ANXIETY OVER NON-ARRIVAL OF TWO SHIPS

Rathdown and Andrada Are Long Overdue at Astoria.

IT IS FEARED THEY ARE LOST.

One Encounters a Typhoon on the Japanese Coast and the Other Strikes a Gale Off the Columbia Bar.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

ASTORIA, Jan. 1.—Grave fears are entertained for two Astoria-bound vessels and the belief is growing that both have been lost. Hope for the British ship Rathdown, ninety days from Yokohama, has been almost entirely abandoned, and the opinion prevails that the big vessel foundered in a typhoon off the Japanese coast.

Twenty-two days ago the fine British ship Andrada of 2294 tons appeared off the Columbia and Pilot Ostblmer was taken aboard. A great storm arose at that time and the Andrada was driven to the north. She has not been seen since and it is feared she has met a fate similar to that of the British ship Cadzow Forest, which disappeared with Pilot Grassman five years ago and was never again heard from.

Had the Andrada weathered the gale she probably would have succeeded in making port ere this, for there have been several calm spells since the date of her disappearance.

To-day the revenue cutter Perry received instructions to search for the missing ship and the cutter put to sea at once. Should the Perry fail to find trace of the Andrada within a few days there will no longer be any doubt as to her fate.

CHINESE INSPECTOR SPENCER OUTWITTED

Slant-Eyed Beauty Commits Bigamy by Marrying a Spokane Celestial.

SPOKANE, Jan. 1.—Fong Yuen, a Chinese woman who was abducted from her California home and husband three years ago and for whose recovery the husband offered $700 reward, has married a Spokane Chinese merchant. Chinese Inspector Spencer of San Francisco attempted to prevent the bigamy, but was deceived as to the hour and place of the ceremony and arrived too late.

The woman is 27 years old and was born in the San Francisco Chinatown. She married Tong Ah Hing, president of the California Fishermen's Association, four years ago before a San Rafael Justice of the Peace. Three years ago she was abducted. Efforts to trace her were in vain until last Friday Inspector Spencer, in making his census of the Chinese population, met and recognized her.

The inspector planned to arrest her as a fugitive from justice, with the intention of returning her to her husband. He mentioned his plans to persons here, who carried them to the woman. Aided by members of the Baptist Chinese Mission Society here, she was kept out of the way of the officers until the marriage could be solemnized. A brother Chinese committed perjury to procure a marriage license, swearing she was unmarried.

At 10 o'clock this morning Police Justice Kennan united in marriage the woman and Sam Chong, a prominent Chinese merchant. Ten minutes later Inspector Spencer arrived, intending to prevent the wedding if possible, but found himself too late. Just what the next move will be depends largely upon the action of Tong Ah Hing, husband number one, of Sausalito.

WEDDING BELLS RING IN THE NEW CENTURY

Robert Westcott of Palo Alto and Miss Josephine Ellis of Pacific Grove United.

PACIFIC GROVE, Jan. 1.—Miss Josephine Ellis, daughter of Frank W. Ellis of this city, and Robert Westcott of Palo Alto were married at midnight last night at the bride's home on Fourth avenue in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The happy couple were pronounced man and wife just as the new century opened. They left on the morning train to-day for a few weeks' wedding journey, after which they will reside in Palo Alto. The bridegroom was a member of the Stanford company that went to Manila with the First California Volunteers at the outbreak of the war with Spain.

FIRST TWENTIETH CENTURY BABY IN CALIFORNIA

Primus Arbuckle of Santa Clara Comes Into the World With the New Year.

SANTA CLARA, Jan. 1.—William Arbuckle is the proud father of probably the first baby born in the twentieth century in the State of California. Primus Arbuckle, as his parents have determined to call him, was ushered into this workaday world a few minutes after the stroke of 12 o'clock midnight, while pealing bells and the din of steam whistles heralded the coming of the new year and century. He is a lusty youngster and weighs eight pounds.

Swallows Carbolic Acid.

SANTA CLARA, Jan. 1.—James Barry, employed at Scott Brothers' dairy, near this place, attempted to commit suicide by taking crude carbolic acid last night. Barry is subject to epileptic fits. Feeling one coming on, he concluded to end his sufferings, but took an overdose of the poison. He was removed to the County Infirmary. It is expected he will recover.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

SENT FREE TO MEN!

A Most Remarkable Remedy That Quickly Restores Lost Vigor to Men.

A Free Trial Package Sent by Mail to All Who Write.

Free trial packages of a most remarkable remedy are being mailed to all who will write the State Medical Institute. They cured so many men who had battled for years against the mental and physical suffering of lost manhood that the Institute has decided to distribute free trial packages to all who write. It is a home treatment, and all men who suffer from any form of sexual weakness resulting from youthful folly, premature loss of strength and memory, weak back, varicocele or emaciation of parts can now cure themselves at home.

The remedy has a peculiarly grateful effect of warmth and seems to act direct to the desired location, giving strength and development just where it is needed. It cures all the ills and troubles that come from years of misuse of the natural functions and has been an absolute success in all cases. A request to the State Medical Institute, 328 Elektron building, Fort Wayne, Ind., stating that you desire one of their free trial packages, will be complied with promptly. The Institute is desirous of reaching that great class of men who are unable to leave home to be treated, and the free sample will enable them to see how easy it is to be cured of sexual weakness when the proper remedies are employed. The Institute makes no restrictions. Any man who writes will be sent a free sample, carefully sealed in a plain package, so that its recipient need have no fear of embarrassment or publicity. Readers are requested to write without delay.

MISS ZADIEE MAXWELL IS CALLED BY DEATH

Prominent Society Girl of Los Angeles Dies at Waldeck Sanatorium.

LATE LOS ANGELES SOCIETY YOUNG LADY WHO PASSED AWAY AT WALDECK SANATORIUM FROM THE EFFECTS OF AN OPERATION FOR APPENDICITIS.

MISS ZADIEE MAXWELL, a prominent society girl of Los Angeles and considered one of the most beautiful women of California, died yesterday morning at the Waldeck Sanatorium.

The deceased was the daughter of Walter S. Maxwell. She came to this city a few months ago to take a course in voice improvement. Up to two weeks ago she had not had a sick day in her life and was the picture of health. Her mother arrived in the city the latter part of last month to spend the holiday season with her daughter. Miss Maxwell complained of not feeling well and medical advice was sought. The case was diagnosed as appendicitis, and the patient was removed to the Waldeck, where she was operated on. The young lady hovered between life and death for several days. Yesterday the deceased began to sink rapidly, and her mother, who had not been allowed to see her daughter since the operation, was called to have the last interview. The girl recovered consciousness for a few moments the instant her mother entered the room, but died soon afterward.

The father has been telegraphed for and will arrive in the city to-day, and all that remains of the once beautiful girl will be taken south by the sorrowing parents for interment.

Miss Maxwell was just budding into womanhood and was only 22 years of age. She was exceptionally talented, being an accomplished musician, and had won considerable fame as a writer in the local papers of Los Angeles. She was also a fine horsewoman, and was a familiar figure on the streets of that city, riding a coal-black steed.

BECOMES MASTER MASON WITH NEW CENTURY'S ADVENT

Louis W. Bond of Liberty Lodge No. 299 of Santa Clara Enjoys a Unique Distinction.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SANTA CLARA, Jan. 1.—Louis W. Bond, secretary of the California Cured Fruit Association, is the first Master Mason of the twentieth century. Extensive preparations had been made for conferring the third or master's degree by Liberty Lodge No. 299, F. and A. M., and the masters believe they have executed a "scoop" on their brethren of the order.

Nearly the entire membership of the lodge was in attendance at 10:30 o'clock last night, and visiting Masons seated themselves before heavily laden banquet tables in Odd Fellows' Temple to wait for the stroke of 12, which ushered in the new year and century. Promptly at midnight the lodge was called to order by Worshipful Master Jacob M. Cox, a prominent fruit-grower living near Saratoga, and the master's degree was impressively conferred upon Mr. Bond.

Among those in attendance were: Edward Chase, one of the founders of Liberty Lodge, an authority on Masonic law and the ritual of the order; Judge H. G. Bond, president of the California Cured Fruit Association; Dr. G. H. Warrall, Judge E. G. Hirsch, Theodore Hersey, J. C. Morrison, Captain F. F. Percival, F. A. Olderman, N. L. Farley, L. A. Offield, N. A. Linderoth, E. J. Hersey, Alfred Barstow, Melville Gruwell, Captain Morrison, W. H. Trogden, J. W. Cox, E. H. Alden, L. Girard, J. A. Shoemaker, M. Beattie, E. J. Baker, N. S. Jackson, W. H. Quivey, E. P. Stanley, S. K. Wilkinson, Dr. L. E. Stocking.

SPARKS-MANNING NUPTIALS.

Solano County Farmer Weds a Chicago Young Lady.

WINTERS, Jan. 1.—Mr. Ralph Sparks and Miss Isabell Manning were married to-day at noon. The wedding took place at the residence of the bride's uncle, Henry Manning, a fruit grower of Pleasant Valley. Only the near relatives of the couple were present.

The groom is the son of M. V. Sparks of Oakland and is a successful Solano County farmer. Miss Manning is from Chicago, a young lady of culture and refinement.

The young couple deftly evaded their expectant friends, boarded the train at the Wolfskill warehouse and were soon on their honeymoon trip.

Cold Weather Causes Anxiety.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1.—The period of cold weather continues and there is some anxiety in citrus fruit sections. This morning the mercury touched 36 degrees above zero. Some growers, however, see in the cold snap the possibilities for much good. The fruit on the trees has been steadily growing during the warm weather and the cold nights are expected to stop the flow of sap in both citrus and deciduous trees, putting a stop to the growth of the former and preventing the latter from premature blooming.

Has Lived in Three Centuries.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1.—At the beginning of the new century it is interesting to note that Los Angeles boasts of a resident who has lived in three centuries and witnessed the birth of two, and still enjoys all her faculties practically unimpaired. Mrs. Mary Smith, mother of Judge B. N. Smith of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, was born in 1795, and if she survives until her next birthday, September 22, 1901, she will have reached the remarkable age of 106 years.

New Year's Wedding at Petaluma.

PETALUMA, Jan. 1.—The first bride of the century in this city was Miss Mae J. Melehan, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Melehan. The groom was James Howard of Tacoma. The wedding took place this afternoon at St. Vincent's Church. Afterward the couple departed for their future home in Tacoma.

SEATTLE'S MAYOR WILL TESTIFY IN GAMBLERS' CASES

Counsel for the Defendants Issues Subpenas for the City's Executive and Chief of Police.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SEATTLE, Jan. 1.—Judge Cann decided late this afternoon to postpone the trial of William Moore and Frank Green, arrested for maintaining a gambling game called "Black-Jack," until 1:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Notwithstanding the protest of City Attorney de Bruler the Judge authorized the issuance of subpenas for Mayor Humes, Chief of Police Meredith and the several members of the City Council, as he was requested to do by John B. Hart, attorney for the defense. Hart expects to prove that his clients are being unjustly discriminated against by the police department, inasmuch as in conducting the gambling game in question, they are doing only what scores of other gamblers are allowed to do without molestation.

On the other hand, the police maintain that the defendants have long continued to permit minors to frequent their resort, despite repeated warnings, and that this pernicious practice was the direct cause of their arrest.

NEW LIFE-SAVING DISTRICT CREATED

Captain Roberts of San Francisco to Have Charge, With Headquarters at Tacoma.

SEATTLE, Jan. 1.—News of the creation of a new life-saving district, to include the sea waters of Alaska, Washington and Oregon, is contained in a letter received by Captain Francis Tuttle, commander of the revenue cutter Bear. Captain W. H. Roberts of San Francisco has been appointed superintendent of the district, with headquarters at Tacoma.

The formation of a new district will greatly enhance the scope of the service and will result in the establishment of a station at Cape Flattery. There is at present no station north of Grays Harbor. It is stated that there probably will be a station and board at Nome also before many months.

Murders a Fellow Mexican.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1.—Clito Alvaredo, a Mexican section employe, was shot and instantly killed at Saugus last night by Samuel Martinez, also a section man. Enmity had existed between the two for some time, a woman being the cause of the trouble. While under the influence of liquor Martinez visited the shack of Alvaredo and blew his head off with a charge of shot.

Emmington Yet at Large.

SAN RAFAEL, Jan. 1.—The authorities have as yet been unable to capture J. Emmington, the ex-convict who escaped from the County Jail here late yesterday afternoon. There was a rumor current here that he had been seen traveling toward Petaluma.

Nanaimo's Coal Shipments.

NANAIMO, Jan. 1.—Foreign coal shipments in 1900 were the largest on record. They totaled 911,700 tons, compared with 769,694 last year. The exports to the United States aggregate $1,636,366 23, against $2,318,170 37 in 1899.

San Jose's Park Commissioner.

SAN JOSE, Jan. 1.—Edward T. Sterling has been appointed Park Commissioner by Mayor Martin in place of L. G. Nesmith, who recently resigned.

Ground Soon to Be Broken.

Early in the new century active operations toward the erection of the ten-story new building of the Mutual Savings Bank will begin. This structure will be one of the city's most conspicuous architectural ornaments and will occupy a commanding frontal on Market street, opposite the Spreckels building. Work on the foundations of the building will start practically with the new year.

CHILD RESCUES INFANT SISTER FROM FLAMES

Ten-Year-Old Boy Saves a Baby's Life at Risk of His Own.

LITTLE WALTER AVARY'S PLUCK

Carries the Little One From a Blazing House and Receives Serious Burns About Head and Hands.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 1.—Walter Avary, a ten-year-old boy, is the hero of the little mining town of Golden. Just after 9 o'clock last night fire broke out in his father's house, and young Avary pluckily saved the life of his baby sister, only eighteen months old. The lad was asleep, his mother and father having gone out to a neighbor's house, when the fire broke out near the kitchen stove down stairs. When he awoke the room in which he and his baby sister were lying was in flames. Luckily the stairs led toward the front of the house.

Walter jumped up, ran to the bed where his sister was lying, picked her up and dashed down stairs. The baby's bed was all ablaze when he was first aroused and the little child was all but smothered by the flames. Walter was badly burned about the face and arms. As he snatched the baby he picked up a small blanket, and, covering her with this, he ran toward the stairs. By the time he was half way down with his cumbersome burden the front hall was filled with stifling smoke, but the boy rushed forward, and a moment later was half buried in a snowdrift in front of the house. Then he struggled on toward the barn, bearing the baby still in his arms, but sank down exhausted on the way and fainted from the pain caused by the burns he had received. There he was found by H. Parson, the nearest neighbor, who was the first to be attracted by the blaze.

The boy, though seriously burned, will recover, while his little sister was not in the least injured. In recognition of the lad's heroism a fund is being raised in the town to assist his parents in rebuilding.

BUSY NEW YEAR FOR THE COLLEGE MEN

Students Enjoy a Trip Around the Cypress Drive and Visit the Old Mission.

PACIFIC GROVE, Jan. 1.—The first day of the new century opened very favorably for the body of college men assembled in this city and it was spent profitably. In the work of to-day an effort was made to harmonize everything to the thought uppermost in every man's mind—that a new century had opened before them—and therefore it seemed especially fitting that the first period should be devoted to a conference of those who are to lead in Christian work among students on the Pacific Coast during the coming year. This was conducted by E. T. Colton, international college secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association. The other departments were conducted as usual, and at 10 o'clock a platform address was delivered by Dr. C. S. Nash of the Pacific Theological Seminary of Oakland, his subject being the claims of the ministry upon men of education and ability about to choose a life career.

The evening session was called to order by Chairman Colton, and after a brief devotional exercise and songs by the conference quartet, Dr. H. C. Minton of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at San Anselmo was introduced. Dr. Minton's address was upon "The Divinity of Christ."

To-day's recreation period was spent in a trip around the cypress drive and to old Carmel Mission, the sights of which were greatly enjoyed by the students.

SEATTLE CONTRIBUTES TOWARD A BATTLESHIP

Raising Money in Order to Obtain a Contract for Moran Bros.

SEATTLE, Jan. 1.—Since yesterday morning a committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Seattle by appealing to the business men of the city has raised $32,900 of a fund for Moran Brothers of this city, so that their bid for a battleship to be built at their yards here may be scaled down to the limit of cost fixed by Congress for the appropriation. The matter is being taken up by the business men of Seattle, and the necessary $100,000 is expected to be raised before the end of the week.

Washington's Lumber Output.

SEATTLE, Jan. 1.—The total shipments of lumber for 1900 from Washington amounted to 727,703,381 feet, as compared with 626,266,262 feet in 1899. Total shipments of shingles for eleven months of 1900 were 3,339,797,750, an increase of 44,497,750 over 1899. Total bundles of laths for the same period 67,390,616.

Pacific Grove's Cold Snap.

PACIFIC GROVE, Jan. 1.—The coldest weather on record hereabouts has been experienced since midnight last night, the mercury dropping to 20 above zero at 6 a. m. Much damage to tender plants and shrubs is reported and a fear is entertained that fruits and vegetables will suffer.

Snow Falls in Oregon.

PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—The new year was ushered in by a snowfall of about eight inches in Portland and the Northwestern region. There was no wind and but little delay to traffic resulted.

Fined for Shooting a Robin.

SAN RAFAEL, Jan. 1.—For shooting one robin George Costa of San Francisco has been fined $20 by Justice Rodden.

WALTHOUR FINISHES FIRST.

Adds the Second Day to His Credit in the Long Grind.

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—In a hurricane finish Bobby Walthour again finished first in another day, the second, in the six-day bike race at Park Square Garden. Fischer's closing sprint was such a surprise that he caught the other riders napping, nearly finishing in first place. He had been plodding along behind the bunch, when at the pistol report for the last mile he pedaled out into a good lead, making the others work hard to overtake him. The day was a quiet one, with but few spills. The forced retirement of Gougoltz, the sturdy Frenchman, was the cause of much regret. Ryser, Accoutrier and Fredericks were the others who quit.

Willows Wins at Football.

WILLOWS, Jan. 1.—The Willows football team to-day wrested a hardearned victory from the Bohemian eleven of Woodland, the score standing 6 to 0 in favor of the local team at the end of the struggle. Willows now heads the list in Northern California, having defeated every team with which it has played this season. Crothers' sixty yards for the first and only touchdown of the contest was the feature of the game.

PETALUMA, Jan. 1.—A football team from San Rafael was defeated here to-day by a local team in a match game. The score was 20 to 0.

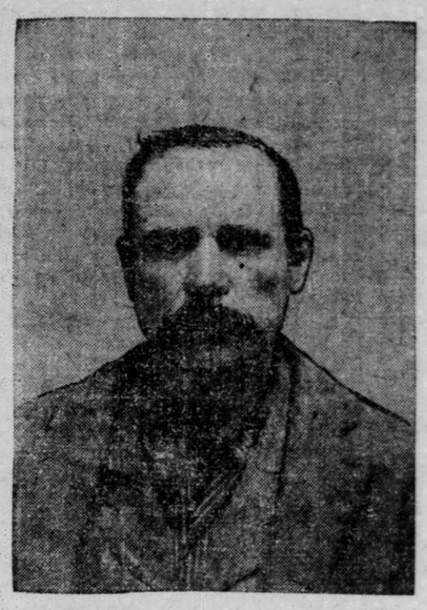
Victory for San Diego.

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 1.—In an exhibition game that had few brilliant plays and was rather featureless San Diego to-day defeated the Maier & Zobelein team of Los Angeles. Score:

Clubs—	R.	H.	E.
San Diego	8	8	1
Maier & Zobelein	4	10	6

GREEN WILL BE TAKEN TO MICHIGAN FOR TRIAL

Steadfastly Refuses to Repeat His Confession of the Murder of Feeney.



H. GREEN, WHO CONFESSED TO SACRAMENTO'S POLICE THAT HE KILLED A MICHIGAN MAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 1.—H. Green, who walked into the police station on Christmas night and confessed to the murder of "Bill" Feeney in a Michigan lumber camp in the seventies, still declines to repeat his confession under oath, or to aid the officers in fastening the crime upon him. It is expected that a Michigan officer will soon come from the East to take him back to the scene of the crime.

District Attorney Baker has received from W. D. Elliott, formerly of Claire County, Michigan, but now a resident of Seattle, Wash., a letter detailing the circumstances of the Feeney murder. According to Mr. Elliott, Feeney, who was a sawyer in a lumber mill at Chippewa, had gone to Mount Pleasant with his wife on a visit and from there to a point south of Claire station. On their return home they took the stage from Claire to Mount Pleasant, and then took a northbound train for Chippewa. Feeney imbibed considerable whisky at Claire station, and after getting on the train, grew so boisterous that he had to be put off the train, his wife continuing on her journey to Chippewa, their home.

Feeney was not a drinking man, and save for this breach had never been intoxicated. He always carried sums of money, and this fact was well known to many who knew him. He was put off the train at Farwell station, and there went into a store and angered by the conductor's actions, in a boisterous way remarked that if there were any persons there who wanted to ride to Chippewa with him to come along, that he had lots of money to pay the fares, and then displayed his money. He then left the store, and never was seen alive afterward.

This was, according to Mr. Elliott, in the latter part of December, 1875.

About the last of May, 1876, an old hunter and trapper named Daggart, who was fishing in a small lake near Farwell, discovered Feeney's body in the lake, where it had been buried under the ice. Feeney's skull had been crushed, his throat cut, and his body had been loaded by weights tied around it. These had evidently become detached, and the body came to the surface after the ice broke up.

Feeney not returning to his home and work at Chippewa, the mill owners sent men to hunt for him, but no trace of him could be found, and nothing was known until his body was found by the old trapper.

Feeney's brother, who was a resident of New York, offered a large reward for the apprehension of the murderers, but the crime was never fastened upon anyone.

Mr. Elliott concludes his letter by saying that at that time he was a telegraph operator at Farwell, Michigan, three miles from where this murder took place.

JUDGE GOTTSCHALK EXPIRES SUDDENLY OF HEART DISEASE

Passing of the Los Angeles Jurist, Who Has Held High Positions of Public Trust.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1.—Judge Louis Gottschalk died of heart disease between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning. He had been out during the evening with friends and returned home rather late, complaining of some slight indisposition. Shortly before 2 o'clock his family was attracted by a noise in his room, and upon entering found the Judge dead, he evidently having just expired. By a queer coincidence this was his birthday, and he was just 62 years old.

Judge Gottschalk was born in Germany in 1839 and came to this country in 1853. He was a captain in the Union army during the civil war. In 1864 he was elected City Attorney of St. Louis, and resigned his commission in the army to enter upon his new duties. Later he served six years as Circuit Judge of Missouri, was a member of the State Senate, serving for a considerable time as president pro tempore of that body, and was for eight months acting Governor of Missouri.

In 1884 Judge Gottschalk came to Los Angeles, and in 1889 he was appointed by President Harrison as Consul at Stuttgart, which position he filled for three and a half years.

The Judge leaves four children, among them L. F. Gottschalk, musical director of the Frank Daniels Opera Company.

ARBUCKLE AND HAVEMEYER ADJUST THEIR DIFFERENCES

Roasted Coffee to Be Advanced and Granulated Sugar to Go Up Five Points.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 1.—Very substantial reports are current that the coffee and sugar war which has waged so long and bitterly between the Arbuckle and Havemeyer interests is nearing an adjustment satisfactory to all parties.

For four years the Woolson Spice Company has not made an advance in the price of roasted coffee. It is now understood that to-morrow, with an understanding and with the assent of the Arbuckles, the Woolson people will order an advance of a half cent per pound on their roasted product. Word also comes through private sources that B. H. Howell & Co. of New York, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the country, will to-morrow advance granulated sugar five points, bringing it up to that now quoted by the American Sugar Refining Company, or, in other words, the Havemeyer interests.

An effort was made to secure positive statements, either in affirmation or denial, from those who are naturally supposed to be in a position to know what is going on. James Secor of the Woolson Spice Company was asked whether the report of an advance was true or not. He courteously declined to say yes or no. A similar experience resulted from an attempt to interview Frederick Brigham, secretary of the Woolson Spice Company. Other individuals who have been either directly or indirectly connected with the somewhat sensational litigation in the courts here were interrogated, but none of them would give either assent or denial.

It was also quite extensively mooted about the city among attorneys that some of the recent peculiar tactics employed in the courts were simply the result of an understanding, and that suits would be gradually withdrawn or settled in such a manner as to make it appear on the surface that no unusual concessions had been made by either side.

Bishop Turner Resigns.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 1.—The resignation of Bishop H. M. Turner as president of the college of African Methodist Episcopal Bishops was announced to-day on account of a disagreement, it is understood, regarding assignments given certain Bishops.

COAST BREVITIES.

PHOENIX, A. T., Jan. 1.—Miss Vivian Palmer, a noted soprano singer of St. Louis, and Laurence Hamilton, formerly managing editor of the Springfield (Ill.) News and now Phoenix correspondent, were married here to-day.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 1.—Fifteen inches of snow covers the streets as a result of a storm which has been in progress during the past twenty-four hours and still continues. The storm is local, no snowfall being reported from points in the interior.

SANTA ANA, Jan. 1.—All the saloons in Capistrano closed their doors at midnight in compliance with the county ordinance resulting from a vote at the recent election favoring the closing of all saloons in the county except in incorporated towns.

FEMALE BICYCLE THIEF CONFESSES NUMEROUS THEFTS

Young Woman Arrested at Los Angeles Alleges Kleptomania as an Excuse for Her Crimes.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1.—A young woman 24 years old was arrested to-day charged with stealing bicycles. She gave the name of Clara Evans, which is believed to be fictitious, and said she lived with her parents on Banning street. She admits having stolen five ladies' wheels during the past five months and said she had either pawned them or disposed of them to dealers in second-hand stores. She claims that she was not in need of money and pleaded kleptomania as an excuse for her crimes.

DEFRAUDS TULARE COUNTY.

Oakland Man Profits Too Heavily by Squirrel Bounty Act.

VISALIA, Jan. 1.—In the Tulare County Superior Court to-day a jury brought in a verdict of guilty in the case of the People vs. John A. Howard. He was charged with having defrauded the county out of bounties on 1000 squirrel tails, getting 3 cents for each one. Howard is an Oakland man.

MIDWINTER FLORAL FETE AT PASADENA

Thousands of Visitors View a Brilliant Street Pageant.

MIMIC BATTLE WITH BLOSSOMS

Conflict Is Waged Until Thoroughfares Are Covered With a Carpet of Bright-Hued Petals.

Special Dispatch to The Call

PASADENA, Jan. 1.—Throughout all Southern California this first day of the century was known as "Pasadena day." For twelve years on the first day of each new year a floral parade has attracted to the Crown of the Valley not only thousands of residents of this and neighboring cities and towns, but tourists from all over the country as well, drawn by the marvelous tale of flower-bedecked vehicles and a battle of roses in midwinter. From a very beautiful yet modest parade the first year the rose carnival grew until three years ago so large had the affair become that florists estimated that there were more than thirty tons of flowers used in the decorations of the vehicles in the parade.

From the first parade in 1889 until the present day there has not been an unpleasant or stormy New Year's day, a fact which speaks volumes for the climatic conditions of Southern California. To-day the weather was ideal. At an early hour the crowds began to arrive and until the parade started at 10:30 every steam and electric car from Los Angeles and surrounding towns was filled with the incoming throng. Every point of vantage was occupied by sightseers. On the foundations of a new building being erected at the corner of Fair Oaks avenue and Colorado street seats for 800 people had been erected and every seat was occupied. Along the curbs stood thousands watching the beautiful and kaleidoscopic picture as the parade passed in review. Two immense grandstands on Orange Grove avenue, at the corner of California street, were filled to overflowing and most of the occupants had either bunches of flowers or bags filled with rose petals and confetti for use in the floral battle. Thousands of carriages occupied side streets and vacant lots.

The scene in the vicinity of the grandstands was an animated one. Here the battle of flowers was fought and the varicolored blossoms fell in showers about the carriages and grandstands, until the streets were carpeted with the gay petals. The tournament colors are blue and yellow, and thousands of bright flags and yards upon yards of bright bunting in these colors added to the gayety of the scene. The festivities concluded this afternoon with sports and games at the park.

BIG CONSOLIDATION OF INSURANCE COMPANIES

About $50,000,000 of Capital Is Brought Together in the Gigantic Deal.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 1.—A deal in which about $50,000,000 of accident insurance capital is involved, and which is considered one of the largest consolidations ever effected in this country, was consummated here to-day. By its terms the Railway Officials' and Employes' Accident Association of this city, the Metropolitan Accident Insurance Company of Chicago and the Northwestern Insurance Company are consolidated under the title of the Continental Casualty Company.

The Railway Officials' and Employes' Accident Association has confined its business to insuring railway employes against accident, but the new company will go into the general field of health and accident insurance. No change will be made in the policies already issued by any of the companies affected by the combination.

DIES WITHIN SIGHT OF HIS FATHER'S HOME

Sad Fate Overcomes a Son Who Traveled From America to Ireland to See His Parents.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—P. Collins, who arrived at Fermoy, Ireland, from America on Thursday, December 27, was found dead on the mountain side, almost within sight of his father's home. It appears that the traveler was unable to secure a conveyance from Fermoy to the home of his father and started to walk there, but was overtaken by the storm, succumbed and died of exposure. He had £426 in his pocket when found.

The Komfort retires from Business

The building for so long occupied by the Komfort Shoe Store is to be torn down by the Mutual Savings Bank of S. F., who are to rebuild.

Previous to retiring from business the Komfort will sell their stock of fine shoes at very low prices.

Store closed on Tuesday and Wednesday to mark down prices.

Sale Will Begin Thursday Morning, January 3d.

See Thursday's papers for some of the immense values.

Shoes for everybody at money-saving prices.

This is not a clearance sale, but a genuine retiring sale, where everything must be sold at some price.

The early comers get the best bargains, of course.

Store fixtures, including a fine safe, for sale.

The Komfort 704 Market St.