DEATH HOVERS OVER MEN WHO ENFORCE WRIT

Explosions Follow When They Try to Get Goods From C. H. Picard's Home

Al Kihn, Constable, Blown Ten Feet Through Door and Clothes Ignited

OAKLAND, May 29.—A series of explosions, caused by an ingenious infernal machine contrivance arranged in one of the bedroom closets, occurred at 12:10 o'clock this afternoon in the home of Charles H. Picard, 1920 Fiftieth avenue, and it was only by a miracle that the lives of half a dozen men, most of them officers of the law who had come to remove Picard's furniture on a writ of restitution, were not killed. The house was badly wrecked and was later gutted by fire, which broke out following the four explosions.

Al Kihn, constable for Alameda township, was the only man injured. Kihn was cut about the face and body by flying splinters of wood and was powder burned. While his injuries are serious, it is expected that he will recover. Deputy Sheriffs Bert Brown, Edward McDonald and John Reilly; Harry Encell, an attorney, and A. L. Swanson, a plumber, the other men in the party, all escaped with nothing more serious than a shaking up.

WIFE HAD OBTAINED DIVORCE

Picard's wife, Rosalia, received an interlocutory decree of divorce from him two months ago upon grounds of extreme cruelty. He was ordered to pay back alimony to the amount of $631, and this he had not done. Last Thursday a sheriff's notice was placed on the door of his home and he was told to vacate within three days. It was decided to execute the writ today, and the officers, accompanied by Encell, Mrs. Picard's attorney, and Swanson, who was to disconnect the stove, went to the house.

The front door was locked and Brown and Reilly broke it down. Certain articles of furniture were removed from the living room and one of the bedrooms and then Kihn went into another bedroom, which had been occupied by Picard since his wife left him. Kihn returned a moment later and said that the closet in this room was locked. Brown told him to knock down the door. Kihn returned and again tried the knob of the door.

EXPLOSION BLOWS MAN 10 FEET

This action was followed by a terrific explosion which tore out one entire wall of the building and threw Kihn about 10 feet back, his head striking against a dresser in the room.

Deputy Sheriff McDonald hastened to his assistance. As he entered the bedroom a second explosion followed and the room was rapidly filling with smoke. Through it he saw Kihn lying helpless and he stooped over him to carry him out. A third explosion followed, which knocked him off his feet. He again went to Kihn and dragged him into the front room where Reilly helped him. Still another explosion followed before they got outside with Kihn, who was unconscious and bleeding from several wounds about the head. His shirt had been burnt away and McDonald and Reilly put out the flames before taking him to the street and depositing him in the automobile which had brought them to the scene.

EXPLOSION FOLLOWED BY FIRE

The explosions followed in such rapid succession that it was impossible for Brown and Encell to offer any assistance. They were waiting in the street at the time checking over the furniture as it was taken out. Swanson was busy disconnecting a stove in the kitchen and was blown out of a rear door by the concussion. After the fourth explosion he returned from a place of safety several hundred yards down Fiftieth avenue. He was not injured.

Fire spread rapidly. An alarm was turned in from a nearby house. The Fruitvale department responded, but the flames had spread too far and the house was gutted. The loss is $2,500.

Kihn was taken to the receiving hospital. McDonald, who had come to Kihn's rescue after the first explosion and was in the brunt of what followed, escaped without a scratch, although the succeeding concussions were as severe as the first one.

REVOLVER SET AS TRAP

The force of the explosion badly wrecked the building. The three walls of the closet in which the explosive was stored were torn to splinters, a portion of the roof was blown off, all the doors in the house, with the exception of the front, were wrecked, one wall was torn out and jagged holes were made in two other walls.

An examination made before Sheriff Frank Barnet and Captain of Detectives W. J. Petersen arrived showed that a 32 pistol fastened to a wire had been placed against the inside door jamb of the closet in such a way that if any one tried to enter from the outside the revolver would go off. The bullet from the revolver entered a can containing black powder and coal oil. Detectives Green and Kyle also found a number of pipes which had been capped at both ends. One of these had exploded, but two others were found intact, and will be examined. Black powder had been scattered upon the floor of the closet with a large number of loaded shotgun shells.

OTHER GUNS AND KNIVES FOUND

The theory is that the concussion from the first explosion and the fire which followed set off the loose shells which had been laid in the scattered powder and caused the subsequent explosions.

Two loaded rifles, two loaded revolvers, in addition to the one used as an infernal machine, many cartridges and several sheath knives were found. The house had the appearance of an arsenal. The rifles were found in the parlor, the revolvers in Picard's bedroom and in the drawers of Picard's dresser were several boxes of shells and cartridges.

Entrance had been gained into the closet through a trap door in the floor. The contrivance of the revolver fastened to the door jamb and wired so that the trigger would go off at the least jar had all been fixed from the inside. The trap door had then been closed and the ladder secreted in the basement.

Although a search is being made for Picard, no trace of him has as yet been found. Captain of Detectives Petersen, who worked on the theory that Picard was the perpetrator of the outrage, has sent a wire to Vallejo, where it was thought that Picard had gone, and a thorough search is being made in Oakland and San Francisco.

"Picard had threatened to get anybody who tried to dispossess him," said Captain of Detectives Petersen, "and all the indications are that he laid the plants of explosives himself.

"We think he placed the trap this morning.

Picard worked at placing gratings around elevator shafts, and on other such jobs. He belonged to a house builders' and structural iron workers' union, and to Crockett lodge of Masons.

"He bore a reputation for violent temper in the neighborhood of his home. I have been informed that this morning a coalman, with whom Picard had had dealings, told the officers before they entered the house that he would not take their job. The coalman said he had left some coal once in Picard's basement; that Picard told him he had enough dynamite planted in the house to blow up all the officers in the county."

STORY OF COUPLE'S TROUBLES

Attorneys Harrison S. Robinson and Harry A. Encell, who were counsel for Mrs. Picard, told also of Picard's temper.

"His wife brought suit for divorce on the ground of extreme cruelty," said Robinson. "The case was begun July 21, 1909. Through his attorney, Lucius Solomon, Picard got several delays. Once he filed a cross complaint making grave charges against his wife. This was thrown out of court after investigation. Then Picard alleged that his witnesses were in Alaska, and by such means got the trial delayed until it was March 15 of this year that Judge Harris gave an interlocutory decree.

"Picard was ordered to pay $631 alimony and costs. He asserted that he did not have the money. We got an order from the court to dispossess him from his home and to collect rents until his wife's alimony was paid. It was to execute this order that the officers went to the house, and it was on the knowledge that he would be dispossessed that Picard threatened to get any officers who entered the place.

"ONCE PULLED OWN HAIR"

"As to his temper, we had displays of it in this office. Picard, I remember, was here once to complain about the divorce case, and in a rage he pulled his own hair out. He became so objectionable that we took him by the collar and ejected him from the building, and he made no resistance."

Mrs. J. Barker of 1924 Fiftieth avenue, Picard's next door neighbor, said today that she saw Picard leave the house at 5 o'clock this morning. She thought he was going to work. Mrs. Barker also said that she had talked with Charles Miller of 1428 Fiftieth avenue and that he had told her that he had seen Picard and that Picard carried two guns and said that he would defend his property with his life.

D. B. Waugh, a coal dealer of 1504 Forty-seventh street, said that about three months ago he delivered a load of coal at Picard's house. Picard told him of the trouble he was in and said at that time, it is alleged, that he would let no one take anything away from him and that he was not a man to be trifled with.

WOMAN BEING HELD

Sheriff Barnet, who arrived shortly after he heard of the accident to his deputies, made a thorough investigation and gives it as his opinion that Picard planted the explosives.

"Of course, I am not officially in this case, since it is within the city limits of Oakland. But it seems plain to me that Picard is the author of this outrage."

After his wife left him Picard hired a house keeper and she was with him up to a few days ago. Petersen placed a woman under arrest today, and, while he refused to give out any information as to her identity, it is understood that it is the woman who has been working for Picard and that she is being held as a witness.

Picard is about 43 years old and has been living in the neighborhood four years. He was married July 21, 1909, to Miss Rosalia Longstreet. She lived with him for one year and then, because of his alleged cruelty, brought suit for divorce.

MRS. PICARD NOT FOUND

Picard was seen at his home last Saturday with a woman. An expressman accompanied them and a number of articles were removed from the house. Since his wife obtained a divorce he had made repeated threats against her, it is alleged, until he had been warned by her attorneys, Robinson & Robinson & Encell, that he would be brought into court if he did not leave her alone.

Mrs. Picard could not be found today. Since her divorce and while waiting for the alimony, which Picard refused to pay, she had been working out and a short time ago went to San Francisco, but left no address. It is said that she was afraid that Picard would do her bodily injury.

Deputy Sheriff McDonald, in describing his sensations, said: "It really all happened so suddenly that there is not much to tell. I was standing at the outer door when I heard the explosion. I rushed in to get to Kihn, who I was sure had been killed. I found him lying on the floor with his clothing on fire. It was all I could do to drag him out, because the fire was spreading rapidly and the repeated explosions kept me back."

MEN TELL OF EXPLOSIONS

Brown said: "Reilly and I battered down the front door and Kihn was the first to go inside. When he found the closet door locked he came back and asked us what to do, and I told him to break it down. When the explosion occurred I was not in the house, and three more explosions followed before I could get there. It was certainly lucky for all of us. I can't see how we all managed to escape."

Kihn was not one of the regular ejecting party. He had been picked up by the officers this morning and asked to take a ride. He joined the party, and when they arrived at the house decided to help because the intention was to move all the furniture in the house, and Kihn's assistance was needed.

"I don't know how far I was knocked or much of what happened after the explosion took place," said Kihn at the hospital. His face was covered with bandages, his eyes were covered, and a small place for his lips was the only uncovered spot. "All I know is," he continued, "that there was a big flash, a noise, and something hit me. I picked myself up some distance away from the door where I had been when the explosion took place, but I was too dazed at first to realize exactly what had happened."

"Irresponsible," Says Attorney

As attorney for Charles H. Picard, accused of having blown up his home in Melrose to prevent his divorced wife from obtaining her homestead right, awarded her by the court, Lucius L. Salomans stated yesterday that in his opinion his client was mentally irresponsible.

"At a conference with him, in the presence of his wife's lawyer, Mr. Robinson," he said, "Picard threatened to commit suicide, and so exercised Robinson that he implored him not to do so."

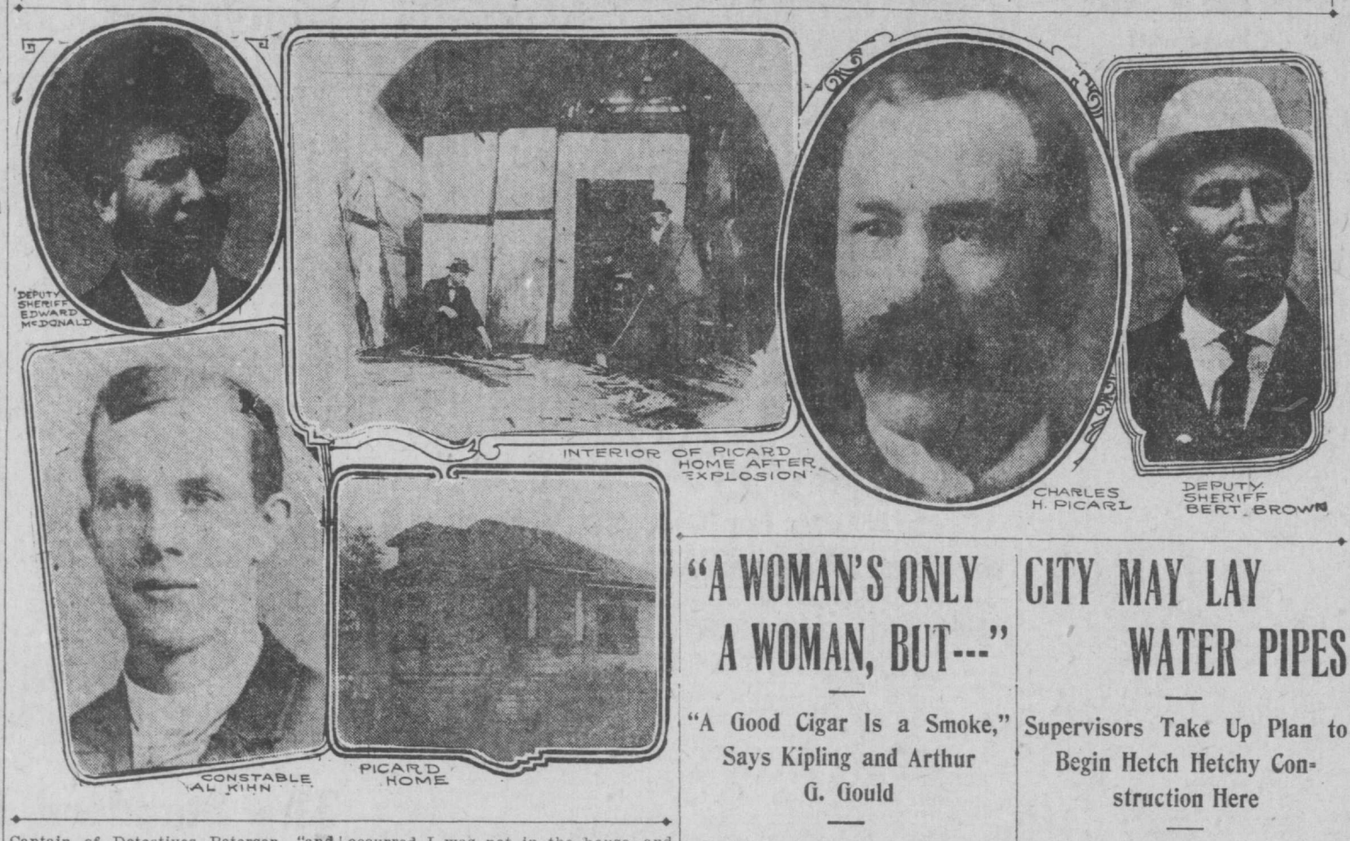
The fact that Picard had a similar matrimonial experience some 10 or 12 years ago, also with a woman whom he met through a matrimonial bureau, is the basis for his belief. Salomans stated that the aggravating circumstances of the case leading to Picard's act was the unnecessary delay on the part of the Oakland court in trying the action for divorce brought by the wife.

Case Into Own Hands

"Picard was in default several hundredl dollars in alimony when the case was finally tried, whereupon Judge Harris, though denying her further alimony, permitted her a homestead right until such time as the arrears should be paid. Then it was that I observed his failing," said Saloman. "I requested him to come to my office to prepare the papers for appeal, but he violently refused, saying he had had enough of law and lawyers and would henceforth take the case into his own hands. Meanwhile I was notified by Robinson & Robinson that they held an assignment of the judgment from the wife, who had no further interest in the case. As matters stand now, all parties to the case are losers."

Infernal Machines Menace Lives of Officers, Demolish House and Set Fire to Wreckage

Interior of the Picard home and principals in the incident.



"A WOMAN'S ONLY A WOMAN, BUT---"

"A Good Cigar Is a Smoke," Says Kipling and Arthur G. Gould

Denied permission to play social games of cards in his home, enjoined from reading newspapers or magazines in the house, refused the companionship of a dog and finally restrained from indulging in the use of tobacco, Arthur G. Gould received from the hands of Judge Van Nostrand yesterday the only pleasure of his entire married life, he declared, an interlocutory decree of divorce from his wife Ella.

The Goulds were married October 10, 1908. According to the complaint of the husband, Mrs. Gould has persisted in slandering his parents and causing him grievous mental injury by refusing to allow him the commonest pleasures of home life.

Receipt of a letter from Christchurch, New Zealand, by Pliny E. Rittner from his wife Grace, who has been living in the antipodes with another man ever since her elopement from this city in August of last year, to the effect that she did not love her husband and that she was prepared to stay with her affinity to the end won for the deserted husband a divorce yesterday, granted by Judge Thomas F. Graham.

Other divorces granted were: Anita from Frank Rosetta, Judge Van Nostrand, willful neglect; Helen H. from Edmund T. Farnum, desertion, Judge Hunt; Walter A. from Minnie M. Ruffhead, desertion, Judge Graham.

Divorces were filed by Anna I. vs. Walter F. Tasker, cruelty; Ada May vs. Frank W. Page, failure to provide; Z. vs. Genevieve Cushing, desertion; Grace R. vs. Frank R. Tollis, cruelty; Ernest J. vs. Gertrude Rowley, desertion; Sophia vs. Alvia Downard, cruelty; Nilsine vs. Olaf C. Monsen, cruelty; Eva vs. Harry Martin, neglect; Freda M. vs. Harry H. Riddle, cruelty; Marguerite A. vs. Samuel M. Strange, habitual intemperance; Corrine vs. Harvey E. Sparrow, neglect.

MEADE POST, G. A. R., TO HOLD SERVICES

Speeches and Singing at Odd Fellows' Cemetery

While memorial service is being held today in the national cemetery at the Presidio General George G. Meade post No. 48 of the Grand Army of the Republic, assisted by General George G. Meade relief corps No. 61 of the Woman's relief corps and Seven Pines circle No. 3, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, will hold service at the Meade post plot in Odd Fellows' cemetery.

The service will be as follows:

Firing of minute guns; remarks by George W. Arbuckle, president of the day; "Battle Hymn of the Republic," by the Del B. Bowley quartet and chorus; invocation by Arthur D. Phelps, department chaplain of the Sons of Veterans; "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me," by the quartet; Lincoln's address at Gettysburg, by Miss Raye I. Loventhal; "They Sleep, Our Heroes Sleep," quartet; oration, Rev. E. R. Dille; hymn, "To the Flag," quartet; calling of the roll of the dead, by W. F. Howe, adjutant of the post; Samuel Sumner's poem, "Decoration Day," read by Mrs. M. A. Finch; flag service for the dead, Mrs. Angie M. Ayres; "America," by the assemblage; taps and benediction.

The service will be under the direction of the Memorial day committee—J. B. L. Romer, W. J. Ruddick, A. E. Leavitt, William Hearne, L. W. Simmons, J. W. Short, J. H. Riley, D. McTaggart and W. F. Howe.

MATE, KNOCKED IN BAY IN LOADING CARGO, DIES

Slingload of Freight Hits Man on Head

Knocked from the deck of a schooner by a sling load of cargo into the water of the bay, Alex Ericksen, mate of the coaster Annie E., was submerged and so badly suffocated that he died an hour later in the Potrero hospital.

The vessel was lying at the dock at Sixth and Channel streets and Ericksen was superintending the discharge of the cargo. He was passing along the deck when he was swept into the water.

It is believed that he was rendered unconscious by being struck on the head. He was taken from the water with difficulty.

CANAL COMMISSION CALLING FOR BIDS

Sealed Proposals Wanted on Supplies

The chamber of commerce of San Francisco is in receipt of circular proposal No. 633 from the isthmian canal commission to furnish trunnions, line material, including insulators, copper wire, copper sleeves, cross arms and pins, galvanized braces, bolts and washers; kitchen utensils, glassware, dishes, spoons, counter scales, cooks' aprons, towels, oilcloth, etc. Sealed proposals in triplicate will be received at the office of the general purchasing officer of the isthmian canal commission, Washington, D. C., not later than 10:30 o'clock a. m., on June 15.

PAYING TELLER JAILED—Pittsburg, May 29. William Barker, aged 36, paying teller of the Diamond national bank, was arrested today by the federal authorities and charged with embezzling $14,505 of the bank's funds.

INVENTOR OF WIRE MATTRESS IS DEAD

Truman S. Clark Crossed Plains in the Year 1850

After an adventurous life of 82 years, Truman Stephen Clark, inventor and miner, died Sunday afternoon.

He was born in Oswego county, New York, but came to California in 1850, crossing the plains with a party organized in Wisconsin, and settled in Placer county. There he engaged in mining and lumbering until 1871. He went to Chicago immediately after the great fire there of that year and entered the building business.

Three years later the lure of the west called him back to California. From that time until 1897 he was in the furniture manufacturing business.

He invented and introduced the wire mattress. The gold rush to the Klondike called him back to mining. He returned to Downieville, where he passed the remainder of his days.

In 1854 he was married to the late Hannah B. Cary. Surviving him is a son, Lewis Cary Clark of San Francisco; Milton Truman Clark, Mrs. Ethel M. Ruperich and Mrs. Irene E. Maynard, grandchildren, and Carol Clark and Lewis Ruperich, great grandchildren.

The funeral, today, will be private.

$150 Nugget Found; Rush To Fox Creek Follows

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

ETNA MILLS, May 29.—A nugget worth $150 and weighing a trifle more than eight ounces was found yesterday by L. Cornrn in his mine at Fox creek.

The nugget was of channel gold and came from a rich streak recently discovered in the old producer.

The discoveries along the creek have caused considerable excitement here. Claims are being staked out all along the lead.

Lake Tahoe and Return, $9.95

Now is the time to spend a few days at Lake Tahoe. Reduced rates from California points June 2 and 3, with return limit June 6. For details see agents Southern Pacific. Ticket offices, Flood building, Palace hotel, Market street ferry depot, Third and Townsend streets depot and Broadway and 13th street, Oakland.

LOW BID IS MADE BY GAS COMPANY

Reduced Arc and Lamp Charges Will Result in Better Lighting Service

Reduced prices ruled in the bids submitted to the supervisors yesterday by the San Francisco gas and electric company for lighting the city streets and the public buildings for the next fiscal year. Each arc light burned all night throughout the year will cost $2.65 less than the $72 charge made last year, and each one burner gas lamp $2 less than the old charge, $23.90. A total saving of about $23,000 is figured upon the reduced scale.

The bids were submitted to the artificial lights committee. Chairman Walsh said that the increased appropriation in the new budget, $400,000 instead of $375,000, together with the better rates offered, would enable the city to increase the general lighting to the extent of about 500 arc lights. The service had grown, however, during the last fiscal year so that the May expenditure by the city represented a yearly cost of $396,000 instead of the $375,000 provided a year ago. Next year's advances in giving more light would have to come from the saving to be effected by the reduction in the charge. The committee will doubtless recommend the acceptance of the company's bid.

400 OTHER BIDS

Proposals for the other supplies of the city were also received by the board. In all 400 bids were put in for furnishing the stationary and general provisions of the municipal departments and the proposals were referred to the joint committees of the board.

A petition that the Ocean Shore company's permit to operate a spur track at Howard and Twelfth streets be revoked and charging that the company violated its franchise by running heavy freight cars over its lines and leaving them standing in the streets for many hours at a time, submitted by the South Central improvement association, was given to the street committee.

The Pacific auxiliary fire alarm company was asked to install its boxes in 20 of the schools, according to the board of education's request. This commission's 35 year lease for $42,000 to the American forge company of a lot in Tehama street, between First and Second, was approved, and permission was given for an engine and boiler and a storage tank on the premises.

SMALL LOTS OPPOSED

The Eureka valley improvement association's objection to lots of less than 30 foot frontage in newly plotted subdivisions was referred to the street committee.

J. F. Wetsell's plan for the renaming of all the streets and the renumbering of all the houses in San Francisco was received back from the board of works yesterday with City Engineer Manson's report. Manson found no merit in the scheme and said he could imagine no excuse for inflicting the torture on the inhabitants of San Francisco involved "by such a delirious proposal."

J. F. Lahaney's petition for the purchase of a franchise to dispose of dead animals was sent to the hospital and health committee.

The park commission's request for the control of the small parks in Dolores street was referred to the street committee.

FIGHT CLUBS APPLY

The police committee was given the requests of the Broadway athletic club for a professional and of the Columbia club for an amateur fight permit.

Auditor Boyle received notice yesterday that Daniel Drew disputed Joseph Stevens' claim to the post of court stenographer in the department of Police Judge John J. Sullivan and demanded that payment be withheld of salary to Stevens. Boyle referred the matter to his attorney.

Auditor A. Tweedaly of the district of Columbia wrote Boyle, inquiring the basis of taxation in this city. Tweedaly had noted in the federal census reports that San Francisco was credited with the lowest tax rate among the principal American cities and requested information as to the causes contributing to this fortunate result.

CITY MAY LAY WATER PIPES

Supervisors Take Up Plan to Begin Hetch Hetchy Construction Here

Several steps looking to the relief of the water famine in certain districts of San Francisco were taken by the board of supervisors yesterday. The immediate construction of parts of the distribution system in the city planned as a part of the Hetch Hetchy undertaking was proposed. City Engineer Manson was asked to estimate the cost of laying the pipes in the Ingleside, University mound and other districts now unserved, or poorly served, by the Spring Valley company. It was also inquired if this work could be carried out along the lines of the general scheme so as not to involve a later loss. Manson was asked if this work could be prosecuted immediately, provided the supervisors could supply the money through the sale of Hetch Hetchy bonds, $1,110,000 of which are now offered at par at the city treasury.

City Attorney Long was asked to advise on the legal phases involved in carrying out the proposal, especially if a portion of the bond issue money could be devoted to the object, provided the city engineer found it consonant with the full scope of the Hetch Hetchy system's installation.

Whether the Spring Valley company can be compelled to supply water to the city to feed such mains if the city install them was another question put to Long. It is understood that the company claims that it has the water, but is not justified in making the capital expenditure of laying the distribution pipes.

Another step taken was the declaration by the board that the house holders in Sacramento street between Laurel and Spruce were inadequately supplied with water and that it had been represented to the board that water could be supplied by the Spring Valley company to this district. Demand was made on that company so to supply the people and the city attorney was asked to take action to force the company's compliance with the demand in the immediate future if the company disregarded the board's direction.

The plight of the people in the section named was taken as the basis of a test case to decide if the city can force the Spring Valley company to make extensions or necessary increases in its service.

All these moves were taken by the unanimous action of the board. They were upon the recommendation of Chairman Nelson and his colleagues—Murdock and O'Dowd—of the water rates committee and according to suggestions made by Nelson and President Casey of the board of works in seeking some aid for the unpiped districts and those feebly fed by the pressure maintained by the Spring Valley system.

The fire board was requested to install seven hydrants in the Parkside district replacing the present fire plugs there.

The Spring Valley company's protest that the money set aside in the new budget would not be enough to pay for the water presumably to be used by the municipality during the coming year, and that no provision had been made for water to be furnished the fireboats was referred to the finance committee

BOND ISSUE SUGGESTED FOR TWO NEW SCHOOLS

Buildings at Belmont and San Carlos Are Planned

BELMONT, May 29.—The Belmont and San Carlos grammar school district is planning to vote a $20,000 bond issue to construct two new school buildings—one at San Carlos, the other in this town. As the grounds for the new structure at San Carlos have been donated by the San Carlos park syndicate, it is proposed to spend $7,500 of the bond money for the school at that place, while the remaining $12,500 will be used to buy land and build a school at Belmont.

J. H. BARTLETT DIES—J. H. Bartlett, aged 83 years, died yesterday in his home at 104 Falcon avenue of natural causes, it is supposed, without attendance of a physician. He was the first president of the federation of clubs for the improvement of the Mission district.

DIVORCED WIFE LOSES ALIMONY BY REMARRIAGE

Court Holds for Husband Against Mrs. Butcher-Haven

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

REDWOOD CITY, May 29.—Because of her marriage to John Q. A. Haven, April 19, Mrs. Emma W. Butcher-Haven of San Mateo, divorced wife of Thomas W. Butcher, a wealthy contractor of San Francisco, will no longer receive $100 a month alimony from her former husband.

Superior Judge George H. Buck this morning vacated the order for payment of alimony. Butcher, defendant and cross-complainant in the suit, has been paying $100 a month since the interlocutory decree, April 15, 1909.

By the terms of the decree, the former Mrs. Butcher also was given the family home in San Mateo park.

BOOK KEEPER IS MISSING AND POLICE BEGIN HUNT

Employers Say That His Accounts Are Correct

The police were asked yesterday to begin a search for Henry L. Stacey, a book keeper, who resided at 225 Precita avenue, but who has been missing since Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. He left his home to go to a grocery store.

Stacey is 43 years old, weighs about 160 pounds, is smooth shaven, has light hair and is partially bald. His complexion is ruddy and he has a large dimple in his chin. When he left home he wore a suit of black trousers, a dark coat and vest and an overcoat.

At the firm of J. N. Sresovich, 447 Front street, where Stacey was employed, it was stated that the missing man's accounts are in good condition.

CHINESE ON PLUSH VELVET TO SLEUTH

Coolie Smuggling Via Pullman Drawing Room Is Nipped at Station

Coolie smuggling de luxe is the latest wrinkle in evading the Chinese exclusion law. But it failed to come out as happily as planned because of word received officially from Los Angeles by Immigration Ispector William M. Gassaway, who caught the pair of Chinese laborers concerned just as they stepped from their Pullman drawing room at the Townsed street station.

Heretofore Chinese have come over the Mexican border and made their way north barreled, boxed and sacked in imitation of merchandise, or concealed under freight in boxcars. But these men had been given haircuts, American clothes and the choicest corner of a sleeper.

The weak point in the attempted deception was the fact that the men had only a few dollars in coin when caught. They were immediately given over to acting Immigration Commissioner Steward at the Angel island station. Their deportation will follow.

Tom Dillon, 720 Market st., displays 51 different styles of straw hats.

"Hitch your wagon to a star!"—but start free from handicap—*"Get your next suit at Roos Bros."*

To the Public

As misleading reports have appeared in the newspapers relative to the "locking up" of seven hydrants (or fire plugs) in the Parkside district, we make the following statements in justice to the Spring Valley water company:

The water company has never directly received any compensation for the fire service covered by the hydrants.

The Parkside realty company and the residents of Parkside have declined to assume responsibility for such compensation, believing that the city authorities should properly assume the burden.

That a committee from the Parkside district waited upon the supervisors at their office and explained the circumstances of the case, and that after being referred to the board of fire commissioners, and taking up the matter with that body, the committee was informed that no action would be taken in the premises.

That throughout the entire period when these negotiations were being carried on—commencing January last—the Spring Valley water company has treated us with courtesy and patience, and that prior to the sealing up of the hydrants (which was done with our knowledge and consent), the company assured us that any person was at liberty to reopen the hydrants in case of need, a fact which had been duly communicated to the captain of the Parkside fire department.

PARKSIDE REALTY COMPANY,
By J. E. GREEN,
President.

PARKSIDE IMPROVEMENT CLUB,
By R. M. J. ARMSTRONG,
President.

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If you have any considerable number of the above symptoms you are suffering from biliousness, torpid liver with indigestion, or dyspepsia. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is made up of the most valuable medicinal principles known to medical science for the permanent cure of such abnormal conditions. It is a most efficient liver invigorator, stomach tonic, bowel regulator and nerve strengthener.

The "Golden Medical Discovery" is not a patent medicine or secret nostrum, a full list of its ingredients being printed on its bottle-wrapper and attested under oath. A glance at these will show that it contains no alcohol, or harmful habit-forming drugs. It is a fluid extract made with pure, triple-refined glycerine, of proper strength, from the roots of native American medical, forest plants. World's Dispensary Medical Association, Props., Buffalo, N. Y.