GOES TO JAIL ON EVE OF WEDDING

Sweetheart's Father Blocks Way of Prospective Young Groom.

Charles F. Gutting Under Arrest Upon Complaint of Oscar Brown, Who Apparently Relents in His Prosecution.

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Accused of burglary by the father of his sweetheart, Charles F. Gutting, a car builder of West Berkeley, was arrested to-day by Detectives Holland and Shorey, who found the young man, with the girl and a male companion, at the Weber House, Twelfth and Franklin streets. The accusing parent is Oscar E. Brown, a contractor residing at Eighth and Grayson streets, West Berkeley. He charges Gutting with the theft of a lot of tools. The prisoner flatly denies the theft, intimates that his arrest was the result of too hasty action on the father's part, and declares his readiness to marry the young woman just as quickly as the present obstacles to his freedom are removed.

Gutting and his male companion were detained at the City Prison and the girl was sent home in charge of her father, who had been searching for her for several days. Shortly after the arrest, Town Marshal Lloyd of Berkeley took charge of young Gutting, served the warrant and took the prisoner before Justice Edgar at Berkeley for arraignment. Gutting's hearing was set for to-morrow moning, bail being fixed at $2000.

Hardly had these formalities been disposed of before the angry parent appeared in court, but Brown had changed his attitude. Apparently he was more than anxious to have the case against Gutting dismissed. Within Marshal Lloyd's hearing, Brown said he guessed he had been too hasty. He asked Gutting whether he would wed the girl and the young carbuilder speedily answered in the affirmative.

Gutting denies flatly that he was a burglar, and he declared he could not account for the charge upon any other theory than that the father was opposed to his association with the daughter.

"When Brown saw me this morning," said Gutting at the County Jail, where he is held pending examination, "he declared he was sorry he had caused my arrest and that nothing would come of this affair if I would marry the girl. We were to have been married Christmas, but this situation may hasten the wedding affair a little."

When Gutting was arrested he gave the name of Clifford Gardiner. After the detectives had escorted the two from the lodging-house to the City Prison, a package, supposed to contain strychnine or morphine, was found in the room Gutting had occupied. The police are now investigating that unexplained aspect of the case.

Detective Holland said to-night:

"Gutting and a young man named Moran rented the room at the Weber House last night. This morning, about an hour before we arrested Gutting, the girl was seen hanging around the street corner, and a little while before we arrived she found Gutting's room, and was in there talking to him when we entered. The girl and her father both claimed that she was at her home in Berkeley last night."

HASTINGS LAW COLLEGE WINS STUDENTS' DEBATE

Discussion on Municipal Ownership of Utilities Decided in Favor of the Lawyers.

BERKELEY, Nov. 22.—The Hastings Law College won the debate to-night with the Students' Congress of the University of California.

The debate was held at Stiles Hall, the presiding officer being J. H. Steinhart and the judges Frederick Barton, Archibald Cloud and E. Myron Wolf. The question was, "Resolved, That municipalities should own and operate plants for the supply of light, water and surface transportation."

The law college had the affirmative, with R. E. Hudson, Walter Rothschild and F. R. Aitken, and the Students' Congress had the negative, with Alexander Adler, D. S. McGarry and Monroe E. Deutsch in charge.

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

BERKELEY, Nov. 22.—A university meeting will be held to-morrow morning at 11:15 o'clock in the gymnasium. Regent Alden Anderson, Speaker of the last Assembly, and President Wheeler will deliver addresses.

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Miss Alfreda Mitchell and Hiram Bingham were magried Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Mitchell, in New London, Conn. Mr. Bingham received his M. A. degree from California in 1899 and taught President Wheeler's Greek history classes while the last named was East. He is a Yale graduate. Miss Mitchell is an accomplished Eastern girl.

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The women students of the University of California have been invited to compete for a prize of $1000 offered by the Association for Promoting Scientific Research by Women for the best theses presented by a woman on a scientific subject, embodying the results of her independent laboratory research in any part of the field covered by the biological, chemical and physical sciences. The theses must be completed by December 31, 1902.

WOMAN LAWYER ADDRESSES THE CO-EDS AT BERKELEY

BERKELEY, Nov. 22.—Mrs. Edith Ellen Foster, a distinguished lawyer and Red Cross worker of Washington, D. C., addressed the women students of the University of California in east hall today noon. She told of what the Red Cross Society had done for the world in general and touched lightly on the Peace Conference at The Hague. The lecture was largely attended by women students.

Alameda Merchants to Meet.

ALAMEDA, Nov. 22.—A meeting of the merchants of this city has been called for to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock, in the courtroom of the Justice of the Peace. The object of the gathering is to organize an association of the local dealers in different lines of business. Several officials of the California Grocers' and Retail Merchants' Association of San Francisco will be present and deliver brief addresses.

Bacon Heirs Enter Denial.

OAKLAND, Nov. 22.—The Bacon heirs to-day filed an answer to the suits that have been brought against them by Frank Soule and Mamie C. Bacon for $800 each, the balance they claim in their favor from the unpaid part of a legacy of $10,000, bequeathed to them by the late Henry D. Bacon. The defendants deny that it was the intention of the deceased to leave them more than $2000.

Licensed to Marry.

OAKLAND, Nov. 22.—Licenses to marry were issued to-day to Anton Wilson, 26, Mountain View, and Hannah Erickson, 28, Alameda; Joseph Vincent, 34, and Virginia Bravo, 27, Oakland; George Keane, 28, and Henrietta Birnbaum, 36, San Francisco; Nils Anderson, 30, and Amelia Augusta Carlson, 26, Oakland; Richard James Lyon, 28, and Mary Frances O'Connell, 23, San Francisco.

Left Estate to Daughter.

OAKLAND, Nov. 22.—The will of the late Jacob Jochim of Chicago was filed for probate to-day by his daughter, Mrs. Anna Debicke, who is named as sole executrix. The property is estimated to be valued at $30,000, represented in real estate in Sonoma, San Francisco and Alameda counties. The entire estate goes to the daughter.

Denied a Divorce.

OAKLAND, Nov. 22.—Frank E. Periera was denied a divorce to-day from Mary Periera by Judge Ellsworth, as the wife established the fact that she was forced to desert her husband because he had failed to support her.

SUCCESS OF ANNUITY FUND BENEFIT ASSURED

Sale of Seats Points to Big Crowd for Metropolitan Hall To-Night.

TWO YOUNG LADIES WHO HAVE ENTHUSIASTICALLY WORKED FOR THE CONCERT THAT WILL TAKE PLACE THIS EVENING IN METROPOLITAN TEMPLE FOR THE TEACHERS' ANNUITY FUND.

METROPOLITAN Temple should be crowded to the doors this evening on the occasion of the concert and entertainment given in aid of the Teachers' Annuity Fund. No tickets were sold in the public schools, as the Board of Education thought that this might interfere with the children's studies, yet the sale of seats has been phenomenal.

Some of the best amateur talent in the city has kindly volunteered to appear, prominent among the participants being the Misses Pasmore, who will render several selections on the piano. Among those who have worked hard to make the affair a success are Miss Estelle Carpenter and Mrs. N. L. Marks. The price of admission this evening will be fifty cents for reserved seats, twenty-five cents general admission and fifteen cents for children.

UNION LABOR WINS VICTORY IN COURT

Jury Decides That Gelder Is Not Entitled to Damages.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Nov. 22.

A jury in Justice Quinn's court decided, after deliberating a few minutes this evening, that John Gelder was not entitled to $299 damages against the International Cigar-makers' Union No. 253 of America, for causing him a loss of business by means of a boycott. The jury was not unanimous in its decision, standing nine to three when polled at the request of the plaintiff's attorney, and it is likely that an appeal will be taken.

The trial of the case has been going on for the last five days and there has been present every day a large representation of labor union men. Great interest was taken in the outcome, for upon it depended in a measure the right of labor unions to declare boycotts against persons who antagonize them.

Gelder's offenses against the union date back, according to the official organ of the trade, to 1897, when he was under suspension for non-payment of dues. He is charged with selling Chinese-made cigars, placing labels on non-union cigars, representing them as union-made and misrepresenting the label to consumers of cigars during the time of his suspension, which he had no right to do. For these violations of union law he was fined $25, which he refused to pay. Subsequently Gelder was boycotted and union men were forbidden to trade with him, notices and circulars having been sent to all the labor organizations in the vicinity.

A specific case against Gelder is that he is alleged to have sold a box of non-union cigars to a union blacksmith named Perry, representing it to contain union-made goods. When Perry discovered that the box did not bear the label he brought it back to Gelder, who put an International Labor Union label upon it, stating that was sufficient. It developed during the trial that the international label is not valid unless accompanied by the seal of the Pacific Coast Blue Label League.

Gelder's father, who was put on the stand this morning, stated that it was his understanding that it is not a rule of the unions that union labels should be put on good cigars—that they were only meant to be put on the cheaper brands. In reply to questions he said that he considered a cigar at $60 a thousand one of the cheaper brands.

J. Fibusch was put on by the defense in rebuttal of Gelder to show that a $60 cigar is a good cigar. He said that he had always understood that the union required labels on all cigars, whether they were cheap or good. He was substantiated in his statements by Levi Barr and J. F. Bims.

The entire afternoon was taken up with the arguments. Attorney J. E. McElroy called the jury's attention to the rules of the International Cigar-makers' Union, which required that the coast label should accompany the International Union label and pointed out Gelder's direct violation of them and his defiance of all union laws.

Attorney McVey, for the plaintiff, said that it had not been shown that a rule of the kind had ever been adopted. It required written rules to prove that Gelder had violated any particular rule and not one that had become recognized by custom.

Deplores Hebbard's Decision.

The Building Trades Council has issued a statement deploring the recent decision of Superior Judge Hebbard, in which certain offices of the city and county were held not to be subject to the civil service provisions of the charter. The decision is regarded as a severe blow to the merit system and tending to impair the present standard of excellence of departmental labor. The council has also issued a statement flatly denying the reported claims of certain members of the Mill-Owners' Association that the union millmen are returning to work and declaring that the men are absolutley confident of ultimate victory in the contest.

Alligator Pears Duty Free.

The Board of United States General Appraisers have declared that avocado, or alligator pears, are not dutiable, since they are not pears at all, but the fruit of the Persea gratissima. The common pear is the fruit of the Pyrus communis, an altogether distinct species.

No Verdict Reached.

LONDON, Nov. 22.—Contrary to expectation, the Racing Calendar to-day did not give the decision of the stewards of the Jockey Club in the case of the charges brought by Lord Durham against Lester Reiff, the American jockey, and it was learned that the investigation is still in progress.

Strike at a Quarry.

LONDON, Nov. 22.—About 5000 men recently struck in the Penrhyn (Wales) quarries because the management refused to install a dismissed overlooker. Lord Penrhyn afterward closed the quarries. Violence is expected and troops were sent there several days ago.

Mrs. Louisa Hays.

WOODLAND, Nov. 22.—Mrs. Louisa Hays, a native of Tennessee, aged 81 years, 7 months and 22 days, died here this morning.

MORE POLICEMEN ARE NECESSARY

Chief Hodgkins Gives His Reasons for an Increase in Force.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Nov. 22.

"The greatest need of the Police Department of this city is an increase in the force," says Chief of Police Hodgkins in his annual report, filed to-day with the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners.

Here are some of the reasons the Chief gives for that statement:

"The proximity of Oakland to the city of San Francisco," he says, "requires constant vigilance on the part of the Police Department of this city. But few people realize how easy it is for criminals to come from San Francisco, operate in our city and return before it is known that a crime has been committed, for it is a fact, with few exceptions, that most burglars who operate in San Francisco also operate in Oakland.

"This is a line of work with which most inland cities are not familiar and not required to guard against, and which enables them to get along with a considerably less number of policemen than a city situated as Oakland is."

In opening his report Chief Hodgkins says:

To be able to keep good order and to guard lives and property of our citizens in such a manner as to prevent crime has been my highest ambition, believing that it is the true policy of a police officer to prevent crime if possible, thereby saving the trouble and expense of looking after the offenders after the crimes have been committed. It affords me great satisfaction to be able to state that during the last year no serious disturbances or unusual number of serious offenses have occurred. An examination of the records will show that comparatively very few of those who committed crime in Oakland during the last year escaped arrest and punishment. In the early part of the year quite a number of robberies were committed, one of our citizens was seriously wounded by being shot and another killed at his place of business by a gang of robbers. This gang engaged in these offenses eluded immediate arrest, but all of them, with one exception, were eventually arrested, convicted and are now serving terms in the penitentiary.

Chief Hodgkins commends his men for general good conduct. He says:

Upon assuming the duties of Chief of Police I impressed upon the men that nothing less than living up to the rules and regulations of the department would be acceptable, and while there have been a few violations, I desire to commend the men for their conduct and especially for their efficient services rendered during the past year.

During the year property valued at $12,871 60 was reported stolen, of which $8820 25 worth was recovered.

MUSICAL FUND SOCIETY CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

Members Spend a Pleasant Evening Together and Present Badges to the Veterans.

Members of the Musical Fund Society assembled in a downtown restaurant last night and celebrated the thirty-seventh anniversary of the organization. The tables were laid to accommodate the entire strength of the society and not a chair was vacant.

The anniversary banquet was a very pleasant affair, the members spending many hours in dispatching fine dishes and in listening to stories and witty responses to toasts. P. Johannsen acted as master of ceremonies and E. E. Schmitz was toast-master.

During the evening veteran badges were presented to those who had been members of the society for twenty-five years.

Epworth League Rally.

A quarterly rally was held last evening in the Howard-street M. E. Church by the members of the Epworth League Alliance. The programme was as follows:

Praise service, conducted by A. B. Weeks, chorister of the Alliance; prayer, Rev. John A. B. Wilson, D.D., pastor Howard Street M. E. Church; business of the convention; address, "The Forward Movement," Arthur H. Briggs, D.D., Herbert F. Briggs; anthem, "We Praise Thee, O God" (Th. Spencer-Lloyd), soloists, the Misses Mattie and Pearl Whittington, Dr. H. D. Noble, Anson Hilton; address, "California, 1901," Rev. J. N. Beard, D.D., pastor Grace M. E. Church; vocal duet, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (Bassford), Misses Mabel and Ethel Perkins; address, "The Outlook for the Twentieth Century," Rev. E. R. Dille, D.D., pastor First M. E. Church, Oakland; bass solo, "How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me?" (Mietzke), Anson Hilton; benediction.

At the conclusion of the programme the young people of Howard-street League held a reception and served refreshments in the church parlors.

To Honor the Director.

Golden Gate Council of the Young Men's Institute will give a grand ball and banquet in Golden Gate Hall on the night of the 28th inst. in honor of Supreme Director F. J. Driscoll. For the first time in the history of the order in this city the council named will conduct an affair in the social line so that the members and their gentleman and lady friends may enjoy the festivities of ball and banquet the same evening.

San Jose Merchant Insolvent.

G. T. Jamison, a commission merchant of San Jose, filed a petition in insolvency yesterday in the United States District Court. His liabilities are $1,136 58 and he has no assets.

EXPERT METHODS OF FINDING VALUE

Contra Costa Company Uses a Double System in Its Estimates.

Engineer Le Conte Spends a Day in Explanations Under Rigorous Questioning of Attorney Hayne.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Nov. 22.

The "lump sum" method of placing a valuation on the Contra Costa Water Company's property for purposes of revenue only has been developed as one of the ways that items of $10,000 and upward are being piled on to the enormous total which the water company claims as the worth of its plant.

Engineer L. J. Le Conte is in part responsible, according to his evidence on cross-examination to-day, for this lumping of valuations. His testimony also discloses a remarkable system of doubling up in estimates. Mr. Le Conte informed Attorney Hayne that he had included "in a broad, general way" in his figures upon numerous items of construction all of the tools and other paraphernalia required for the work specified. Following that by a process of close questioning, Attorney Hayne also ascertained that the expert had made separate and specific valuations upon those same tools. So the city's counsel finds that this peculiar system accounts in some measure for the millions of valuation which are going into evidence.

It was apparent from Hayne's cross-examination to-day that he had started a hot campaign to do a lot of smashing of expert testimony.

The further peculiarity in Le Conte's estimates is the fact that he was given a lot of estimates of quantities of material, etc., used in construction, made by Engineer Boardman. Upon these estimates he placed his valuation without regard for the existence of any of the work, the water company depending upon Boardman for figures only upon the condition of the works in 1886.

That same year Le Conte furnished the city of Oakland with an independent estimate of valuation, but it appears from his testimony that he was compelled to rely upon what the late Anthony Chabot had told him about construction.

The Boardman and the Le Conte estimates as to quantities of material do not entirely agree. For example, to-day a question of sluices was raised. Le Conte's figures showed five miles at $2000 a mile; Boardman's figures were three miles. This discrepancy was noted by Attorney Hayne as an evidence of the conditions under which the expert testimony is going upon the record of the case.

The water company has the Le Conte valuation of the plant in 1886 in evidence. It is now supplementing that report with the present day estimates of the same engineer based upon Boardman's figures. Engineer Boardman, who has been in the employ of one or the other of the combined corporations since 1886, was not asked a question concerning construction after 1886.

Starting with the Le Conte-Boardman combination of estimates for 1886, the water company has added its valuations upon construction since then, and thrown in the valuation which William J. Dingee and Expert Adams have placed on the Oakland Water Company's plant. After Le Conte has been retired from the stand, the water company still has experts Schuyler of San Francisco and Kierstad of Kansas City to examine.

Yesterday afternoon Engineer Le Conte was busy at the hour of adjournment explaining how he had placed a valuation on horses. This afternoon the session closed with the expert explaining upon what theory he valued "boats and barges" at San Leandro Lake at $750. Judge Hart abruptly adjourned court at 4:21 o'clock while Le Conte and Hayne were discussing sluiceway valuations.

SAYS NORTH CAROLINA IS A McKINLEY STATE

Senator Pritchard Attributes Bryan's Big Vote to Outrageous Negro Laws.

United States Senator J. C. Pritchard of North Carolina arrived in the city yesterday. He is at the Palace. The Senator has been in Oregon, where he went to intercede with Governor Geer for a Tennessee boy who is serving a term in the Oregon prison. Pritchard is on his way home and he will remain in San Francisco only a day or two.

The Senator is a prominent North Carolina Republican. He was sent to Washington to fill a vacancy and in 1897 was reelected for a full term. In speaking of the national election in his State he said that McKinley should have carried North Carolina by at least 25,000 plurality. As it was Bryan swept the State by 15,000. The reason he attributed to the outrageous laws in force there which disfranchise the negro voters. In the districts where this law was enforced Bryan's gains were very noticeable.

Senator Pritchard says the business men of the South, almost to a unit, believe in McKinley's expansion policy, and it is a foregone conclusion with them that the cotton industry of the South will benefit by it.

MAN WHO LED VOLUNTEERS ON VISIT TO THE COAST

General Greene, a Prominent Eastern Business Man, Visits San Francisco.

General Francis V. Greene, for many years a popular officer in the regular army, arrived here from New York yesterday and will spend some time on the coast sight seeing. He has taken apartments at the Palace. General Greene is a retired engineer and contractor and he was also at one time largely interested in the Trinidad asphalt syndicate.

When the Spanish-American war broke out he offered his services and President McKinley made him a brigadier general of the volunteers. He reported to Major General Merritt in this city and had command of the second expedition leaving here for the Philippines in the summer of 1898.

General Greene was with Merritt when Manila capitulated. He is a graduate of West Point.

Will Honor Billy Hynes.

A number of the local clubs to whose jinks, benefits and other celebrations "Billy" Hynes, now W. J. Hynes at the Orpheum, has contributed his talents, will attend the Orpheum in as great strength as possible to-night to show Hynes their appreciation for past favors. Representatives of at least six clubs will be present and each club is going to do its best to outdo the others in demonstration of congratulation to "Billy" on his vaudeville success.

This is Hynes' last week at the Orpheum and the clubs have selected Friday night as the most suitable time for a really fine demonstration of their appreciation of all he has done for them in the past. The Press Club will turn out in a body and in addition to other organizations will be the Young Men's Institute and the League of the Cross Cadets. A large turnout from the Olympic Club is also expected. There is hardly a club in San Francisco which has not been aided at one time or another by Hynes and the committee having this matter in hand invites them all to attend the Orpheum on Friday night and tell "Billy" "Thank you!"

An Old Man Killed by a Fall.

George R. Munroe, aged 80 years, residing at 4096 Seventeenth street, was killed yesterday while painting a house, 783 Stevenson street. Munroe was the owner of the property on which he lost his life. He undertook to paint the exterior and while working on the rear side he rigged up a sling, into which he placed himself, and while raising the crude apparatus the rope broke and precipitated him a distance of thirty feet. He struck a lot of lumber which was lying in the yard. The ambulance was sent from the Receiving Hospital, but upon its arrival Dr. Starr pronounced Munroe's injuries fatal.

NURSERY LEVEE OPENS AT PALACE TO-MORROW

Society Will Attend to Aid Cause of Charity for Little Waifs.

MLLE. FROU-FROU, A MAGNIFICENTLY GOWNED DOLL FROM PARIS.

ARE you going to the "Nursery Levee" in the Maple room of the Palace to-morrow afternoon and evening? If you do not you certainly are not up to date, and you will be overlooking one of the most fashionable charitable entertainments ever given in this city.

The sweet little tots of the San Francisco Nursery for Homeless Children are going to spend a happy Yuletide if the ladies who compose the board of directors of this worthy society can have their say about it; but it costs money even to make children happy and comfortable. That is why the "Nursery Levee" is to be held to-morrow afternoon and evening at the Palace.

Charming society buds who have never sung outside the shadows of a drawing-room have kindly come forward and volunteered to sing. Ladies skilled in art decorations, paintings and all things that add an artistic finish to a room have donated articles to be sold. Among the good things that are down on the programme is a cake walk specialty by little Harold Borchers and a piano solo by Miss Rose M. Woolf. Miss Ames will render a beautiful 'cello solo, accompanied by Miss Edith Preston.

The fancy work booth will be presided over by Mrs. R. H. Countryman. She will be assisted by Mrs. C. Mills, Mrs. Gabbs, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Russell Osborn, Mrs. J. F. Schuyler and Miss Florence Scufler. Several young society men will assist the ladies in their work.

Mrs. W. S. Leake has taken charge of a doll booth and will be assisted by several members of the junior smart set. The star doll in this booth will be a direct importation from "Gay Paree." It has been named "Mademoiselle Frou-Frou," and is most beautiful, being gowned in pale blue taffeta silk, appliqued with white lace, ruchings of white chiffon and sash and bows of black velvet. The doll was gowned by the leading ladies' tailor in town and is a marvel. A chance to win this doll can be secured for twenty-five cents.

Mrs. Dernham and Mrs. A. H. Martin will preside over the refreshment booth and are sure to do a big business. Arthur Spear, who always comes to the front in the cause of charity, will be on hand the latter part of the evening. He has promised to auction off all the pretty things that have not been sold up to 10 o'clock.

The admission to the "Nursery Levee" will be only fifty cents at the afternoon and evening performances. Everybody is requested to come and show by attendance an interest in this charity.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY FAIR IS A SUCCESS

Emanuel Evangelical Church Bazaar Opens at Foresters' Hall and Is Well Patronized.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Emanuel Evangelical Church, Twelfth and Stevenson streets, opened a bazaar for the benefit of the church fund at Foresters' Hall, 102 O'Farrell street, yesterday afternoon. The many booths were tastefully fitted up and the articles placed on sale were above the usual standard. The display of fancy cushions attracted considerable attention and the booth set apart for it was well patronized during the afternoon and evening. Handsome designs, made more pleasing by their wealth of colors, caused many expressions of admiration from the visitors, and even the older patrons were allured by the clever and artistic exhibit of stylishly dressed dolls.

Master Arthur Mansfield entertained the large audience during the afternoon with clever selections on the piano, and in the evening the following programme was given: Piano solo, Mrs. J. A. Born; recitation, Clarence Krone; waltz, "Over the Waves," Mrs. Fiedler's class; quartet—Bertha Oprecht, Mrs. G. Meuser, D. Mauerhan and G. F. Ochs; march, Mrs. Fiedler's class; solo, A. Prepenberg; instrumental duet, Messrs. Heinz and Schwartz.

The fair will be continued this and to-morrow afternoon and evening. Those in charge are: Mesdames T. F. Ochs, W. Graniger, H. Kresky, C. Stromeyer, G. Meuser, S. Schutler, F. Frank, O. K. Brown and A. Hewelck, Miss Tillie Otto, Miss Koehler, Mrs. Otto, Mrs. Speigel, Mrs. J. Hess, Mrs. C. Senk and Mrs. C. Wucherer.

SUSPICIOUS FIRE IS BEING INVESTIGATED

Blaze in a Lodging House Where Coal Oil Is Strongly in Evidence.

Engine Company 1 responded to a still alarm shortly after midnight last night for a small blaze at 414 Jackson street, which was extinguished without much trouble.

Louis Ramos rents the building, using the upper floor as a lodging-house and the ground floor as a saloon.

Fire Marshal Towe discovered enough evidence of an attempt at arson to warrant an investigation. Coal oil had been poured for a considerable distance along the hall and stairway and a can which had been used to distribute it was found close to the door.

Ramos was not at home when the fire started. The police have been notified and are looking for him. Ramos carried quite an insurance on his property.

Married in Chinese Mission.

A pretty marriage ceremony was celebrated at the Methodist Chinese Mission on Washington street last evening, the contracting parties being Miss Bertie Locke, a Christianized Chinese woman, and N. G. Yung, who conducts a ranch in Haywards. The chapel was tastefully decorated and the bridal party numbered twenty Chinese girls from the mission. Dr. Bouvard, assisted by Dr. Gardner, performed the ceremony.

Unknown Drowned Man Found.

The body of an unknown old man badly decomposed was found floating in the bay near Fort Point yesterday afternoon by William Barlow, a fisherman. No property of any kind, excepting a pair of spectacles, was found on the body. The remains are at the Morgue awaiting identification.

NEW CHIEF FOR THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING

Captain W. M. Meredith, Who Served Under President Harrison, Is Reappointed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Captain W. M. Meredith of Illinois has been appointed Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Captain Meredith served as Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing during the Harrison administration. He is a practical plate printer and at present is in charge of the plate printing department of the Western Bank Note Company of Chicago.

REFUSE TO PLAY A LEAGUE GAME

Berkeley and Lowell High Schools Object to Treatment Received.

They Engage Football Grounds Before the General Management Secure Them and Will Hold Private Contest.

BERKELEY, Nov. 22.—There will be a football game between the Berkeley and Lowell High schools next Saturday afternoon at the Sixteenth and Folsom street grounds, but it will not be under the auspices of the Academic Athletic League. Neither will it be for the trophy offered to the winning preparatory school eleven. The managements of the Lowell and Berkeley teams secured the grounds ahead of the league and will pull the game off in spite of past and prospective difficulties.

The Berkeley High School Athletic Association met this afternoon and unanimously upheld the action of Oscar Boettiger, the manager of the team, in entering into a contract to hold a private match with Lowell. The young athletes declare that they want to stay in the league, but that that they want Preston K. Rauch, chairman of the league's football committee, put out of power. They claim that they have been unfairly treated in the matter of complimentary tickets and refuse to be under Rauch's management. They state that Rauch offered the school two complimentary tickets and at the same time freely distributed passes to his university friends. The Berkeley boys demanded forty complimentary tickets and ten side-line badges.

Rauch gave the schools until 11 o'clock to-day to make up their minds whether or not they would play Saturday. If they would not agree to terms by then he declared two other teams should play for the championship. While Rauch was waiting for an answer Oscar Boettiger, the Berkeley manager, and Norman Stein, the Lowell manager, got a written contract for the grounds for Saturday. They have hired policemen and intend to hold the fort.

The league had already placed tickets on sale at 50 cents. Boettiger and Stein will have tickets out to-morrow at 25 cents. What will be done with those who demand to see the game on the league tickets is still undecided.

When the league delegates next meet it must be decided whether Berkeley and Lowell or Rauch shall go. The schools are now practically out of the league, but they claim the support of nearly all of the other schools and hope to have the difficulty settled in their favor.

The Berkeley eleven is as follows: Center, McCoy; right guard, Plummer; left guard, Lamb; right tackle, Parker; left tackle, Fish; right end, McQueston; left end, De Merritt; quarter, Solinsky; right half, Stahle; left half, Seltzer; fullback, Volz. Ernest Linscott is president of the athletic association and George Elliott delegate to the league.

POPULAR MINSTRELS TO PERFORM TO-NIGHT

Columbias, Who Have Aided Many Worthy Charities, Will Take a Benefit in Their Own Behalf.

The Columbia Minstrels, who have so frequently given their services to the different charitable societies and beneficial institutions of the city, will give a performance to-night in their own behalf at Odd Fellows' Hall. The popularity of this company and the generosity with which it has contributed to the success of many worthy efforts give assurance that the entertainment in its own behalf will be financially a success.

The programme is an elaborate one and of exceptional excellence. It is practically the same as was rendered recently at Metropolitan Hall for the benefit of Sacred Heart Church. Among the numbers will be a chorus of forty-five voices well trained. Among the contributors will be the following local favorites: P. A. Densworth, C. F. Franklin, George Cheney, Hobart Cavanagh, Fred Griffrus, Elton Lambert, Ed Hogan, Denny Jordan, L. Freed, Ed Kreiss and Harry Depew. W. W. Brackett is the director of the company.

"CROOKED" BURNS LANDED AFTER A HARD CHASE

Supposed to Be One of a Bold Gang of Robbers.

"Pat" Burns, alias "Crooked" Burns, alias George Thomas, alias "Pie-faced Tommy," a well known crook, was arrested yesterday after a hard chase, on suspicion of being one of the three men who have been holding up saloon keepers south of Market street.

From the description given of one of the men the detectives yesterday arrested Burns, who is an ex-convict. He is known as a desperate criminal and soon after his arrest he was positively identified as being one of the robbers who held up the bartender at the Mission Turn Verein Hall a week ago. According to the police Burns was arrested in Oakland some time ago and sent to the penitentiary. He was released only a short time ago, and meeting the two men who were with him when he committed the hold-ups, planned further robberies. His companions are well known and the detectives expect to arrest them to-day.

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