MISUNDERSTOOD.

An owlet into a garden flew,
And perched high over the gate.
A maiden roamed 'mid the flowers and dew,
Although it was late and lonely, too.
Alas, she knew!

She warbled a ditty so sweet and clear:
She sang: "To thee my heart is true";
And the owl leaned over, the better to hear,
And murmured discreetly: "To whoo, my dear,
To whoo—to whoo!"

Then the maiden shrieked, as maidens will,
And in trembling haste withdrew;
But the owlet stared and smiled in his bill,
And said very blandly—he's saying it still—
"To whoo—to whoo!"

AGNES MARIE MULHOLLAND.

JERNINGHAM'S ENGAGEMENT.

SHE was a ward in chancery. The only relation she had in the world was a distant cousin, and she stood between him and 200 acres in a ring fence and an amount of consuls that brought in a clear £1000 a year. The Court of Chancery let the house and the park, and took the greatest possible care of Kate Harley. It gave her a capital education and a reasonable amount of pocket-money, and when she reached the age of 18 the court provided her with a guide, philosopher and friend in the intensely respectable person of Miss Sophy Briggs. Sophy's baptismal name was Sophonista; but she kept that gruesome secret to herself and always signed herself Sophy.

And Sophy Briggs did her duty. She acted as a faithful sheep dog and frightened off the wolves that dared to cast their hungry eyes on Kitty Harley's pretty face and limp little figure; for she had a pretty face, with great clear honest eyes, a healthy complexion and glorious chestnut locks with a glint of gold in them. Hers was the wholesome, happy beauty of a guileless English girl. She wasn't esthetic and didn't wear hideous, shapeless garments of peacock blue; her soul didn't hunger for woman's rights and the divided skirt; she wore No. 6 gloves and did her boot-maker credit.

When Kate Harley was 20 the Lord Chancellor, whom Kate had come to look upon by this time as a sort of glorified but indulgent father, decreed (the Lord Chancellor doesn't suggest, he always decrees) that she should go and live, chaperoned by the faithful Sophy Briggs, of course, in her dead father's old, comfortable brick-built mansion, not a hundred miles from Westgate-on-Sea. The young men of the neighborhood picked up their ears; their fathers and mothers were very civil indeed to Kitty. Everybody called, and lawn tennis, picnics, dinner parties and carpet dances were given in honor of Miss Kate Harley by a great number of people, each of whom invariably secretly informed Kitty that they had been intimate friends of her dear dead father. Two hundred acres in a ring fence, a comfortable house, a thousand a year in consols, and a pretty, healthy, innocent young wife into the bargain, were worth having; and Kate had plenty of offers before she had been six months at home. The curate called, asked her to take a class in his Sunday-school, popped the question to her within the month, got his answer, and felt that he would like to have excommunicated Kitty; and from that day forth, whenever he heard her name mentioned, he used to shake his head. By the time Kitty was of age, the mothers in the neighborhood agreed that Miss Harley was "fanciful." And then the Fusileers gave their big ball at the hotel at Westgate, to which Kitty and Miss Briggs were invited; and she danced three times with Captain Jack Jerningham, who proposed to her within the month and was accepted, handsome Jack having, as his brother officers put it, "had a walk-over." The fact is that Captain Jack was considerably smitten at the Fusileers' ball with Miss Harley, and had declared the next morning at breakfast that she was "a bright little, tight little craft"; and when he met her on the Downs two days afterward, as she was careering wildly on her pretty chestnut mare, and saw her in her riding habit, that finished him at once, and, as I have said, he proposed to her within the month.

Kitty was of age; Kitty was her own mistress. Jack Jerningham was fairly well to do; there was nothing against him in the regiment or out of it. He had no enemies, he was two and thirty, and, altogether, the proposed marriage was thoroughly unexceptionable, thoroughly satisfactory for both the high-contracting parties. Handsome Jack wanted to be married at once; he was very much in love indeed—perfectly willing to leave the regiment, burning to become the happiest man in all the world—and if it hadn't been for one thing, Josiah Parkbury of Lincoln's Inn, the pair would, doubtless, have been married at once.

Better for them if they had.

Now, Josiah Parkbury was Kate Harley's solicitor; he was so intensely respectable that one wondered that he had no other nimbus than his silver fringe of white hair. He habitually wore a white cloker, and Kate Harley had the greatest possible respect for the old gentleman. Ever since she had been a child Josiah Parkbury had "inspected" her twice a year, by order of the Court of Chancery, and Kate looked upon him as her oldest and most faithful friend.

"My dear," he said, the day he came down by Miss Harley's desire to the old Manor House, when she had informed him, with many blushes, of her engagement to handsome Jack Jerningham, "it's a bad thing to do anything in a hurry. Settlements will have to be drawn; I shall have to fight the young gentleman's legal advisers in your interest, my dear, and I'd better make a few inquiries."

And then Kitty began to sob and grew indignant. But old Mr. Parkbury carried his point; he did make his inquiries. The result was perfectly satisfactory to his client and himself; and it was finally arranged that Kitty was to marry her handsome fusileer in a couple of months.

And then, as ill-luck would have it, the regiment moved to Chelsea Barracks.

Now it must not be supposed for a single instant that handsome Captain's Jack Allie had been altogether devoid of romance. Five years before, he had been madly in love with his beautiful but penniless cousin, Julia Waring; his love had been returned, but old Jerningham, Jack's father, had put his foot down, with the result that Julia had married General Currie, C. B., and had accompanied that wealthy and ill-tempered veteran, her husband, to India. Just about the time that Jack Jerningham met Kitty Harley for the first time, Julia Currie returned from India, a wealthy widow, and the very first thing she heard on her arrival was that her old friend, Captain Jack, was going to marry a little girl from the country.

Julia Currie looked in the glass, was perfectly satisfied with what she saw there, and felt that she was more than a match for any number of little girls in the country. She was stopping at Hatchett's Hotel at the time, and she sat down there and then and wrote a note, begging dear old Jack to call upon his broken-hearted Julia that evening at 7 o'clock. And then she had the manager up, and ordered an extremely recherche dinner for two for 8 o'clock.

"We shan't drink anything else but champagne," she said to the manager; "let it be Pommery Greno."

"Jack was always fond of Pommery Greno," she thought to herself with a sigh.

Now, Julia Waring had been Handsome Jack's first love, and she had not "gone off" in the least. I don't say this in extenuation of his subsequent villainy; he was but a man, after all, you know, and we men are, as a rule, but as clay in the hands of the potter when we come across the Julia Warings of this wicked world. What followed is not to be wondered at. Poor, innocent Jack arrived, expecting to find a magnificent wreck, surrounded by a howling bevy of puny children. He was agreeably disappointed. Julia Currie was handsomer than ever. She smiled on him, she wept over him, and then she began to talk of old times, and those great black eyes of hers sparkled at him through her crocodile tears.

"You'll stay and dine with me, Jack?" she said, in a piteous voice.

Poor fellow! he could not refuse. And after dinner she sang—that finished him, of course, and for the moment he forgot all about the poor little girl in the country.

Now, Julia Currie's ideas on marriage were totally different from those of old Mr. Parkbury; she meant marrying Jack Jerningham, and she meant marrying him at once; and before forty-eight hours were over she had him on his knees, and, of course, he swore that there was nothing he wouldn't do for his dearest Julia. And young Mrs. Currie looked very charming, indeed; she looked exactly like that touching picture outside Messrs. J—'s catalogue, which, for want of a better title, we may call "The Widow's Farewell to the Tombstone."

"Well then, Jack," said Julia Currie, "as it's all settled, you'd better run and break with the little girl in the country."

"Hang it all, Ju," cried Captain Jack, as he sprang to his feet in his indignation. "I couldn't do that! But I'll tell you what I will do; I'll go and see her lawyer, old Parkbury."

"It won't do, Jack," replied Mrs. Currie: "I am not going to stand any nonsense this time, and if you don't go and see her yourself, I'll do it for you."

"Oh, hang it, Ju!" said the Captain.

At last Captain Jerningham wrote a letter, a cruel, heartless letter, at the widow's dictation. It ran as follows:

Dear Miss Harley—Circumstances have occurred which render our marriage impossible. It is better to be honest and above board in these sort of matters. I am quite sure your proper pride would not allow you to demand any further explanation from me; but in order that you may see that my determination is irrevocable, I may tell you that I have engaged myself to marry a lady to whom I have been attached for many years. I am, dear Miss Harley, faithfully yours, JOHN JERNINGHAM.

"Now, Jack," said Mrs. Currie, "you can leave the letter with me. I'll see that it goes, for you are quite capable of backing out, changing your mind at the last moment and not sending it after all," and then Mrs. Currie got rid of her adorer as rapidly as possible.

Now Julia Currie was a woman who never did things by halves. She went down by the 10 o'clock express to Westgate the next morning with the wicked intention of delivering the letter with her own hand.

"This time," she muttered between her teeth, "he shall not escape me."

Half an hour's drive brought her to the Manor House, which was within a quarter of a mile of the sea. She knocked at the door and she asked for Miss Harley. But fickle Jack Jerningham's fiancee had gone out riding, as the housemaid informed her.

"Would the lady see Miss Briggs?"

No; her business was with Miss Harley; she would call again within the hour. And then she told the flyman to drive along the cliff.

She hadn't proceeded above half a mile when she saw Kitty enjoying a good honest gallop upon the downs. She put up her double eyeglass and took a calm, deliberate, insolent stare at her rival, as the girl approached. Then she told the flyman to stop.

"I beg your pardon," said Kitty, soothing her fiery chestnut mare by patting its arched neck.

"Can you give me five minutes?" said the widow; "I've brought a letter to you."

"It's very good of you," said Kitty.

Mrs. Currie, walking some few yards along the Downs, was as good as her carshot of the letter.

"He wrote it at my dictation," said Julia Currie.

Kitty read the letter and tore it into fragments, which were instantly carried away by the wind.

"Is there any answer?" said Julia Currie, with a cruel laugh.

"That is the answer!" cried Kitty, as she smote her rival across the face with her riding whip. Then she began to lash the chestnut mare, and rode at racing speed toward the cliff; but when she reached its very brink the frightened animal stopped dead, and would go no further.

And then Julia Currie saw a horrible sight.

The girl wheeled her mare round and backed her toward the edge of the cliff. The animal struggled and reared, and the horse and its rider for an instant stood out strongly against the blue summer sky. There was a rattle of falling earth and stones, and then the chestnut mare and "the little girl in the country" disappeared from the sight of the heartless woman who was engaged to marry Captain Jack Jerningham.

There was a horrible scandal, and Julia Currie is Julia Currie still.—London Truth.

FOR FIVE MILLIONS.

Oregon Improvement Company Sued on First Mortgages.

A complaint was filed yesterday afternoon against the Oregon Improvement Company by the Farmers' Loan Trust of New York to foreclose 5000 $1000 first mortages, which have been in existence since December 1, 1880, with 6 per cent annual interest. Only one payment of $30 has been made on the interest. There are already four similar suits pending against the Improvement Company, but the one in question is on first mortgages and will probably swallow up the assets in toto.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Solomon Getz to George W. Hopkins, lot on W. line Eighth ave., 225 S. of J st., S. 25x100; also on W. line of Eighth ave., 150 N. of R st., N. 50x120; also E. line of Ninth ave., 225 N. of R st, N. 50x120; also E. line of Ninth ave., 120 S. of J st., S. 25x120; also E. line of Ninth ave., 125 S. of J st., S. 100x120. $10

Solomon Getz to Samuel B. O'Connor, lot on W. line of Seventh ave., 150 N. of R st., N. 50x130

N. C. Carnall to Samuel B. Connor, lot on W. line of Eighth ave., 100 N. of R st., N. 50x120 10

George W. Hopkins to Samuel B. Connor, lot on W. line of Eighth ave., 150 N. of R st., S. 50x120 10

Charles Fischer and wife to Andrew Foreman, lot on N. line of Washington st., 176:9 W. of Maple, W. 24x127:3½ 10

Patrick Dempsey to Bridget Dempsey, lot on S. line of Twenty-third st., 30 W. of York, W. 25x122 Gift

Eudora L. Martin et al. to Charles Grefe, lot on SE. line of Clay st., 250 SW. of Fifth SW. 25x80 10

Margaret E. Walsh (by guardian) to Charles Greffe, undivided ½ same. 10

John C. Wright to Mary W. Moody, lot on E. line of Jessie st., 186 N. of Twentieth, N. 24x75 Gift

Jacob Heyman to Lucy A. Rutherford, lot on S. line of W. st., 82:6 W. of Forty-first, W. 75x100 10

Jacob Heyman to William S. Wright, lot on SE. cor of Forty-fifth and Ysts., E. 57:6x100 10

Charles H. Ford to William S. Wright, lot on N. line of Y st., 32:6 W. of Forty-first ave., W. 175x100

Charles J. Fox and wife to Edward P. Gray, lot on E. line of Hyde st., 56:6 N. of Greenwich, N. 56x56 1

C. H. Evans to James B. Johnson, lot on E. line of Capp st., 284:4 S. of Twenty-third, S. 1:3x122:6 10

Charles N. Felton (by attorney) to J. A. Harper and wife, lot on S. line of Frederick st., 275 E. of Stanyan, E. 25x137:6

Charles Nickerson to Annie J. Nickerson, lot on N.E. cor. of Moscow st. and Russia ave., N. 150x100 Gift

George T. Davis to John F. Plumel, lot on S. line of California st., 137:6 E. of Steiner, E. 34:4½x137:6 10

John F. Plumel to George T. Davis, lot on NW. cor. Nineteenth and Castro sts., N. 75x125

Ella F. Conroy et al. to Aaron Heringhi, lots 31 and 32, Block X, Park Lane Tract 4,000

Jacob Heyman to Annie G. McCarthy, lot on S. line of U st., 57:6 W. of Forty-second ave., W. 25x100 10

N. C. Carnall Company to Mary C. Walworth, lot on NW. cor. K st. and Eighth ave., N. 100x57:6 10

Edward M. Long to Frederick O. Pearson et al., lots 148, 150 and 152, Holliday Map A. 15

James Moore to Charles Oswald, lot on NW. cor. W st. and Forty-first ave., W. 600x240

Allan Purves to William F. Glennon, lot on S. line of Cumberland st., 155 W. of Guerrero, W. 25x114 10

J. B. Haggin (by attorney) to Ferdinand Siefke, lot on W. line of Sheridan st., 180 SW. of Ninth, SW. 25x100 10

Ferdinand Siefke to Margaret McCarthy, same 10

Charles Lester to same, same 10

Alfred Clarke to Annie F. O'N. Clarke, lot on S. line of Oak st., 106:3 W. of Pierce, W. 50x137:6 Grant

George Melsnac to S. Ducas et al., lot 14, Block 97, Columbia Homestead Association 10

John B. Hayden to Auguste A. Hayden, lot on E. line of Davis st., 27:6 N. of Pine, N. 27:6x100 Gift

ALAMEDA COUNTY.

Joseph A. Leonard to S. P. & W. H. Smith, lot 40x150, on S. line of San Antonia ave., 264 W. of Nineteenth st., Alameda

Same to C. E. Heacock, lot 54x127:6, on S. line of Clinton ave., 54 E. of Nineteenth st., Alameda

Same to Ezra Kittredge, lot 41x150, on N. line of San Jose ave., 220 W. of Lafayette st., Alameda

Same to M. J. Fabiano, lot 25x100, on S. line of Railroad ave., 50 W. of Henry street

W. M. Stewart to K. W. Van Sicklen, lot 184 x127:6, on N. line of Clement ave., 138:9 E. of Chestnut st., and 138x147:6, on N. line of Buena Vista ave., 46:6 W. of Standard st., Alameda

Same to George T. Wright, lot 138x150, on SW. cor. Clement ave. and Standard st., and lot 46x150, on N. line of Eagle ave., 92:8 E. of Chestnut st., Alameda

F. W. Van Sicklen to C. A. Phelps, lot 75x150, on NW. cor. Central ave. and Union st., Alameda

G. T. Sprost to Alex Miller, lot 50x140, on N. line of Thirty-first st., 315 E. of Market

A. C. Gould to J. C. Adriance, 2.63 acres on NW. line of Peralta ave., Brooklyn

W. W. Chapman to C. A. H. Smith, lot 50x100, on S. line of Forty-seventh st., 190 W. of Grove

Lina Buehn to A. Engelhardt, lot 48:6x135, on N. line of Lincoln ave., 142:9 E. of Willow st., Oakland

McInerny Released.

M. C. McInerny, who was confined in the City Prison on a charge of violating the liquor-license law, was discharged from custody yesterday on giving bail in $300. His attorney petitioned for a writ of habeas corpus for the release of the prisoner, and Judge Lawler granted it. The petition sets forth that McInerny had been arrested eighteen times for alleged violation of said laws, and was held after the last arrest because he could not give bail for $18,000. It charges that the bail was exorbitant and made so for purposes of persecution.

Change of Custodians.

Orders were made yesterday in the United States Circuit Court transferring the property of the involved Oregon Improvement Company, now in the hands of Sheriff Lameister, to the care of the custodian of the Federal courts, Ulysses S. Grant, United States Marshal Long. Orders were made in each of the suits brought against that company by the First National Bank of California, A. W. Fallonsbee, Isaac Upham and George Middlemas et al.

OFFICIAL BONDS.

Another Batch of Them Filed With the Auditor Yesterday.

Thomas O'Brien, Tax-Collector-elect, has filed his official bond for $15,000. His sureties are A. A. Hotaling, I. W. Lees, Thomas Carroll, E. D. Carroll, P. Crowley and William Young.

J. H. Widber's bond as Treasurer now on file is $200,000. Sureties—Henry Mathews, $50,000; Behrend Joost, $45,000; Harry N. Morse, $45,000; Harry A. Crane, $25,000; G. J. Hobe, $5000; James Aitken, $10,000; L. H. Varney, $10,000; Robert Bright, $10,000.

D. D. Hunt, Supervisor-elect from the Tenth Ward, has filed his bond for $15,000. His sureties are D. Carter and Joseph Fasler.

David Stern, Auditor-elect, has filed his bond for $50,000, his sureties being E. R. Lilienthal and M. H. Hecht.

William Harney and George Pennington, elected School Directors, have filed bonds for $5000. Harney's sureties are Adam Grant and Levi Strauss, and Pennington's, J. L. Megounan and James Spiers.

A. C. Freese, Public Administrator-elect, has filed his bond for $30,000, with the following sureties: Mathew Nunan, C. S. Holmes, A. Wilson, George W. McNear, Thomas Lundy and J. B. Chase.

The bond of W. S. Barnes, District Attorney-elect, for $15,000, with J. B. Stetson and W. W. Montague as sureties, and that of C. S. Tilton, Surveyor-elect, have also been filed. Tilton's sureties are M. P. Jones and John Center.

Officers Elected.

At the regular meeting of Walhalla Encampment, No. 7, I. O. O. F., the following were elected officers for the ensuing term: C. J. Wed'l, C. P.; Arthur Bohm, H. P.; J. Rosenthal, S. W.; S. Preise, J. W.; F. H. Druffel, R. S.; A. Bahrs, F. S.; E. Schwerin, T.; Martin Tanjes, Trustee.

At a regular meeting of Yosemite Lodge, No. 1930, Knights of Honor, held last Wednesday evening, the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing term: C. F. Dean, D.; Max Maguer, V. D.; Amos Burr, A. D.; J. M. Lenhart, G.; I. Jacobsen, C.; G. A. Folsom, R. (re-elected); Emil Magner, F. R. (re-elected); James H. Gates, T. (re-elected); D. H. Finnle, Guardian; George F. Mero, S. Trustees—H. L. Samuli, H. Joost, D. H. Finnle; Emil Magner, Representative; G. A. Folsom, alternate.

Eagle Lodge, No. 2204, Knights of Honor, has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: W. Detels, D.; G. J. Golcovich, V. D.; J. Watkins, A. D.; J. K. Phillips, R.; Samuel Polack, F. R.; E. Rosendorn, T.; F. S. Cheesman, C.; E. M. Weiss, Guide; J. Goncalves, S.; A. J. Wohlander, Guardian; J. M. Weiss, U. Hartman and F. S. Cheesman, Trustees; Samuel Polack, Rep.; E. M. Weiss, Alt.

At the recent election of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 600, Knights and Ladies of Honor, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing term: Mrs. M. A. Dinning, P.; Harry J. Turner, V. P.; F. C. Ford, S.; J. H. Kruger, T.; Mrs. Lena Bloomfield, C.; Miss Hattie E. Hewitt, G.; Miss Lizzie Holmes, Guardian; Miss Lillian Holmes, Secretary; Dr. F. Kemp van Ee, Mrs. E. A. Holmes, Mrs. E. J. St. Clair, Trustees.

His Landlord's Room.

Henry Jacobson, who lodged in the house of John Rowan, 271 Minna street, was arrested yesterday on a charge of burglary for having entered his landlord's room a few days ago and taking an overcoat which he pawned for a few dollars.

Young, But Very Bad.

Ed Smith, 16 years old, was summoned before Judge Shafter yesterday to be arraigned for burglary. During the brief questioning by the District Attorney that preceded the usual court process, it was learned that this guileless-looking and apparently innocent youth has no less than eight prior convictions standing against him—two or three for burglary and the others for petty larceny. He seemed the least concerned of any one in the court-room about his record.

SEA AND SHORE.

A British Steamer and Also a Sailing Ship in Trouble.

Captain Roberts Sights the Wreck of the Ajax. The State of California Lost a Blade Off Her Propeller.

A dispatch received at the Merchants' Exchange yesterday from London says that the British steamer Straits of Belle Isle, from Yokohama for Vancouver, put back to Yokohama with her boilers leaking.

The British ship Hollinwood, which left here for Cork on July 26th, arrived out yesterday, but grounded while entering Queenstown harbor. A dispatch received on 'Change states that she would probably be off on the next tide.

The weather was hazy at Point Lobos yesterday and the wind all day from the northeast, blowing twenty-four miles in the morning and decreasing to sixteen miles an hour in the afternoon. The barometer read: 8 o'clock in the morning, 30.31; noon, 30.33; 5 o'clock in the evening, 30.26.

THE WRECKED AJAX.

Captain Roberts of the steamer Emily, which arrived yesterday from Coos Bay, via Port Orford, reports that on Thursday he passed the wreck of the steamer Ajax. Her foremast and yard were floating, but were held by the rigging. The mainmast was still standing about ten feet out of the water, but nothing else could be seen. The Emily had strong southeast winds down to Point Reyes.

The steamer State of California, Captain Ackley, arrived yesterday, 76 hours from Portland, 47 hours from Astoria, bringing 72 cabin and 71 steerage passengers. On the way down she lost one of the blades of her new bronze propeller, and after she docked a cofferdam was placed under her stern for the purpose of replacing the lost blade.

The steamer Signal, Captain Bondegard, which arrived on the 3d inst. from Port Townsend with a cargo of salmon for A. B. Foard, shifted from Folsom-street Wharf 1 yesterday. Shortly after she docked Customs Inspector Holmes seized on her and confiscated twenty-five five-tael boxes of opium. The value of the find is about $200.

A REGULAR OLD SALT.

Mrs. Meyer, wife of Captain Meyer of the German iron bark Visurgis, now discharging a cargo of cement from Antwerp at Berry and Third streets, is a regular old "salt." She first went to sea in 1866, and has been going almost continuously since. For the last thirteen years she has never missed a trip with her husband. She is as good a navigator as her husband, can take the sun and work up the ship's reckoning, and at sea is a mother to the mates and sailors, as hundreds of sailors can testify. On the voyage home to Europe Mrs. Meyer will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of her going to sea.

The steamer Alexander Duncan, which arrived on Thursday from lower Coast ports, has been laid up. Captain Hunter, during the time she is laid up, will make a few trips in the steamer Al-Ki, relieving Captain Hale, who will take a vacation. Goto Sullivan, the sylph, is now chief engineer of the Duncan.

The schooner Viking cleared yesterday and will sail to-day for Acajutla, San Salvador. Her cargo consists of 1040 boxes cartridges, value $15,000; 14 cases firearms, value $8500, and 1000 cases coal oil, value $2330.

FOR THE CALIFORNIA TRADE.

B. Wencke's Sons of Hamburg, a number of whose vessels come to this port, have contracted with Bichm & Foss of Hamburg to build for them a steel sailing vessel of 4300 tons carrying capacity, which when completed will be placed in the California trade. The same firm has now two vessels on the stocks in England being built under the supervision of Captain F. C. Bramslow, who is well known here as master of the ship Euterpe.

Notice has been posted that on the 20th inst. the steamer Strathearn will be considered as lost by Lloyds. The Strathearn is laden with sugar for J. D. Spreckels & Co., and her cargo is valued at about $250,000. Her insurance is also the vessel.

The Queen carried a cargo to British Columbia valued at $5000. She also took 33,000 pounds of borax, to go forward to Chicago by the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

The W. W. Case has cleared for the Hawaiian Islands with a cargo valued at $8000, consisting mostly of lockstuff.

The James Drummond takes a cargo of wheat to Rio de Janeiro valued at $63,644, comprising 46,700 centals.

The steamer Colima sailed from Acapulco for this port yesterday.

The next steamer for Hong-Kong will be the China on Thursday.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.

The ship General Knox shifted from Union street to Long Bridge yesterday.

The Alex McCallum shifted from Pacific to Steuart street.

The bark Templar shifted from the Rolling-mills to Main street.

The Stockbridge went to Harrison street and the steamer Alcatraz went over to Oakland.

The ship Wendur docked at Oakland Wharf and the Occidental hauled into the stream from Union street.

The bark Jesse H. Freeman was towed from Oakland to the oil works.

The steamer City of Seattle will go on the Hunter's Point dock to-day.

The Yorktown and Retriever went to sea. The Benares will go to sea to-day and the Carnarvonshire will dock at the Mail Dock.

TIRED OF PLAY.

Captain Smith Talks of His Late Railroad Scheme.

Life and Death of the Pacific Construction and Improvement Company—Shriveled Up by a Cold Wave.

The purchaser of Captain Smith's stock in the California and Nevada Railway is still in hiding, and the people of Oakland are still guessing with that reckless abandon which is amusing at least one person—Captain Smith. The "Dark man from Denver" was seen yesterday at his residence in Oakland, and completely ruined his reputation for reticence, which he has so severely upheld since his identification with the California and Nevada Railroad Company.

Of his efforts to give California another transcontinental road, he talked for one hour, and with that fluency and volubility which is supposed to belong exclusively to the ticket agent or the festive drummer, and of which there is such a lamentable dearth among men who build and control railroads. His fame for being as "silent as a sphinx" and as "dumb as a mummy" has been so often recorded by the Oakland newspapers that it was deemed obligatory to approach him with timidity, and to handle him with masterly diplomacy.

"I hear that you have sold your railroad, Captain Smith?"

"I have never had the good fortune to own a railroad as yet," was the reply, "and I don't understand why they say that I have sold the California and Nevada Railroad. I have never made a statement to that effect, or authorized any one else to do so. I have simply disposed of my stock in the line, but it does not follow that the road has been sold. You might as well say that John B. Stone recently sold the Union Pacific when he disposed of a small amount of the stock."

NO CONTROLLING INTEREST.

"But did you not hold a controlling interest in the road referred to?"

"Never, and I never wish to. I could easily have done so by pushing construction two miles further, for I have been sinking hard cash in building the road and taking my pay in stock. In this way I have expended $300,000, so you see I had a narrow escape from holding a controlling interest."

"Are the Southern Pacific people the purchasers of your stock?"

"Guess again."

"Probably the Atchison may have bought you out."

"Everything in California seems to be Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe. There are other roads in the United States. Messrs. Dodge and Palmer of the Denver and Rio Grande Western were here about a year since and inspected our line with a view of purchase. This is a matter of news, for not even the Western agent of this line knew of their presence in San Francisco. In fact they registered at the Galindo Hotel in Oakland under assumed names.

"Since that time two officials, high in the councils of the Burlington road, came to look at the property, and we held several meetings at the Palace Hotel. But they were not quite ready to purchase at that time. The moment a rail is laid in California the people say the Atchison is coming this time sure. While I am speaking of the Atchison I will say that I have positive knowledge that they are behind Wilbur's San Joaquin Valley Road."

"Perhaps you could say why surveying has been abandoned on this line?" was suggested.

"Perhaps so, but I had rather not."

PURCHASED BY AN AGENT.

"Will you name the person to whom you have transferred your stock in the California and Nevada?"

"No, I will not; and if I should you would not then know who the real purchasers are. The man to whom I have transferred my stock is simply an agent, and, upon honor, I do not know in whose interest he is acting. I have had an offer for my interest in the Pacific Improvement and Construction Company, and shall in all probability dispose of the stock within a day or so. This company was incorporated on the 22d day of last September for the purpose of building and operating a steam ferry between Emeryville and San Francisco.

"We had a traffic arrangement with the California and Nevada road, and everything seemed propitious for a time; but the scheme gradually sank into 'innocuous desuetude,' and to-day seems beyond resurrection. We needed $100,000 to commence with and were assured that Oakland and San Francisco capitalists wanted to see the enterprise go through. In fact, many of them promised us support and we at once sent out subscription papers.

"About one-third of the required amount was obtained when a cold wave froze the project and palsied the hands that were reaching for coin necessary to the life of the steam ferry. Then the millionaires who had promised us their assistance crawled, when the time came for action, in their shells, saying, 'We are afraid.'

CONFLICTING INTERESTS.

"I went to a wealthy man of Oakland, who is called by his associates enterprising and who had promised to take 100 shares at $40 per share. I said, 'Mr. B——, why have you changed your mind in this matter? Don't you think it a good investment?' 'Excellent,' he replied. 'The stock will ultimately pay large dividends on the par value. We really need both roads—the line and a competing road. But my interests are such that I cannot touch your stock.' I am 75 years of age and this is my second attempt to retire from business. I have disposed of my stock in the road and expect to follow suit with my ferry stock, and then I am done with work."

"Do you intend to return to Denver?"

"Not at present. I like Oakland pretty well. The people here do not grow wild over improvements, and are contented to let well enough alone. But before I close I want to say a word for that man Kye, who was chased out of the county last summer and died a little later in St. Louis. The true history of this case will never be known. Kye was not an impostor. He was backed by a strong corporation. This may seem strange, but I know whereof I speak."

AS A MATTER OF HISTORY.

Simply as a matter of history that may be refreshing the following is offered: The California and Nevada Railway Company was organized about ten years ago, with J. S. Emery as President. It secured a charter to build and operate a railroad from San Francisco Bay at a point where the present town of Emeryville stands to the Nevada State line. Several rough surveys were made and eventually a narrow-gauge track was extended to San Pablo, about ten miles from Oakland. Some difficulties arose among the projectors and the alleged road lay in silent repose. Then came Captain J. W. Smith, a Denver capitalist, who took the contract for extending the road, and agreed to take his payment in stock of the company and the road was, during the last few years, pushed on as far as Orinda Park, better known as General Wagner's ranch.

A FELONY.

Captain G. B. Holland Accused of Compounding One.

Some days ago Captain G. B. Holland, a seafaring man, caught Roderick McLean in his room, 412 Fourth street, in the act of robbing him of $30. He had McLean arrested on a charge of robbery, but later, when Mabel Hayes, alias McLean, pleaded with the Captain for the prisoner, and offered to return part of the money, it appears a compromise was made.

According to Attorney Napthaly, who is defending McLean, Captain Holland offered to accept the proffered money and desist from the prosecution. When this was stated before Judge Rix yesterday Holland was arrested on a charge of compounding a felony. He said he never promised to compromise with McLean.

A HONOLULU FUGITIVE.

He Is Followed by His Brother-in-Law to This City.

Frank M. Black, a conductor on the Island Railway at Honolulu, arrived in this city on the last steamer from his home to arrest his brother-in-law, Henry J. Seber, whom he accuses of stealing $1800 worth of his jewelry and clothes.

Black with the necessary warrant and extradition papers, he called at the police headquarters, and subsequently found that Seber was located on Harrison street, near Eighth. The clothes and jewelry, it is said, were taken from Black's house in his absence.

The brother-in-law will return to Honolulu on the next steamer, and Seber will have to stand trial for the alleged theft.

Accused of Stealing.

James M. Cronin, a bar-tender in the park Casino, was arrested yesterday on the complaint of his employer, John Kreling, on seven charges of petty larceny. It is claimed by Kreling that Cronin took $200 in small sums while acting as register receipts. Detective Rogers and Officer R. G. Harris had charge of the case.

Because He Drank.

William Jones, who solicited subscriptions for a newspaper and stole 50 cents with which to buy whisky, was committed by Judge Rix to the House of Correction for five months notwithstanding his plea for mercy, because he had a widowed mother, a wife and two children. The Court thought he would be improved by a few months' abstinence from liquor.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

GRAND HOTEL.

J Clark, Los Angeles; W B Robb, Canada; F G Nagle, Santa Rosa; Capt Grainger, Port Costa; H Curtis, New York; P A Buell, Stockton; J H White, Wadsworth; J T Moss, U S N; T M Potter, U S N; L L Burlinshaw, Ashland; E B Harris & w, Marysville; W A Butterfield, Prtlnd; Mr Kerby, Canada; M P Gosset, London; A J Bump, Tulare; L A Harcourt, MD, Crescent city; E Grant, San Luis Obispo; W Goldsborough, U S N; D E LaRue, Riverside; A Goldschmidt, Portland; E P Colgan, Santa Rosa; J McMinn Jr, Santa Rosa; W G Scott, Mt Shasta Spg; H C Blake, Vacaville; F M Smith, Butte; E Blind, Placerville.

BALDWIN HOTEL.

J B Johnson, San Rafael; C Healy & w, San Rafael; J C Hampton, Oakland; C J Walden, San Quentin; J Dixon, San Quentin; A H Lindsey, Nevada; G M Brown, U S N; W Jackson, Newark, N J; J Downs, U S N; Miss May, Mich; C T Rogers, Oakland; J C Bone, Oakland; H S Ativom, New Haven; M S Helwig, Chicago; G A Pierson, S Clara College; N G Davis, Mich; H S Skillings, Los Gatos; A D Martin, Cincinnati; J V Kelly, Santa Clara; A Wertheim, Sacto; J J Curtis, Kentucky; G H Young, Oakland; T Reichert, Sacto; W Hazeldine, N Mex; J R Turner, San Rafael.

OCCIDENTAL HOTEL.

D M Murphy, San Jose; B Waters, San Bernardno; G W Perkins, Michigan; C J Reed, Michigan; J W Thompson, San Diego; C D Stenning, London; A C Ashworth, London; Mrs O A Hale, San Jose; J A Neusley & wf, Mont; P B Lawrence & wf, Nevada; B B Wingate, Lakeport; J S Ryder & wf, Nebraska; Mrs M L Dudley, Stockton; Miss Dudley, Stockton; Mrs E Eastman, Vallejo; C R Brun & fm, England; Miss Osborn, England; W F Knox Jr & wf, Sacto; A Andrew, Sacramento; J A Patton & wf, Willows; A Nest, Stockton; W N Anderson, San Ramon; D Michels, Sacramento; J A Wheelan, Sacramento; F Demick, U S R M; S W Hussey, U S N; F Goddin, Chicago.

NEW WESTERN HOTEL.

J W Hines, San Jose; L Hamlin, San Jose; W H Johnson, New York; M J Merrick, Eureka; R Milton, Eureka; J Harrison, Eureka; H Milliken, Sacto; J E Evans, Toronto; Miss Miller, Portland; J P Coan, Minneapolis; Mrs Hunt, Vancouver; Miss Brand, Vancouver; Mrs Phipps, Walla Walla; Mrs Phipps, Walla Walla; Mrs Collins, Portland; J F Gilbert, Portland; C W Gloster, Seattle; J O'Neal Weir, Boston; C Nelson, New York; A Ballard, Sacto; C H McKay, Wisconsin; J B Holt & f, Wash; G Fullerton, New York; E Ogilvie, New York; W W Wallace, New York; C L Black, San Diego; T J Jenkins, San Diego; J L Adams, Cal; T W Bell, Winnipeg; Mrs Plumer, Portland.

AMERICAN EXCHANGE.

J Sloan, Toronto; J Hanlon, Arizona; W Kidd, Santa Rosa; Miss Holman, Santa Rosa; W Austin & w, Guernevile; F Scudder, Ohio; R G Livingston, Red Bluff; J H Anderson, Oroville; Master Livingston, Red Bluff; G Jackson, Santa Rosa; J Hytinen, Rockln; D Rutherford, Chicago; D M Kirkpatrick, Salt Lake; Mrs E Allan, Salt Lake; W J Rankin & wf, N H; D Donald & wf, Cal; E F Zumwalt, Colusa; J S Macfarlan, Ontario; A Watson, Portland; A Halter, Portland; C Smith, Portland; A J Cooke, New Mexico; H O Simpson, St Louis; R N Nutting, St Louis; J C Donohue, Santa Rosa; G W Price, Los Angeles; P Dunley, New York; G Cross, Los Angeles; H A Swariz, New York; J Reynolds, Modesto; J E Thomas & w, Kansas; S W Hudson, New York; L Shurtel, Modesto; T Yost, Switzerland; O C Cobb, Rockport; G A White, Crows Landg; A Moore, Fresno; W G Hinton, Fresno; S G Smith, Toronto; J Lombard & wf, Sacto; J Sullivan, Portland; J H Brown, Ogden; H M Wolf, Portland; G Kaufman, Portland; T W Ladd, St Paul; S B Mills & fam, L Gatos; C L Ahl, Los Angeles; J McReynolds, Petaluma; G Jamison, Baltimore; B A Downing, Los Angles; L N Newman, L Angeles.

PALACE HOTEL.

E A Morgan, New York; E Friesnd, Chicago; H E Robinson, Sydney; W Ragsdale, SantaRosa; S C Lillie, wf & dg, Rancho Laguna; D Cox, Chicago; C Griffith, Rochester; S Coles, New York; D K Tripp, Chicago; T H Douglass, MenloPark; S Firman, Los Angeles; W H Sumpter, Oakland; H Wilbur, Los Angeles; R K Macon, Arizona; R S O'Neal, Reno; W Watt & w, N Hebrides; S H Emerson, Tacoma; J Hamilton,