THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Festive Anniversary of the Marine Engineers.

A Society Musicale—The Hesperian Parlor Installation—A Party on Leavenworth Street—Brief Notes.

An attractive series of three readings from Shakespeare, Browning, Dickens, Dobson, Sheridan, etc., by Mrs. Thomas Locker Hill, will be given at the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, on Mission street, between Sixth and Seventh, this evening and the following two Friday evenings, the 23d and the 30th inst. To-night selections from Austin Dobson and Robert Browning are promised.

The San Francisco Operatic Society held a meeting last Wednesday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Mr. Alphonse Luttringer, President; Mr. C. L. Parent Jr., Vice-President; Mr. A. M. Thornton, stage manager; Mr. F. Delleplane, conductor; Mr. J. W. Madden, Secretary; Mr. J. W. Madden, Treasurer. The club decided to present the popular "Doctor of Alcantara" some time next month, and have another surprise in store for the succeeding month.

The Native Sons of Hawaii is the name of a new organization in Honolulu, which inaugurated its existence by a brilliant ball on New Year's eve, Princess Poomaikelani with other noble ladies being present.

The telegraph announces that Mr. J. Sloat Fassett is coming to California, and that he will take up his residence in Sacramento. While nothing definite is known in this city regarding Mr. Fassett's intentions, yet it is not unlikely that he will come here to live. His wife has a decided preference for Sacramento, and her mother, Mrs. E. B. Crocker, would be greatly pleased to have Mr. Fassett and family settle here. Should Senator Fassett come to California, it is thought he would enter the Law Department of the Southern Pacific Company.

The cantata "A Dream of Fairyland" will be presented at Immanuel Baptist Church, on Bartlett street, near Twenty-third, this evening.

The fifth invitation masquerade ball of the Independent Rifles, Captain T. Schmalholz, will take place at Germania Hall on Saturday evening next.

On Sunday evening last the young element among the many friends of Mr. A. Eber gathered at his home and joined in a very successful stag party, the occasion being the fifty-second anniversary of his birthday. The evening was devoted to various masculine amusements. The gentlemen present were: Messrs. B. Rosendorn, A. Eber, K. Eber, J. Eber, M. Eagan, D. Callanan, E. Pinner, A. Kahn, L. Pechner, L. Jacobs, A. Wise, L. Wolf, N. Williams, C. Berg, M. Eber, E. Eber.

The members of Los Doce Musical Club are delighted to announce that Miss Charlotte Tomlinson has consented to be their accompanist at the second Los Doce concert, to be given in the near future.

The Sports will give their fourth party this evening at Odd Fellows' Hall.

The Winans Musicale.

A charming musicale was given on Wednesday evening by Miss Lillie E. Winans at her residence, 926 Clay street. The parlors were handsomely decorated with palms arranged in artistic groups.

Mrs. Thomas F. Meagher assisted the hostess in receiving her guests, who were pleasantly entertained during the evening with musical selections by Mrs. T. F. Meagher, Miss Gleason, Miss Louise Holladay, Mr. Valentine Gadesden, Mr. Donald de V. Graham, Mr. Mitchell, Count Murzzi and Mr. Herman Brandt, the well-known violinist. A delicious supper, served about midnight, brought the agreeable affair to a conclusion.

Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Will Ashe, Miss Maud Badlam, Mr. and Mrs. Trumbo, Mrs. W. J. Brown, Mrs. Herman, Miss Holladay, Miss Laura McKinstry, Mrs. Moses, Miss Marguerite Wallace, Miss Kate Jarboe, Miss Jessie Bowie, Mrs. Winans, Miss Gleason, Miss Winans; Peter Donahue, Walter B. Cook, A. Heyneman, Herman Brandt, James P. Tucker, Fred W. Webster, Valentine Gadesden, Robert Woodward, William G. Oothout, Count Murzzi, Baron J. H. von Schroeder, Harry Veuve, E. M. Greenway, Joseph Tobin, Donald de V. Graham, Lieutenant H. B. West.

The Hesperian Parlor Installation.

There was another large attendance at Mission Opera House last evening on the occasion of the annual installation of the officers of Hesperian Parlor, No. 137, N. S. G. W., one of the strongest and most popular parlors of the order.

The ceremony of installation was conducted by D. D. G. P. Frank H. Dunne of Columbia Parlor, No. 121, who officiated with much impressiveness. Following are the officers for the ensuing term: Junior Past President, Fred L. Waibel; President, George E. Gallagher; First Vice-President, W. F. Cordes; Second Vice-President, George A. Montell; Third Vice-President, H. A. Anderson; Marshal, W. B. Bradbury; Recording Secretary, W. F. Oedingz; Financial Secretary, Oliver J. Olson; Treasurer, Fred J. Clausen; Trustees—R. P. Doolan, J. H. Yost, L. A. Moore; Surgeon, Dr. W. B. Coffey; Historian, Conrad M. Bell; Reading-room Directors—R. P. Doolan, J. E. Finnstone, G. A. Montell.

During the evening the following programme was pleasingly rendered: Overture, by the Park Orchestra; opening address, Grand Vice-President Robert M. Fitzgerald of Oakland Parlor, No. 59; recitation, Mr. W. B. Richards; contralto solo, "Out on the Deep," Miss Isabelle Rogers, pupil of Mrs. Karl Formes; recitation, Master J. Dunmore; vocal solo, Mr. B. Mahoney; recitation, "Sweet Home," Miss Ella Montell; cornet solo, Mr. L. C. Coggin.

An unexpected surprise took place at one point when Mr. W. F. Cordes came forward and, in a neat speech, presented Past President Fred L. Waibel with a very handsome diamond badge, being a fac-simile of the official emblem of the parlor. Mr. Waibel acknowledged the substantial compliment in a few suitable words.

Dancing afterward held sway amid the elaborate decorations of red, white and blue festoons until after 1 o'clock, the park band furnishing particularly good music. The floor director was Mr. George A. Montell, and his committee consisted of Messrs. R. D. Bray, Louis H. Kohn, H. H. Brann, W. E. Hamburg, C. W. Etting, Frank D. Hooper, F. Bert Jr., Henry Remington.

The Past Presidents of the parlor are Messrs. E. B. Carson, R. S. Allen, Leo F. Hampton. The following composed the Reception Committee on this pleasant occasion: Messrs. Henry Bach, Fred K. Truett, George H. Mower, Benjamin W. Lyon, William B. Ryder, William N. Rolph, Joseph McTigue, E. Judson Benedict.

The Marine Engineers' Association Anniversary.

A notable social event last even ing was the eighth annual entertainment and ball given by the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association of San Francisco at Odd Fellows' Hall.

The elaborate decorations were the artistic work of Miss Kersey of Sutter street. They consisted chiefly of an artistic disposition of the house-flags of the different steamship companies, with flags from the whal ing fleet and many floral touches. The ladies' dressing-rooms were elegantly decorated with smilax cordons and baby ribbon, together with palms in clusters. Over the stage hung a small propeller which was rapidly revolved by means of a concealed motor and on one side stood a lovely floral propeller, the gift of Mr. D. D. Wass. The vestibule was strikingly adorned with woodwardia ferns, grasses and flags, the most striking object on entering being a large "black-fish" flag covering the large inner doors, which were kept closed and a draught thus excluded.

The Reception Committee, with their dainty badges, fashioned like miniature propellers, tied with ribbons, welcomed a very large and representative audience, comprising well-known gentlemen and the families of most of the licensed engineers in this port, all of whom, with the exception of six, belong to the association. Among the guests were noticed: Mr. W. P. Brady of the Eureka Boiler Works, Mr. James Aitken of the Portland Boiler Works, Mr. Daniel Hayes of the Fulton Iron Works, Mr. Harry Christie, Mr. David Darwood of the Risdon Iron Works, Mr. Charles Morris of the Union Iron Works, Mr. John Cosgrove, Superintendent of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company; Mr. James Speers of the Fulton Iron Works, Mr. Talbot, Marine Superintendent of the Risdon Iron Works; Captain Howard, Superintendent of the Oceanic Steamship Company; A. B. Spreckels of Spreckels Bros., Mr. Walter Gibson, cashier of Spreckels Bros.; a large delegation from the Captains' and Pilots' Association and many others.

The following programme was listened to with gratifying interest: Overture, Brandt's Band; Address, E. W. Tucker, President No. 35, National Vice-President; vocal selections, Mr. Thomas Leary; recitation, Miss Nellie Bowlin; song, "When to Thy Vision," from "Faust" (Gounod), Mrs. Olive Reed Batchelder; recitation, Mr. Julius Kahn; Balfian Quartet—J. C. Flood (first tenor), C. S. Orcutt (second tenor), W. C. Hamburger (first bass), R. S. Duncan (second bass); recitation, Miss Pearl Berry; duet, "Land of the Swallows," Mrs. J. W. Madden and Miss Saidee Howard; song, Mr. Harry H. Barbee.

Mr. E. W. Tucker, President of No. 35, and National Vice-President, made a very eloquent address drawing attention to the fact that this was the sixteenth anniversary of the formation of the national association in Buffalo by ten marine engineers. He depicted the progress of civilization in that period and pointed to the engineer is a prime factor in that progress. Nothing could be more different from the engineer of the steam vessel than ran about seven or eight miles an hour that the autocrat of the present ocean greyhound, of 10,000 tons burden and appointed like a palace, plowging its way through the billows at the rate of twenty knots an hour. The engineer of to-day was preeminently a man of talent and education, of responsibility and power, and his place was in the forefront of progress. Mr. Tucker leaves to-morrow to attend the National Convention of Marine Engineers held in Washington, D. C., on the 26th inst.

At the close of the entertainment the hall was cleared for dancing, which held sway until after 2 o'clock. There were two kinds of programmes, one for the ladies—fan-shaped and colored gold, silver and green, while the printing was in red—and the other for the gentlemen, bearing the representation of a ship's grating in silver and brown. Both tasteful affairs were finished with pencil cords and had a representation of Fulton's steamboat of 1803 upon their reverse side.

The officers of No. 35 are: D. C. Martin, Past President; E. W. Tucker, President; F. A. Jones, Vice-President; G. H. Fairchild, Treasurer; J. W. Harvey, Recording and Corresponding Secretary; W. D. Nelson, Financial Secretary; G. H. Crosby, Chaplain; T. W. Spencer, Conductor; Charles True, Door-keeper; Trustees, J. J. Corcoran, D. C. Martin, C. C. Lacey, J. S. Richards, A. McDonald.

Following composed the courteous committees of the successful affair: Committee of Arrangements—G. H. Fairchild, W. D. Nelson, D. C. Martin, T. W. Spencer, J. C. Fitzsimmons, F. A. Jones, A. J. Evans; Reception Committee—James Dawson, C. Nixon, W. G. Rowley, J. J. Corcoran, Paul Rossiter, D. Reed, D. King, F. Sellander, G. F. Clausen, J. W. Harvey, D. Gorman, P. Cunningham; floor manager, E. W. Tucker; assistant floor manager, J. C. Fitzsimmons; Floor Committee—James Raphael, J. W. Hewitt, C. L. Martin, L. Lenahan, E. F. Bail, C. Alsaser, J. J. Cowperthwaith, J. E. A. Miller, J. J. Sullivan, P. Riordon, J. J. Seary, G. Holtz.

An Impressive Wedding in Oakland.

On Monday Mr. George L. Fitz and Miss Katie L. Morrison were married in Oakland under peculiarly impressive circumstances, the ceremony being performed beside the deathbed of the bride's mother. Miss Morrison's mother looked with a kindly eye upon her daughter's suitor, and the approaching nuptials were to her a source of sweet anticipation. Her daughter was the idol of her heart, and to see her wedded to a noble-minded man of her own choosing was the ambition of the mother's life.

Recently Mrs. Morrison was taken sick and Monday the physicians informed her that she could not live long. The dying woman expressed the wish that she might see her daughter happily married before her dissolution. The young people were consulted and they agreed to comply with her dying wishes.

On the morning following the ceremony Mrs. Morrison died. Her last hours were peaceful and almost painless, for she had witnessed what is—to those whose affections are as deep as was hers—the sum total of human happiness—the consecration of human love.

Mr. Fitz is an estimable and worthy young man who is well known in Oakland. He was formerly in the employ of the Globe Tea Company there. Miss Morrison is 20 years of age and has resided with her parents in Oakland for sixteen years.

Party on Leavenworth Street.

A very select party was given at 1720 Leavenworth street on last Friday evening, the occasion being the birthday anniversary of Mr. Walter A. Evans, formerly of 1207 Nineteenth street, he having attained his majority.

The members of the Avon Social Club, of which Mr. Evans is now President, presented him with a handsome gold watch and chain, the presentation speech being made by Miss Mamie Hogan, Vice-President of the club. The recipient was so overcome with the pleasant surprise that he found it almost impossible to compose himself, but in a few well-directed words he accepted the gift and well wishes of his associates.

The young folks on pleasure bent soon had possession of the house, and music soon resounded from every quarter, while toasts were offered to his health, which were responded to with applause and enthusiasm. At 11 o'clock the guests repaired to the dining-room, which was decorated with ferns and Chinese lanterns, where a delicate and abundant collation was done ample justice, after which dancing was indulged in until early morning.

During the fore part of the evening the following programme was admirably carried out: "Whistle and Wait for Charlie," by J. Sheakspear; a farce entitled, "Wine and Cake on the Doorstep," by Wallie Evans and Clarence Hult; recitation, "Hindy," by B. O'Brien; "The Drunkard's Grave," by J. Nolan; song, "Some One to Call Me Her Own," by Mr. Julius Hult; recitation, "Waiting," by Miss Sophie Hult; banjo selection, "Le Getters, accompanied on the flute by Walter Evans; song, "Rock a By Baby," accompanied by graceful and appropriate gestures, by Master Clarence Hult; song, "The Elevated Railroad," by Miss Dolly Mattick, while last but by no means least was a popular jig movement, executed with grace and unity of step, by Messrs. Walter Evans, C. Holt and J. Nolan.

Society Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. Sampson Tams are entertaining Miss Thompson, daughter of ex-Congressman Thompson of Santa Rosa, at their residence on the southwest corner of Van Ness avenue and Jackson street.

Colonel Harrison Gray Otis, editor of the Los Angeles Times, is visiting Oakland.

Mr. J. V. Bigelow, Vice-President of the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, and Mrs. Bigelow have come over from San Rafael, where they have been residing, and will make their home for the remainder of the winter at the Hotel Pleasanton.

Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Belinge have returned to the city after a week's visit to their country residence, Mirabel Vineyard, Los Gatos.

Mr. Frank J. Carolan was at Los Angeles on Wednesday.

Mr. Charles A. Wetmore of Livermore is visiting Sacramento.

Mr. George H. Wheaton of the firm of Wheaton & Lubr of this city was at the Vendome, San Jose, on Wednesday.

Mr. M. A. Dorn visited Sacramento on Wednesday.

Miss Mae Wickersham has returned to her home in Petaluma after a pleasant visit here.

Mr. William Jones of Petaluma and his daughters, Mrs. M. Chambers of Fresno and Mrs. M. Weeks and her little daughter Susie, have come to this city to spend several weeks.

Lieutenant-Commander F. P. Gilmore of the United States Asiatic squadron arrived on Wednesday on the Oceanic from China.

Among recent prominent arrivals on this Coast are Mrs. Chauncy J. Blair and children of Chicago, Mr. Blair, who is one of Chicago's representative bankers and citizens, is expected later.

Miss Anna Keane of this city is visiting Sacramento, the guest of Misses Madge and Regina Hassett.

Mrs. J. R. Jarboe visited Santa Cruz on Tuesday, accompanied by Miss Urmy of San Jose.

Mr. J. T. Doyle of San Mateo is spending a few days at the California Hotel.

Rev. W. C. Bartlett of this city has been invited to be present at the dedicatory ceremonies at the Congregational Church, Santa Cruz, next Sunday. Mr. Bartlett was formerly pastor of the church.

Miss Colcord, Governor Colcord's daughter, of Virginia City, has returned to Oakland to renew her studies.

Mrs. Keating, the mother of General R. P. Keating, the well-known mining man, has come to spend the remainder of the winter in the city.

Mr. Fred Searls visited the city on Wednesday from Nevada City on business.

Miss M. Talbot of Providence, R. I., has gone on a visit to Santa Barbara.

AH YOU'S SENTENCE.

Did Judge Rix Abuse His Power in Pronouncing It?

In the habeas corpus case argued before the Supreme Court yesterday the question was raised whether or not Police Judge Rix abused his power when he sentenced Ah You, convicted of visiting a house of ill-fame, to pay a fine of $400 or be imprisoned in the County Jail one day for each dollar of the fine. L. E. Phillips, attorney for the petitioner, contended that the court abused its power because the law permitted only a fine of $1000 or imprisonment for six months for such offense, and the prisoner having served six months is entitled to his discharge. Attorney W. S. Barnes claimed that as the law allowed a fine of $1000, and the penalty in this case being only $400, the court did not exceed its authority. The matter was taken under advisement.

A Carpet-Beating Corporation.

The Jones Perfect Carpet-Beating Works has been incorporated, with the following-named Directors: William C. Jones, John D. Heller, Mrs. F. Herlihy, James F. Smith and M. M. Murphy. The capital stock is $50,000, of which $5000 has been subscribed.

Stafford & Stafford.

H. J. Stafford, late presiding Justice of the Peace, and W. F. Stafford, Attorneys-at-Law, rooms 97 and 98 Flood Building.

LABOR UNIONS.

Painters Issue an Address to the Craft.

Molders Still Receiving Support and Expect the Strike to End Soon—National Maritime Federation.

It was rumored last night that the long strike of the iron-molders and core-makers is nearing a termination in favor of the strikers.

Be this as it may, the molders are still receiving substantial aid from all labor unions which sympathize in their struggle against the Manufacturers' Association, and are now more confident than ever of gaining a well-earned victory.

Three more of the imported molders left the Fulton Iron Works yesterday and were sent East by the union. Two more will leave the Miners' to-day, and also return East.

PAINTERS AND DECORATORS.

They Also Are Advocating an Eight-Hour Day.

At a meeting of the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators last night it was decided to hold a public meeting on Saturday night, the 24th inst., at St. George's Hall. The question of demanding that eight hours constitute a working day was discussed and the plan approved. It was decided to issue the following address and distribute it among all their fellow-craftsmen in the city:

To the Painters and Decorators of San Francisco—FELLOW-WORKERS: In every direction we see wealth accumulating in fewer hands, and the employers beginning to wield a power greater than they have as yet possessed. Unless we are to be reduced to a more subordinate position even than that which we at present occupy it is necessary that we should combine together for mutual benefit and for mutual protection.

If we look around upon the other trades we see that the best organized receive the highest rate of wages and work the least number of hours. It is the absolute duty of every workingman to belong to his union, because in this way alone can he make anything like a decent provision for himself and family, and only in this way does he stand the slightest chance of maintaining his rights.

The painters and decorators have a strong and well-organized union, consisting of some of the best and ablest workmen in San Francisco, who cordially invite all those working in the trade to unite with them. The particular benefits of the Painters' and Decorators' Union are as follows:

Every member six months in fellowship, and not owing an amount equal to three months' dues, shall be entitled to benefits as follows:

Wife funeral benefit of $25 on six months' membership, and $50 on one year's membership.

Member's funeral benefit of $50 on six months' membership, $100 on one year's membership, $150 on two years' membership.

Permanent disability, benefit of $50 on six months' membership, $100 on one year's membership, and $150 on two years' membership.

Sick and accident benefits shall be regulated by the by-laws of each local union.

Our headquarters are at 108 Taylor street, in the Building Trades' Labor Bureau and Reading-room, open day and evening.

From the above, all painters and decorators will see that the union is strong financially and offers great advantages. It rests with the workmen to come into it until there is not a surplus painter in San Francisco who is not a member of the union.

It is absolutely necessary to your own safety. It is absolutely necessary to your freedom. It is the only way in which you can preserve even a vestige of liberty, for if you do not join with your fellows you will be subject to the dictations of the bosses, liable to reduction of wages, and to dismissal on the slightest pretext.

It is better to combine with your fellow-workers to maintain and raise your wages and diminish your working hours than by cutting cut-throat competition, one with another, to plunge all into misery and degradation.

N. B.—We strongly advocate an eight-hour day.

Marine Engineers' Ball.

Odd Fellows' Hall was gayly decorated with ship flags and bright colored bunting last night. The occasion of the bright display was the eighth annual entertainment of the marine engineers. A musical and literary entertainment was a pleasing prelude to the dancing. An address was also delivered by President Tucker of the union. He was also floor manager, and a most successful one, too. Those who arranged the affair were: J. H. Fairchild, D. C. Martin, M. D. Nelson, T. W. Spencer, J. C. Fitzsimmons, F. A. Jones and A. J. Evans.

Stationary Engineers.

The stationary engineers completed arrangements last night for their seventh anniversary ball, which will be held at B'nai B'rith Hall on the night of February 28th. A communication stated that Branch No. 1 had been organized at Portland, Oregon. A visit was received from a delegation of molders, who presented a status of their strike and asked for assistance. No action on the matter was, however, taken.

An International Charter.

The tinners and sheet-iron workers have donated a liberal sum to the iron-workers who are on a strike at the Judson Works, Emeryville. Business is reported very good, and nearly all the members of the union are steadily employed. Last night it was stated that the union would receive an international charter before the next meeting. Soon after the receipt of the charter an open meeting will be held.

Journeyman Butchers.

The Journeyman Butchers' Protective and Benevolent Association held a well-attended meeting last night and appointed a committee to select grounds for an annual picnic, to be held in May. The society has incorporated and forwarded the necessary papers to Sacramento. During the week $40 in sick benefits was paid out. The organization is now in a substantial financial condition.

Stevedores and Riggers.

The Stevedores' and Riggers' Union elected the following officers last night: President, Thomas Bryant; Vice-President, John Jamison; Recording Secretary, F. E. Durham; Financial Secretary, August Engelke; Warden, John Ross; Tyler, John Leary; Investigation Committee—John Collins, Michael O'Kane and Thomas Budd.

National Maritime Federation.

The Coast Seamen's Union is greatly elated over the action of the sailors on the great lakes in withdrawing from the Knights of Labor. Secretary Ark of the local union said last night that he expects soon to receive official notification with an invitation to send delegates to a convention to form a National Maritime Federation.

The Beer-Drivers.

At a meeting of Beer-drivers' Branch No. 5 last night a committee was appointed to investigate the condition of affairs existing between the Pacific Coast Brewery Workmen and the newly formed organization styling itself Union No. 16.

Will Aid the Strikers.

Carpenters' and Joiners' Union, No. 707, passed a resolution at its weekly meeting last night to accord the striking iron-molders and core-makers all the financial aid possible.

BASE-BALL NEWS.

Manager Finn Denies That He Has Signed Pitcher Coughlin.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the California Base-ball League will be held to-morrow evening at the office of President Mone. The meeting will be held with closed doors.

Manager Finn yesterday said the published reports containing the announcement that he had signed Pitcher Roscoe Coughlin for the San Jose team were without foundation. Finn declared that he had not even approached Coughlin on the matter of signing for the coming season. Finn also denied that he had signed Stevens or Hanley.

This afternoon the Players' Winter League will open its season at the Emeryville grounds in Alameda. The San Franciscos and Oaklands will be the opposing teams. An Eastern pitcher named Stapleton will be in the box for the Friscos. Game will be called at 2:30 o'clock. The make-up of the teams will be as follows:

Oaklands.	Positions.	San Franciscos.
G. Van Haltren	Pitcher	Stevens
Thompson	Catcher	Stapleton
Ryan	First base	Dooley
Meegan	Second base	McDonald
Hardie	Third base	Wilson
Reilly	Shortstop	Ebright
C. Van Haltren	Left field	Levy
Gimmel	Center field	D. Sweeney
Sharp	Right field	O'Day

THERE'S A MAN IN THE HOUSE.

The Neat Way in Which a Youth Announced His Majority.

A good one is told on George Kleeman of the County Engineer's office, son of old "Nic." On last Tuesday morning at about 2 o'clock he got out of bed and raised a regular war-whoop racket on the Indian ghost dance style. He cried out at the top of his voice: "There's a man in the house; shoot him."

"Nic," who sleeps in an adjoining room, was disturbed out of his fast slumbers and his dreams of Bacchus by the terrific noise, and as soon as he heard the call for burglars he rushed for the top shelf of the closet, where a "bulldog," saved from the Lot Wright raid of political fame, was peacefully reposing. He seized it and ran for the hall. There he met his son, who smilingly stopped him, saying: "Papa, there's a man in the house. I am 21 years old to-day." "Nic" said nothing, but embraced his offspring, and slapping him on the shoulder he said: "You're a chip of the old block, anyhow."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

MISPLACED CONFIDENCE.

Emma Schilling Is in Pursuit of a Fickle Admirer.

Emma Schilling, an attractive young woman of about 20 years, claims to have been the victim of a loving trust blindly imposed in Albert Lewis, a stylish young fellow who works in a wholesale clothing-house.

About four months ago Emma first became acquainted with Lewis, having been introduced by a mutual friend, who was then the gay clerk's Sunday girl. Lewis at once abandoned his former flame and transferred his affections to the newly made acquaintance. He was apparently successful in his suit, and soon, she declares, they were affianced.

Lewis took her to parties, to the theaters and for moonlight rambles through the park. It was during one of these romantic rambles that she avers he took advantage of her loving trust and innocence, but having accomplished his purpose his affection seems to have rapidly cooled, for he soon ceased his visits to her.

Now she wants him arrested on a serious charge, and yesterday she appeared at the old City Hall, and, with that object in view, made oath to a complaint. Emma says she is an orphan and lives with friends near the Potrero.

STEEL WHALEBACKS.

A Large Ship-Yard to Be Established on Puget Sound.

The Duluth (Minn.) Herald of December 29th has the following items of interest to shipping men on this Coast:

Captain McDougall of Duluth, general manager of the company, starts for the Pacific Coast in about two weeks, where he goes on authorization of the company, made at its meeting to establish on Puget Sound a large yard for the building of steel whalebacks for the Pacific coasting trade. The yard will build ships for a great traffic in coal, wheat, lumber and merchandise. It is also expected that the company may, at that yard, contract with the Navy Department for turtleback ships for the navy, plans of such vessels being now before the department at Washington. Captain McDougall denies that another yard will be established in the East, where a large part of the lake business of the company will be done. There is no probability of the starting of any Atlantic Coast yard for some time.

"The Barge Company," said Captain McDougal to-day, "will make some large additions to its business during 1891, the most important of which will be the establishment of a yard on Puget Sound. We have not yet decided on a location, although there are several under consideration. The Puget Sound yard will be much larger than the Lake Superior yard, and will cost in the neighborhood of $1,000,000. The one here is worth over $500,000. In the new yard we will be prepared to build any kind of ocean vessels, and do the work quickly. We can now build a ship here in less time than any yard in the country.

"By next season we will have boats running in the Pacific Coast trade. At the opening of navigation we will send three barges to the West coast via Cape Horn from here, and they will be used for heavy cargoes. Within another year we expect to be building boats in Washington."

THAT SEIZED OPIUM.

Collector Phelps Decides That It Must Be Returned.

The opium seized by Deputy Surveyor of the Port Gaskill and posse in Chinatown on Saturday night will be returned to the "offended" Chinese next week.

Collector Phelps has examined into the merits of the case, and though, as he says, a Chinaman can prove anything by plenty of witnesses if you only give him twenty-four hours, the evidence produced has to be accepted as bona fide, unless perjury be proved, and he has determined that none of the seized opium can be held. The contrary was proved in every instance that it had been imported prior to the 1st of October, when the McKinley bill went into effect.

After rendering his decision the Collector remarked that he had written to the Treasury Department that a ruling may be made whereby all unstamped opium seized in the future shall be liable to confiscation for not bearing the Government stamp. The opium, before being handed over to the wily Chinese, will be made the subject of a $10-a-pound impost by the Collector of Internal Revenue.

A "BAD EGG."

A Hoodlum Arrested for Beating an Industrious Boy.

William Eatwald, aged about 16 years, was arrested yesterday by Officer J. M. Dolan on complaint of William Brown, charging him with battery. Both the accused and accuser were working for G. Abrahamsen's comb works at 211 Mission street until the boys went out on a strike, when both quit.

Brown went to work afterward, and became the object of jeers and hatred, and on Wednesday he was met, as he alleges, by Eatwald and beaten. He then laid complaint before the Police Judge.

About three months ago, Eatwald was up before Police Judge Shaber on the charge of burglary, but was allowed to go free on condition that he would go away on a deep-water ship. He did ship, but on a coaster, and about a month ago he returned and went ashore.

His stepbrother is now in the House of Correction for burglary. Brown, on the contrary, is said to be a quiet, inoffensive person, and disposed to be industrious.

PEPPER IN HER EYES.

A Vagrant's Despicable Revenge on a Poor Female.

A woman best known as Mollie Wilson was passing along Kearny street, near Washington, at an early hour yesterday morning, when suddenly she uttered a cry of pain and clapped both hands over her eyes. She was in distress, because some black pepper had been thrown into her face by a worthless individual, known to the police as John Howard, alias Donovan.

A mean revenge prompted him to throw the pepper. He had been supported by this woman for some time, but she recently cast him adrift to provide for himself. Mollie was taken to the Receiving Hospital for treatment and Howard was arrested and charged with battery and also vagrancy.

With another woman of the same class Mollie attempted suicide by taking poison about a year ago because her favorite had jilted her. She was pumped out at the Receiving Hospital in time to save her life, but her companion was more unfortunate—or fortunate—and died.

TWO OR THREE SHOTS?

The Latest Inquiry in the Du Rose Homicide Case.

At the preliminary examination last evening of Robert W. Du Rose before Police Judge Worley on the charge of murdering his wife, Elizabeth Du Rose, Mrs. Emma Nelson, the landlady of the house where the tragedy occurred, took the stand and testified that on the night of the homicide she heard three shots.

Her son Frank corroborated her evidence in regard to the three shots having been fired, yet the pistol of Du Rose showed that only two shots were discharged from his revolver. On the night of the shooting Mrs. Nelson stated that she had heard only two shots.

The third shot indicates that Mitchell must have done some shooting, and that the defendant is preparing for a case of self-defense.

Notices to Mariners.

The United States Hydrographic Office has given notice that a light-house is in course of construction at Carmanah, north side of western entrance to Juan de Fuca Strait. Approximate position: Latitude, 48° 36′ 30″ north; longitude, 124° 46′ 30″ west. Also that a fog-signal will be established near Carmanah Light-house.

Information has also been received that a light-house is in course of construction on Yellow Island, north side of entrance to Baynes Sound, British Columbia. Approximate position: Latitude, 49° 28′ 15″ north; longitude, 124° 42′ west.

After a Seven Months' Voyage.

The schooner H. C. Wright came off the Merchants' Dry-dock yesterday. She recently made a seven months' voyage from Port Blakeley to Valparaiso and other South American ports. Before she left Captain Jacobson had her bottom coated with a copper paint from New Jersey. The vessel was becalmed on the equator and lay twenty days at Valparaiso and when she returned was nearly as clean as when she left the harbor.

Overland Train Delayed.

A large number of people gathered at the ferry-landing foot of Market street last evening to meet friends coming on the overland train, which was due at 8:45 o'clock. Owing to some delay up the road the train did not arrive at the Oakland mole until a quarter of 10, and it was a quarter past 10 o'clock when the passengers arrived on this side, a special boat having been sent to fetch them over.

Mangled by a "Sticker."

John McLaughlin, a young man employed at White's Planing-mill, on Brannan street, met with a very painful accident yesterday afternoon. He was feeding a "sticker," when his right hand slipped into the machine and was mangled. At the Receiving Hospital two fingers were amputated.

ACROSS THE BAY.

The Merritt Estate Almost Ready for Distribution.

Township Consolidation Gaining in Favor—A Pickpocket Surprised—Samuels' Mother Interviews McGregor.

It is said that the executors of the estate of the late Dr. Samuel Merritt are about ready to terminate their trust by distributing the property. There are only three heirs and they all over age, viz.: Mrs. Garcelon and the two nephews. All the others are legatees, and for the only one who is a minor, Samuel Merritt Smith, Judge Ellsworth yesterday appointed Stephen W. Purrington as his guardian. The share of the two nephews, under an agreement recently entered into, is understood to be $500,000, or which $100,000 is in cash and $400,000 in property. Mrs. Garcelon, Mr. Merritt's sister, principal heir and residary legatee, who is greatly attached to her nephews, will pay this out of her share. She did not object in the least to the arrangement, and many suppose that when she dies the nephews will be her only heirs and inherit all the property. The $400,000 worth of real estate is taken by the nephews at the appraised valuation, and is said to be worth really half a million. Among the property to be received by the nephews is the Market-street block, six or seven houses on Madison and Oak streets, a ranch at the head of Lake Merritt, another at Livermore and some San Francisco property. It is said that Mrs. Garcelon will fully carry out the directions about paying a certain part of the revenue of the estate for charity.

Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Russell claim the property of the late John McGee, the old junk-peddler, who died suddenly of heart disease on Monday afternoon. Mrs. Russell claims that McGee made a will giving to her his property. It has not yet been found.

TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATION.

The proposition for the consolidation of three townships into a city and county government is meeting with a great deal of encouragement in Oakland. Already the personal signatures of citizens representing over $30,000,000 of property have been secured in its favor. The local papers do not seem to favor it, but it is said that the reason for this is that there would be that much less advertising and job printing. There is now a dual government under a consolidation and a single tax; there will be a less number of offices, legislative, executive, etc., and consequently the books, blanks, etc., would be cut down accordingly, but in signing for the consolidation this seems to be the very state of things the tax-payers want.

As the Los Angeles Republicans refuse to return the banner sent down by Alameda in 1888 to that county as the banner county, it is said Governor Markham will present a proper banner to Alameda as the banner Republican county of California. The southerners claim that only Presidential elections count.

Ah Sum, the lottery dealer found guilty of perjury, and sentenced to five years in the State Prison, was admitted to bail yesterday afternoon in the sum of $2000, pending a decision in appeal to the Supreme Court.

STILL HANGING FIRE.

Captain William I. Wilson, whose wife Jennie sued him about five years ago for divorce, cannot be found by the attorneys for the plaintiff, who died nearly two years ago. They have an interest of about $2000 in fees in the $6000 alimony due from the octogenarian sea captain before her death, and they have fought the dismissal of the case. Notice of motion for dismissal has been served on the ground that as the plaintiff is dead no divorce can be granted. It is said that the last heard from Wilson was just previous to his wife's death, and that he was then in New York.

It is said that the Southern Pacific Company owes the county of Alameda the sum of $1440, due in a contract with reference to the Webster-street Bridge, from January 1, 1888, to January 1, 1891, or $700 per year. There has been neglect to demand payment of the same.

After further argument yesterday, Judge Ellsworth granted the Southern Pacific Company a nonsuit in the case of Carl C. Bygum for $50,000 damages for the death of his little boy in November, 1888.

A PICKPOCKET SURPRISED.

A young pickpocket had a lady's purse in his hand at 10 o'clock yesterday morning as the passengers were leaving the local train at Seventh and Washington streets. She caught him in the act, and grasped him by the wrist, exclaiming: "Let go my purse, you scoundrel; you are trying to pick my pocket!" He replied that it was falling to the ground, and he was merely giving it to her. He relinquished it and disappeared in the crowd, and she was too excited to be able to describe him.

The divorce suit of Billy Delainey, who succeeded the "duke of San Pablo" at Twenty-eighth street and San Pablo avenue, was dismissed yesterday. Mrs. Kate Delainey filed some strong affidavits against him in support of a motion for counsel fees and alimony, and also threatened a cross-complaint. Delainey is a well-known sporting man.

County Treasurer Huff has redeemed $18,000 worth of the county building bonds of the issue of 1874-75. The sum of $20,000 has been redeemed each year, and these are the last of the issue.

INTERVIEWED M'GREGOR.

Mrs. O. T. C. Sheperd, the mother of Estill F. Samuels, the brakeman killed by Robert McGregor at the restaurant at the Oakland pier on Monday evening, called at the City Prison yesterday afternoon after the return from the funeral of her son, and had an interview with McGregor. She expresses a great deal of sympathy for the boy, not believing that the killing was premeditated or intended, but done in a heat of sudden passion.

William Fost has been arrested on the charge of assaulting Joseph Vierra with an iron bar. Fost is one of the Emeryville strikers and Vierra was on his way to work at the time of the alleged assault. His head is pretty badly bruised, but it was thought yesterday that he will come out all right.

Claude Eme, aged 82 years, 7 months and 12 days, died on Wednesday at 1355 Eighth street of senile gangrene. The deceased was a native of France and had resided in Oakland twenty-three years.

The divorce suit of John McCarthy vs. Emma McCarthy, commenced in 1882, was dismissed yesterday.

Alameda.

It is understood that the opponents to the opening of Haight street will withdraw their objections and allow the improvement to be put through.

The Alameda Home Protective Association will probably take a hand in the coming municipal election, and will try to secure the election of three Trustees who will be in favor of putting a prohibitive license on the saloons.

The shareholders of the Alameda Savings Bank have elected the following Directors for the ensuing year: R. R. Thompson, C. Bartlett, D. L. Randolph, Joseph Knowland, Henry Sevening and Dell Linderman.

Jake Wagner Sr. was arrested yesterday on a charge of embezzlement. He borrowed a couple of dollars from a man named Van Vranken, of the West End, upon the representation, it is alleged, that he owned an express wagon.

The jury failed to come to an agreement yesterday in the case of Mrs. Flora Morris, charged with having disturbed the peace of Justice Byler, and was dismissed. The jury stood seven for conviction and five for acquittal. Mrs. Morris will have another trial.

The residents of Alameda are again impatient about the construction of the Park-street Bridge over the tidal canal cut. Bids will not be opened until the last day of February, and it will be until at least next summer before the bridge will be finished.

The election of the