

**SUPERVISORS ORDER APPROPRIATION OF SOUTH-SIDE BLOCK.**

Creation of State Commission Strongly Opposed.

Supervisor Braunhart introduced a resolution at yesterday's meeting of the board having for its object the defeat of the proposed constitutional amendment whereby a State commission is sought to be created with extensive powers. These powers comprise the fixing of rates to be charged by railroad, water, electric light, power and express companies, and to make regulations concerning the same. The resolution, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee, reads:

Whereas, The said State Commission is to be in every respect, so far as relates to all and every the said rates and charges heretofore mentioned, and all and every matters and things whatsoever connected with performing said services and furnishing and supplying said commodities, the successor under the constitution and laws of the State of the Boards of Supervisors and city and county or city or town Councils and other governing bodies or body of the several counties, cities and towns of this State, and all and every the same powers, authorities and duties now established by the constitution and laws of the State, or hereafter to be established by the Legislature, "except where the latter may conflict with this section"; and whereas, It is also clothed with power to exact a license from all persons engaged in any of the above said business, and to regulate the same, and to fix the amount of such license, which shall be conclusively deemed just and reasonable;

**A Pernicious Proposition.**

Whereas, This State Commission is to be composed of five members, the first set to be appointed by the Governor for two, four, six, eight and ten years, and thereafter they are to be elected at the general elections for terms of ten years, their salaries to be fixed by the Governor, and their powers to be as they see fit; and whereas, the amendment which said commission is to be created by the successor and absorber of a large measure of the local authority of every political subdivision of the State, it should be the duty of all friends of local self-government to exert every effort to secure the defeat of the same, inasmuch as the same is in the interest of corporate greed and aggrandizement. Now, therefore,

Resolved, By the Board of Supervisors of the city and county of San Francisco that it hereby pledges itself to do all within its power to compass the defeat of this insidious and pernicious proposition, and to use every effort to secure the defeat of the same.

**Public Utilities and Improvements.**

The City Attorney was asked for his opinion as to the legal manner of submitting propositions for the improvement of public utilities and improvements to a vote of the people and to clear up certain ambiguities in the charter on the subject. The City Attorney was also asked to pass on the sufficiency of declaratory ordinances on the acquisition of water rights and a water street road, as amended by the Judiciary and Utilities Committee and whether the bills must be published four days before they are introduced for permission to hold a series of public hearings on the subject. The City Attorney also passed to print changing the name of Primrose street to Carmelia.

Resolution of intention to change the grades on Polk street, between Chestnut and Bay, was adopted.

The resolution passed out of respect to the memory of the late Chief of Police Sullivan were ordered engrossed.

The Printing Committee was authorized to enter into a contract to photograph the members of the board at a cost of \$10.

A resolution was adopted appointing an advisory committee of five, consisting of Dr. D. E. Todd, R. Welch and Charles Kelly and a member of the Merchants' Association, to recommend sites other than the Bay View Farm for the erection of a posthouse thereon.

Curtis introduced an ordinance fixing the license tax on professional boxing exhibitions at \$250 each. The bill, together with the measure fixing the license at \$500 per annum, was referred to the joint Committee on Judiciary and Police.

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY SCORES ROBERT WILSON.**

Case of Ex-Policeman, Charged With Murder of Maggie Hartwell, Is Closed.

The trial of Robert G. Wilson for the murder of little Maggie Hartwell on the evening of July 4 of this year, which has been going on in Judge Dunn's court for the last week, was closed yesterday, as far as the taking of testimony and the presenting of the case by the attorneys for the defense and prosecution was concerned. The case will be submitted to the jury this morning.

Chief of Police Attorney John T. Greany, who has been prosecuting the ex-policeman on the murder charge, delivered a scathing speech in presenting his case to the jury. He told of the cruel end of the 15-year-old girl. How an old man, who, for the sake of his own youth, lost his temper and deliberately took the life of a happy little child whose only thought was to play with her playmates.

Greany was followed by Robert Ferral and Judge Bahr, who defended Wilson. Both these lawyers reviewed the testimony given by the witnesses at the trial and tried to show that the shooting, if it had been done by their client, was accidental.

**PROPOSES ANOTHER EXPERIMENT.**

The Merchants' Association, addressed a communication to the Board of Public Works asking permission to pave a number of street crossings in vitrified brick. The Board of Public Works is anxious to determine whether or not the experiment may be made. The work will be done at the expense of the association.

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**DOLLS FROM EVERY LAND WILL BE ON EXHIBITION.**

Splendid Show to Be Held in Maple Room in Aid of Charitable Institution.

As a preliminary to the proceeding of submitting to the electors the proposition of acquiring grounds suitable for recreation in the district south of Market street and east of Twelfth street, a resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors yesterday directing the Board of Public Works to appraise the value of the lands contained in the block bounded by Harrison, Seventh, Bryant and South streets. This site is recommended by the Board of Public Works for the proposed playground.

Later in the meeting the Board of Works filed its appraisal of the block on part of which the Board of Education has established a playground. It is divided into two portions by Gordon street, the smaller portion valued at \$18,500 for real estate and \$6,200 for improvements. The larger portion is valued at \$31,500 and the value of the whole block is placed at \$55,200.

The Board of Works filed a report that the best mode of making connection with Bernal Heights is to extend Polson street southerly to Cortland avenue and construct thereon a cable road with transfer privileges with existing electric roads at the present southerly terminus of Polson street. In the communication, however, is no estimate of the cost of the work owing to lack of time.

Petitions were filed by the citizens and taxpayers in the University Mound district requesting that a resolution allowing certain fences to be maintained in that district be rescinded. The petitioners claim they were unable to reach their polling places on election day and the Board of Works in permitting the obstructions to remain is causing inconvenience.

The Market Street and Eureka Valley Improvement Club petitioned for the transfer of a school lot on Sixteenth street between Park and Prospect streets.

Mary T. Gaff, administratrix of the estate of Owen Riley, deceased, filed a claim for \$25 damages, which she claims have been sustained by the loss of a horse.

**Fence on Twentieth Street.**

The Board of Public Works presented the application of the Risdon Iron Works to temporarily maintain a fence on the extreme end of Twentieth street, between Louisiana and Maryland. The board stated that it had no jurisdiction in the premises and that the petition should be presented to the Board of Supervisors.

Chief Health of the Bureau of Streets reported that the petition if granted will only close the traffic created by the Risdon and Union Iron Works and none whatever by the general public. He recommended that the petition be granted with the condition that a gate in the same be kept open throughout the day. The fence will serve to prevent accidents to others than employes on account of the switching of freight cars on the street.

A resolution was passed to print and distribute the necessary fund to James D. Phelan, chairman of the Board of Public Works, to call the Anti-Chinese Exclusion Convention.

Theodore F. Payne and Warren Payne presented a petition of the Board of Works regarding obstructions on Third street taken from the file and duly considered.

**Oppose Extensions of Time.**

The practice of granting extensions of time to contractors on public work came in for much criticism.

In opposition to granting the contractors an extension of ninety days wherein to complete the construction of a culvert in Trocadero gulch was opposed by Reed, who said it was the third extension granted for. Reed held that the policy of granting extensions on public contracts is a bad one and that it is in the habit of accepting contract after contract without regard to what they all cost. He said that the Board of Public Works had recommended the extension and the ordinance was passed to print.

An extension of time was also granted to the contractors who are repairing Polk street, between Chestnut and Bay, on account of the labor troubles.

Russell P. Dunn, who filed an offer to sell the lot on Twentieth street, between Work and certain other water works, rights and franchises, stated that a time limit set for the consideration of the proposition. The petition was referred to the Utilities Committee.

The Mayor filed a recommendation that a bookkeeper be appointed to the Board and Warrant Clerk's office, also that the Auditor be authorized to employ ten temporary clerks. Ordinances on the subject were passed to print.

**EPISCOPALIANS THANK POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Executive Committee of the Diocese of California Sends Letter to Chief Wittman.

Chief of Police Wittman received the following communication yesterday from the executive committee of the diocese of California of the Episcopal church:

The executive committee of the diocese of California desires to extend most sincere thanks both for the hearty and efficient arrangements for the occasion is an excellent one. Baby Viola, the juvenile "coon shouter," who has scored a hit by her clever character work on the stage, will be a feature of the entertainment.

On Friday evening the Native Sons of Vermont will hold their monthly entertainment and ball. The Imperial Lady Minstrels, under the direction of W. W. Brackett will furnish the entertainment. Mrs. Ed Burns will be interlocutor, Miss Alice Caswell and Miss May Jordan, homes, and Miss May Matone and Miss Annie Ragatt, tambors.

On Saturday afternoon a bazaar will be given by the ladies of the Bazaar for the benefit of the Presbyterian Orphanage and Farm.

St. Alban's Literary and Social Society will give its next monthly social on Thursday evening next, in Golden Gate Hall, at 10 o'clock.

Preparations for the wedding of Miss Norma Preston and Worthington Ames, which is to be celebrated on Monday afternoon, December 16, are under way. The affair promises to be a brilliant one. The ceremony will be held at 3 o'clock in Grace Episcopal Church. The sacred edifice will be beautifully decorated for the occasion.

Miss Maud O'Connor will give a tea at the Occidental this afternoon.

The ladies of St. James Episcopal Mission, of the Hayes district, held their Christmas fair yesterday afternoon in Richmond Hall, corner of Fourth and Market streets. The fair was a success and a large crowd present in the afternoon and evening. The booths, with their loads of fancy articles, are very pretty. Last night, when the lights were aglow and the hall crowded with gayly dressed women, the scene was a brilliant one.

The festival is under the management of the societies of the Mission and each society is represented by a booth. The ladies are sparing no effort to make the affair a memorable event in the history of St. James Mission, for whose benefit it is being held. Each night a musical program is presented by the members of the Musical and Orchestra Society of the district.

One of the most attractive booths is in charge of the Ladies' Aid Society. It occupies space in the center of the hall and is artistically crowned with an arch of colored streamers, ferns and flowers, and with potted ferns. Many useful and fancy articles, suitable for Christmas presents, are displayed for sale at this booth. The booth is under the charge of the following ladies of the Aid Society: Mrs. F. Haight, Mrs. George R. Fletcher,

**THREE PLATES AT COOK.**

George King, a cripple, and John P. Rice, an ex-soldier, appeared before Judge Mogan yesterday on charges of making a nuisance of themselves. King was convicted on both charges and Rice was acquitted. The evidence showed that they went to a restaurant and ordered a meal. King objected to the cooking and began to throw plates at the cook, Z. Matthews, who had his hands badly injured by catching them. King broke \$3 worth of plates. He will be sentenced this morning.

**Turkey Raffles Must Cease.**

Chief Wittman issued the following order yesterday to company commanders:

Complaints have been made to me that the various turkey raffles now being conducted in the different parts of the city are being used as a blind for gambling games. I have caused an independent investigation to be made and find that the complaints are based upon fact, although I notified the company commanders not to allow it. You will therefore stop all these so-called raffles at once.

**CUSTOM HOUSE CHANGES.**—Ernest J. Mott has been appointed a stenographer in the custom service at a salary of \$400 per annum. This is a new position. Fred W. Lewis, opener and canner, and E. E. Enlow, customs inspector, were also appointed. Enlow is being a sufferer from asthma and not being able to endure night work along the wharves.

**THE INAGERS ARE RESTRAINING ORDER IS GRANTED RANDALL BY THE COURT.**

Walter H. Willett Forbidden to Sell the Business of Wakelee & Co.

Wakelee & Co., represented by Charles Randall, manager of the firm's wholesale drug store, petitioned yesterday for a restraining order to prevent Walter H. Willett and Lydia E. Pinkham, his wife, from forcing the collection of a note for \$15,000 and from entering into legal proceedings against Randall.

Randall claims that Willett advanced the firm \$15,000 on a note which would not become due until next year, and that his object in seeking an order restraining him from collecting it now is to save the firm, which has been in existence here for upward of twenty years. He alleges in his complaint that last August he while he was in bed Willett came to his home, and by threats of legal proceedings and by insinuating that he (Randall) was guilty of embezzlement prevailed upon him to sign a contract, wherein he agreed to consent to the settlement of the debt in October of this year.

At the time the loan was made, alleges Randall, Willett was made assistant manager of the firm at a salary of \$100 per month, and an agreement was made whereby Willett was to receive one-half the dividends of the firm. Randall, the witness in charge of the firm at the same time, claims that he found it impossible to get along with Willett owing to the latter's attempts to cause him annoyance.

Randall alleges that the money which Willett says he embezzled was drawn from the firm with the consent of the assistant manager, and that in drawing it he did not violate any of the terms of the contract made at the time Willett advanced the \$15,000.

Judge Dunne issued a restraining order, made returnable before Judge Willett, preventing Willett from preferring any charges against Randall or disposing of the firm's assets pending the trial of a suit for a permanent injunction.

**NATIVE DAUGHTER MINSTRELS HELP THE ORDER'S HOME.**

Many People Witness a Pleasing Performance Given in a Worthy Cause.

The second minstrel performance given by the members of Buena Vista Parlor of the Native Daughters in aid of the Native Daughters' Home of this city drew more than 100 people to the Native Sons' Hall.

With the exception of the soloists, all who took part were in black face. The wielders of bones and tambors were attired in very attractive costumes, while the chorus, occupying raised benches in the rear of the stage, wore long gowns and mortar boards, alternately green and red, over their heads brightly lit by the Star of Buena Vista in vari-colored lights. Following is the programme:

Opening chorus, "My Gal From Dixie." "We Got the Best Girl." "The Coldest Corner in Town," entire company, introducing Miss A. Worth, conversationalist; bones, Miss O'Brien, Miss De Cortini, Miss Flora de Cortini, Mrs. Wehe, Mrs. McCormick, Miss Ligon; "Everybody Has a Whistle Like Me," Miss A. Freebaby girl which is the happiness of my life to Lydia E. Pinkham's Medicine, and feel very proud to recommend it to others. I hope that many others will follow my example and that homes may be brightened as mine has."—Mrs. LUCY DE BETT, 80 1/2 S. Halstead St., Chicago, Ill. (March 1, 1901.)

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**THE BOHEMIAN CLUB WAS THE SCENE OF TWO BRILLIANT GATHERINGS LAST EVENING.**

Stars of the opera were in the ascendant. Fritz Scheff was the guest of honor at a supper party given by Ed M. Greenway. The repeat was a dainty one and the decorations very beautiful. Mr. Greenway proved an excellent host. Madame Emma Greenway was the guest of Harry Holbrook at a dinner given in the room. The decorations were in harmony with the appointments of the apartment and the menu was an elaborate one.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Gegus entertained a dinner party at their home, 1208 Masonic avenue. Ten tables were engaged in the room. The winners were Mrs. William Ruddle, Mrs. C. A. Rader, Mrs. D. F. Ragan, Mrs. J. E. Field, William Corbin, Avery, W. E. Murphy and H. Tompleman.

**ORDERS SWELL SUPPER ON A WORTHLESS CHECK.**

Arrest of S. A. Pardee, a Club Man, for Passing Bogus Paper.

S. A. Pardee, the clubman who is wanted in this city for passing bogus checks and who was arrested in San Jose, was brought here last evening by Detective Dinan. According to the police Pardee has passed at least two dozen worthless checks in this city and Oakland.

Several nights ago he and a woman, whose name is unknown to the police, went to Marchand's and ordered a swell supper, in payment of which Pardee gave a worthless check for \$50. When the check was presented at the bank for payment the proprietor of the restaurant was informed that Pardee had no funds there. A warrant was accordingly issued for his arrest. Captain Seymour, learning that the bogus check operator had gone to San Jose, immediately wired to the Chief of Police of that city to arrest him. He was found without much trouble and locked up pending the arrival of an officer from this city.

It is expected that several charges of passing fictitious checks will be recorded against him to-day.

**Charged With Burglary.**

Two men were arrested early yesterday morning on the water front and booked on a charge of burglary. James O'Donnell was discovered in the office of the Kimball Steamship Company on the water front. He was at the telephone and explained to the officers that he was calling up a friend. John Nolan was found on the premises of P. H. Murphy, metal roofer, 48 Spear street, by Special Officer Sample. He had gathered together a number of workmen's tools to carry away.

**WILL HAVE A MONUMENT MEETING OF FORMER FRIENDS OF DEAD PUGILIST CALLED FOR NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT.**

The many local admirers of the late Jack Dempsey, the famous pugilist, have decided to start a fund to erect a monument over his grave. Speaking men at the meeting of the United States will be asked to interest themselves in the project in their respective towns.

When the word came to the notice of the sporting element that Jack Dempsey's grave is without even a headstone, his widow being too poor to erect one. They will erect a monument to the memory of the champion, which will also be for the benefit of the "Nonpareil's" widow and children.

When the word came to the notice of Harry Corbett's last night it was decided to call a big meeting next Thursday night in Friendship Hall, 1000 Broadway, where the details of the plan will be discussed.

**Emptied Landlady's Purse.**

Mrs. Margaret Jappel, who keeps a lodging-house at 599 Post street, swore to a complaint in Judge Cabanis' court yesterday for the arrest of Edward Woodward on the charge of grand larceny. She accuses him of entering her room while he was a lodger, on October 25, and taking \$150 from her, which was on top of her bureau drawer. Since then she has endeavored to get the money from him but has failed. Detective McMahon has charge of the case.

**Riley Held for Murder.**

John M. Riley was held without bail to answer before the Superior Court by Judge Cabanis yesterday afternoon on a charge of murder. It is accused of killing Otto M. Ekberg, a non-union teamster, by striking him on the head with a hammer on the evening of November 8. Several witnesses were examined yesterday in regard to the iron pipe and it was traced to the defendant.

**Sparling Would Not Prosecute.**

When the case of Arthur Meadows, collector, charged with felony embezzlement on complaint of W. Sparling, a horseman, was called in Judge Conlan's court yesterday, Sparling said he would not prosecute, as he and Meadows had come to an arrangement. Meadows was accused by Sparling of having embezzled \$13 on October 2.

**Highbinder Sentenced.**

Cock Vow, the highbinder, who was arrested Sunday night in Chinatown by Officer Thuman for carrying a concealed weapon, appeared before Judge Fritz yesterday. He had a big revolver in a handbag and each chamber was loaded. He was convicted and sentenced to six months in the County Jail.

**MAN LOST IN THE FOG.**—Joseph Vasek became bewildered in the fog in this city Saturday and was taken to the City Prison by a policeman, who found him wandering about the streets in the small hours. Vasek could not speak English and was detained in the prison until yesterday, when he was called for by his friends, who had previously called at the Coroner's office and reported him missing.

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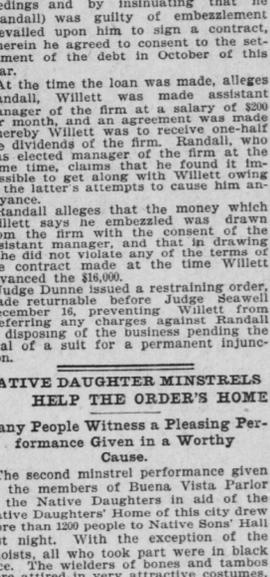
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**IDENTIFIED AS SARAH THOMSON.**—The unnamed woman who died suddenly at the intersection of Jones and Ellis streets last Sunday evening, was identified as the Moraga police woman Sarah Thomson, who had recently worked for Mrs. Calhoun at 733 Post street. Death resulted from natural causes.