MERRY BURGLARS.

Frequent and Daring Robberies Reported.

Dentists' and Doctors' Offices Are Despoiled. History of a Police Court "Pull." Thieves in Clover.

The burglars and sneak-thieves are still holding high carnival in this city and enjoying themselves in a merry game of hide and seek with the police.

This is an open secret in spite of all talk to the contrary and the strenuous denials of the thief-catchers, who stoutly maintain that "the city was never quieter than now," and, with a few exceptions, never so free from crooks.

But their victims—doctors, dentists, attorneys, merchants and all classes of citizens—who have been robbed during the last two or three months believe otherwise. It is seldom that a trace of the stolen property can be discovered here, so it is quite evident that the cleverest work has been done by accomplished Eastern crooks who have shipped their spoils across the country.

About five weeks ago several dental offices were entered at night almost simultaneously and everything of value in these places carried away. Since then the stolen property could not have been more completely hidden from the detectives had it been sunk outside the Heads.

CHARACTERISTIC DARING.

The boldness of these burglars may be imagined from the fact that even dental engines, which are six feet in height, were carried off at night from these offices unnoticed by police or watchmen. Since then the office of Dr. S. S. Kahn, in the Blythe Building, was entered by burglars, who took all the surgical instruments and three batteries. One of the batteries contained thirty cells and was a large machine, but no one saw the burglar with it on the street.

Bradley & Rulofson's photographic gallery was ransacked the same night and some ornaments taken. A few nights later burglars made a second attempt to force an entrance, but a new lock had been placed on the door as a precaution.

Seeing that the lock was strong the burglars inserted a fine lock saw through the panel and sawed a semicircle around the lock and then walked through the open door. A few coats, some money and goods were then taken.

There are two watchmen in that building, who could not account for the burglaries. Dr. Kahn lost over $500 worth of instruments and ornaments, and has heard nothing from the property as yet.

"DON'T SAY A WORD."

"Don't say a word about it," said one of the many victims of the ubiquitous crook yesterday to THE CALL reporter. "That is what the detectives tell me, and everybody else, I suppose, when told about a burglary. They say: 'Keep quiet about the matter and we'll catch the thieves and get your property.' Of course we keep quiet, but we never hear of either burglar or property."

Then there is another side to the jugglery with criminals of the genus burglar which creeps out of its hole at night and under cover of darkness robs offices or dwellings with impunity, as his wish ordains, and that is the Police courts.

Even now, when burglary is at its height, there comes to light from the calendars of Police Courts 2 and 3 a most glaring and bare-faced evidence of official harboring of this branch of crime. It is the "pull" exercised by James Conway, alias Connelly, charged with burglary.

THIRTEEN CONTINUANCES.

Conway was arrested February 4th last on a charge of attempt to commit burglary in a lodging-house. He was released next day on bonds of $1000. Judge Joachimsen set the case for February 13th.

Early on the morning of the 7th of February Connolly was again arrested in the act of burglary in a house on Sacramento street by Officers Warnock and McMahon. He was charged at the City Prison with burglary and the case assigned for a hearing to Judge Lawler.

He was again released on bonds and the second charge set for hearing on February 13th, the same date as that set for his hearing in No. 3 court. Then there were postponements until the 25th, March 3d, 11th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 25th, in all thirteen continuances in Judge Joachimsen's and eleven in Judge Lawler's court. Both cases are now set for the 24th inst, when the same manipulations may be repeated. It is said to be a concerted scheme to tire out the witnesses and at last dismiss the cases when no evidence against the defendant will be forthcoming.

Connelly has many political friends, or, in other words, a strong "political pull," and his friends are working hard to set him free. The most ridiculous excuses were given and accepted in the courts for continuing his cases. Meanwhile influential burglars are held every day in these courts for trial.

Edward Johnson (colored) and James Heron, who had been caught last Friday night by Officer Jerry Dwyer, while taking tools from Casebolt's carriage factory on Union street, near Laguna, into which they had broken, were held yesterday by Judge Joachimsen for trial in the Superior Court, in bonds of $4000 each, on two charges of burglary. They also committed burglary in the dwelling of Mr. Casebolt.

OTHER OFFENSES.

Edward Lynch, an old offender, was committed to the House of Correction yesterday by Judge Rix to serve a term of four months' imprisonment for stealing a quantity of lead pipe.

John Miller and Edward Johnson, young men, who, it is said, entered the dwelling of W. E. Denison, 110 Broadway, last Monday night, and stole all the silverware, bric-a-brac, ornaments, etc., that they could find and conveniently carry off, were charged at the City Prison yesterday with burglary. Detectives Bee and Harper have them in charge.

Officer Lean found the stolen property in a lodging-house on Market street, and with the detectives, soon afterward took the men into custody.

On May 13, 1882, he was convicted of robbery and sent to the Industrial School. January 2, 1885, he was again sent to the Industrial School for petty larceny to serve six months. August 18, 1886, he was arrested for petty larceny, but escaped from the City Prison. He was recaptured later on, and the 26th of November was sent to the House of Correction for six months. August 30, 1887, he was arrested on suspicion of being responsible for a number of burglaries, but was released on account of there being no conclusive evidence against him. Four days later he was arrested for petty larceny and sent to the House of Correction for six months.

Miller is a graduate of the Industrial School. In May, 1882, when only 13 years of age, he was first arrested, and since then has spent his time between that Institution, the House of Correction, and, when at liberty, victimizing citizens.

Ah Hey, a Chinese who was caught stealing shoes from a Pine-street auction-house, was arrested by Sergeant Shields yesterday for petty larceny. The stolen shoes were held as evidence against him.

NOTICES SENT OUT.

The Clubs Have Been Asked to Pay the Tax for Retailing Liquor.

Charles W. Eldridge, the Internal Revenue Agent on this Coast, has taken steps to compel the clubs of this city to pay the special internal revenue tax, as do all other retail dealers in liquors. As published exclusively in THE CALL a few days ago, Mr. Eldridge served notices on thirteen clubs of this city and Oakland and is now waiting for the officers of the organizations to come forward and pay up.

He will wait a reasonable time, ten days or two weeks, and unless the taxes are then forthcoming will begin suits against all those who refuse to pay. The penalty for a refusal or neglect to pay is a 50 per cent addition to the tax and a fine of not less than $100 or more than $5000, and imprisonment for not less than thirty days or more than two years.

The way in which Mr. Eldridge discovered that the clubs are liable to pay the tax but are not doing so is as follows: A saloon-keeper of Santa Rosa had a quarrel with a certain club of that city, and to "get even" informed the Revenue Agent of that district that the club was selling liquors and was liable for the tax. The deputy communicated with Mr. Eldridge and the latter to his unfeigned astonishment discovered that not only the Santa Rosa Club but like organizations all over the State have for years not paid their taxes.

The result of his notices sent to the clubs will be awaited with interest.

The Business Is Not Paying.

A petition has been presented to the Superior Court for the sale of the personality of the estate of Joseph Spanier. It sets forth that the cigar and tobacco business on Kearny street has not paid running expenses for a long time, and should be sold.

In Durance for a Debt.

Sergeant Price, in charge of the Chinatown police, was informed on Tuesday night that a Chinese named Ah Sou was held in confinement in a room of a lodging-house on Jackson street, by highbinders, for a debt of $90. The Sergeant and his squad found Sou guarded by several desperadoes, but he took the prisoner away and gave him shelter in the City Prison. Sou owed Ah Ling $90, and the latter resorted to this expedient to enforce payment.

WATERING SQUARES.

Spring Valley Wants Pay for the Wet Months.

A meeting of the Water Committee of the Supervisors was held yesterday afternoon at which was read the report of John Q. Brown, the Gas and Water Inspector, recommending the shutting off of water from public squares and grounds during the four rainy winter months, thus effecting a saving of $4100 annually.

William F. Herrin, attorney for the Spring Valley Water Company, said that the city had been charged the same as individuals, at so much a month. The water order contains no limitation or condition relative to the weather. If notified the water would be cut off, but when put on again the usual charge would have to be made. If a building is vacant for a period of months the usual monthly bill is charged unless a notification is sent to the company and the water is shut off.

Inspector Brown's son, who represented his father, cited two instances where such was not the case, viz.: the old St. Ignatius College building, occupied on the Jessie-street side as a school, and the Girls' High School, both structures having been burned and no notification given.

Supervisor Kingwell asked if, because the order said nothing about such charges, the company claimed the right to collect.

Mr. Herrin replied affirmatively. The company claims that it is justly a charge. It cannot overlook the whole city and tell whether this or that consumer has used water. The order makes no provision for non-payment where it is claimed no water has been used.

Supervisor Boyd stated that the company has no right to charge for water not actually used. No order or contract contemplated collecting for goods not delivered.

Attorney Herrin replied that as long as water is on the premises it is subject to the use of the consumer, and if he does not want it he should have it shut off. The theory of Inspector Brown is impracticable and would merely afford an excuse to avoid the payment of water rates. Brown's report provided something at variance with the water order of the board, which provides that monthly charges shall be made.

Mr. Herrin further maintained that the records would show that Inspector Brown had approved bills for water for the same public squares for months as wet as any against which objection is now made. He could not understand why so much zeal should now be shown when bills for this purpose had been approved for years.

Supervisor Bingham could not see how it could be determined beforehand whether a winter would be wet.

Mr. Herrin was about to suggest that the matter be sent to the City and County Attorney when Mr. Boyd interrupted him, saying that the proposed reference should properly come from the committee and not the attorney of Spring Valley. The question was then referred.

A WOMAN'S HEAD

Found on Bakers Beach Where Medicos Had Buried It.

The Morgue officials were informed yesterday by an excited young man that a woman's head, torn from the body, was lying on the sands of Bakers Beach, bleaching in the hot sun.

He had seen it but a short while before, and had no doubt that a murder had been committed out there, as from the number of flies that were buzzing about the place, the body was evidently near the head, but hidden under the sand.

Deputy Coroners Meloney and Smith drove out to the spot and found a skull that had been dissected by medical students some time ago. Shreds of flesh and skin were still clinging to the bony jaws and nose.

It is customary with some students to bury dissected parts of bodies in the sand for months to bleach out thoroughly.

AN ABSENT-JUROR.

R. N. Brown Causes a Delay in the Trial of the Flynn Case.

The case of Walter Flynn, charged with receiving and also secreting articles stolen from a United States mail-carrier, was resumed in the United States District Court yesterday, but nothing of interest was developed during the morning session.

When the case was again called at 2 o'clock, Juror Rufus N. Brown did not respond to his name, and the court, jury, counsel and prisoner sat quietly down to await his coming. A quarter of an hour elapsed, and Mr. Brown being still absent, the court began to fear he had followed with disastrous results the example of Mr. Simpson, the juror who drank the liquor sold in the neighborhood of the Appraiser's Building and made a scene recently during the trial of Mrs. Sarah Althea Terry.

After an hour, during which every one expected to see Mr. Brown come stumbling in and be rebuked or fined, a United States Marshal was sent to find him. Another hour passed and still Mr. Brown failed to materialize, and as several deputy marshals who were out seeking him reported their failure to find him, the case was adjourned until this morning.

Unless Mr. Brown can give a satisfactory explanation when he appears to-day, he will probably receive more than a rebuke from Judge Hoffman.

DANGEROUSLY ILL.

Charles M. Bache of the Coast Survey In a Bad Condition.

Charles M. Bache of the Coast and Goedetic Survey, who was stricken with paralysis a few weeks ago while on a train and on his way from Washington to this city, where he expected to take charge of a surveying party, is still lying dangerously ill at St. Luke's Hospital. The physician who is attending him, while not giving up all hope, is of the opinion that his case is very serious, and that his age (over 60) will weigh heavily against his chances of recovery.

Mrs. Bache, whose home is in Philadelphia, and who was summoned immediately after her husband's condition became known in this city, has arrived with her son, and both are in attendance on the patient. The sick man, who is a great-grandson of Benjamin Franklin, has been in the service of the Government for thirty years, and has attained an enviable reputation as an officer and a gentleman.

It has been made to appear since he was stricken that he has been secretly ailing for some years, but was too proud to acknowledge his condition when called upon to take charge of a surveying party to the southern part of this State.

SHE IS A FRAUD.

How a Woman Swindles People by Her Lottery Scheme.

A respectable-looking woman is selling lottery tickets in this city and Oakland for a drawing for an opera-glass which will, in all probability, never take place. She represents herself as an agent for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, for which she states she is selling the tickets. She also uses the name of Nathaniel Hunter, Secretary of the society, and by this means, as well as her plausible address, manages to dupe a great many sympathetic ladies.

Secretary Hunter denounces her as a fraud, and wishes it known that his society is not running a lottery to help support itself, neither does it require such means of subsistence.

Music at the Presidio.

The following music will be given at the Presidio to-morrow afternoon:

1. March, "Signal Service" ..... Swift
2. Overture, "Rip Van Winkle" ..... Brooks
3. Waltz, "Women's Love" ..... Fahrbach
4. Cavatina from "Nabucco" ..... Verdi
5. Cornet duo, "Boston Belles" ..... Claus
6. Romanza, "Spring Violets" ..... Ripley
7. Galop, "Heigh Ho" ..... Weingarten

Acquitted of Assault.

Paul T. Hebbler, accused of assault with a deadly weapon, was acquitted yesterday after a trial by a jury before Judge Van Reynegom. It was charged that while drunk Hebbler struck Mrs. Mary Morris with a cane, but his wife corroborated his denial.

A Chinese "Fence" Convicted.

Yuen Fong Sue was convicted yesterday of having received in January last a blanket and three bolts of cotton cloth, valued at $10, which had been stolen from Simon Morris. He was recommended to mercy by the jury.

On Trial for Burglary.

Thomas Quinnine, alias Long, a boy, was placed on trial yesterday before Judge Murphy on a charge of burglary for having entered the premises of James Lee at 507 Eighth street on March 1st last.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

A Short But Pithy Speech by C. P. Huntington.

Election of Officers of the Southern Pacific Company—A Reign of Economy Predicted. The Central Pacific.

The annual meeting of the Southern Pacific stockholders was held yesterday afternoon at the general offices of the company on Fourth street.

The following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year:

C. P. Huntington, Leland Stanford, Charles F. Crocker, Thomas E. Stillman, Thomas H. Hubbard, A. N. Towne, J. C. Stubbs, E. H. Miller Jr., S. T. Gage, W. V. Huntington, W. E. Brown.

The only members of the new board who have not served before in a like capacity are Thomas H. Hubbard and Thomas E. Stillman, of New York, who represent the Hopkins interest in the corporation.

Another new mode of procedure was the appointment of an Executive Committee, as follows: Leland Stanford (Chairman), C. P. Huntington, Charles F. Crocker, Thomas H. Hubbard.

These gentlemen are the four heaviest stockholders in the company.

GENERAL OFFICERS.

The election of general officers for the year 1890 resulted as follows:

C. P. Huntington, President; Charles F. Crocker, First Vice-President; A. N. Towne, Second Vice-President; J. C. Stubbs, Third Vice-President; G. L. Lansing, Secretary and Controller; Timothy Hopkins, Treasurer; N. T. Smith, Assistant Treasurer; C. F. Krebs, Assistant Secretary.

Immediately upon the announcement of the result of the election, C. P. Huntington was asked by Senator Stanford if he had any remarks to make upon assuming the presidency of the company.

PITHY AND POINTED.

President Huntington said:

Gentlemen of the Board of Directors of the Southern Pacific Company: I thank you for the honor that you have done me in electing me President of the Southern Pacific Company, for it is an honor to be at the head of the executive department of this great corporation, with its 7580 miles and over of railroad, with its 150 millions of capital, and I promise you that I will be as true to the interests of the company in the future as I have been in the past. I can promise you nothing more, for at all times my personal interest has been second to that of the company. It shall be so in the future, and in no case will I use this great corporation to advance my personal ambition at the expense of its owners, or put my hands into its treasury to defeat the people's choice, and thereby put myself in positions that should be filled by others, but to the best of my ability will I work for the interest of the shareholders of the company and the people, whom it should serve.

This company, if properly managed, can be made to advance very largely the best interests of the State, and that, too, without doing injustice to its owners; for their interests could not be better served than by building branches in all the beautiful valleys of California and other States and Territories through which its lines have been extended; for in so doing it will not only bring profit and gladness to thousands of people but business to the main lines of the company, which means more money into its treasury, and this certainly will be a great satisfaction to your President, and also should be to every officer and employe of the company to know that while we are all working for ourselves the public who use the roads of the company are more benefited than we.

But, gentlemen, the best possible results cannot be brought about unless every officer of the company gives his best attention to the care of the company's interests, which can best be done without interfering in political affairs. The people are everywhere jealous of great corporations. Let us conduct the affairs of the company so that all good people will be with us. If this is not done your President will certainly be on the side of the people. Corporations should not be used to advance the interests of this party or that, or to raise up any one man, or to pull down another, and this corporation shall not be used henceforth for any such purpose if its President can prevent it; but he will do all that he can to bring the property up to the highest state of efficiency at the minimum cost, not forgetting that "there is a withholding that leadeth to poverty."

ECONOMY PREDICTED.

The idea prevails in the general office that Mr. Huntington will commence at once to cut down expenses by a great reduction of the clerical force. A general air of gloom pervaded the big brick building yesterday, and about the only happy persons there were the newly elected officers.

A clerk in the General Auditor's department expressed himself as willing to wager considerable money that a third of the clerks in the general office would be dismissed.

TWO HUNDRED ARGONAUTS.

The Raymond & Whitcomb excursion, which will leave Boston for San Francisco on April 10th, will, no doubt, be a most enjoyable affair for the 200 Pioneers who will, with their families, pay a visit to this Coast and the scenes of their early joys and sorrows.

The Pioneer Society of San Francisco have tendered many and pressing invitations to the Argonauts, but heretofore lack of complete organization has prevented them from accepting the invitation and visiting the Coast in a body.

The San Francisco Pioneers have kindly tendered them the use of their entire building and everything will be done to make them thoroughly enjoy their stay in this city.

A queer invitation comes from Mrs. Frank Lewis of Capitola, Cal., one of the surviving members of the Donner party. This lady wishes the Pioneers to visit her at her residence, and she will send a committee to escort them to her house.

Senator Stanford will invite the society to inspect his place at Menlo Park. They will receive a warm welcome in Los Angeles; and in Sacramento they will be received by a citizens' committee and handsomely entertained.

ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC.

D. B. Robinson, General Manager of the Atlantic and Pacific Railway Company, arrived here yesterday morning. He had hardly shaken the dust of the desert from his feet when he was interviewed by a CALL reporter at the Palace. In answer to the reporter's query for news in regard to extending the Atlantic and Pacific lines, he said:

"We shall not do any extensive building the coming summer. You may say, however, that we shall open, on May 15th, the very longest unsupported span bridge in America. It crosses the Colorado River at Red Rock. It is a splendid structure, but it has cost enormously."

J. B. Quigley, late agent of the Burlington Road in Los Angeles, leaves this city to-morrow for Portland on the steamer Columbia.

A Philip excursion over the Union Pacific and Alton road leaves to-day with about 100 passengers.

Secretary Lansing of the Southern Pacific Company did not submit his annual report yesterday at the meeting of the Directors. It will not be available for some weeks.

A meeting of the Directors of the Central Pacific was held yesterday for the purpose of electing officers for the year 1890. The election resulted as follows:

Leland Stanford, President; C. P. Huntington, First Vice-President; C. F. Crocker, Second Vice-President; A. N. Towne, Third Vice-President; Timothy Hopkins, Treasurer; E. H. Miller Jr., Secretary and Controller.

IN THE BLYTHE CASE.

Depositions of Two Auctioneers Who Knew Mrs. Ashcroft.

The depositions of Lewis and David Davis, father and son respectively, and auctioneers in Soho, England, were read yesterday in the Blythe trial.

According to the son's deposition he first saw Mrs. Julia Ashcroft (Florence's mother) in the latter part of 1873 or the beginning of 1874, when she called at his father's store, where Joseph James Ashcroft, her husband, was employed.

Deponent was also present at the marriage of Julia Perry to Joseph James Ashcroft, and testified that she had been approached by Mrs. Kate Perry, stepmother of Mrs. Ashcroft, who asked him to testify that he knew Florence's mother only two months before her marriage to Ashcroft. She asked this for Florry's sake, but the deponent refused to comply because he had known Mrs. Ashcroft a much longer time than two months previous to the marriage.

The deponent declared further that Ashcroft had told him that Julia's father had forced the marriage after Florence's birth, and that Ashcroft had frequently referred to Florence as his child and seemed very proud of her.

The deposition of Lewis Davis was similar to that of the son.

Not Yet Recovered.

William J. Price was before the Insanity Commissioners yesterday for examination. He was arrested on Thursday evening for attempting to cut his wife's throat with a knife-sharpener. He imagines that he has a telephone in his head, and is receiving objectionable messages from his family. He has been in the Stockton Asylum, and was released only last September.

Fire Alarms in Schools.

The Board of Education notified the Supervisors yesterday that it had placed the twenty-five gift fire-alarm boxes in the following-named schools: Cogswell Mission High School, Boys' High School, Commercial School, Hamilton, Valencia, Mission, Pacific Heights, Denman, Clement, Lincoln, Franklin and Broadway grammar schools, and Haight, Peabody, Whittier, Cleveland, Moulder, Golden Gate, Emerson, Jefferson, Irving, South Cosmopolitan and Starr King primaries.

TIRED OF LIVING.

Ivory Bean Jr. Attempts Suicide After a Debauch.

Ivory Bean Jr., a middle-aged man who lately was employed as canvasser for a shirt firm at 121 Post street, attempted to take his life yesterday by slashing his neck with a razor.

He had been drinking heavily of late, and apparently his debauch affected his mind and nerves to an extent sufficient to cause his rash act. He inflicted two deep gashes on his throat, but as they are not of a dangerous nature he will probably recover.

Rev. Charles Wendte, pastor of the Unitarian Church in Oakland, took him to the Ahlborn House last Tuesday, and engaged a room for him. Mr. Wendte knew Bean's father, who lives in Boston, and tried to cheer him up after his debauch. The latter feeling very despondent and being out of employment, applied to his father's friend for assistance, promising at the same time to reform.

About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the bell from Bean's room disturbed the drowsy clerk, who sent an attendant to "75." When the bell-boy approached the room door he saw Bean standing in the doorway, a horrible sight, with the blood streaming over his clothes to the floor. The bell-boy shrank back, terrified at what he saw.

"Give me a glass of brandy?" gasped the would-be suicide. "I am faint."

The request was granted. A surgeon was also called in, and, after wet towels had been tied around Bean's neck, the hotel proprietor had the wounded man conveyed to the City Receiving Hospital. Police Surgeon Bunker attended him, and declared the wound to be superficial.

Bean would say nothing except that he was despondent and had no wish to live, as it was too much trouble to make a living. He had set about his suicide in a most deliberate manner, but his nerves were too unsteady to enable him to accomplish his dread design, and he was still trembling in a helpless, pitiable way when laid on a cot in the Receiving Hospital.

Judging from the appearance of his room in the hotel, he must have sat before the mirror and cut at his throat, and then walked to the wash-stand to bleed to death. The bureau and basin were covered with clotted blood. On the wall was written in a nervous hand:

Telegraph Ivory Bean, Boston, to send for my body. Send word to Mr. Wendte, 318 Durant street, Oakland.

On one of Mr. Wendte's cards he scribbled "Last words," but stopped writing. Bean is said to have wealthy relatives in Boston.

EVERYBODY'S COLUMN.

Correspondence of Interest to the General Public.

In Everybody's Column THE CALL will publish short letters from correspondents on topics of interest to the general public. The matter in these communications will represent only the views of the writers.

Labor and Capital.

Editor Morning Call: In this morning's CALL, C. B. S. contends that Henry George is mistaken in his claim that wages are not advanced by capital, because labor is sometimes employed unproductively, as for instance in opening a mine that will not pay, or starting a tunnel or a canal that cannot be completed. Mr. George does not claim, as I understand it, that wages are not paid from the product when there is no product. In all such cases both labor and capital are wasted—thrown away. The employer agreed to pay the laborer, whether any value were produced or not, and took the chances of profit or loss. If he loses, it is because he has caused the production of something that has no value. It is capital lost by injudicious investment, not capital advanced to labor.

I cannot see how the fact that labor may be employed unproductively proves that capital is the mother of labor. Is not capital the product of labor applied to the materials of nature—that is, to what Mr. George defines as land? If labor applied to land produces capital, how can capital produce or be the mother of labor? W. G. S.

San Francisco, April 8, 1890.

A TERRIBLE FALL

In Which a Child Sustains Probably Fatal Injuries.

Arthur McCracken, a boy of 4 years, living with his parents at 1212 Kearny street, fell a distance of thirty feet from a balcony in the rear of the house yesterday morning and sustained a fracture of his skull. He was treated at the City Receiving Hospital and then taken home. There is little hope of his recovery.

Little Arthur was watching his brother fly a kite, and in his childish excitement over the amusement stood up on the railing, clapping his chubby hands in delight, but lost his balance and fell to the sidewalk beneath. He struck the planking with the left side of his head. A passer-by carried the unconscious baby to a drug-store, whence his mother took him to the hospital.

Along with the fracture there was an abrasion over the eye, and internal injuries. His escape from instant death was considered by the police surgeons miraculous.

PEDDLERS OF MEAT.

The Butchers Petition That Their Licenses Be Increased.

At the meeting of the Supervisors' License Committee yesterday several representatives of the retail butchers appeared, and urged that the license imposed on meat peddlers be fixed at $75 a quarter.

One of the delegation represented that peddlers pay $10 a quarter, while retail butchers pay from $40 to $150 a quarter. Most of the peddlers are aliens, and many pay no license.

Objection to the low rate of the peddlers' license was made by another representative, who said that a butcher from his savings established a shop to support his family, paid a high license and rent. The peddler, with no rent, and but little license, can undersell the butchers. One pays $25 a month, and the other $10 for three months. The quality of the meat sold by peddlers was also characterized as bad.

Supervisor Bush suggested that the opinion of the City and County Attorney be obtained as to the power of the board to make a special license, and this was done.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE.

The Alaska Improvement Company Sued for $9240.

A complaint was filed in the United States Circuit Court yesterday by the Bank of British North America against Horatio T. Barteling and James Eva, stockholders in the Alaska Improvement Company, to recover $9240 and interest. The complaint alleges that on the 5th of April, 1888, the Alaska Improvement Company, by its bills of exchange, required the firm of William T. Coleman & Co. to pay to itself, the Alaska Improvement Company, the sum of $9240; that Coleman & Co. accepted the bills, which were subsequently indorsed to the bank, but refused payment at maturity, notice of which was given the improvement company.

The bank therefore sues to recover judgment for the value of the bills from the defendants as stockholders in the improvement company.

Albert Wieland's Share.

The sale of Albert G. Wieland's interest in the real estate, personal property and good will of the John Wieland Brewing Company has been authorized by Judge Coffey. Albert is a minor, and owns an undivided eighteenth interest in the property. His guardian, Henry Bahlmann, gives the ward a bond for $50,000 before proceeding with the negotiations for the sale, which is made subject to confirmation by the Probate Department of the Superior Court.

All Bequeathed to the Widow.

The will of Thomas Stewart, of Stewart & Buckley, commission merchants, was filed yesterday for probate. The testator owned $12,000 worth of real estate in this city and land in Santa Cruz County worth $15,000, besides having $800 on deposit in the German Savings and Loan Society. The value of his business is unknown. He bequeathed all his property to his widow, Letitia Stewart.

Damaged by a Theft.

C. Murray has commenced suit against Jane Doe Nelson to recover $73 50, the value of a suit of clothes, a watch and chain and $11 in money, which he alleges were stolen out of his room in her lodging-house, at 502 Bush street. He also asks for $200 damages by reason of the loss.

MILLIONS IN LUMBER.

Convention of Representative Retail Dealers.

A Protective Association Is Organized. Amendments to the Constitution. Officers Elected.

An influential and thoroughly representative convention of the retail lumber dealers of the State, representing an estimated capital of at least $40,000,000, met at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

About seventy-five delegates responded in person to the circular published a fortnight ago exclusively in THE CALL, and the Retail Lumber-dealers' Protective Association is now an accomplished fact. Among those present were:

W. H. Talbot, of Pope & Talbot; George H. Payne, A. W. Starbird, S. Carmen, President of the West Valley Lumber Company and manager of the Porta Costa; F. P. Hooper, President of the Valley Land Company; Ira Hooper, President of the San Pedro and Santa Barbara companies, Powell, Shackleford and others.

A. W. Starbird was elected Chairman and Messrs. Rogers and E. Raum Secretaries, the following committee appointments were made: Messrs. Little, Shackleford and Thomas W. Richardson, Committee on Credentials; Messrs. Payne, Hinn and Power, on Organization; Q. W. I. Reed, Pierce and Kennedy, on Constitution.

After passing the clauses of the constitution seriatim the consideration of the by-laws was proceeded with. As set forth in the circular convening the meeting, the object of the constitution is mainly the protection of its members against sales by wholesale dealers and manufacturers to contractors and consumers. The conditions of membership, election of officers, etc., is fully dealt with.

Of the by-laws, Section 3, after considerable discussion as to the unfair pressure that would bear on lumber companies having several yards in one city, was amended so that the initiation fee should be $10, with an assessment of $2 50 per month thereafter, any member operating more than one yard, situated in different cities or towns paying the dues named for each yard operated by him.

Section 5, the most important, provides that whenever any wholesale dealer or manufacturer or their agents shall sell to any person not a regular dealer, or to any lumber-dealer not a member of the association, upon information lodged by any member doing business in that district, the Secretary shall notify such manufacturer or wholesale dealer who made such shipment, that he has a claim of 10 per cent of the value at retail rates prevailing at point of destination of such sale against him for such shipment. In the event of such wholesale dealer defying the Secretary or Board of Directors, the list of those with whom the association may trade will not include his name, and any member then dealing with him will be expelled from the association.

Provision is made against making any such complaint on account of lumber sold to original manufacturers, or wholesale dealers in their legitimate business, or steam railroads operated by locomotives.

Section 7 states that it is contrary to the spirit of the organization for one retailer to ship lumber into the territory of any other retailer, both being members of the association, at less than the rates established by the retailer for that territory, providing said rates are not higher than the established retail rates at the main point of supplies for that territory, with freight added.

After the adoption of the by-laws the election of Directors was proceeded with. Messrs. George W. Hooper, George H. Payne and S. L. Richards were elected to serve one year, representing respectively San Francisco, Alameda County and Sacramento. The three elected to serve a term of two years were M. A. Kennedy of San Francisco, W. P. Dorrity of San Jose and A. Powell of Alameda County. For the three-year term Colonel W. C. Little, S. B. Harmon, representing San Francisco, and H. G. Stephenson, representing Los Angeles, were duly elected.

A pleasant feature of the day's proceedings was the invitation to an impromptu lunch sent out at the eleventh hour by E. M. Herrick of the Pacific Pine Company, in whose spacious boardroom wholesaler and retailer met on the pleasantest of footings.

At 7 o'clock the visiting members of the guild sat down as guests of the city dealers to a sumptuous dinner at the Maison Doire, thus affording a capital opportunity for an informal discussion of several matters of great interest to them both, besides giving each that opportunity to know one another better, that both are desirous of, and which, if carried out in its true spirit, will go a long way towards enforcing the friendly letter of the association's new constitution.

WALKING SIGHT-SEERS.

The Fresh-Air Club to Have an Outing in Marin County.

Next Sunday the Sight-seers' Club will hold its first outing in 1890, taking the 8 o'clock Sausalito boat, thence by train to San Anselmo, from which station a pleasant walk takes the excursionists to the cataracts of San Anselmo Canyon, above Fairfax.

This is the beginning of the fourth year of the existence of this unique association, which was organized to promote a taste for healthful out-of-door exercise in fresh country air, and which includes both ladies and gentlemen in its membership. On the first trip (it was to the summit of Mount Tamalpais, by way of the old trail leading from the valley beyond Lake Lagunitas, on the warmest day in 1887, which was in June, and some of the party did not return until after dark, coming down by moonlight) the club extended an invitation to all residents of San Francisco and suburban cities to join in its outing, and at irregular intervals ever since a similar invitation has been extended through the columns of the local papers, and the result is that many persons have become familiar with localities to which they were strangers before, besides many pleasant acquaintances have been formed. A pleasing feature of the club's life is that in the past three years no unpleasantness has occurred to mar the pleasure of any outing, and the numbers indulging on the different occasions has ranged from thirteen to forty-six.

Next Sunday, after lunch, the nomination and election of a Board of Managers, President and Secretary will occur and the retiring officers will render reports of their stewardships.

As on previous occasions, all persons interested are invited to join the party at the depot at San Anselmo on the arrival of the train.

R. C. JOHNSON'S ESTATE.

The Widow Objects to the Confirmation of Certain Sales.

A portion of the auction sales of property of the R. C. Johnson estate, made on February 27th, was confirmed by Judge Coffey yesterday and the confirmation of others continued.

An objection to a confirmation has been filed by Mrs. Kate Johnson, the widow, and one of the executors of the will. The objection sets forth that she is entitled to one-half of the estate, which was appraised at $1,916,557 90, while the sales only aggregate $709,300.

The sales of the following property are objected to: Southwest corner Battery and Filbert streets, east side of Battery street, between Broadway and Vallejo, northwest corner Leavenworth street and Golden Gate avenue, southeast corner Sansome and Filbert streets, Potrero Block 107 and Outside Land Block 295.

They Are Not Open Streets.

In reply to a communication from John A. Russell, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, City and County Attorney Flournoy has decided that Grisar street, between Union, Filbert, Octavia and Laguna, Rose avenue, between Laguna and Buchanan streets, and 48th avenue, between Buchanan and Webster streets, have never been dedicated to public uses and are not open streets. Petitions have been filed asking for the opening, expunging and removal of obstructions from the streets named.

An Accounting Demanded.

Goodwin & Co., the tobacco manufacturers of New York, have entered suit in the United States Circuit Court against Mau, Sadler & Co., their agents in this city, for an accounting, claiming that the latter have defrauded them by overcharging for advertising, etc.

30 YEARS.

A LETTER FROM AN EMINENT PHYSICIAN.

Mr. Editor: At the risk of indorsing a proprietary preparation, I have a few words in favor of the new laxative principle that is the great feature in Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla. But, first, how I came to discover it. A patient asked me about taking Joy's Sarsaparilla for its laxative effects. As nearly all such preparations contain mercury or iodides, I objected and asked for the formula. Upon its presentation, finding it purely vegetable and so mild as to be, to my mind, almost inert, I consented. Imagine my astonishment when perfect aperient action was reported. Not satisfied, I tried it upon others and had the first experience confirmed. It has two great points: First, being purely vegetable, it is (unlike mercury) not cumulative in the system, being easily carried off or appropriated by the assimilative, eliminative and digestive processes; and second, for some reason not yet quite understood, it is effective with a less quantity of the cathartic principle than has hitherto been attainable. It must in this respect in time rank as a discovery, for it approximates the ideal, viz., the least medicine consistent with the greatest good. As people generally take laxatives indiscriminately, it is important to know one that is safe, hence this suggestion. The effects of this preparation must, for the reasons above, interest the public and the profession as well.

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