GAMBLERS WEAKEN UNDER UNITED ATTACK

They Postpone Presentation of Their Track Ordinance and Mayor Phelan Evolves Another Grave Issue for Decent People.

PUBLIC opinion won a signal victory yesterday over the gamblers who are seeking to use the Board of Supervisors as instruments with which to reopen Ingleside with its bookmaking and poolselling. But the fight is not yet won. The decent people of San Francisco have simply secured a temporary triumph and to-night they must show their earnestness, their determination and untiring purpose not to allow a mammoth criminal agency to be established in this city.

To-night the decent people of San Francisco must go to the chambers of the Board of Supervisors and show by their presence and their words that they are emphatically opposed to a revival of crime and gambling in this city. Mayor Phelan invites them to do so and places upon them the grave responsibility of having the proceedings of the meeting to-night go forth as the sentiment of the reputable public of San Francisco. Mayor Phelan declares that this meeting will tell whether or not the people of this city want bookmaking, poolselling and a racetrack or none of them.

It is the duty therefore of every minister and clergyman who spoke to congregations which aggregated thousands of men and women on Sunday night to go to the chambers of the Board of Supervisors to-night and speak for the people they represent in honest, upright life. It is the duty of every merchant who has been robbed by an employe through the racetrack to be at this meeting. It is the duty of every one who believes that gambling, pocket-picking, dissipation and crime should not be licensed in this city to be at this meeting and voice his protest, for Mayor Phelan has not been fair in his manner of calling a meeting which he insists shall represent the public of San Francisco.

Mayor Phelan has issued invitations to certain people, and he arrogates the right to declare that these people shall represent the whole people of San Francisco. Who these people are he will not tell. He refused to do so yesterday on the ground that he did not intend to give an advantage to what he is pleased to call "the enemy." A representative of The Call asked for the names of those whom he intended to invite, and upon the ground mentioned he refused to give them.

Yet he demands that those whom he invites to be present shall represent intelligent public opinion in San Francisco. The issue, therefore, is a critical one, which the people of San Francisco cannot afford to evade. Mayor Phelan has read the stinging rebuke of his policy delivered from pulpits in all parts of the city, still by implication he declares that is not enlightened public opinion. He has read the denunciation by the press, and declares that not to be enlightened public opinion. It is a grave duty, therefore, since Mayor Phelan has called a mass-meeting of the people of the city to express enlightened public opinion upon an issue of the greatest moment to the city, for the decent people of San Francisco, in their own capacity of by their leaders, to be represented, or risk the serious danger of being misrepresented.

Mayor Phelan declares that he has been misrepresented. He does not tell by whom, but he certainly should invite those who he believes misrepresented him. He ought to know who they are if they exist, and he ought to give them an opportunity to be heard in reference to the alleged misrepresentation. He says he intends to invite members of the various improvement clubs. This means that he will try to prove through these gentlemen that the closing of Ingleside and the sweeping away of its gamblers and thieves worked a temporary disadvantage to the district in which Ingleside track is located.

This means that Mayor Phelan believes that no source of money however despicable, dishonest or degrading should be removed from San Francisco. With a hope that from some district of the city will come an advocacy of the gambling and the track thievery Mayor Phelan expects to construe this advocacy into the enlightened public opinion of San Francisco. Decent people in this city cannot afford to be misrepresented in this matter. They should go, therefore, to the mass-meeting to-night.

They have already won a victory, but cannot afford to rest upon it. In the face of the tremendous public opinion opposing this crime upon the city the gamblers found yesterday no sponsor for their ordinance and their scheme. Supervisor Tobin said that he did not intend to introduce such an ordinance and was not concerned in one.

When the Board of Supervisors met yesterday afternoon there was little to indicate that a matter of such public moment as the licensing of crime on a mammoth scale was likely to be considered at the session. Much less than a quorum of the board was present. Mayor Phelan, who had given his indorsement to thirty days of legalized robbery, was absent and so was Supervisor Joseph S. Tobin, who had been chosen to introduce the proposed ordinance. One by one the absent members straggled in, the Mayor appeared and the board began its series business.

Among the communications to the board was one from the entire congregation of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of San Francisco. This communication was the series of resolutions, so dramatically and impressively adopted by the people of the First Methodist Church on Sunday night. These resolutions were published in full yesterday in The Call. They were significantly referred to the Committee on Police.

Then came the resolutions which were adopted unanimously yesterday morning by the pastors of every Methodist church in San Francisco. These resolutions are presented elsewhere and represent the deliberate, earnest opinion of every Methodist preacher in San Francisco. This document was also referred to the Committee on Police.

The last and only remaining official incident of the session of the board in reference to track gambling was a message from Mayor Phelan announcing that he had decided to call a mass meeting for to-night at 8 o'clock to discuss track gambling and give forth an enlightened public opinion on the subject. The message in full is as follows:

January 28, 1901.

To the Honorable the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco—Gentlemen: I have invited ministers and other interested citizens to meet in the chambers of the Board of Supervisors to-morrow (Tuesday) evening, at 8 o'clock, to discuss the matter of the regulation of racing. Your honorable body at the last meeting petitioned the Legislature of the State to pass a law limiting the racing season to thirty days in each county, and I will bring the matter of that petition before the meeting. The influence of an enlightened public opinion is necessary to bring the issue fairly before the Legislature.

As there have been misrepresentations made I desire to inform the Board of Supervisors that the only position that I have taken on this question, either publicly or privately, is that the racing season should be limited by the Legislature and that poolselling and bookmaking be prohibited, as is done in the State of New York. The action of the Legislature, however, must determine my future course in the premises, as the city of San Francisco has no jurisdiction outside of its own limits, but its citizens are the patrons of the racetracks, both in Oakland and San Mateo.

The Legislature, therefore, is the only body that can properly regulate racing and betting and make such regulation effective, and the object of the meeting called is to influence the Legislature to pass remedial laws. Respectfully submitted,

JAMES D. PHELAN, Mayor.

At the conclusion of the meeting of the Board of Supervisors Mayor Phelan extended an invitation to every member of the board to attend the mass meeting. Supervisor Joseph S. Tobin was in one of those jocose moods which is rapidly earning him an interesting sobriquet, and asked:

"Will the Rev. J. A. B. Wilson be invited?"

"He will," replied Mayor Phelan.

"Then I won't come," was Mr. Tobin's reply. And everybody has been trying to guess his reason.

If Mr. Tobin will not attend citizens who have much at stake must do so or be represented by the elements which are united to win thieving profit at the expense of the city's best interests.

METHODIST PREACHERS UNITE IN SOLEMN PROTEST.

The Methodist Preachers' Meeting of San Francisco, the organized assembly of Methodist Episcopal churches and societies of this city, and a body of recognized influence, met yesterday and adopted resolutions emphatically denouncing the proposed attempt to revive track gambling in San Francisco. A committee of three clergymen was appointed to present these resolutions to the Board of Supervisors. The resolutions were duly presented and are as follows:

SAN FRANCISCO, January 28, 1901.

WHEREAS, We, the San Francisco Methodist Preachers' Meeting, are reliably informed that a proposal is about to be made to you, the Honorable Board of Supervisors, by the gamblers of this city asking you to pass an ordinance reopening the race course at Ingleside and thus re-establish poolselling against the vote of the majority of the citizens of this city as expressed at the last election;

Therefore, in the name of the thousands of Christian and moral voters whom we represent, we entreat you as our representatives to reject any such measure which may be presented.

F. K. BAKER,
J. N. BEARD,
W. M. WOODWARD,
Committee.

SEEK TO RECOVER SWEENEY'S LANDS

Devisees Under Decedent's Will Make His Nephew a Defendant.

Claim He Used Fraud and Deceit to Procure Deed to Property on K Street, Near Seventh Avenue.

Actions will be filed in the Superior Court to-day by devisees under the will of the late Thomas U. Sweeney to set aside a deed executed by the deceased shortly before his death conveying valuable property on K street, near Seventh avenue, to his nephew, Charles S. Brundage. Joined with Brundage as a defendant will be the California Title Insurance and Trust Company, executor of decedent's will, which, by virtue of its office, has an interest in the property.

In their complaint William E. Lane, C. C. Lane and Mrs. Lucy Clark, brothers-in-law and sister-in-law of the deceased, plaintiffs in the action, allege that the deceased was deceived and imposed upon by Brundage. Thomas U. Sweeney at the time of his death was 71 years of age and left neither wife nor children, they allege, and at the time of his death and for more than four months prior thereto he was confined to his bed and was continuously feeble in health, and by reason of old age, disease and weakness of mind incapable of transacting or understanding the ordinary business of life or of personally managing or taking care of himself or property, and was therefore likely to be deceived and imposed upon by artful and designing persons.

During all of this time the deceased was nursed and taken care of by his nephew, Charles S. Brundage, who had absolute control over him, the complaint continues. During this period the nephew obtained from his uncle the deed to the property now being sought to be recovered and reconveyed to the plaintiffs.

In conclusion, the plaintiffs pray that the deed be canceled and set aside, and be adjudged and declared null and void and to have been obtained and secured by Brundage without consideration and by fraud and deceit; that the plaintiffs are the owners of in fee simple and entitled to the possession of the property.

Mount Zion's Benefit.

The sale of tickets for the entertainment in aid of the Mount Zion Hospital fund has so far been very satisfactory. A dainty supper will be served at small tables from 11 to 1:30 o'clock and every effort is being made to make this the charity event of the season.

Antoine Courtois Band Instruments

Sherman, Clay & Co. are the Pacific Coast dealers in Antoine Courtois' Band Instruments. Grouped on the wall and suspended from hooks are the various instruments, which are easily taken down and examined. A visit to the Band Instrument rooms is very interesting—all are welcome, especially musicians and bandmen.

Sherman, Clay & Co. are also dealers in these celebrated makes of Band Instruments—Marbeau, Mahillon and Thibouville.

For accommodation to their band friends Sherman, Clay & Co. manufacture, repair and plate Band Instruments of every description. The prices are the lowest, considering the material used and the time of the experts required on the work.

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Cor. 13th and Broadway, Oakland.
Cor. Park and Washington, Portland.
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CENTURY VIEWED BY UNITARIANS

Discoveries, Books, Men and Inventions Are Discussed.

Speakers Give Their Ideas Concerning the Primacy to Which Various Historical Personages Are Entitled.

The Unitarian Club had a very interesting time talking about the nineteenth century last evening in the banquet hall of the Merchants' Club and discussing the relative places to which the great men, the great inventions and scientific discoveries of the century ought to be assigned. President David Starr Jordan of Stanford University after a few words of introduction by Warren Gregory, president of the club, discussed the "Greatest Scientific Discovery of the Nineteenth Century."

President Jordan spoke of the discovery of extinct animals by Cuvier, the discoveries of Lyell in geology, the discovery that all forces are one in different form, the discovery of the utility of democracy and to each gave high place. But the greatest discovery, he said, was evolution. The idea did not belong to the nineteenth century, being very much older, but the century had discovered its practical application; more important was the coincident discovery of how to apply the human mind to research. There was no way to settle anything by authority any more. It used to be thought that some religion, some church, some god, could tell some easier way to get knowledge. Now there was no authority except such as rested upon investigation.

"How does any one know what God means?" asked the speaker. "The only way is to find out what he has permitted to take place. Practically all the doctrinaire business has been swept out of existence. Perhaps the most important discovery in the century is the reality of external things. The only God is the god of things as they are. The first lesson that the child learns—that the surrounding things will hurt and that certain things taste sweet—is perhaps the last lesson up to date of our civilization."

Professor Charles Mills Gayley of the University of California discussed the "Greatest Book of the Nineteenth Century." He took poetry as the test and paid attention to many great poets and writers in very radical fashion. He found Ruskin to be flabby; Tennyson was not a poet for men; Browning was a poet, but could not write straight ahead; Byron wrote froth and carried his heart on his sleeve; Carlyle, Emerson, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Balzac and Thackeray were not the best. Goethe took the first place in Mr. Gayley's ideas and his "Faust" was the book of the century.

The Rev. Charles Brown of Oakland made a very eloquent talk, discussing the "Greatest Man of the Nineteenth Century." He said that the greatest man was the one who had exercised the greatest and most enduring influence on history. Judging from this standpoint he placed Abraham Lincoln at the head of his list. Mr. Brown spoke so well that he had the very unusual honor of a curtain call. After he had concluded the club insisted on his standing up to be recognized again and then he had as many cheers, hand clappings and handkerchief wavings as a prima donna on an opening night of grand opera.

F. H. Wheelan discussed "The Greatest invention of the Nineteenth Century." This he considered to be the discovery by Bessemer of a cheap process of making steel.

SWINDLES A NUMBER OF WINE MERCHANTS

Warrant Secured for the Arrest of Crooked Operator on Charge of Forgery.

Henry Mohns of Mohns & Mohns, wine merchants, 29 Market street, secured a warrant from Judge Cabaniss yesterday for the arrest of "John Doe" on a charge of forgery. The swindler is said to be wanted in other cities and towns in the State on a similar charge.

He called at the Mohns store January 24 and represented that he was "J. C. Sims," a customer from the country, and had called to pay his bill. It amounted to $63, and he gave a check for $65 on the Wells-Fargo Bank, receiving the change of $2 and a bottle of whisky as a present. He ordered $200 worth of goods and called next day, borrowing $10.

The goods were not forwarded, and Saturday the firm was notified that the signature of "J. C. Sims" to the check was forged. The firm is only out $12 and a bottle of whisky, but as it was learned that other firms had been swindled in the same way it was decided to prosecute him if he could be found.

The swindler is thoroughly familiar with the liquor trade, dresses well and is a good talker. In Marysville he represented himself as agent for B. F. Kohlberg & Co. of this city and is wanted there for passing a forged check.

As a tonic, nothing in the world beats Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey.

These are the British birds in the greatest danger of extinction: The chough, golden ousel, hoopoe, osprey, kite buzzard, bittern and ruff.

HAYS AND RIPLEY HOLD CONFERENCE

Big Railroad Presidents Discuss Matters of Mutual Interest.

Long Session of Prominent Officials of the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe Roads at the Palace.

There was an important meeting last night at the Palace Hotel of prominent Southern Pacific and Santa Fe officials. President Charles M. Hays and Vice President J. C. Stubbs of the Southern Pacific were there and the Santa Fe was represented by President E. P. Ripley, Vice President J. M. Barr and Land Agent Chambers. Prior to the meeting Presidents Hays and Ripley were in conference together in Mr. Hays' office for two hours and lunched together.

The meeting at the Palace lasted until nearly midnight. Vice President Stubbs went home at 11 o'clock. He appeared very much offended when asked the purpose of the meeting.

"I consider it the height of impertinence for the newspapers to go nosing into the affairs of a few business men who get together for the discussion of matters that in no way interest the public," he said.

President Hays was less reticent.

"The meeting," he said, "was for the purpose of talking over a number of matters in which both roads have a common interest. The two roads are thrown more or less together every year in one way or another, and we simply discussed plans by which these relations might be continued to the advantage of both roads."

Several rate questions were also discussed, and the reduction in fares made by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific came in for a share of comment. The colonists' rates that have been announced have not been made to offset any cut in rates made by the Northern Pacific. The idea of a colonists' rate was suggested by the passenger traffic managers of the several Western lines some time ago, and with the approval of the heads of the different roads was ordered put into effect at the last meeting of the Transcontinental Passenger Association in New Orleans.

It is the desire of both the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe to encourage in every way possible colonization of the State, hence, if low fares will accomplish the desired end, the railroads are ready to lend a helping hand. These special rates are made for only one way, and once the traveler is got into the state everything possible will be done to keep him here.

The alleged shortage of citrus fruit cars was also discussed and the fact was brought out that both companies were never better equipped to handle the business than this year. The Southern Pacific has 3600 cars in use, while the Santa Fe owns nearly as many, but has been hampered some by the coal strike. The Southern Pacific has loaned the Santa Fe people a number of cars.

It is understood that Senator Clark's new road from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles will be the means of even closer relations between the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe. It is a well-known fact that both roads have given the matter some attention of late and if the Clark enterprise turns out a reality, as it now promises to be, it would not surprise the railroad public to hear of a deal by which the two Pacific Coast lines will be able to compete more keenly with the Salt Lake company.

It is safe to say that one of the outcomes of last evening's conference will be closer relations between the two railroads, all of which makes a combine of the two lines less improbable in the near future.

PYTHIANS WANT LOW RATES.

Committee Waits on Traffic Manager McCormick and Is Given Encouragement.

A committee representing the Knights of Pythias held a conference with Passenger Traffic Manager E. O. McCormick yesterday afternoon relative to fixing special rates for the Pythians' conclave to be held in this city next year. Mr. McCormick gave the committee every encouragement and said that he would bring the matter before the Transcontinental Passenger Association at its next meeting in April.

A large number of special trains will be run from Eastern points and between 10,000 and 15,000 visitors are expected. Mr. McCormick assured the committee that a fare as low as $50 for a round trip from Missouri River points would be made. The members of the committee present were Charles Patten, General M. C. Glashan of Truckee, W. C. Graves and H. Schaffner.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR WILL ENTERTAIN PRESIDENT

California Commandery No. 1 Appoints Committee to Make Arrangements.

An invitation having been extended to President McKinley by California Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, to visit the commandery while in San Francisco in May next, a committee of seventeen of the leading members of the commandery has been appointed to arrange for a reception to the nation's chief executive. The invitation has been conditionally accepted by the President, subject to the programme that may be arranged by the committee having in charge the itinerary of his visit here. The Sir Knights selected for the purpose of waiting upon the itinerary committee to insure the President's acceptance and the arranging of a reception that will give to California Commandery No. 1 at least one hour of his valuable time while in this city are W. H. L. Barnes, Reuben H. Lloyd, Samuel M. Shortridge, Judge Carroll Cook, George A. Knight, E. F. Preston, John D. Spreckels, W. W. Montague, Charles W. Slack, James M. Troutt, Charles E. Green, Thomas Morton, Asa R. Wells, Timothy Hopkins, Arthur W. Foster, Russell J. Wilson and H. G. Newhall.

In a circular issued by Recorder H. T. Graves to the members of the committee an early meeting is suggested for the purpose of effecting organization and taking such steps as will insure a grand reception by the Knights Templar to the President.

Native Sons to Confer.

E. Myron Wolf, John T. Harmes, Joseph B. Keenan, Harry I. Mulcrevy, Adolph Eberhart, P. G. Du Py and H. G. W. Dinkelspiel of the Native Sons' general committee on the reception of President McKinley have been appointed a subcommittee to confer with the citizens' general committee of arrangements.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS.

AN INSOLVENT CLERK.—G. W. Smith, clerk, San Francisco, filed a petition in insolvency yesterday in the United States District court. He owes $1634 55 and has no assets.

JENNIE HOYT'S ESTATE.—The inventory and appraisement of the estate of the late Jennie Hoyt was filed yesterday. The appraisers find the estate to be worth $62,528 47.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE EXPLOSION.—Chin Low, one of the Chinamen injured last Saturday in the gas explosion at 845½ Washington street, died at 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

MUST ANSWER ROBBERY CHARGE.—Angelo Jambruno was held to answer before the Superior Court by Judge Fritz yesterday on a charge of robbery for knocking down John Gibo, at Powell and Bay streets, and stealing $1 90 from him.

HELD FOR BURGLARY.—William White and George Lawrence, two young men, were held to answer before the Superior Court by Judge Conlan yesterday on a charge of burglary for breaking into a room in the Franklin Hotel, on Pacific street, last Friday.

LECTURE BY DAVIDSON.—Professor Davidson will lecture before the Men's Club of the Good Samaritan Mission, Second and Folsom streets, to-night, on the Nicaragua Canal and its influence on the commerce of the Pacific, particularly as relating to San Francisco.

MRS. HOWELL GOES EAST.—The petition of Mrs. M. A. Calhoun for letters of guardianship upon the person and estate of Henrietta R. Howell was dismissed by Judge Coffey yesterday, as it was announced that Mrs. Howell was on her way to Chicago in the care of friends.

DONOVAN WILL CONTEST.—The work of empaneling a jury to try the contest to the will of the late M. J. Donovan was begun in Judge Troutt's court yesterday. Decedent's will, which conveys his entire estate to his second wife, is being contested by the children of his first wife.

BROOKS GETS OFF EASY.—Joseph Brooks, who broke into the rooms occupied by Mrs. Laura Badaire, 323 Montgomery avenue, January 2, and was charged with burglary, pleaded guilty to petty larceny in Judge Mogan's court yesterday and was sent to the County Jail for six months.

SUITS FOR INFRINGEMENT.—Suits were filed in the United States Circuit Court yesterday by the Shannon Sectional Crossing Company vs. Alameda and San Joaquin Railroad Company, and by National Tooth Crown Company vs. Clyde S. Payne and Charlotte S. Payne. Both suits are for infringement of patents.

CRAVEN CASE AGAIN CONTINUED.—When the case of Mrs. Nettie R. Craven, charged with perjury, was called before Judge Cook's court yesterday, District Attorney Byington asked for further time to file additional authorities, and the Judge postponed his decision till to-morrow on the motion to quash the indictment.

VICTIM OF BUNKO MEN.—Frederick Boehland, an old man from Freeport, Ill., on his way to San Jose, fell into the hands of James Hayes and James Watson, two bunko men, yesterday, and they took him to 209 Grant avenue, where he soon parted with $21 and a draft for $150. Hayes and Watson were arrested by Detectives Ryan and O'Dea and booked for petty larceny. Payment on the draft has been stopped.

INJURED IN A RUNAWAY.—Mrs. Hodge and her nephew, while driving on Clayton street, yesterday afternoon, were thrown out of their buggy and severely injured. The accident was caused by the horse becoming frightened and getting beyond their control. The buggy was overthrown and Mrs. Hodge was badly cut and bruised about the head, while her nephew sustained a fracture of his right thigh.

NEW BANKING INSTITUTION.—The Board of Bank Commissioners yesterday received word from Secretary of State Charles F. Curry that W. L. Campbell, Thomas Lovell, W. P. Stafford, C. L. Heartwell, W. W. Lowe and John Wilson had incorporated a new banking institution under the name of the Citizens' Savings Bank of Long Beach. The capital stock is $25,000, shares are $50 each and $12,500 had been paid. A license will be granted.

ROBBED HIS COMRADE.—Michael Kindregan, who has been working at the Tesla coal mines, came to this city Saturday night with Joseph Gregson, another laborer. They went to the house of Kindregan's brother-in-law, at 1029 York street, and slept there. Sunday morning, while Kindregan was in the bathroom, Gregson, he alleges, stole $180, which he had in a bureau drawer, and skipped. Yesterday Kindregan secured a warrant from Judge Fritz for Gregson's arrest on the charge of grand larceny.

UNIDENTIFIED DROWNED MAN FOUND.—Captain A. Flanders of the tug Lottie, while passing Lombard-street wharf yesterday morning, found the badly decomposed body of a man floating in the water. The body was taken to the Morgue, but there was nothing found in the pockets by which it could be identified. The man was 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighed in the neighborhood of 150 pounds. The clothing was a black coat and pants, but the vest was missing. Under the black coat was a coat of white cotton such as is worn by waiters on vessels. The shirt was a black and white negligee and the underwear was white.

SWEETLY SINGS CELTIC BALLADS

Father McLoughlin Charms Large Audience With Musical Lecture.

Airs of Old Bards Rendered as in Olden Times to the Accompaniment of Harp and Chorus.

The Rev. Thomas P. McLoughlin delivered the second of his musical lectures before a large audience at the Native Sons' Hall last evening, and more than duplicated the success he achieved on a former occasion.

The lecture last night was for the benefit of the Catholic Seamen's Institute and Father McLoughlin's fine voice trolled out "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep" with a special emphasis which brought him an enthusiastic encore, for which he gave another nautical melody.

The stage last night was made bright by the smart frocks of a chorus of twenty-one young ladies, who gave the lecture a piquant setting and lent the charm of their united voices to the refrains of the quaint old ballads Father McLoughlin selected to illustrate the text of his lecture.

Speaking of national ballad music he dwelt on the minor chords so plentiful in the folk songs of Ireland and Scotland, and which give the Celtic airs such a pathetic quality. The English ballad music, he said, was of a more cheerful kind and without the indefinite melancholy of Ireland's native airs. He sang "The Harp That Once Through Tara's Halls" and "Scots Wha Hae," besides many other characteristic melodies.

An overture on the piano was rendered by Misses Eleanor Gehrig and Marie Giorgiani, who also played the "Wearing of the Green" with fine effect as an accompaniment to the lecturer. Of Mrs. John B. Casserly's harp accompaniment the audience were loud in praise. The lecture ended with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" by all present.

WILL HOLD SERVICES IN MEMORY OF VERDI

Committee Appointed by Italian Residents to Make Arrangements for Ceremonies.

A meeting of the Italian residents of the city was held last night in Washington Square Hall to make arrangements for memorial services in honor of Verdi, the great Italian composer, who died a few days ago. E. C. Palmieri was elected president; J. Musso, vice president, and F. Avedano, treasurer. It was decided to have two orations delivered at the services; one in the Italian language and the other in English. It was further decided that all of the music rendered at the services be of Verdi's composition, outside of the national anthems.

The following committee of twenty was appointed to make the necessary arrangements and fix upon the date for the services:

Chevalier J. Calegaris, G. B. Levaggi, G. Jaccheri, Andrea Sbarboro, A. Olmo, Chevalier G. F. Fugazzi, Dr. P. de Vecchi, L. Demartini, C. Pedretti, Dr. G. C. Caglieri, J. C. Sola, G. Cadenarro, E. Patrizi, G. M. Castroni, F. Cavagnaro, J. Caronna, A. Mancini, B. Cheli and C. O. Fauda.

The committee will hold its first meeting to-night to arrange the preliminary details for the services.

ARGUMENT HEARD IN THE McKENZIE CASE

Judges Gilbert, Morrow and Ross to Take Up the Dubose Contempt Matter.

United States Judges Gilbert, Morrow and Ross sat in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday and heard the testimony and arguments in the contempt case of Alexander McKenzie, receiver in the Nome mining cases. Thomas J. Geary testified in behalf of McKenzie, and Charles Page, Deputy United States Marshal George H. Burnham and Samuel Knight testified for the other side.

Nothing new was elicited, the relevant testimony being similar to that given in the contempt case of Lawyer Dubose already published. Mr. McKenzie by advice of his counsel refrained from taking the stand. The case was then argued by Thomas J. Geary on one side and by Edward J. McCutchen on the other, and submitted.

The defense of McKenzie was that he was prevented by an order issued out of Judge Noyes' court from obeying the writ of supersedeas and that the writ issued by the Court of Appeals went beyond the powers of that court. The contempt case of Lawyer Dubose in the same matter will be taken up to-day on the testimony taken before Commissioner Heacock.

Lilly Charged With Cruelty.

George Lilly, an ex-policeman, was arrested yesterday on a warrant sworn out by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and charged with cruelty to a minor child. The warrant was sworn to by Officer Lycette. Last Thursday night Lilly, while drunk, drove his wife and two children, both of whom were sick with measles, from their home on Buchanan street. He was released on furnishing $100 bail.

HIS GRACE RUNS AN AUTOMOBILE

Makes Dust Fly and People Stare on Van Ness Avenue.

The Duchess Is Much Better and the Party Will Leave for Del Monte To-Morrow Morning.

The Duke of Manchester and Lord Lambert enjoyed an automobile ride yesterday afternoon. The Duke is an expert in handling the steam variety of self-moving vehicles, having taken lessons in England. He made the dust fly as the vehicle bowled through the streets, darting in and out of narrow passages, between cars and trucks and swinging around corners with a velocity that made one's hair stand up.

"But they won't let you ride fast here in the United States," said the Duke, in telling of his trip last evening. "Over in England," he continued, "I got arrested three times in one day for riding faster than the law allows. Young Vanderbilt isn't in it when I get started. We had a very pleasant ride. We went the length of Van Ness avenue. Say, but I would like to ride your City Fathers over those crossings in the avenue. Talk about your canyons in the Yosemite Valley! Why, they are not to be compared with the gullies that we went over."

The Duchess' condition was much improved last evening and her physician says she will be able to go out to-day. A ride in the Park is planned, after which the party may dine with Mr. and Mrs. E. O. McCormick. It is planned to go to Monterey to-morrow, where a short stay will be made, after which the party will go direct to Chicago.

The Duke lunched in his apartments yesterday afternoon. The waiter had just arrived with the eatables when a caller rapped on the door of his Grace's room. "Tell him I'm at lunch," commanded the Duke, but the visitor didn't need to be told, for just then somebody upset the dishes and the would-be caller made a hurried exit without waiting for the Duke's message.

AUTOMOBILISTS TO ASK FOR MORE PRIVILEGES

Devotees of the Horseless Carriage Meet and Organize for Mutual Protection.

The Park Commissioners will be appealed to by the automobilists of this city for greater privileges. At a meeting of the Automobile Club of California last evening it was decided to make every effort to gain concessions for those who operate the horseless carriage.

Mr. Johnson of New York attended the meeting and enlightened the members present on the manner in which the automobilists of New York obtained certain privileges in Central Park. He said they went to the Park Commissioners one by one and obtained permits to ride through the park. He suggested that this plan might be followed to advantage in this city. The suggestion, however, was not looked upon favorably. It was deemed best to try some other plan to win over the local Park Commissioners and the members are racking their brains for a plan that will be successful.

At present automobiles are permitted on the south drive of the park as far as the main drive, a distance of about one mile and a quarter. As this distance is covered in eight minutes by the "autos" the devotees are anxious to obtain a longer run.

The constitution and by-laws of the club were read and adopted. Members of the organization are divided into four classes, viz.: Honorary, active, non-resident and life members. The active members pay an entrance fee of $15 and $2 50 per month for dues.

CHARGES DIRECTORS WITH COERCION OF TEACHERS

Allegations Made by Deputy Superintendent of Schools Kingsbury Denied by Mark.

The Board of Education and Deputy Superintendent Kingsbury have fallen afoul of each other. Kingsbury charges that teachers have been coerced by the board into writing to Sacramento legislators with a view to preventing the passage of certain bills. The bills to which Kingsbury refers are probably those which affect the office of Superintendent of Schools in this city, and which would also affect in a pleasant way the salaries of his deputies.

Mark denies the charge "in toto" and defies his accuser to prove he ever wrote or had written any letters in regard to the bills referred to. He admits, however, that he openly fought the proposed bill, giving as a reason that he thought such matters were for home, not Sacramento, adjustment.

Purim Entertainment.

At the Purim entertainment and ball to be given by the Maccabien Club on March the 10th the Jewish Orphan Asylum Band will play some selections. The ball promises to be a grand affair.

SALOONS MENACED BY COFFEE CLUBS

Resorts Planned in Which Liquor and Tobacco Cannot Be Had.

Corporation Formed for the Purpose of Maintaining Temperance Places Throughout the City.

San Francisco is to have a coffee club, a substitute for saloons. Articles of incorporation of The Coffee Club Association of San Francisco were recorded yesterday and ways and means for the establishment of a resort in keeping with the club's name will be devised at once.

In the articles it is stated that the objects of the corporation are to offer a substitute for saloons and to establish houses and places of refreshment, recreation and amusement where no intoxicating liquors or tobacco in any form will be sold, the profits from which resorts shall not be divided, but continuously invested with a view to establishing other places of the same kind.

The directors are H. F. Chadbourne, F. R. Gibson, George B. Bofinger, L. S. Quimby, Norman McKellar, Mary E. Quimby, Laura B. Wilbur, Eva E. Serf and Johanna Kronquist.

Graham Still Gains.

Graham gained 24 votes over Daingerfield yesterday in the Superior Judgeship contest. He leads Daingerfield 48 votes on the whole recount to date. There are twenty-five precincts yet to be recounted.

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