The Religious and Social C lebration of Christmas Will Be Better Perhaps Than

Ever in This City.

The programmes of Christmas carols. much the same as in past years, will be rendered in the different churches and halls of this city in observance of the feast of Christ's nativity. An improvement, however, is apparent in many of the musician's efforts for the coming events, which may be seen from the following announcements, particularly in the programmes of Grace Church, St. Joseph's, St. Bridget's, Trinity Church and the French Church, where the famous tenor Guille will sing. The other festivities are equally full of promise for a fitting celebra-

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL.

A Golden Chalice Presented to Rev. The closing exercises of St. Peter's School were held yesterday afternoon at the hall attached to the school, on Alabama and Twenty-fourth streets. An excellent programme was rendered, all of the pupils showing how good had been their training. During the exercises the following testimonials were delivered: Senior class-Frank J. Reynolds, George J. Cleary, W. H. McCarthy, James Gilfether, T. D. Maher, S. F. Lewis, D. de Bernardi, W. D. Yost,

W. McCafferty.
First class—James Markham, T. A. O'Rourke, J. Conroy, William Sweetser, Charles Hennessey, James Strand, Joseph Murray, Joseph Needbam, J. McKeaney, W. Hackett, J. Burke. Second class-J. A. Kendrick, M. McCann

Second class—J. A. Kendrick, M. McCann, B. Crawford, A. E. Curtis, C. Lyons, George Darling, Joseph Fitzgerald, E. Balley, J. Godsil, Joseph Ward, James Hallaban, W. R. Poyle, William F. Breen, T. J. Ward, Joseph Leroux, Charles Stone, R. Fitzpatrick, J. Sullivan, M. Redmond, Fred Rearden, T. Hennessy, William D. Flynn, J. Jones, A. McNeil, T. Magnire, J. Scheffeld, T. Crimmins, M. Tanron, J. Rae, J. Duffy, P. Murphy, T. Maloney, R. Jones, J. Gallagher, Joseph T. Lacey, L. McEnhill, H. Burke.

Burke.

Third class — William Hughes, L. Cull, J. Markham, L. Haggerty, C. Skeily, T. Pendergast, J. Maher, T. Marlow, J. Resch, D. Barry, J. Bush, F. Carrick, William Kenny, F. J. Sullivan, J. Monahan, J. Musholid, C. Cavanagu, J. Pinkham, F. Griffin, W. Baker, P. Hughes, E. O'Day, E. O'Keefe, A. McDonaid, P. Crouch, T. Crouch, J. Daley, R. Hauna, J. Muilins, E. Biggins, J. Jones, J. Grace, J. Doyle, P. Hainey, J. Conroy.

Fourth class—J. Callaban, Andrew Dray, F. Conroy.

Fourth class—J. Callahan, Andrew Dray, F. Leonard, F. Hicks, M. Callahan, William Coleston, J. Trimbly, John O'Brien, J. Cassidy, J. Cluney, H. Dorgeloh, O. Duffy, E. Ronzo, T. Foley, T. Keogh, N. Crawford, J. Kennedy, E. Crawford, H. Duffy, P. Bragg, J. Larivee, C. Benett, C. Pinkham, A. Fragley, J. Grace, J. Ganey, A. Judge, J. Gahareiy, W. Klernan, T. Leonard.

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Plano solo, "Bonne Bouche Polka," F. J. Reynolds; recitation, "The Thunder-storm," N. Crawford; recitation, "One Little Stocking," F. Hicks; chorus, "Freedom's Flag," choir; convert recitation, "My Little Brother," fourth class; vocal solo, "Mrs. Fogarly's Cake." Thomas Ward; recitations, L. Haggerty, J. Conroy; vocal solo, "Shamrock and Rose," A. E. Curtis; recitation, "The Christian Maiden," L. Cull; dialogue, "Two Kinds of Fun," W. Hughes and P. McCall; chorus, "The Old Cottage Clock," choir; recitation, "Seventy-Six," Joseph Ward; plano solo, "Smas Tree Waltz," Joseph Fitgerald; vocal solo, "The Little Babes," W. Hughes, F. Sultivan, "Three Little Babes," W. Hughes, F. Sultivan, P. McCall; recitation, "The Black Horse and His Rider," A. Curtis; concert recitation, "The Charcoal Man," Second Class; vocal solo, "The Charcoal Man," Second Class; vocal solo, "Down on the Farm," B. Crawford; recitation, "Erin's Flag," W. McCarthy; recitation, "Bernard's Rovenge," senior class; chorus, "Let Erin Remember," choir.

On the conclusion of the literary exercises, an elegant gold chalice was presented to Rev. Pather Casey of St. Peter's Church, Father Casey, who was present, replied in fitting terms to the gift, and stated that he would consecrate the church on New Year's day.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.

The Last Festival That Will Be Held in the Old Church.

benefit of St. Mary's Church Sunday-school was hedral on California street. It was the last entertainment that the Sunday-school will hold in tertainment that the Sunday-school will hold in
the building, and it had few more meritorious
predecessors. Evergreen wreaths were stretched
from piliar to piliar and bunches of bright berries
and glossy leaves glistened upon the chandeliers.
Among the audience which packed the large
room was Archbishop Rhordan and Vicar-General Prendergast. The programme, consisting
of songs, instrumental music, duets, trios and
sketches, was very long, but owing to the good
taste displayed in the selections presented and
the excellent rendering of the numbers, did not
weary the audience.

The participants were: Miss Josephine Baxter, Masier John Januet, Miss Ida Tautphaus,
Mr. Frank Byrne, Mr. Edwin Lada, Mme. Lada,
Miss McAuliffe, Messrs, G. H. Ryan, W. Lidden,
R. Kelly, D. Glennon, Frank Foran, Francis
Leonard, T. Kelly, W. Kelly, Edmund Flynn,
John Manning, W. Glennon, Miss George Clarke,
Miss Eisa Silva, Miss Leone Luckhardt, Mr. James
Driscoil, Professor H. Hall, Mr. George Clarke,
Miss Eisa Silva, Miss Mattie Builen, Miss Carice
Baker, Miss L. Genahl, Miss Flossie Seribner,
Miss Lillie Dwyer, Miss Lucille O'Connell, Miss
Josephine Short, Miss Josephine Francis, Miss
Eva E. Ledden, Miss Helen M. Rose, Miss Nonnie Ledden, Miss Lizzle Gregg, Miss Lena Luckhardt, Miss Lillie Power, Miss Emma G. Sullluan, Miss Lillie Power, Miss Emma G. Sullluan, Miss Lillie Power, Miss Emma G. Sullluan, Miss Lillie Tautphaus, Miss Mamie Spillane, Miss Katie Gibbon, Miss D isy King, Miss
Mand Wagner, Miss Aggie Callahan, Miss Romida Tonini, Miss Elvira Tonini. the building, and it had few more meritorious

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.

Santa Claus Follows a Merry Christmas Drama.
The First Congregational Church gave the children of the Sunday-school their annual treat in the church assembly room last night. The chandellers were festioned with evergreens and the platform was transformed into a stage on which a delightful entertalnment was given, consisting of songs, recitations and a sketch entitled "The Living Statue," Among the numbers of the very attractive programme were a cornet solo by S. H. Latzer, a recitation by Mrs. Frances B. Edgerton, and a song by Miss Gertrade Anie. rude Auid.

"The Living Statue" proved to be a pretty Christmas story, the characters in which were impersonated by Mrs. G. A. Douglass, Miss Edna J. Scott, H. H. Blinn, C. Atkins and Henry Clay.

After the programme had been rendered the folding doors were drawn aside and a dazzling Christmas tree was revealed. An ideal Santa Chus was present and distributed gifts to the children, while their elders were served with re-

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Entertainment. The Sunday-school pupils of Calvary Church, corner Geary and Powell streets, were entertained last night with a stereopticon exhibition a rantomine and a liberal amount of candles. The programme was opened with views of a trip around the world. The slides were operated by Howard Tibbets, and Dr. Steele delivered the lecture. Then followed views of all the pastors and officers of the church and Sunday-school.

In the parlors a screen was stretched, upon which was afterward presented a comical pantomine, "Mary Jane and Benjamin." Two Christmas trees, with customary decorations, were planted on either side of the platform. A quarter, composed of W. R. Thompson, H. L. Van Winkle, B. Romaine and S. Symington sang "Stars of the Sunmer Night."

Charles Burnett recked "Transformation." and the programme concluded with a distribution of candirs. The Superlutendent of the Sunday-school, James Horspurgh Jr., efficiently managed the entertainment.

Pilgrim Sunday-School. Christmas festival was held in Union-square Hall yesterday afternoon by the Pitgrim Sunday school of the First Unitarian Church. The hall was opened at 4 o'clock for the young ones, and shortly after that time it was filled with a bright collection of children, who were clad in various

After their advent the afternoon was passed in games and marches. At 6 o'clock a march for supper was formed, and all of the children were treated to an excellent collation as guests of the Society for Christian Work. The supper was for members of the Sunday-school only.

The hall was handsomely decorated on the occasion, evergreens and flowers being distributed all over the hall. The afternoon exercises were under the direction of Miss A. B. Campbell, while the music was directed by Mrs. H. B. Pasmore, who kindly lent her assistance to the entertainment.

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The supper was presided over by Mrs. William Hardy, and under her superintendence the little tots enjoyed a most epicurean repast. The amusement in the evening was all that a youthful heart could wish for. It commenced with "Santa Claus in Court," a trial by jury, an operetta of borrowed ahs with words written for the occasion. The characters and impersonators were as follows:

Judge, combining humblity with greatness, George Moore; Bailiff, an imposing functionary, Irving Lundborg; Clerk, facetiously inclined, J. M. Hobbs: Prosecuting Attorney, learned, but unsuccessful, Leonaid Everett; Portia, fresh from Padua for the defense, Genevieve Cummings; Little Lord Faunteroy and the Mikado of Japan, witnesses for the defense, H. Lund and Robert Forster; Chief of Police, very strict disciplinarian. A. A. Hanks; Forewoman of Jury, unbiassed and unembarrassed, Miss Hanks; Santa Claus, Fred Hobbs; the captured defendant, Exhibit "B," well-drilled police, chaming jurywomen, etc.

The following is a synopsis of the play:

SCENE II—The court room; enter almost everybody; chorus; explanatory song by the Judge; calling the catendar, scientife age vs. Santa

body; chorus; explanatory song by the Judge; calling the calendar; scientific age vs. Santa Claus; ready, your Honor; calling the jury; swearing chorus by jurywomen; song by prosecuting attorney; a carol for refreshment; song by Protting attorney; a carol for refreshment; song by Protting attorney; a carol for refreshment; song by Protting attorney; a carol for the arrest of Santa Claus; examination of Little Lord Fauntieroy; Judge's charge; return of police with Santa

Carols and Hymns of Praise for the Nativity.

Claus; song, "Long Life to Santa Claus;" Santa Claus as exhibit B; plaintiff confesses judgment; court chorus; Santa Claus in command; Christmas tree and gifts; closing carol, "Waken, Children, Waken;" curtain.

C. A. Murdock, Superintendent of the school, acted as director of music, and Miss Daisy Crowell accompanied on the plane. After the distribution of the gifts a social dance terminated the festival.

JOLLY SANTA CLAUS.

He Visits the Franklin-Street Sunday-Although a number of elderly faces were to be seen among the large audience at the entertainment given at Golden Gate Hall last night by the Franklin-street Presbyterian Sunday-school, the affair was peculiarly a children's fete. The programme, each number of which was deservedly applauded, was participated in almost entirely by young people, under the leadership of Miss

applauded, was participated in almost entirely by young people, under the leadership of Miss Josie Hatman, planiste. Particularly pleasing and unique was a wreath drill by twelve little girls, dressed in gauzy green dresses, with short sleeves and low necks. With wreaths made of ivy trimmed with Christmas berries, they executed a number of graceful exercises, interspersing the performance with snatches of appropriately worded sougs. The effect produced by colored lights, thrown upon the performers as they posed in graceful attitudes, was striking and beautiful.

The programme closed with a cantata entitled "Santa Claus," a prettily enacted story of some children who await d the coming of the popular household myth, and who were at last rewarded by his appearance loaded with toys and trinkets.

After the closing of the programme, which had been arranged by a committee composed of Messes. Keating and Hatman, Santa Claus again appeared and distributed from a brightly lighted and gayly decorated tree a host of useful presents to the little children. While this was going on the chatter and laughter was at its height, and not until sheer exhaustion bade the little ones seek their homes did the fun come to a close. The scene of hosts of hittle faces lighted up with happiness at the pleasures winch the holy Christmastide never fails to bring caused a smile of satisfaction to diffuse the countenances of the benevolent ladies and gentlemen under whose direction the affair was, and many expressions of approbation were heard as the successful evening was brought to a close.

Following is the programme: Hymn, by the school; recitation, George Hill; duct, Marie Buckley and Ernest Mason; recitation, May Thompson; quartet, "Christmas Bells," the Misses Land and Kessing and Messrs. Haines and Worden; recitation, Charles Keating; recitation, Ethel Anderson; wreath drill; cantata.

There will be a solemn high mass at 5 o'clock in the morning and another at 10:30 at St. Joseph's Church, and between the two high Joseph's Church, and between the two high masses low masses without intermission. The choir will render the following sacred musle at the 5 o'clock high mass: "Kyrie," "Credo," "Sanctus" and "Agnus Del," from Militard's mass in B flat; "Gloria in Excelsis," a pastoral. At the offeriory a trio and chorus by Cagliero and "Adeste Fidelis." At the high mass at 10:30 o'clock Mercsdante's celebrated mass for four volces in D minor; "Sanctus" and "Aguus Dei," from Glorza's, and at the offeriory Miss Lottle Crawford will sing Adam's "Noel." The benediction of the most blessed sacrament will be given after mass. diction of the most blessed sacrament will be given after mass.

The cholr will be composed as follows: Miss Lottle Gawford, Miss Marcella Sullivan, Miss Katy Smith, Miss Rose Weintraub, Miss Maggle Smith, sopranos; Miss Etta Bayl-y, Miss Helena Henry, Mrs. T. B. Gibson, Mrs. M. A. Kennedy, altos; Albert Tissot, Alvis Werner, Frank Fetter, Philip Murphy, tenors; Frank P. Scollins, Robert A. Marshsil, John J. Colgan, Mr. Munson, bassos; Professor P. J. O'Sullivan, organist and director.

St. Stephen's Episcopal. There will be the usual Christmas services at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Fulton street, near Webster, Rev. E. J. Lion, rector, officiatnear Webster, Rev. E. J. Lion, rector, officiating. There will be early celebration of holy communion at 7 o'clock, and full morning prayer, with second celebration of holy communion, at 11 o'clock. The church will be handsomely decorated with evergreens and holly by the ladies of the congregation, and the following musical selections will be rendered by the regular choir: Opening voluntary, violin and organ; opening chorus, "And There Were Shepherds"; venite, "Mornington"; Te Deum, festival in E flat by Buck, jubilate in E flat by Barnet, hymns 19 and 23, with tenor sole for offertory. The choir consists of Mrs. H. A. Cline, so-prano; Mrs. J. R. Fairweather, alto; W. G. Wood, tenor; H. D. Smith and A. J. Fair-weather, bassos; Frank Southwell, violin; J. W. Southwell, organist.

The order of musical services for Grace Church have been arranged as follows for Christmas

day:
Organ voluntary; opening anthem, "Hark, with Harps of Gold" (Hanscom); "Venite," (Gregorian), in A; "Gherlas" (Wagner), (Gounod), (Mercadante); "Te Deum Laudamus (Alzamora), in G; "Jubilate" (Capen), in D; Hymn 17, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" (Mendelssohn); "Gioria Tibi" (Bosworth); Hymn 19, "Adeste Fidelis"; offertory, "Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings" (Goate); organ postude, "Halleiujan Chorus" (Handel); "Sanctus" (Taylor); Hymn 205, "Federal Street" (Oliver); "Gioria in Excelsis" (Old Chant).

Guille at Notre Dame. At Notre Dame des Victoires (French Church), on Bush street, the Christmas services will be of unusual interest. The entire edifice will be handsomely decorated in honor of the day by handsomely decorated in honor of the day by the ladies in charge, who seem untiring in their tefforts. The musical part will be of that same order which the choir has attained for itself under the direction of the organist, Professor John Kneil. In addition to his careful and brilliant selections for the day, the gems will be Adam's "Noel" and Gounod's "Ave Maria," by Mons. de Guille, who has kindly volunteered his services for that day. The former number will be at the offeriory and the latter after the elevation, with violin obligate by Mr. Fred Kneil. Grand high mass will open and close with the "Adeste Fidelis," in grand chorus.

A Christmas entertainment was given Monday evening at the Crocker Old People's Home, Pine e vening at the Crocker Old People's Home, Pine and Pierce streets, in the presence of King Kalakana and his suite. The exercises included the following: Instrumental solo by Miss Helen Heffrou; an address by Mrs. Charles Neison, founder of the home; vocal solo, Mr. Frank Thompson; vocal solo, Miss Anita Plum; selections from "Mignon," Mrs. Margaret Nelson; selections by the Mandolin Club, Mr. Krause (leader), the Misses Nightlingale, Miss Davis, Miss Ge Count, Miss Guly and Mr. Hatch; vocal solo, "Il Baccio," Miss Helen Heffron, who, on being encored, saug "Do They Think of Me at Home?" song, Miss Carrie Peterson, accompanied by the ladies of the Mandolin Club; soug, Mr. Frank Thompson.

The Charity Performance The California Theater was crowded with a fashionable audience yesterday afternoon when the grand charity performance was given under the able management of Mr. Harry Mann. Over \$1000 was realized. The following artists, who volunteered their services, participated: Conroy and Fox of the Boston Howard Athenaeum Company, Mr. Gus. Williams of the "You and I" combination, Mme. L'Allemand, prima donna of the Hess Opera Company; Miss Mamte Elsasser, also of the Hess Company; Miss Florric West of Herrmann & Lederer's combination; Mr. John Kelly, the Irish comedian, together with the Straight Tip and the Private Secretary companies, each of which gave a single act of its regular bilis. fashionable audience yesterday afternoon when

At St. Bridget's Church on Van Ness avenue Joseph Roeckel's Fourth Mass will be rendered at the solemn high mass at 10:30 o'clock Christmas morning, the derection of the composer, by twenty-live artists and well-trained amateurs, including string and wind instruments. Adam's "Noel," Giorza's "Veni Creator," Donizett's "O Salutaris" and Novello's Christmas hymn will also be sung during the service. Mile. Marie Ponton de Arce will be the leading soprano. The other soloists are Ita Andrea Mojica, Miss Susie Hall, Miss Emma Provost, Ed Lotz, Charles Morel, J. Fogarty and Charles Pochin, the floe basso cantante. At St. Bridget's Church on Van Ness avenue

At Trinity Church the following elaborate musical programme will be rendered on Christmas day: Morning, 11 o'clock "Te Deum" and "Jubilate" in B flat, H. J. Stewart; communion service; Kyrle "Gursum Corda"; "Sanctus," "Gloria in Exceisis," in F. Berthold Tours; "Agous Dei" in B flat, Sir John Stalner; offertory, "Noel," A. Adan; solo, Mr. H. M. Fortescue; "Sing, O Heavens," Berthold Tours; organist and director of the choir, Mr. H. J. Stewart, M.B.

Celestial Celebration. The Chinese connected with the Christian school in the old Globe Hotel building on Dapont school in the old Globe Hotel building on Dapont street held their Christmas festivities under the supervision of Rev. Dr. A. W. Loomis, whose wife is President of the mission. The rooms were attractively decorated and the children gayly dressed for the occasion. The programme of recitations, songs, hymns and texts was well carried out and reflected great credit upon the teacher, Miss Jessie E. Wisner.

Mrs. Gray Will Sing.

Owing to the temporary illness of Mrs. John Gray the Christmas festival of the Church of the Advent has been postponed until Friday evening at 8 o'clock in Irving. Hali. A very enjoyable event is expected, as Mrs. Gray will participate in the programme.

The Order of Chosen Friends will hold a retunion of members and their friends on New Year's eve at Odd Fellows' Hall. A literary entertainment and dance will be given.

The sanctuary of the handsome new Church of St. James, corner Twenty-third and Guerrero streets, is being claborately decorated for the Christmas festival. The excellent choir of the church, assisted by other singers, will render millard's mass in G. Before the serinon Adam's "Noel" will be sung, and the offertory piece will be Mercandante's "Salve Maria."

On Christmas morning at the Sacred Heart Church on Filmore street, near Oak, the servicer will be held at 10:30 o'clock. There will be music of unusual quality, five stringed instruments, besides organ with sotos by Miss Rottanzi and Mrs. L. O. Verdon.

An Exemplary Council. The members of Borromeon Council, No. 129
Young Men's Institute, will attend the 8:30
o'clock mass on Christmas morning at 8t.
Charles Borromeo Church, corner Eighteent,
and Shoiwell streets, and receive holy communion as a hedy.

Thankfully Acknowledged.

Mr. S. W. Levy, President of the Pacific Hebrew Orphau Asylum, thankfully acknowledges the receipt of \$1000 from James L. Flood as a Christmas donation to the asylum.

WORKING THE CARS.

Three Enterprising Pickpockets Sur-prised in Their Business. Shortly after 6 o'clock last evening three genteel-looking young men boarded as many Howard-street cable-cars going toward the Howard-street cable-cars going toward the ferries. They began to pick pockets right and left, until the one in the forward car was caught by Gustave Bauer. There was a strong man, threw Bauer aside and made his escape. While running he signaled to his companions, and they also beat a hasty retreat. The police were notified by Bauer at the Seventeenth-street Station, but of course it is not known how much booty the thieves had secured.

In the Higher Grades. The following programme was rendered yesterday at the examination of the Second Collegiate Class of the Sacred Heart College on Larkin street:

on Larkin street:

Vocal solo, "The Oid Pump on the Green,"
George P. Taaffe; "Marco Bozzaris," John J.
Hillard; ethics; "Caius Martius," Robert A.
Nolan; vocal solo, "A Handful of Earth," John
A. Glennan; literature; "Jane Conquest," JoSeph L. Taaffe; astronomy; "Pitt's Reply to
Walnoie," Daniel C. Deasy; vocal solo, "Little
Sunbeam," John J. Hillard; trigonometry. Selection from "Henry VIII"; Wolsey, John
P. Hare; Cromwell, Edward I. Manning,
Logic; essay, "Christmas," John J. Glennan;
vocal solo, "That is Love." David A. Drady;
chemistry; "Catiline's Defiance," George B.
Keane; solo and trlo, "Silver Bells of Memory,"
Joseph L. Taaffe soloist; Latin and Greek.
Selections from "Julius Cæsar"—Brutus, Joseph
F. Myrick; Cassius, Francis J. Sulivan, Quintet,
"My Mother's Song," John Glennan, D. Drady,
Edward Manning, Joseph Taaffe, Daniel Deasy;
moral philosophy; "S'posin," James E. White;
algebra; essay, "Architecture," George W.
Dowling; rhetorte.

Secretary Lelong of the State Board of Horticulture has visited Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley. He reports a probability of greater acreage for orange culture this season, and states that while the Washington navel continues the favorite variety, ington navel continues the favorite variety, yet many other varieties are being imported for experimenting. A little fly is killing the red scale in San Gabriel Valley, and the lady-bird is also waging a successful fight against pests. Every precaution is being taken against the spread of "yellows" among the peach trees, and consignments of trees from the East are carefully inspected. Controllers of Sugar.

At the adjourned annual meeting of the Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company Claus Spreckels, John D. Spreckels, A. B. Spreckels, Henry L. Dodge and J. L. Koster were elected Directors. There was a representation of 89,000 shares out of 100,000. The company is out of dept, as shown by the financial statement. The sugar yield during the year was 8000 tops or separt 1000 during the year was 8000 tons, or about 4000 less than was estimated at the previous annual meeting. Action on the consolidation and increase of capital stock propositions was postponed until January 19th.

Arrival of the Ship India. When news was received on 'Change yesterday that the ship Ericsons had passed an abandoned ship thirty miles off Cape St. George, the general impression among insurance and shipping men was that it was the ship India, bound to this port from Nanaimo. At 9 o'clock last evening, however, the India, to the relief of al. interested, came safely into port, bringing 2600 tons of coal for John Rosenfeld's Sons.

Capsized in the Bay. Yesterday morning when the British ship Thermopylæ was entering the harbor from sea a butcher-boat that was towing alongsea a butcher-boat that was towing along-side got under the counter and capsized. Its occupant, a young man named Heiney, was caught under the boat and came near being drowned. He was rescued from his peril-ous position by Lieutenant Tuttle of the cutter Hartley and taken ashore. The cut-ter also saved the boat.

The bark Seminole, Captain Weeden, is now out 21 days coal laden from Nanaimo for this port. The relatives of those on board are getting anxious as to her safety, and daily and nightly visit the Merchants' Exchange, hoping to hear tidings of her. They are rendered more anxious by the fact that a vessel has been sighted abandoned off Cape St. George on the Mendocino coast.

On Trial for Murder. The trial of Leong Ah Kuey, accused of murder, is now in progress in Judge Murphy's department, the panel of jurors having been completed yesterday. Elegant lines of new and stylish scarfs, large assortment from 25 cents to \$1. L. V. Merie, 616 to

Warrants for School-Teachers. Warrants were issued to teachers this month one week earlier than usual to enable them to have their holiday spending

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200 dozen LADIES' WHITE AND COL-TAND EMBROIDERED SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, regular p \$1 25, will be closed out at 60c each.

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At 35c.

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At 75c.

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