

MAJESTIC BRES AT SAN PEDRO THREE DESTROYED Disastrous Early Morning Fire in the Little Town.

HEROIC WORK OF FIREMEN Two Hotels and Five Saloons Are Burned and the City Hall Has a Narrow Escape.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN PEDRO, Jan. 3.—One of the most disastrous fires that has ever been experienced here occurred in the small hours of this morning. The Union Hotel, Murphy's Hotel, five saloons, two butcher shops, a general merchandise store, three fruit stands, three restaurants and a furniture store were burned to the ground. The total loss is estimated at \$50,000. The insurance will aggregate about \$20,000.

TAILOR HADCOCK WILL LOSE HIS SWEETHEART She Went to Mexico and Will Not Be Allowed to Return Home.

If the story told yesterday by Emilia Gulzar to Immigration Inspector De la Torre be true, Valentine Hadcock, a tailor doing business in the city of Stockton, is depriving himself of the company of a lady with whom his relations were of an extremely friendly nature.

CONSUL GENERAL HO YOW MAKES A GENEROUS GIFT Presents the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce With a Silken Banner.

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce has been presented with a handsome silken banner by Ho Yow, the Imperial Chinese Consul General. It will be exhibited to the members at the annual meeting of the organization on January 15.

St. Alban's Literary and Social Club Held a Social Last Evening in Golden Gate Hall.

The St. Alban's Literary and Social Club held a social last evening in Golden Gate Hall. The programme was as follows: Barytone solo, selected, John J. Lynch; fancy dances, Miss Ruby Cameron; mandolin and guitar trios, selections, Harry Eastwood and Julius W. Miller; soprano solo, selected, Miss Jessie Bunn; monologue, Henry L. Barber; specialties, Miss Bessie Chandon; specialties, original, A. P. Williams. The officers of the club are: E. M. Cameron, president; William G. Badger, vice president; J. S. Miller, secretary; G. G. Sanchez, correspondent; E. A. Lee, treasurer.

Condemned Park Land. Judge Dalingerfield gave judgment yesterday condemning the property at the southeast corner of California and Quincy streets, which will be a portion of the new St. Mary's Park.

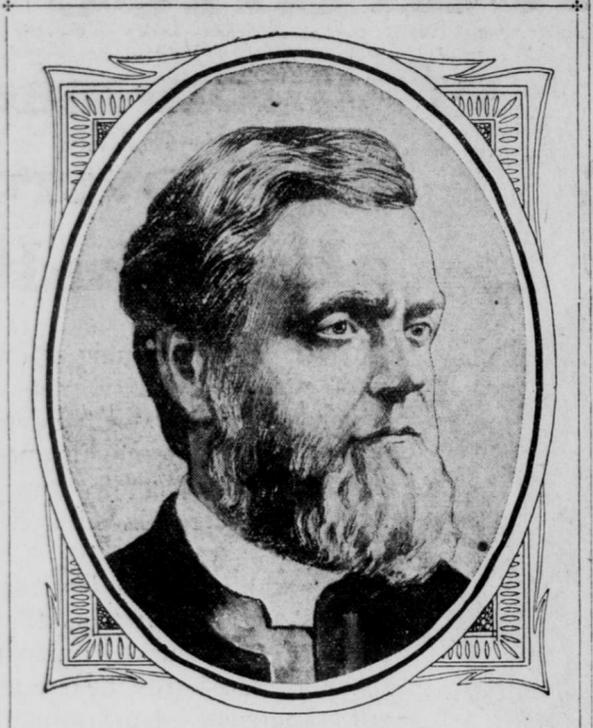
FIVE POLICEMEN TRIED BY THE COMMISSIONERS One Fined for Failing to Report That He Had Changed His Residence.

The Police Commissioners met last night and heard the cases of several officers charged with various offenses. The first to be tried was Patrolman Frank Greenan, who was accused of reporting late for duty. He gave a satisfactory excuse and was let off with a reprimand.

Wanted for Forgery. Frank Ruckenberg, an old soldier, was arrested in Oakland yesterday afternoon by Detective Ryan of this city and a charge of forgery placed against his name.

A great two-step by Eduard Strauss, the waltz king, will be given free with next Sunday's Call. This is a gem—do not fail to get it.

BISHOP NINDE IS STRICKEN BY THE HAND OF DEATH Prelate of the Methodist Episcopal Church Passes Away at Detroit.



THE LATE BISHOP NINDE, WHO HAS JUST DIED IN DETROIT AND WHO FORMERLY WAS PRESIDENT OF THE PACIFIC COAST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE.

DETROIT, Jan. 3.—Bishop W. X. Ninde, aged 83 years, of the Methodist Episcopal church, was found dead in bed at his home here to-day. It is thought the cause of death was heart trouble. He attended a funeral yesterday and caught a cold.

BILL FOR DIVISION OF SANTA CLARA MOTT ADDRESSES THE CONFERENCE General Secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation Interests an Audience at Pacific Grove.

PACIFIC GROVE, Jan. 3.—The most prominent figure in today's session of the Pacific Coast Students' Conference was John R. Mott, general secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation. Mr. Mott arrived last night and from the first moment of his presence at the conference his powerful personality impressed itself upon students and leaders alike.

THE DAY'S DEAD. H. W. Jackson. CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Word was received here to-day of the sudden death from apoplexy in Newark, N. J., this morning of Huntington W. Jackson, one of the best known lawyers in the West.

Henry Remking. MILTON, Jan. 3.—Henry Remking, a prominent rancher and pioneer of this county, residing near Valley Spring, died suddenly at his residence. He was a prominent member of the I. O. O. F. and will be interred under the auspices of that society.

Miss West Temple. DENVER, Jan. 3.—Miss West Temple of the "My Friend From India" company has died of pneumonia at St. Joseph's Hospital. She was taken ill when playing at the Denver Theatre two weeks ago.

Joseph Scott. SANTA CRUZ, Jan. 3.—Joseph Scott, an old resident of this city, dropped dead to-day while cutting grass in the front yard. He was a native of England, 78 years of age. Death was due to heart failure.

HEADLESS BODY FOUND ON SUMMIT OF MOUNT LOWE Evidence of a Foul Murder in Los Angeles County. MAN'S IDENTITY IS UNKNOWN Money and a Gold Watch Found in the Clothing and the Motive of the Crime a Matter of Conjecture.

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3.—Coroner Holland was notified this morning of the finding of the headless corpse of a man near the summit of Mount Lowe, and will go up to-morrow morning to make an investigation. The man had evidently been dead for several months, as the corpse was practically a skeleton, though fully dressed. No trace of the head was found in the vicinity of the body, and this looks as though there might be some mystery back of the affair, as it is not believed that wild beasts would have carried off the head alone and left the rest of the body undisturbed.

SCHOONER ALCALDE LIEBELO. LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3.—The schooner Alcade, now lying at San Pedro, has been libeled by the Bank of Pedro for \$75 ad valorem on order of the captain to pay salaries and make repairs. Drafts were made on the agents of the vessel in San Francisco and returned dishonored. A Deputy Marshal was placed on board the schooner to prevent her departure from port until the matter is settled.

Another Victory for Terrill. SAN JOSE, Jan. 3.—Attorney Samuel B. Terrill, who has been tried ten times for forgery and embezzlement, has scored another victory in his fight for liberty. This time the Supreme Court has sustained his contention and denied an appeal to District Attorney Campbell in the Ann Smith embezzlement case.

Schooner Goes Ashore. NEWPORT, Or., Jan. 3.—The mail carrier from Waldport to-night says it is reported that the schooner Ashore last night about seven miles south of Alsea Bay bottomed up. The vessel is about one hundred feet in length. It is supposed to be the schooner Joseph and Henry.

INCENDIARIES FIRE SANTA CRUZ HOUSE Flames Are Discovered and Extinguished by a Party of Rebels Returning From Soquel.

Santa Cruz, Jan. 3.—A party of Rebels returning from Soquel saved a pretty cottage from destruction by fire last evening. While passing along West

LAND LAWS FOR HAWAII. WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—A bill providing for the extension of the land laws of the United States to Hawaii was introduced to-day by Senator Hainsworth.

INSIST THAT THE SHERIFF RELEASE MRS. NATION Temperance Woman Who Smashed Saloon Statuary Still Held by the Authorities.



WICHITA, Kans., Jan. 3.—The friends of Mrs. Carrie Nation are determined that a bond shall be accepted and her freedom granted, notwithstanding the quarantine the Sheriff is maintaining against the jail. Mrs. Nation is the president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union at Medicine Lodge. Recently she traveled to Governor Stanley's home city to more strongly call to his attention violations of the prohibition law.

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Elmer Locke, the little newsboy who was injured while trying to save his pet dog from being run over by a Police-street car, will be presented with a silver medal by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

HER DEATH CAUSED BY DRINKING WINE ALCOHOL Mrs. George Davis Expires After Inhaling a Bottleful of the Deadly Poison.

Mrs. George Davis, aged 23 years, died yesterday from the effects of a bottle of wine alcohol drunk by her under the impression that it was wine alcohol. She came to San Mateo December 31 for the purpose of taking care of the children of Mr. and Mrs. James Galvin, at the Windsor Hotel. Mrs. Galvin being in St. Mary's Hospital under surgical treatment.

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LOUIS VETTER PLANTS FIST ON DE GROOT'S FACE Los Angeles Councilman Promptly Resents an Insult.

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