

# Events of a Day in Various Cities and Towns of the Four

## STEARNS STEPMOTHER'S GEMS FOR CHORUS GIRL

Young C. A. Brown Takes Jewelry and Disappears From Home

## POLICE ON HIS TRAIL

Father Will Not Hesitate to Prosecute Son, Who Has Erred Before

OAKLAND, Oct. 12.—Taking with him his stepmother's most valued jewelry that he might have money to spend on a chorus girl, C. A. Brown, the son of Walter E. Brown, one of the prominent businessmen of this city, disappeared from his father's home at 425 Walsworth avenue last night. The gems were taken from Mrs. Brown's dresser some hours before his departure, and were valued at more than \$1,000. Young Brown was seen by his father's house just two weeks ago after five years of wandering in many parts of the country. His father had recently offered to establish him in business if he would abandon his prodigal life.

The young man's disappearance was reported to the police this morning by the father, who is vice president of the firm of Stewart & Brown. He is believed to have gone with a chorus girl from a San Francisco theatrical company, and the police say that a vaudeville actor named George Best can tell where the young man is. They have been unable to locate Best, who was living in a house at Fifteenth street and San Pablo avenue, but has not been seen there for two days. Best has a wife and family in Chicago. He is known to have been in contact with the young man.

The jewels carried away by the young man, according to his father, consisted of a pair of diamond earrings, weighing nearly two carats and worth \$800; three diamond rings, set with stones of one and a half carats each of a combined value of \$600. He also took a revolver and \$10.

The missing man was estranged from his family in Oakland during the five years he was away. Part of that time was spent with his mother, who was divorced from W. E. Brown about five years ago. Since his return young Brown was received in the family circle with the consent of the stepmother, who had a half carat diamond fatuation for the chorus girl. The father learned of this infatuation some time ago, but the son kept the name of the woman to himself.

It is not thought that any attempt will be made to shield young Brown from prosecution. The pawnshops in this city and in San Francisco are being searched for the missing diamonds.

When last seen young Brown was dressed in a dark suit with a checked pattern, patent leather shoes and a black hat of telescope block. He is about 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs 165 pounds. His features are easily noted, as he has a high nose, a front tooth missing and a scar from a cut on one side of his neck.

Never buy an article having a name on it, unless you are sure you have seen advertised, even though the dealer tells you the article is just as good. Of course, he makes a larger profit on the substitute. Proceed with your own interests and insist on getting what you ask for.

## HEALTH BOARD ACTIVE IN WORK OF SANITATION

Besides Coping With Infection, the Disposal of City's Sick Is Being Arranged

Only one case of bubonic plague was verified yesterday. This was reported about a week ago in Lobos square. Dr. Williams, the health officer, considers the health situation about returned to normal and says that the health board has coped satisfactorily and promptly with the situation.

The William Phillips, president of the board of health, Dr. D. W. Dreyfus, Tait and T. W. Huntington, members of the board, with Dr. Robert Blue, Supervisor Fayot and Michael J. Casey, engineer of the board of works, visited yesterday the relief corporation which has the relief corporation would consent quarters would be arranged at the racetrack to accommodate chronic cases from the city and county hospitals, as well as the relief corporation and the Red Cross society by Thomas H. Williams and has been occupied by refugee cottages since the fire.

The occupancy of the land by the city's sick will be determined upon tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, when the health board will meet with Dr. W. Dohrmann and request the use of the land for the purposes suggested.

## CRAZED MAN DIES FROM SELF-INFLICTED WOUNDS

Failing in His Attempt to Commit Murder He Stabs Himself in Abdomen With a Knife

BAKERSFIELD, Oct. 12.—William Glenn, well known in this vicinity and employed by the Vishnu oil company in San Luis Obispo county, became suddenly insane yesterday and buried the right inch blade of a knife into his own body. He then went to a bank house where Fred Sperry and two companions were sleeping and tried to batter down the door. The occupants, who had been awakened by the screams of the madman, grabbed their guns to protect themselves. Glenn finally forced an entrance into the house, whereupon Sperry broke the stock of a gun on him and knocked the right inch blade of the knife into his abdomen. Both men were then stooped for the knife, but Glenn got it. Failing to reach Sperry, Glenn again plunged the knife blade into his own abdomen and neck.

The knife weakened Glenn, and the men were able to capture and control him. He died a few hours later from the self-inflicted wounds.

## BIG DEMAND FOR PRUNES

SANTA ROSA, Oct. 12.—The local packing houses are busy caring for the prune crop. Some 25 or 30 carloads of fruit have been shipped from here to eastern and foreign markets and the season is just opening. The yield this year in Sonoma county is considerably less than last season, but the quality of the fruit is far better than that of any season for many years. The price is also much higher than for some years and the producer is getting more for his short crop than he secured for the large crops.

## AUSTRIAN CONSUL APPOINTED

Karl Bula de Rozas has been appointed to act temporarily as consul for Austria-Hungary with his office at 200 California street.

## Coeds of the State University Form a New Club

BERKELEY, Oct. 12.—Dal Riada is the name of the new women's club which the coeds of the state university have organized. The club was established under the provisions of the House club loan fund, by which the girls were able to obtain funds for the financing of their society for some time.

The well appointed quarters of the club is located at 2327 Bancroft way. The furniture and other accessories of the house were purchased by the young women of the club with the aid of Mrs. Leon Richardson, wife of the university savant. Mrs. May Cheney, appointment secretary, and Miss Lucy Sprague, dean of women, assisted the coeds in settling in their new home.

Miss Cora Thompson is house manager of the new club. Among some of the other members of the Dal Riada are: Agnes Stewart, Ethel Campbell, Edith Gray, Bernice Carpenter, Velma Sharpe, Naomi Anderson, Inez McCall, Carrie Thomas, Mabelle Paulson, Ethel Hamilton, Elizabeth Kedrovlansky and Edna Pracy.

## STUDENTS OF CALIFORNIA COLLEGE PLAN CARNIVAL

Many Booths Have Been Arranged and Programs Will Have Wide Range

OAKLAND, Oct. 12.—The students of California college are to hold a carnival on the college grounds in Fourteenth avenue next Friday evening, October 18. Programs will be carried out all of the buildings at the same time, the numbers being continuous to accommodate changing audiences. Many booths have been arranged, among them an art studio, in charge of Miss Grace Vore, who will draw pictures for the visitors. Posters and other art work will be on sale.

The penny arcade will be the feature in charge of Misses Wilson, Taylor and Altobey. A fortune telling booth has been planned to be presided over by Miss Olive Cutler and Miss Rose Silver.

A Japanese tea garden will be made on the porch of the Gray mansion and souvenir cups and saucers will be distributed.

The music will be under the care of Mrs. Hattie Robinson and Miss Marlon Barr, and the Misses Plack and Allen will conduct the popcorn and refreshment booths.

## PLAT BOOK IS STOLEN FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Valuable Asset of the Assessor Disappears From Vault in Town Clerk's Headquarters

BERKELEY, Oct. 12.—Plat book nine of the assessor's office, which covers the location of the blocks and lots in the northeastern section of this city, has been stolen from the big vault in the town clerk's office. The book is of no value except to a real estate man. The theft of the book was discovered Friday, but the matter was not reported to the police until this morning. The book is a complete record of the property in the fashionable hillside section. Considerable trouble has been caused by the disappearance of the book.

## SUES A RELIGIOUS SOCIETY

OAKLAND, Oct. 12.—W. E. Johnson has begun suit against T. L. Armstrong, Richard C. Yarbrough, Joseph Thompson, Eugene Matthews, Charles A. Koch and Jacob J. Jensen, as trustees of an unorganized religious body, known as the Household of God, in Oakland. Johnson alleged in his complaint that the society claimed possession of property near the intersection of Fourth avenue and East Fourteenth street, which, he said, is his own property.

## WIFE BEATER SENTENCED

OAKLAND, Oct. 12.—Because he allowed his wife only \$2 in two months to support herself and children and finally forced her by his neglect to place the youngsters in an orphanage while she earned her living, and beat her when the meals did not suit him, W. I. Corkery, a shipwright, was sentenced to three months in jail today. He lately served six months for stealing a coil of copper wire.

## PHOTOGRAPHERS' CONVENTION

The state photographers' association convention will be held at Thirteenth and Clay streets in Oakland on October 21 and November 1. An exhibition of pictures is planned.

## MORE LIGHT FOR PALO ALTO

OAKLAND, Oct. 12.—The city trustees have ordered a 100 arc street lighting system which they hope to install before winter sets in. The necessary changes in the city's power house are being made prior to the arrival of the heavier machinery.

## SETUEN FROM EUROPE

Redwood City, Oct. 12.—Robert Brown, a prominent capitalist of this place, accompanied by his wife, returned from a five months' tour of England, Ireland and Scotland.

## DISCOVER PLOT TO FREE CONVICT OPPENHEIMER

File Is Found in Pocket of Felon Who Expected to Aid Condemned Man

SAN QUENTIN, Oct. 12.—By the discovery of a file in the clothing of Harry Hammel, a long term prisoner in San Quentin, the officials of the penitentiary believe that they have discovered a plot to liberate Jacob Oppenheimer, who has been sentenced to death. Hammel was one of the witnesses for the defense of Oppenheimer at his trial several days ago for assisting a fellow prisoner. When Hammel was returned to prison he was searched and a file was found concealed in a pocket handkerchief. The officials believe that Hammel intended to slip the file to Oppenheimer during the course of the trial. Hammel was unable to do this last week, but expected to do it next week when he thought that he would again appear. The attorneys for Oppenheimer tried to prove him insane. The report of the finding of the file on Hammel was made at a meeting of the state board of prison directors last night.

The board authorized Warden Hough to accept the file and supply the file of jute used in the prison factory. Warden Hough said that he intended to abolish the incorrigible ward where prisoners were confined, as he believed that no prisoner should be denied light and sunlight.

Governor Gillett signed a pardon freeing H. H. Kaufman, who 16 months ago was sentenced to two years for embezzlement. The friends who interested themselves in Kaufman's behalf claimed that he committed the crime while under the influence of liquor. A number of persons are interesting themselves in aid of former State Senator Harry Bunker. Bunker was sentenced in January, 1905, and as his prison record has been excellent there is a possibility of his being pardoned for good behavior.

## VIOLATES ORDINANCE SAYS BERKELEY COMMON LAW

Attorneys Seek to Free Convicted Liquor Dealer on Writ of Habeas Corpus

OAKLAND, Oct. 12.—Habeas corpus proceedings were argued before Superior Judge Harris today in behalf of Charles Bender, who was recently convicted of violating the Berkeley liquor ordinance. Bender was fined \$300 or 90 days in the county jail.

Attorneys Harry Bunker and Brewton Hayne pleaded that the Berkeley ordinance violates the old common law, and that mere possession of liquor, or of anything, cannot be deemed unlawful. They contended that only the illegal use of possessions could be the basis of a conviction.

City Attorney Redmond Staats of Berkeley defended the ordinance. Judge Harris continued the case until November 11, when it will be decided on the briefs submitted today at the close of the proceedings. Bender has been out on bail pending his appeal, but surrendered himself in order to commence the habeas corpus.

## FAILS TO SECURE MONEY; PRETENDS TO TAKE POISON

John Kelly Swallows White Powder in Wife's Millinery Store and Is Arrested for Drunkenness

OAKLAND, Oct. 12.—John Kelly, a former conductor employed by the Oakland traction company, was arrested this afternoon on a charge of drunkenness in a millinery store in San Pablo avenue conducted by his wife and her sister, after feigning an attempt at suicide. He asked his wife for money and was sent out of the store, but returned and repeated the request. He was again refused, and pouring white powders into a glass drank the mixture. Thinking he was in danger the sister of his wife, Kate Ronayne, called Patrolman Powers, who arrested Kelly.

Kelly was married four months ago to Nora Ronayne, one of the proprietors of the shop where he made the bluff.

## FUGITIVE FROM MILWAUKEE IS ARRESTED IN OAKLAND

OAKLAND, Oct. 12.—William B. Phipps, wanted in Milwaukee, Wis., on a charge of grand larceny for stealing \$600 from a former employer, was arrested in Broad street by Officer M. Sorley this morning and is held in the city jail awaiting the arrival of extradition papers. He was taken on a telegraphic description which reached Oakland some time ago and which the police succeeded in finding Phipps' haunts.

The crime of which he is accused was committed in September, when Phipps was employed by T. Neilligan of Milwaukee. He is thought to have come at once to Oakland. He was preparing to leave Oakland when he was arrested.

## WILL TAKE RELIGIOUS CENSUS

PALO ALTO, Oct. 12.—Preparations have been made by all the churches here for the taking of a religious census of the town. The churches have provided a number of young men and women as canvassers. They met this evening at the Presbyterian church and received instructions under the direction of Rev. Charles L. Beel, pastor of the Christian church. Names, addresses, denominational preferences, ages of all minor children and where they are attending Sunday school will be sought.

## OLDER LIBEL CASE HEARING

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 12.—Arrangements for the preliminary examination of Fremont Older, editor of the San Francisco Bulletin, on the charge of criminal libel preferred by Luther G. Brown, which will be heard before Judge W. W. Sumner today, is being made by the district attorney's office today. Brown has forwarded a list of his witnesses to this city and subpoenas are being prepared.

## STANFORD CLUB RENTS ROOMS

PALO ALTO, Oct. 12.—The Stanford club of Palo Alto has rented rooms on the third floor of the Simpkins building, where the club is comfortably installed with all the fixtures of a permanent lounging place, including a piano and billiard table. The membership numbers about 100, which is confined to Palo Alto residents, although all students are welcome to the use of the rooms.

## PLANS TO BUILD AUTO FACTORY

SANTA ROSA, Oct. 12.—Amos Depey of Sherlock, Wis., is en route here from the view of establishing an automobile factory in this city. He plans to secure a site of 10 acres on which to erect a manufacturing plant which will give employment to a large number of skilled workmen.

## FUNERAL OF TITUS TO BE HELD TODAY

Remains of Curtin's Victim to Be Interred at Mountain View

OAKLAND, Oct. 12.—The funeral of John Albert Titus, who was shot in his own doorway and in the presence of his family by Robert A. Curtin, will be held tomorrow afternoon from the residence of the Titus family, 1655 Grove street, at 2:30 o'clock. The interment will take place in Mountain View cemetery.

## MILLIONAIRE BRYSON IS SECRETLY BURIED

Special by Leased Wire to The Call

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 12.—Fearing that Mrs. Gladys Lambertson, the woman accused of having alienated his affections from his wife and children, might attend the funeral if it were known when it would be held, John Bryson Sr. was buried secretly at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Mrs. Emeline Bryson, the widow, and L. H. Bryson, the son, admitted that for the above reason they did not make public the details of the funeral of the dead capitalist and pioneer.

"I cannot tell you at what time the funeral will be held," said the widow at 2 o'clock.

"Is it because you fear the possibility of Mrs. Lambertson's attending?" was asked.

"Yes, that is I want quiet," she answered, "and I am afraid that she might make a scene."

"I am sorry that I cannot tell you when my father will be buried," said L. H. Bryson, "for we do not want Mrs. Lambertson to attend."

Half an hour later a brief ceremony was conducted in the undertaking parlors and the body was removed to a vault in Rosedale cemetery by the family. There were only two small floral pieces and there was no attempt at a service of any kind.

Mrs. Lambertson did not appear at the undertaking parlors. She was reported sick and denied herself to callers at her home.

There were no developments regarding the settlement of the estate except a hint that a great legal struggle may result. Members of the family doubt the existence of a will, but others believe there are two testamentary documents in existence.

## SANTA ROSA'S COUNCIL ADOPTS BUILDING PLANS

Special by Leased Wire to The Call

SANTA ROSA, Oct. 12.—The city council has practically adopted plans for new municipal buildings, to be erected by private capital and rented to the city for a term of 10 years at a figure which will pay interest on the money invested and also pay the principal. At the end of the 10 years the buildings and land will be deeded to the city.

The plans provide for a city hall and a fire engine house on property at the corner of Third and Main streets, formerly occupied by the Grand hotel. The city hall will have a frontage of 44 feet in Main street and 70 feet in Third, with an elevation of 40 feet. It will be a steel frame structure of brick and stone and terra cotta trimmings in the main floor will be the police station and city jail, the city recorder's court, tax collector's office, street superintendent and assessor's office. Upstairs there will be a large council chamber, with offices for the mayor, city clerk, city engineer and a room for filing maps and public documents.

The proposed cost of the improvements, including site, will be about \$80,000, of which \$50,000 will go into the buildings.

## EMPEROR JOSEPH IS STILL SERIOUSLY ILL

VIENNA, Oct. 12.—The condition of Emperor Francis Joseph took a turn for the worse at noon today and at a late hour tonight inflammation of the throat developed. Taken as a whole, the day cannot be said to have been one of progress, although the physicians who examined his majesty at 1 o'clock this afternoon said that the fever had abated.

At 11 o'clock tonight his majesty was quiet and fell asleep. Despite his serious condition, the emperor's heart action is good and he is able to take nourishment. The physicians say that the inflammation continues they dare not predict a favorable outcome.

## FRANKS OF WEIRD STORM IN SNOW TENT COUNTRY

Hailstones as Large as Eggs Kill Chickens and Knock a Horse Senseless

NEVADA CITY, Oct. 12.—The weird storm story in years comes down from the Danville and Snow Tent country, where it is alleged that the chickens were killed by hailstones and a horse was knocked senseless. The storm occurred last Thursday, and is said to have been the fiercest in years. Four chickens are said to have been killed by the hail and many knocked down. Lightning struck a tree on the Goodyear bar grade, and it was still burning today. At George Cooper's ranch near Snow Tent the hailstones were reported as large as small eggs, and one of these knocked the horse senseless.

## ELECTRIC MOTOR STOLEN

EVANSTON, Ill., Oct. 12.—The police yesterday that his stable at Ninth and Bryant streets was entered yesterday morning and an electric motor stolen.

## Mrs. Arthur Poppowell, a prominent society leader of England, who sailed for Australia on the steamer China.



## LONDON SOCIETY LEADER SAILS FOR AUSTRALIA

Mrs. Arthur Poppowell is Among Passengers on Steamer China

Mrs. Arthur Poppowell, a prominent society leader of London, and one of the best known English singers, left San Francisco Tuesday on the steamer China for Honolulu and Japan, after a visit of a few days in this city, during which time she was the guest of her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Aikin of Fresno, at the St. Francis hotel.

Possessed a magnificent soprano voice, Mrs. Poppowell has never turned her talent into professional lines, but is widely known in England and in many parts of the European continent as a singer at benefits and private entertainments, where she always appeared as Madame Rosa Bird. Mrs. Poppowell, who is a widow and very wealthy, has a town house in London and a river home on the Thames, both of which have been the scenes of many brilliant social gatherings. It was she who gave the great reception to Lord Kitchener on his return from South Africa, at which Prince Christian received the noted warrior. Mrs. Poppowell has been presented at both the British and Spanish courts, and last March was decorated by King Alfonso with the red cross of Spain, being one of the four women who have been accorded this honor.

Mrs. Poppowell is a native of Australia, but has made her home in England for many years. She first sang in London as colonial representative of Australia at a great benefit concert several years ago, which was attended by 5,000 persons, as charged with her fame as a singer has steadily increased. She studied music under Mme. Marchesi and has sung not only at many great benefits but in the homes of members of the English and Spanish nobility. Princess Henry of Battenberg, mother of the queen of Spain, recently wrote a song especially for Mrs. Poppowell, and her last appearance in England was at a charity concert at the home of the duke of Westminster. Before coming to San Francisco Mrs. Poppowell visited Montreal as the guest of Lord Strathcona, high commissioner for Canada in London, and sang for the sick of the Royal Victoria hospital in that city.

Mrs. Poppowell is on her way to Sydney, Australia, for a visit to her parents, and expects to visit Japan, China and India and return to England by way of Suez. This was her first visit to America, and she expressed her desire to visit the United States and the people whom she has met during her short stay.

## POLICE SEEK MAN WHO SHORT CIRCUITS WIRES

Operates in San Jose Avenue and Escapes Pursuer Who Detected Him Cutting Power Lines

The high tension feed wires of the United Railroads have been short circuited twice within a week and the police have been asked to aid the trolley company's detectives in capturing the man, whose method is to throw a chain over the wires with a ball of twine. Early Thursday night the wires were cut in the 1700 block in San Jose avenue. The cutting was repeated Friday in the same block shortly after dark. This second offense was witnessed by a citizen, who tried to capture the man, but was outfitted. The police believe that the same man tried to blow up a high tension wire pole at the Bryant street power house two weeks ago.

## BREAKS GLASS WITH BABY

In trusting her 1 year old baby through the glass front of an Ellis and beach car in a collision, Mrs. M. Miller of 34 Frosted place was cut severely by the broken glass. She was removed to her home in an automobile. The infant escaped unharmed. The accident was due to the failure of the conductor on car 805 of the Waller and Eighteenth street line to see whether the curve at Waller and Stanyan, the terminus of his run, was clear. The front platform of the Ellis street car was wrecked.

## JAPANESE MASH MAIDS CLASH IN HOTEL

Belfast M. P. Has International Complications to Settle

J. M. Larned, who holds a seat for Belfast in the British house of commons, was driving a personal experience last night at the Fairmont of the animosity existing between the peoples of allied Great Britain and Nippon. It was quite as convincing as the Vancouver riots, though only two took part in making Irish maids and a little sandaled damsel from Japan who had a crowded lobby for an audience.

Larned is doing a tour of the world with Mrs. Larned and their daughter Eunice. When the party left Belfast they were accompanied by two pretty young maids. But one met an old sweetheart who had taken the king's shilling and she said goodbye in Calcutta, to enter garrison life as the wife of an army sergeant.

Miss Larned could not get along without somebody to do her hair, etc., and so when the party reached Tokyo a tiny Oshami San was engaged to take the damsel's place. But it was not the hair that attracted the attention of the Oshami San, but the fact that they found that rosy Irish and dark brown Japanese would not mix.

On the way over Mrs. Larned and her daughter were separated because they had been making stateroom reservations. Maids, of course, also were separated. Yesterday afternoon, however, when the travelers arrived at the Fairmont, Larned, all unconscious of bringing trouble, ordered one room for the two maids.

Three minutes after the party went up in an elevator war was declared. With the little maid of Nippon pattering in her wake the Irish maid rushed down to the office and turned a flood of wrath upon the clerk.

"I want a room all to myself," she declared in a voice that rang through-out the spacious lobby. "This puttin' me in the same room with the next girl, an' the Egyptian, an' I will not have it so," she shouted. "I'll not live in the same room with nothin' that has not a white face."

In panic the clerk rang for Larned. Mrs. Larned and her daughter accompanied him, but the Irish girl did not subside. Her anger instead flamed anew.

"You!" she shrieked at Larned. "Did you tell this man to put me in the same room with that?" pointing at the shivering little woman from Tokyo. "Well, if it wasn't such a distance home, I'd love you this minute."

She added much more, attracting a large crowd, before she could be pacified. The man, who had been Oshami San went up one flight and Miss McCrea got a room to herself.

## SLOCUM NOW ACCUSED OF ENGINEERING SWINDLE

Special by Leased Wire to The Call

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 12.—Since the discovery that Bruce A. Slocum of Redding is a bigamist, several local merchants are congratulating themselves that they did not purchase stock from him in what he represented to be a fabulously rich mine in Nevada.

Richard Schaw of Schaw, Bathor & Co. had great confidence in Slocum and was about to invest in the phantom mining enterprise. According to Schaw's story, Slocum told him how he had been riding in an automobile in Nevada one afternoon when the machine broke down and while he was endeavoring to fix it he came upon a piece of rich ore, which he carried home to investigate the surroundings. He then found and located his mine.

Schaw only hesitated about investing so that he could give some of his friends a chance to make a little money along with him. Accordingly he called upon W. J. Baker of Chico on the telephone. Baker in turn spoke to O. R. Waite, a mining stock promoter. A meeting was held here and Adler and Baker were appointed to look into the proposition.

The men met with Schaw and Slocum. Slocum unfolded his plans and then asked that he be given \$1,800 with which to go to his mine and get a load of ore. The intending investors consented, and Slocum promised to let them see his samples. He produced two pieces of ore and from appearances they seemed to be of considerable richness. An assay showed, however, that they were nothing but smelter leavings and fine copper.

## ITALIAN SOCIETY HONORS THE MEMORY OF COLUMBUS

Four Hundred and Fifteenth Anniversary of Discovery of America Celebrated at Garibaldi Hall

To commemorate the four hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus and to celebrate the opening of the new hall at the Mission Times, the Mutual Aid society of the Garibaldi guard gave a ball last night at which more than 600 persons were present.

President F. Ziero in his address of welcome, said that although the ball had been completed some weeks, the date for the opening had been chosen to honor the memory of the man born at Genoa who had made the first voyage across the Atlantic.

At a cost of \$30,000 the Mutual Aid society has rebuilt on the old site, where for 44 years they had held their gatherings. The new building, which replaces that destroyed by the fire, contains a large meeting hall upstairs, two smaller halls below, reading rooms and offices for the society.

The officers of the society are: President, F. Ziero; vice presidents, A. Suacci and G. L. Valenti; treasurer, S. Ferrari; directors, C. Reotti, M. Pippino, S. Cicerone, G. Delucchi, L. Rossi, E. Eclimino, G. Figone.

## WILL GIVE "BOOM" SOCIAL

With the object of attracting attention to its section of the city and striving to improve it, the Bay View and Silver Terrace improvement club will give an entertainment and social at Masonic opera house, Fourteenth and Railroad avenues South, tomorrow night.

A good program has been arranged. Addresses will be delivered by George L. Center, the first president of the Mission promotion association; P. J. Healy (retired), resident of Noe valley; T. C. Williams, editor of the Mission Times; James Walter Scott, attorney; Paul Frattessa, assemblyman from that district; Al Sather, chairman south and central committee, and Harry G. Dowd, secretary of south and central committee. Songs and instrumental music will be rendered. A dance will be given after the program.

## ROBBER HIGHWAYMAN HOLDS UP CAR NEAR THE CHUTES

Robbs Conductor of His Valuable Watch

A lone highwayman, masked and with a big revolver to enforce his demands, held up a streetcar and robbed its crew within the tracks of the Chutes last night while a hundred persons watched the operation not knowing, until it was too late, what was taking place. After searching the car crew and chain, the highwayman backed out of the car steps, still keeping the crew covered with his revolver until he disappeared in the shrubbery of the park.

When the robber disappeared, the spectators who had been idly watching the operation from in front of the Chutes gates, suddenly realized that a crime had been committed, and some of the boldest of them started in pursuit of the thug. He, however, had a good start and was not again seen.

The robbery occurred shortly after 11 o'clock. Car 1369 had just discharged its load of passengers at the Chutes door and had gone on to Fourteenth avenue to switch back for the trip down town. As Conductor Charles Altman boarded the car after throwing the switch the single passenger that had boarded his car pointed a revolver at his head and commanded "Hands up!" Altman obeyed and was marched to the forward end of the car, where Motorman Charles Johnson obeyed a like order. The two men were quietly searched by the highwayman. Altman turned over the cash, while the timepiece, a valuable one, came from Johnson. Ordering the two men to make no outcry the robber then stepped off the car and disappeared in the park.

A fairly good description of the robber has been given the police. His face, which was partly covered by a black mask, appeared unshaven and rough. He was of medium build and fairly well dressed. His actions showed that he was no novice at the hold-up game.

## DYING FROM PERITONITIS

The police were notified yesterday afternoon by Dr. Broderick of Gough and