LOCAL POLITICS.

The First Campaign Brick Thrown by Republicans.

"Bess" Buckley and His Lieutenants on Their Way East—Booming Morrow for Governor—The Democrats.

The Republicans styling themselves the Executive Committee, and having headquarters at the corner of Stockton and Ellis streets, have made their first contribution to the literature of the campaign in the following address, which was issued last night:

To the Republicans of the City and County of San Francisco: Desiring harmony and the success of the Republican party, and believing that this can only be attained by thorough organization, we invite all members of the party to unite with us in our efforts to secure these results.

The Republican State Central Committee at a meeting held April 23, 1890, issued a call for the election of delegates to State, Congressional and district conventions, making it incumbent upon the County Committee to make the necessary provisions for the proper conduct of the primary election in the several election precincts. In order to prepare for the election and offset the efforts of our opponents—the Democratic party—it became apparent that the Republicans should take prompt action and proceed to organize. We wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not desire to usurp or assume the functions of the County Committee or exercise any power that will tend to create factions or discord in the party, as our aim is to secure a fair election under the law, whereby every Republican shall have the opportunity afforded him to cast his vote and have it honestly counted. We therefore invite and solicit the active aid, assistance and co-operation of all Republicans in organizing precinct clubs. The headquarters of this committee (located on the northwest corner of Stockton and Ellis streets), are open daily from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M., and we extend a cordial invitation to the members of the party to call, register and by their counsel and advice join with us in this movement, formed to protect them in their rights.

We hereby give notice that no barricades, ballot-box stuffing, repeating or kindred outrages perpetrated at former Republican primaries will be tolerated in the future. We demand a fair election, where the ballot-boxes will be at all times in full view of the voters, where the election officers shall be Republicans and tax-payers, as provided by law, duly sworn to properly perform their duties, and where all the safeguards of the law in force at general elections shall be applied to this primary election. If the County Committee shall pursue a proper and lawful course that will insure to the members of the party the right to cast their votes without intimidation and have them fairly and honestly counted, we will heartily co-operate with it, and as an indication of our good faith we hereby tender to them and all Republican clubs and organizations our active aid and assistance in an effort to secure a favorable result.

Should the County Committee, however, prove recreant to its trust, we hereby pledge ourselves to follow such course as may be deemed expedient and for the best interests of the party. As the time for holding the primary is not far distant and as the magnitude of our work is great, we now urge upon all Republicans the necessity for immediate action.

DEMOCRATS ON THE WING.

Boss Buckley and His Lieutenants Leave for the East.

Political matters are moving along slowly, and now that an organization of the local Democracy for the campaign has been effected a number of the leaders have gone out of town. James V. Coleman, whose boomlet seems to have been taken in out of the wet for the time being, is in San Luis Obispo, having journeyed to that city in company with Max Popper, the retiring Chairman of the County Committee, to assist at the organization of the Iroquois Club. They will be absent from the city for some time, and it is to be presumed of course that the Iroquois Chieftain will endeavor to bolster up his failing cause by alliances in the south.

Christopher A. Buckley, accompanied by Jerry Driscoll, Jake Rudolph and John Farley, left for the East last night and will go direct to Boston to visit his relatives. From there he will proceed to New York, returning to San Francisco by way of Chicago, St. Louis and Denver, in each of which cities it is his intention to spend a few days among his friends. He will, however, be home in time to manage the Democratic primary elections for delegates to the State Convention, which will be held on July 19th.

Mr. Buckley states that his trip is one of pleasure and recreation only and has no connection whatever with politics.

He does not state that while East he will consult with the National Committee relative to the election of a United States Senator from California.

Merchants Booming Morrow.

A number of prominent Republicans met yesday afternoon in Odd Fellows' old building, on Montgomery street, in response to invitations sent out by ex-Governor George C. Perkins, to discuss the advisability of requesting Hon. W. W. Morrow to allow his name to be presented to the Republican convention as a candidate for Governor. It was declared to be the unanimous sense of the meeting that he is the strongest and most available candidate that the Republican party could present at the polls, and a committee, consisting of George C. Perkins, W. P. Whittier, D. J. Staples, A. R. Briggs, Wendell Easton and W. L. Merry, was appointed to communicate with him and ascertain his views in the matter.

Democratic Executive Committee.

It is understood that John Dougherty, the new Chairman of the Democratic County Committee, will appoint, in a few days, an Executive Committee of twenty, consisting of one member from each Assembly district, whose duty it will be to take direct charge of the work of the campaign. This is a new departure in the Democratic organization and is intended, it is said, as a step toward the further crystallization of power in the hands of Buckley and his lieutenants.

North-End Republicans.

The North-End Republican Club held its regular meeting last evening at 535 Green street, President L. J. Meyerback in the chair. The meeting was addressed by several people interested in the weltare of the Republican party.

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

A Brilliant Assembly at the Graduation Exercises.

All the spare seats at Odd Fellows' Hall were brought into service to accommodate the assembly last night to witness the graduation exercises of the Boys' High School. The pupils made a brilliant entrance upon the platform to the music of a spirited march by the orchestra, and took their seats beneath a canopy of artistically draped large and small flags.

Frank Dalton, President of the Board of Education, presided. He referred with pleasure to the presence of young ladies among the graduates, and that the class numbered seventy-five this year, twenty-five of whom will enter the University.

The programme was as follows:

Overture, orchestra; salutatory, Miss Louise Shepard; oration, "Our Debt to Chemistry," Newton B. Waller; essay, "Education in Ancient Greece," Miss Anita Symmes; music, orchestra; discussion, "Resolved, that it is not advisable for the Government to assume control of the railroads, the telegraph and the telephone lines," affirmative Leon Kronthal, negative Maurice V. Samuels; declamation, "The Roman Sentinel," Albert E. Chandler; music, orchestra; oration, "The Development of Washington's Policy," Hugo Asher; essay, "Is This an Age of Individualism?" Miss Mabel Gray; oration, "Practical Features of a Liberal Education," Harry M. Wright; music, orchestra; valedictory, Joseph C. Meyerstein; presentation of diplomas, Hon. Henry Gibbons Jr.

The following-named are the honorary graduates:

Mary G. Allen, Hugo K. Asher, Sanford Blum, Albert E. Chandler, Eugene I. Cutting, Stella Brown Everett, Mabel Gray, E. Clarence Holmes, Leon H. Kronthal, Joseph C. Meyerstein, Maurice V. Samuels, E. Louise Shepard, Leon M. Solomons, Anita D. Symmes, Newton B. Waller, Harry M. Wright.

The other graduates are as follows:

William M. Abbott, Abraham Berglund, A. M. Bienenfeld, H. Holbrook Blinn, Edward H. Boyen, Charles Braudenstein, H. Harding Brann, Walter B. Burner, Elliot A. Condon, Joseph E. Cutten, Josephine Downey, William J. Drew, Harry S. Dutton, Thomas Eagleson, Clarence L. Feusier, Harry S. Fisher, McCoy Fitzgerald, Lyman D. Foster, Helen B. Frank, Ella B. Glazier, Cosmos Glover, Leo W. Goldstone, Samuel Goslinsky, Berthelet H. Hawks, Clarence L. Heller, Martin J. Heller, Walter S. Hyde, Stanley H. Jackson, Angie Jacobson, Marguerita T. Keough, Herbert Kullman, Arthur Lachman, Edgar M. Leventritt, John F. Madden, David C. Manheim, Hamilton L. Moulder, Mabel L. Nelson, Alfred Newman, Harry A. Noble, Samuel F. Pond, Alfred E. Raas, Walter B. Rountree, Edgar L. Rourke, Edward A. Selfridge Jr., Mary E. Shaw, Walter K. Terry, David W. Todd, Augusta Vesarla, Lillian Vesarla, William D. Watson, Charles A. Weck, Edwin W. Well, Henry Well, Clyde C. Westover, Allan E. Wilson, Everett I. Wilson, Walter H. Winterberg, Edwin R. Zion, Al Zobel.

BILLIARDS.

McCleery Answers Ives' Challenge for a Contest.

The local billiard-player, J. F. B. McCleery, has accepted the challenge recently issued by Ives. The following letter from McCleery is self-explanatory:

MAY 24, 1890.

Sporting Editor Call—DEAR SIR: In answer to Mr. Ives I will say that I am willing to accept his challenge and play 2000 points straight billiards against his 3000 points, for $1000 a side (limited to $2500 a side), providing he deposits $500 as a forfeit with some responsible party before my match with Schaefer. The fact is I have not the money to make the match at the present time, but am willing to play him should I defeat Schaefer. I am not seeking notoriety through the medium of the press, and unless Mr. Ives has made a "bluff" he certainly will accept my conditions, as the $1000 on my side will be put up personally. Yours, respectfully, J. F. B. MCCLEERY.

A Three Days' Rest.

Decoration day will be observed as a holiday by the wholesale houses and the factories in this city by suspension of business for the day. A large number of firms have announced their intention of closing for three days, and the railroad freight-sheds and banks will also close.

An Unusual Day.

There was not a single applicant for admission to the City and County Hospital on Sunday. This is the first time that this has occurred in the history of the institution.

For Extra Services.

The case of Stanley W. Hoyt to recover $3367 from the San Francisco and North Pacific Railway Company for extra services as book-keeper for fourteen months was before Judge Hunt and a jury yesterday. The verdict returned was in favor of the plaintiff for $2100.

DONAHUE REALTY SALE.

Lively Interest Manifested and Good Prices Realized.

Under the direction of G. H. Umbsen & Co., the real estate dealers, the auction sale of property belonging to the estate of James Mervyn Donahue took place at Irving Hall yesterday, and was well attended by buyers. Bidding was brisk, and the entire offerings were disposed of in a short time.

A one-third interest in the four-storied iron and brick building at 418 to 430 Montgomery street, subject to $4800 life interest income, was sold for $28,000 cash to R. H. Sprague; while blocks 847 and 844 in South San Francisco, bounded by Thirtieth and Thirty-second avenues and D and C streets, went to T. J. Moynahan for $1125 and $1250 respectively.

The block included between Sixth and Seventh avenues and C and D streets, was sold in lots, the corner lot on D street and Seventh avenue being sold to L. R. Fulda of the California Athletic Club for $8000. The lot is 37½x110.

Fourteen lots north on Seventh avenue sold for $1975, $1650, $1600, $1550, $1325, $1215, $1210, $1060, $1030, $1030, $920, $890, $875, $875. The next three adjoining lots, 25x115, sold for $845, $840 and $910.

The corner on Seventh avenue and C street, 25x115, sold for $1510.

The lot on the corner of C street and Sixth avenue, 25x100 feet, sold for $1425, and the lots adjoining on the west, 25x100 feet, brought $1250, $1075, $1035 and $975.

Eleven lots on Sixth avenue, south of C street, 25x110, sold for $875, $845, $825, $915, $915, $930, $930, $925, $930, $925 and $1025, and the lot adjoining, 35x120 feet, brought $2600.

The proceeds of the block were $57,295, making the total amount realized $87,670.

PACIFIC GROVE.

Announcements for the Coming Summer Season.

Educational Classes and Lectures Under the Auspices of Various Church Societies.

The programme of exercises to be held at Pacific Grove, Monterey County, during the coming summer has been prepared under the auspices of the Retreat Association, of which Rev. F. F. Jewell is President and Rev. T. H. Sinex Secretary. From June 17th to 24th the School of Methods will be held by the California Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the various classes being under the direction of a large number of ladies well-known as temperance workers. On Sunday, June 22d, special services will be held in Assembly Hall, when the pulpit will be occupied by prominent clergymen in sympathy with aggressive temperance work.

From June 23d to 29th the midsummer encampment will be held, Rev. F. D. Bovard Presiding Elder. Services of an interesting and instructive nature for church-workers will take place daily, in which well-known divines and laymen will take part.

The State Sabbath-school Association will hold its twenty-third annual convention from June 30th to July 3d. The opening session will take place Monday evening, June 30th, at 7 o'clock, the address of welcome being delivered by Rev. R. B. Hecock, D.D., President. On Tuesday evening Rev. C. H. Payne, D.D., of New York, will address the convention, and the closing exercises will occur Wednesday evening.

On Thursday, July 3d, at 10:30 o'clock in the morning, the Chautauqua classes will organize and lectures will be delivered daily during the assembly. A list of instructors and lecturers was published in THE CALL on May 6th. The graduating exercises will be held in the forenoon of Thursday, July 10th, for which occasion special two-day excursion tickets will be issued from this city and San Jose at a reduced rate. In the afternoon the Vrioni Club will give its well concert, and in the evening the brilliant Kentucky speaker, George W. Bain, will deliver a lecture. The assembly will close Thursday evening, July 17th, with a lecture by Rev. Dr. Harcourt of this city.

From July 14th to August 2d will be conducted a summer school of educational methods for teachers and kindergartners. The following eminent educators, fully realizing the importance of the professional improvement of teachers, and heartily indorsing the aims and plans of the movement, have been chosen as a Board of Directors:

Professor C. W. Childs, principal of State Normal School, San Jose, Cal.; Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper, President Golden Gate Kindergarten Association, San Francisco; Dr. F. F. Jewell, President Pacific Grove Retreat Association, Pacific Grove, Cal.; Dr. J. C. Stratton, Professor J. B. McChesney, principal Oakland High School, Oakland, Cal. The following lines of work, fundamental and vital in the relations to educational progress and professional improvement, will be presented by specialists, according to the best thoughts and methods: Educational psychology, especially the psychology of childhood, science and art of teaching, three weeks; principles and methods of kindergarteuing and manual training for public schools, three weeks; methods in science, methods in language, clay and sand modeling, each one week; model classes in kindergarten, lowgrade and primary work, three weeks. Teachers who desire to avail themselves of further information concerning these classes should address C. H. McCrew, San Jose.

September 3d to 9th the Itinerants' Club will occupy Assembly Hall, and from September 10th to 17th the California Conference of the Methodist Church will be held.

It is expected that a large concourse of people will visit the grove this summer, and arrangements are being made for their entertainment. El Carmelo Hotel, which was leased by the owners the middle of last July, is again open under the management of George Schoenwald of Del Monte, while the direction of the camping facilities is under the superintendence, of Rev. Dr. Sinex, who succeeded Mr. Boyer, who has never recovered from the attack with which he was afflicted last year.

Trains now make regular trips between Del Monte and the grove, the railroad terminus at the latter end being at Lake Magella, beyond Point Pinos Light-house where, picnicking may be enjoyed.

Farsighted people who intend summering at the great Methodist camp-ground this season are already looking about for accommodations, whether at the hotel, in the cottages or with the intention of camping out.

YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Finance Committee Make a Most Favorable Report.

The Finance Committee, a branch of the Committee of Arrangements of the Young Men's Institute, which is making preparations to entertain the delegates and visitors to the sixth Grand Council of that organization, which will be held in this city on August 5th, 6th and 7th next, met last evening in the Flood Building. L. V. Merle presided and George W. Patterson was Secretary.

President Merle reported that Archbishop Riordan had headed the subscription list with a good donation, and that a number of the clergy had contributed liberally. He also said that he and J. J. O'Brien would visit the wholesale and retail merchants during the next few days and solicit contributions.

The Committee on Banks and Insurance Offices reported having met with great success.

Secretary Patterson reported that the different Institutes had contributed as follows: No. 1, $500; No. 3, $250; No. 4, $300; No. 7, $400; No. 32, $100; No. 34, $100; No. 35, $600; No. 50, $100; No. 54, $150; No. 55, $250; No. 72, $100; No. 74, $100; No. 77, $50; No. 78, $50; No. 84, $100; No. 89, $250; No. 109, $150; total, $3550. Other donations promised raised the sum to nearly $5000, and a good celebration is assured.

PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT.

Ex-Governor Foraker is said to have gone into the railroad business.

Young Emperor Wilhelm is said to look wretched about half the time.

The Queen of the Belgians is one of the best equestrians in that country.

Mrs. Harriet A. Ketchum has won the prize for the best design for a soldiers' monument offered by the State of Iowa.

Gladstone received $125 for an article in behalf of a closer alliance of capital and labor printed in last week's Lloyd's News.

The sixteen-year-old daughter of Minister Fred D. Grant, Julia Honore, is somewhat of a linguist. She can speak Spanish, German and French.

Out of five gold medals offered to the graduating class in arts at the McGill University, Montreal, the girls won three and did not compete for the other two.

Miss Nellie Arthur, daughter of the late President Arthur, has developed into a beautiful young lady, with a brilliant complexion, large, soft, brown eyes and a graceful figure.

Charles Abernathy of Brownstown, a village in Manistee County, Michigan, has built himself a fiddle out of walnut, oak, beech, maple and cedar, containing 5500 pieces of wood.

Lady Colin Campbell, who has decided to give the stage a lift, is described as a beauty of the Spanish type, six feet in height, and an expert in every sport known to women in England.

The Greek and Byzantine coins collected by Photindes Pasha while in diplomatic positions in Crete, Athens and Rome are to be dispersed. M. Froehner has prepared a catalogue of this famous collection.

Princess Pauline Metternich is a clever amateur actress. At a performance in Vienna she walked about among the audience in the costume of a washerwoman, "receiving compliments and asking advice."

OAKLAND—ALAMEDA.

A Meeting of the Board of County Supervisors.

Desertion and Support in Divorce—More Franchises Wanted—Temperance Women in Politics.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors yesterday adopted a resolution requiring the Contra Costa Water Company to furnish a statement to the board by July 1st containing the names, residences and location of all the rate-payers of the corporation other than in any city or town in the county, also a detailed list of all canals, ditches, flumes, water-closets and all property actually used and useful to the appropriation and furnishing of water in the county, belonging to the water company, together with their value, and a statement of the annual reasonable expenses, including cost of repairs, management and operation of the water works, and a statement of the annual gross receipts of the corporation from all sources, the statements and lists to be verified by the officers of the company. The claim of the South Pacific Coast Railroad Company for repairs on the Webster-street bridge was rejected, as the franchise of the company provides that it shall keep the bridge in repair, with the exception of the floor. The new liquor license ordinance restricting the sale of intoxicants inside of cities and towns was passed. The license fee remains at $20 per quarter, as in the old ordinance, but the provisions of the new law are very strict with reference to the sale to minors and drunks. It also requires the closing at midnight.

A nine-year-old boy named Thomas Mars, residing in San Francisco, had his left arm crushed by falling alongside the track of the Piedmont horse-cars on Piedmont way. It was so badly crushed by the wheels that it had to be amputated at the Fabiola Hospital.

A PUZZLING QUESTION.

A puzzling question has come up in the Superior Court of Alameda County. The code provides that in a suit for divorce for desertion such desertion must be proven to have been of a year's duration. Another provision in the code states that a suit may be brought for maintenance by the wife on the ground of desertion without divorce, but the desertion must be complete, which would indicate that it must be of a year's duration as under the other provision. In the case mentioned the litigants have not been married one year, and the question is, Must the wife wait until she can prove a year's desertion before she can apply for an order to compel the husband to provide for her maintenance?

The Oakland and Berkeley Rapid Transit Company has petitioned the County Supervisors for three electric street-railroad franchises to connect with its Oakland franchise on Grove street. One of these runs to West, another to East Berkeley, and the third to Claremont. The petition was referred to the Franchise Committee.

Lena Chaplin of Oakland has gone to Stockton to sue for a divorce from M. H. Chaplin on the ground of desertion.

WOMEN'S TEMPERANCE UNION.

In an address by Miss Mary E. Lathrop, who is in Oakland in the interest of the non-partisan element of the W. C. T. U., she stated that shortly after it was announced that she would come to California she received at Denver a letter from a certain minister of the gospel in Oakland, in which he said: "Don't you dare to come to California, you scarlet woman of Babylon—you hand-painted Jezebel." Continuing, she said: "If connection with political parties," referring to the movement to make the W. C. T. U. an adjunct of the Prohibition party, "inculcates such feelings as these where Christian love, forbearance and peace and good will should exist, isn't it high time we got away from politics?"

At the meeting of the Board of Education last evening the appointment of committees made by President Fish two weeks ago was ratified. The board refused to adopt the resolutions with reference to the annual election of teachers.

Harry Gorman, who drove the buggy of Dr. J. P. Reilay up the road about ten days ago, pleaded guilty to grand larceny yesterday and Judge Ellsworth gave him four years in Folsom.

WORKING HOME FOR WOMEN.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Oakland, having at a recent meeting discussed the establishment of a Working Woman's Home, Rev. C. W. Wendte, one of the Trustees of the Chabot Sheltering Home, suggests that as the Trustees have set apart half of the building at Oak and Fallon streets it would seem a waste of funds to open another. He recommends that the W. C. T. U. resuscitate its Home for Reformed Drinkingmen, which did so much good for a time.

Police Officer H. B. Rand was suspended yesterday by Chief of Police Tompkins for alleged disobedience of orders. He had charge of the chain-gang, and it is said, refused to take the gang, consisting only of three, out to work on the street when ordered to do so by Captain Wilson. There has not been the best of feeling between the Chief and Mr. Rand since the former relieved the latter of his position as day jailer.

A concert will be given this evening by the pupils of Mills College at the college, commencing at 7:30 o'clock. The 6 o'clock train from San Francisco will take those who desire to attend, and a train will return from Seminary Park after the concert.

Eli Denison of Oakland has received his commission as Director of Agricultural District No. 1.

WATER RATE ORDINANCE.

At the adjourned meeting of the City Council last evening the ordinance fixing water rates was taken up. Mr. Evans read an address for an hour and a quarter, and Mr. McDonald followed with another of almost the same length. Mr. Camron made a speech in which he said that he could not vote for the ordinance, but is satisfied that the water company meant to keep its promises to furnish good water. It had made water much better already, and when the sand filtering beds and filtering reservoirs now in course of construction are finished he believed that Oakland would have as good water as any city of her size. He could not vote for the ordinance because the rates are not justly distributed. Men who wanted to improve the city by putting up buildings have to pay for wasting hows where water is allowed to run twenty-four hours in the day. There is not a proper discrimination in the rates. Messrs. Wakefield and Hackett believed the rates too high and could not vote in its favor. The ordinance was finally passed at midnight by a vote of 6 to 5.

Ayes—Brosnahan, Evans, Earl, Kirk, McAvoy, President Collins—8.

Noes—Camron, Hackett, McDonald, Towle, Wakefield—5.

The ordinance is the same as the one in force, save that a reduction of $1 is made on fire hydrants from $5 to $4 per month.

Alameda.

The Alameda Boat Club has just purchased a large barge, and four members rowed it to Alameda from San Francisco on Sunday. The club will take possession of its new house at the foot of Chestnut street this evening.

At the meeting of the City Trustees last evening Charles Fischer D. Straub and others petitioned that Ribard street, between Railroad and Pacific avenues, be graded and curbed. It was referred to the City Attorney to prepare a resolution of intention. George Middleton complained that the ordinance prohibiting the riding of bicycles and tricycles on sidewalks is not enforced, and stated that a few evenings ago a rider on a bicycle named Charles Phillips ran against Mrs. Dissoway and seriously injured her. D. Hirschfeld asked for permission to grade High street to the center line, in front of his property, which has a fronting of 572 feet. Action was postponed for one week. Plans and specifications were adopted to grade the sidewalks of Pacific avenue, from St. Charles street to First avenue.

Judge Green yesterday dismissed the writ of mandate which Jacob Hoeck had issued against the Board of Fire Delegates of this city, to show cause why it should not seat him as a Fire Delegate. Hoeck is a member of Central Hose Company and desired the seat now filled by Thomas J. Smith, elected at a special meeting to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of H. Muller. Subsequently Hoeck was elected at a stated meeting, and claimed to be the proper representative of the company in the Board of Fire Delegates. Judge Green ruled that the Board of Fire Delegates could not be made defendants in the action, and that the proper proceeding would be by quo warranto, thus making the suit a contest for office between Smith and Hoeck. The latter will resort to this method.

BURGLARIZED A ROOM.

A Scented Beau Brummel Locked in a Prison Cell.

Juan Rueda was arrested by Officer O'Brien last night on a charge of burglary. When taken into the Central Station the perfume from his curly black hair left a fragrant trail as he passed through the fetid atmosphere of that institution. In his button-hole he wore a large red rose, and out of the breast-pocket of his coat peeped a silk handerchief. On his arm he carried a light overcoat. So dashing was his appearance that when a trusty was told to lock up the prisoner he grabbed the complainant by the arm, and was hurrying away with him to a cell before the mistake was discovered. Rueda is accused by Andrew Barbintine, residing at 131 Fourth street, of stealing $17 50 and a gold watch and chain from his room.

Rueda denies the theft, but Barbintine says that the former was in his room when he put the things away on Sunday night, and was the only one who knew where they were. When placed in a cell the fastidious Rueda complained of the filthy surroundings like a Beau Brummel, and sniffed the air contemptuously.

Notre Dame Exercises.

The commencement exercises of the College of Notre Dame, San Jose, will be held next Tuesday morning, at 9:30 o'clock, in the college halls. In the College of Notre Dame in this city the graduating exercises will take place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Santa Clara College.

The thirty-ninth annual commencement exercises of Santa Clara College will be held at the college next Tuesday evening. The alumni will commemorate the event with appropriate exercises and a banquet on Monday, when Hon. S. M. White, '71, will deliver an oration.

Charged With Petty Larceny.

A young man named James Phillips was arrested on Fremont street at an early hour yesterday morning on a warrant charging him with petty larceny. Officer Royston did not lock his prisoner up, as Henry Windermau, a saloon-keeper, at once furnished cash bail in the sum of $150.

SHE KEPT HER WORD.

A Young Girl Suicides for Fear of Her Father.

Victoria Valencia Marisco, a girl nearly 17 years of age, who was afraid of her father, took her own life yesterday afternoon in the house of Mrs. Kelly, 9 Morris avenue, off Harrison street, with a dose of rat poison containing arsenic. The poor girl was driven almost insane with fear, whether real or magnified, of her parent, and preferred death to living near him.

On June 27, 1888, when only 15 years of age, she was taken from the care of her father, H. Marisco, living at 227 Green street, and placed in the charge of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society. At the time Marisco was arrested for cruelty to the child, and it was shown at the trial that he had whipped her most brutally because of the loss of a dog, which he claimed had escaped from the house on account of the girl's negligence.

Her mother had then been dead about a year and the neglected girl was suffering from gross carelessness and cruelty. She had never been to school, had never been taught to read or write and wondered what clocks were in the world for. She could not tell the time of day by the dial. Half-starved, nearly idiotic, altogether an outcast bearing the marks of parental brutality, she was found by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and given a temporary home with the Aid Society. After spending a short time there she was employed by Mrs. Kelly and taken to 9 Morris avenue. There she improved intellectually, became brighter and happier and liked her mistress.

But last week her father visited her at Mrs. Kelly's residence and informed the girl that he was about to take steps to have her returned to his charge. After he had left the house, Victoria appeared to be terribly frightened, and more than once informed Mrs. Kelly that sooner than return to her father's house and stand his abuse she would commit suicide. All at once her happy disposition changed and she grew fretful and nervous. She was afraid to go alone on the streets, and was still more frightened at the prospect of her father's return to take her back to the terrible life on Green street.

"I'll die first," she exclaimed between her sobs, Saturday night. "I'll die rather than return with him."

She kept her word faithfully.

The neighbors and Mrs. Kelly heard the threat, but thought it was an idle statement only. They endeavored to pacify the girl, but did not pay particular heed to her threats, believing that she merely used them to show her dislike for her father and had no intention of putting them into execution.

Early yesterday morning Mrs. Kelly went to Oakland, leaving Victoria in charge of the house.

About noon a neighbor heard the girl retching and moaning, and went to her assistance.

"I'm not very sick," said Victoria, assuingly, and the neighbor went away.

She was found by her mistress in the afternoon vomiting large quantities of blood. She then told Mrs. Kelly, in answer to that lady's searching questions, that she had boiled half a can of rat poison with some coffee and had swallowed the mixture. Drs. Graazer and Deas were immediately summoned, but when they arrived could do nothing to save the unfortunate girl, as the poison had already permeated her whole system, and she was in the agonies of death.

The body was removed to the Morgue for official investigation. It was found that the poison had been purchased as a proprietary article in Frazer's drug-store on the corner of Sixth and Harrison streets.

The unfortunate young suicide was a native of this city, and would have been 17 years of age on the 6th of June. The acquaintances she had made on Morris avenue were loud in their denunciations of her father.

SECOND BRIGADE.

The Drill on the Avenue Was Not a Howling Success.

The brigade drill on Van Ness avenue last evening was not a howling success, though the hundreds of spectators on the street did not know any better. The attendance was disappointing. Brigade orders did not require much. They demanded only three battalions of eight companies each, each company of twelve files front, double rank, with guides.

What was the result? The First Infantry, under Major Sullivan, paraded as ordered, with a surfeit of file-closers. The Second Artillery, under Colonel Macdonald, who according to newspaper reports was supposed to be in Denver, paraded only two divisions in double rank, and the Third Infantry, under Colonel Barry, paraded seven companies of twelve files front, one of eight and all in single rank.

Then the street was wide enough to permit of the execution of the movements agreed upon. The street was also in a bad condition, and a howl went up when the men found that they were required to tramp down the newly laid macadam. The few movements of the programme were executed satisfactorily enough by the officers and men of the respective battalions, though, as a consequence, in the first the divisions became inverted, as also the fours, a discovery which was not made until quite late, when some movements not on the programme were attempted in the endeavor to straighten things out.

This having been accomplished the brigade staff ascertained that the movements agreed upon could not be executed anyhow on the ground and in the darkness that prevailed, moreover, and the commanding officer wisely concluded that he had enough, and the brigade was dismissed at 10:15 o'clock.

With the changes which have recently taken place in the brigade it will not be difficult for the citizen to distinguish the battalions of the brigade when on parade as such hereafter. They hold now places in line according to their numbers, as follows: First Infantry, Second Artillery, Third and Fifth Infantry.

The Signal Corps of the brigade will receive visitors in camp at Mill Valley, Marin County, on Saturday afternoon. Visitors may take the boat at foot of Market street at 11 o'clock in the morning. On return the train will leave Mill Valley at 3:30 and 5:05 o'clock in the afternoon.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A Maine girl 3½ years of age recently traveled from Michigan to her home in Thomaston unattended. She attracted more attention than a circus.

Scotchmen banqueting in London are now entertained with music of real northern bagpipes, played into a phonograph and sent to London by express.

An Ansonia (Conn.) druggist has an electric bell in a cabinet containing poisons. When the door opens the bell rings, reminding the compounder that he is handling poisons.

It is thought in French literary circles that Talleyrand's hitherto unpublished memoirs will at last be brought to light. The great diplomatist refused their publication during his life.

A rich Italian has purchased the Villa Zirio, at San Remo, in which the Emperor Frederick was ill so long before he went to Berlin to be crowned, and has closed it rigorously against all visitors.

An English naval officer has invented a pneumatic line-throwing gun, very light and portable, which fires a hollow shell bearing the cord to a wrecked vessel or into a burning building on dry land.

A rat which attacked a brood of chickens at Pottstown was killed by the hen, and after the battle the barnyard rooster, who had viewed the battle from a safe perch on the fence, celebrated the victory by crowing lustily.

A new red glass has been recently produced in Germany. Besides its use for the manufacture of bottles, goblets and vases of various kinds, it is applicable in photography and in chemists' and opticians' laboratories.

Mrs. John G. Curtis of New York has a most remarkable orchestra made up of men, women and children from poor families. She has had them instructed by a good teacher, and now they play for public charity entertainments.

Captain Owen J. Sweet of the Twenty-fifth Infantry and a special detail of troops have completed the work of setting headstones over the graves of General Custer's brave band who fell in the battle of the Little Big Horn, June 25, 1876.

An Ottawa, Ill., man has been fined $125 for kissing another man's wife. Many additional judges would have to be appointed in Pennsylvania, and they would be kept mighty busy, too, if all the men guilty of the same offense were fined in that State.

Mrs. Mary Miller of Western Pennsylvania, probably the wealthiest colored woman in the country, died the other day. Her income was $200 a day. Four years ago she owned a barren piece of ground, but there was oil beneath its surface, which made it oil right.

Monuments have now been completed over the burial places of the English, French and Italian troops killed in the Crimea during the war of 1854-55. Russia's memorials over her fallen soldiers on the same plains are on a grander scale, as she still holds the fort—Sebastopol.

One by one the old New England institutions are dying out. Now the "candy-wagons," whose advent used to be hailed with delight by old and young, are to be withdrawn from service. The confectioners have decided to adopt the more modern methods of the "drummer" instead.

A French painter named Bloch shows this year an incident of the Franco-Austrian war which will amuse those who are fond of dogs. The regiment's dog, named Mustache, is dragging from the hands of an Austrian officer the colors of the regiment. It is an incident from the battle of Solferino.

A new method of ventilating railway carriages and preventing dust from entering with the air has lately appeared in France. The more quickly the train moves the more rapidly the apparatus works. The air is made to traverse a receptacle containing water, which cools it and relieves it of dust, after which it goes through another filtering before entering the carriage.

ARMOUR REACHING OUT.

A Million-Dollar Packing-House for San Francisco.

Plans are being prepared, it is reported, for the erection near the Fourteen-mile House, of a mammoth slaughter-house, packing-house and cold storage house combined, the financial backers of which will be Miller & Lux, the Southern Pacific Company and Philip D. Armour of Chicago.

The scheme is said to be a most comprehensive one, involving an outlay of $1,000,000, and looking to the complete revolution of the beef trade of the Pacific Coast. It will be the design of the new company to supply the Coast with fresh meat of all kinds, drawing cattle for California, Oregon, Idaho, Texas, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah, the meat to be dressed here and placed in cold storage for shipment in lots to suit the dealers. It is expected that in this way not only the entire trade of the Pacific Coast, but of the trans-Pacific countries as well will be absorbed to the utter exclusion of the packing-houses of the East.

Miller & Lux will give the land necessary for the purpose, and the Southern Pacific Company will reap the benefits of the transportation of the cattle and meat.

A Marriage Annulled.

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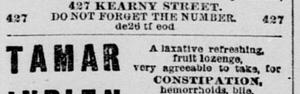

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