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**BAR TENDERS RECEIVE MANY APPLICATIONS**

Union Button for Month Will Be Changed to Black and Yellow

**WAITRESSES CHANGE Business Agent Resigns and President Is Put in Place**

In bar tenders' union No. 41 at a meeting at 990 McAllister street last Monday night, it was announced that the working button for November will be black on white, and that all members must wear it conspicuously displayed. The union drew a warrant for \$100 for the beneficiaries of the late Joseph Field, a member who died a short time ago, and drew one for \$93 for the relief of members who are on the sick list. This union is prompt in rendering assistance to members in distress. That business in the bar tenders' line is improving is manifest in the number of applications for admission to the union. At the meeting Monday 10 strangers, whose applications had been favorably reported on, were admitted by obligation, and four applications were referred to the investigation committee.

Waitresses' union No. 48, at its meeting in Jefferson square building last Monday afternoon, had quite a change of officers. Edith Reynolds, the business agent, resigned, and Louise Larus, the president, was chosen to fill the vacancy. Nellie McAuliffe, vice president, was advanced to the presidency, and Kate Blachoff was elected vice president. The union, while it does not provide sick benefits, does not neglect members who are unfortunate. It is now paying \$18 a week for the care of one of its members who is ill at a local hospital. Eight candidates were initiated and five applications were received.

The members of local No. 483 of carpenters, who recently organized a good government club, have received recruits from many members of other locals of carpenters, and expect to have one of the largest good government clubs in the city. No. 483 at its meeting Monday night admitted seven to membership on clearance cards.

There was a large attendance at the carmen's union last night, in the expectation that Grand President Mahon would be present to address the meeting, but he did not appear, being in Oakland. The meeting was addressed at length by President Cornelius.

Millmen's union No. 423 at its meeting last night received five members into the organization by clearance cards and admitted four by initiation.

The janitors' union at its last meeting endorsed the proposed charter amendments to increase the pay of first class. It received communication from the police authorities in regard to having members of the union keep the various stations in order. The matter will be brought to the attention of the supervisors.

Members of the International union of flour and cereal mill workers will use the stamp system in the payment of dues hereafter. The change was decided upon at the recent convention in Bloomington, Ill.

The bill reorganizing the state department of labor and increasing the salary of the commissioner of labor from \$5,500 to \$5,000 a year was passed without opposition in the New York assembly.

At the close of the Jamestown exposition all union labeled products exhibited will be transferred to Washington, D. C., where it is proposed to hold an exhibit of all goods bearing the union stamp.

Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston, Mass., has assured labor union officials that there will be no discrimination in the city department agent's pay because of his labor organization affiliation.

School authorities of the city of Plainfield, N. J., have raised the pay of the teachers from 25 to 40 per cent without solicitation by teachers or superintendent.

The British postmen's federation held its sixteenth annual conference recently in Leeds. The membership was stated to be 15,888, an increase of 2,426.

The British boiler makers and iron workers, according to the annual report, had a total membership at the close of 1906 of 52,958.

The painters' national organization of Germany has a membership of 38,626, with president's headquarters at Hamburg and executive board headquarters at Hanover.

**AMUSEMENTS**

**PRINCESS THEATER**  
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prices.

**BUSINESSMEN ADOPT TRAFFIC BUREAU PLAN**

San Francisco's Commerce Will Be Protected by Powerful Crusade

**CO-OPERATION ASKED Leaders Expect That 2,500 Merchants Will Join New Association**

The San Francisco traffic bureau, to be supported by the businessmen of the city and operated as one of the departments of the merchants' exchange, has taken shape. The plan has been outlined completely and sanctioned officially. A circular letter has been sent to hundreds of business houses and banks, setting forth the terms upon which they will be entitled to membership. General co-operation is invited.

Announcement is made that the purpose is to raise \$25,000 a year to pay the salary of a first class traffic manager and for the other expenses. The earnestness of the movement is illustrated by the statement that the traffic manager will be engaged for a term of not less than three years under contract and that none but the best talent obtainable will be acceptable. "The main purpose," said C. T. Friedlander, secretary of the merchants' exchange, "is to protect the trade territory of San Francisco and to do any and all things along the lines laid down that would promote the prosperity of the city. We hope to raise \$25,000 a year and to get a traffic manager of the first class. According to the plan adopted the membership of the traffic bureau will not be confined to members of the merchants' exchange. Any one can join as a member under the conditions prescribed.

**JOINT ACTION NECESSARY**

"Rules have been formulated by a committee composed of representatives of the merchants' exchange, Ship Owners' association, Pacific Coast Jobbers' and Manufacturers' association, Manufacturers' and Producers' association and the chamber of commerce. The project was taken up owing to the conviction of all the members of the committee that it is necessary that co-operative action should be taken by the merchants of San Francisco for their own protection.

"The entire management of the bureau will be in the hands of a governing committee to be elected by the members of the traffic bureau—in other words, by the men who are interested at stake and who pay their dues and assessments."

In the circular letter that was sent out yesterday the merchants are invited to sign an inclosed agreement to become members of the traffic bureau for a period of three years.

The plan for the formation of the traffic bureau provides that a governing committee of nine members shall be elected annually by the membership of the bureau, who shall represent as far as possible the different trades represented. A majority of the members of the governing committee will be members of the merchants' exchange.

**PURPOSE IS DEFINED**

The provision in the plan that defines the purpose of the bureau is as follows: "The traffic bureau shall take an active interest in all that concerns the trade and commerce of the city of San Francisco and especially as such trade and commerce are affected by regulations, rates of freight and other matters of a similar character."

It is provided that firms and individuals whose places of business are in San Francisco and who are not members of the merchants' exchange may be admitted to membership in the traffic bureau by a majority vote of the governing committee upon such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the governing committee, but the terms and conditions must first have received the approval of the directors of the merchants' exchange.

The appointment of a traffic manager is entrusted to the governing committee, which has power to fix the com-

.. .. Gossip in Railway Circles .. ..

"All you fellows come and take lunch with us on Monday," airily observed Fred W. Gompf last Friday. "Morton Cummings and I are going to the country tonight and we will have two days' quail shooting and it will be a quail lunch."

On Saturday the commissionmen in the city began to receive urgent messages from the hunters to save all the quail they had.

Gompf and Cummings gave a quail luncheon, it is true, but no quail fell to their guns. When asked why they failed to get birds they respectfully referred all seeking information to Bode Smith.

A. H. Abbott of the Chicago Northwestern took a flying trip to New York and lunched at a hotel. His friends say that he was enabled to walk down one side of Broadway and up the other side and then make a rush to catch the train for the west.

"I tell you," observed Henry Avila, "there is no getting away from the fact that children are smarter now than when we were children. Now, I would never thought of arguing a matter out with my father when I was 4 years old. But there is that daughter of mine, she can make an argument which will hold good and I tell you she is as good at it as any railroad lawyer that I have ever heard. The other day she had a lot of green pears and I told her not to eat them, as they would make her ill."

"You eat green pears and say you like them and you don't get sick. Perhaps you want to eat up my pears?" she answered.

"You never saw me eat a green pear," I replied, severely.

"Yes, I did," she said calmly, "I saw you eat four green pears, one after another, and you said alligators were fine."

**Native Sons Will Entertain With Music and Drama, Followed by Dance**



MISS MAY ZECK, WHO WILL SING IN ENTERTAINMENT PLANNED BY NATIVE SONS COMMITTEE.

With a musical and dramatic program the Native Sons' literary committee will entertain in Golden Gate hall in Sutter street tomorrow evening. Miss May Zeck, a soprano with a charming voice, and Edward Fitzgerald, an actor with a local reputation, are prominent among those who will take part. Two amusing farces, "The Burglar" and "His Only Fault," are to be presented. After the entertainment there will be a dance.

The traffic manager will "perform such duties incident to his office as the governing committee shall define." Each member of the traffic bureau will pay \$10 a year to defray the expenses, and this sum is payable in advance. No member of the bureau will represent more than one firm or individual. In cases of emergency and for special purposes the governing committee is authorized to levy assessments upon members of the bureau, such assessments not to exceed \$100 a member a year, unless three-quarters of the total membership of the bureau authorizes a greater total.

The expectation is entertained that not less than 2,500 San Francisco business houses will be joined in the bureau for the protection of San Francisco's trade. The movement is the most extensive trade crusade ever attempted in San Francisco.

Some years ago there was a traffic association in this city which established a competing steamship line between San Francisco and the isthmus of Panama and also led to placing on the Cape Horn route a competing clipper ship line. Some years after that the Pacific Coast Jobbers' and Manufacturers' association was organized to deal with traffic matters.

The first traffic association resulted from oppressive rail rates and transportation conditions that hampered San Francisco. The Pacific Mail steamship company was under a subsidy of \$75,000 a month, that was paid by the transcontinental route as a measure to control rates and the movements of freights in the interests of rail lines exclusively.

The new traffic bureau has problems of importance immediately at hand to be considered, the foremost being to preserve the present trade area of San Francisco to the businessmen of this city and to enlarge as much as possible the trade field for home enterprise.

agent of the Southern Pacific, has returned from a short stay at Lake Tahoe.

T. M. Schumacher, traffic manager of the El Paso Southwestern, is in the city and will be here several days.

W. V. S. Thorne, director of purchases for the Southern Pacific, is expected to arrive here shortly.

H. E. Pierpont, general freight agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, is expected in the city during the week. He is now in Los Angeles. F. A. Miller, general passenger agent of the same line, also is in Los Angeles and will be here some time during the week.

James Horsburgh Jr., general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, is at Shasta Springs.

**MRS. TALBOT'S LAWYER FORESHADOWS DEFENSE**

Cross Examination of the Millionaire Reveals Memory's Lapse

**COUPE WHEEL GONE Says Wife Put Vehicle Out of Commission to Harass Him**

To a nearly empty courtroom William H. Talbot, lumberman, who is suing his wife, Annie D. Talbot, for divorce, continued his tale of marital unhappiness yesterday morning. With the close of the morning's session of court came the end of the direct examination of the plaintiff, and at the opening of the afternoon's session Attorney Samuel Shortridge, for the defendant, began what promises to be a lengthy cross examination.

While the lawyers for Mrs. Talbot were careful not to give any undue intimation of the line of defense which they propose to take, some of their contentions were foreshadowed by the rain of questions poured on the witness.

"Why did you not ask your attorneys to present some of the many, many love letters which your wife wrote you during the time you allege she was destroying your peace of mind?" was one of the questions asked by Shortridge, and though it was objected to by Attorney Rowa, for Talbot, and the objection was sustained by Judge Seawell, it indicated the trend of the defense.

Beginning with the reading of a supplementary complaint, covering the behavior of the defendant since the time of the beginning of the suit for divorce which brought the matter to date, Rowa continued to show during the morning session what the life of the witness, Talbot, had been and still is. Talbot testified on direct examination that even as recently as last month his wife had caused him mental distress and much humiliation before his family and servants by ordering that a wheel be removed from a coupe which had been purchased by him during a spell of illness he had last February. He also stated that Mrs. Talbot had but a few days after the purchase of the vehicle ordered it removed from the stable, and that he had not seen it until about the end of September last.

He also asserted that Mrs. Talbot had many times forbidden his three children to associate with him, and when on one occasion he had offered to take Vera and the other boys, William and Eric, to the circus, Vera had told him: "Please, papa, don't buy tickets. It will only make trouble, and we can't go anyhow."

The witness told of his wife's behavior during an illness which he suffered in August last, and stated that his children had not been allowed to visit him at the time, and even the Japanese boy who acted as valet was sent home on night after he (Talbot) had issued orders for him to remain all night.

During the whole course of the trial to date the manner of the witness has been assured, though tired, but with the beginning of the cross examination yesterday afternoon the witness began a series of "I can't remember."

He could not remember whether or not it was in 1899 that his wife had been ill to the very point of death, nor could he remember the exact date of the great who had married him in 1888, and he was hazy as to the exact age of his children.

Talbot testified that between 1888 and 1898 he and Mrs. Talbot had taken many trips in company, but was sure that since that time they had gone nowhere together. He added that he was in the habit of talking over the subject of protracted visits with Mrs. Talbot and was always more or less acquainted with her proposed movements.

"Did you set down all the love terms which Mrs. Talbot wrote you while you were with her on a trip in 1897, you have spoken of?" he asked him, and he answered in the negative.

Talbot testified that Mrs. Talbot frequently would remain locked up in her bathroom for days and days at a time. Her condition in 1897 was "exalted and bad" at that time he said, and Shortridge grew dramatic as he forced the admission from the witness that the latter could not remember the cause or even the occasion of Mrs. Talbot's ill health. "She was always complaining about something at that time. I remember an illness my wife had and I did hover round the room, I think, but I don't recall the cause," said the witness.

"Wasn't that just before you took her to Redwood?" asked Shortridge, and when the witness stated that it was the lawyer switched off that line of questioning to ask: "Did you love Mrs. Talbot at that time?" The witness bowed his head for a full minute before answering "Yes."

**CARUSO'S BAD NOTE**

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