PREVENT FAMILY FROM DEPARTING

Wadleighs Attempt to Go to Portland and Are Restrained.

Superior Court to Decide Whether Parents Are Fit Guardians.

John Wadleigh, his wife, Irene Wadleigh, and their four children, May, Florence, Solomon and Helen, were prevented from leaving this city last night for Portland, Or., by the California Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, represented by M. J. White, the secretary, and H. McMurray and W. D. Scott, police officers, with the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society. May, Florence and Helen were taken to the Ladies' Protection and Relief Society on Geary and Franklin streets by White and McMurray, and the son, Solomon, was taken to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society to join his elder brother, John, who was recently placed there. The father remained at the depot, while the mother accompanied the children, carrying the youngest in her arms as far as Geary street, where she gave the baby into the charge of the officers and returned to the depot to rejoin her husband.

Some few days ago, it is understood, the Wadleighs went to George B. Keane, the Mayor's secretary, and secured from him a certain sum of money and free transportation to Portland, Or., under the plea of extreme poverty. Yesterday morning Secretary White of the California Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children filed a petition in the Superior Court praying for the custody and guardianship of the children and a citation order was issued by Judge Coffey to have John and Irene Wadleigh appear on February 16 to show cause why letters of guardianship of the children should not be granted, and in the meanwhile authorizing White to take control of the children.

Last night as the Wadleigh family were preparing to go aboard the ferry on their way to Portland papers were served on them by Murray and Scott. John Wadleigh seemed unmoved and bade his wife let the law take its course. He seemed indifferent to the fate of his wife and children and stayed at the ferry building with a large megaphone under his arm. His wife, with the baby in her arms, refused to leave the children, and got on the car with them, telling her husband she would return to him and bidding him take care of the trunks.

At Geary street the transfer was made and here the mother had to separate from her baby or go with the other children to the Ladies' Protective and Relief Society. She chose to return to the ferry, and the baby was given into the arms of May, the eldest girl.

White stated last night that the girl, May, aged about 15 years, had been caught during the holidays shoplifting in the Emporium and that Officer Scott hunted up the parents and told them about it. He swore in his petition that John and Irene Wadleigh have no legitimate means of earning a living for the support of their children and that they are mendicants and beggars and that they permit John and Solomon, their sons, to beg and steal and that all the older children are acquiring habits of dishonesty and deceit and that they have assumed on many occasions the names of Sullivan, Sunderland, Lyman, Gable and lately Charles and Mary Reed.

The Wadleighs have been before the public since 1898 and have gulled the various charitable societies of the city to such an extent that a halt has been called. Mrs. Wadleigh declares that with the help of her powerful friends, she will yet have the charge of her children.

NORMAL SCHOOL GIVES DIPLOMAS TO SIXTY

January Graduation Exercises at San Jose Attended by Many Friends of Institution.

SAN JOSE, Jan. 29.—A class of sixty young teachers were given their diplomas at the January graduation exercises at the State Normal School this morning. Of this number but eight are young men. The assembly hall of the school was crowded with friends of the graduates. On the stage beside President Dailey were Trustees Brown and Jacobs of San Jose and Trustee Marston of San Francisco and Assemblymen Pyle, Steadman, Transue, Snyder, Dougherty, Walker and John, the Committee on Buildings and Grounds now touring the State.

The exercises opened with an overture by the D'Ablaing orchestra. Rev. Thornton A. Mills of this city delivered the invocation. An address was delivered by Professor Elmer E. Brown of the University of California. After a song by the Choral Club President Dailey presented the diplomas to the graduates. Miss Edith O'Brien, the president of the graduating class, presented the school on behalf of the class with a steel engraving of the statue of David by Michael Angelo. Miss Lillian Rainey responded on behalf of the student body.

The list of graduates is as follows:

Edith O'Brien, Margaret O'Meara, Mrs. Jessie Davidson Donald Steel, Mabel Griffes, Lizzie McKindley, Fred Hogan, Phoebe Boyd, Ella C. Garcia, Naomi Purcell, Lena Kocher, Effie Crofoot, Edith Draper, Kate C. Elmes, Elsie Tatham, Brena Headen, Elizabeth Casey, Violet Shopard, Minnie Wainwright, Gertrude Prentice, Allie Weir, Ruth Leonard, Ethel McRae, Lillie Stockwell, Victorine Klein, Clara Powell, Richard Woelfle, Grace Thompson, Eva McIntyre Lenore O'Neill, George Walton, Marguerite Veuve, Josephine Longmire, Alpha Duncan, Elizabeth Quick, J. Hiram Graves, Jennie Massee, Edith Dietz, Alive Inslee, Myra Lee, Ethel Brown, Ada Roth, Carol Maude Hule, Grace Fernald, Elsie Little Casper Ornbaun, Alice Wehrly, Georgie A. Smith, Nayme Tyler, Ina Allen, Emma Resseguie, Alice Merrill, Susie Steel, Bertha Slayton, Estelle Brown, J. Carter.

This evening the graduating class was tendered a reception at the Normal School. There was dancing and refreshments were served.

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS.

A WAY THEY HAVE

What This San Francisco Citizen Says Only Corroborates the Story of Thousands.

The particulars related by this representative citizen of San Francisco are similar to hundreds of others in this city. When there are scores of people all anxious to tell about the benefit received from the use of Doan's Kidney Pills the greatest skeptic in San Francisco must be convinced. Read the following:

Mrs. V. Powell (V. Powell, night watchman) of 272 Harriet street says: "I know of a case of kidney complaint, probably due to the contraction of a cold, where Doan's Kidney Pills were used and the treatment stopped very severe aching across the small of the back. This was some months ago and since then there has not been any indication of a return. I have seen accounts in our newspapers in San Francisco of others who were just as pronounced in their estimation of Doan's Kidney Pills as I."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name, Doan's, and take no substitute.

JEWISH LADIES HELP THE POOR

Annual Meeting Reviews Reports of Relief Society.

Officers Are Selected for the Ensuing Twelve Months.

An annual meeting of the Jewish Ladies' Relief Society was held yesterday at 436 O'Farrell street. Reports were read and officers for the year were elected. The following are the officers who were named to conduct the affairs of the society during the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Henry Wangenheim; vice president, Mrs. Louis Goodman; treasurer, Mrs. Sol Wangenheim; secretary, Meyer H. Levy; trustees—Mrs. F. A. Haber, Mrs. George Greenzweig, Mrs. Henry Sinsheimer, Mrs. Sig Schwabacher, Mrs. Juda Newman and Mrs. Hugo Rothschild.

The annual address of the president, Mrs. Henry Wangenheim, contained a general review of the transactions of the past twelve months:

The society received from various sources the sum of $7018 61 and expenditures have been $4512 92, leaving a balance of $2502 69 to be added to capital account. The assets of the society stand at the present time at $12,786, consisting of deposits with various savings banks amounting to $12,033 37, advanced to the Hebrew board of relief $375, cash with treasurer $257 63 and members' accounts $120, a total of $12,786.

Receipts from the bequest of S. W. Rosenstock and the bequest of Leopold Breuner amounted to $1100. Donations were $1145 in total. These were all acknowledged, the donations being as follows: From Levi Strauss & Co., in memory of Levi Strauss, $500; Mrs. Sarah Sloss, in memory of husband, Louis Sloss, $250; Mrs. Hannah Gerstle, in memory of husband, Lewis Gerstle, $100; A. Schwabacher, commemorating marriage of daughter, $100; Eugene Arnstein, $100; Mrs. Louis Schwabacher, $50; Mrs. Julie Grinbaum, $25; an unknown friend, $20.

The general prosperity diminished the number of demands made for assistance. The society co-operated with the Hebrew Board of Relief in dispensing alms, and the society assessments for said purpose during the past year were $3606 42. This is $155 36 less than in 1901 and $804 98 less than in the previous year. Disbursements have decreased owing to the systematic manner in which our charity work is now being done. Hope was expressed that the Hebrew Board of Relief will continue to carry on its work as harmoniously and with the same degree of thoroughness as heretofore.

Mrs. Wangenheim reported the present membership to be 389. Allusion was made to the loss by death of Mrs. Emily Hart, Mrs. Jules Rosenstirn, Mrs. L. Lebenbaum and Leo Eloesser, and to the valuable services of committees of the society.

WOMAN LEFT PENNILESS IN A STRANGE CITY

Miss Linda Bachman, who is living in the Saratoga House, told a pitiful story to the bond and warrant clerk yesterday. She said she was engaged to be married to Harry Dickey, a machine agent, and came here with him from Indianapolis about a month ago, paying his fare. She had a draft for $201 and gave it to Dickey to collect from the bank about ten days ago.

Last Thursday Dickey disappeared and she had not seen or heard of him since. She learned at the bank that the draft had been cashed and she had been forced to the conclusion that he had absconded and left her penniless in a strange city. She was advised to swear out a warrant for his arrest on a charge of felony embezzlement. She hesitated at first, but finally consented and the warrant was sworn to before Police Judge Fritz.

Sorry She Left Husband.

Mrs. G. A. King, a rather pretty woman who gives her age as 16 years, applied at the City Prison last night for lodging, which was given her. She told the police that she was a half-breed Cherokee and had been married to a wealthy stockman of Winnemucca, Nev., but remained with him one day. She deserted him at Wichita, Kan., and came to this city about a month ago. Having exhausted her funds, and being without employment, she sought the hospitality of the city. She says she would like to be reunited to her husband, who is three times her age and has money.

Mayor Schmitz' absence from the Nixon banquet explained in the Wasp.

Aged Frenchman Takes His Life.

Aime Giry, a Frenchman, 71 years of age, swallowed the contents of a bottle of strychnine at his home, 520 Kearny street, early yesterday morning, and died as the result of the poison. Before ending his life Giry left a rude draught of his will, in which he left his small store of personal belongings to his son, Camill, with whom he has been living. Despondency over the death of his wife, which occurred four months ago, is assigned as the cause of his act.

Late Shipping Intelligence.

SAILED.

Thursday, January 29.

Stmr John S Kimball, Thwing, Seattle and Tacoma.

Stmr National City, Johnson, Fort Bragg.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

TACOMA—Arrived Jan 29—Stmr Queen, from San Francisco.

GRAYS HARBOR—Sailed Jan 28—Stmr Jaqua, for Santa Barbara; schr Roy Somers, for San Francisco; schr Sailor Boy, for San Francisco.

Arrived Jan 28—Schr Transit, from San Pedro; stmr Aberdeen, hence Jan 24; stmr Del Norte, hence Jan 25.

FOREIGN PORT.

VICTORIA, B C, Jan 29—Br sealing schr Sadie Turpel was stranded in Royal Bay this morning high and dry. Damage not great.

Shoots Miranda Through Leg.

Samuel Rodrigues, proprietor of the Columbia saloon and lodging-house, 270 Brannan street, was arrested at 1 o'clock this morning by Policemen Nobmann and R. A. Tobin and booked at the Southern station on a charge of assault to murder. During an altercation in one of the rooms of the lodging-house he shot Pedro Miranda, a fireman on the steamship Panama, through the upper part of the left leg. Miranda was taken to the Central Emergency Hospital, where his wound was treated. It was pronounced not to be serious. Rodrigues claims that the shooting was a result of an attempt to protect his wife from rough treatment at the hands of Miranda.

Laborers' Union Thanks Company.

Laborers' Protective Union No. 8944 has sent a resolution to the Spring alley Water Company thanking the corporation for having voluntarily adopted a pay of $2 50 per day of eight hours as the minimum for its employes.

Says Brother Is Missing.

M. P. Kearney of 311 Turk street reported to the Morgue last night that his brother had been missing since January 23 from his home at 311 Turk street. He went to work on that day and has not been seen since.

British Bark Powyr Castle Lost.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—It is announced that the British bark Powyr Castle, from Tacoma October 27 for Queenstown, was lost off Staten Island (at the southern extremity of South America) January 9, two of the crew being drowned. The rest are safe.

SUPERVISORS DISCUSS AFFAIRS OF THE CITY

WILL NOT ABIDE BY CONDITIONS

Southern Pacific Wants Bay Shore Franchise on Easy Terms.

Property Owners Oppose New Thoroughfare Through Chinatown.

The Supervisors' Street Committee yesterday considered the conditions to be incorporated in the proposed franchise for a bay shore road for which the Southern Pacific Company has petitioned. Chief Counsel Herrin of the company objected to the plan requiring the railroad company to construct and maintain a viaduct along Fifth street over its track system.

City Engineer Grunsky said that the proposed viaduct would be about a mile long, and he believed that the city should bear one-quarter of the expense. The viaduct would necessitate the construction of a drawbridge across Fifth and Channel streets. Herrin said he had talked the matter over with General Manager Kruttschnitt, and they agreed that the construction of a viaduct would be an insurmountable objection.

Grunsky said an alternative proposition would be to provide a bridge over Third street, the Santa Fe Company to pay $70,000 and the Southern Pacific Company about $55,000. Herrin said if the viaduct condition is withdrawn he would see what could be done about bearing a portion of the expense of the Third street bridge after consulting Chief Engineer Hood.

"The viaduct proposition cannot be considered," said Herrin, "as it would require a complete readjustment of our terminals."

The question of a bridge was laid over for one week.

The question of granting a franchise for a track leading to the triangular tract of land bounded by Channel, Kentucky and Fourth streets, preferably over Fourth street, near Kentucky, is to be considered with the Third street bridge.

AGREES TO PAY RENTAL.

Regarding the question of abandoning to the railroad company for an adequate rental the use of the two market places at Fifth and Channel streets and the Produce Exchange block lying within the boundaries of streets that have been closed by the company, Herrin said he would make an offer of a minimum rental during the life of the franchise.

On the question of granting a franchise for the track system now in use through the Mission, Herrin said the company claims the right to maintain the track as a legal proposition and expects to establish it in the courts. He said he would prefer to change the system from steam to electricity when required, such condition to be incorporated in the franchise. Grunsky said that if the Mission tracks are retained and electricity used the bridges along the line should be reconstructed.

Supervisor McClellan said that he would vote against granting the franchise if the company did not agree to take up the tracks in the Mission.

OPPOSES MISSION TRACKS.

"I am opposed to keeping the tracks there," said McClellan, "and if this committee recommends the granting of the franchise without imposing a condition that the Mission tracks be taken up I will, as a member of the board, oppose it. I will also insist that people demanding damages shall be fairly treated."

Herrin stated it was intended to use the Mission branch as an emergency in case of a tie-up on the shore line, but McClellan said that the trains had been run for thirty years through the Mission and the company did not think of having an emergency road.

A protest was filed with the committee against the recommendation of the Board of Works that a thoroughfare be constructed through Chinatown from the north end of Grant avenue via Dupont and Stockton streets to Bay street and Van Ness avenue. The protest was signed by a number of owners of property situated within 500 feet on either side of the proposed street. It declares that the opening of the street is injudicious, injurious to their interests and not calculated to solve in a practical manner the problem of connecting the north end of the city with Kearny street.

Commissioner Manson said the Board of Works had submitted a tentative plan with the purpose of opening up certain properties now almost inaccessible from the central portion of the city.

COST OF SURVEY.

"No special plan has been advocated for the accomplishment of the task by bond issue, assessment district or otherwise," said Manson, "so protests are not occasioned. There should be no objection to permit a definite study of the proposition to determine its possibilities. The cost of such a study with surveys will be about $900."

Rev. E. R. Bennett of the American Baptist Home Mission Society was heard in opposition to the plan. Supervisor Braunhart wanted the matter of providing funds for a preliminary study referred to the Finance Committee, but the Street Committee postponed the hearing for two weeks.

The request of the United Railroads that the question of withdrawal of the permit to erect poles for power purposes on Church street remain in statu quo until the City Attorney can pass upon the question was granted.

Action on the petition of Emily Pope and others to open and extend Cole street from Sullivan to Carl and Sullivan street to Clayton was postponed for two weeks to give parties in interest a chance to settle their differences. Mrs. Furlong, the owner of property required for the opening of Cole street, offered to sell it to Mrs. Pope and M. Lang for $5000.

The petition of Ferdinand Reis to lay a spur track on Townsend and Fifth streets a distance of 100 feet on each street was favorably reported on.

Grade changes were recommended on Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-second avenues and on H, I and J streets.

On City Attorney Lane's advice that the deed of execution of the Sutro estate to lands necessary for the extension of Clayton street and Tremont avenue is in due form and satisfactory, the committee reported in favor of accepting the deed declaring lands described therein to be open public streets.

Bring Your Folks to California.

Opportunity comes to every one. This is yours. Low rates will be made by the Southern Pacific from February 15th to April 30th from the East to California. From Chicago, $33; St. Louis, Memphis and New Orleans, $30; Omaha, Kansas City and other Missouri River points, $25. You can deposit the money here with the Southern Pacific agent and the ticket will be furnished to your friends in the East.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Jan. 29.—The Drummond Tobacco Company factory burned tonight. Loss $100,000.

REVENUE FROM SALE OF WATER

Spring Valley Company Files Its Annual Statement.

Complains That Dividends for Two Months Were Omitted.

The Spring Valley Water Company yesterday filed with the Board of Supervisors a statement showing a list of its consumers and all the revenue derived from all sources during the year 1902, together with an itemized list of all the expenditures made for supplying water during the year. The statement follows:

RECEIPTS.

Water rents, private consumers	$1,666,401 81
City and county	161,401 95
Shipping	86,977 65
Old city bills of 1900	18,410 81
Other sources	47,459 50
Total income	$1,980,651 72

DISBURSEMENTS.

Operating expenses	$454,013 77
Taxes	236,828 97
Interest	676,494 15
Dividends, ten months	588,000 00
Total expenditures	$1,955,336 89
Paid on account of permanent improvements	735,594 16
Surplus	25,314 83

If stockholders, the report continues, had received their interest for twelve months, instead of ten months, the additional expenditure for interest for 1902 would have been $117,600, making the total cost of supplying San Francisco with water $2,072,936 89, showing a deficit of $150,695 98.

The receipts of 1901 were $1,837,874 24, or $36,907 17 less than in 1902.

Total water consumption in 1902 was 10,101,843,000 gallons, of which 7,354,000,000 gallons were pumped to heights ranging from 240 to 500 feet, or about 72½ per cent of the entire consumption was pumped.

The following estimate shows the cost of supplying water and distributing it in the city for the year 1903:

Interest on outstanding bonds	$632,500
Additional interest on floating debt and new construction	60,000
Twelve months' interest to stockholders	705,600
Operating expenses	475,000
Taxes	240,000
Gross revenue required	$2,133,100

Deducting estimated income from rents and other sources there remains $2,088,100 which has to be produced during 1903. During the fiscal year 1901-1902 the revenues of the company were $1,926,917 94.

CHILD'S FORTUNE CAUSES CONTEST

Mother of John Auzerais Has Had Romantic Career.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Jan. 29.

A romantic tale centers about the contest instituted by C. W. Clark, a wealthy pioneer, to the application of Leon Esmoil and his wife, Lucy Esmoil, formerly an actress, to be appointed guardians of the $130,000 estate of John Llewellyn Auzerais, a son of Mrs. Esmoil by a former marriage. The lad inherited the fortune from the late flour man, Llewellyn Williams, who left a fortune of $335,000. Mrs. Esmoil, the boy's mother, was an adopted daughter of Williams.

This daughter married Jean Auzerais, a member of the wealthy San Jose family. When Williams died in 1891 he remembered his adopted daughter by leaving her $100,000, and also by leaving her son the same amount. The bequests were unsuccessfully fought by relatives in the East.

The lad's father and mother, both having independent fortunes, lived in high style, spending money right and left. Finally domestic troubles arose and a divorce followed. The day after it was granted Auzerais married a former nurse in his family, and his wife married J. Hoyt, an actor, who was a brother of the late well known playwright, Charles Hoyt.

A theatrical troupe was organized by Mrs. Hoyt and her husband. A trip to Alaska and subsequently a tour through Europe comprised the itinerary of the organization. Mrs. Hoyt spent $10,000 a month on her play, and finally wound up broke in London, where her husband died. Mrs. Hoyt returned to America and married her present husband, Leon Esmoil, a commercial drummer.

In relating his reasons for opposing the petition Clark, who is the executor of Williams' will, said:

"The boy's mother and her husband are not fit to have charge of the estate. They are too fond of spending money. Mrs. Esmoil is now lying on a sick bed from which she may never arise. If letters were granted the boy's estate would pass into other hands. In ten years' time I have increased the original $100,000 to $130,000, besides paying out $20,000 for the lad's education. If any one should be appointed the boy's guardian it is his grandmother in San Jose or myself."

F. E. Bovay.

SANTA MONICA, Jan. 29.—Mayor F. E. Bovay, who was reputed to have been the founder of the earliest Republican party, died here to-day, aged 84 years. He said recently:

"It is not to be supposed that I went into the organization of the citizens of Ripon, Wis., and the country thereabouts blindly. That has been said frequently of me and my intentions in calling the first meetings at Ripon to protest against the actions of our representatives in Congress and the lack of organized opposition to the Kansas-Nebraska bill. I have each time denied it and pointed out an abundance of evidence and living witnesses in support of my contention. I organized those men in these first meetings with the avowed purpose of making that a national party organization."

Gompers' Son Is Dead.

DENVER, Jan. 29.—Abraham J. Gompers, son of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is dead of pneumonia at the home of Max Morris in this city. He was 28 years of age and came to Denver about eighteen months ago in search of health. The body will be shipped to the home of his parents in Washington.

PROPOSED TEST MEETS DEFEAT

Fire Committee Refuses to Change the Oil Ordinance.

Protest Against Altering Existing Status Is Sustained.

The Fire Committee of the Board of Supervisors decided yesterday not to recommend any changes in the existing ordinance relating to the flash test for fuel oil. As a consequence the test of 110 degrees Fahrenheit is left undisturbed.

The committee met yesterday morning at the City Hall to hear those who protested against the change of the fire test for fuel oil to 140 degrees. No one appeared in support of the proposed change. Some strong testimony was introduced in favor of the present standard of test. John Baker Jr. of the Union Oil Company informed the committee that he had been in communication with Eastern cities for the purpose of ascertaining what restrictions they have thrown about the use of fuel oil. He sent out dispatches of inquiry in which the question was asked, "What flash test does your ordinance provide for governing fuel oil burned under boilers for steam making purposes?"

By telegraph he received answers from Chicago that that city has no ordinance governing fuel oil. An answer to the same intent was returned from Philadelphia and also from Galveston. The New York ordinance, it was reported to Mr. Baker, is at 100 degrees.

A. M. Hunt made a statement saying that he represented the Spreckels interests and protested against the proposed raise in the petroleum flash test. He said that the Spreckels enterprises had used crude oil for fuel in many ways and no accident had taken place in years and under the 110 degree test the city was protected. He contradicted a statement to the effect that there had been three fires due to fuel oil in the Independent Electric Light and Power plant. He considered that there was absolute safety under the 110 degrees flash test so far as the property interests of San Francisco were concerned.

Attorney Gaillard Stoney asked some questions to which Mr. Hunt responded, making the additional statement that in his opinion the present ordinance secures the public safety.

M. J. Fontana, formerly Supervisor, told the committee that the canneries combine, in which he is interested, uses oil in at least twenty large canneries in California, these being spread throughout all parts of the State. No accident of any sort has ever taken place in one of these twenty plants through the agency of fuel oil. All the plants have been using the fuel oil constantly for several years. He did not think that present conditions should be disturbed. If the ordinance that was proposed should pass, raising the flash test on fuel oil, contracts that had been made for oil might be vitiated. It appeared to him that the proposed ordinance had been proposed in the interest of some particular company. The State has lacked cheap coal and cheap fuel oil had come to help the industries of California. He considered it to be the duty of every citizen to help foster the use of oil.

A. M. Beach of the Tubbs Cordage Company said that the entire ground was covered by the existing ordinance relating to the flash test. It was the duty of the authorities, if there were violations of the law, to look after the matter. If, he said, the existing law were violated, so would be any law that fixed a higher flash test.

After considerable discussion Supervisor Lynch moved that it be considered the sense of the committee that the present ordinance, with its flash test at 110 degrees, be considered satisfactory. Supervisor Loughery seconded the motion and this was adopted as the sense of the committee.

CONSIDERS ORDINANCE TO RESTRICT ROCK CRUSHING

Supervisors Continue to Hear Evidence of Owners of Property Injured by Blasting.

The Board of Supervisors yesterday resumed consideration of the proposed ordinance limiting the operation of rock crushers and stone quarries to certain districts in the city.

John Nightingale testified that blasting on Telegraph Hill is undermining his property and he considered his life to be in danger thereby. Miss Ryan said some of the rooms in her home were uninhabitable, owing to damage done by blasting and that the house had been practically ruined. Several times the members of her family were compelled to leave the house when a blast was set off, as they feared for their lives.

E. Buchel, Mrs. O'Malley, Miss Annie Cooley, Fred Ghiselli and B. Donnelly also told of damage and inconvenience caused by blasting. Mrs. Barstow stated that she had been a witness in many suits brought against Gray Bros., because she did not intend to wait until her front porch was taken away through the firm's operations.

John O'Connor was the only witness who testified that the rock crusher operated by Cushing-Wetmore Company was indirectly injuring property or would if allowed to continue. Max Popper told of the damage done by the rock quarries on Clipper and Douglass streets, and the inquiry was then continued until next Monday at 3 p. m.

President of Reichstag.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—The Reichstag to-day re-elected Count von Ballestrem as president. The Count subsequently entered the chamber and accepted the office.

FATHER GLEESON CALLED TO REST

Venerable Pastor of St. Anthony's Succumbs to Paralysis.

Death Ends a Half Century's Labor in the Interest of the Church.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Jan. 29.

The Rev. Father William Gleeson, for thirty years the pastor of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, passed away at noon to-day at the parochial residence, on Sixteenth avenue, where he has made his home for three decades. His death was the result of the paralytic stroke that came upon him last Sunday morning while he was putting on the vestments in prepartion for morning mass. He sank to the ground when stricken and was borne by tender hands to his bed. The physicians said there was no hope.

The venerable pastor hovered between life and death until death conquered today. Only a portion of the time was he conscious and during the last twenty-four hours was unable to recognize even his friends of the priesthood who stood beside his bed. Just before noon a change came and the priest sank into a deep sleep from which he did not awake.

Father Gleeson fell one day about a month ago and dislocated his right shoulder, an injury that was accompanied by a partial paralysis. It was this injury that the physicians believe brought on the paralysis that ended in death.

The Rev. Father Gleeson was 50 years a priest and would soon have celebrated his golden jubilee with his friend and classmate, the Rev. Father King, pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Fifty years ago he graduated from All Hallow's College, Dublin, and was then 26 years old. His life has been devoted to the service of the church, and in the discharge of his duty he has been in many lands and amid many stirring scenes.

His first service was as chaplain of an English regiment fighting against the Sepoys in India. He was afterward given a professorship in a college planted at the foot of the Himalaya Mountains, far inland. At the end of two years his eyes failed him and he was transferred to a college at Smyrna, remaining there two years under his brother, who was the superior.

The rigors of the climate of the Far East were too much for the priest and he came to America. His first year in this country was spent in Carson City, Nev. Then he taught a year in the old St. Mary's College in San Francisco, and in 1871 he came to take charge of St. Anthony's Church, with which he has been ever since.

Father Gleeson was a man of strong intellect, with literary ability of an uncommon kind. He wrote two books that are looked upon as authoritative by the Catholic church—one "The History of the Catholic Church in California" and the other "Trials of the Church," in two volumes. These were written after the father had been in California but a short time. In addition to his high intellectual endowments the father had a wonderful facility for learning the languages, and he is said to have spoken no less than twelve tongues fluently.

The funeral will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock from St. Anthony's Church, when a high mass will be said. Archbishop Riordan will be the celebrant, though his consent to act has not yet been obtained. The interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

CROWNED AS KING KI-KI OF EAGLES' CARNIVAL

SAN JOSE, Jan. 29.—Thomas J. McGeoghegan, City Treasurer, was crowned King Ki-Ki of the Eagles' Carnival this evening. There was a parade of his majesty and his subjects, the Eagles, in grotesque costume. Features of the show were also in line. They were well received along the line of march and an immense crowd followed the pageant to the grounds where the coronation took place.

The contest for king, which closed at noon, was a spirited one toward the last. Harry J. Bercivich, who was second, was beaten by only 100 votes.

With fair weather the balance of the week promises to be a lively one at the carnival. Delegations of Eagles from Santa Rosa and Vallejo have been here negotiating with the carnival company to give a show in those places. Saturday will be Eagles' day, when a large number of the order is expected from San Francisco and other bay cities.

CHILD ASKS HELP OF PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 29.—Bernie Bird, the 10-year-old daughter of a man condemned to die in Alaska for murder, has written a pathetic letter to Miss Alice Roosevelt, asking her to intercede in her father's behalf. The letter in part follows:

I know you love your father and this is to ask you to help me and my brothers and sisters to have our dear papa again. He is under sentence in Alaska and I know there is no one able to help us but your loving papa, so do not forsake us in our trouble. We have not seen papa for nearly five years and he was so good and kind to us before he went away. Now, my dear Miss Roosevelt, I implore you to beg of your papa to think of us and our dear mamma, and when you come to New Orleans we will try and get to see you and thank you in person for your kindness to us all, and we will pray to God to spare your papa and mamma to you.

Licensed to Marry.

OAKLAND, Jan. 29.—The following marriage licenses were issued to-day: Robert A. Jackson, over 21, and Edith L. Hallenback, over 18, both of Oakland; Fred W. Engelken, 22, and Edith E. Way de Veare, 19, both of Oakland; J. Enos Rodrigues, 38, Alvarado, and Clara Dias, 32, Haywards; John J. O'Leary, 21, and Lottie Ledgett, 19, both of Oakland; Daniel C. Larkin, 26, and Julia T. Conley, 25, both of Oakland; Clarence S. Wood, 22, and Gertrude Fitzgerald, 20, both of Oakland; Irving A. Coonradt, 49, and Mrs. N. E. Smith, 39, both of Oakland.

RENTS A HOUSE WHEREIN TO DIE

W. C. Brossman Commits Suicide Away From His Home.

Turns on Two Gas Burners in Dwelling He Hired for Purpose.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Jan. 29.

Having determined to die William Charles Brossman, with a delicate regard for his wife's feelings, rented a house in the heart of the city, stretched himself upon a bed and turned on the gas. His body was found this evening by Detective Shorey after the neighbors had complained about the smell of gas.

Brossman kissed his wife and baby son an affectionate good-by last Monday morning at their home, 773 Sixteenth street, saying that he was going away, he knew not where. He had made out his will and presented it to his wife. She did not take him seriously, however, and even helped him pack a few clothes into a telescope basket. That was the last she saw of him, and though she worried about his failure to return she thought he would be all right.

Brossman went to the real estate office of J. S. Meyer, where he rented the upper flat at 1370 Brush street. It was furnished and he said he would move in with his family. That same day he went to the office of the gas company and said he wanted a meter put in right away as a friend of his was going to give a party in the evening. The meter was put in according to directions.

Brossman probably died on Monday night for no one has seen him since that day. The house on Brush street has been very quiet and only to-day people living next door began to notice the odor of escaping gas. The smell became so strong at last that one of these neighbors notified the gas company, which sent C. C. Cowell, an inspector, to investigate. Cowell found a room locked from which the gas seemed to come and so told the police, who sent Detective Shorey to investigate.

The detective and the gasman forced the door and found Brossman. Two jets were on full force and the house was filled with gas. On a table beside the dead man lay four letters, carefully addressed and sealed. One was to the Coroner, another to Brossman's wife, another to his sister, Mrs. Emma Fox of Stockton, and another to Oakland Camp of Woodmen. The one to the Coroner reads:

To the Coroner: My name is W. C. Brossman and my residence is 773 Sixteenth street, but please don't notify my wife directly. Notify Mrs. Norton, 771 Sixteenth street, and have her break the news gently.

W. BROSSMAN.

The Coroner refused to allow the other letters to be seen as they are privileged communications. Brossman has been despondent for a long time, so his wife says. He formerly worked for Shreve in San Francisco, but of late has been unable to work on account of ill health. He was 33 years old and a native of New York.

Object to Phosphorus Matches.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—In the Reichstag today Home Secretary Posadowski-Wehner, supporting a Government measure absolutely prohibiting the use of phosphorus in the manufacture of matches, said the Government had acquired the patent of a new igniting substance which was harmless to the health of the working people and had placed it at the disposal of all the match factories which were still using phosphorus.

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