

NEWS OF THE WEEK

WASHED THUG ROBBS HOTEL CAFE TILL

Three Stand With Hands Up in Air While Deed Is Committed

OAKLAND, April 17.—Masked and armed with a revolver a single high-walker held up the bar of the Hotel Metropole at 7:45 o'clock tonight, compelling three men to stand while he opened the cash register, finally making his escape when he knew that pursuit was to follow by feigning that he had a comrade near the place. The cash register contained \$25 in silver, which was taken, the thug over-looking more than \$100 in gold in a back compartment of the drawer.

In the saloon at the time were the bar tender, H. Rollins, and the porter, Louis Dennis. The bar tender was making change for the porter and had his back turned to the street door, by which the robber came into the barroom. When Rollins turned around he was looking at a .33 caliber revolver, and then came a command that he and Dennis throw up their hands.

TOURIST JOINS THEM

Just as they raised their arms Charles Clark, a tourist from London, Eng., and a guest at the hotel, walked into the saloon by the same doorway that the holdup man had used. Clark, who was dressed in a suit and tie, was compelled to raise his hands.

Having subdued by the pistol all three of the occupants the robber calmly walked behind the bar, and with his hand on the cash register, and the register and placed the coin in his coat pocket.

When the robber turned his back for a moment to loot the register Clark and Dennis ran out, Clark by the street door and Dennis through the billiard hall at the back of the saloon, and upstairs into the hotel.

MANAGER RAISES HIS HANDS

Dennis called to J. O. Hendry, the assistant manager of the hotel, that there was a robbery being committed, and Hendry went with Dennis back to the billiard room. Then the revolver in the hands of the thug was turned on Hendry, and he was made to stand with his hands in the air. He backed away, however, and his action aroused the fear of the robber.

Peering nervously over his shoulder the thug said, "Where is my friend?" The words led Hendry and the others to believe that there were two men in the holdup, and while they were perplexed with the question the robber broke out of the door by which he had entered and into Jefferson street.

Clark, who had gone into the hotel and returned, thinking the robber must have departed, saw a man, as he stepped into the street, draw his mask down from his face and replace the revolver in his pocket. The robber started down Jefferson street and Clark followed.

TOURIST TRAILS ROBBER

This pursuit, Clark showing the thug, continued for several blocks. Once the robber stopped to hear a socialist speaker at Tenth and Broadway, Clark says. He then walked across Tenth street to Carroll's saloon in Tenth street between Broadway and Washington street. Seeing him enter there Clark thought the robber would remain there and went to telephone for the police, who had already been apprised from the Hotel Metropole. By the time they were plotted to Carroll's saloon the man disappeared.

Newman reported that the same thug had entered his place, and told of a graphic struggle with the robber. He said he had struck the armed man in the face, knocking the robber down just as the latter was drawing a pistol and was drawn up, then had grappled for the pistol and lost it.

DISCREDIT HIS STORY

The employees of Newman say they saw no one enter save Clark, who spoke to Newman, then telephoned to the police and went out. Fred Newman, brother to Charles, bears out his brother's story, but the police discredit it. Even the Chinese who serves enchiladas in Newman's place says no one entered with a blue handkerchief mask and a revolver.

"The man did not go to Newman's after robbing the Metropole," said Sergeant of Police Mulgrew, who aided in the pursuit. "Clark went there to telephone and spoke to Newman, but the thug did not try to rob the place."

The Metropole robber made no effort to rob the patrons of the place or the bar tender.

Clark had \$400 in greenbacks in his pocket. Rollins, the bar tender, was asked why he did not hit the robber with a bottle. He replied:

"Why, man, I could have crawled into a bottle about the time he put that gun at my head."

COMPLAINS OF FAILURE TO REPAIR SIDEWALKS

Attention of the board of public works has been called to the fact that many sidewalks in the business district bounded by Broadway, Market and Kearny streets are so out of repair as to render them dangerous to the public. According to the Merchants' association, which has been conducting an inspection and communicating the conditions to the board of public works, the ordinance recently passed which requires all sidewalks in that district repaired before May 1 is being violated. Immediate action is urged on the board by the association.

In the same communication the association calls attention to many places in the city where contractors have permitted refuse to pile up in front of buildings in course of construction. A list of such places between Broadway, Market and Kearny streets has been compiled and is included in the complaint, which does not ask for the removal of the refuse, but is about to be used within a reasonable time.

GIRL INJURED BY CAR

Archie Mulesky, a 12 year old girl living at 126 Ripley street, was struck by a Polson street electric car at Twenty-fifth street and received serious injuries. The little girl's left leg was fractured and she was bruised about the head and body. Robert Burke, the driver of the car, was arrested and charged with battery.

SUES PROMOTION COMMITTEE

The California Promotion committee was sued yesterday by I. Chopak for \$50,000, of which \$25,000 is for pre-agent work done in the past year and \$25,000 money loaned. Mrs. J. J. Jenkins, B. H. Hale, Andrew Shabro and Mrs. L. Gensel are named as defendants.

Opening of Los Altos Cutoff to Los Gatos

Sunday, April 19th, service begins. Trains leave 8:20 a. m. and 11 a. m. One fare round trip to Los Altos, Los Gatos and other stations new line. Beautiful foothill excursion trip.

LEAGUE WILL BALK

Primaries in Third District De-cided Upon by Lincoln-Roosevelt Republicans

OAKLAND, April 17.—In view of the failure of the third district congressional republican committee to make any move toward rescinding its jobbery as to appointment of delegates to the district convention for choosing district delegates to the national republican convention the Lincoln-Roosevelt republican league has decided to hold primaries throughout the third district. The league will name delegates to the district convention and will vote on them at the regular mandatory primaries, and also in districts where the rank scheme in the Herrin congressional crowd has called for appointments.

TISDALE TALKED IN RIDDLES

That Dr. C. L. Tisdale, chairman of the third district republican committee, talked in riddles with members of the league concerning a proposed conference over the primaries is conceded now by persons who waited on him. Among these was F. F. Morse of Seminary avenue, Fruitvale, a vice president of the league in the fifty-first assembly district.

Morse said that he spoke to Tisdale over the phone Wednesday relative to the way in which the delegates to the convention of the third congressional district were to be chosen. According to Morse Tisdale said that all of the delegates in the fifty-first district would be elected and that probably as many as two would be appointed in the fifty-second district. Morse said that he clearly remembered that Tisdale stated that all of the delegates from the fifty-first district would be elected.

The call for the congressional primary it is set forth that four delegates are to be appointed from the fifty-first district and one delegate from the fifty-second district.

DOUBTS WORD TO USE

Morse has not quite decided what to think of Tisdale. He does not feel quite sure that he should use that shorter and uglier word, though the testimony seemed to warrant it. The league has satisfied itself that there will be no conference. The situation has been canvassed during the last few days and the decision has been reached that the district republicans who have been disfranchised by the third district committee's appointing job will have to fight it out on other lines. Since the announcement of a possible conference was made it is understood that the machine has put tremendous pressure upon the members of the committee to stand pat, and that a majority cannot be found to act, so sharply has the Herrin whistle been blown.

Tisdale, whose support of the gang won him the coronership of Alameda county last fall, has declared within a day or so with much strong language that he will not make a move to rectify the political wrong which has been done to the republicans of the third district.

SHOWS SCHEME TO STOP REGISTRATION

BERKELEY, April 17.—Further evidence of the schemes of County Clerk Jack Cook to prevent the citizens from registering for the May 5 primaries, that is to say, citizens who are in revolt against the Southern Pacific machine, was shown today in the announcement of Charles C. Emalie of 2035 Ashby avenue of his resignation as a registration clerk. Emalie could not obtain sufficient registration affidavits from County Clerk Cook's office to accommodate the crush of electors who desired to register. Overwhelmed by the demand and his inability to meet it Emalie withdrew. He had been a registration clerk for 10 years in Berkeley.

EMSLIE WAS SWAMPED

Emalie, through friendship for Cook, refused to go on record as declaring that the affidavits blanks had been willfully withheld from him. The circumstances indicate that they were deliberately held out by Cook's office before it was known that Berkeley is preparing to deliver a smash at the corrupt Herrin gang in Alameda county which will count.

Emalie said that he found himself swamped Wednesday with requests for registration. He called up Cook's office and demanded blanks. "We have none," was Chief Deputy Clerk Johnstone's answer. And none was forthcoming, despite Emalie's frantic efforts to accommodate the scores of men who besieged him.

Without blanks Emalie was compelled to turn away numerous applicants for registration.

"I am not going to say that the clerk's office deliberately turned down my requests," said Emalie. "I have no proof that they did have any, but the crush was too much for me and I quit."

COOK REFUSED DEPUTIES

By an astonishing coincidence two serious complaints concerning registration which have been made against Cook come from districts in which the forces for good government are thoroughly organized—Berkeley and the fifty-first assembly district. Cook refused flatly to appoint a deputy to register voters at a meeting of the Lincoln-Roosevelt league in East Oakland Tuesday night, though the night before Johnstone, Cook's chief deputy, attended by invitation a Chinese lodge meeting and registered more than a score of Chinese native born.

BRAINS OF COUNTY GANG

Cook is the brains of a political gang which includes in its composition the late and companion of William E. Dargie. Cook has absolute control of the immensely important election machinery of Alameda county. He dictates most of the political maneuvering in the board of supervisors, which controls the appointment of the election boards. Cook is the county machine's representative in the fifty-first assembly district. He will be more than active protecting his lines. The good government forces will be active.

TENDERLOIN IS INSPECTED

Piloted by Police Captain Thomas Duke and Sergeants Matheson and Lane, the police committee of the grand jury went through a restricted district of the Barbary coast last night on a tour of inspection. After visiting every hole in the tenderloin and going through every saloon, they expressed themselves as well satisfied with general conditions there. In the party were Foreman McFarland, John A. Hammer, Smith and Police Commissioner Kell.

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OAKLAND, April 17.—Extraordinary interest in the primaries which will be held May 5 for election of delegates to district and state conventions which will choose delegates to the national convention has been shown in the electorate of Alameda county. That this interest is due to the battle which has been inaugurated by the Lincoln-Roosevelt league and allied forces for good government, which are banded together to destroy the Southern Pacific political machine in California is evident from an analysis of the registration figures.

Political districts which have been more or less under the domination of the republican machine and an ally of the Herrin political bureau show a much less proportionate registration for May 5 than the wards and districts which have not been thus controlled.

There are strong indications that a heavy registration has been induced to enroll through the persistent efforts of the good government republicans to prepare themselves to go to the polls and vote against further control of the party by the gang.

At the last republican state convention at Santa Cruz. The utter repudiation of that element and all that belongs with it in Alameda county is sought not only at the coming primary but in the late primary when the legislative and local tickets will be named.

Every organization in Alameda county which has done effective work in clearing the way in the past for the election of Alameda county has been actively engaged in perfecting stronger organization for the coming campaign. In the movement are hundreds of men who have enlisted for the first time in active political work to carry forward a battle for decency in political affairs, for clean administration and for the final destruction of the railroad machine.

In the city of Oakland more than 9,000 electors have registered in time to vote at the May 5 primaries. This figure is so unusual that the gang politicians are aghast. They do not understand its purport. Those who have been watching the current registration insist that it means the revolt of the people. By wards the registration is as follows:

City of Oakland—First ward, 1,620; second ward, 1,414; third ward, 1,140; fourth ward, 1,020; fifth ward, 1,020; sixth ward, 1,020; seventh ward, 1,700. Berkeley shows a total to date of nearly 3,400. The figures by wards follow:

Berkeley—First ward, 538; second ward, 492; third ward, 492; fourth ward, 297; fifth ward, 343; sixth ward, 441; seventh ward, 524.

Other totals are: Alameda, 2,194; Emeryville, 1,150; Brooklyn township, 428; Pleasanton township, 200; Washington township, 250; Murray township, 150; Eden township, 425.

The total county registration for the May 5 primaries is 19,408. The total for the week ending Thursday is \$18,295. The drawing in the election in November, 1906, for governor was 27,808. Making due allowance for increase in population, this preliminary registration this year shows an tremendous evidence that the people are aroused. Political party records no exception to the results when once the people are aroused.

CHAPARRAL CARTOONS JORDAN'S NEW PROJECT

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, April 17. The recently divulged plan of President David Starr Jordan of Stanford university to eliminate freshmen and sophomore students from the institution in five years and effect a senior university was given a humorous slap this morning in the Stanford Chaparral in the shape of a cartoon, which has caused the campus community to hold its sides for mirth. Instead of the customary college scenes upon the quadrangle the artist of the Chaparral has sketched from imagination the appearance of the undergraduates 10 years hence when the plan is in effect.

Students with chin whiskers and gray hair are grouped in familiar poses about the statues in memorial court, while bespectacled women, in the autumn of life, are sketched attending their classes. The drawing is the work of Stuart McDonald, a sophomore, and has caused more comment than any drawing which has appeared in some time. The college clothes worn by graybeards and freshman hats placed on bald pates are features of the sketch.

ALLOWS MISSION TO REPAIR FRAME HOUSE

Acting on the advice of City Attorney Long the board of works granted permission yesterday to the conductors of the "Whoseover Will" mission at 475 Pacific street to make necessary repairs on the building which was recently damaged by fire. The fire marshal objected to a permit being granted, as the mission is a frame structure and within the fire limits. Long held that as the supervisors had decreed that all temporary wooden buildings might remain within the fire limit until 1910, the right to grant a permit to repair them rested in the discretion of the works board.

Commissioner Day was instructed to call on Mayor Taylor and inform him that the public will be put to great inconvenience if he insists that all permits issued by the board must be acted upon at an open meeting of the commission. Such course would result in building and other permits being hung up until the board meetings, which are held only twice a week.

HORSES IN BAD CONDITION

Joseph Meyer, grading superintendent, and Mike Meyer, stable foreman at Buckman's grading camp, Fremont avenue, and a street were arrested yesterday morning by Policemen Tracey and Crutley to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. They are charged with cruelty to animals, and nine horses and a dog were brought to the pound of justice and will be brought again to the pound of justice this morning when the cases are called.

MINING PROMOTER ASKS DAMAGES

A suit for \$75,000 damages was instituted yesterday by James E. King, mining promoter, against J. S. Wardell, H. L. Brooke, Gubner Munday, E. C. Hughes and T. J. Fitzsimmons as conspirators in defaming his reputation resulting from certain publications in the Mining and Engineering Review of San Francisco.

JILED JAPANESE RUNS AMUCK

Illegally by his sweetheart in Nippon, Henry Mendez, a Japanese servant, went suddenly mad last night and endeavored to cause his heavy heart by crossing a "Jungle" hotel in fashionable apartments at 1730 Broadway. He went the women shrieking from the place, and it required the combined efforts of a policeman and half a dozen bystanders to calm him.

MISS FONTAINE BENTON (Vaughn & Keith, photo), who is to become bride of Herbert R. Connor.



SCION OF KING TO BE BRIDE IN JUNE

ALAMEDA, April 17.—Miss Fontaine Benton, a great-granddaughter of Joseph Bonaparte, the eldest brother of Napoleon the First and at one time king of Naples, who is to become the bride of Herbert R. Connor, June 19, will be given a plate shower by Miss Lorana Westover at the latter's home, 2153 San Jose avenue, on Friday, April 24. Sixteen friends of Miss Benton will be asked to participate in the function. Among the invited guests are:

Miss Hope Corteson, Miss Alice Harrington, Miss Alice B. Jones, Miss Catherine Marie, Miss Ethel Miller, Miss Edna Alken, Miss Pearl Alken, Miss Abbie Cemeron, Miss Grace Gardall, Miss Sara Miller, Miss Edna Jones, Miss Ella Shreve, Mrs. B. F. McCoy.

Miss Benton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hart Benton of 2152 San Antonio avenue. Her fiancé is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Connor of 2009 Central avenue. He is a member of the graduating class of Brown university and upon receiving his degree plans to engage in mining with his father at Oroville.

CHECK IS PAYMENT ONLY WHEN CASHED

The loss resulting from the drawing of a check upon the California Bank and trust company the day after the bank suspended, October 30, 1907, must fall upon the drawer of the check, under an interesting decision handed down by Judge Hunt yesterday in the case of the Pioneer automobile company against G. Franchini. An automobile was bought from the company by a ranchman, who on October 29 gave a check for \$1,900 in payment of the balance of the purchase price. The closing of the bank the same day rendered the check null and void, and the automobile company sued Franchini for the sum. Franchini claimed that the acceptance of the check by the company operated as payment of the debt.

The judge decided therefore that the loss must fall upon Franchini, who entered judgment in favor of the automobile company for the amount claimed—\$1,900.

WEEKLY BANK CLEARINGS FALL BELOW LAST YEAR

Larger than for any week since October last, San Francisco's bank clearings for the week ending Thursday were \$3,436,041.93, according to the report made by the California Promotion committee. However, the clearings fall short by 20.4 per cent of the record of the corresponding week last year, which was \$4,287,477. For the week which was terminated by the disaster of 1906 the clearings were \$2,219,949.35. Oakland banks, which cleared through the San Francisco institution previous to the fire, cleared for the week \$1,422,108.88, falling off 54.1 per cent from last year's similar record—\$3,255,820.39.

A loss of 12.7 per cent is reported in San Jose, where the clearings were for the two years \$458,456.62 and \$525,100, respectively. Stockton banks cleared \$420,029.69 for the week. In Sacramento the banks reported through the clearing house a total of \$863,160.40 for the week. Fresno's recently organized clearing house reported \$540,000 for the week. Clearings of 21.9 per cent is noted in Los Angeles, with clearings of \$10,457,040 and \$13,521,000, respectively. This makes a grand total for the seven cities of \$52,666,859.57.

WOMEN FRIENDS HEAR FURY ADMIT HIS GUILT

Haled into court on the charge of defrauding a vehicle driver and forced before a crowded courtroom to admit his guilt, was the fate meted out yesterday to Charles F. Fury, known as "Doc" Fury, ex-caterer, but now an alleged skin specialist. To make matters worse a half dozen of Fury's friends, who, according to the evidence introduced were principally to blame, were present to witness his humiliation.

Fury was charged by A. G. Faulkner of the Thomas auto rental service at Polk and Turk streets with refusing to pay \$67.50 due for auto hire. Faulkner testified that Fury was accustomed, single handed, to entertain five or six women at a time with autowrites to the beach, and that he never went on such rides unless accompanied by at least three enchantresses.

Fury asked Judge Cabanis before whom his case was tried for a little longer time in which to settle up his debt. By consent of the complaining witness the court allowed him a week. Fury left the courtroom followed by most of the fair spectators.

DISPUTE RIGHT TO SKETCH

A dispute as to the proprietorship of the one of the most valuable sketches in the collection of the school of St. Cyr, France, has written to the war department asking for the biographies of some of the American students who attended there at different times from 1863 to 1892. Those whose biographies are wanted are:

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KEY ROUTE PLANS WIDE EXTENSIONS

Block for Great Depot Bought and Pettions for Right of Way Prepared

OAKLAND, April 17.—Wide extension of the Key route system, including the establishment of a great freight depot and passenger station in the block bounded by Twelfth, Fourteenth, Union and Poplar streets, and contemplated service over Twelfth street through the heart of the city into Hayward and adjacent suburban territory are indicated by the activity of agents of the corporation in securing subscribers to a petition for a right of way along Poplar street, and in the purchase of all the property in the block designated.

Developments of the day have confirmed a story published exclusively in The Call to the effect that the Key route ultimately would build a great station in West Oakland and had decided upon the actual invasion of territory which the Southern Pacific has regarded as its own during all its history.

Connection with the Emeryville pier will be had by a long along Poplar street, extending south from Twenty-second street.

From this station the lines already in use in Twelfth street by the Oakland traction company will be utilized to carry the reporters and their motor territory east of the boundaries of Oakland, and from which point the company will reach San Jose by lines across Alameda county.

The lines from the trains operated from Twelfth street and Broadway over the Key route lines would place residents of Oakland within 35 minutes of San Francisco.

SEEKS DIVORCE FROM HER SICK HUSBAND

Hubert Paul Dyer, who, according to the complaint, is a graduate of the University of California and a sugar chemist, was sued for divorce yesterday by Abbie C. Dyer. They were married in 1893 in Honolulu, and Mrs. Dyer says her husband has since been employed in different beet sugar refineries but has invariably quarreled after a short time and either resigned or been discharged. They parted July 12, 1905, and since December, 1906, he has given her only \$60. Mrs. Dyer asks a divorce on the ground of failure to support her. In her complaint she makes the statement that she has been informed her husband's health has not been good since last January.

Laura A. Gartner was granted a divorce from A. F. Gartner, an insurance agent, on the ground of desertion by Judge Sturtevant yesterday. She testified that her husband went to New York, saying he intended engaging in business there, but that he had not written to her for a long while had not written to her.

The following suits for divorce were begun yesterday: Rosie Friedman against Israel Friedman, desertion; Josephine Savio against Emilio Savio, desertion; Mabel H. Crane against Leonard A. Crane, desertion; Emily Louise Gomez against Leopold A. Gomez, cruelty.

WANT TO TERMINATE MIRANDA LUX TRUST

A heavy battery of lawyers was present in Judge Seawell's court yesterday to participate in the hearing of the application for the appointment of the trustee of the trust of the late Miranda W. Lux, who died about 10 years ago leaving property worth \$3,000,000. Charles S. Wheeler represented the trustees, George W. Lewis and Azro Lewis, Frank J. Heney appeared for Jesse Sheldon Lux, Potter, one of the chief beneficiaries, while the interests of various other heirs were looked after by William B. Treadwell, E. J. L. Treadwell, George C. Sargent, J. J. Ferris, Frank P. Medina and W. Brown. There is \$150,000 on hand which the trustees are anxious to distribute, and then wind up the trust. Heney, however, has only recently been retained in the matter, and he made formal objection to the account, with the object of gaining time to familiarize himself with the details. Other heirs raised objection to a payment of \$100,000 made during the last year by the trustees to Jesse Sheldon Lux Potter. Finally the matter went over two weeks, when it is thought the account will be settled and the trust terminated.

MANUFACTURERS URGE FLEET FOR THIS COAST

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Manufacturers' and Producers' association of California yesterday afternoon resolutions were passed relative to the urging of the maintenance of 12 gunboat battle ships and 8 cruisers for adequate naval protection to the Pacific coast. A resolution urging the reorganization of the navy to guard for San Francisco was also passed. The association decided to associate itself with the National council of commerce in order to assist in the promotion of foreign and domestic trade of the United States.

John S. Shabro, president of the organization, submitted a report relative to the wine industry of the state and his appearance before the judiciary committee of the senate at Washington, when he argued against the passage of the Littlefield bill, which was subsequently defeated.

WITNESSES' WORDS TO COST COMPANY \$16,000

The testimony of Herman Stejles and Carl Stern in the case of the Warehouse, Land and Improvement company against the Palatine insurance company was partly, if not wholly, responsible for the verdict in favor of the plaintiffs yesterday in the United States circuit court. The case was a long drawn out one and was bitterly contested by the insurance company.

Stejles, who is a teamster, and Stern, who had a bakery in Brannan street before the fire, were witnesses Tuesday and both testified that they saw a man set fire to a building. The improvement company contended that it was the act of this incendiary which was responsible for the burning of the property.

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BRYAN BELITTLES HUSBAND ACCUSES VISIT OF CONNERS WIFE OF VAGRANCY

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 17.—"Just here to pay my respects to the colonel; that's all," said W. J. Connors of Buffalo, chairman of the state democratic convention, at the reception held for W. J. Bryan in the Powers hotel this afternoon.

"There's no political significance in the meeting," Bryan had said a moment before the greetings had been called for. Connors back to confirm his statement.

Norman E. Mack of Buffalo, democratic national committee man, who had a conference with the Nebraska in the morning, had much the same to say of his meeting with Bryan.

Nevertheless unusual interest was felt in the report that an important conference had been held between Bryan and Connors.

When Connors came to the hotel he was asked if there was any particular significance about his meeting with Bryan, and he replied that there was not—that it had been suggested by New York friends of Bryan that they meet for a conference.

Bryan, Connors and their advisers met in a private room and reporters were on hand when the conference broke up. It was then that Bryan assured the reporters that at the meeting only friendly greetings had been exchanged and called back Connors to confirm him.

The Buffalonian's face wrinkled into a broad smile as he said: "I only came here to pay my respects to the colonel; that's all."

"I wanted you to tell them so," said Mr. Bryan, "for I knew that if you did not they would make a big story about the political feature of the affair."

BENZINE EXPLODED BY HEAT OF ENCHILADAS

A bunch of hand me down, guaranteed Mexican enchiladas in a vendor's wagon and a couple of gallons of gasoline in the tank of a seissors grinding equipage collided last night in McAllister street near Webster and in the explosion that followed the enchiladas were awarded the decision by Moberich All and Baba Kahn, owners of the toothsome morsels that were before they became tangled up with the benzine.

Both wagons were wrecked and the horse was located 17 blocks away by several citizens who scattered the report by means of the tobacco sauce, corneal, red pepper and some more of the delicacies that are invariably crowded into each and every Mexican dally that is handed out to the public.

All and Kahn were proceeding slowly along McAllister street with the seissors grinding wagon in tow when two deafening explosions occurred. At the first report Kahn yelled, "There goes that gasoline tank." A second report followed and Kahn reported the air. As he picked himself up he yelled, "There goes our enchiladas. I can tell them by the noise they make. It's your fault for shooting too much of that hot stuff into them."

The entire neighborhood was awakened by the explosions and several hundred people gathered on the scene. Both Kahn and All narrowly escaped serious injury. An inspection of the gasoline tank showed that it had been ruptured five times by as many enchiladas, which escaped without a scratch.

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After an hour of deliberation the jury returned a verdict of \$16,538.47 in favor of the Warehouse, Land and Improvement company. It is expected that many suits will follow yesterday's verdict.

HALL WINS AT BILLIARDS

Joe Hall defeated June Freeman in a game for the billiard championship at three cushion corners last night at the Ivan parlor. The score was 20 to 23. The game was close throughout. The next game will be played Monday night, the competitors being Bonar Wilt and Andrew Dais.