EVENTS IN THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Two Notable Receptions by Methodist Episcopal Churches.

DEL VALLE-CAYSTILO WEDDING.

The Miller-McMurry Wedding — A Long and Varied Driving Excursion — The Lachman Farewell Party — An Oakland Wedding. The Henrietta Lodge Social. A Dramatic Production—Notes.

Minerva Parlor, Native Daughters of the Golden West, gave an enjoyable entertainment and social on Tuesday evening at Mission Music Hall. This parlor has grown considerably of late, and is working enthusiastically for the good of the order. Its members will take a prominent part in the coming celebration.

A few friends were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Alexander on Monday evening. A visit to the circus and a supper party were the features of the pleasant entertainment.

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An interesting ceremony at the Hotel Pleasanton on Sunday afternoon was the baptism of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Holliday of Topeka, Kans., by Rev. John F. von Herrlich of Sacramento, where Mr. and Mrs. Holliday were married two years ago. Colonel and Mrs. E. R. Hamilton, parents of Mrs. Hamilton, were the sponsors for little Miss Elizabeth Holliday, who is the pet of the Pleasanton.

Mizpah Lodge, No. 45, U. E. A., will give a sheet and pillow case social at Eastern Hall, 32 O'Farrell street, this evening.

A pleasant progressive euchre party was given last evening by the Oriental Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 90, I. O. O. F., at its lodge-rooms in Odd Fellows' Building. After the business session a large number of friends joined in the contest for the pretty prizes while others enjoyed a merry bout at "Jack-straws." The committee in charge was composed of Miss Annie P. Howlett, V. G.; Miss Mary C. Seymour, D. D. G. M.; Miss Annie Forbes, P. G.; Mr. Charles Howlett, P. G., and Mr. Z. Z. Marey.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 1252, K. and L. of H., will give an "evening at home" at St. George's Hall this evening.

Reception to Bishop and Mrs. Fowler.

The consummation of considerable united effort among the Methodist churches, extending over much time and territory, was delightfully celebrated on Tuesday in the guise of a reception tendered to Bishop and Mrs. C. H. Fowler at the Episcopal residence, on the southwest corner of Buchanan and Oak streets. By dint of steady work the official residence of the Bishop has been cleared of all indebtedness and on Tuesday was thrown open in all the bravery of new frescoing and handsome interior fittings (the contribution of Portland friends) as the fitting scene for the congratulations naturally arising on such a notable occasion.

The many callers in the afternoon and evening were cordially received by a number of prominent ladies and gentlemen from the different Methodist churches and after being presented to Bishop and Mrs. Fowler were pleasantly entertained. Among those who have taken a deep interest in the occasion, most being present, were: Mrs. Captain Goodall, Mrs. G. W. McElroy, Mrs. C. B. Blinn, Dr. and Mrs. Bovard, Mrs. Coddington, Miss McLellan, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Grove, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. DeWitt, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Hasty, Mrs. Gillalan, Mrs. Bernheimer, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Soper, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Shattuck, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Williams. Among the churches represented were: Grace, Simpson Central, Howard-street, Fifteenth-avenue, Trinity and Bush-street.

An important ceremony during the evening was the formal burning of the mortgage which had been burdening the Episcopal residence. It was performed with great ceremony in the presence of a large number of congratulatory guests. Then the Bishop made a little address expressive of his appreciation of the sympathy of his people with the life aims of himself and wife.

Great owner and his family have visited every country on the globe (except Australia) in the course of his duties, and have accumulated a rare collection of "concrete memories." The house is the sure home of hideous idols, shrines and archaeolo The visitors were never tired of wandering through the house from story to story, rich in curios and curiosities, replete with Chinese silks, butterflies from China, Cevlon, Brazil, Sweden, Japan and the States, idols from North China, red idols from Aden, a temple bell from Japan, jade talismans from Kioto, sacrificial knives from India, a "Pythagorean" manikin from some stronghold of Gautama, a collection of shoes, casts, coins, bronzes, industrial models, carvings, obsolete weapons, lacquer work, stuffed birds, fossils, native clothing, models of famous buildings, together with a double library, makes up an almost inexhaustible source of pleasure to the visitor.

Delicious refreshments were served before the friends were allowed to depart and a little music was enjoyed in the course of the agreeable evening.

The Miller-McMurry Wedding.

The wedding of Miss Grace V. McMurry and Rev. Oliver C. Miller, mention of which was made in yesterday's issue, was a very pretty affair. The English Lutheran Church on Geary street, near Gough, was filled with members of the congregation and personal friends of the pastor and his young bride. Palms and a tasteful arrangement of flowers about the chancel testified to the loving aid of many willing hands.

The ceremony was impressively performed by the Rev. Mr. Hoskisson of the First English Lutheran Church of Sacramento, the groom's father, who, with the bride herself, formed a charming group, were Miss McMurry, a sister, and Miss Florence Rodda. The groom was attended by Mr. William Boyer and Mr. J. V. Shank. The bridal party was preceded by two pretty little girls, who afterward strewed rose petals in the path of the happy pair. They were Miss Frankie Baldreth and Miss Helen Crandall. Professor Wilmot played the never-old "Wedding March" of Mendelssohn as the bridal cortege entered, and sustained a softer medley of airs during the service.

After the ceremony the bridal party returned to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. McMurry, 2402 Bush street, where congratulations were followed by the usual pleasant wedding supper.

There were a number of handsome presents proffered on the occasion, many coming from the groom's relatives in the East. Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Miller left yesterday morning for a trip to Del Monte. On Friday they return to this city, and on Monday leave for a three months' tour of the Eastern States. Dr. Miller will preach his farewell sermon on Sunday morning.

Among the many invited to the ceremony were: Captain and Mrs. Nelson, Mr. W. E. Brown, Mr. Charles Crocker, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller, Dr. G. G. Terrill, Dr. and Mrs. Dorr, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Knowles, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Staples, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Mackenzie, Dr. and Mrs. Easton, Mr. Sculler, Bishop and Mrs. W. H. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh, Mrs. de Long, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peterson, Miss Maggie Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Schenck, Mr. and Mrs. Rixford.

The Izer Reception.

The Rev. Dr. Izer, pastor of Simpson Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Izer held a social and reunion and reception of the members of their church and many friends in other churches last Friday evening. The reunion was preceded by the session of the fourth Quarterly Conference, which was held in the auditorium of the church, the presiding elder of the district, the Rev. Dr. Bovard, presiding. Seated on the platform with him were Bishop Fowler, Rev. Dr. Izer, Rev. Dr. Case and the Rev. Dr. Macaulay. Annual reports of the work of the church were read by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Izer; by Lieutenant H. P. McIntosh, superintendent of the Sabbath-school; by Mr. C. B. Perkins, President of the Epworth League; by Mrs. Captain Goodall, Treasurer of the Ladies' Aid Society, and by Mr. E. A. Glvyln, Chairman of the Committee on Church Records. These reports were all of an interesting character, and showed the church to be in a most excellent condition, spiritually and financially.

Between the reading of the reports the company was entertained with some fine selections of music by the choir of the Simpson Church, consisting of Mrs. L. S. Anderson, Mrs. C. L. Parent Jr., Miss Della de Lano, Dr. Van Ogden, Mr. H. J. Werner and Professor Delapiana, assisted by Professor J. J. Morris. After the reports were all in Bishop Fowler made an address on the present condition and encouraging outlook of Methodism in this city, with special reference to the magnificent temple Methodism is soon to erect on Van Ness avenue.

As it was understood by the officiary of the church that pastoral relations of Dr. Izer were about to terminate, a resolution of high appreciation of the doctor's work in the church and warmly eulogizing him as a preacher and pastor was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the conference and ordered spread in full upon the minutes.

The entire company then repaired to the lecture-room and parlors of the church, where a delightful time was spent in social intercourse. The decorations were among the most pleasing things of the kind ever seen. In the center of the spacious lecture-room was an elegant display of natural plants, giving the impression of the interior of a conservatory. The chandeliers were draped with evergreens and flowers, while long streamers of festooning made of evergreens and flowers were stretched all around the room and from different columns in the most artistic manner, while in various parts of the room were suspended hanging lamps of variegated colors, the entire effect being of the most pleasing character.

In the eastern parlors were two long tables heavily laden with cake and the choicest fruit and flowers. After the company were seated in groups in the different rooms all were waited upon by expert waiters from one of the leading hotels of the city, and the delicious ice cream and angel cake were greatly enjoyed. The occasion was one that will be long remembered by the good doctor's many enthusiastic and admiring friends in this city.

Among those present were the following: Bishop and Mrs. C. H. Fowler, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Izer, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Bovard, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Case, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Macaulay, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Buck, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Carver, Rev. Dr. Harris, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Crary, Captain and Mrs. Charles Goodall, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McElroy, Dr. and Mrs. N. J. Bird, Lieutenant and Mrs. H. P. McIntosh, Captain and Mrs. N. Anderson, Captain and Mrs. A. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Codington, Mr. and Mrs. James Renwick, Mr. and Mrs. William Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Glvyin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Strange, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. S. Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. William Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Grummal, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hinds, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Dr. and Mrs. Soper, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Marrack, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McElroy, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McElroy, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Firth, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. M. de Witt, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Forsyth, Mr. and Mrs. H. Large, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Stearns, Mr. J. W. Butler, Mr. Robert Husband, Mr. C. B. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mrs. C. Algeltinger, Mr. and Mrs. Coup, Mr. and Mrs. John Rennick, Mrs. Liniken, Mr. J. B. Firth, Mrs. L. S. Anderson, Mr. David Sanderson, Mrs. A. S. Graves, Mr. J. F. Wyman, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Skinner, Miss Jane Gray, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Humphreys and about 100 young people.

The Del Valle-Caystile Wedding.

On Tuesday morning Mrs. Helen M. Caystile, widow of the late Thomas Caystile, formerly one of the editors of the Los Angeles Times, was quietly married to Mr. R. F. del Valle, the Democratic candidate for the position of Lieutenant-Governor of the State, at St. Ignatius Church. Mrs. Caystile is the daughter of Mr. C. E. White, a horticulturist of Pomona.

The ceremony was performed by Father Kenna, the bride having been recently converted to the Catholic faith, since her residence, commencing last February, with the family of Mr. John G. Howell of 1413 Brush street, Oakland. The groom was attended by Mr. Alexander T. Vogelsang, and the bride by Miss Phelan of 11 Van Ness avenue. The ceremony took place under a dispensation from Los Angeles, which is the parish of the contracting parties.

Mrs. del Valle, who is the mother of a little daughter, Helen, is of English descent on the paternal side. One of her sisters is the wife of a prominent rancher of Los Angeles, Mr. H. B. Porter. The chief difficulty in the course of the marriage, which has been pending some five years, lay in the difference of religion of the two families, Mrs. Caystile being a Methodist. This was arranged and Mr. del Valle won his bride. The lady is said to be just above the medium height, of graceful carriage and the possessor of much admired blue-black hair.

The happy couple will probably reside in Los Angeles County.

A Farewell Party on Franklin Street.

A very pleasant farewell party was given by Miss Ernestine Lachman last Sunday evening at her residence on Franklin street, prior to her departure for two months to Los Angeles on a pleasure trip. During the evening several very fine vocal and instrumental solos were rendered by several of the guests. At 12 o'clock the company retired to the dining-room, where they did full justice to a sumptuous repast. Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Levy, Mr. and Mrs. L. Cohn, Miss Lyons, Mrs. Cohn, Mr. and Mrs. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Regensburger, Mrs. Lachman, Miss A. Levy, Miss J. Levy, Miss H. Regensburger, Miss H. Gorfinkel, Miss Ernestein Lachman, Miss Celia Lachman and Miss Evelyn Lachman. Among the gentlemen were: Messrs. W. Lyons, S. Israisky, A. Israisky, J. London, J. Gorfinkel, M. Levy, J. Levy, Harry Wise, L. Getz, E. Regensburger and J. Regensburger.

Pratt-Whyte Wedding in Oakland.

Mr. Sherry Pratt, son of Mr. H. G. Pratt, Past Grand Recorder of the A. O. U. W., and Miss Mamie Whyte, daughter of Mr. James Whyte, the East Oakland contractor, were married Wednesday evening at the Centennial Presbyterian Church, Oakland, the Rev. Dr. Robert Dickson officiating. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The work was done under the supervision of Miss Blanche Pratt. The bridal party entered the church to the music of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," rendered by Mrs. Hampton. The bridesmaids were Miss Belle Whyte and Miss Katie Shafer; the groomsmen were Mr. Bragan and Mr. Burt Hubbard. After the ceremony a wedding reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents. Among those present were: Dr. H. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. E. Shafer, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Mrs. George Hampton, Mrs. H. G. Pratt, Mr. Burt Hubbard, Miss Halla Smith, Mr. and Mrs. James Whyte, Miss Katie Safer, Mr. Burr, Mrs. Dexter Kimball, Miss Alice Cornwall, Miss Maud Camp, Miss Mattie Boop, Miss Blanche Pratt, Mr. John Shafer, Mrs. Carrie Holloway, Miss Helen Holloway, Miss Belle Whyte, Messrs. Aleck and E. Whyte.

'Bus Ride to Redwood Canyon.

On last Sunday a party of fifteen friends enjoyed one of the most jovial and interesting rides that has ever been arranged from this city. The party convened at the corner of Valencia and Market streets at 7:30 o'clock, where a six-horse 'bus awaited their pleasure. They drove to the ferry and crossed the bay on the 8 o'clock boat. From the pier they drove through Oakland to Berkeley, to San Pablo, to Oak Grove picnic grounds. There lunch was served and dancing, singing and other amusements indulged in for three hours.

From there the party drove to Orlande Farm, where they were entertained by General Wagner, who escorted them through his large orchards, packing and drying houses. The next stop was made at Lafayette. From there they drove to Walnut Creek and thence to Redwood Canyon, where they rested once more at Jones' Camp. Here the party enjoyed themselves before a log fire, singing and merry-making.

At 9 o'clock the moon arose in all its splendor and the party proceeded through the picturesque and beautiful Marago Valley. At 10 o'clock they reached Piedmont, and, driving through Oakland, arrived at the pier in time to catch the 12 o'clock boat home.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Voigt, Miss Rose Mahoney, Miss Mamie Pierce, Miss May Nolan, Miss Essie Maguire, Miss Nano Mahoney, Miss Maggie McIntee; Messrs. P. Gordan, Henry Frawley, Frank Thompson, John Buttermore, Andrew Mahoney, John Brannan and John Nolan.

Many rides have been enjoyed by all parties, but all united in expressing their opinions that this was the most enjoyable affair in their experience.

The Edwin Forrest Club Entertainment.

The members of the Edwin Forrest Dramatic Club gave a highly creditable entertainment last evening at Mission Turn Verein Hall, on Mission street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth. There is much talent in the club which only needs steady application for its complete development. The hall was crowded with interested spectators.

The play selected was the familiar "Ten Nights' in a Bar-room," with the following cast: Joe Morgan, I. G. Woodward; Sample Swicket, J. Augustus Magrath; Simon Slade, Edwin Brooks; Mr. Romaine, Sanford Wolf; Frank Slade, William F. Rudolph; Willie Hammond, Thomas H. Smith; Harvey Green, E. J. Edgar; Mrs. Morgan, Miss Edna Mandeville; Mary Morgan (with song), Lillie Morrow Tucker; Mehitable Cutright, Miss Alice Clark; Mrs. Slade, Miss Ada Livingston. The stage directions were under the personal direction of A. W. Belasco Jr. Dancing followed the final drop of the curtain, the floor being under the direction of the Minuet Club. Floor manager, John Powers; assistant, Charles Sinkwitz.

Organ Dedication.

Mr. Clarence Eddy of Chicago, an organ virtuoso and of American and European fame, will dedicate the Hutchins $12,500 organ of the First Congregational Church, corner of Post and Mason, this (Thursday) evening, September 4th. The programme for the occasion has been specially prepared by Mr. Eddy. This organ, the gift of Mrs. Hattie Crocker-Alexander to the church in memoriam of her deceased parents,

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The Third's Field Music.

The Field Music, Third Infantry Regiment, N. G. C., elected the following officers Tuesday night for the ensuing year: Thomas W. Kelly, President; George K. Fleming, Vice-President; J. Brusher, Treasurer; J. Glennon, Financial Secretary; J. Riley, Recording Secretary; Mr. Krager, Sargeant-at-Arms. Messrs. Quinlan, Larsen, Broam, Cunningham and Fortune were appointed a committee to arrange for an anniversary ball to be given in October.

THE MIMIC WORLD.

Midweek Notes of Business at the Different Theaters.

Dixey at the Baldwin—Scanlan at the California—What Wilke Is Doing—Eddy To-Night—General Notes.

Mr. Henry E. Dixey is playing to fair business at the Baldwin in his "Seven Ages"—a piece that does not justify the flourish of trumpets with which it was announced. His "great expectations" lie in "Adonis," reserved for festival week, and in which he made so a great a success during his previous visit.

Scanlan

Is following out the rich Irish vein he struck at the beginning of his engagement at the New California, and the ore of "The Irish Minstrel" is quite as valuable as that in any of his previous pieces. "The Midnight Bell" will succeed him next week, with all the revisions put upon it by the author, Mr. Charles Hoyt, since it was originally produced at the Alcazar.

Hubert Wilke

Is doing very well nowadays in "Peti the Vagabond" at the Bush-street. It took him a week to convince the public that he had a fairish play and that he could sing a good song. Now they are coming to see and hear him; but just as his harvest field is whitening he is called off in favor of Maud Granger with Lucy Hooper's "Inherited." It is too bad for Wilke; but it is the fortune of the time. He has had a good impetus in the metropolis, and this may assist him in the outlying districts; if he happens to return this way, and give us a second serving of Clay M. Greene's dramatic dish, with his own garnishing, he will find the public appetite more sharply set. We hear good things of the Granger enterprise, and it is expected the brilliant-eyed Dora of the Montague-Warde "Diplomacy" Company will strongly revive as an actress, in Helen Carruthers, the favorable impression she made in the previous and somewhat inferior part. Mr. Harry Mainhall plays, in the cast, a peculiar individual as Julian Raymond.

"Wife for Wife"

Is gradually increasing the attendance at the Alcazar as the play gets in its last nights. "Blessings brighten," said some one, "as they take their flight." Though it is an open question if ever one of John A. Stevens' plays was a benefaction to the stage. The influx of the Native Sons is beginning to be felt at all the theaters, and notably at the renovated Alcazar. In Tom Craven's "The Fugitive," to be brought out here next week as a sensation for our rural and coast visitors, there is an eye-opening effect promised, dependent upon the new electrical resources of the stage, in the destruction of a ship, struggling in mid-ocean, by a discharge of atmospheric electricity, accompanied by a vivid flash of light, commonly known from its zig-zag, or forked form, as chain-lightning. It is to be presumed that Wallenrod, Stockwell, and all their people will be at a respectable distance when the electrical bolt descends. A common expression is that to be "struck by lightning" has a tendency to revive business. Let us hope it may be so in this case.

The Tivoli.

"Genevieve de Brabant" is drawing to a close, and as it has made, is still making, good business for the management. There is a quick sympathy on the part of the direction with the current interest of the time, as evidenced by the fact that last evening in Rinaldo Rinaldini, of last Sierra, was introduced in the second act, and caught the audience at once. Bears are at a premium just now, and although "bruin" had nothing particular to do with the business of "Genevieve" he made a merry time of it while on the stage. The libretto of Offenbach's "Mademoiselle Marjolaine" (The Sweet Marjoram), to be offered next week, has, we find, been rewritten by Messrs. Philip Hastings and Albert Raymond, both well-known in this city. The young gentlemen are in their novitiate as adaptors and writers for the lyric and dramatic stage, but their work in "Marjolaine" is said to show a keen aptitude in the profitable direction of stage literature.

"Honor Bound."

Rehearsals are going forward at the Grand Opera House, under the management of T. H. Andrews and George Selleck, of the new piece, "Honor Bound, or the Sons of the Golden West," specially prepared for the approaching festival week. The first public performance will be given on Sunday evening next, September 7th. The characters are said to be faithfully drawn and the dialogue crisp and pointed. In the way of scenery, the pictorial artist of the theater has been called on to "spread himself," and in the way of florid picturesqueness he has ably answered the demand. The last act represents a wild-looking gorge or canyon, with a cascade of real water in the foreground, and an altitudinous volcanic mountain uplifted in the far distance. These two sets occupy the whole stage, and the mechanical effects shown in the falling waters, and the lava streams pouring from the rended sides of the mountain are striking enough to hold an audience spell-bound. The natural phenomena of Vesuvius and Niagara are brought into the line of vision at once.

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READ THEIR LETTERS.

C. J. Woodbury Is so Charged by His Office Clerks.

C. J. Woodbury, President of the Woodbury Oil Company, at 123 California street, was arrested by the United States Marshal yesterday on an indictment found against him by the Federal Grand Jury, in which he is charged with opening and reading letters belonging to other people.

Woodbury aspires to social leadership in Oakland, and has obtained more or less recognition in local literary circles as a man of literary attainments. It is claimed, however, that he is possessed of a passion for prying into other people's private affairs.

In Woodbury's office, at 123 California street, are J. P. S. Smith, D. M. Blank, Eugene Ensign and a man named Nunan. When the mail came to the office in the morning it is charged that Woodbury would open every letter addressed to these gentlemen by means of a wet blotter or a wet pencil. After he had read the letters he would seal them up again and hand them to the persons to whom they were addressed.

Both Mr. Smith and Mr. Blank aver that they have received their letters still wet from the opening process, and that when Woodbury had been taxed with opening them he had said, "It is the custom of the office."

The gentlemen in the office determined to put a stop to the matter, and the next morning when their letters were handed them Mr. Smith took one of his and examined it. It was still wet.

He exclaimed: "Look here, gentlemen; some one has opened this letter."

Then he pulled gently on the flap of the envelope. It opened as if it had never been sealed. The others tried their letters and found that they had been treated in the same way. Among the letters opened that morning was one addressed to the California Hardware Company, of which Mr. Smith is Secretary, and another addressed to Mr. Blank as President of the Mutual Oil Company.

The men attached their names to the letters and sent them to the United States Postoffice Inspector with a formal complaint. The inspector at once brought the matter before the Grand Jury, which was in session, with the result that Mr. Woodbury will have to face a criminal prosecution.

The men whose letters have been opened cannot understand Mr. Woodbury's alleged conduct. They claim that he has been playing this trick for over two years. Woodbury, after his arrest, denied having opened the letters, but Mr. Smith and Mr. Blank say he admitted to Mr. Ensign that he had "opened a few."

A YOUNG WIFE'S DEATH.

She Awakes Her Sleeping Husband and Dies Suddenly.

Henry Muller of 1026½ Natoma street was suddenly aroused from his sleep at 1 o'clock yesterday morning by the death struggles of his wife, Rebecca. Mrs. Muller had retired at 10:30 o'clock the previous evening in her usual good health apparently, and said nothing of feeling in the least unwell. But in the middle of the night she was unconscious, and life was leaving her body.

The husband rushed out for a physician, but on his return she was past all human aid. She died shortly afterward.

The Coroner was notified, and he will hold an investigation to ascertain the cause of the woman's mysterious death.

The post-mortem held by Coroner Eaton on the body of Mrs. Rebecca Muller of 1026½ Natoma street last evening developed the fact that her death was caused by peritonitis, brought about by malpractice.

It was shown by the testimony taken that she was 26 years of age, a native of Germany and the mother of three children, the youngest of whom is 13 months old. It also appeared that an elderly woman, whose business is midwifery, was called in at 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon and to her Mrs. Muller admitted that she was in a delicate condition, and she called on a doctor who has an office on Montgomery street and who had given her some medicine which she had taken. Her condition was not considered precarious, but she nevertheless died in great agony while lying beside her husband early yesterday morning.

Dr. Eaton brought to his office at the Morgue three empty bottles bearing upon them directions, but not containing the name of any physician.

The husband of the unfortunate woman was seen at his home on Natoma street last evening, but declined to be interviewed or even tell his name or occupation. It is said that his name is Henry Muller and that he is engaged in peddling mineral waters. In appearance he is between 35 and 40 years of age and a North German by birth.

KELLY'S SENTENCE.

Prosecuting Attorney Long Makes an Explanation.

Prosecuting Attorney Long of Police Court 3 appeared yesterday morning before Judge Joachimsen and made an open statement about the sentence imposed on James Kelly, who brutally beat an unoffending Chinese:

"If your Honor please," said he, "I have noticed in the papers some comments concerning the sentence imposed on a prisoner named Kelly, charged with battery. I desire to say in that case that the arresting officer asked me to allow the defendant, on a plea of guilty, to pay a fine of $5. The case was partially heard when the defendant withdrew his plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty, and on my statement that it was at the request of the officer, he was fined by the Court. I knew nothing about the defendant, and am certain of the fact that your Honor knew nothing about his prior history, otherwise he would not have been treated so leniently."

THE OLYMPIC CLUB.

Its Thirtieth Exhibition Is Largely Attended.

A Man Killed by Tumbling From a Three-Story Building.

The Grand Opera House was filled last evening, the occasion being the thirtieth annual exhibition of the Olympic Club. The programme, which consisted of several gymnastic feats, fencing, wrestling, selections by the Mandolin Club and vocal music, made up an evening's entertainment which was very much enjoyed by the large audience.

During the wrestling bouts Professor Eugene Van Court was the recipient of a magnificent floral piece, which was the gift of his many friends.

One of the most laughable events of the evening was the wrestling bout between Professor Corbett and one of the juvenile members, who called on his force of Lilliputian wrestlers the moment he had the professor on the carpet on all fours.

FELL FROM A HOUSETOP.

John Halferty, a longshoreman, apparently about 40 years of age, living at 10 St. Charles alley, between Kearny and Montgomery streets, while hanging up blankets on the roof of the house in which he lived, stumbled and fell to the sidewalk below, breaking his neck, back, knees, and many bones in his body. The accident occurred about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and his body was soon after brought to the Morgue.

He was a native of Ireland, and the supposition is that he was under the influence of liquor when the accident occurred. The fall was three stories and death was instantaneous.

A Young Girl Detained.

Ida Trapp, a girl about 16 years of age, was taken out of a Mission-street lodging-house yesterday evening and locked up in the City Prison by the police, pending an investigation of her story, which is to the effect that she hails from Crescent City and came here alone to attend the celebration of Admission day. Her story could not be corroborated or denied.

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With your name and address, mailed to the Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga., is necessary to obtain an interesting treatise on the blood and the diseases incident to it.

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Skin Eruption Cured.

One of my customers, a highly respected and influential citizen, but who is now absent from the city, has used Swift's Specific with excellent result. He says it cured him of a skin eruption that he had been tormented with for thirty years, and had resisted the curative qualities of many other medicines.

ROBERT CLEGG, Druggist, Falls City, Neb.

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REAL ESTATE.

The Montgomery Tract, Oakland, to Be Sold at Auction.

William J. Dingee's Big Offering on Saturday Next—Future Auction Sales—Latest Reported Sales—Notes.

What promises to be an important sale at auction will take place next Saturday on the grounds in Oakland. William J. Dingee, the leading real estate broker there, has subdivided what is known as the Montgomery Tract, situated on Fortieth and Forty-first streets and facing on Grove street, on the direct line of the Oakland and Berkeley Electric road and the horse-car line, which is now within a few feet of the subdivision. There are forty-seven desirable building lots in the plat, 32 to 35 feet in width by 110 to 120 feet in depth, and no piece of land could be in better harmony with the grade in anticipation of building purposes. The homes of Major Clay and Messrs. Weatherly, Wellman and Derby are in close proximity to the tract, which is the most reasonable recommendation that the offering is a highly important one.

Hon. Z. Montgomery has directed that the terms of payment shall be easy, viz.: only one-quarter in cash, and the balance in three yearly installments, with interest at 8 per cent per annum. The title is indisputable.

FUTURE AUCTION SALES.

Numerous catalogues of properties are being prepared for the auction-room, a few which are here given, together with those already out:

G. H. Umbsen & Co. at their salesroom to-day, at 12 o'clock noon.

William J. Dingee, on the grounds, Montgomery Tract, Oakland, on Saturday next.

William J. Dingee, Oakland, on Saturday, the 13th of September, on the ground, at Fruitvale.

Easton, Eldridge & Co., in their salesroom, on Tuesday, September 16th.

William J. Dingee, Oakland, on the ground, Piedmont, on Saturday, September 20th.

O. F. von Rhein & Co. on Saturday, 20th September.

Easton, Eldridge & Co. on Tuesday, the 23d September.

O. F. von Rhein & Co. about the 30th September, an auction sale of estate property, the estimated value of which will figure over $500,000.

Another catalogue of properties is being prepared, which will be offered in the auction-room in a few days. A San Francisco firm will act as auctioneers for an outside company.

LATEST REPORTED SALES.

Lee & Warden have dispose of the following properties: Two blocks, south of the Park, $22,000; thirty-one lots, in the same neighborhood, at $150 each; No. 1010 Golden Gate Avenue, with improvements, $17,500. The firm will cut up another block into lots, which will be offered in a few days. It is on the line of the proposed Market-street extension. They report an active market for inside properties, and anticipate ready sale for realty south of the Park.

Lot 100x250, on the north line of Belgrade avenue, 450 east of Stanyan street, has been sold for $5000.

Lot 30x120, on the south line of Geary street, 120 feet east of Franklin, has brought $7500.

It is reported that the lot 25x80, on the southeast line of Howard street, 137:6 northeast of Fourth, with improvements fetched $10,500.

NOTES.

The Arthur R. Briggs Company is now settled in commodious offices at 321 Pine street. As a real estate establishment it is one of the only three in the city. Ornamental railings inclose the Secretary and Treasurer's department, while the President, Vice-President and Directors' private rooms are inclosed by a partition partially of stained glass. The public and auctioneer's room is also well arranged, and the entire place is lighted with steam and lighted by electricity—incandescent lights.

The company sold on Tuesday eighty acres of very fine land near Fresno for $200 per acre cash.

O. D. Baldwin, Joost & Merten's Real Estate Guide for August is out. It contains a very interesting review of the market for August and an article on the "outlook," with various items of importance to real estate operators.

The Real Estate Record for August, published by G. H. Umbsen & Co., was put into circulation yesterday. Among the subjects discussed are: "The Next Election," "The Australian Ballot," "Our Manufactories," "Why Not Here?" "Butchertown Doomed," "Blackmail Land Suits," etc.

McAfee, Baldwin & Hammond have disposed of a piece of property on Jackson street, near Taylor, with improvements, for $3700, subject to confirmation of the Probate Court. Size of lot, 24x80.

Sixty-six lots adjoining Lakeview and several smaller sales.

They exhibit a sample crate of peaches, each peach averaging about fifteen ounces in weight, from the famous Haggin ranches in Kern County.

Mr. O. F. von Rhein leaves to-day on the steamship Oceanic for Japan, and from thence will continue his tour with the view of making a circuit of the globe. During his absence he proposes to study the real estate markets of the world.

MISSED HIS MAN.

A Fireman Shoots Into a Saloon and Hits a Peddler.

George Cashell, an extra-fireman of No. 2 Engine Company on Bush street, near Kearny, was arrested yesterday on a charge of assault to murder. The police say he is a bad man and is now where he belongs.

Maurice Shawl, a peddler, says that Cashell shot through a screen door of P. Leary's saloon, 418 Pacific street, and one of the two bullets fired from Cashell's pistol produced a slight wound of Shawl's leg. He was selling Leary some glassware, and just as he was coming out some one fired through the door and hit him. A crowd gathered quickly and Cashell was seen running away and to throw a pistol into a basement doorway, where the weapon was subsequently found. Cashell continued running toward North Beach, and found temporary shelter in a tub in the Crystal Baths, where the police placed him under arrest.

The prisoner denies having fired the shots, but Leary, who owns the saloon, has a different opinion. He says that Cashell was a partner of his, and because they did not agree the prisoner fired with the evident intention of killing him—Leary.

Cashell was a sailor boarding-house-runner for Gashie Stein, who is now imprisoned in San Quentin for passing counterfeit coin. While in the House of Correction recently he fought with Guard Fay, whom he beat almost to death.

He is quite an important person in ward politics under Boss Buckley.

A CHINESE CELEBRATION.

Beginning of a Festival Which Is to Continue Four Days.

Washington street, Waverly place, Spofford alley and the vicinity were the scenes of a lively demonstration last night on the part of the Chin