss the case against him.

About 7 o'clock Thursday morning Frank Rhodes, 1616 Lyon street, notified Policeman J. W. Sheehan that a man was tearing up the sidewalk on Sacramento street, between Steiner and Pierce. Sheehan found Kusfeld with five of the iron coverings of hydrants which he had torn from their fastenings. He was placed under arrest on the charge of petty larceny.

When asked by the Judge what he had to say in his defense Kusfeld said: "I have been in this city six years, working hard for a living. For the past two months I have been unable to obtain work, and as I have a sick wife and two children—one two years old and the other eight months—starving at home I determined that if I could not get work I would steal for their sake; so I took the iron coverings to get 25 cents for them to buy food. All they had to eat yesterday was plain bread."

Kusfeld's appearance was in his favor and the Judge was impressed with his story. He said he would take the case under advisement till to-day and if Kusfeld's statements were correct he would dismiss the case and lay the matter before some charitable institution.

WILL ENTERTAIN ALMSHOUSE INMATES

A Splendid Programme to Be Presented at the City Institution This Evening.

An entertainment will be given to-night at the City and County Almshouse under the direction of Wallace W. Wideman. Professor J. W. McKenzie will be the accompanist, and the following interesting programme will be presented:

Specialties (selected), Miss Lizzie Sloan, accompanied by Miss Lucy Harlow; anvil chorus ("Il Trovatore"), section McKenzie Musical Society; "Postilion" (Molloy), Joseph W. Fisher; "Kentucky Babe" (Geibel), ladies' double quartet, Margie Wheeler, Ethel Carroll, Estelle Hutchinson, Rose Corbaley, Lilly Laws, Rose Koppell, Miss K. Peterson, Eugenia Breitengross; witticisms by Dr. J. P. McCarthy; tenor solo, "Martha" (Flotow), O. W. d'Aimale; laughing trio, Lilly Laws, C. F. Leiong, J. P. Faivre; soprano solo (selected), Margie Wheeler; "La Paloma" (in Spanish) (Yradier), Lilly Laws, Edith Carroll, Eugenia Breitengross, Louise Schuneman; comic selections, J. P. Faivre; "My Own Dearest Boy" (McKenzie), the famous boy soprano, Master George Kroger; "Sayings," Wallace W. Wideman; selections, male quartet, W. G. Baudoin, F. A. Griffing, J. P. Faivre, Henry Pfaeffle; "El Capitan March" (Sousa), section McKenzie Musical Society. Mrs. M. Murray, pianiste.

COUNCIL DELEGATES DISCUSS GRIEVANCES

G. M. Kutz & Co. Decline to Submit Their Troubles to a Board of Arbitration.

Last night's session of the Labor Council was devoted principally to questions affecting organized labor and firms who have shown a hostile attitude toward union labor. G. M. Kutz & Co., 105 Mission street, who are engaged in the shoemaking business, came in for a share of the discussion. This firm has been at loggerheads with the lasters' and shoemakers' unions for some time, and there seems to be no immediate prospect of a satisfactory conclusion. A proposition to submit the trouble to arbitration was made by the dissatisfied union hands, but Kutz & Co. declined to accept. The declination placed the Council on the defensive, and it was ordered that the Council declare its intention to place a boycott.

You never have a head in the morning from drinking Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey. Try it.

Trouble on Hinckley Alley.

George Johnston appeared before Judge Fritz yesterday on a charge of assault to murder. The complaining witness was S. Contreres, known as the "King of Hinckley alley." Johnston's wife got into a dispute with some Spanish women on the night of May 2 and Contreres exercised his authority by denouncing Mrs. Johnston. Johnston attacked him with a penknife, cutting him on the lip and ripping a hole in his coat. Contreres seized a stick of wood and beat Johnston on the head. Johnston pleaded guilty to simple assault. He will be sentenced to-day.

Believes in Temperance.

Henry Sinclair went into the grocery of R. Presho, 110 Fourth street, Thursday and asked for 10 cents to buy a meal. Presho retorted that Sinclair's breath smelled of whisky ,and as his store was strictly run on temperance principles he would not give him money to buy more liquor. Sinclair struck Presho, and when he got outside he seized a tomato can and threw it through the window. He was arrested on charges of malicious mischief and disturbing the peace, and was convicted on both by Judge Mogan yesterday. He will be sentenced to-day.

WILL LIMIT ADVERTISING FENCES TO TWENTY FEET

Supervisors' Judiciary Committee to Recommend an Ordinance Against Freak Display.

An amended ordinance regulating the height of fences of wood or other inflammable material within the city was submitted yesterday to the Judiciary Committee by Supervisor Brandenstein and will be recommended for passage at next Monday's meeting of the board. The original ordinance restricted the height of fences to ten feet, but on the representation of the Bill Posters' Association that the ten-foot limit would ruin their business the committee decided to limit the height to twenty feet. The ordinance provides:

It shall be unlawful for any person, association or corporation to build or maintain, or to suffer to be built or maintained, within the city and county of San Francisco any fence of wood or other inflammable material over twenty feet in height above the level of the sidewalk without the permit of the Board of Fire Wardens (and of the Board of Public Works) of the city and county of San Francisco first obtained. Said Fire Wardens (and Board of Public Works) shall have power to grant such permit only if the said fence is built or maintained as a wind-break or as a means to protect the public from injury from any building or other structure in the course of construction, alteration or destruction, and will not be a menace to life or property, nor interfere with the work of the Fire Department.

Section 2. Any fence built or maintained in violation of the provisions of this ordinance is hereby declared a public nuisance, and the Chief of Police and the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department are directed to abate the same forthwith.

The ordinance regulating and restricting advertising, which has been already published, was also adopted. It provides that it shall be unlawful for any person or firm to drive through the streets any wagon carrying advertisements unless said wagon be owned by a storekeeper or corporation doing business and unless permission is obtained from the Board of Public Works; also to propel any streetcars with advertisements printed on the outside of the car; to appear on the streets in extraordinary costume or dress or by making any unusual noise; to paint advertisements on gutterways, streets or sidewalks or distribute any handbills or dodgers for advertising purposes and to appear on the streets carrying banners, boards or placards with advertisements.

The committee decided to make certain exceptions in the case of advertising by labor organizations, but only when permission is granted by the Board of Works.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. G. Scott of Agnews is stopping at the California.

Dr. F. R. Hovel of Arcata is registered at the Grand.

Frank A. Miller, a hotel man of Riverside, is stopping at the Palace.

Dr. E. P. Howell of the United States army is a guest at the Occidental.

E. S. Babcock, proprietor of the Coronado Hotel, is a guest at the Palace.

Dr. C. A. Ruggles and Dr. W. P. Mathews of Stockton are stopping at the Grand.

J. Ena, the wealthy Hawaiian planter, and a party of six are stopping at the California.

Captain Longenecker, U. S. N., is at the Palace. He arrived yesterday on the America Maru.

At the Palace are registered N. Soma, president of the Yokohama Specie Bank, M. Eto and S. Ito.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Willard Kimball returned Wednesday from a three weeks' sojourn in San Luis Obispo.

Captain Tenish, who has been for years in the Russian naval service in Oriental waters, is at the Palace.

J. F. Thompson, editor of the Eureka Daily Standard, is at the Grand. After attending the Republican State convention, to which he is a delegate, Mr. Thompson will visit Chicago and Milwaukee, accompanied by his daughter.

George Eastman, Miss Knorr and Mrs. George W. Eastman of Rochester, Mrs. James Mathers and Miss Ellen Andrews of Cleveland and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hubbell arrived in San Francisco yesterday and are at the Occidental. The party is traveling over the country in a private car and will tour the State. George Eastman is at the head of the great kodak firm.

CALIFORNIANS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 11.—Dr. M. J. Fottrell of San Francisco is at the Imperial. Robert Lowry of Los Angeles is at the Empire.

Policemen's Ribs Broken.

Policeman James Tuite met with a painful accident yesterday afternoon. He made an arrest on Fourth street, near Stevenson, and when the patrol wagon arrived he turned round to put the prisoner in the wagon. At that moment the pole of a fish wagon struck him on the left side, fracturing two of his ribs and rendering him unconscious. He was taken to the Receiving Hospital. The driver of the wagon, John Massoni, was arrested later and booked at the City Prison on a charge of battery.

An authority on Belgian hares, get the Park News every week. A great story paper.

Assaulted His Housekeeper.

Charles Schrekart, 718½ Bryant street, was instructed and arraigned in Judge Fritz's court yesterday on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. The case was continued till Thursday. He is accused by his housekeeper, Caroline Stoehr, of striking her Thursday on the head with a carpenter's plane during a dispute about supplies for the house.

HIGH HONORS GIVEN TO MILTON NOBLES

IN the sketch, "A Bluegrass Widow," which Milton Nobles is presenting at the Orpheum this week, the actor-manager demonstrates the fact that his versatility as a writer is still as vigorous a factor in his makeup as his ability as a comedian. The new sketch is one of the best turns on one of the best bills ever presented at this playhouse. In the little comedy there is not a line that drags and from the moment the Bluegrass widow and the innocent wife unfold their scheme for awakening the conscience of the derelict husband to the fall of the curtain interest is only interrupted by the frequent laugh. As usual, the "standing room only" sign has been the most prominent feature after 8 o'clock outside the Orpheum box office.

Milton Nobles has just been distinctively honored by being elected to serve his third term as the president of the Order of Friendship, which is not widely known among laymen, but in the theatrical world it is one of the most highly respected organizations. The Order of Friendship is the only Masonic body in the profession and includes among its members, past and present, men who have made theatrical history for the past fifty years. Every distinguished actor in America to-day is a member and the order's roster from the beginning contains the names of the world's most famous thespians. Of the charter members Joseph Jefferson and John Ellsler are the only ones living. This actor organization is one of the wealthiest of its kind in the world and Mr. Nobles considers his third term election one of the most valued tributes he could receive from his fellows of the sock and buskin.

Paloma Schramm's Last Concert.

Paloma Schramm, the wonderful child pianiste and composer, who charmed a large audience Wednesday afternoon, will give her farewell concert in this city at Sherman, Clay & Co.'s Hall this afternoon at 3:15. Her programme will be new and will include numbers by Beethoven, Bach, Scarlatti, Chopin, Liszt, Leschetitzki, Greig and Rubinstein, and in company with her younger sister and only pupil she will play Chopin's Romance from the E minor concerto for two pianos. She will also play a valse caprice and "Schmetterling" of her own and will improvise from a theme written by some one in the audience.

STRANGER IS ROBBED IN A LARGE CROWD

Loss of a Valuable Diamond Pin Reported at the California-Street Police Station.

Pickpockets and sneak thieves operated in the crowds which congregated on the corner of Market and Third streets last night, and among the valuables they secured was a $450 diamond and opal pin, the loss of which was reported to the California-street station. J. H. Turpin, a wealthy resident of Lake View, Or., who is stopping at the Brooklyn Hotel, was watching the bulletins when he was suddenly jostled in several directions. As soon as he recovered his equilibrium he felt for his cravat pin and found that it had been deftly removed. The pin is set with an opal and nine diamonds. Turpin can give no description of the thief.

Pacific Commercial Museum.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Pacific Commercial Museum was held yesterday afternoon, at which Chairman Irving M. Scott, Mayor Phelan, Isaac Upham, Rufus P. Jennings and Professor Plehn were present. The reports of the committees appointed to solicit members were received, showing gratifying progress in this direction.

It had been the intention of the committee to publish the list of subscribers today, but as many firms have expressed their desire to become members but have not yet filed applications it was decided to withhold publication for several days. The next meeting of the executive committee will be held on Thursday, May 17.

John Brown Memorial Service.

Special services in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Brown will be held to-morrow at the A. M. E. Zion Church, 805 Stockton street. Pastor T. Brown will preach at the morning services on "John Brown, the Colored Man's Moses, and How to Prove Ourselves Worthy of His Sacrifice." In conjunction with the Third Baptist and Bethel A. M. E. churches union services will be held in the afternoon. Samuel M. Shortridge will deliver an oration at the evening services.

Society correspondence and invitation papers in the correct tints and sizes. We engrave and print wedding invitations and announcements, reception, dinner, at home and visiting cards in the latest form. Special sale of odd papers continues this week and next in our stationery department. Sanborn, Vail & Co., 741 Market.

Perfume as Poison.

Lee Yong, a Chinese, was taken to the Receiving Hospital yesterday morning from 13 Waverley place. He is a sufferer from cancer of the stomach and being tired of life swallowed the contents of a bottle of cologne in the hope that it would end his life. The only effect the perfume had was to make him sick.

A "Woman's Edition"

Of the Placer County Pioneer will be published at Auburn for Pioneer day—May 19. The paper will contain among other things many interesting reminiscences of old Placer. Price of paper 10 cents per copy, $1 a dozen. Send orders to secretary Placer County Pioneer, Auburn, Cal.

Robbed a Mail Box.

William Mansfield was arrested last night by officers George Douglas and E. J. McNamara and charged with petty larceny. Mansfield was caught taking packages from the top of a mail box at the corner of Bush and Kearny streets.

$3 ladies' French kid shoes for $2 at the Bee Hive Shoe Co., 717 Market street.

PHELAN'S POLICY IS DENOUNCED BY ANGRY CITIZENS

Knights of Honor Insist Upon Protection From Midnight Thieves.

Mayor's Financial Scheme in Throwing the City Into Darkness and Inviting Crime Emphatically Condemned.

The policy of Mayor Phelan in throwing the city into darkness every night after 12 o'clock and subjecting the people of San Francisco to the outrages of thieves and assassins has brought forth another vigorous protest from citizens. Bortzmeyer, the young man who was robbed and shot on his way home a few nights ago, was a membsr of Yerba Buena Lodge No. 1788, Knights of Honor. This lodge has drafted and sent to Chief of Police Sullivan a series of resolutions condemning the police for their inability to capture the thieves and suppress the outrages. The financial policy of Mayor Phelan in throwing the city into darkness is roundly denounced, and the members of the order declare that it may be necessary for the different fraternal organizations to create vigilance committees for their own protection.

While the protest of the Knights of Honor is timely and thoroughly justified, all blame should not be placed on the Police Department. The Call is not an apologist for the police, but every one knows that the department has been seriously and dangerously handicapped by the wretched policy of Mayor Phelan. Blame should rest where it belongs—on the shoulders of the Mayor, who has constituted himself the responsible government of this city. It is his kindergarten municipal government which is jeopardizing the lives of citizens and giving rein to the criminal elements of the town.

The communication of the Knights of Honor to the Chief of Police is as follows:

W. P. Sullivan, Chief of Police, San Francisco, Cal.: At a meeting of Yerba Buena Lodge No. 1788, Knights of Honor, held on May 7, a committee was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of our indignation at the apparent inability of the police force of this city to properly protect the lives of its citizens. The committee prepared the following resolutions, which were adopted by the lodge and ordered transmitted to you:

Whereas, J. Fred Bortzmeyer, an honored and esteemed member of this lodge, and a young man of exemplary character, was robbed and shot on the streets of this city on the night of May 2 while peacefully pursuing his way to his home from the Young Men's Christian Association building; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, as members of this lodge, deeply deplore the seeming incapacity of the police authorities of this city to properly protect the persons and lives of its citizens and, as there are from three to four hundred men every night attending the different lodges and performing a duty that is beneficial to the community at large, and as their wives and families are kept in a constant state of fear in their absence, we beg to suggest that if there are not enough policemen to properly patrol the city the Chief of Police would, in our opinion, have no difficulty in securing from the different fraternal organizations of this city sufficient aid necessary for that purpose. Be it further

Resolved, That the continual increase of depredations by the criminal classes will make it necessary in the near future for the fraternal organizations to form a vigilance committee for their own protection, which would be a reflection on the "reform government" of this city. Be it further

Resolved, That we condemn the financial policy of this city that makes it necessary to leave the streets in darkness after 12 o'clock at night, thereby increasing the opportunities for robbery and other crimes.

Respectfully submitted,
MAXWELL L. CROWE,
R. H. NOBLE,
EMIL TRITTENBACH.

NO INDICTMENTS MADE IN CRAVEN-FAIR CASE

Grand Jury Takes No Action—Investigating Waller-Seifert Charges.

The Grand Jury did not return any indictments yesterday in the charges of perjury and subornation of perjury growing out of the Craven-Fair contest, despite sensational rumors that true bills would be returned against Mrs. Craven, Adolph Sylva and Justice Simpton.

Secretary Rock of the Grand Jury stated that the matter had been under consideration for some time, but no conclusion had been arrived at. He was not prepared to say whether any indictments would be returned nor when they would be filed if at all. District Attorney Byington said that no indictments in the case had been presented to the Grand Jury. It has been published several times that at least three indictments will be brought against those who have been mixed up in the Simpton affidavits, and the prophecy that they would be filed before Judge Dunne yesterday was simply a wild guess and nothing more.

The jury continued yesterday the investigation of the alleged selling of examination questions of the State Board of Pharmacy by members Waller and Seifert. The witnesses examined were Fred C. Engelsby, John Seebold, T. H. Harper, O. H. Eddinger, J. Dickoff and Arthur Scammel. No indictments were returned, as the sifting of the evidence had not been concluded at the time of adjournment.

WILL OF GENERAL ELLIOTT'S WIDOW

Decedent Bequeaths Her Estate to Three Daughters, Whom She Names as Executrices.

The will of the late Mrs. Valeria Biddle Elliott, widow of General Elliott, at one time commandant at the Presidio, was filed for probate yesterday. Decedent bequeaths her entire estate to three daughters—Katherine B., Frances V. and Mary B. Elliott—who are named as executrices, to serve without bonds. In her will Mrs. Elliott says that in consequence of many financial losses, as well as depreciation of many securities, she was obliged in justice to her children to cancel legacies she had hoped to leave a few relatives and friends and who were provided for in former wills.

Democrats Thank J. J. Dwyer.

The Iroquois Club held its regular weekly meeting last night at Pythian Castle. On motion of C. T. Spelling a vote of thanks was tendered to J. J. Dwyer, Democratic National Committeeman from California, for his courageous advocacy of primaries before the State Committee last Saturday.

Run Into by a Car.

Antonio Arnanino, an Italian gardener, was thrown from his wagon while driving along Mission street last night by being run into by an electric car and severely injured. He was taken to the City and County Hospital for treatment.

Rev. J. A. B. Wilson Gets a Vacation.

Dr. John A. B. Wilson, pastor of the Howard-street Methodist Church, has been voted a four weeks' vacation. He will go East, visiting all the big cities with a view to studying the systems of organized charities. His last sermons before departure will be delivered to-morrow morning and evening.

Dr. W. H. Mays resumed practice 1116 Sutter, cor. Larkin; res., Hotel Granada.

Some of the big guns in the prize ring are only airguns

Hale's. | Hale's.

"Wonder what Hale's have on sale to-day?" ("the six o'clock store.")

Saturday thoughts for you & your father, mother, sister, brother or

irregular as these prices are, the goods are from our regular stock and are to be on sale until sold out; but remember we close at 6 every night—that's why working men and women call Hale's "the six o'clock store."

ladies' fancy hosiery, 12½c pair.
we have the chance to put on sale ladies' imported fancy hose, black boots and fancy striped tops, full fashioned throughout, with double french heels and toes, two-thread elastic yarn, good heavy weight; a first-class stocking in every respect; all sizes, 8 to 10; while they last....12½c pair

millinery attractions.
sixty trimmed dress hats now on exhibition; the latest effects in maize, pearl and pastel $5, $6, $8
fourteen dress hats in rich black lace straw, trimmed with tucked mousseline and stylish ornaments....$5, $8.50, $10

wrappers at 59c.
not necessary to say much more than they are fine percale wrappers and put on to make women talk; quality and price of them will talk.

for the holiday and the traveler.
good strong vacation trunk, 30 inches long, with four cleats on top and two on sides, with tray; height of trunk 13½ inches. Hale's price....$3.87
strong flat top trunk, four cleats on top, linen faced, two trays, good lock; 34 inches long....$8.25
extra strong trunk, with 2 trays, linen lined, four cleats on top, brass bumpers and straps; 32 inches long, 22 inches high....$10.00

for the pride of the family.
good, strong baby carriage, with foot brake and wood top; upholstered in various colorings....$7.25
full size baby carriage, with foot brake and rubber tired wheels....$8.50
fine reed body baby carriage, handsomely upholstered in velvet, with rubber tire wheels and foot brake....$14.50
the same carriage upholstered in satin...$18.75
reed body baby carriage, upholstered in bedford cord, rubber tired wheels and brake..$13.75
(a great variety of go-carts in basement).

(just in: a new lot of the celebrated "H. B." ladies' dollar glove.)

Hale's GOOD GOODS

CHANGES AND TRANSFERS THROUGHOUT THE ARMY

Movements of Officers Attached to Various Departments at Home and Abroad.

The following acting assistant surgeons have been ordered to proceed from their stations to San Francisco: Loren B. T. Johnson of Washington, D. C., Thomas B. McCown of Windsor, Mo., Francis J. Bailey of Hillsboro, Or., William J. Enders of Philadelphia, Pa., and John J. Repetti of Washington, D. C.

Captain Edward McDowell, assistant quartermaster, U. S. V., has been ordered to proceed from his station at Brooklyn, N. Y., to Washington for conference with the quartermaster general.

Captain Levi P. Hunt, Tenth Cavalry, has been ordered to Chicago for recruiting duty. He will relieve Major Samuel L. Woodward, First Cavalry. Major Woodward will proceed to Fort Robinson, Nebr., for duty at that post.

Second Lieutenant Clement A. Trott of Company A and Second Lieutenant Knud Knudsen of Company D of the Seventh Infantry have been allowed to change places. Lieutenant Trott will proceed to San Carlos, Ariz., where he will join his new company, and Lieutenant Knudsen will proceed to Alaska with Company A.

Second Lieutenant Edward Carpenter, Second Artillery, has been appointed an aid on the staff of Major General Wood, U. S. V., commanding the division of Cuba.

Major Valery Harvard, surgeon U. S. A., has been made chief surgeon of the Division of Cuba.

First Lieutenant D. E. Aultman, Second Artillery, has been appointed census enumerator for all posts and stations within the geographical limits of the Department of Havana.

Major George S. Cartwright, quartermaster, U. S. V., has been appointed chief quartermaster of the Department of Matanzas, relieving Major William H. Miller, quartermaster U. S. V.

Hereafter all retired officers of the army, unless specially exempted, must report their addresses to the adjutant general of the army quarterly, or on March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31. Changes of address must be reported at once. The Bureau of Cuban Relief, Department of Havana, has been placed under the Department of Charities and Hospitals, of which Major Orlando Ducker, surgeon U. S. V., is the head. Acting Assistant Surgeon J. M. Pena will inspect hospitals and asylums in the city of Havana and will make an estimate of the cost for maintaining them.

Disbursing officers of the War Department stationed in Alaska, being far remote from designated depositories, are authorized to exchange checks with the various trading companies of that region for the purpose of paying salaries and liquidating other expenses.

Orders were issued from military headquarters in this city yesterday as follows:

Chaplain Barton W. Perry, U. S. A., will proceed to the Philippines on the Logan and report for duty.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Donald McLean, U. S. A., now on duty at Honolulu, will proceed to San Francisco and report for further orders.

Captain J. M. Kennedy, assistant surgeon, U. S. A., will command the Hospital Corps detachment aboard the Logan.

EDGAR SUTRO CONTESTS HIS WIFE'S PETITION

Files an Affidavit and Quotes an Agreement Providing for Her Support.

Henrietta L. B. Sutro's action to restrain her husband, Edgar E. Sutro, from incumbering his portion of the estate of the late Adolph Sutro and for maintenance was argued before Judge Belcher yesterday. During the proceedings the defendant filed an affidavit in which he set forth that he had given his wife an agreement entitling her to one-half of the income of his property, which amounted to about $80 a month and soon would be $95 a month. He said he was only in receipt of $63 a month, $15 of which he paid for room rent and the balance for his maintenance. Mrs. Sutro is seeking a decree dividing her husband's property, and has expressed the opinion that unless the court awards her some such relief her husband will incumber his property and leave her without means of support.

Held for Grand Larceny.

William Daly, bookkeeper at the Fontana warehouse, and Robert Ellis, an expressman, were held yesterday to answer before the Superior Court by Judge Cabaniss on a charge of grand larceny. They were accused of stealing twenty-four cases of canned fruit from the warehouse on April 7.

Russian military authorities having lately appointed three women doctors as junior medical officers in the Russian army, the Czar's army becomes the only one in Europe that can boast of female medical officers.

EX-CORONER HILL IS ONCE MORE SINGLE

His Wife Awarded a Decree of Divorce on the Ground of Cruelty.

Mrs. Mary E. Hill was granted a divorce yesterday from her husband, ex-Coroner Dr. Ed E. Hill, on the ground of extreme cruelty. Mrs. Hill testified that Dr. Hill treated her inhumanly on several occasions and struck her at one time. Mrs. T. McCormack corroborated Mrs. Hill, and the decree was granted. Decrees of divorce have also been granted Jennie E. Robinson from Frank H. Robinson for desertion, Elizabeth P. Cooper from Frank J. Cooper for neglect, Julia Gale from William Gale for neglect, Francis de S. Smith from Margaret de S. Smith for desertion, Lulu B. Dalzelle from William R. Dalzelle for infidelity and Tillie A. Schwartz from F. Schwartz for neglect.

Suits for divorce have been filed by Annie Voight against Frederick H. Voight of cruelty and Jennie V. Engel against Rudolph Engel for desertion.

Cold Does Not Cause Colds.

According to its natural meaning it would seem that a cold was an affection produced by exposure to low temperatures, to cold weather. Nothing could very well be farther from the truth than this. Colds are not nearly so common in extremely cold countries as in the temperate zone. They are not nearly so frequent high up amid the Alps as in the cities at the foot of the mountains. Nansen, the arctic explorer, spent over two years amid the arctic snows with the temperature so low most of the time that the mercury was frozen in his thermometer, yet he and his men never suffered from a cold. They had been back in civilization scarcely a week before some of his companions were laid up with the grip.

Various devices have been used in Europe for the ventilation of tunnels. In some cases oil burning or electric locomotives have been substituted for the trip through the tunnel, and in other cases artificial ventilation had been used.

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