NEWS OF THE COUNTIES BORDERING SAN FRANCISCO BAY

CHINESE LOTTERY JOINTS WRECKED BY POLICEMEN

Unmarked Tickets and All Paraphernalia Are Confiscated

TO WIPE OUT TRAFFIC

Unable to Get Convictions, Authorities Adopt Radical Plan

OAKLAND, Dec. 12.—In a raid made with the authorization of search warrants late last night by Police Sergeant T. Brown the tables, chairs and other furniture of Chinese lottery places near Second and Webster streets were demolished. Besides wrecking the places, the police confiscated the paraphernalia, including about 1,000,000 unmarked lottery tickets, and the marking pots and brushes used in numbering them.

The search warrant proceedings, called in police court this morning, were contested by Attorney Phil Walsh on behalf of the owners, but the police introducing evidence of the nature of the places raided, the property was ordered delivered to the chief of police for destruction. The destruction was done last night, but the court order established the legality.

The police have adopted this method of dealing with lottery agents and dealers because it was found impossible to secure convictions, owing to the difficulty of getting Chinese witnesses.

MRS. SOULE SAVES HER GEMS BY WEARING THEM

Home in Alameda Is Robbed While She Is Attending a Club Meeting in Berkeley

ALAMEDA, Dec. 12.—While Mrs. J. F. Soule of 1801 Central avenue was attending a meeting of the New Century club in Berkeley Tuesday afternoon her residence was robbed and jewelry and coin aggregating $80 in value were stolen. Mrs. Soule had worn her diamonds to the club meeting, and now considers herself lucky in having done so. The theft was not discovered until Mrs. Soule returned home about 5 o'clock in the evening. Included in the jewelry taken by the thief was Mrs. Soule's wedding ring, inscribed "From John to Ruth."

NEW MILITIA OFFICERS

BERKELEY, Dec. 12.—Officers and noncommissioned officers of the newly organized Company C of the Fifth regiment of the national guard of the state have been chosen as follows: Captain, George C. Pape; first lieutenant, F. E. White; second lieutenant, R. M. Searles; first sergeant, A. L. Perkins; quartermaser sergeant, W. J. Seaborn; second quartermaster sergeant, W. R. Van Bokkelen; third sergeant, L. J. Nisson; fourth sergeant, F. E. Johnson; corporals, Fred Seaborn, D. J. Smith, A. W. Keith, A. M. Scott, L. S. Hanna.

The officers of the civil organization are: Captain Pape, president; R. M. Searles, secretary; F. E. White, treasurer. The committees are: Finance—W. R. Van Bokkelen, F. Seaborn and A. W. Keith; recruiting—W. J. Seaborn, D. J. Smith and R. Nye.

GIFTS FOR THE HOMELESS

OAKLAND, Dec. 12.—Oakland lodge of Elks will have as guests at the club rooms on Monday afternoon, December 23, the children of the West Oakland home and other similar institutions in this city. Christmas entertainment will be provided for the little ones and each child will be presented with a box of assorted sweetmeats and other holiday goodies by Santa Claus. The wives of the members of the lodge will assist in making glad the hearts of the homeless little guests. The Christmas social session of the local Elks will be held on Thursday evening, December 19.

FILIPINO GIRLS AS EDITORS

BERKELEY, Dec. 12.—The December number of the Philippine Review, a publication in which the Filipino students of the university are interested, made its appearance on the campus today. The magazine for this month is edited by women, of whom the following are on the staff in charge: Editor in chief, Miss Honoria Acosta; editor, Miss Luisa Sison; associate editors, Miss Isabel Florendo and I. P. Bantug; district manager, Miss Genovera Llamas.

DEATH OF A PIONEER

OAKLAND, Dec. 12.—William D. Thomas, a pioneer of the early 50's, died yesterday at his home, 135 Hanover avenue, at the age of 78 years. Thomas was a native of Wales. He came to California in 1854 and settled in Oakland four years later, having lived here continuously until his death. Thomas was a member of the Masonic and the Odd Fellows' fraternities and of Brooklyn exempt firemen. He left a wife and two daughters.

BLIND PUPILS IN CONCERT

BERKELEY, Dec. 12.—The annual sacred concert of the blind pupils of the California Institute for the deaf and blind will be given in the chapel of the institute Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. A vocal and instrumental program has been prepared for the occasion in which only the blind of the school will take part.

Mrs. Charles Phillips, who became a bride at Berkeley yesterday.

RAILROADMAN WEDS SCHOOL DAY SWEETHEART

Miss Elma Busser Becomes Bride of Charles Phillips of Los Angeles

BERKELEY, Dec. 12.—Out of a friendship of school days culminated the marriage in this city yesterday of Charles Phillips and Miss Elma Busser, the ceremony being solemnized at St. Mark's Episcopal church, Rev. Edward L. Parsons officiating.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Samuel E. Busser, for many years connected with the sociological department of the Santa Fe railroad. After her graduation from the college of the Sisters of Bethany at Topeka, Kans., she acted as traveling secretary to her father. Mr. Phillips is district freight agent of the El Paso and Southwestern railroad, with his offices in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have gone north on their wedding journey. Their home will be in Los Angeles.

COURT DENOUNCES WITNESS AS AN "UNMITIGATED LIAR"

Conflicting Statements Regarding a Street Stabbing Affray Anger Judge Melvin

OAKLAND, Dec. 12.—Henry Gaines was sentenced by Judge Melvin today to serve five months in the county jail, after the jurist had called Prince Neisler, who had complained against Gaines, "an unmitigated liar." Gaines was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, it having been alleged that he had slashed Neisler's cheek with a penknife as the two were being taken to the city prison for disturbing the peace.

Neisler was questioned by Judge Melvin regarding the circumstances and made so many apparently conflicting statements that he was strongly denounced. Gaines pleaded guilty.

ACCUSED OF FORGERY

OAKLAND, Dec. 12.—Fred Sink, recently from Los Angeles, has been arrested on a charge of forgery for passing a bad check on a saloon man. M. A. McCourt, a young man arrested for forgery, was arraigned this morning, and his case set for hearing December 16.

Suburban Brevities

SUSPECTED OF INSANITY—Oakland, Dec. 12—John Carroll, a hostler at the Emeryville race track, was arrested today on suspicion of insanity.

PELICAN TO FLUTTER—Berkeley, Dec. 12. The Pelican, the comic paper of the students of the university, will make its appearance on the campus tomorrow.

FUNERAL OF ENGINEER—Oakland, Dec. 12. Funeral services over H. R. Wood, the young civil engineer who committed suicide at Petaluma, will be held tomorrow under direction of the Odd Fellows.

REPRESENT BERKELEY—Berkeley, Dec. 12. C. C. Juster, C. F. Wieland and Secretary E. D. Burrows of the chamber of commerce will leave tomorrow night for Fresno to represent the local chamber of commerce at the semiannual meeting of the counties committee of the California Promotion committee.

CONFESSES TO STAMP THEFTS—Berkeley, Dec. 12.—Chester E. Hallenbeck has been arrested and turned over to the San Francisco police on a charge of petty larceny. Hallenbeck confessed to the theft of $24.18 in stamps while engaged in cleaning the office for the San Francisco compressed air company in San Francisco.

PETTY THEFTS REPORTED—Oakland, Dec. 12.—Thieves stole suits of clothes from Gustave A. Fisher's home, 670 Twenty-second street, and from Charles Mendelson's tailor shop, 1154½ Twenty-third avenue, yesterday. A burglar entered Mrs. M. H. Hunt's residence, 1640 Telegraph avenue, and stole a suit of clothes and a watch.

UNITARIAN CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS—Alameda, Dec. 12.—Officers have been elected by the Unitarian club as follows: President, Herbert D. Clark; vice president, Elmer E. Cave; secretary treasurer, Brainard C. Brown; directors—Dr. W. K. Scott, Dr. George C. Thompson, Dr. F. W. d'Evelyn, W. H. Cramer, P. N. Beringer, R. J. Latham.

WILL TALK ON ADVANCEMENT—Berkeley, Dec. 12.—Secretary E. D. Burrows of the chamber of commerce of this city will address the meeting of the Berkeley political equality club tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. S. Sanborn, 2537 Regent street on the subject of means whereby the chamber can co-operate with the women's suffrage clubs for the advancement of the city.

FREIGHT CAR SHORTAGE REPORTED AT AN END

Southern Pacific Has 3,500 Cars Available in This Vicinity

NO FURTHER DELAYS

Prompt Handling of Shipments Promised by Superintendent

OAKLAND, Dec. 12.—Superintendent T. A. Lawson, the newly appointed head of the western division of the Southern Pacific company, told the guests at the luncheon given in the Hotel Metropole today by the Merchants' exchange that the freight car shortage in this vicinity had been virtually overcome and that from this time on there would be sufficient cars to handle all freight that was oefferd. He said that 3,500 freight cars were available on his division for traffic. Superintendent Lawson said:

I have been hearing continually of complaints that you merchants cannot get cars to carry on your business properly. I realize that it has been a great inconvenience to shippers. I wish to tell you now that we have 3,500 freight cars in California and that we recently brought many empties from Los Angeles to help clear up the congestion of freight in these parts. Out of the number mentioned we have about 600 available for use. The others are laden and on the road.

It is a problem to distribute these cars where they are most needed. A month ago there were 1,000 carloads of freight at Long Wharf to be moved. That freight has been moved. I am glad to say that the Southern Pacific is now able to furnish cars for the moving of hay from Livermore to the Oakland market. I have received advices by wire from Portland which lead me to believe that the freight blockade in the northwest is raised and that there will be but little delay in the future in bringing merchandise from that section. I think I can safely promise the merchants of Oakland that we will be in a position soon to handle their shipments without delay.

Superintendent Lawson said that it was planned to double track all lines on his division. He promised that the railroad company would in time erect a decent depot at the Sixteenth street station.

Society in Cities Across the Bay

OAKLAND, Dec. 12.—The wedding of Edward Illig and Miss Kelsey Paterson will be an event immediately following the Christmas holidays, taking place at the residence of the bride's mother in Berkeley early in January. Miss Paterson is a charming girl whose popularity in the exclusive set in San Francisco and Berkeley has been assured since her debut into society. She is the daughter of a prominent family, her father being a widely known jurist. Mr. Illig is a young architect who has been occupying apartments in Berkeley for some time. Already he has accomplished a notable success in his profession.

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Miss Irene Bangs will be a hostess of Friday afternoon at an informal card party at the Bangs residence in Ninth street. Her guests will include a score of girls who meet fortnightly for an hour of cards, a light supper concluding the sessions. The members have long been friends, most of them attending school together.

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Mrs. John L. Howard is out of town for a short visit, leaving at this season because of the continued illness of her son, who accompanies her.

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The Hill club, a coterie of neighborhood friends in the Linda Vista district, will meet next Monday afternoon at the Engelhardt home, Miss Katherine Engelhardt presiding as hostess. Among the members of the social organization are Mrs. Challen Parker, Miss Ilma Chase, Miss Marion Walsh, Miss Genevieve Chambers, Miss May Codgan, Miss Ruth Knowles and Miss Alice Knowles.

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Two large dances will engage the attention of the younger set on this side of the bay tomorrow evening. In Berkeley La Jeunesse, one of the exclusive dancing clubs of the college town, will assemble in Masonic temple for a thoroughly enjoyable affair. The patronesses of the organization for this season include Mrs. John Garber, Mrs. A. A. Pennoyer, Mrs. Henry Martinez, Mrs. Charles T. Blake, Mrs. C. B. Weltz, Mrs. A. Heriot Small, Mrs. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, Mrs. Philip Galpin and Mrs. Henry Glass.

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The Friday Night club will assemble several hundred young folk at the Home club for the second cotillon of the winter. Special cars will be run for the accommodation of the guests.

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Mrs. Moylan Fox and her daughter, Miss Jessie Fox, have returned from a several weeks' sojourn in the east and will spend the holidays at their home in the Lakeside district. In New York the travelers spent some interesting days.

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The beautiful new residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Bates at the head of Lake Merritt is about completed and they are looking forward with much pleasure to occupying it. They had hoped to be thoroughly settled for the celebration of Christmas, but have been disappointed. They will not take possession until the next year. Since their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bates have resided with Mrs. Bates' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burnham, in Lake street.

CHANGE IN ACCUSATION

ALAMEDA, Dec. 12.—The proceedings pending against M. J. Cooledge, a driver for the Jersey creamery, who was arrested at the instance of the board of health for having alleged impure milk on his delivery wagon, are to be dismissed in justice court at the request of City Attorney M. W. Simpson. His attorneys contended that the local ordinance was in conflict with a state law and entered a demurrer. Rather than fight the demurrer the city attorney asked that the complaint be dismissed. Cooledge is then to be arrested upon a complaint charging him with having violated a state law.

TO DISCUSS CONSOLIDATION

OAKLAND, Dec. 12.—A mass meeting in the interests of a consolidated city and county of Oakland will be held Friday evening in the Fourth Congregational church, Thirty-sixth and Grove streets, under direction of the Men's league. A. Jonas and Wilbur Walker, respectively chairman and secretary of the consolidated city and county government joint committee of the merchants' exchange and chamber of commerce, will address the meeting.

PICTURES PETTIBONE AS HIS PAYMASTER

Harry Orchard Repeats Tale of Assassination of Steunenberg

LONG LIST OF CRIMES

Declares Defendant Aided in the Commission of Murders

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 12.—Showing signs of deep emotion, Harry Orchard, in the Pettibone trial this afternoon, told of the assassination of ex-Governor Frank Steunenberg. In minute detail he testified in regard to the deliberate preparation for the crime; of his unsuccessful attempt to end the life of the governor, and, finally, of the placing of the bomb on the night of December 30, 1905. Tomorrow morning a narration of his arrest, confinement in the state penitentiary and his confession to Detective James McParland will end the direct examination, and the witness will be turned over to Clarence Darrow for cross examination.

Before telling of the Steunenberg murder Orchard detailed his alleged attempts on the lives of Fred Bradley at San Francisco, Justice Gabbert, Justice Goddard and Governor Peabody at Denver, and of plans which he said were made to kill Sherman Bell, Frank Hearne, David H. Moffat and John Neville. Throughout this story he pictured Pettibone as his paymaster, and in some of his attempted crimes he implicated the defendant as an active participant. In every detail his narrative was the same as given in the Haywood trial, but Attorney Hawley, in his questioning, was careful to lay emphasis on the part alleged to have been taken by the defendant on trial.

The Peabody bomb was introduced in evidence and Orchard displayed considerable emotion as he identified it. The muscles about his mouth twitched and his voice trembled. He then related his failure to place the bomb, of his going to Rocky Ford and of his return to Denver. Next came the narration of the second attempt on Judge Gabbert, in which he said Pettibone assisted. A bomb, he said, was set with a wire across a path frequented by Gabbert. He testified that Pettibone watched the Gabbert residence and when their intended victim appeared gave him the signal to tie a purse to the wire, so that Gabbert would pick it up and set off the bomb.

Orchard concluded:

On the night of December 30, I saw Steunenberg at the Saratoga hotel. I went to my room, got the bomb, took it to Steunenberg's residence and fastened it to the gate, covering it with snow. The bottles in the bomb were stationary, a piece of fishline being fastened to the cork and to a picket in the gate. It was dark when I set the bomb. I thought I saw a man cross the street just before I got there. After setting the bomb I started back to the hotel and met Steunenberg about two blocks from the house. Then I started to run, so as to be back to the hotel before the explosion. I met several people, but not one of them recognized me. I was within two blocks of the hotel when the bomb exploded. I went on to the hotel and went into the saloon, helping the bar tender tie up a package, and then went to my room to clean up.

At this point in his testimony court adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

BREAD AND CROCKERY HURLED AT HER HEAD

Mrs. Molinaire Regards Her Husband as Too Rude to Live With

OAKLAND, Dec. 12.—The hurling of a loaf of bread at her head, followed by a flight of crockery launched at the same mark by her husband, Angelio Molinaire, was set forth by May Molinaire today as cause for divorce. She alleged that he swore at her regularly, thereby causing great mental anguish.

Frances Abaria, suing today for separation, accused John F. Abaria of having ejected her from the house and kept her outside. She said he struck her with his fist and called her harsh names.

Joseph J. Venable, defendant in a recent suit for divorce, has prepared a cross complaint against his wife in addition to a general denial of her charges of cruelty. Venable will contend that the trouble arose from the presence of his mother in law, Mrs. Edgar G. Rust, in his house.

Divorce proceedings based on desertion have been filed by Mary Mitchell against Frank Mitchell.

A final decree of divorce was granted Lena Deme from August Deme by Judge Ogden today.

UNION NATIONAL BANK RELEASES BAIL MONEY

OAKLAND, Dec. 12.—By an arrangement made with the Union national bank by City Treasurer Ayer today the bail money from the two police courts, amounting to nearly $9,000, was released from deposit. Two checks from the police courts for more than $3,900 were subtracted from the total amount of the deposit to cover bail forfeitures and fines during October, and the balance was left unincumbered for use as needed by Bailiff William Moore in paying back bail.

The money had been in the Union national bank before the institution closed temporarily and for some weeks was inaccessible. Meantime the bank was holding a large number of salary warrants from city employes. Ayer arranged that the account credited to Bailiff Moore be wiped out and the total deducted from the payments on the warrants when these shall be presented to the city treasury.

PASSING OF A CALIFORNIAN

PACIFIC GROVE, Dec. 12.—Felipe Gomez, one of the few remaining picturesque figures of California days of romance, passed away last night in old Monterey. Mr. Gomez was born in that city in May, 1832, and received his schooling in the Hawaiian islands, there being no schools in Monterey. His mother was a daughter of Jose Mariano Estada, one of the former governors of California. For 18 years Mr. Gomez held the office of postmaster. He leaves a family of four daughters and two sons, all residing in this state.

One-seventh of Great Britain's foreign commerce passes through the Suez canal.

WILL FORM A COLONY ON SOUTH SEA ISLAND

New York Socialist Induces Five Hundred Persons to Go With Him

PLANS FOR REPUBLIC

Entire Party Will Sail From San Francisco Early Next Year

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Five hundred Americans, Germans, Irish, Swedes and Russians, including clergymen, butchers, salesmen, book keepers, stenographers, printers and carpenters, will leave New York on January 15 for San Francisco. There will be sailors in the party, too, for the 500 are to go away from that port in a bark to seek homes in the south Pacific ocean, or rather in one of the islands that dot portions of it.

Back of the expedition is Elmer S. Prather, president of the Modern Science publishing company. Prather is a sociologist. Only $300 is required to participate in the enterprise, the entire amount to be put into a common fund to institute a co-operative colony in the island.

When the proper island is found every one will settle down to business. Every one who can will be expected to do six hours' work a day, although every one may have four weeks' vacation a year. The colony will be nonsectarian and the form of government that of a republic, with a president elected every year. He will choose his cabinet, but there will be no secretary of war. Shredded cocoanut will be the chief product of the colony, but the members may make a try at raising tobacco and other crops suitable to the climate.

SENATE BALKS AT REQUEST TO PASS DEPARTMENT BILLS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The practice of certain of the executive departments of sending drafts of bills to the senate for passage, which bills have been immediately referred directly to committees, was discussed in the senate today. Senator Carter of Montana presented a prepared list of instances where the heads of executive departments had addressed the senate requesting the passage of certain bills. He said that Senator Teller of Colorado had himself sent bills to the senate for passage when he was secretary of the interior.

Senator Aldrich replied that, no matter how old the practice, it should be stopped; that the executive departments had no right to seek legislation in such direct manner. He moved that the secretary of the interior's communication of yesterday be referred to the committee on rules with Senator Hepburn's motion to report promptly on what action should be taken by the senate to correct the practice of direct communication by department heads. This motion prevailed.

After a brief executive session the senate, at 2:16 p. m., adjourned until Monday.

DEN OF RATTLESNAKES FOUND BY VINEYARDISTS

Santa Cruz Grape Planters Kill 137 Reptiles in a Single Hole

SANTA CRUZ, Dec. 12.—One of the biggest slaughters of reptiles in Santa Cruz county was made Thursday morning by Peter Vagulia and Joe Lewis, who were working on a ridge between Boulder creek and San Lorenzo river. While clearing land for grape planting in a natural swale they struck their axes in the soft sandy soil and broke into a small cavern. The sharp frost that covered the ground and the chilly air doubtless saved their lives. Paying no attention to the small hole they had accidentally opened up, they worked on until the rising sun began to warm the atmosphere, when suddenly it seemed as though all the rattlesnakes in the state had assembled in convention. Grabbing their axes, they killed all in sight and then, taking a stand over the hole, as the snakes crawled out they speedily dispatched 137 rattlers.

AUSTRALIAN TARIFF BILL

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 12.—The house of representatives, after a five hours' debate, has just completed the tariff bill. The strongly protective character of this bill has been somewhat modified.

Local News in Brief

CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT—Henry Klein, book keeper for Swift & Co., lumber dealers, was arrested yesterday by Detective Cleary of Morse's agency and charged with felony embezzlement. Klein is short in his accounts to the amount of $1,000.

WISH TO HONOR WOLF—The religious corporation known as Keneseth Israel filed with the superior court yesterday a petition for permission to change its name to the William Wolf corporation. The reason is that William Wolf is about to present to the corporation a valuable piece of land.

CHARGED WITH ROBBERY—James Lyons was arrested early yesterday morning by Policeman G. H. Richards on a charge of robbery. Mortimer Fitzgerald, who lives in Michigan street, alleges that Lyons and another man held him up near his residence Wednesday night and took a purse containing $5.

CARPENTER STABS SAILOR—Jacob Blackweler, carpenter on the ship Crown of Germany, lying at the Filbert street wharf, was arraigned in Police Judge Cabaniss' court yesterday on a charge of assault to murder and the case was continued until tomorrow. Blackweler is accused of having stabbed Vedder Weil, a sailor.

FINN WILL SEEK WRIT—Joseph Finn, brother of ex-Police Commissioner Thomas Finn, who was ordered into court recently on an old charge of perjury and liberated on $5,000 bail, will surrender himself into custody this morning and get back the bail money, while his attorney, Charles S. Perry, will apply for a writ of habeas corpus.

WANTS STEPFATHER ARRESTED—Frank Thude, 751A Guerrero street, obtained a warrant from Police Judge Cabaniss yesterday for the arrest of Rhinehart A. Boggs, his stepfather, on a charge of having obtained money by false pretenses. Thude alleges that on June 21 Boggs represented to him that his mother had authorized Boggs to get $160 from him. Boggs disappeared that day.

BAR TENDER AND SALOONMAN ROBBED—J. Leonard, a bar tender at 32 Sacramento street, reported to the police yesterday that he had been robbed of $100 by two men in the rear part of the saloon. John Hubert and George McGregor were arrested for the crime. Frank Embert, proprietor of a saloon at 251 Stenart street, was held up by an armed man yesterday evening. The robber took $5 from the cash drawer.

Surgeons Shifted by Order of the War Department

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Army orders: The following changes in the stations and duties of officers of the medical department are ordered:

Captain Joseph H. Ford, assistant surgeon, will proceed to Fort William Henry Harrison for duty.

Captain W. Davis, assistant surgeon, upon arrival in San Francisco will proceed to Fort Mason, Cal., for duty to relieve First Lieutenant Robert H. Pierson, assistant surgeon. Captain Davis will also report to commanding general, department of California, for duty as attending surgeon at San Francisco, to relieve Lieutenant Pierson of that duty.

Captain Robert N. Winn, assistant surgeon, upon arrival in San Francisco will proceed to Jefferson barracks, Missouri, for duty.

Captain Perry M. Ashburn, assistant surgeon, upon arrival at San Francisco will proceed to Fort Banks, Mass., for duty.

Captain Gideon Van Poole, assistant surgeon, upon arrival at Francisco will proceed ta Fort Slocum, N. Y., for duty.

Navy orders—Captain L. Young is given additional duty as captain of the yard, navy yard, Mare island.

Pay Inspector E. D. Runyan is detached from duty as pay officer of the Charleston to duty as fleet paymaster of the Pacific fleet, and pay officer of the West Virginia.

MINERS SEARCH RUINED HUTS FOR BURIED GOLD

Recent Find Under Cabin at American Hill Causes Rush to Camp

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

ALLEGHANY, Dec. 12.—American hill, six miles east of this town, is rapidly becoming inhabited and is the scene of an excitement unique in Sierra county mining history. Miners from Alleghany, Forest and Sierra City are rushing to the place in large numbers and are searching the old tumbled down cabins and hills in their endeavor to locate some of the vast treasure which is believed to be hidden there.

The rush to the hill is the result of the exaggerated reports which have gotten abroad as to the extent of the Walsh and Chambers find. These two men several days ago unearthed considerable coin in an Indian cabin at the place and came to this city to spend it. They rented an entire saloon and gave free liquor to every one who applied. It is thought their find amounts to about $10,000.

American hill in the early '60s was one of the liveliest mining camps on the coast, and afterward became the rendezvous of a few Indians.

"FIGHT TRUST" CASES ARE PUT OVER FOR ONE WEEK

Testimony Taken Before the Grand Jury Has Not Yet Been Transcribed

Graney, Britt and Coffroth, the indicted members of the "fight trust" and Schmitz, indicted for having received bribes from the "trust," were to have been arraigned in Judge Dunne's court yesterday, but on the application of Assistant District Attorney William Hoff Cook the formality went over for a week because the testimony taken before the grand jury had not yet been transcribed. All of the defendants were present.

George F. Duffey, under indictment for having received and agreed to receive a bribe, was to have been arraigned in Judge Lawlor's court. His attorney, D. W. Burchard, informed the court that Duffey was suffering from a broken arm and asked for a 10 days' continuance. The judge postponed the arraignment until this morning.

YOELL WILL CONTEST IS DRAWING TO CONCLUSION

Attorneys Expect Trial, Which Began September 11, Will End Next Week

The trial of the Yoell will contest, which began September 11, will probably be finished next week. Hiram W. Johnson, attorney for the proponents, intimated yesterday that he expected to complete the case Monday or Tuesday, and Attorney Hoefler, representing the contestants, said he did not think he would want more than a day to put in evidence in rebuttal.

The only testimony yesterday was that of Charles Sweigert, who described himself as "formerly a politician, now a capitalist," and his wife, Emma Sweigert. The former said he had known Yoell since 1860 and had always regarded him as of sound mind. Mrs. Sweigert said Yoell had told her that Mrs. Eva Levy—the chief proponent of the will—was the only one of his children who was kind to him.

CONDEMNATION SUIT DECIDED

In the suit in which the city sued Florence G. Perrine and George M. Perrine to condemn a parcel of land having a frontage of 47 feet 6 inches on Washington street near Kearny and a depth of 34 feet 8 inches, to be used in connection with the reconstruction of the hall of justice, the jury in Judge Hunt's court yesterday returned a verdict condemning the land and valuing it at $22,000.

The case of the city against Robert C. Bolton, Eliza M. Bolton, Bolton Mellis, David Ernest Mellis, and Davis Ernest Mellis as trustee for Bolton Mellis, was begun before the same jury.

COUNTERFEITER SENTENCED

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Herman Henz, who made silver dollars so well that only experts could distinguish his product from those of the mint, was sentenced to six years at Sing Sing prison and to pay the government $250 in real money. Henz came east from San Francisco and began business in a cottage on the outskirts of Suffern, N. Y.

STEADY SMUGGLING OF ARMS INTO RUSSIA

Depot for Distribution at Constantia on the Black Sea

FOR USE BY PEOPLE

Rifles Taken in British Ships May Be Turned Against Bureaucracy

Who for the past three years has been pouring into southern Russia a steady stream of modern rifles and revolvers for the use of peasants and intellectuals, who are in more or less open revolt against the authority of the bureaucracy of the czar? Frank T. Murray of Birmingham, Eng., now at the St. Francis, said last night that he was not the man, but the story he told of the details showed that he was intimately acquainted with the methods used in this filibustering traffic.

There is, Murray says, a perfectly organized depot in the little town of Constantia, at the Black sea end of the Dardanelles, for receipt and distributing of the rifles as they arrive in the holds of English vessels. The secret service spies of the czar have often searched the headquarters of the organization, but always too late to capture either guns or men. The traffic goes on. Murray, who as a director in one of the largest of the famous gun manufacturing concerns in England, is in a position to know, says that at least 30,000 rifles and as many more revolvers, with ammunition to match, have passed into southern Russia.

The part that politics plays in the game can be understood when it is learned that in nearly every case the guns and revolvers are stamped with the name of two makers, one an American firm and the other the firm of which Murray is the head. Frequent appeals to the English and American governments by the harassed officials of Russia have so far done little to alleviate their alarms.

"In a little bay, just west of the arm of land which shuts off the view of the open roadstead which forms the harbor of the town of Constantia," said Murray last night, "there is an old Russian redoubt, abandoned when Alexander III discovered, after the battle of Plevna, that the straits were not for him.

"It is through this fort that the distribution of the arms is done. The Russian secret service men have searched the place time and time again and they have never found anything. There is a perfectly formed ganization, with headquarters in Moscow, which, as soon as the long cases in which the rifles are packed are lowered into the boats alongside the ship and ferried ashore, takes charge of them. Never for a day is a shipment allowed to remain in the fort. That is merely used as a receiving and shipping station. The tiny mules of that part of Russia are used to transport the guns and revolvers to some other place, and the peasant gets his rifle with which to shoot at the Cossack the next time trouble comes.

"One of the most peculiar features of this trade, for such the traffic has become of late years, is the prominence of the men engaged in it on the English side. Since the Kishenef massacre many leading Jews who had preached obedience to the law to the bitter end, no matter how burdensome that law might be, have gone into the business of supplying arms and ammunition to the serfs and their fellow Hebrews of south Russia, where the hatred of the bureaucracy of the czar is strongest.

"It is among these men, the leaders of the race all over the world, that the organization has been formed, and their genius for system and organization is felt in every department. Witness the difference between the way the traffic is handled in the South American troubles and this. Not one cargo, so far as I know, has ever gone astray. The goods are delivered 'per invoice,' right side up with care, and they arrive where they are wanted by those who are struggling for the freedom of the czar's people."

HARRIMAN CHARGES FISH WITH OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT

Also Alleges That He Misapplied Funds of the Illinois Central Company

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Arguments for and against the injunction obtained by Stuyvesant Fish restraining the voting of 281,231 shares of Illinois Central stock at the annual meeting of that road began today in the superior court before Judge Ball. The proceedings were begun by the presentation by the attorneys of E. H. Harriman of a long affidavit signed by Mr. Harriman, Robert W. Goelet and Charles A. Peabody. In the affidavit it was set forth that Mr. Fish was not re-elected president of the company because of alleged misconduct and alleged misapplication of the funds of the company.

ALDEN ANDERSON RE-ELECTED

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 12.—Alden Anderson, the incumbent, president of the local chamber of commerce, was unanimously chosen to serve in that capacity for the third time last evening. Anderson declined the nomination, but was ruled out of order, and a committee, consisting of W. O. Bowers, T. L. Enright and Secretary of State Charles F. Curry, was selected to make up a ticket. It reported as follows: President, Alden Anderson; vice president, H. I. Seymour; treasurer, W. W. Bassett; chairmen—commerce, H. K. Johnson; manufactures, W. C. Hendricks; immigration and lands, D. W. Carmichael; mines and mining, William Schaw; ways and means, Grove L. Johnson; statistics and library, W. F. Purnell; laws and legislation, L. T. Hatfield; members and grievances, F. B. Fancher; public improvements, Dr. Thomas J. Cox; exhibitions, C. W. McKillip; reception, Clinton L. White; public affairs, A. L. Darrow.

BADLY BEATEN BY CARMEN

Captain J. F. Anderson, custodian of the Pacific Mail dock, was assaulted and badly beaten by employes of the United Railroads at the Oak and Broderick streets barn late last night, and as a result of the severe mauling he received he is at the central emergency hospital with one of his ribs fractured. The trouble arose over a dispute concerning the payment of a fare. During the struggle one of his assailants took $100 from Anderson's pocket. The police are working on the case.

SENIORS TO GIVE DANCE—Oakland, Dec. 12.—The senior dance of the Polytechnic high school class of December '07 will be held tomorrow evening at Central hall, Twelfth street near Broadway.