

UNCOVERS VOICE OF THE CITY

Rev. Samuel Templeton Talks to Fellow Ministers of Dives and Debaucheries

MANY MEETINGS HELD

Says There Are Upward of 1000 Societies Holding Weekly Gatherings Here

San Francisco's slums, its dives, its saloons, its vaudeville shows, its clubs, its secret orders, its labor unions and its churches and charities, were some of the things discussed yesterday by the Rev. Samuel A. Templeton before a meeting of the Presbyterian Ministers' Association.

I have not come to you in the spirit of approbation or of fear of defeat, for I have not said, I am not and am not apprehensive of the future, for I believe in the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is the power of God unto salvation to all who believe, even in this great city.

I am no pessimist. I came here some eight months ago with no intention of staying more than a few weeks, but I began to visit the dives and the dives of iniquity and I found things more and more repulsive. I found a house in the city. Doors open day and night; no questions asked. I was horrified at the number of small groceries and groceries that were being dealt out. Ram everywhere; poor workmen dazed with drink; women and young girls, too, drunk and making a scene; blood-shot faces, diseased bodies faced me everywhere—almost all caused through drink.

Dirty saloons are in the thousands on the south side. Some places in the vicinity of the Presidio I found with private stalls for women and men to carouse and dance. None of these places are licensed, however, by the city, but by far the most gorgeous and foul dens of sin are in the Tenderloin and the kitchen.

From Kearny street and Market up to Taylor street and north as far as the Boulevard in all its glowing forms is practiced night and day. Here can be found rich, gaudy concert halls, restaurants in the cellular, decorated houses, filled with patrons of every vice, and men and women, who are in the houses exist for immoral purposes, licensed as hotels, where men of wealth come from Chicago and San Francisco and other parts to find free practice in this city.

This is also the worst district for gambling. Chinamen in pairs, poor game, are played to the sum of some \$100. Here are high-toned cafes and saloons. I am told everything is in order. There are vile pictures, lewd statuary adorning these vaults of sin. Yet men and women go to these places to find pleasure. Even I am told, married women and men frequent these restaurants and halls of music and dance.

There is amid all this a very strict police guard over the streets. I find the police about as well equipped as in some of the best cities East. One has to go into these places to see the vice. On the street everything is in order and the police officers, but they have no authority; it is politics that is running things.

In the Eastern States there is less respect for a man or woman who is a debaucher. Here the woman is the most highly respected. It is an honor for a man to be accompanied by such a woman.

There are not less than 25,000 men employed in any way in the liquor traffic. There are 500 bartenders. We have an average of three saloons every day and nearly as many more. With 200,000 dollars worth of liquor, the average of one divorce to every three and a half marriages.

There is here in this city an enormous number of clubs, secret orders and social and fraternal societies. Fifty labor unions, I am informed, meet on the Sabbath. There are about 300 labor unions in the city, making 300 meetings each week. Three "600 Fellows" meetings each week. Saturday meetings with "holy hymns" and a high priest and patriarch of their own. Outside the church and Y. M. C. A., we have upward of 100 weekly meetings held in the city for clubs, lodges and unions. Including the eighty-eight churches there are about 100 meetings each week outside of the religious worship and Y. M. C. A. and schools and colleges and business meetings.

The Rev. E. F. Brown spoke before the Methodist Ministers' Association yesterday on "Sermonic Construction and Literary Form."

The Rev. Madison Slaughter addressed the Baptist Ministers' Meeting yesterday on the "Relation of the Church to Political and Social Problems."

Dr. Walter M. White reported to the Christian Church Ministers' Association the following names for the nominating committee for the ensuing year: Rev. Frank S. Ford, president; Rev. E. W. Darrat, vice president; Rev. L. E. Scott, secretary. Programme committee: Dean Van Kirk, D. D., and the Rev. P. C. Macfarlane.

JUDGE IS DETERMINED TO STOP WHITECAPPING

Will Enforce the Law, Though Every Woman in the County Is Widowed.

BROOK HAVEN, Miss., Dec. 19.—"Even if it takes every man in Lincoln County and makes every woman a widow, the law will be enforced. You have got to quit. The next time you will treat you with a sorry chastisement, just as you would correct an unruly child with a strap, and without any desire to threaten, the law then will 'bust the hide.'"

Judge Wilkinson, in the Circuit Court, delivered this warning to the 300 men on trial for conspiracy to intimidate the negroes of Lincoln County. They were banded into the Farmers' League and were accused of posting notices threatening the negroes if they did not leave the county and of burning the negroes' cabins and firing into the houses as they blazed.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

AUCTION SALE!

200 Vehicles of All Kinds

The balance of carriages and vehicles damaged by fire at O'BRIEN'S CARRIAGE FACTORY, corner Golden Gate avenue and Polk street, will be offered at public auction Thursday, December 22, at 11 a. m.

This is a compulsory sale not of cheap work, but of the best makes of stylish vehicles, which will have to be sold irrespective of cost, without reserve or limit, in order to enable us to make room to put an extra story on the building and reconstruct our basement floor.

Chance of a lifetime to buy nine passenger brakes, country club wagons, high-grade Surreys, Toomey Bike Carts, Ball-bearing Buggies, O'Brien patent spring business wagons, a number of children's pony vehicles, a lot of light express and delivery wagons, finished and unfinished, whips, robes, etc., etc., etc.

O'BRIEN & SONS, Golden Gate Ave. and Polk St. JOHN J. DOYLE Auctioneer.

WOULD ACQUIRE RESERVOIR SITE

Supervisors Order Condemnation Proceedings for Large Area on Twin Peaks

TO OPEN TWO STREETS

Deed Accepted to Property for Extension of Shrader and Cole From Parnassus

The Board of Supervisors yesterday adopted a resolution directing the City Attorney to begin condemnation of forty-seven acres of land on Twin Peaks for a reservoir site for the proposed high pressure water supply system for better fire protection. The resolution recites that the Golden Gate Park Land Company has offered to sell the site to the city for \$2000 an acre, and it is advisable that a judicial determination be had of the value of the land under the law of eminent domain.

Chief of Police Wittman explained to the Finance Committee that two bills for harness had been incurred without requisition being first filed for the same. The committee's order that requisitions must be filed before the purchase of any goods, Wittman agreed to comply with the order.

Chief Engineer Sullivan informed the committee that he had never recommended the erection of a chemical engine-house on Twentieth street, near Connecticut, as asserted in a communication from the Fire Commission. Sullivan said that the existing companies could protect the territory in the Potrero as soon as the Santa Fe road is completed. This would be in about sixty days. The committee decided to defer action until October demonstration was made that the engines were equal to the task of easily reaching the districts to be protected.

Action on the bill of A. Carlisle for \$400 for printing the "Guide to Voters" for the Department of Elections was deferred one week, the Finance Committee expressing the opinion that the charge is exorbitant and the printing of the pamphlet was unnecessary.

City Treasurer McDougald filed with the committee a letter agreeing to waive the statute of limitations in fees on the matter of his claim for \$6000 in fees on collateral inheritance taxes collected by him. The Superior Court has decided against the claim of ex-Treasurer Brooks for similar fees, and the City Attorney was requested to ascertain if McDougald was asked by the committee to consult with his attorney as to the advisability of accepting the Superior Court decision, especially in view of the fact that the Supreme Court has decided in the case of a San Diego Treasurer that he is not entitled to the fees.

The committee postponed action for three weeks on the resolution to memorialize the Legislature to pass a law permitting banks to act as depositories for moneys collected by the city for taxes.

An ordinance was passed to print accepting a deed from Emily F. Pope to lands for the opening of Shrader and Cole streets between Parnassus avenue and Grattan street, and of Grattan street to Cole street.

OSTROM IS SENT TO A PRIVATE SANITARIUM

Man Who Forced His Attention on Pretty May Foulkes Is Adjudged an Incompetent.

Nels Ostrom was adjudged to be of unsound mind by the experts on insanity yesterday at the Central Emergency Hospital. It was ordered that he be sent to a private sanitarium for treatment.

Ostrom was arrested on a warrant sworn out last Saturday by Miss May Foulkes of 1225 Octavia street, who said that the man had been annoying her by writing love letters and taunting her in various ways. Ostrom was painting a fat belonging to the Foulkes family when he saw the young woman. He immediately became infatuated with her and insisted upon forcing his attentions upon her until she became alarmed lest he do her violence. Ostrom had never before shown any mental disorder, and it was agreed by his acquaintances and by friends of the woman to send him to a private sanitarium.

POLICEMAN WEDS.—Policeman John G. Hall and incidentally keeps an eye on the funds in the City Treasury, was married Sunday to Miss Sadie F. Boyd. Attridge went very quietly about the matter and went away on his honeymoon trip to the southern part of the State without telling his intimates.

Lash's Kidney and Liver Bitters excel all poisons against smart newswell life and energy to the whole system.

SALVAGE ALLOWED.—In the libel of A. K. Kelly as the owner of the steamer Rival against the steamer Inca, United States District Judge de Haven gave judgment yesterday in favor of the libellant for \$200 and costs for salvage.

WILL HASTEN STREET REPAIR

Alleged Threat of Member of Yorke Company Blocks Payment of September Bill

TO PAVE PHELAN BLOCK

Finance Committee Hits on a Plan to Improve Bad Condition of Thoroughfare

The Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors held a conference late yesterday afternoon with the Board of Public Works for the purpose of taking steps to hasten the work of repairing bituminous pavements. The Supervisors at their meeting had deferred action on the final passage of the ordinance authorizing the payment of the September demands of the F. M. Yorke Company for street repairs.

An erroneous report had been circulated that the company had filed a notice with the Board of Works that it would refuse to continue the work of repairs because an inspector was not measuring the surface covered with bitumen according to its liking. Commissioner Schmitz said no such notice had been filed, and the Commissioners of Works had no knowledge that the repairs had been stopped. The September bill was passed to print under an agreement that the Yorke Company would resume the repairs. The threat that the work would be stopped was unofficially made by a member of the contracting company.

Commissioners Schmitz and Maestretti urged that an understanding be had as to the computations and allowances for depth in resurfacing pavements.

"If Inspector Boone has allowed the company more than he should, he is not doing his duty and should be discharged," said Maestretti.

"We want to have the streets put in good condition, for they are in a deplorable state," said Schmitz, "and we think something definite should be done."

It was agreed to have another conference, at which F. M. Yorke and Boone will take part and some definite arrangement be made to hasten the repairs.

TO REPAIR PAVEMENT.

The committee also agreed to hold a conference with Auditor Baehr for the purpose of using some \$2000 out of the \$40,000 appropriation for street repairs to put the pavement in front of the Phelan building in good condition.

"It seems to me," said Schmitz, "that Mr. Phelan, at whose instance the pavement was put down as an experiment, and who is receiving revenue from the rental of a restaurant under the sidewalk, in space properly belonging to the city, should pay for the repairs."

It was explained that the block had been accepted by the city, and the contractor had kept it in repair for five years. It was decided that, in case the demands on the repair fund exceeded the appropriation, the \$2000 would be taken out of the urgent necessity fund.

The petition of the Excelsior Homestead Association for the establishment of a firehouse at Ocean and San Jose avenues was referred to the Finance Committee to be taken up when the next budget is being framed. Chief Sullivan strongly recommended the project and the committee agreed with him.

The petition of R. T. McBain for the return of \$22,907.71 paid as collateral inheritance tax on the estate of Henry Pierce, deceased, on the ground that it was illegally collected was denied. Similar petitions of Philip I. Fisher for the return of \$40,155.43 and of Charles R. Allen for \$3189.13 in the estates of Levi Strauss and Edgar Allen were also denied.

A demand for \$6270 was ordered drawn in favor of Victor Albauze and others, who obtained judgments against the city in suits for condemnation of lands for St. Mary's square.

WILL NOT CLOSE STREET.

The petition that Beach street, westerly from Laguna, be closed was denied in view of the City Attorney's opinion that the charter makes provision for the closing of streets less than forty feet in width only, and Beach street is sixty-eight feet wide.

The roadways of Pierce street, between Vallejo and Green; Laguna street, between Washington and Jackson; Clayton street, between Frederick and Potrero; and Parnassus avenue, between Fulton and McCallister; Central avenue, between Golden Gate avenue and Turk street and between Grove and Fulton, were fully accepted.

School Director Boyle agreed to urge the Board of Education to pay one bill of \$570 for portable schoolhouses to M. Anderson, who complained that his bills aggregating \$1354 were overdue. The Finance Committee promised to pay the other bills after further inquiry.

The board defeated a resolution repealing a permit granted to C. C. Grother to maintain a boiler for a laundry at the corner of York and Twenty-sixth streets. Protests against the property owners and residents in the vicinity, some of whom appeared in person and addressed the board. Daniel A. Leary said the waste matter and water from the laundry would flow into the unhealthful swamp at the end of York street, making the nuisance much worse. Grother admitted that he was forced to leave his old place at Twenty-fifth and Bryant streets because of the nuisance caused by smoke from his laundry.

The board adjourned to meet next Tuesday, as Monday is a holiday.

SUFFERERS INDIGNITIES.—For alleged indignities suffered on a broad gauge boat and on the train between Oakland pier and West Oakland, U. H. Ross yesterday sued the Southern Pacific Company for \$4000 damages. He alleges that on November 28 he was a passenger on the ferry. As the boat neared the mole he was twice struck from behind by missiles. He made a complaint to the servants on the boat, but they merely knocked him down and handcuffed him, in which condition he was carried to West Oakland and given his release.

OL DRIPPINGS UNDER THE BAN

Ordinance Is Passed Requiring Devices to Be Put on Automobiles to Stop Leaks

MUST KEEP CARS CLEAN

Measure Compelling Them to Be Washed and Fumigated Adopted by Supervisors

The ordinance requiring suitable devices to be attached to automobiles for the purpose of preventing oil drippings being deposited on the public streets was passed to print by the Board of Supervisors yesterday. Supervisor Lunstedt contended that the noise made by automobiles while standing still in the public streets, owing to the machinery being allowed to run, was a greater nuisance than dripping oil and suggested that another ordinance prohibiting the noise be passed. He promised to submit such a measure.

It was resolved that the city and county disclaim all interest in the land in 50 vara block No. 115, which is now in litigation in the courts.

Street and sewer work was ordered on Parnassus avenue between Clayton and Cole; Sixteenth avenue from H to I streets and Twenty-first avenue between Lake and California streets.

An ordinance was passed to print requiring street cars to be washed at least once a week and to be disinfected whenever the Board of Health notifies the companies to that effect.

The ordinance requiring gongs to be rung on street cars when crossing streets was amended so that the gongs need only be sounded when the car starts to cross, in order to prevent continuous ringing.

The ordinance prohibiting the conveyance of bread, cakes or pastry through the public streets in open baskets or exposed containers was passed to print.

The amended ordinance prohibiting the keeping of swine within the boundaries of the city and county, except that part known as Butchertown, was referred to the Health Committee.

Grades were ordered changed on Vicksburg and Jersey streets.

The following ordinances were finally passed: Granting permission to O. McHugh to lay a temporary track on H street, between Fourth and Sixteenth avenues, for grading purposes.

Prohibiting persons from driving over goods belonging to the Fire Department.

Filing grades on points on Carmelita, Pierce and Potrero streets.

Accepting the roadways of blocks on Clement, Lyon and Church streets.

Amending the ordinance relating to the consent of property owners to permits for livery stables so that the same shall not be subject to be rebuilt on its present site without such consent.

Charles Welch objected to the passage of the last bill saying it would enable the San Francisco Laundry to move its stable next to residence flats belonging to him on Eddy street.

Representative of the laundry said it was intended to erect a modern, brick structure on the site and the vote on the ordinance was unanimous.

The Hayes Valley Club obtained a permit to hold an amateur boxing exhibition on January 13.

SUPREME COURT WILL NOT RELEASE LETCHER

State's Highest Tribunal Says Prisoner Has Recourse to Proceedings Before Federal Judges.

The Supreme Court has refused assistance to George E. Letcher of San Jose, the slot machine man, who is making a fight against being extradited to Ohio, where he is under indictment for defrauding insurance companies. The court, in response to the prisoner's petition for a writ of habeas corpus, says:

Indictment charges a public offense within the statute of the State of Ohio. The regularity of the proceedings had before the Governor of the State of Ohio, culminating in his requisition for extradition, are not reviewable by us in this proceeding. Whether or not the fact as to whether or not the petitioner is a fugitive from justice within the meaning of the constitution of the United States, that question seems to be absolutely decided against petitioner's contention by the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of *Roberts vs. Reilly*, 116 U. S. 80, and the decision of that court upon this constitutional question is absolutely binding upon this court. Whether or not the fact in the case of petitioner are such as to call for a modification of the views expressed in *Roberts vs. Reilly* is a question which can only be decided by the Federal courts, whose writs and processes are open to petitioner.

Superior Judge Cook remanded Letcher on another writ yesterday, T. W. G. Lyons of 11B Henry street, a friend of the prisoner's wife, asked for a warrant yesterday for the arrest of Garret Fox, an officer from Ohio, who is here to take Letcher back for trial.

Sets Fire to Stable.

Thomas A. Dolan was arrested yesterday on a complaint of Thomas Kelly of Kelly & Sons, livermen at 1629 Pine street, and charged with arson. Dolan is accused of trying to set fire to hay in the barn. Kelly says Dolan was discovered in the act, just in time to prevent any damage. Dolan has been a hanger-on about the barn, and the proprietors have driven him away from the premises several times, but he continued to come back.

Don't Give Trash. Give her a Light Running Domestic. The sewing machine for the home. Domestic Co., 1621 Market st., near 6th.

FREE PLUM PUDDINGS FREE OR MINCE MEAT. WITH SUNDAY CALL SMALL ADS.

ARMOUR PACKING COMPANY'S FAMOUS BRANDS. Free With Every Small Ad in Sunday Call.

See Small Ad Page for Further Particulars.

PIANOS FOR CHRISTMAS

Greatest Variety of Prices and Styles. Small Monthly Payments for Those Who Wish. An Absolute Guarantee.

Do not purchase a Piano under any circumstances until you have called on us. The reason will be plain when you come.

Kohler & Chase

(Established 1850.) (The Largest Music House on the Coast.) Cor. Post and Kearny Streets

CONVICTED OF MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE

Jury at the Second Trial of Harry Radcliffe Renders Verdict Which Looks Like Compromise.

The jury in the case of Harry Radcliffe, charged with the murder of Andrew Riley, a hod carrier, at Ninth and Sheridan streets, on the morning of June 26, after being out for about three hours yesterday afternoon brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree. It was reported that the jury on the first ballot stood ten for murder in the first degree and two for acquittal. The verdict was apparently a compromise. At the previous trial the jury stood nine for acquittal and three for conviction.

When the case opened yesterday morning District Attorney Byington made the closing argument. He delivered one of the most powerful and scathing arraignments against the defendant ever heard in the court. He urged the theory that Radcliffe held up Riley, intending to rob him, and during the struggle deliberately shot Riley. He believed that the story told by the young wife that Riley made an insulting proposal to her was invented for the purpose of shielding her husband.

There was no scene in court when the verdict was rendered, although the defendant's wife, mother and some other women relatives were present. The defendant will be sentenced on December 21.

NEW ALASKAN RAILWAY WILL BE CONSTRUCTED

Chicago Capitalists Are Preparing to Build Line Up the Copper River.

Among the latest arrivals at the Palace Hotel is John T. Evans, a well-known young attorney of Chicago. He is on his way to Seattle to attend an annual meeting of the Hubbard-Elliott Copper Company, which controls large interests in Alaska and is backed mainly by Chicago capitalists.

The company owns forty-two copper claims on Elliott Creek, ninety miles northeast of Valdez. Three railroads from Valdez to the Hubbard-Elliott claims by way of the Copper River have been proposed, but up to the present time none of the promised enterprises has taken shape.

Attorney Evans, who is treasurer of the Hubbard-Elliott Company, said yesterday that the franchises for two of these roads would expire this year, and it is the intention of his company, assisted by the Havesmeyers, who own valuable properties near the company's claims, to construct the railroad immediately in the event of the promoters of the other lines failing to get to work before the end of this year. One of his purposes in attending the meeting in Seattle is to lay before the directors the plans for the new road.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED BY FOUR LABOR UNIONS

Organizations of Tollers Name Men Who Will Lead Them During the Next Year.

The following unions have elected their officers for the ensuing term: Cannamakers' Union No. 210—President, Joseph A. Shillaber; vice president, R. Whittlock; recording secretary, E. W. Cook; financial secretary, Miss Annie O'Connor; treasurer, John Roach; conductor, Mrs. Ardi; wardens—Miss Frances Dillon and Thomas Garrick; trustee, William Colony; business agent, Joseph A. Shillaber; delegates to Labor Council—J. A. Shillaber, R. Wiley and E. W. Cook.

Garment Cutters' Union No. 45—President, E. Corp; vice president, W. R. Young; recording secretary, Louis Prater; financial secretary, Hugh Foley; treasurer, R. Corp; sergeant at arms, Mrs. Harris; guide, W. R. Corp; board of trustees—C. Wiseman, Samuel Beamish and R. Fravel; executive board—Louis Prater, R. Corp, E. Young, George Higgins, I. Cohen, E. Ferrier and B. Suchflower; finance committee—Joseph Madden, J. O'Connor and B. Rosenberg; delegate to Labor Council, E. Corp.

Longshoremen's Protective Association No. 224—President, Joseph Downham; vice president, Edward Schlegler; recording secretary, George A. Hansen; financial secretary, Reuben Curtis; treasurer, Edward Jones; sergeant at arms, Thomas Cummings; sentinel, M. Dalton; trustees—J. W. Sullivan, T. Collins, D. K. Commis, Louis Fretsch, T. J. Lynggreen, Abel Peterson and Miles Kehoe; business agent, J. C. Williams; delegate to City Front Federation—J. C. Williams, T. J. Lynggreen and Louis Fretsch.

The following officers for the coming six months: President, Charles M. Krieger; vice president, W. T. Ward; recording secretary, Charles M. Thrall; financial secretary, A. S. Nelson; treasurer, D. V. Olsen; statistician, John Schramm; outside sentinel, H. Gilman; inside sentinel, A. Thrall; inspector, Charles Rollet; executive board—P. E. Wilkinson, Charles F. Traug and D. V. Olsen.

C. M. Haby will be the delegate from Varnishers and Polishers' Union No. 134 to the Los Angeles convention of the State Building Trades Council.

J. E. Baker has been delegated to represent Plumbers' Union No. 48 at the convention in Los Angeles next month of the State Building Trades Council.

SUES FOR INJURIES.—Matthew J. Breen has sued the United Railroads for \$25,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained on June 19 last in a collision at Taylor and Market streets. His leg was broken in the accident.

Advertisement for Kohler & Chase pianos, featuring a variety of prices and styles, and a guarantee of quality.

Advertisement for the Sequoia Club, a social organization for women, with details about their meetings and activities.

Advertisement for Postoffice Clerks, discussing the National Association of Postoffice Clerks and their efforts to improve their conditions.

Advertisement for the Tennis Club, mentioning their regular monthly meetings and upcoming events.

Advertisement for a fire in a Chinese theater, describing the damage and the rescue efforts.

Advertisement for a fire in an elevator, mentioning the rescue of a man and the damage to the building.

Large advertisement for Morris Chair, a solid oak chair with a reversible velvet cushion, priced at \$5.75.