ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Huntington and Willis Match Is Off.

Jim Corbett Arrives With a Slight Load of Malaria—Parson Davies Gets In Out of the Cold—The Cricketers.

The Burnaby Cricket Club met last evening at 334½ Sutter street to arrange matters for the coming season's games. An association has been formed, which will consist of four clubs, namely, Burnaby, Alameda, Oakland and California. These clubs will play at Alameda and Klinknerville on alternate Sundays during the summer months. The first game will be held next Sunday at Klinknerville. The cricketers are very enthusiastic over the prospects of the sport on this Coast, and some very exciting games will undoubtedly be contested this year, as several of the crack English and Australian players, who are now residents of this city and Oakland, are represented in the association.

HUNTINGTON'S MISFORTUNES.

Young Huntington, whom the California Athletic Club matched against Abe Willis, the Australian bantam-weight pugilist, informed a representative of THE CALL last evening that the match would have to be declared off.

"I have been very unfortunate of late," said Huntington, "and it seems to me that misfortunes never come singly. Last evening my sister, who has been unwell for several weeks, took dangerously ill and died in the arms of my wife. The unfortunate occurrence has upset me completely, and I am now going to see the President of the club to inform him of the fact. Another strange incident connected with the affair is that her birthday would fall on the 13th inst., the evening I was to meet Willis in a ten-round contest."

Huntington's place will be filled by some of the other bantams who are looking for fame. Probably Danny Mahoney's conqueror, Hawkins, or Rochette will take the place of Huntington.

M'LEOD AND ACTON.

D. S. McLeod and Joe Acton will meet this afternoon to fix a date to decide their match which was to have taken place last evening. From all accounts Acton's foot is in a very bad condition, and his friends do not expect to see him in a fit condition to meet the plucky Scotchman on the carpet for at least two weeks. McLeod will leave for the north in a few days, to fill an engagement he has at Nanaimo. Dan Daly, William Beviridge, J. Yates, George Lester, Joe Fox, John Jinkens, Andrew Campbell and Thomas Wilson, who accompanied McLeod to this city from Nanaimo for the purpose of seeing the contest, will leave for the north this week. They have been greatly disappointed at the turn affairs have taken, and it is doubtful if they will return to see the event when both men are fit to go.

Richard K. Fox, it is alleged, received a cablegram from Melbourne, Australia, on February 26th, stating that the Melbourne Athlete Club has offered to put up a purse of $5000 for a contest between Joe McAuliffe and Joe Goddard.

Billy Kessler, who defeated George La Blanche, has been matched to fight Jim Williams of Salt Lake. The contest will take place either at Ogden or Salt Lake.

A FIGHT WITH DUMB-BELLS.

The following letter to an Eastern sporting paper from Hamilton, New Zealand, gives the result of a fight with dumb-bells: "A novel fight occurred yesterday between Jack Hatton and William Nash. The cause was a barmaid named Julia West. After a rough-and-tumble in the bar-room they agreed to fight it out with four-pound dumb-bells, and they fought in an old billiard-room 30x40. Nash scored first blood, a gash on the brow and Hatton went mad and rushed in with his head down. Nash's four-pound bell next fell on the back of his neck and started a cog-wheel, for Hatton fell like a ton of pig-iron. His head is alive yet, but all the rest of him is as dead as Queen Anne, and the doctors can't start him. He hasn't knows all about it, but his body forgets everything, and might have belonged to Pontius Pilate for all it knows now."

CORBETT AND HIS MALARIA.

Jim Corbett, Parson Davies and John Donaldson arrived yesterday after having toured through several Eastern States. Corbett said that he was very glad to get back to the old country again, and would not leave England until after his meeting with Jackson. He has reduced about fifteen pounds since he took his departure from the city, which reduction of flesh he attributes to constant traveling from one city to another. He still feels the effects of a slight touch of malaria he picked up on his travels through the South, but he expects to work it completely out of his system after a few weeks' coaching. His friends are very anxious to see him in fine fettle when he faces the dusky Antipodean, and they would feel decidedly sorry to hear, in the near future, that malaria in any form would prevent him from carrying out his plans for a strict course of training.

BIG JOE M'AULIFFE.

Speaking of Joe McAuliffe, Corbett said that the big fellow is under the wings of Fox and Madden, and that these shining lights in the world of pugilism are trying every means to boost the big fellow.

Parson Davies may make some arrangements with Muldoon for a wrestling match between Roeber and Evan Lewis. The Parson says, however, that he has not come to the Coast with the intention of doing any business in the wrestling way, but that he has visited Frisco purposely to get out of the cold and spend a few weeks in God's own country, and "there you are."

NICARAGUA CANAL.

It Is Possible That Control Will Go Into Foreign Hands.

Considerable disappointment was felt in mercantile circles here, as elsewhere, when it was learned that the Senate bill in reference to the Nicaragua Canal had failed to pass before the adjournment of Congress. It was a Senate bill and never passed the Senate. Friends of the bill think it might have been passed in the Senate had it been urged, and no little speculation has been indulged in as to why it was not vigorously pressed. Dispatches received here recently from Washington intimated that work on the canal may stop.

Captain W. L. Merry of this city, who takes great interest in the canal, believing that its completion will inure greatly to the benefit of this State and city, in conversation yesterday said that the company will continue the work of construction vigorously and will proceed to sell the bonds in Europe. It was hoped that the enterprise would be under American control, but it is possible now that the control will go into foreign hands. If so it will mean increased expense, heavier tolls and a somewhat longer period of construction. The company has already expended in actual construction work between $4,000,000 and $5,000,000, and has money enough on hand to continue the work through the year 1891. When the funds are exhausted bonds will be placed to raise more.

Mr. Miller, President of the Canal Construction Company, will visit Greytown in April with a party of foreign engineers, and the contractors who are building the Manchester Ship Canal in England will be represented. After his visit to Greytown Mr. Miller will come to this city.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Senator McGowan Will Be the Orator on the Occasion.

The Literary Committee of the St. Patrick's day celebration held a meeting last evening at the Youths' Directory, 2030 Howard street, Rev. Father Crowley in the chair, and the business of the evening was to receive reports from the printing and music sub-committees, both of which reported progress.

Communications were read from several persons of talent proffering their services or the services of their pupils, but owing to the absence of the head of the sub-committee on music no action was taken.

A letter from Senator Frank McGowan was read accepting the invitation to act as orator of the day.

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN.

He Will Make the Final Payment to His Creditors.

The New York Sun of February 28th contains the following:

The Providence Journal the other day indulged in some unnecessary and unfriendly remarks about William T. Coleman. This little burst of Mugwump spite against a genuine Democrat now leads us to the remark that the final payment of Mr. Coleman's creditors, due under the arrangement between them in December, 1891, is now ready to be made, the money having been transmitted to the Bank of New York, in this city. If any man merits the respect and confidence of all his fellow-citizens, it is William T. Coleman of San Francisco.

Allowed to Be Stamped.

The cargo of limes held at the Pacific Mail Dock, because the cases are not stamped with the name of the country whence they came, was released yesterday by order of the Treasury Department, with the directions that each case be stamped when removed to the drays for transportation. No word was received up to 3 o'clock in the afternoon from the department of the similar cases of the three British ships, Scottish Hills, Grassendale and Glencairn, now lying in the stream laden with unstamped merchandise.

THE CREW OF THE LEWIS.

Statements Made in Contradiction of the Captain.

When the sealer J. Hamilton Lewis returned to port on Wednesday the captain said he was short of provisions, but had had no trouble with his crew. He afterward gave out that he had come back because only one out of ten on board could steer. The men were seen by a CALL reporter last night at their boarding-house, and each in turn denied the story of the captain, but affirmed that out of the ten shipped before the mast in the Lewis nine left her and came ashore and seven are old sailors and could steer any ship. The other two, they admitted, could not steer. The men declared that they had read the article in yesterday's CALL, and its facts are substantially correct in that the trouble was over the pay claimed, they having signed for 40 cents a skin, and the captain only desiring to pay 7 cents. The men say this alone was the cause of their refusal to work and of the schooner's return to port.

MEN ABOUT TOWN.

Short Stories Gathered From the Hotel Corridors.

He Interviewed Eliza Pinkston—Huntington's Care for the Dimes—It Was Uphill Work—Comanche's Record.

H. Z. Osborne, of the Los Angeles Express, who is now in this city, was employed in New Orleans as a reporter during the reconstruction days, and was the first representative of the press to interview Eliza Pinkston, the negro woman who was treated with fiendish barbarity in Louisiana. "I was employed in those days," said Mr. Osborne, "on the New Orleans Republican, which was a prosperous journal in those days, and it happened while passing down the street one Sunday morning that I saw two carriages full of regular soldiers hurrying toward the Custom-house. As those were troublous days I suspected that something unusual was transpiring, and followed the carriages. When I arrived at the Custom-house, where the soldiers had already preceded me, I saw that something out of the usual was transpiring, and hastening in I found my way to a private room where a negro woman lay on a cot in terrible agony. She was covered with blood, and presented a frightful appearance, but was able to talk coherently, and from her I gathered the story. Her name was Eliza Pinkston, and her husband had been an active Republican in one of the parishes near New Orleans. The white Democrats had warned him time after time to leave politics, but he had persisted in the work. At last a number of white men, armed and masked, made a midnight visit to his home and roused him out of his bed. When he opened the door he was shot down in cold blood, and the assassins entered the house. The murdered man's wife, Eliza Pinkston, was found under the bed, where she had taken refuge, while two children were found sleeping in a corner. The latter were taken by the feet and their brains beaten out against the walls of the room. The mother was then dragged out and subjected to the most horrible barbarities, after which she was hamstrung and slashed in the most fiendish manner with knives. She was left for dead, but succeeded in crawling out and attracting help. She afterward recovered. "When I saw her she was a most pitiable object, and as well as she could she told me her story, which I telegraphed north to the Chicago Tribune, from which it was copied far and wide. The Democratic leaders hastened to New Orleans with huge sums of money, and succeeded in hushing the story up, but I know that every word of it was true, for the woman who had suffered such horrible treatment was induced by means of bribes and threats to denyher first story, but those who were on the inside knew that it was all true. It afterward furnished Zach Chandler with material for one of his most powerful speeches."

It Was Uphill Work.

"Physical exercise for reducing flesh, I have concluded, is a humbug," said a portly newspaper man yesterday, as he leaned contentedly back in his chair and placidly surveyed a gorgeous expanse of vest front, across which his hands were clasped in an easy position. "You see, I discovered a couple of months ago that my weight had increased in a short while from 188 to 201, and as I am naturally short"—with another glance at the vest front—"I concluded that I was taking on flesh too rapidly. I consulted an acquaintance, who is an athlete, and he informed me that it would be no trouble for me to bring myself down to my old weight. It was very simple. All I had to do in the world was to avoid farinaceous foods and walk about eight or ten miles a day. Hill-climbing he recommended above all else. Did I do it? Well, I should say so. I starved myself for three weeks, and spent all my spare moments climbing over the California-street hill. For three weeks I puffed and tramped up and down that blessed hill, and at the end of that time I had reduced my weight to 199½ pounds, a loss of just twenty-four ounces. I was discouraged, but I went at it harder than ever. I walked miles upon miles, climbed every hill I could find, avoided bread and potatoes, swung clubs and exercised with dumb-bells. I fancied for a month that I could see my flesh growing less day by day, and at the end of a month I smiled confidently as I climbed on the scales. I weighed just 202. No more hills for me, thank you."

Objected to the Method.

A young man who is prominent in the financial world, but whose name is withheld for obvious reasons, called recently on C. P. Huntington at his New York office, and while in consultation with him the railroad magnate sent out for some refreshments. When the boy appeared with the things he had a check for the amount, which he waited for Mr. Huntington to pay. The latter looked savagely at the figures and said: "There must be a mistake. You have charged me $1 15, while $1 05 is the correct amount. Go back at once and have it rectified."

The boy disappeared, and in a few minutes returned with a corrected bill, which the multi-millionaire paid, counting out the exact change.

As he replaced his purse in his pocket he said to his young visitor: "I make it a rule never to be imposed upon, remembering that a dime saved is a dime made."

Comanche's Record.

Those who read the account of the Sherman funeral in St. Louis will recall the fact that the old war-horse Comanche was led in the cortege, bearing on his back the saddle and trappings of the dead soldier. Nothing was said of the history of this famous horse, who is almost as illustrious in his way as was Sherman. Comanche was Custer's favorite horse, and the latter rode him at the time of the famous massacre of the Little Big Horn, where he lost his life, but Comanche escaped. The old horse, gray and battle-scarred, is now kept by the Government at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., where he is provided for with all the luxuries that a horse is supposed to know. A special appropriation is made for him by Congress, and he is allowed to dream his declining years away in ease and contentment, unmindful of Indian wars or calls to arms.

"SAVE ME! SAVE ME!"

Seaman Frederick Morris Trips and Tumbles Into the Bay.

Cries of "Man overboard," and "Save me, save me," rang out on the silence of the night about 10 o'clock at Beale-street Wharf. Frederick Morris, a seaman belonging to the ship Thalatta, lying at Beale street, was in the water swimming for his life. He caught hold of the piling, and a plank was thrown into the water; but he preferred to stick to the pile, and clung with a determination born of despair. The cries of the man had been heard on board the ship, and a rope was soon brought by his shipmates and he was dragged up on the dock. He said he was perfectly sober, and was walking on the stringer at the edge of the wharf, when he tripped over a rope and went in head first. Morris escaped with the ducking, but was so frightened that he could hardly stand, and had to be helped on board his ship by friends.

Died in Prison.

Ellen Kehoe, who was recently convicted of being an habitual drunkard and sentenced by Judge Rix to serve ninety days' imprisonment in the House of Correction, died in that institution yesterday. She was a native of Ireland and aged 40 years.

A Suit in Detinue.

Sterling M. Holdridge has sued Valentine Gadesden and Henry B. Blagrave, of the firm of Bladesden & Blagrave, to recover possession of certain maps wrongfully withheld, or, if delivery cannot be had, $3000 in lieu thereof.

ACROSS THE BAY.

Mrs. Schwab Would Not Prosecute Her Husband.

That Platform of the Democrats—Ratification by Republicans—Another Rumored Sale of a Railroad.

When the case of Peter Schwab, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, came up in the Police Court yesterday it was evident to the District Attorney, from a conversation had with the prosecuting witness—defendant's wife—that the matter had been fixed up, so Mr. Church said he would dismiss the felony charge and make a new complaint for disturbing the peace. To this the defendant's attorney, A. A. Moore, said his client would plead guilty. Evidence was taken, which showed that the accused had flourished a butcher-knife, and Judge Ogden, in passing sentence, said that he could only conclude, from the evidence of Mrs. Schwab, that a wife can not only forgive but also forget. He then fined Schwab $150, with the alternative of 150 days' imprisonment. Schwab's counsel was so surprised that he could have been knocked down with a feather. He looked over the complaint to discover a flaw on which to base an appeal, but finally told the Court he guessed that he would have to keep Schwab for the 150 days.

THAT LOCAL OPTION PLANK.

The trick of the Democratic leaders by which the local option plank was not stricken from the platform, when so intended by the mover of the motion and those who supported it, is not relished by a good many of the delegates; and it is said some of them will not support the ticket, but as a Democrat seldom deserts his colors, no matter over what platform they wave, it is probable that by Monday all those disaffected will stand by the candidates, pledge and all, hoping that it may be forgotten or ignored if they should be fortunate enough to be elected.

A Republican meeting will be held at Dietz Opera House this evening, to ratify the nominations of Monday evening. H. A. Powell will preside, and Dr. E. H. Pardee will be First-Vice President, and there will be about 300 Vice-Presidents. Addresses will be made by a number of prominent Republicans.

Philip Kramer, alias George Williams, was sent to Folsom yesterday by Judge Ellsworth, on a plea of petty larceny with a prior.

BADLY INJURED.

A Portuguese woman, whose son is in railroad employ, came down from San Leandro to Oakland yesterday. She took the local train at East Oakland, but forgot to get off at West Oakland. After the train was out on the mole she happened to see her son at work alongside the track and she went out on the platform and jumped off. She was taken up badly injured internally. No bones were broken and no perceptible bruises were found.

Gilbert Rayburn has petitioned for letters on the estate of John E. Stover, who died at Pleasanton on the 13th ult. The estate is valued at $10,550, and the heirs are Annie M. Stover, widow, and two daughters.

The condition of the boy Willie Day, who was shot by Watchman Alburn in the West Oakland yards ten days ago, is reported as critical.

ANOTHER RUMORED CHANGE.

A rumor was in circulation yesterday that the California and Nevada Narrow-gauge Railroad has or is about to again change hands. J. W. Smith disposed of his interest a few months ago, and it is now said that Grant Brothers and ex-President Williamson of the Atlantic and Pacific are among the recent purchasers; but they were also named in connection with the former reported sale.

Deputy Sheriff and Assistant Jailer A. J. Bowman and Mrs. Sarah E. Bogart were married yesterday, and went to Monterey on a bridal trip. Mrs. Bogart was the widow of a veteran of the late war, and by her marriage yesterday relinquished a widow's pension.

William E. S. Eddy was tried yesterday afternoon in the Police Court on a charge of embezzling a wagon and selling it. Judge Ogden took the matter under advisement.

CUT INTO SMALL PIECES.

A German bread-baker named Moritz Keye attempted to cross in front of the local at Seventh and Peralta streets yesterday afternoon, but the engine struck him and the entire train ran over the body, cutting it into small pieces. Keye had been in this country three years, and was working in a Washington-street restaurant. A boy who saw the accident says that the young man ran out to take the train as it passed and, stepping into a hole, fell under the train. Keye's brother worked with him as a baker in the restaurant, and they have a sister living in San Francisco.

A meeting of the Local Option Alliance was held last night, and a committee was appointed to prepare and send out circulars recommending the names of eleven Councilmen to be voted for who favor local option.

Alameda.

A brass foundry and machine works have been established on Railroad avenue, near Mastick Station, by Messrs. Aldrich and Webster.

The Alameda Free Library had a circulation of 3827 books during February. There was an addition of sixty-three new members during the month.

The Oakland Gas, Light and Heat Company has not yet signed the deed for the right of way of the Atlantic-avenue boulevard through its property and the project is thus delayed.

Judge Swasey says that the reason he did not open the court-room at the West End instead of at Park street, is that the business did not warrant it and that on investigation he found it was not what it had been represented to him when he consented to be a candidate.

The property-owners on Railroad avenue are cautiously waiting for the City Trustees to take additional steps for the improvement of the avenue, and the matter may come up at the meeting Monday evening. The property-owners have been clamoring for the avenue's improvement for two years.

The municipal election will take place on Monday, April 13th, and at the meeting of the Alameda Improvement Association last evening President Bartlett was instructed to invite the Presidents of the Republican and Democratic clubs to meet him in consultation and devise ways and means for the nomination of non-partisan candidates. This arrangement, it is thought, will be satisfactory to most of the voters.

Berkeley.

The officers of the Alameda Water Company state that the recent rains have assured an abundance of water for all purposes during the summer. At the time notice was given the Trustees by the company of its inability to supply water for street sprinkling and sewer flushing a dry season was threatened, but the rainfall since has changed the aspect of affairs.

TO COMFORT THE POOR.

A Meeting Held by the Daughters of the Good Shepherd.

The Daughters of the Good Shepherd, an association of ladies recently formed to look after the comfort of the inmates of public institutions, to assist in temperance work and extend a helping hand to suffering humanity, held a meeting yesterday at 325 Montgomery street, to take further steps toward a complete organization. Committees were appointed on constitution and bylaws, on badges and one to secure a place for future meetings. Resolutions were adopted expressing sympathy with Miss Culbertson and indorsement of her work, and of congratulation to the ladies of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions for their heroism in sustaining Miss Culbertson. The election of officers was postponed until the next meeting. The motto adopted by the society is "The Lord Is My Shepherd, I Shall Not Want."

Thieves and Receiver Arrested.

John Furey and George Collins, both aged about 12 years, were arrested last night for the burglary on Monday of a grocery at 716 Brannan street, from which they stole $175 worth of liquors, tobacco and cigarettes. These they sold to a restaurateur named Bernhard Dottger, at 626 Fourth street, whose place was searched last night and the stolen goods recovered. He was then arrested for receiving stolen goods.

Lymph Treatment Resumed.

Several patients at the City and County Hospital were given injections yesterday from the supply of lymph received on Wednesday from Berlin. They are the same who were experimented upon before. There is no change in their condition since the treatment was first interrupted, and its resumption is not expected to cause any complications.

Views of the Holy Land.

O. B. Smith delivered a lecture last night under the auspices of the German Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association in the association's hall, 222 Sutter street, on "Syria and Palestine." The lecture was illustrated by a large number of dissolving views of the most interesting scenes in the Holy Land, thrown on a large canvas by strong calcium-light lanterns. There was a very large attendance, who gave the lecturer's description their close attention. A large number of views of the best works of well-known sculptors and painters were also shown and proved very interesting.

LAID TO REST.

The Last Rites Over the Remains of David Stern.

The funeral of David Stern, late Auditor of the city and county, took place yesterday morning from the Masonic Temple. The services were conducted by Pacific Lodge, No. 136, F. and A. M., of which the deceased was an old member. At 9:30 o'clock, when the body arrived from the house, King Solomon's Hall, where the services were held, was filled, and a large number of people who had known the deceased and desired to be present at his obsequies were unable to gain admission.

The body was received at the hall by Mowbray R. Dundas, Worshipful Master, and the members of Pacific Lodge, all of whom wore sprigs of acacia. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Mayor George H. Sanderson, Tax-Collector Thomas H. O'Brien, representing the city and county of San Francisco; Jules Cerf, Isador Jacobs, A. Anspacher, Benjamin Sloss, Louis Sloss and Isaac Hecht, representing the Eureka Benevolent Society; Colin M. Boyd, P. D. Code, H. Newbauer and I. P. Kincaid, of Pacific Lodge, No. 136, F. and A. M.: Jesse Marks and Joseph G. Preston, of the Bear Club, and P. Quinlan, George Herrick, Mr. Mannheim and Mr. Hodgeson.

The floral pieces were very numerous and elegant, there being over twenty large pieces, besides many wreaths and bouquets. The Board of Supervisors sent a large book composed of chrysanthemums, azaleas, tube roses and white orchids. Across the white floral page was worked in violets, "Life's ledger closed." Mayor Sanderson sent a harp with a broken string. The Auditor's office sent a book similar to that of the Supervisors. It stood on an easel five feet high. John D. Siebe's offering was a large floral representation of "gates ajar." A large wreath had worked upon it in violets, "Architect's office, new City Hall."

The nephews of the deceased contributed a large tablet of camellias, upon the face of which was worked in forget-me-nots the words, "Uncle Stern, good-by forever." The largest and most beautiful piece came from the Bear Club, and represented a large pillow resting on an easel. Across the top of the easel was a scythe bearing the club's name in violets. The piece from the family was a pillow of white roses, pansies and violets with the words in white chenille, "Kind husband, dear father."

The services conducted by the Worshipful Master were according to the usual blue lodge funeral ritual. The master was assisted by George M. Perine, Senior Warden, and Walker C. Graves, Junior Warden. During the services the Masonic Quartet, consisting of Joseph Barton, Samuel D. Mayer, J. R. Ogilvie and J. R. Jones, chanted the Ninetieth Psalm, and sang "Thy Will Be Done" and "Shall We Meet Beyond the River?"

At the conclusion of the ritual Rev. Jacob Voorsanger delivered a eulogy, during which he said: "The brother who has gone to his eternal rest has well deserved the testimonial given in the present services. His character was always so pure that it never could be touched amid the turmoil of life. He went to his death untouched by a stain of dishonor. He gave freely of his wealth to aid the deserving poor, and his friends were his chosen companions. We do not see all that is beautiful in a man's heart till he dies, ofttimes, but David Stern's character was known to all. New that he has passed away it is fitting that his last resting-place should bear the legend: 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'"

The eulogy finished, those present took a last view of the remains, which were then removed to the hearse and taken to the Home of Peace Cemetery in San Mateo County, where the interment took place. Among those who were at the temple, many of whom went to the cemetery, were, besides many ladies:

Supervisors R. E. Jackson, J. W. Burling, Washington Ayer, L. R. Ellert, George Carnes, C. W. Taber, William Wilkinson, Albert Beyer, D. D. Hunt, Treasurer Widber, County Clerk Mullner; D. R. Wood, Secretary of the Supreme Court Commission; H. B. Cook, Superintendent of Public Instruction John Swett, James K. Wilson, and other members of the Board of Education; Assessor John D. Siebe, James T. Hamilton, Albert Lyser, John McComb, Recorder E. B. Read, L. Dinkelspiel, Julius Jacobs, L. H. Brown, M. Davis, Milton S. Eisner, J. D. Abrams, Thomas H. Anderson, Abner B. Dobie, N. W. Spaulding, J. Whitten, D. Burley, J. I. Terry, L. M. Cohn, J. R. Galland, J. H. Bartlett, William S. Dibble, R. Ogilvie, John G. Conrad, P. C. Dolan of Sacramento, R. J. Schumacher, J. H. Hurd, N. W. Pennycook, Martin White, John S. Bowman, J. G. Boubar, Hamilton Ayer, J. H. Edwards, George J. Hobe, James F. Swift, J. H. Wallace, C. L. Patton, W. H. Davis and many members of the Bear Club and other organizations.

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL.

Monthly Distribution of Testimonials at St. Peter's Church.

The monthly distribution of testimonials to the scholars of St. Peter's School took place yesterday afternoon at St. Peter's Hall. The school has now in regular attendance a little over 200 pupils. The reverend clergy who presided over the exercises were Fathers Casey, Verriker and Lyons, and Brother Euphrasius, the General Director of the school. The exercises opened with the programme as follows:

Piano solo, "Home, Sweet Home," T. J. Reynolds; recitation, "The Mischievous Brier," J. O'Brien; declamation, "Discontented," A. Judge. Distribution of testimonials. Vocal solo, "Old Home on the Farm," B. Crawford; recitation, "Erin's Flag," W. Hughes; declamation, "The Dying Soldier," T. Prendergast; recitation, "Hohenlinden," F. Sullivan. Distribution of testimonials. Recitation, "The Yankee and the Dutchman's Dog," T. Haffey; violin solo, "The Little Shamrock," A. Curtis; recitation, "The Harp of Erin," J. Kendrick; concert recitation, "The Bank of Erin," second class. Distribution of testimonials. Vocal solo, "Mother is Dead," T. O'Rourke; recitation, "Waiting by the Gate," G. Pyne; concert reading, "The Vivin's Burglar," first class; recitation, "Lochinvar," W. McCarthy; concert reading, "Alexander's Feast," senior class. Distribution of testimonials. Vocal solo, "Teaching McFadden to Dance," J. Rooney; violin solo, J. Gillespie.

Testimonials were awarded to the following pupils:

Senior class—W. H. McCarthy, T. D. Maher, J. A. Gilfether, S. F. Lewis, G. J. Cleary, F. J. Reynolds.

First class—J. Markham, G. Pyne, T. O'Rourke, J. Needham, F. Johnson, W. Sweetzer, J. Burke.

Second class—M. McCann, J. Kendrick, B. Crawford, A. Curtis, T. Haffey, J. McNeill, J. Sullivan, W. Breen, T. Ward, J. Fitzgerald, R. Fitzpatrick, J. Sheffield, W. Flynn, T. Maloney, J. Gallagher.

Third class—F. Sullivan, T. Pendergast, C. Skelley, L. Cali, E. O. O'Day, F. Meehan, J. Jones, E. O'Keefe.

Fourth class—F. Hicks, J. Callaghan, W. Augustine, F. Leonard, M. Callaghan, J. O'Brien, E. Rouzo, N. Crawford, T. Foley, E. Crawford, J. Ganey, T. Keough, J. Larivee, C. Benuett.

PERSONAL NOTES.

A. J. Meaney of Merced is in town and at the Lick.

Ben E. Ward of Los Angeles is at the Baldwin.

Fulton G. Berry of Fresno is registered at the Palace.

William Tomley of Vallejo is a guest at the Baldwin.

J. Routier of Routier is in the city. He is at the Grand.

J. H. Braly of San Jose is registered at the Occidental.

H. G. Otis of the Los Angeles Times is at the Occidental.

Thomas R. Muir of Ione is among the guests at the Grand.

Hon. H. V. Morehouse and wife are stopping at the Occidental.

Dr. W. R. Shoaff of Los Gatos is among the guests at the Palace.

Professor Barnard of the Lick Observatory is quartered at the Lick.

S. W. Johnson, editor of the Marysville Appeal, is registered at the Grand.

C. C. Merrian, a merchant of Fresno; George L. Ludlow, a hardware merchant of New York; Arthur Price, and the Misses Price of San Mateo, are at the California.

Siege of Paris Panorama.

The panorama painting representing the Siege of Paris and on exhibition for two years in this city has been sold to the Australian Exhibition Company, and will shortly be shipped to Melbourne. The painting is by the eminent war artist, Felix Philinboteaux of Paris, where it was painted and first exhibited some fifteen years ago. The new effects that have lately been added, consisting of a sham battle, with cannonading, musketry-firing and military music, and also the scene, "Thunder-storn on the Battle-field," are novel features well produced, and add much to the realism of the scene. The exhibition will close here in about thirty days.

Fatherless Children.

Thomas Gardner and Thomas McNulty have petitioned for letters of guardianship over the persons and estates of Mary and Katie Cassidy, minors and beneficiaries named in certificates of the Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., for $1000 each, and who have also undivided interests in the estate of their father.

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DECLINE TO START.

Declarations From Eastern Spring Handicaps.

No More Spring Racing at Sacramento—Two New California Stables to Race East. Licensed Jockeys.

The declarations to the two great spring handicaps—the Suburban and Brooklyn—have been announced. Kingston and Westchester are out of both; Potomac, Eon, Bolero, Worth and Fellowcharm are out of the Suburban, and Tournament, English Lady, Raymond G, Ambulance, Clarendon, Stryke and Dunboyne are out of the Brooklyn. It is not surprising that Kingston is out of both handicaps, for with 130 pounds in the Suburban and 128 in the Brooklyn the delicate son of Spendthrift and Kapanga would have little chance, even if he stood preparation. Tournament goes out of the Brooklyn at 125, but stays in the Suburban at 126, Cooper probably preferring to take a month longer to give him a thorough preparation. The retirement of Bolero and Potomac from the Suburban removes two of the crack two-year-olds of 1890 from the race which a three-year-old has never won.

WILL NOT RACE AGAIN.

The State Agricultural Directors have determined not to continue their spring running meetings at Sacramento. Their experiment of last year was not a financial success, the attendance being very light; but for the presence of visitors from San Francisco there would hardly have been anybody there. The gate receipts for the four days' racing were only $1300. Quite a number of Sacramentans donated purses, which were called by the donors' names, and after the books were balanced a surplus of $950 was found on hand. It was at first proposed to carry this money over to this year, and make it the nucleus of new purses for this year's racing. But when it was decided not to continue the meetings, and those owners who had made entries to this year's stakes had consented to withdraw their entrances, the money left over was offered back in proportionate ratio to the subscribers. They generously refused to accept it, and requested that it be turned over to the new turf club at Sacramento that it is now proposed to organize.

OFFERED A TRACK.

On reliable authority it can be stated that if the Blood-horse Association decides that the expense of repairing the Bay District Track is too great, and desire to use the Sacramento track for the spring meeting, the use of that track can easily be secured at nominal figures. As, however, the association will in all probability decide to incur the expense of repairing the Bay District Track, the Sacramento offer will hardly be considered.

THE HEARST HORSES.

It appears that before his death Senator Hearst arranged for his race-horses to fill their engagements in the event of his decease. They will race this season, and then be sold at auction East when the regular season is at an end. There is, therefore, a chance that the string now in training at San Jose will be raced at the spring meeting there and also at the blood-horse here. But to offset the attendance of the Hearst stable will be the probable absence of the Shippee and Thornton strings at the San Jose and San Francisco meetings. Both these stables are well engaged East, and will leave the Coast for Brooklyn on April 15th unless the present arrangements are changed. The Shippee string consists of Lodowio, Take Notice, Picnic, The Drake and Mary H. They will all go East under A. J. Stender's care.

The absence of Lodowic from the Pacific Derby will remove one very dangerous competitor, as the colt has shown the greatest improvement, fully equal to his high-class breeding. He is by Longfellow-Carrie Phillips, and though quite unlucky last year, showed much promise.

A RICH STAKE.

Entries to the State Fair's Futurity stake of 1893 and 1894, for trotting foals of 1891, close with Secretary E. F. Smith, at Sacramento, on March 16th. The stake is guaranteed at $7500.

The Board of Control of the Coney Island, New York and Brooklyn Jockey Clubs and the Monmouth Park Association have received applications for licenses for the season of 1891 at its office, under the rule of racing which requires all trainers and jockeys to be licensed annually by this board. This is the most important measure for the purification of the turf that has ever been undertaken in America. With the addition of a stipendiary steward, as is the case in Australia, the long-plucked and swindled public would at last receive some little protection from racing associations.

ITALIAN COMMERCE.

Fifth Annual Meeting of the Local Chamber.

The fifth annual meeting of the Italian Chamber of Commerce was held last evening in the rooms of the association, 516 Battery street, and was largely attended.

The first business was the installation of the new officers, elected at the last meeting, as follows: C. Calegaris, President; T. Taccari, First Vice-President; D. Biagi, Second Vice-President; P. C. Rossi, Treasurer; C. Dondero, Secretary; Board of Directors—Captain L. Baglietto, Amerio Devoto, S. Romain, F. Cavagnaro, T. Revanna.

The Secretary read his annual report, which was of considerable length, but was listened to throughout with the closest attention. He congratulated the members on the sound financial position of the association; $2311 05 had been voluntarily subscribed during the past year. The expenditures had been $1809 50, leaving a balance of $501 55. The correspondence of the chamber, which furnishes commercial information to members and non-members alike, had steadily increased. In 1890 689 letters were received, against 394 in 1886; 714 letters were dispatched, against 423 in 1886.

Few samples had been received during the past year, but these had been of a very interesting character. The samples received were musical instruments for the most part.

Five thousand two hundred and seventy-four visitors had called at the rooms of the Chamber to inspect the samples as against 4494 in 1889.

The total value of the importations received from Italy was in 1889 $538,404, and in 1890 $505,456.

The falling off in the importation of some articles was due to the McKinley bill. The imports which had been most affected by the bill were mixed (cheap) velvets, Italian paste, kid gloves and fernet—an Italian bitters. The price of the last article had risen from $10 a can to $22 since the passage of the bill. There had been an increase in the importation of white satin, statuary and Florentine mosaics. The exports from California to Italy were growing and becoming very important. The principal commodities exported were wax, Cyclone wind-mills and calfskins.

A proposed amendment to the by-laws having been defeated, the meeting adjourned.

DR. TISDALE'S TESTIMONY.

The Question as to Its Admissibility Argued by Counsel.

All day yesterday the counsel in the Dama will contest were engaged in arguing the question as the admissibility of Dr. Tisdale's testimony. Attorney Lyons having finished his remarks on behalf of the absent heirs, Mr. Lloyd delivered a brief but weighty argument against Mr. Kowalsky's motion to strike out the testimony, his remarks being punctuated by the reading of decisions bearing on the point.

Mr. Kowalsky followed with an elaborate argument, the minutest ramifications of the subject being touched upon. The importance of the question to him cannot be overestimated, for Tisdale's testimony is in direct support of proponents' contuitions. He said that Dama had told him in response to a warning that his condition was such that he had better prepare for death by making the proper disposition of his effects; that he had a will, which was in the keeping of Mrs. Smith, a woman for whom he had the highest regard, because of her manifest devotion to him.

Attorney Kowalsky argued for several hours, but, not satisfying himself with the reading of decisions, made a glowing appeal to the Court. His closing words pertaining to the relationship between patient and physician were:

And when the courts refuse to preserve the sancity of those relations; when we are at the mercy of the charlatan, the perjurer, the cheat, the protection that we are entitled to under the code is withdrawn, and breaches of confidence and the destruction of the most confidential relations are licensed. In other words, you invite chaos.

Trial of a Damage Suit.

The suit of Edward B. Kinsella and Louise Kinsella to recover $50,000 damages from the Southern Pacific Company, for injuries received by her, was on trial before a jury in Judge Hunt's department yesterday. The complaint alleges that on April 17th she was riding on a train from Yuma to San Francisco, which, while descending a steep grade with excessive velocity, was derailed and ditched, involving her in the accident. The answer puts in issue all the averments in the complaint.

STREET PAVING.

Opinions Publicly Expressed by Leading Citizens.

At the citizens' conference on the subject of street pavements there were present last evening the Mayor, nearly all the Supervisors, and such well-known citizens as Irving M. Scott, J. J. Haley, Frank McCoppin, David Farnsworth, A. S. Hallidie, Charles Ogden, John Morton, Engineers Marsden Manson and Hermann Schussler, and others.

Marsden Manson, Engineer of the Harbor Commission was the first to speak, and gave the most comprehensive description of scientific paving of the evening. Summarized, his views are that on streets for heavy traffic basalt block pavement is the best and most durable, but it should be laid on a well-prepared concrete base of eight or ten inches in thickness, and then a thin layer of sand used for a sort of cushion. The blocks should be sealed or cemented together by pouring in coal tar and asphaltum. Good material for the concrete base can be had by crushing the cobblestones used now for pavements, and in his opinion every cobblestone within forty miles of the city could not be put to a better use. Residence streets, he thought, should be paved with bituminous rock, which properly and scientifically done makes a fine pavement, but not suitable for heavy traffic. The bitumen should be laid on a concrete base and be at least three inches deep.

Hermann Schussler thought that the ordinary macadam would make a good base, not, perhaps, quite equal to concrete, but considering the economical phases of the question, good enough for all practical purposes. Concrete blocks should be laid with the large end down and the interstices filled with cement to within a half-inch of the surface. Bituminous rock should not be laid on business streets or on streets having street railways. His system of pre