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Disastrous Result of a Stockton Citizen's Attempt to Bring Down a Supposed Thief.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

STOCKTON, Dec. 3.—It has now been definitely ascertained that the shooting of Mrs. Bertolas by her husband on Thanksgiving night was an accident. Sheriff Sibley and District Attorney Ashley interviewed the injured woman at St. Joseph's Home and she explained the affair She said that on the previous night the house had been entered by a burglar. Her husband had not reported it to the police because he thought the burglar would come back and he wished to capture him himself

On Thanksgiving night, just before 12 o'clock, Mr. Bertolas heard a noise, apparently in the cellar, and arose and went down to investigate. He did not come back as soon as his wife thought he should, so she arose and went to look for him. She noticed that the front door was open and started to close it. At that moment her husband came up from the cellar, and, seeing his wife at the front entrance, he believed she was the burglar and fired. Mrs. Bertolas says that she thought that it was a burglar that shot her, and so she ran to the home of a neighbor.

This explanation clears the mystery and Bertolas will not be prosecuted.

Third Trial of Begerow.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 3.—The selection of a jury for the third trial of Frederick Begerow, who shot and killed Joseph Cech and August Berger at the brewers' picnic here on July 15, began in Judge Lorigan's court this morning.

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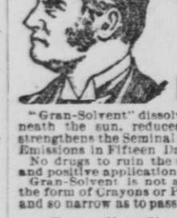

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DEMOCRATS TRIUMPH IN LOS ANGELES

Snyder Wins Mayoralty by a Plurality of Two Thousand.

BACKED BY LIQUOR INTERESTS

Republicans Capture Five of the Eight City Offices and Have a Large Majority in the Council.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3.—To-day's decisive Democratic victory—so far, at least, as the Mayoralty contest is concerned—following so closely upon the November election, when the city gave McKinley 2800 plurality, has been a surprise to every one. The Democratic candidate for Mayor, Meridith P. Snyder, who occupied that office in 1897 and 1898, is elected over Herman Silver (R.) by 2000 plurality. Snyder was the acknowledged candidate of the liquor interests and that element is rejoicing to-night. Herman Silver has been president of the Council for two successive terms and enjoys an enviable reputation as a sound man of affairs. Snyder was vigorously opposed by three of the four daily papers.

The Republicans have captured five of the eight city officers. The successful candidates are:

Clerk—C. H. Hance, Democrat.
Attorney—W. B. Mathews, Republican.
Auditor—Elijah Unger, Republican.
Collector—W. A. White, Republican.
Engineer—Harry F. Stafford, Republican.
Street Superintendent—Hugh J. McGuire, Democrat.
Assessor—Ben E. Ward, Republican.

The contest for City Treasurer is still in doubt. Ex-Mayor W. H. Workman (D.) is probably elected over W. A. Hartwell, the Republican incumbent.

The complexion of the Council will be seven Republicans to two Democrats. The Councilmen elected are as follows:

First Ward—W. H. Pierce, Republican.
Second Ward—G. P. McLain, Republican.
Third Ward—Frank Walker, Democrat.
Fourth Ward—P. W. Powers, Republican.
Fifth Ward—N. M. Bowen, Republican.
Sixth Ward—A. A. Allen, Republican.
Seventh Ward—B. E. Lander, Republican.
Eighth Ward—R. A. Todd, Democrat.
Ninth Ward—E. L. Blanchard, Republican.

At midnight complete returns from 65 out of the 90 precincts gave Snyder (D.) 6989, Silver (R.) 5403. The vote polled is unusually heavy for a city election. In the Eighth Ward, which contains the tenderloin district, 200 more votes were cast than at the Presidential election.

The election passed without incident and not a single arrest was made during the day.

BOLLINGER WILL CASE DRAWING TO A CLOSE

Legal Fight for Property to the Value of a Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 3.—The contest of the will of the late Christian Bollinger, which has occupied the attention of Judge Hyland's court for the past twelve weeks, is drawing to a close. It is expected the testimony will close to-morrow and the case be given to the jury Friday or Saturday.

Bollinger, who died a couple of years ago, left an estate worth about $150,000. Most of this he gave to his children. Mary L. Bollinger, a second wife, was given a home in Santa Clara and other property, the value of all not exceeding $10,000. She at once began a contest of the will, alleging unsoundness of mind and undue influence on the part of ex-Sheriff G. Y. Bollinger, a son. It was also claimed that property held by George Y. Bollinger to the value of nearly $100,000 belonged to the estate. The contestant died before the case came to trial and the contest is being conducted by her heirs.

SCHOOL WAR RENEWED.

Eastland Seeks to Remain an Independent District.

SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 3.—The Mill Valley school war promises to be renewed. Last summer, when Mill Valley was incorporated, it became a new school district. The citizens then petitioned the Board of Supervisors to merge it into Eastland district, of which it had previously been a part. This the board did. To-day the people of Eastland presented a petition to the Supervisors asking them to rescind or annul the order merging the districts. The petition sets forth that the board was misled by the first petition. The bone of contention is a $10,000 bank account lying to the credit of Eastland district from a sale of school bonds voted and made before the incorporation. Eastland wants the money for herself, and Mill Valley does not want to lose her interest in the funds.

LINEMEN RETURN TO WORK.

Sunset Company the Only One to Hold Out Against the Strikers.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 3.—The Yuba Power Company and the Folsom Power Company, engaged in furnishing light to Sacramento, have acceded to the demands of the striking linemen and the men employed by those companies who have gone out on strike have returned to their work at the new wage schedule. The only company which has thus far declined to accept the terms of the strikers is the Sunset Telephone Company, the Capital Telephone Company having given the men what they asked for soon after the strike was declared.

Yolo's Election Contest.

WOODLAND, Dec. 3.—Judge Gaddis today fixed December 17 as the day for holding a special session of court to try the Nelson-Vaughn contest over the office of Supervisor in the Fourth District. Judge Gray of Butte County probably will be asked to try the case.

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BANK WRECKED BY EXPLOSION OF DYNAMITE

Silverton Burglars Flee Without Stopping to Obtain Booty.

TAKE A SHOT AT THE CASHIER

The Shock Blows Open the Safe and Spreads Ruin Throughout the Interior of the Building.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SILVERTON, Or., Dec. 3.—Dynamite, used by robbers to open a burglarproof safe, wrecked the Silverton Bank at an early hour this morning and aroused the inhabitants. The cashier, who heard the report, rushed to the bank in time to be shot at by one of the fleeing robbers. Because of the interruption, the burglars did not have time to obtain any booty.

The bank was a complete wreck, the damage probably reaching $2700. The force of the shock blew the outer door of the safe off its hinges and ruined the bank's furniture, smashed two large plateglass windows and blew fragments of the safe across the street.

Among the first of the citizens to reach the bank was the cashier. He saw the two men and got near enough to order one of them to halt. For reply the robber sent a bullet in the direction of the cashier. The latter ran back to his room to get his revolver, but the men had made good their escape.

CAUSE OF COGSWELL'S SUICIDE NOT YET KNOWN

Affairs of the Bank of Which He Was Cashier Found to Be in Prosperous Condition.

LODI, Dec. 3.—The funeral of Francis Cogswell, late vice president of the Bank of Lodi, who committed suicide here on Saturday, will be held to-morrow. It will be under the auspices of the local Odd Fellows and Masons. Rev. J. W. Brier, who officiated at the marriage of Mr. Cogswell, will deliver the sermon.

It is now definitely known that the suicide of Banker Cogswell was not due to business affairs of the bank with which he was connected. Cashier Ferdun says that a balance was struck last week, showing the institution to be in a prosperous condition; in fact, it is one of the soundest in the State, being in better financial conditon at present than at any time in its history. The business men of Lodi took strong measures this evening to show their faith and good will toward the bank. At a public meeting a resolution was unanimously adopted indorsing the Bank of Lodi and expressing full confidence in its financial standing.

WILL BE OPERATED UPON.

District Attorney McIsaac of Marin County Has Appendicitis.

SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 3.—District Attorney Hugh J. McIsaac of Marin County is at the Lane Hospital in San Francisco and is about to undergo an operation for appendicitis. He has suffered for some time past and last Saturday decided to go under the surgeon's knife. The chances for his speedy recovery are considered excellent.

ATTORNEY GENERAL FILES HIS ANNUAL REPORT

Urges That Congress Provide for an Appeal on the Part of the Government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Attorney General Griggs to-day sent his annual report to Congress. It opens with a statement of the condition of the work of the United States Supreme Court, which shows that 370 appellate cases were docketed and 371 were disposed of, leaving 303 cases still pending. On July 1, 1899, there were 3137 United States convicts in the various prisons and reformatories of the country, against 2933 at the close of the last fiscal year.

The aggregate amount of the judgments rendered in favor of the United States in civil suits during the last year was $663,299, and the amount actually collected on these judgments was $52,795, while $52,748 was obtained during the year on judgments rendered in former years for the United States, and $27,130 was otherwise realized in civil suits.

The aggregate amount of fines, forfeitures and penalties imposed during the year in criminal prosecutions was $705,137, and the amount of these fines, forfeitures and penalties collected during the year was $104,020, while $8203 was realized on fines, forfeitures and penalties imposed in former years.

The Attorney General repeats his recommendation of last year that Congress provide for an appeal on the part of the Government in cases of decisions adverse to the United States by the courts on demurrers interposed to indictments.

REMAINS OF OSCAR WILDE BORNE TO FINAL REST

Few Attend the Modest Service in the Church of St. Germain des Pres.

PARIS, Dec. 3.—Funeral services over the remains of Oscar Wilde were held to-day in the Church of St. Germain des Pres, one of the oldest in Paris. The ceremonies were of the most modest character and only a few friends, mostly literary personages, attended.

The body was removed from the hotel where the deceased had stopped recently, followed by five carriages. The cortege proceeded to the church, where the casket was placed before the chapel of St. Joseph, behind the main altar. Many flowers covered the coffin. Mass was celebrated and absolution was given. Wilde embraced the Catholic faith three weeks ago. The interment occurred here in the Cemetery de Bagneux, on the outskirts of Paris. The Marquis of Queensberry acted as chief mourner.

Among the litterateurs present were De Wittry, Ernest La Jeunesse, Paul Faure and Henri Duseroy.

KING OSCAR'S HEALTH STILL IMPROVING

Monarch Joins in the Festivities of Oscar's Day at Stockholm.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 3.—The health of King Oscar continues to improve. He was in excellent health and humor on Oscar's day (Saturday), when he attended the state dinner given by the diplomatic corps. Baron Daelman, the Belgian Minister, proposed the King's health. Minister of Foreign Affairs Von Lagerheim proposed the health of the sovereign and chiefs of nations. Both toasts were drunk standing, but no speeches were made.

The city and harbor were decorated with flags, the batteries fired salutes and all Stockholm enjoyed a holiday. During the evening the city was finely illuminated. The Stars and Stripes were hoisted at the United States legation.

Land Case Decided.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The United States Supreme Court to-day rendered an opinion in the case of the Las Animas Land Grant Company vs. the United States, on appeal from the decision of the Court of Private Land Claims, refusing to take jurisdiction in the case on the ground that the grant had been disposed of by Congress prior to the enactment of the law creating the Court of Private Land Claims. To-day's opinion affirmed that verdict. The claim covers about 4,000,000 acres of land in Southeastern Colorado.

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BATTLE WITH RAGING SURF AND ICY SEA

Crew of the Fischer Brothers in Close Touch With Death.

CAPTAIN DIES FROM EXPOSURE

Passengers on the Centennial Bring Full Details of the Stranding of the Alaskan Schooner

Special Dispatch to The Call.

TACOMA, Dec. 3.—Further particulars of the wreck of the ill-fated schooner Fischer Brothers were brought down by passengers of the steamer Centennial. They tell a thrilling story of the hardships and sufferings endured by the passengers and crew of the unfortunate vessel, which was commanded by Captain A. M. Flagg, whose death resulted a few days later from exposure incurred during the wreck. Captain Flagg's body was brought down by the Centennial.

The Fischer Brothers was driven ashore and went to pieces about the middle of October on the rocks off Cape Rodney. For an hour the vessel pitched helplessly in the water, gradually working in toward the shore. When within 300 feet of the beach she hung hard and fast. From daylight until 10 o'clock a persistent but futile effort was made to get a line ashore. Barrels and casks carrying lines were thrown into the water. These were washed to within forty feet of land, but the undertow caught them and they became tangled in wreckage and carried out to sea. In time, men from an Indian village brought a boat, but no canoe could live in the raging surf. One was dashed to pieces in the effort to reach the wrecked schooner.

Finally Joseph Patton undertook to swim ashore with a line. Dropping down from the jibboom, he was caught by the waves and washed over the rocks like a cork. Meanwhile Samuel Archer, one of the owners of the vessel, held the end of the line. Patton persisted in his attempts to reach land and finally succeeded through the aid of those on shore. With this line the rescuers later got a rope ashore, and with this and a life boat, which ventured out to the last reef but one, the crew was taken ashore. The rope became icy and several times the hold of the men was broken by the waves. Some narrowly escaped drowning, but were rescued by those in the boat throwing ropes to them.

Captain Flagg was the last man to leave the schooner. It was several hours after she struck before he got ashore. Throughout the ordeal he bore himself as a brave seaman. The shipwrecked men sought shelter in the village, and there dried their clothing. Archer then set out to walk to Nome, a distance of fifty miles. He reached Sinrock River, twenty miles distant, before nightfall. His clothing became frozen and at times progress was next to impossible; yet he pushed on, and the following day reached Nome, having been less than thirty-six hours en route, with the news of the disaster. He at once arranged to have the crew taken to Nome.

When Captain Flagg reached there he was unconscious. He was taken at once to the army barracks, where he died two days later.

SIGMA CHI MEMBERS TO HAVE A NEW HOME

Another Handsome Lodge Will Be Added to Those on "Fraternity Row" at Stanford.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Dec. 3.—Another residence is to be added to the row of fraternity houses on the Stanford campus. This time it is the local members of the Sigma Chi fraternity who have broken ground. The house will be located on Lasuen avenue, between the Delta Gamma and Kappa Kappa Gamma lodges. This is the street that Mrs. Stanford has set aside for "fraternity row," and it is already famous in the college world for the beauty and variety of its architectural structures.

The new home which the Sigma Chi boys are building will be a handsome one. The house will be two and a half stories in height, massive in its style of architecture and beautiful both in exterior and interior finish. The ground floor is planned with a view toward entertaining. The large reception hall, living-room, library and dining-room may be thrown open into one vast room. Back of the library, which is on the right of the entrance, is a smoking and chapter room. There are accommodations for eighteen men on the second and third floors.

The house was to have been built early in the fall, but the lease of the ground had to be sent to Europe, as Mrs. Stanford's signature was necessary. Thorpe & Lentz of San Francisco are the architects, while R. C. Andrus of San Jose is the contractor.

The following are the members of the fraternity at Stanford: F. W. Bennett, '01; A. G. Thies; Robert Roughan; A. G. Page, '02; J. F. Cowan; E. K. Potter, '02; H. L. Younger; J. A. Miller, '03; G. H. Lutgerding; W. L. Barr; O. G. Jones, '03; H. A. Daggett, '04; A. L. Bernardin.

HEALDSBURG WOMAN GORED BY ENRAGED COW

Animal Repeatedly Charges Upon Her and She Is Seriously Injured.

HEALDSBURG, Dec. 3.—Mrs. M. G. Ross, a widow, living a mile from this city, was shockingly mutilated by a cow while attempting to separate the animal from her young calf. The old lady was thrown heavily to the ground and the infuriated beast charged at her many times, goring her repeatedly. Help arrived barely in time to save the woman's life. She is badly injured about the hips and spine.

Ortega's Petition Denied.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 3.—The petition of the attorneys of "Jack" Ortega, who was sentenced on Friday last to life imprisonment for a criminal assault upon Grace Gamble, to obtain his release on a writ of habeas corpus was denied by Judge Rhodes this afternoon. The validity of the City Justice Court, before which Ortega was committed for trial, was attacked, it being claimed the court was not legally provided for and that the appointment of Justice Oneal, who presided at that time, was not properly made. Judge Rhodes held that the court was a proper one and remanded Ortega back to jail.

Chinese Highbinder Arrested.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 3.—Lim Yut, a Chinese highbinder, was arrested this afternoon by Detectives Haley and Pickering for the murder of Yu Tue. The crime occurred a week ago. The other murderer has not yet been captured, but the police expect to have him in custody in a few days.

Aged Man Commits Suicide.

MURPHYS, Dec. 3.—Lin Barrett, an old Frenchman, living a secluded life near Esmeralda, this county, committed suicide yesterday with a shotgun. He was more than 70 years of age, and leaves no relatives here.

NOTICE.

On Sundays, commencing December 9, 1900, the Southern Pacific Company's City Ticket Office at No. 613 Market street, Grand Hotel block, will be closed.

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XV. HOW TO AVOID COMMON BLUNDERS.

BY PROF. H. G. BUEHLER.

In the Use of Pronouns.

A pronoun is a word used to stand for a noun. Pronouns in English are not numerous, but they occur very frequently, and require more care than almost any other part of speech.

We begin by remarking that in forming the possessive case of pronouns no apostrophe is used by good writers. They write "ours," "yours," "hers," "its," "theirs." In this respect, you observe, the possessive of pronouns differs from the possessive of nouns. "It's," which often occurs in writing, is a contraction for "it is," the apostrophe denoting the omission of a letter.

The word "I" is always written as a capital letter.

Our next practical caution is that good writers and speakers never use the word "them" instead of "those" before a noun. That is, they freely say "those apples," "those things," but never say "them apples," "them things." In its place "them" is a perfectly good English word, but it should always be used instead of a noun, not with a noun; as, "I am looking for my glasses. Have you seen them?"

Errors in the use of the number forms of pronouns often occur in connection with such expressions as "anybody," "everybody," "each," "either," "neither" and "nobody." Such expressions, in spite of the comprehensive meaning of some of them, are grammatically singular; and in literary English they are referred to by singular pronouns; as, "If anybody calls, ask him to wait." "Many a brave man has met his death in the Spanish war," "Let each take her turn," "Every kind of animal has its own proper food," "Nobody went out of his or her way to make me feel at home."

The relative pronoun "what" is sometimes misused. Writers, however, will have little difficulty with it, if they remember that, when used as a relative pronoun, it is equivalent to "that which."

We now come to a kind of blunder in the use of pronouns that is perhaps more troublesome than any other. These errors are sometimes committed even by well-educated people; yet they are almost instantly detected by a cultivated eye or ear. The fact is that to avoid them a person must have a clear insight into the structure of sentences, know the difference between what are called the "nominative" and the "objective" forms, and be perpetually on his guard. Insight into the structure of sentences one can hardly hope to have without such a course in English grammar as it is impossible to give in these columns. The difference between "nominative" and "objective" forms, however, can be explained here with a concise statement of their proper use.

Seven English pronouns have different forms, according as the pronoun is used as the subject or the object of the sentence. For example, we say "I like her, and she likes me," changing the form of the pronouns that denote the speaker and the speaker's friend when the relation of these pronouns to the verb changes. These different forms, marking different structural relations in the sentence, are called cases. The form of a pronoun that marks the relation of subject is called the nominative case. The form that marks the relation of object is called the objective case. It is clear, therefore, that in order to use these seven pronouns correctly we must distinguish their nominative from their objective forms, and observe in every instance the relation which the pronoun bears to the rest of the sentence. This, as we have said before, is not easy without previous training in the analysis of sentences. The most that we can do here is to print the forms and mention their principal uses.

The seven pronouns having different forms for the nominative and objective cases are the following:

Nominative.	Objective.	Nominative.	Objective.
I	me	she	her
we	us	they	them
thou	thee	who	whom
he	him		

The nominative forms of these pronouns—I, we, thou, he, she, they, who—are used mainly in the following relations:

1. Subject of a verb: as, "I am young"; "We are coming"; "He fell"; "She laughed"; "They live in New Orleans."

2. Attribute complement, describing the subject: as, "Is it I?" "It was not we"; "Was it he?" "I think it was she"; "No, it was they."

Exception—The attribute complement of the infinitive to be is in objective case if the infinitive has a subject, as, "He knew it to be me."

3. Vocative, as, "O thou who nearest prayer."

4. Nominative absolute, as, "He being there, we said nothing about it."

The objective forms of these pronouns—me, us, thee, him, her, them, whom—are used mainly in the following relations:

1. Direct object, as, "Help us, O Lord."

2. Indirect object, as, "Give me your hand."

3. Object of preposition, as, "Show it to them."

4. Subject of infinitive, as, "Did you see him fall?"

Blunders in the use of the case forms of pronouns are especially common when the pronoun is coupled with a name, as in the incorrect sentence, "She invited Mrs. R. and I to go driving." In this sentence "I" should be "me," as any one would know if he stopped to think what the form would be if the pronoun were not coupled with a noun. No one would think of saying "She invited I to go driving."

Persons who are in doubt as to which form of the pronoun to use often try to avoid the difficulty by using one of the pronouns ending in "self"—pronouns which have the same form for both the nominative and the objective case. Thus many persons, uncertain whether to use "I" or "me" in the sentence quoted above, would say instead, "She invited Mrs. R. and myself to go driving." This is no better than "Mrs. R. and I" or "Her and I." The pronouns in "self" are properly used only for emphasis, or in a reflexive sense—i. e., after a verb or a preposition to refer back to the subject of the verb. It is right to say: "I will go myself"; "Carrie herself went to the door"; "God helps those who help themselves." It would not be in accord with the best usage to say, "Harry and myself have bought a horse together."

Careless or inexperienced writers sometimes cause obscurity by using two or more different pronouns in the same sentence to refer to the same person, as, "One shuddered as the dreadful sufferings of the wounded flashed across you." ("One" should be changed to "you.") Professor A. S. Hill lays down the following rule: Never change from one pronoun to another without a clear and sufficient reason.

Closely allied to this error is the blunder, often seen in advertisements, of beginning to write about persons and ending as if we were writing to them.

XVI. HOW TO RECKON DISCOUNT

When a reduction is made from the face of a bill or account it is called a discount. The manufacturer or wholesale dealer allows the retailer a trade discount, which is deducted at a certain rate per cent from the face of the invoice. By trade discount is meant a discount to the trader (dealer) which would not be given to a person not in the trade. The amount of such discount depends sometimes upon the size of the order and sometimes upon the terms of settlement. Frequently goods are sold at net prices; that is, at a fixed bottom price, no further discount being allowed. It is a common practice in some lines of business to allow two or three discounts in succession: thus, "30 and 10 off" means 30% discount and then 10% discount from the remainder.

Illustrative Exercises.

1. Deduct 30% from a bill of $2,403.50.

$2,403.50
721.050

$1,682.45

We multiply $2,403.50 by 3, carrying the figures one place to the right; 3 times 5 are 15, put down 5 and carry 1, 3 times 3 are 9 and 1 to carry makes 10, put down 0 and carry 1, and so on until we have the total amount of the discount—namely, $721.05.

2. Deduct 3% from a bill of $684.96.

$684.96
20.5488

$664.41.

We multiply $684.96 by 3, carrying the figures two places to the right. The amount of discount is really $20.55, because the fraction of a cent is more than one-half.

The student will notice that it isn't necessary to write down the 30 or the 3. In an actual bill or invoice the discount can be written down at once, the work being done mentally. The discount is subtracted and the net amount carried at once to the column to the right. It will be an exceptional case when it is necessary to do figuring on a separate slip of paper.

3. Deduct ½% from a bill of $1,268.60.

$1,268.60
6.3430

$1,262.26

We first find 1%, which is $12.68. This is evident without writing down any figures. Now, ½% is one-half of 1%, so that we simply have to divide $12.68 (mentally) by 2 and put down the quotient, $6.34.

Exercises for Practice.

Direction—Find the amount of each bill, having given the gross amount and the rate of discount:

1. $1,080.00 less 10%.	11. $3,683.00 less 1%.
2. $7,560.00 less 5%.	12. $2,985.00 less 2%.
3. $5,616.00 less 20%.	13. $4,000.00 less ½%.
4. $2,934.00 less 30%.	14. $8,500.00 less ¼%.
5. $4,214.22 less 40%.	15. $6,200.00 less ¾%.
6. $2,391.12 less 20%.	16. $4,980.00 less 12½%.
7. $2,812.41 less 3%.	17. $2,942.40 less 25%.
8. $2,001.83 less 2%.	18. $4,694.00 less 40%.
9. $2,119.76 less 4%.	19. $2,482.00 less 2½%.
10. $4,216.10 less 6%.	20. $6,000.00 less ½%.

21. A merchant added 20% to the cost to get the selling price. From an article marked at $240 he allowed a discount of 2½%. What was the profit on that particular article?

22. A discount of ½% is allowed on a bill of $2,408.50 if paid within a certain time. What will the discount amount to?

23. Find the net cost of 315 yards of cloth at $1.40 a yard, less a discount of 2½%.

24. The price of a book is $3.60. It is bought by the dealer at 30% discount. What per cent profit does he make?

Answers.

1. $972.	13. $3,980.
2. $7,182.	14. $8,478.75.
3. $4,492.80.	15. $6,014.
4. $2,053.80.	16. $4,382.40.
5. $2,528.53.	17. $2,206.80.
6. $2,312.90.	18. $2,816.40.
7. $2,728.04.	19. $2,432.38.
8. $1,961.79.	20. $5,985.
9. $2,034.97.	21. $34.
10. $3,963.13.	22. $12.04.
11. $3,646.17.	23. $429.98.
12. $2,925.30.	24. 43% nearly.

Bazaar at San Mateo.

SAN MATEO, Dec. 3.—What promises to be a successful social affair is announced for this week, it being the bazaar and sale of work by the ladies of the Congregational church. The ladies have been planning for months to make this bazaar a success. Library Hall has been engaged and will be gorgeously decorated. A musical programme of more than usual excellence has been prepared for Thursday evening, and on Friday the farce entitled "A Chafing Dish Party," by John Kendrick Bangs, will be presented by local talent. The local orchestra under the leadership of F. R. King will discourse music during the evening. Rev. William D. Kidd is the popular pastor of the church, and he is ably seconded in his efforts by a live Ladies' Aid Society, the officers of which, who are in charge of this bazaar, are as follows: President, Mrs. C. R. Kirkbride; vice president, Mrs. J. R. Carrick; secretary, Mrs. P. M. Roedel; treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Doane.

Regulating Nickel Machines.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 3.—Three ordinances relating to slot machines were given their first reading at the meeting of the City Council this morning. One makes it a misdemeanor for a person to play slugs or bogus coins into the machines; another a misdemeanor for boys under 18 years to play slot machines, and the third prescribes the same punishment for the proprietors of machines who allow boys to play. These offenses are to be punishable by fines not exceeding $100 and thirty days' imprisonment.

New Masonic Chapter.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 3.—W. Frank Pierce of Oakland, the inspector general of the Supreme Council of the thirty-third degree of Scottish Rite Masonry, arrived at noon from the north and to-night instituted a new chapter of the eighteenth degree of the Scottish Rite. The new organization is to be known as Constans Chapter, Knights Rose Croix, and the charter membership is good.

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