MINISTER'S SON TURNS BURGLAR

Breaks Into an Office and Is Caught by a Policeman.

J. S. Doble Brings Disgrace on Himself and Sorrow to His Family.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, May 16.

J. S. Doble, son of a minister, employe of a tract society and member in good standing in a church, was arrested at an early hour this morning while making his third burglarious trip to the office of the California Tract Society, in the Reliance Club building, on San Pablo avenue. Doble walked into the arms of Policeman James Brannan, who had been stationed there by Chief of Police Hodgkins to capture the burglar, who had visited the tract society twice and was expected to do so a third time.

The California Tract Society carries a line of small stationery as well as books. About ten days ago the place was entered and nearly $100 worth of fountain pens and similar goods taken. A few days ago the place was again entered and the combination broken off the safe with an ax. The safe contained $2000 but was not opened.

A watch was then established to wait for the thief to return, which he did this morning, expecting to make his last clean-up. Doble remarked to Night Captain Petersen when he was locked up, "I guess you have been waiting for me."

Chief of Police Hodgkins took the case in hand and secured a complete confession from the prisoner. The family of the young man stands very high.

SELF-CONFESSED FOOTPADS TELL STORY OF CRIMES

Give Daniel F. Belden Credit for Nerve He Shows When They Hold Him Up.

OAKLAND, May 16.—Walter T. Baldwin and James McCoy, the ex-soldiers who confessed yesterday to three holdups, were very fastidious highwaymen. They started to work the Lakeside district, and but for their prompt arrest the residents of that exclusive and badly lighted section of town would have suffered badly. They had planned to only raid the fashionable section of town.

They commenced operations on Daniel F. Belden, general agent for the Hartford Fire Insurance Company in San Francisco. Belden was the victim of a most exciting experience a few years ago, when he was called down to his front door at midnight only to be hit with an ax in the hands of some stranger who was never discovered. "The Man With the Ax" was sought for unsuccessfully, and the incident was forgotten until Belden was held up by the enterprising ex-soldiers.

Since confessing the prisoners talk quite freely of their plans, which were more elaborate than those of the average footpad. This is probably due to the fact that the men possess more than the average amount of intelligence. The robbery of Belden was their first work, so that they went about it with more than usual care.

The old ark at the foot of Alice street was to be their refuge in the daytime, and at night they were to make raids into the Lakeside district.

The prisoners say that Belden was cool, and gave up what money he had when the pistol was put in his face, though he tried to get a look at his despoilers. They say that Blodgett, who was robbed by them later, was very nervous and talked a great deal. They will probably be arraigned to-morrow. As their confessions are in writing, it will take but a short time to land them in prison. Both of the men had served in the Marine Corps of the United States.

Sergeant Green discovered the gang on the ark, and Night Captain Walter J. Petersen made the raid that resulted in the capture. It was to Captain Petersen that the men first confessed.

GAELIC DANCING CLUB DELIGHTS LARGE CROWD

Popular Society Gives Programme of Jigs and Reels at Irish Fair.

The feature of last night's programme at the Irish Fair was the very picturesque entertainment given by the Gaelic Dancing Club. Since the commencement of the fair the Irish Dance Hall which is under the management of this club has proved most popular. Every night the hall has been crowded with visitors desiring to see the Irish jigs and reels executed by the graceful dancers in costume. Last night the dancing club held its programme of dances on the platform on the main floor of the Pavilion.

Before the programme was begun, however, the club, with about 500 members in line, and with fifty couples dressed in white in the vanguard, paraded about the hall, making a pretty spectacle.

Limerick and Monaghan booths, which are two of the most popular booths at the fair, also rendered very enjoyable programmes, which attracted large crowds. Their programmes consisted of dances and vocal and instrumental music.

Notwithstanding the many counter attractions, the art gallery, where many famous paintings are on exhibition; the museum, with its collection of wonderful freaks, and the map of Ireland, where one can study the topography of the Emerald Isle, were well patronized.

A conference meeting of the labor unions, to make final preparations for attending the Irish Fair, will be held to-morrow forenoon at 10 o'clock at Metropolitan Hall.

POSTUM CEREAL.

LIGHT "BOOZE."

Do You Drink It?

A minister's wife had quite a tussle with coffee, and her experience is interesting. She says: "During the two years of my training as a nurse while on night duty I became addicted to coffee drinking, for between midnight and 4 o'clock in the morning, when the patients were asleep, there was little to do except make the rounds, and it was quite natural that I should want a good hot cup of coffee about that time. It stimulated me and I could keep awake better.

"After three or four years of coffee drinking I became a nervous wreck and thought that I simply could not live without my coffee. All this time I was subject to frequent bilious attacks, sometimes so severe as to keep me in bed for several days.

"After being married, husband begged me to leave off coffee, for he feared that it had already hurt me almost beyond repair, so I resolved to make an effort and release myself from the hurtful habit. I began taking Postum Food Coffee, and for a few days felt the languid, tired feeling from the lack of the stimulant, but I liked the taste of Postum and that answered for the breakfast beverage all right.

"Finally I began to feel clearer headed and had steadier nerves. After a year's use of Postum I now feel like a new woman. Have not had any bilious attacks since I left off coffee." This lady requests that her name be kept from public print. Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

TRY TO INVOLVE EDITOR DARGIE

Defendants in Enquirer Suit Want Him Named as Co-Defendant.

Judge Ogden Refuses to Permit Any Changes in the Complaint.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, May 16.

Argument on the demurrers interposed to D. Edward Collins' complaint against the members of the Oakland Enquirer Publishing Company was freshened up a bit to-day by a demand by the defendants that another defendant be tacked to the list to share the burdens of the defense. These importunate defendants urged that W. E. Dargie, editor of the Oakland Tribune, be made a defendant with them in their trial with the banker and the law. Judge Ogden, however, was not impressed with the logic of their argument, and directed that things go on in the even tenor that has characterized the course of the case so far.

The argument of the defendants' attorneys was based on a specification in their demurrer that there is a "defect of parties defendant" in the complaint. That, they explained, meant that Dargie, having been charged by Collins with concocting a combination on city printing with the Enquirer corporation and sharing in the profits of that alliance, should be incorporated as a defendant in the suit.

Judge Ogden took the ground that Dargie, simply because he might have accepted moneys from the Enquirer, was not necessarily a defendant, and he refused to order him included as such. He thought that the complaint in regard to Dargie might be strengthened by making an express allegation that there was no consideration for the money given to the editor, but he did not insist upon it.

One other point argued was that in regard to the charge of collusion between J. B. Lanktree and Assessor Dalton, whereby the last named received money in advance on county printing. Judge Ogden held that there was no specific charge of fraud here. No decision was given, and the whole matter went over to be submitted on briefs.

MAYOR CLERC SAYS PRENTIS WAS WARNED

NEW YORK, May 16.—A World special from Ste. Marie, Martinique, via Fort de France, says: In company with Ferdinand Clerc, a millionaire and the Mayor of Trinite, I traveled to-day sixty miles through the northern and eastern part of Martinique. We journeyed in carriages and had relays of horses. We are the first people from Fort de France in this district since the eruption of Mont Pelee. I am now at Ste. Marie, forty-five kilometers (about twenty-eight miles) north of Fort de France.

All day long we met refugees making their way toward Fort de France. They were all filled with terror lest Mont Pelee again pour out a death-dealing avalanche of fire, or some new eruption take place from what are now inactive volcanoes.

Mayor Clerc is the only person I have been able to find who was in St. Pierre on the morning the city was overwhelmed, saw the eruption and lived to tell the tale. He tells me that at 7 o'clock on the morning of May 8 he noticed the rumblings from Mont Pelee were more pronounced than they had been up to that time. The barometer in his house fluttered violently, and he at once ordered his servants to harness mules to his carriages and prepare for flight. Clerc took his wife and four children with him and hastened from the city. He advised all his friends to hasten away also, but his advice was disregarded by them. He left behind him at his house twenty-eight of his friends who had gathered there at his call and whom he advised to get away as quickly as they could.

As Clerc and his family were leaving St. Pierre he saw Mr. Prentis, the American Consul, standing in front of his house with Mrs. Prentis. Mr. Clerc called out to Prentis, and warned him to flee the city at once, but the Consul only laughed and waved his hand as he answered: "Oh, there is no dauger. Don't pe afraid."

When Clerc reached Morne Rouge, distant from St. Pierre about six miles he looked back and to his horror saw a huge mass of slate colored stones and ashes burst from Mont Pelee and tumble down on St. Pierre. This was immediately followed by a great wall of flame, which seemed to rise and topple over on the doomed town. The whole thing lasted not more than two minutes. So sharply defined was the wall of flame that a bull caught on the edge of its track was roasted to a crisp on one side and not a hair of the animal was singed on the other.

IRVING INSTITUTE GIVES AN EXCELLENT CONCERT

Members of the Conservatory of Music Receive the Plaudits of Their Friends.

The concert of the Conservatory of Music of the Irving Institute drew a large crowd to Golden Gate Hall last night. Miss Louise Victoria Smalley's rendering of tarantelle "Venezia e Napoli," for piano, by Liszt, together with the cantata of "Little Snowdrop," a fairy tale, composed by Carl Reinecke, with accompanying words by W. Te Grove, the English version by Rev. J. Troutbeck, M.A., were the features of the evening.

The programme was as follows:

Two spring songs, trios for female voices (Bargiel); (a) "Gone By," (b) "In Spring," Misses Rother, Taber, Gladding, Gillis, Price; mazourka, B flat, for piano (Godard), Miss Lois Augusta Gladding; two songs for soprano (Brahms); (a) "Feldeinsamkeit," (b) "Liebestreu," Miss May Belle Rother; tarantelle, "Venezia e Napoli," for piano (Liszt), Miss Louise Victoria Smalley; two duets for soprano and alto (Rubinstein); (a) "Wanderer's Song," (b) "The Angel," Misses Rother and Price; Spanish duet for piano (Moszkowski), Misses Smalley and Gladding.

Those who took part in the cantata of "Little Snowdrop" were:

Snowdrop (soprano), Miss May Belle Rother; Dwarf Tom (contralto), Miss Elizabeth Price; Narrator, Miss Gertrude Taber; Pianistes, Misses Smalley and Graeter; chorus—Misses Rother, Taber, Gladding, Gillis, Price; director, Professor Herman Genss.

PORTER BROTHERS STILL THE TENNIS CHAMPIONS

Retain the Noack Cup by Defeating Pape and Lumbard of Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, May 16.—The attendance was unusually large at the tennis courts to-day to see the match between the Porter brothers of Woodland and Pope and Lumbard of Sacramento for the championship in doubles of Northern California. Both teams were in good condition. By good lobbing and steady playing Pope and Lumbard got the first set—8-6. In the second set the Sacramento team kept up its steady gait and won by a score of 6-3. Everything seemed to be going Sacramento's way in the third set, but the Porter brothers steadied down and won out—6-4. The next two sets also went to the Woodland men, thus giving them the Noack trophy for the second time. The match was very close throughout and one of the best ever played for the Northern California championship. The final score was 6-8, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2. The cup will now remain in Woodland for one year more.

In the singles F. Budgett beat B. Towne; A. A. Allen beat Toler; Allen also beat Dr. Liesenring; H. R. Elliott beat V. Whitney; Charles Lumbard beat S. E. Pope; F. A. Porter beat E. S. Birdsall; Budgett defaulted to F. A. Porter; H. F. Elliot beat A. A. Allen; H. R. Elliot beat F. A. Porter.

To-morrow H. D. Porter will play Charles Lumbard. The winner of this match will play the semi-finals with H. F. Elliot and the winner in the semi-finals will play in the finals with H. R. Elliot for the championship in singles.

QUEBEC LOSES THE PRISONERS

Gaynor-Greene Case Develops Many Complications.

Men Are Hotel Guests, but the Detectives Are on Guard.

MONTREAL, May 16.—Gaynor and Greene are guests at the Windsor Hotel, each guarded by a local detective, with a force of United States Secret service agents unofficially in reserve. They will not go back to Quebec, much as they and their friends desire it, and in spite of the writ of habeas corpus granted yesterday by Judge Andrews of Quebec directing Chief Detective Carpenter to return his prisoners to that city. When the Spray arrived in Montreal this morning the party drove to the Windsor. At 7 o'clock they again left the hotel, just as the pursuing force from Quebec, which had come up from Sorel on the Quebec boat, reached the hotel.

Chief Carpenter took his prisoners to Judge Lafontaine's residence and an impromptu court was convened in the Judge's library. Carpenter handed his prisoners over to the Judge, and the latter, after remanding them for examination on Monday, committed them to the care of two detectives, with permission to reside at the Windsor.

In the meantime Constable Gale of Quebec, with a writ of habeas corpus, was searching diligently for Carpenter. At 10 o'clock he found him in his office and served the writ. Carpenter was placed in a dilemma. He was in possession of a document calling upon him to produce the bodies of Gaynor and Greene before Judge Andrews in Quebec to-day, and he no longer had the prisoners in his possession, having been relieved by Judge Lafontaine.

He consulted his counsel and was informed that if he attempted to return the prisoners to Quebec he would be liable to arrest for contempt of the local court, whose mandate he had received and acknowledged. So an answer setting forth the facts in the matter was prepared and sent down to Quebec and with that it is expected the Quebec people will have to remain satisfied.

The jurisdiction of an extradition commissioner extends over the entire dominion, and the arrests of Greene and Gaynor were made by an officer qualified to make arrests in any portion of the province, consequently there is no doubt that they will hold. This evening Mrs. Gaynor arrived from Quebec, accompanied by counsel for the prisoners, who had a consultation with them at the Windsor.

It was stated this afternoon that the Provincial Government had instructed Judge Lafontaine to obey the writ of habeas corpus, but the Judge says that all he knows about the case is that he issued a warrant and that the men called for in that document were produced before him. He had remanded the prisoners until Monday morning and expected that they would again be produced before him. Legal opinion in Montreal is that habeas corpus proceedings cannot be instituted until Judge Lafontaine has decided the case. Then if he commits them for extradition proceedings of that nature will be in order.

SQUIERS NOMINATED MINISTER TO CUBA

Name of a New Yorker Is Sent to the Senate by the President.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The President to-day sent to the Senate the nominations of Herbert Goldsmith Squiers of New York to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the republic of Cuba, and Edward S. Bragg of Wisconsin Consul General at Havana.

Other nominations were made as follows:

John Gardener Coolidge, Massachusetts, secretary of the legation at Peking, China; Dewey C. Bailey, United States Marshal, District of Colorado; William H. Code of Arizona, Indian inspector.

Navy—Lieutenant John B. Bernadou, to be lieutenant commander. Lieutenants junior grade, to be lieutenants—Charles S. Bookwalter and W. S. Turpin. Assistant paymaster—Charles W. Penrose, to be assistant paymaster.

HAVANA, May 16.—President-elect Palma to-night announced his Cabinet as follows: Diego Tamayo (Nationalist), Secretary of Government, a new portfolio. He will have charge of the rural guard, sanitation, the administration of the postoffices and signal service. Carlos Zaldo (Republican-Autonomist), Department of State and Justice; Emilio Terry (Independent), Department of Agriculture; Manuel Luciano Diaz (Nationalist), Department of Public Works; Eduardo Yero (Nationalist), Department of Instruction; Garcia Montes (Republican), Department of Finance.

To-night the festivities, which will continue for a week, began with a banquet in honor of Governor General Wood and the other American officers, given by the veterans of the wars for Cuban independence. General Maximo Gomez, former commander in chief of the Cuban army and the idol of the Cuban people, presided. At his right sat Governor General Wood and at his left Senor Palma. Next to President Palma sat William J. Bryan. Gonzales J. Quesada, formerly Cuban commissioner in Washington, acted as toastmaster.

POPULAR LEADING LADY GIVEN FAREWELL BENEFIT

The testimonial benefit tendered to Miss Annette Marshall packed the Central Theater last night. Miss Marshall has been the leading lady at the Central Theater for some time, and from her initial bow to a San Francisco audience installed herself a favorite. Her popularity was fully attested by the warm reception given her last night. Many floral offerings were handed over the footlights to the charming beneficiary—enough, in fact, to completely fill the foyer of the theater.

Besides the eight-act drama "The World," which was presented by the Central Theater company, a number of specialties were introduced. The show was run as a continuous performance, the specialties being introduced "between curtains." Among the specialties introduced were Myrtle Dingwall and Ernest Young, Indian war dance; Montague Barton, toe dance; Eunice Gilman, Dutch specialty; Marie Nichols, Chinese song; Elsie Wahlicht, American dance; Juliet Maher, gayety dance, and Hobart Cavanaugh, ballads.

In the Divorce Courts.

Anna M. Smith was granted a divorce from Charles A. Smith by Judge Graham yesterday. Desertion is the alleged cause. Mrs. Smith is the plaintiff in a suit for $50,000 damages against Florence Smith, her cousin, who she alleges alienated her husband's affections.

Divorces were also granted yesterday to John Otis Brown from Eliza E. Brown for desertion and Emma Kohn from Benjamin Kohn for neglect. Suits for divorce were filed by Herman Apple against Emma Apple for desertion and Sadie E. Meyer against George A. Meyer for cruelty.

CRAM'S SUPERIOR ATLAS.

A car-load of Call Superior Atlases has arrived and they are now ready for distribution. All subscribers to The Call are entitled to a copy of this great book at the premium rate of $1 50. Out of town subscribers desiring a copy of this splendid premium will be supplied on receipt of $1 50. All mail orders will be shipped by express at subscriber's expense.

JUDGE COMMITS NEPHEW TO JAIL

Vagrant Proves to Be a Relative of the Court.

Santa Rosa Prisoner the Son of a Former Indiana Congressman.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SANTA ROSA, May 16.—Major John Browne, who dispenses justice in the court of Santa Rosa Township, was today called upon to do something unusual in his experience of thirty odd years on the bench. A young man who, he is thoroughly convinced, is a relative of his, was brought before him on a charge of vagrancy, and the Justice imposed a sentence of ten days in the County Jail.

The vagrant is Thomas Browne, and he is about 20 years of age. Further than giving his father's name and his birthplace, he was uncommunicative about himself. He admitted that he had begged food, but declared he was forced to that necessity by hunger. He had been unable to obtain employment, and his scant supply of money had dwindled until he had not the means with which to supply himself with food.

In pronouncing sentence upon him, Justice Browne told the prisoner that he had not the faintest doubt of the relationship which existed between them, but said that he could not allow that condition to interfere with justice. The youth was assured that he would be received with open arms by the Justice when he obtained his release from jail.

Browne has been in this city but a few days. When he arrived he had no knowledge of any relatives in this vicinity. His meeting with Judge Browne was unexpected to both. Judge Browne is certain that the youth is a son of his brother, Judge Thomas M. Browne, a prominent man of Indiana, which State he represented for many years in the United States House of Representatives.

The prisoner appears to be in a very despondent mood, and apparently cares little what becomes of him. He will be amply provided for by his local relatives.

FINDS NO PROOF OF A CONSPIRACY

Judge Sloss decided yesterday that the Brewers' Protective Association has not conspired against the Columbia Brewing Company for the purpose of ruining the business of the firm named. The brewing company brought suit against the association for an injunction restraining the association from compelling the maltsters of this city to refuse furnishing the plaintiff with the wherewithal to make beer. A conspiracy on the part of the members of the association was alleged.

In his decision Judge Sloss says:

It is not shown that defendants compelled the manufacturers of malt in this city to agree to refuse to sell malt to any one not a member of the Brewers' Protective Association or that the manufacturers of malt did make any such agreement. The purpose of the acts of the Brewers' Association appears to have been merely a desire to prevent the plaintiff from selling beer at a price less than the price at which the defendants were selling, not to ruin plaintiff or to compel it to abide by all the terms of the agreement of June 24. Without considering the question whether in this State an act in itself lawful can become unlawful because done by the combination of two or more persons, in pursuance of an illegal purpose, I think the effort by one engaged in a certain line of trade to prevent the continuance in such trade of another who is carrying on business in a manner deemed by the first to be detrimental to him is not the pursuit of an unlawful purpose.

FRED HANSTED'S CASE IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

Fred Hansted, the alleged assailant of Thomas Garrett, appeared before Judge Sloss yesterday seeking release on a writ of habeas corpus. Peter F. Dunne, special prosecutor employed by Garrett, and Attorney George D. Collins, representing Hansted, argued at length, after which Judge Sloss took the case under advisement.

Attorney Collins contended that the evidence was insufficient to warrant the holding of the defendant, and he also cited authorities to show that the pleadings in the case were improperly drawn. Collins reviewed the testimony taken in the Police Court, and said that Lauderbach, a Post-street merchant, who is the prosecution's principal witness, was unable to say that Hansted committed the assault, or that the two men Hansted was talking to before the occurrence beat Garrett. He also said that Witness Markus testified in the Police Court that he saw Hansted prevent the men from inflicting further injury on Garrett.

In replying Attorney Dunne cited many cases to prove that the pleadings were perfect, and argued that there was sufficient evidence to hold Hansted.

O'Donnell Motion Is Argued.

The argument on the motion of Attorney Archie Campbell to dismiss the case of William E. O'Donnell, charged with an assault upon Thomas Garrett, took place before Judge Cabaniss yesterday afternoon. After hearing Attorney Campbell and Attorney Peter F. Dunne, special counsel for the prosecution, on the question of constructive participation, the Judge said he would examine the authorities quoted and give his decision Tuesday morning.

Some Prefer the Oval

And Colonial styles of picture frames in gold, some admire the quaint shapes in Flemish, old Dutch and ebony; but all who have seen our stock agree that we have the prettiest, most varied and most reasonably priced picture frames ever seen in San Francisco. Sanborn, Vail & Co., 741 Market street.

HOLMES' CASE IS APPEALED.—An appeal was taken yesterday in the United States Circuit Court in the case of Howard C. Holmes vs. the State Board of Harbor Commissioners.

Late Shipping Intelligence.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

TACOMA—Sailed May 16—Stmr City of Puebla, for Seattle; stmr Elihu Thomson, for Vancouver; stmr Robert Dollar, for Seattle; Br ship Fingal, for Queenstown.

SEATTLE—Sailed May 16—Stmr Despatch, for Fairhaven; stmr Robert Dollar, for Whatcom.

Arrived May 16—Launches Totem and Sylph, from Columbia River.

ASTORIA—Arrived May 16—Schr John A, from San Francisco.

OCEAN STEAMERS.

ANTWERP—Arrived May 14—Stmr Switzerland, from Philadelphia.

HAMBURG—Arrived May 16—Stmr Moltke, from New York, via Plymouth and Cherbourg.

HAVRE—Arrived May 16—Stmr La Bretagne, from New York.

LIVERPOOL—Arrived May 16—Stmr Sylvania, from Boston.

Sailed May 15—Stmr Merion, for Boston.

MOVILLE—Sailed May 16—Stmr Ionian, from Liverpool, for Mnotreal.

GIBRALTAR—Sailed May 16—Stmr Neckar, from Naples, for New York.

SOUTHAMPTON—Sailed May 16—Stmr Fuerst Bismarck, from Hamburg, for New York, via Cherbourg.

CHERBOURG—Sailed May 16—Stmr Fuerst Bismarck, from Hamburg and Southampton, for New York.

QUEENSTOWN—Arrived May 16—Stmr Lucania, from New York, for Liverpool, and proceeded; stmr Celtic, from New York, for Liverpool, and proceeded.

GENOA—Arrived March 16—Stmr Vancouver, from Boston, for Naples and Alexandria.

NEW YORK—Arrived May 16—Stmr Campania, from Liverpool; stmr Norge, from Copenhagen and Christiania; stmr Auguste Victoria, from Hamburg, Southampton and Cherbourg.

KINSALE—Passed May 16—Stmr Celtic, form New York, for Liverpool.

STUDENTS TURN TIME BACKWARD

Stanford Views a Scene From the Era of Elizabeth.

Beautiful Features Attend the Water Carnival on Lagunita Lake.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, May 16.—Lagunita Lake never before presented so beautiful a scene as it did during the Elizabethan water carnival to-night. Thousands of red Japanese lanterns were strung in trees around the banks of the lake, their reflections in the water doubling their number. Rowboats and sailboats, gayly trimmed with lanterns, glided over the water, forming fantastic figures. The banks of the lake were crowded with people jostling each other good-naturedly, and many strangers were numbered among the throng.

Many students were dressed as ladies and knights of Queen Elizabeth's time, and their gay costumes added much to the effectiveness of the carnival. The gypsy fortune teller's booth was patronized largely by those desiring knowledge of their futures, and the Punch and Judy show served as amusement for the children.

To-night's attractions were started with an exhibition of tumbling by the Stanford gymnasium club, the efforts of the gymnasts calling forth merited applause.

The feature of the evening was the presentation of Pyramus and Thisbe, from "Midsummer Night's Dream." This took place on a barge anchored near the shore. The students who formed the cast showed splendid talent, and their ludicrous antics and droll remarks were received with applause and laughter. C. D. McComish '03 as Pyramus and I. J. Bounds '05 as Thisbe fell naturally into their parts and merited the applause that the mirthful throng on shore gave them.

Music in the afternoon was supplied by the Girls' Mandolin Club. To-night the men's club appeared and their numbers were well received. The tableaux of Elizabethan scenes were rendered the more effective by being produced on the large barge, that was moored near the lake shore.

FIGHT OF CARPENTERS PASSES ACUTE STAGE

Brotherhood Men Are Now Confident That They Have Practically Won.

The refusal of the contractors to discriminate against the brotherhood carpenters in favor of those affiliated with the Building Trades Council has proved a serious blow to President McCarthy's forces. It was reported last night that many of McCarthy's supporters in his fight against the brotherhood are deserting to the enemy, and that a general stampede is looked for at an early date.

The brotherhood carpenters are now confident of winning their fight, and say that the situation has passed the acute stage. It is believed that a compromise will be effected and that the Building Trades Council will be the first to quit. The agents of that body have reported to their chief that the orders to men to quit are being generally ignored now that the contractors have clearly defined their position in the fight. So long as it was possible to secure the co-operation of the contractors the McCarthy men felt certain of winning, but now that this has been refused, the situation as far as the council is concerned is without hope.

The Labor Council, with which the brotherhood unions are affiliated, met last night, but contrary to expectation no action as to the quarrel of the carpenters was taken. This is regarded as an indication that the council is satisfied with the situation and that no necessity for action in the premises at this time exists.

Carpenters' Union No. 22 met at 1133 Mission street last night, but aside from an informal discussion of the situation nothing of importance was done. Inquiries for information were met with the response that there was nothing to make public.

VEREIN ARION GIVES LAST CONCERT OF SEASON

Native Sons' Hall was packed last night, the occasion being the last concert to be given by the Verein Arion.

The rendering of the various numbers by the male chorus was magnificent, and especial mention must be made of "Old Folks at Home," which brought down the house; Patini's "Morire," sung by Miss Florence Boston, violin obligato by Miss Laura Taylor, was very pleasing.

The programme was as follows:

"Waldesgruss" (Salutations to the Forest) (Abt), Arion Male Chorus; "Hebraeische Melodien" (Joachim), viola solo, Herr Benat Jaulus; "Am Ort, Wo Meine Wiege Stand" (The Place Where My Cradle Stood) (Handwerg), Arion Male Chorus; (a) "All Souls' Day" (Ole Bull), (b) "Traumerei" (Schumann), Jaulus String Orchestra; (a) "Um Mitternacht," (b) "Trinklied," (c) "Wanderlied" (Frederick Zech Jr.), Arion Male Chorus; "Morire" arie (Patini), Miss Florence Boston, violin obligato, Miss Laura Taylor; (a) "Altniedlandisches Lied" (Old Netherlands Song) (Kremser), (b) "Old Folks at Home," arranged (Von Neidlinger), Arion Male Chorus; (a) "Barcarole," (b) "Etude" (Rubinstein), piano solo, Herr Paul Scholz; "Im Wald" (In the Forest) (Leu), Arion Male Chorus.

WANTS SHERIFF ARRESTED FOR OBSTRUCTING STREET

Ed Lawton, an inspector of the Board of Public Works, applied to Warrant and Bond Clerk Fitzpatrick yesterday for a warrant for the arrest of Sheriff Lackmann on the charge of obstructing the streets. Lawton stated that by order of the Sheriff a large quantity of rubbish had been deposited in front of a house on Fell street, near Polk, caused by the ejectment of an old man who occupied the basement, and it was lying there and obstructing the street.

Fitzpatrick demurred to issuing the warrant, as the Sheriff's duty ceased when the ejectment was effected and it was not his fault if the rubbish was allowed to remain in the street. Lawton was insistent, and Fitzpatrick consulted District Attorney Byington, who agreed with him, and the warrant was not issued.

If the warrant had been issued Coroner Leland would have been compelled under the Penal Code to have served it upon the Sheriff—a rather unusual proceeding for a Coroner.

McFADDEN'S PRELIMINARY HEARING IS COMMENCED

The preliminary examination of George McFadden on a charge of murder was commenced before Judge Mogan yesterday. He is accused of knocking Charles Tucker down in a passageway at 829 Howard street April 28 and robbing him. Tucker, who was 70 years of age and came from Martinez, had his skull fractured in the fall and died almost instantly.

Several witnesses examined for the prosecution testified to having seen the defendant and Tucker drinking together and walking along Howard street in the direction of the house where the old man's body was found. Among them were C. D. Trust, Edward Smith, Jacob Hoeges, Edward Drew, Mrs. Julia Driver, Harry Riddle, Morris Newman and Leopold Hirsch.

As an important witness is sick and unable to appear in court a continuance was granted till Monday.

Wanted by Los Angeles Police.

Fred Hook, wanted for forgery in Los Angeles, was arrested last night on McAllister street by Detective Bailey. Hook is accused of passing a draft for $25 on the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Los Angeles, the indorsement to which was forged. He claims that he is innocent. He will be taken south by Chief Elton, who is now in the city.

WARM CAMPAIGN NEARS THE END

San Jose Voters Will Go to the Polls on Monday.

Leaders of Both Factions Are Confidently Claiming Victory.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN JOSE, May 16.—San Jose is in the throes of the hottest city campaign it has ever known, and two great forces are lined up for a battle of ballots on Monday. E. A. Hayes and John D. Mackenzie are the commanding generals. For the past month both sides have been hard at work, and with the Worswick rally to-night both practically closed their public meetings. George D. Worswick is the standard-bearer of the reform forces and Adolph Greeninger carries the banner for Mackenzie. While the voters are rallying around these men, the real question is whether the people shall have a reform government or whether things shall go on in the same old rut under the direction of Mackenzie.

The campaign just closing has been one of the most bitter in the history of the city. The charges made against Andrew S. Mackenzie and the other Police Commissioners by H. E. Miller, that blackmail and extortion were levied for political purposes, have been aired and used in the campaign.

Against Mackenzie are the Herald and Mercury, both influential papers, and day after day they are pouring "hot shot" into his camp. Many of his former workers have turned on him, but Mackenzie, from his rooms in the California Club, is doing hard campaigning.

James W. Rea and his forces also are after Mackenzie's scalp, and they are working night and day to defeat him. Never before has money been so plentiful. Rea alone has wagered about $7500 that Worswick will be elected Mayor and has got more money to place.

RIVAL LEADERS CONFIDENT.

E. A. Hayes, the president of the Republican Good Government League, and who is directing the fight of the reform forces, is more sanguine than ever of winning the election. In summing up to-day he said:

I confidently expect the end will come to Mackenzieism and push domination in San Jose next Monday. I sincerely believe our ticket, headed by George D. Worswick, will be elected from top to bottom by big majorities. We have a splendid organization, and hundreds of citizens are spending their time and working earnestly in the cause of decency, and we do not expect the efforts of the people will relax until the night of election. The contest has been a bitter one and the efforts of the push most persistent and unflagging. We are confident the majority will be large for Worswick, reaching probably 1000. In the contest one never hears of politics—Republicanism and Democracy are never mentioned—but our forces, which include old soldiers, Republicans, Democrats and Populists, are earnestly working together to redeem San Jose from the stigma that has rested upon it so long. Worswick Clubs have been organized in every precinct and the frequent meetings being held are jammed with voters anxious to attest their loyalty to the cause of good government. On the other hand not a single club has been organized in behalf of the push ticket. Their canvass has been conducted from the notorious California Club as headquarters. We are all cheered and encouraged by the thought that the day of deliverance from boss rule is at hand.

John D. Mackenzie, who has control of the machine that has dominated politics in San Jose so long, declares that the opposition has not yet won the fight. He says he is absolutely certain his entire ticket, from Greeninger down, will be elected by majorities of from 700 to 900. Last year he won by 584 votes, and Mackenzie declares his organization is now much stronger. But few desertions have occurred from his ranks, the Harbor Commissioner says, and for each one he lost he claims to have gained five.

"We are better organized and stronger than last year," was his parting remark, "and are still doing quiet and effective work from the old stand."

REFORMERS' CLOSING RALLY.

The biggest political mass-meeting ever held in San Jose was that of this evening in the Auditorium in the interests of the citizens' municipal ticket. It was held under the auspices of the Independent Club. More than 2500 persons crowded the big structure and about one thousand were turned away, unable to gain admittance.

W. A. Beasly acted as chairman. Addresses were made by Frank H. Benson, Thomas Westoby (secretary of the City Front Federation of San Francisco), Judge Lawrence Archer and G. D. Worswick, the citizens' nominee for Mayor. The meeting was then announced closed, but the audience refused to leave and demanded more speaking. Judge M. H. Hyland and J. R. Lewis addressed the assemblage. The speakers all predicted a sweeping victory for the citizens' nominees.

QUARREL COSTS HIM HOME AND PROSPECTIVE BRIDE

Unfortunate Wooing of Ezekiel House Leads to Much Litigation.

SAN JOSE, May 16.—The story of courtship and troubles of Mrs. C. A. Warthen and Ezekiel House, well-known residents near Gilroy, is recalled by an answer filed in an ejectment suit in the Superior Court to-day. They live near each other and a few years ago were engaged to be married. In his ardent wooing House deeded his home to Mrs. Warthen. The place consists of forty acres and is worth about $6000. They quarreled before the wedding day. Mrs. Warthen then brought suit to eject House from the place. He fought the case and claimed the deed was only conditional on her agreement to marry and as she had failed to do so he asked that the instrument be set aside. Now Mrs. Warthen claims that the deed was absolute and that the land is no more than of sufficient value to serve as a balm for the trifling with her affections. Each blames the other for the disruption in their love affair. Both have been married and have families of children.

FIRE DESTROYS OLD ROOKERIES

Midnight Blaze Creates Excitement on Ellis Street.

Two Firemen Fall Eighteen Feet and Escape With Bruises.

What threatened to be a disastrous fire broke out in a number of old shacks on Ellis street, above Mason, at 12:30 o'clock this morning. Two alarms were turned in from box 115. It was due to the prompt work of the splendidly organized department that a serious conflagration was averted. For a time the Langham Hotel on the corner of Ellis and Mason streets was menaced. A heavy wind was blowing and large firebrands and sparks were wafted toward the big structure.

Within a few minutes after the blaze was discovered in Levi Newton's coal yard at 209 Ellis street the fire was at its height. The sky was lit up and thousands hurried to the scene and blockaded the path of the firemen. The excitement was intense. Streams of water were poured into the rookeries from every side, and within half an hour the conflagration was under control.

Although of short duration, the fire was full of incidents. William Conlon and John Mitchell, members of Engine Company No. 2, were badly injured while fighting the blaze from the rear. They were handling a hose on a balcony of an abandoned house in the rear when it gave way beneath their combined weight, precipitating them to the ground, which was fully eighteen feet below. Comrades instantly cared for the unfortunate men and they were hurried to their engine house and treated for their injuries by Dr. Bodkin.

Mrs. Montigo and her young son Hubert were asleep at 207 Ellis street, and but for the timely arrival of the firemen both might have been burned to death. Mrs. Montigo was awakened by the firemen and escorted across the street to a neighbor's home. The property was uninsured, and she lost everything. For a time she was disconsolate, as she thought her bank book that recorded her savings had beetn destroyed; but this was later restored to her.

Mrs. Pauline Goldstein and her husband, who lived in back of a store at 211½ Ellis street, were also awakened by the crackling of flames and the odor of fire. Mr. Goldstein hurriedly moved his belongings to the sidewalk, but stated he had lost a lot of things and lamented the fact that he carried no insurance.

Micke Levy, the Orpheum Theater ticket collector, and a young man named Howard Philipps were passing Newton's coal yard when the fire broke out. Their first thought was to save the horses in the rear, and they broke in the door and led two of the frightened animals out. They attempted to return for the other animals, but were driven back by the smoke. Three horses are said to have been lost.

Levy stated that the fire started in the coal yard. He saw a slight blaze in a bale of hay in the rear of the stable and says it burst into a big flame within a few minutes.

The shacks were owned by a man named Phillips. They were uninsured and of little value. The occupants of the houses that were destroyed were Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein, 211½ Ellis street, custom tailoring establishment, loss $200, uninsured; Julius Sichel, owner of a carpenter shop at 211 Ellis street, loss $1000, uninsured; Newton's coal yard, loss unknown. Three horses were destroyed and the contents of the building burned. Newton carried some insurance.

Next door to the coal yard was a small chophouse known as the Central. The damage to this place was very slight. Upstairs was occupied by Mrs. Montigo and the Valorine Cleaning Company. The loss to these people was complete. Although there was no insurance on the personal effects, the loss was less than $300.

Sparks ignited a deserted building in the rear of 125 Mason street, but the blaze was extinguished in its incipiency.

Morris Hepstein, a friend of Mr. Goldstein, the tailor who lived at 211½ Ellis street, said that when he detected the smoke he jumped out of the doorway and looked through a window into the cellar and saw a blaze far in the rear of the structure. He said while standing in front of the burning building he saw a man rush across the street with a child in his