SENIORS SELECT THEIR PRESIDENT

Miss Muriel Eastman Is Chosen Leader by University Classmates—Other Officers.

YOUNG LADY STUDENT WHO HAS JUST BEEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE SENIOR CLASS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

BERKELEY, Sept. 17.—Miss Muriel Eastman was elected president of the senior class of the University of California to-day. This was in accordance with the college custom which gives the senior offices to young women during the first half of the year. The election was close, Miss Eastman winning by but one vote over Miss Ruby Morse.

Following is the result of the balloting: President, Miss Muriel Eastman; first vice president, Miss Brownie Brownell; second vice president, Miss Lou Irene de Yo; secretary, Miss Edith Gaddis; treasurer, Miss Rita Beatty; sergeant at arms, Miss Elsie Wilkinson; executive committee, Miss Annie L. Holmes, Miss Florence E. Hoyt, Miss Anna F. White, C. S. Carlson and Ulrich Graff.

Miss Eastman is widely known for her literary work. She is at present associate editor of the Daily Californian and has done much writing for the Occident, the college weekly. She won a prize offered by that paper for the best literary production open to all students. Miss Eastman is a graduate of the Marysville High School and is a popular society girl here.

FATHER, SEEING CHILD MANGLED, SEEKS DEATH

Crazed Parent Slashes His Wrists at Sight of Dead Son.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Sept. 17.

Crazed by grief, Albert Cornell made a desperate attempt to commit suicide this afternoon when he saw the mangled remains of his five-year-old son, Elmer, lying on the tracks in the West Oakland railroad yards, where the child had been run over and killed by a Southern Pacific work train.

At peril to himself, W. I. Avery, a Southern Pacific watchman, seized the frenzied father, who had pulled a knife from his pocket and was hacking his wrists, moaning and wailing in his half-crazed condition. The father fought like a madman, but was at last subdued, his keen-edged weapon being taken from him. Avery was almost drenched with Cornell's blood. Friends got him away from the dreadful scene and had physicians to attend his wounds at his residence, 812 Henry street.

The boy's death occurred in the railroad yards at First and Center streets. His body lying face downward upon the tracks and crushed across the abdomen was discovered almost immediately after a work train, composed of a long line of flat cars, had passed. Avery saw the lad a short time before the accident and had warned him against playing about the tracks. The watchman got the boy's name and address, saying he wanted to have the parents notified to keep the child away.

THUGS WAYLAY A WATCHMAN AT THE HOPYARDS

Patrick Coughlin Robbed of Gold Watch and Other Valuables.

PLEASANTON, Sept. 17.—Patrick Coughlin, the aged watchman who, after a desperate duel in the dark last Saturday night, captured William Miller, the murderer of James McFarland, was brutally assaulted last night while making his rounds of the Pleasanton Hopyards Company's premises. He was knocked down by a blow from behind, and while he lay unconscious his gold watch, pistol and whatever other valuables he carried were stolen from his pockets.

Coughlin has no clew to his assailants and does not know whether the assault was prompted by motives of robbery or revenge. He is badly used up as a result of his encounter, and is inclined to think that he was set upon in the dark by friends of Miller, who wanted to revenge themselves upon him for the part he took in the capture of the murderer.

"I was making my regular rounds," said Coughlin to-day, "when I heard soft footfalls behind me. The next instant I was struck on the back of the head with some blunt instrument. Being stunned by the blow, I fell to the ground. How long I remained there I don't know, but when I came to no one was in sight. My watch and pistol were gone, however. I had no means of identifying the men, as it was pitch dark at the time. They may have been friends of Miller."

The men at work in the fields are being kept under close surveillance for fear of further such outrages. While most of the workers are honest men, many hard characters manage to obtain employment, and it is difficult to weed them out.

FAIR ESTATE TO AID SIMPTON AND SYLVA

Argument on a motion to quash the indictments charging Adolph Sylva with subornation of perjury and George W. Simpton with perjury will be heard by Judge Cook next Saturday.

That the influence of the Fair estate millions will be used to secure the release was made plain yesterday when it was announced that ex-Governor James H. Budd would be associated with Judge D. J. Murphy in the defense. Ex-Governor Budd was retained by the Fair estate during the hearing of Mrs. Craven's application for a family allowance.

Need of a Japanese Interpreter.

Mayor Phelan wrote a communication yesterday to Presiding Judge Bahrs of the Superior Court calling his attention to the necessity for improvement in the service of the interpreters in the Police Courts. The Mayor says that there is a necessity for the employment of a Japanese interpreter, as the Japanese and Chinese offenders are the most numerous. He advises the dropping of one of the other interpreters of foreign languages and the rearrangement of the duties of the interpreters to suit the necessities of the criminal business of the Police Courts.

GRAPE-NUTS.

BICYCLE ICE TRIP.

Dawson to Skagway, Alaska, by Bicycle.

E. P. Leroy, a newspaper correspondent, was the first one to make a trip successfully from Dawson to Skagway (550 miles) over the ice on a bicycle. He was eight days on the way and encountered one of the heaviest snowstorms of the season. He comments on the universal fact that men in the Arctic climate have scurvy and stomach trouble because of poorly cooked food.

He says when he first went to Alaska he had a good stomach, but it finally gave out, and one day in his search for something that a man without an appetite could eat he came across some packages of Grape-Nuts food. He knew of the food and its value and was willing to pay quarter of an ounce of gold dust ($4 00) for one package.

He says: "I can assure you the satisfaction of getting something I could eat and digest without suffering was well worth the price. As soon as it had proven to be just what I wanted I bought the whole lot, and from that day to this Grape-Nuts food has constituted my chief article of diet.

"I find that Grape-Nuts is quickly picked up as soon as a new lot comes to camp. There is nothing known that gives the miner and frontiersman the strength, with so little volume, as Grape-Nuts food, and it is always ready for use, being perfectly cooked, and can be eaten dry or with a little cream, milk, or water, hot or cold, just as a man likes. I could not have taken any food that would have carried me through my long journey on the ice so well as Grape-Nuts."

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY BROUGHT ON HIS DEATH

OAKLAND, Sept. 17.—Excitement attendant upon the celebration of his fifty-first birthday caused the death of Albert E. Cobby, a well-known architect, at an early hour this morning. Last evening the deceased entertained a number of guests at dinner in honor of the anniversary. He retired at his usual hour, but when a servant went to call him this morning it was found that in attempting to rise he had fallen, presumably after a stroke of apoplexy, and expired.

The deceased architect had been in poor health for some time. He was a native of England, and leaves a wife and a family of grown children. Coroner Mehrmann will hold an inquest over the remains to-morrow evening.

The Day's Dead

J. C. Bennett.

HALFMOON BAY, Sept. 17.—J. C. Bennett was found dead in his home here today. He was a native of Philadelphia, aged 76 years and had lived in this valley for forty years. Death was due to old age.

William J. Costigan.

VALLEJO, Sept. 17.—William J. Costigan, who died this morning, was well known in this city and county and for years was in public life, holding the office of county clerk. Later he was clerk of the circuit court of which Judge McKenna of the Supreme Court was once Judge.

Christian Fieldstead.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN JOSE, Sept. 17.—Christian Fieldstead, a pioneer of 1849, died at his home in College Park last night. Deceased was a native of Norway and 78 years of age. He rounded the Horn in 1849. He had been a resident of this county since 1853. A wife survives him.

James Wasley of Linden.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

STOCKTON, Sept. 17.—James Wasley, a pioneer resident of Linden, died yesterday at his home in that town, at the age of 81 years. The deceased was one of the best-known residents of the San Joaquin Valley. He came to Wisconsin from England in 1836, and to California in 1849. Here he at once commenced mining in El Dorado County. In 1851 he settled on the present site of the town of Linden. He made that his home up to the time of his death. Mrs. Wasley died forty-six years ago. A son, Thomas Wasley, and two sisters, Mrs. Rylerson of Ventura and Mrs. Halfey of Oakland, survive the deceased.

MAINZ, Germany, Sept. 17.—The Congress of Social Democrats opened here to-day in the town hall. Herr Singer, the well-known socialist leader and member of the Reichstag, was elected president, and Herr Ulrich, also a member of the Reichstag, was elected vice president. Herr Bebel was indisposed and was absent from the meeting.

MANY MEN OF MANY MINDS, BUT ALL HAVE ASTRAL AMBITIONS

Round Hundred Police Force Applicants Submit to All Sorts of Ordeals for the Sake of the Uniform.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MEN WHO ASPIRED TO WEAR A GLEAMING STAR.

A ROUND hundred of all sorts of male humans posed in the "altogether" before the Police Commissioners and Chief of Police Sullivan and eight doctors in the old wheelmen's room of the Olympic Club last night. All these hundred men who submitted to poking and pinching and "Does that hurt?" accompanied by digs in the ribs, aspire to some day wear a star.

Drs. Artigues, M. Herzstein, J. C. Hirschfelder, E. C. Kelly, F. S. Palmer, George H. Powers, W. F. Southard and G. M. Terrill were all on hand, armed with all kinds of instruments to test a man's fitness to be a "cop." Deputy clerks from the Recorder's and the County Clerk's office stood around, "clothed in a little brief authority," and held up astonishing charts which none of the applicants could make head or tail of.

Off in the corner of the room the applicants stripped and then gave themselves over to the tender mercies of the examiners. Hardly had a candidate stepped off the weighing machine when a piece of steel hit him on the top of the head. He turned to remonstrate and beheld a smiling clerk taking his height. Then Dr. McNutt came up and soon the aspirant, by this time shivering with cold and nervousness, was told he could go. One little item on the application blank stayed many an otherwise would-be "cop" from putting in an appearance. It read: "If the waist measure exceeds that of the chest applicant will be rejected."

At last night's examination Police Commissioners Mahoney, Newhall and McNutt were present. Edward Moran of the civil service acted as chief examiner, and had a busy time of it. There are 300 applicants for positions on the police force and they will be physically examined in squads. The crucial test, however, will come on October 3, when the ambitious have to pass a written examination, this being the final test. Many a man who passed muster last night will fall down woefully on that day, and those whose waists were tried and found smaller than their chests may weep for "what might have been."

Here are the names of the would-be "finest," who were measured and tested last night:

Frank Angelovich, William H. Augustine, Herman Allari, A. F. Breslin, Thady Begley, Denis Buckley, John S. Barrett, John D. Barry, Charles H. Bush, Francisco J. Barry, John B. Berrie, F. C. C. Bertelsen, James Bruce, H. R. Bohm, L. C. Buckley, J. D. Bidwell, J. C. Brosnan, Harry Barnett, G. W. Blum, Frederick Bruneman, L. J. Becker, John Barnes, N. J. Barry, W. T. Boyd, W. G. Brown, David B. Bolton, W. J. Cavanagh, R. A. Coulter, R. S. Cunningham, C. A. Carlson, D. J. Coakley, R. A. Curtin, W. H. Clay, H. W. Crowley, W. H. Coyle, J. J. Cameron, T. A. Casserly, John P. Cooney, W. T. Cleary, Edward H. Cunningham, John J. Clancy, David J. Craig, E. J. Casey, J. J. F. Clancy, Thomas Conway, William N. Celnar, William N. Colligan, J. P. Collins, T. F. Cashin, B. M. Clancy, G. A. Crandall, William Desmond, Robert Dower, William Deane, Alexander Donaldson, John E. Dolan, F. W. Duncing, William O. Davis, B. J. Dowd, T. M. Daly, William Denniston, Frederick Dauerheim, H. P. Drader, F. J. Dunham, M. J. Dalton, M. D. Delaney, Martin Dabovich, Frank de Grancourt, James C. Daley, G. W. Downing, M. F. Davock, J. T. Doyle, William Erickson, E. T. Edwards, Ed P. Fitzgerald, James P. Fogarty, Fred L. Funger, Harry P. Foley, F. H. Flynn, Joseph A. Fogarty, P. J. Foley, J. J. Friedrichs, T. W. Fields Jr., F. W. French, Fred W. Frank, Arthur C. Furey, J. J. Farrell, J. P. Flannery, C. E. Goodell, Thomas S. Golding, John Gildea, M. C. Goncales, Richard A. Grant, Frank William Gillen, W. J. Green, C. B. Groat, James W. Greenlee.

WILD ENTHUSIASM MARKS OPENING FOOTBALL WORK

THE PRINCETON STAR WHO HAS BEEN BROUGHT FROM THE EAST AND UNDERTAKEN TO MAKE THE BERKELEY ATHLETES INVINCIBLE ON THE GRIDIRON AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

BERKELEY, Sept. 17.—With a wild whoop-up by 1000 enthusiastic students the football season of the University of California was formally opened to-day. Headed by President Benjamin Ide Wheeler and Coach Addison W. Kelly, with an escort of 500 shouting students, fifty candidates for gridiron honors marched to the campus this afternoon and had their first practice line-up. After the several squads had been worked lightly for half an hour they retired.

This evening at Harmon Gymnasium there was a big time in honor of "King" Kelly. College songs, yells and other varieties of noise known only to the young collegian greeted the Princeton star. The band gave efficient service, while the presence of hundreds of co-eds added color to the pleasing demonstration.

Ralph T. Fisher, president of the Associated Students, was chairman. "This evening is to be devoted to football," said President Fisher, "and we shall hear from speakers along that line."

J. W. S. Butler made some encouraging remarks. Professor Thomas R. Bacon represented the good will of the faculty. He said:

"Every time I open a morning paper I am interested to observe the new constellation of stars that is collecing around Palo Alto. According to scientific law nothing happens by chance. This constellation, however, is a collection of fallen or falling stars. We do not need an explanation of their origin but of their end. They are wandering stars consigned to darkness forever."

Professor Bacon closed by speaking of the growth of college spirit in the University of California and what it meant for athletics and for the institution.

Regent George C. Pardee told the students that "rooting" was what encouraged the football champions. Coach Kelly modestly said he was glad of the privilege to work with the team.

Bernard Miller, the Glee Club and Elmer Harris contributed some numbers. Then Reno Hutchinson, the graduate manager, talked finances. He said:

"To get ready money season tickets will be sold to all the football games except the meet with Stanford. The students are asked to sign cards pledging themselves to purchase the tickets."

MASTER PLUMBERS MEET IN ANNUAL CONVENTION

Decide to Consolidate Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the Association.

The third annual convention of the National Association of Master Plumbers, northern jurisdiction, was held in this city on the 13th, 14th and 15th inst. Delegates from the southern jurisdiction were invited to be present, and after discussion, it was decided to consolidate. The following were elected State officers:

President, J. E. Britt of San Francisco; vice president, T. J. Stevens of Los Angeles; treasurer, W. F. Wilson of San Francisco; secretary, J. L. C. Firmin of San Francisco; sergeant-at-arms, J. T. Johnson of San Diego; A. E. Vesper of Pasadena and Thomas Hoverty of Los Angeles, members of executive committee.

The old State officers will serve until the consolidation of the two jurisdictions is approved by the national executive committee.

Last Saturday evening the delegates and their friends attended a grand ball and banquet at Golden Gate Hall. The next convention will be held at Los Angeles.

Overpowered by Gas.

Walter B. Steele, an employe of the Consumers' Gas Company, while taking water out of a pipe in a house at Montgomery avenue and Stockton street yesterday afternoon, was overpowered by gas. He was taken to the Receiving Hospital in the ambulance in an unconscious condition, but soon recovered.

Oakland Defeated.

BERKELEY, Sept. 17.—The Berkeley High School eleven defeated the Oakland High School team this afternoon at football by a score of 17 to 0. The game was played on the Boone Academy grounds.

FREIGHT FERRYBOAT THOROUGHFARE SINKS

The Southern Pacific freight boat Thoroughfare was sunk at her moorings in the Peralta-street slip, Oakland, while taking on coal at about 11 o'clock last night. The accident was a peculiar one in that it is not known whether the old boat sprung a leak or was forced to the bottom because she was overloaded. She suddenly began to settle in the water and went down until the water was flush with her deck. Her stern rested in the soft mud at the bottom of the slip, her bow being still afloat. The accident is not regarded as serious, and it is expected that the boat will be floated by 9 o'clock this morning. She will probably have to go on the drydock before the exact cause of the sinking and the full extent of the damage sustained by her can be definitely determined.

DUTY OF THE DAY IS TO REGISTER

Clean Republicans Resolve They Will Spurn Schemes of Compromise With Bosses.

Last Saturday night the number of registered voters in San Francisco was 56,702. It is figured at the headquarters of the Republican State Central Committee that 18,000 voters are unregistered, hence vigorous efforts will be put forward to induce every voter who has neglected to re-register for the coming election to perform the duty of registering at once. No doubt voters who were properly on the register at the last election and have not since changed their places of residence think reregistration is not necessary, but the fact remains that the law requires every voter to reregister for the general election in November of this year.

In order to awaken business men to a sense of their duty letters have been mailed to the heads of mercantile and manufacturing establishments so that employers may afford employes every facility to register. Following is a copy of letters sent yesterday:

Dear Sir: Registration closes on Wednesday, September 26. Will you kindly interest yourself and make it your business to urge upon every Republican in your neighborhood to register once? The registration office at the City Hall is open from 8:30 a. m. to 10 p. m. Devote a little time to this. It is necessary to achieve success. Respectfully,

GEORGE STONE, Chairman.
W. M. CUTTER, Secretary.

Active and systematic work upon the part of Republicans should result in the enrollment of 18,000 additional names on the register. The efforts, however, should not be relaxed until every Republican voter is registered.

Campaign oratory is also engaging the attention of the State Committee. Governor Gage will enter the field as a speaker. He will speak in San Francisco, San Jose, Fresno, Los Angeles, Sacramento, Stockton, Marysville, Santa Rosa and Napa.

Irving M. Scott, George C. Perkins and Samuel M. Shortridge are listed for speaking tours. Mr. Scott will be busy trying out the battleship Wisconsin for two weeks. When that duty is performed he will be ready to take the platform for McKinley and Roosevelt. Joseph Campbell is on the list of orators and will speak under the auspices of the State Committee.

D. E. McKinlay spoke at Yreka last night. He will address the people of Sissons to-night. He will journey down the Sacramento Valley, speaking at Dunsmuir, Redding, Anderson and Red Bluff.

Samuel M. Shortridge will entertain and instruct the citizens of Fresno next Thursday evening. His tour embraces Bakersfield, Los Angeles, Pasadena, San Diego, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz and San Jose.

J. A. Barham and Judson Brusie will speak at Santa Cruz next Saturday night.

The Democrats are preparing to send a host of orators to the front. The campaign will be opened in every county seat next Saturday night. The big event of the opening will be the meeting at the Mechanics' Pavilion in this city. Extensive preparations have been made to give a great reception to Charles A. Towne. There will be music, campaign songs and fireworks.

In response to a notice sent out by John R. Hillman, first vice chairman of the Republican County Committee, a conference of anti-boss Republicans was held at Shiels Hall last evening. Twenty-five delegates to the convention, together with members of the committee of eighteen, composed the conference.

The meeting was executive, but the statement was freely made at the adjournment that the topics discussed related to the permanent organization of the convention. It was the sense of the conference that the convention had been discredited by the election of a temporary chairman chosen by Martin Kelly. The sentiment was expressed that Bergerot was so identified with Crimmins and Kelly that the mass of Republican citizens would have no respect for or confidence in a convention over which he presided, therefore it was advocated that reorganization be demanded. Reference was made to the committee on credentials, which Bergerot appointed after consultation with Kelly, Crimmins, Burns, Lynch, Goldberg and Dibble. A review of the list showed that the committee was composed of eleven boss and four anti-boss delegates.

There will be another conference at Shiels Hall to-morrow night. Every delegate opposed to boss rule is invited to attend. There is no doubt that the caucus will take steps to select a chairman other than Bergerot. It is clearly understood that the Republicans of San Francisco will spurn nominations made by a boss convention. If the delegates fail to repudiate the bosses, the voters will repudiate the ticket put forward by the convention. It was said frankly last night that the convention should be absolutely anti-boss or openly a boss-controlled body. In every district of San Francisco the good citizens of Republican faith are advocating an open walk-out if the convention is not wrested from boss control.

The strength of the anti-boss element in the convention will be determined by the caucus to-morrow night. The vote cast for Kelly and Crimmins candidates was reported at 105, but it is now known that Kelly's men in voting under the unit rule made improper announcement. Votes cast for James A. Wilson under the unit rule were not tallied as Bouvier ordered the roll called. A fair showing of strength will not give Kelly and Crimmins 105 votes. This fact is known and commented upon by delegates who are anxious to organize the convention in a manner creditable to the Republican party

BERGEROT ISSUES HIS LIST OF COMMITTEES

Republican Convention Chairman Asks That Members Purge Themselves of Partisan Feelings.

P. A. Bergerot, temporary chairman of the Republican County Convention, has issued his list of committee appointments.

Chairman Bergerot declares that the committees are entirely of his own selection and that they were chosen after consultation with various members of the two factions which participated in the temporary organization of the convention, with a view to secure harmony and a better understanding in the party in the interest of Republican success. He also asks that the members of the committee on credentials divest themselves of all feelings of partisan or factional strife and to be guided in the discharge of their functions solely by a desire to bring unity of action and purpose in the convention as a whole.

The committees are expected to meet not later than to-morrow evening at the call of their respective chairmen. Following is the list of appointments:

Committee on credentials—C. W. Green, chairman; Twenty-eighth Assembly District, J. H. Lennon; Thirtieth, James Gilleran; Thirty-first, H. J. McMahon; Thirty-second, J. Hoey; Thirty-fourth, Ralph L. Hathorn, by request of Mr. Center; Thirty-fifth, F. G. Sanborn; Thirty-sixth, Frank French; Thirty-seventh, T. V. Maxwell; Thirty-eighth, E. J. Sharp; Thirty-ninth, G. R. Wells; Fortieth, William Wilkinson; Forty-first, William A. Sexton; Forty-fourth, E. C. Amedee; Forty-fifth, T. R. Evans.

Committee on permanent organization and order of business—G. H. W. Dinkelspiel, chairman; Twenty-eighth Assembly District, J. H. Daly; Thirtieth, J. T. Kelly; Thirty-first, D. Sullivan; Thirty-second, J. Lucey; Thirty-fourth, J. C. Tittle; Thirty-fifth, Joseph McTigue; Thirty-sixth, J. L. Nagle; Thirty-seventh, J. G. Gilbert; Thirty-eighth, A. W. McElroy; Thirty-eighth, J. F. Clark; Thirty-ninth, S. A. White; Fortieth, A. C. Rulofson; Fortieth, Felix Merzbach; Forty-first, G. H. W. Dinkelspiel; Forty-first, E. J. Attridge; Forty-second, T. D. Riordan; Forty-fourth, A. J. Dondero; Forty-fifth, S. J. Robertson.

Committee on platform and resolutions—Thomas P. Woodward, chairman; Twenty-eighth Assembly District, W. F. Witzeman; Thirty-eighth, W. H. Pratt; Thirtieth, William M. Page; Thirty-first, E. Price Jr.; Thirty-second, J. F. Ahern; Thirty-eighth, Frank Robb; Thirty-fourth, H. N. Beatty; Thirty-fifth, H. G. Bunker; Thirty-sixth, M. J. Guilfoyle; Thirty-seventh, E. L. Christin; Thirty-eighth, A. W. Lecht; Thirty-ninth, W. H. Bodfish; Fortieth, Thomas P. Woodward; Forty-first, Robert A. Grier; Forty-second, H. W. Hutton; Fortieth, Lucius Solomon; Forty-fourth, Frank Marini; Forty-fifth, A. Crocker.

German Republican Meeting.

The German Republican Club will hold a meeting this evening at Odeon Hall, 8 O'Farrell street. Dr. Ed Markbreiter, a well-known German orator of Chicago, who has been engaged by the State Central Committee for the campaign, will address the meeting.

WITNESSES SAY JENNIE IS W. D. HEATON'S CHILD

Placer County Gossip of Years Ago Is Revived in Court.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Sept. 17.

Miss Jennie M. Heaton's claims to the estate of her alleged father, the late Warren D. Heaton, were heard to-day by Judge Greene, before whom she appeared in support of her petition for letters of administration. The hearing lasted all day, most of the testimony being that of witnesses produced by Miss Heaton in an attempt to prove that she is the lawful child and next of kin of the late capitalist.

A number of persons who had known Heaton in Placer County before his first marriage had been summoned. The testimony of all bore out in substance the allegations of Jennie M. Heaton that she is Warren D. Heaton's daughter. The stories told by the up-country witnesses all bore traces of what was evidently long ago a choice morsel for the gossips of the little town of Lincoln, Placer County.

Mrs. Matilda Hodgkins of Lincoln, an old and intimate friend of the Heaton family, told the court of the gossip created by the attentions of Warren D. Heaton to Mrs. Mary May, a widow residing near town. Mrs. May, she said, afterward became Heaton's wife. Mrs. Hodgkins knew of the existence of the child Jennie, and always heard Heaton acknowledge her as his own.

Charles Gibson, who drove a butcher wagon at Lincoln about the time that Jennie Heaton was born, described his visits to the May ranch with supplies. He first saw Jennie Heaton when she was about a year and a half old. This was at the May ranch.

"One day while talking with Heaton," said the witness, "I jokingly asked him about the little girl. I asked him if she was his child. He answered, 'She is my daughter. I recognize her as my child.' I saw the little one many times after this and Heaton always acknowledged her as his daughter."

Another witness who knew Heaton at Lincoln a number of years ago was Dr. H. J. Plomteaux, now of this city. Dr. Plomteaux often heard Heaton declare Jennie to be his daughter. He did not know who her mother was.

"Mr. Heaton and his first wife, who was Mrs. May, always treated Jennie as their daughter," concluded the witness.

Jennie M. Heaton was examined in her own behalf. She could not remember where she was born or the date. The first place she remembered was Wheatland, Placer County. Said she:

"Mr. Heaton always called me his child. I was raised by his first wife, whom I always called mother. After his second marriage my stepmother and her daughter made things so disagreeable for me that I was forced to leave home. I was always introduced by Mr. Heaton as 'my daughter Jennie.'"

The hearing was continued until Friday.

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 17.—James Grady, alias Brady, was to-day sentenced by Judge Hart to four years' imprisonment at Folsom for a burglary committed at Galt.

CHILDREN SAVED BY A MOTHER'S HEROIC ACTION

Mrs. Klier Drops Little Ones From Window of Blazing House.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Sept. 17.

Mrs. Frank Klier and her three young children—Tillie, aged 8; Annie, aged 6, and Frank, aged 4 years—escaped being burned to death in their blazing dwelling at 1421 Third street only by the heroic mother's action in throwing her babies and herself from second-story window.

The flames swept upon them so quickly that despite her spartan act, the mother and her children were badly burned, and Tillie besides had her right arm broken. Worst of all the flames that imperiled these lives and destroyed the dwelling are believed to have been started by burglars, who, a short time before the fire broke out, had entered the house, and after ransacking it, stole a gold watch, rings and all other valuables the family possessed. To add to the misery, the husband and father, Frank Klier, an expert musical instrument maker, employed by Sherman, Clay & Co., is in San Francisco, just recovering from a long siege of severe illness.

Mrs. Klier had been out to a neighbor's house and left her three children upstairs in bed at home. She returned at 7:30 o'clock and found the whole house upset. Screaming she ran out crying that the place had been robbed. She discovered that her jewelry was gone. A rear window opening into a dining-room had been forced open and the burglars entered that way. It is supposed they were frightened off by Mrs. Klier's return and dropped a bit of lighted candle in a corner where it smoldered for three hours. About 10 o'clock Mrs. Klier smelled smoke while she was sitting upstairs writing to her husband. She opened a door leading to a back stairway, and a burst of flame drove her back. The frightened woman rushed for her children, and, grabbing them, tried to force her way downstairs, but the fire was blazing high and drove her back, burning all of the helpless ones severely. Then the mother rushed to the front window, threw out a mattress and dropped her babies, one by one, to the ground twenty-five feet below her. She then jumped herself, but not until her clothing was afire.

Neighbors came quickly to the rescue and the sufferers were carried to the Webbers near by. Drs. H. S. Kergan and W. W. Kergan were summoned. The firemen came, but the house was gutted before the flames were quenched. Mrs. Klier was unconscious and at times very flighty. She was very badly burned about the face, head, neck, limbs and body. Her condition is critical. The police have taken charge of the case and detectives are looking for the burglars.

Depreciation of Money.

In 1873 a silver dollar was worth one dollar and six-tenths in gold. In 1878, eighty-nine cents; in 1883, eight-five cents; in 1888, seventy-two cents; in 1893, sixty cents and in 1896 forty-five cents. Money may depreciate but there is one standard stomach remedy, which has not changed in half a century, and that is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It always has been the one unsurpassed remedy for indigestion, dyspepsia, liver or kidney troubles.