SPIKES DRAWN.

Cause of an Accident on the Southern Pacific.

Examination of the Roberts Brothers Charged With Train-Wrecking.

Testimony of Railroad Employes for the Prosecution—Angle Plates Removed From the Rails Near Lander.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

AUBURN, Nov. 4.—The examination of A. and T. J. Roberts on the charge of train-wrecking in connection with the accident near Lander Station on the morning of October 12th opened to-day at 10 o'clock before Justice B. F. Gwynn of this city. District Attorney A. K. Robinson was assisted in the prosecution by C. T. Jones of Sacramento and E. L. Craig, associate counsel of the Southern Pacific Company. The defense is conducted by Attorneys F. P. Tuttle and L. L. Chamberlain. The court-room was crowded and the greatest interest was manifested.

Angelo Phillipio, a track-walker, Foreman Caslan, Superintendent A. N. Towne, road-overseer Thomas Ahern, engineers Eastbrook and Trott, Foreman Hersinger, brakeman Merrill, Costello and Brenton, and Conductor Murray testified. Their testimony showed clearly that the wreck was caused designedly by pulling the spikes and removing the angle plates from the rails.

Road Overseer Ahern testified that by actual measurement the Roberts house was 3626 feet from the point of the wreck and only about 300 feet from the track.

One witness testified to seeing Al Roberts at the sleeping-car Santa Cruz when it lay in the ditch.

Trott and his fireman testified as to passing down with the first section fifteen minutes before and noticed nothing wrong.

Ahern stated that since the wreck he had tried the section boss on pulling the same number of spikes and removing the same number of bolts and leaving the track in just the same condition as at the time of the wreck. The time taken was only seven minutes.

An adjournment was taken until 9 o'clock to-morrow.

SEVENTEEN KILLED.

Miners Dashed to Death in the Anaconda Mine.

BUTTE (Mont.), Nov. 4.—At midnight last night, when one body of shaft-men at the Anaconda mine were relieving another, seventeen men were killed by the falling of the cage, and two were fatally injured.

The cage was full of miners returning from work. The men stepped out into the open air, and their places were at once taken by nineteen men, who were to take up the work the relieved men had just abandoned, and the cage started toward the depths below.

The rope had been unwound but a couple of times from the slowly revolving windlass, when there was a sudden snap and a cry of horror from the shaft.

The rope had broken and the cage with its nineteen inmates were precipitated to the bottom of the mine. It was some little time before assistance could be sent to them.

A number of miners who were through work and waiting to be relieved were at the bottom of the shaft waiting for the cage to take them out, when it dashed amidst them, narrowly missing them.

Little could be done. Of the nineteen men who made the fearful ride seventeen were dead. Their forms were crushed out of all semblance of human beings, while two, yet breathing, have no hopes of recovery.

COOL ROBBERY.

The Cashier of a Bank Forced to Open the Safe.

LA GRANGE (Oregon), Nov. 4.—A robbery, which exceeded the recent Enterprise affair in the amount taken, has been perpetrated upon the Farmers' Mortgage and Savings Bank of Summerville. The village is three miles from the Elgin branch of the Union Pacific and sixteen miles north of this city. As the mails reach the village late in the evening and leave early in the morning, it was the custom of H. C. Rinehart, cashier of the bank, to attend to his correspondence after supper. As he was leaving the bank about 9 o'clock last evening he was met at the door by two men with masks over their heads, who pressed pistols to his head and ordered him to get back and open the safe. He stepped back into the room and they followed him, pulling down the blinds and lighting the lamp. They displayed great coolness, not only taking all the money in the safe, but examining the papers as well. The amount taken was $4800. After leaving the bank they went on foot toward the timber. There is much excitement in Summerville this morning, and preparations are being made to institute a thorough search for the robbers, who, it is supposed, are residents of the neighborhood.

DEFECTIVE CHRONOMETERS.

The Mate's Story of the Wreck of the British Ship Strathblane.

ASTORIA, Nov. 4. — Twenty-one survivors of the wrecked ship Strathblane arrived here from North Beach this afternoon. First Mate Murray tells the story of the wreck. Both he and Captain Cuthell took observations at noon Monday. They differed widely. Murray made the vessel fifty miles off the mouth of the Columbia River, and Captain Cuthell made the vessel's position ninety miles away, while in reality they were about thirty. The current, which here sets strongly toward shore to the northward, carried the ship on to the Washington coast. When the ship struck the officers supposed her twenty miles off shore. A fearful gale was blowing and in the darkness the men were washed into the boiling surf. Captain Cuthell was the last to leave the ship. He and five others were drowned. Mate Murray attributes the wreck to defective chronometers. Vice-Consul Cherry has decided it is unnecessary to hold a court of inquiry.

No further news has been received of the steamer Wellington.

ALLEGED LIBEL.

Suit Against the Editor of the Marysville Appeal.

YUBA CITY, Nov. 4.—George A. Morris, editor of the Marysville Appeal, was to-day arrested on complaint of J. C. McKinney, charging him with criminal libel. The examination is set for Saturday next. The arrest grew out of an article written by Morris and published in the Appeal October 2d. It called McKinney an infamous liar, and several similar damaging names. Morris had accused McKinney of publishing a card reflecting upon the women of Sutter county. McKinney declared that he knew nothing of said card, which brought forth the second defamatory article. District Attorney Mahon and an able out-of-town attorney will conduct the prosecution.

ON THE WAR-PATH.

A Carson Visitor Landed in Jail After a Desperate Fight.

CARSON, Nov. 4.—An individual claiming to be a brother of Louis Ortiz, recently lynched in Reno, arrived in Carson last night and prepared to clear out the Raffetto House, taking entire possession. Policeman Jack Gray was sent to the scene of trouble, and was attacked by Ortiz, and a terrific fight ensued. Gray splintered a heavy cane over Ortiz' head and nearly choked him to death, finally landing his man in the County Jail covered with blood. Ortiz threatens to kill Gray as soon as he is released, but fears are entertained that he may meet the fate of his brother if he becomes too boisterous. He is still in jail awaiting bail and examination. He is six feet high, and very muscular.

A STOCKTON CONTEST.

An Estate Valued at $500,000 Being Fought for by the Heirs.

STOCKTON, Nov. 4.—The trial of the contest for letters of administration of the estate of W. B. Johnson, deceased, was commenced here to-day before Judge Smith. The estate is worth $500,000, and the contest is between an adopted daughter and a number of nieces and nephews of the deceased. Johnson was a bachelor, 62 years of age when he adopted Mary Eliza Strahan, then a child 5 years old, but now Mrs. Howell. She lived at Johnson's home after her adoption, which was a few months after her mother's death, and was raised and educated by Johnson. When he died last January, without leaving a will, Sheriff Kay of Tulare County, a grandnephew of the deceased, applied for letters of administration, which were granted. The last Legislature amended the code so that a married woman can now act as administratrix, and Mrs. Howell asks for a revocation of the order appointing Kay administrator and for letters of administration for herself. The case involves a number of important legal questions, and will be vigorously contested by able legal talent on both sides.

AN ALLIANCE PROTEST.

Dangers Threatened by Hydraulic Mining on the Sacramento River.

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 4.—Sacramento Supervisors, intimating in published interviews that they were about to grant the request of the hydraulic miners for a ninety days' "clean up," the various branches of the Farmers' Alliance throughout the county sent representatives to a meeting of the farmers held this morning and this afternoon to protest against such action. They claim that the continuance of hydraulic mining would not only destroy more farms in the valley, but would prevent an appropriation of $500,000 by the next Congress for the improvement of the Sacramento River. Resolutions were passed demanding the Supervisors not to take any action favoring hydraulic mining.

The Gold Gulch Strike.

CLIFTON (Ariz.), Nov. 4.—The recently reported strike in Gold Gulch has turned out to be what is called "A Miner's Dream," inasmuch as the vein enlarges and the value of the ore increases. There will be a boom that will equal that of Leadville. The Arizona Copper Company will blow in a furnace for the reduction of silver ores. It is claimed that this region is the spot where Humboldt marked as the treasure vault of the world.

Large Fruit Firm Fails.

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 4.—The W. R. Strong Company, one of the heaviest fruit-shipping houses on the Coast, with branches in Fresno, Los Angeles, Riverside and various Eastern cities, to-day made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors. The manager claims that the firm will resume business in a few days.

A Released Convict's Crime.

PORTLAND, Nov. 4.—James F. Cash was arrested to-day, charged with forging the name of S. C. Denson to a check on the Nevada Bank of San Francisco. Wiley B. Allen, who cashed the check, states that Cash has just been released from San Quentin Prison, Cal., and that he knew him in San Jose a few years ago.

Teachers' Institute.

WOODLAND, Nov. 4.—The Teachers' Institute met to-day with an attendance of seventy-five members. Hon. P. M. Fisher, editor of the State School Journal, is in attendance, and will lecture in the Opera House Thursday evening. The session of the Institute will continue three days.

Railroad Extension.

REDLANDS, Nov. 4.—Bright & Crandall have secured the contract for grading a branch of the Southern Pacific from a point on its main line near Mound City to Redlands. Work will begin Monday next, and the line will probably be completed in thirty days.

Drowned in the Breakers.

NEWPORT (Oregon), Nov. 4.—This forenoon G. W. Graves, foreman of the Government works at this place, was swept off the end of a tramway by a breaker and drowned. He was seen in the surf but could not be reached by those on the beach. His body was not recovered.

The Wellington Safe.

VICTORIA (B. C.), Nov. 4.—The disabled steamer Wellington was towed into port today by the steamer San Benito.

SULLIVAN'S TRIAL.

Testimony of the Defendant—The Case Given to the Jury.

SAN RAFAEL, Nov. 4.—The trial of S. W. Sullivan was resumed this morning in the Superior Court. The case for the prosecution was closed yesterday afternoon, and this morning the defense entered upon their case.

The first witness called was the defendant, Sullivan, in contradiction of the testimony of Pawnbroker Wetherall, who swore positively that Sullivan purchased the weapons from him on August 19th. Sullivan testified that on that date he was working at Boulder Creek, in the employ of Dougherty & Co., lumbermen.

Neale Dickinson, book-keeper for the lumber firm, also testified that on the above date Sullivan was working for the lumber company. In fact he had seen him three or four times on that day.

During his trying ordeal on the witness-stand Sullivan was as cool as the proverbial cucumber; his answers were direct and to the point, and his whole demeanor would strike any person with the sincerity and truthfulness of his statements. Continuing his statement he said that on August 21st he went to San Quentin in company with his wife to see his brother. On arriving at San Francisco he visited Attorney J. N. E. Wilson, and had an extended conversation with him in regard to the application of his brother for pardon. While at the prison he visited Mr. Mansfield's house and there first met the boy Wells. The only question asked him was as to the doctor's whereabouts. The doctor not being at home, Sullivan and his wife departed for San Francisco, where they put up at the International Hotel. Sullivan swore positively that he had never seen Wells before and that he gave him no weapon of any kind.

C. C. Sullivan, brother of the defendant, was called to the stand and testified that he had never given Wells a note to deliver to his brother—in fact he never had any conversation with Wells in any regard.

During to-day's proceedings the court-room was crowded.

This evening at 7 o'clock argument was resumed, and the court-room was taxed to its utmost capacity. When the trial commenced opinion was about equal as to the guilt or innocence of Sullivan, but to-day and this evening he has the popular favor. The general theory is that Sullivan has been made the necessary victim of some plot.

Argument for the prosecution was closed at 8 o'clock. Judge Angellotti immediately began his charge to the jury, and at 8:15 o'clock the jury retired.

MAVERICK BANK.

The Failure Attributed to Speculation in Stocks and Grain.

BOSTON, Nov. 4.—The Journal says of the Maverick Bank failure: "Speculation is the one word that explains all—speculation in stocks and grain with Maverick Bank funds backing the deals. The first great speculation of the bank was by French and Potter in New York and New England railroad stocks. It was successful from a pecuniary point of view, but in the success lay concealed the ultimate ruin of the bank. In the New York and New England deal the bank's funds were used to a startling degree."

Examiner Ewer of the Maverick National Bank says he hopes to get out, within three or four days, some sort of statement that will enable the other banks to gauge advances that shall be made to depositors. He intimates that it will be a good deal worse than has been anticipated.

Both of the bondsmen offered for Jonas H. French, one of the Maverick Bank Directors, were rejected by Commissioner Hallett. Up to a late hour to-night French was unable to obtain satisfactory bondsmen, and remains in the custody of the United States Deputy Marshal.

Assignee Pope estimates the creditors of Irving A. Evans & Co. will get 50 cents on the dollar.

DEPOSITORS FRIGHTENED.

Continued Run on the Five-Cent Savings Bank of Boston.

BOSTON, Nov. 4.—The run on the Five-cent Savings Bank continues this afternoon. The Savings Bank Commissioners, who examined the bank, declare it sound. President Evans says the bank will continue to pay demands until it is deemed advisable to take advantage of the sixty-day law. He has received offers of large amounts from other institutions. The bank paid out $6,000,000 in the 1875 run, which lasted one month. The present withdrawals are mostly small accounts.

The Pope's Wills.

LONDON, Nov. 4.—The Chronicle's Paris correspondent says: The Pope prepared his religious will in October. It is written in Latin. The Pope disclaims any personal inclination as to the choice of his successor. The Pope's temporal will is being drafted by four Cardinals in secret. All the Pope's property is invested in England.

THEY COME HIGH,

But San Francisco Must Have a Convention.

Enthusiastic Meeting of Citizens, Who Will Try to Get the Two Presidential Conventions to Meet Here in 1892.

San Francisco is going to make a determined effort to secure one or both of the national party conventions to be held in 1892, for the nomination of the next President and Vice-President of the United States.

The subject has been occupying public attention for some days past, and it found expression last night in a well-attended and enthusiastic meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce.

Fully two hundred of the representative men of the city were present, and the utmost unanimity and harmony prevailed. The central thought was how to get one or both of the national conventions, and it was re-enforced by a spirit to get them if the expenditure of a quarter of a million of dollars and the promises of this city's boundless hospitality could accomplish it.

DOWN TO BUSINESS.

It was shortly after 8 o'clock when Mayor Sanderson stepped to the rostrum and addressed the assemblage. He briefly outlined the purposes for which the meeting was called—to take the initial steps toward securing for this city both or either one of the two National Presidential conventions to be held next year. He said the time was short in which to act, and in order to succeed work must be begun at once. He advised the choosing of officers and committees, and the getting down to business at once.

Irving M. Scott was chosen Chairman, R. B. Hammond Jr. Vice-President and A. J. Moulder Secretary.

Mr. Scott, in a short address, pointed out the many advantages that would accrue not only to San Francisco but to the State from the gathering here of the immense throngs that come with national conventions.

THE REPUBLICANS FIRST.

General Hammond stated his experience in 1888, when he went East in an effort to have the Democratic National Convention of that year held in this city, and said that a mere invitation was not enough inducement. It was necessary to see every member of the National Committee. The time was too short to waste any now in preparatory work and the appointment of committees. The National Committees of both parties would meet now very shortly to select the place of meeting. He moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Republican National Committee meets in two weeks, and this body has not time to formulate immediately the strongest inducements that the citizens of this city will offer for the holding of the next Republican National Convention in San Francisco, be it

Resolved, That the gentleman representing the State of California, M. H. de Young, in National Republican Committee be authorized to offer such inducements that in his judgment would procure the holding of the National Convention in this city, and that we pledge ourselves to sustain and carry out, as far as possible, these offers.

IT IS A RIDDLE.

Colin M. Boyd called upon M. H. de Young to say whether or not there was any prospect for the conventions being held here.

Mr. de Young answered that he could solve a riddle easier. There were many other cities in the field striving to get the conventions, notably Cincinnati, whose Mayor, John B. Mosby, had written him as a member of the Republican Committee, promising that if Cincinnati was chosen as the place of meeting it would defray every expense of the committeemen, railroad fares, hotel bills and everything else, including stenographers, clerks, hall and amusements, as well as all other expenses, excepting railroad fares, of the delegates.

A letter was read from the Governor of Minnesota, offering similar flattering inducements to have the convention meet at St. Paul or Minneapolis.

TRANSPORTATION.

P. B. Cornwall moved that a committee of three be appointed to interview the railroad people and see just what rate of fare could be obtained for the convention. The motion was withdrawn temporarily by request of Mr. Hammond, and his motion was read a second time.

A. C. Paulsell, ex-Harbor Commissioner, was in favor of having the convention here, but he thought Hammond's resolution was premature. It was no trivial matter for the city to pledge itself to back up the offers that Mr. de Young might make, and which would involve an expenditure of at least $200,000. It was no joke to raise that amount of money.

Mr. Hammond said that it would not cost $200,000. His resolution had in consideration only one convention.

General Sheehan did not approve of the city pledging itself to back up Mr. de Young's promises. He wanted something less binding.

Colin M. Boyd said that the meeting must consider the securing of both conventions, not only of one, and that $200,000 was a low figure at which to fix the expenses.

Gavin McNabb said the best thing to do was to first ascertain just how much this city was willing to raise in the way of defraying expenses.

A FINANCIAL PLEDGE.

William T. Coleman moved as a substitute for the preceding resolutions that this meeting pledge itself to raise $200,000, one-half for each convention, within three days.

This proposition met with favor, and there were a great many seconds, with short speeches, pointing out the really insignificant sum such an amount of money was when contrasted with the splendid advantages that would accompany the holding of a national convention here. The money so spent, it was held, would be repaid a thousandfold, and that the benefits to California and the city could not be overestimated.

Edward Curtis of the Southern Pacific Company offered as a substitute for Mr. Hammond's resolution that the city pledge itself to pay all the expenses of the delegates and committeemen to and from Chicago if the convention was held here. The substitute was defeated, and Mr. Hammond's resolution was put to a vote and passed.

Albert Gerberding then offered a resolution that an Executive Committee of twenty, a committee of eleven on transportation, one of thirty on finance and another of seven on hotels, be appointed by the Chair.

THE FIRST PROPOSITION.

As a substitute John A. Steinbach moved that a committee of five only on Transportation be appointed now, and when it was learned how much the convention would cost the other committees could be appointed.

William T. Coleman moved as a further amendment that a Finance Committee be added.

C. F. Hanlon did not want the meeting to waste all its energy in an effort to secure the Republican Convention only; he thought a Democrat ought to be deputed to take the same interest in the Democratic Convention that Mr. de Young was manifesting in the Republican, and said that he could not support anything that smacked so strongly of partisanship.

After some further discussion Mr. Gerberding's resolution, amended to a committee of five on transportation and thirty on finance, to be appointed by the Chair, was passed. The committee will be named as soon as practicable and will report next Saturday night at the Chamber of Commerce.

MORE COMMITTEES.

A resolution by Mr. Paulsell that the Chair appoint two committees, one of two Democrats and one Republican, and another to consist of two Republicans and one Democrat, the first to assist National Democratic Committeeman M. F. Tarpey, and the other to assist M. H. de Young, each to do all in its power to induce the conventions to be held in this city, was passed by a unanimous vote. It is the intention to start the Republican Committee off for the East at once to consult with the National Committeemen at their approaching meeting. The expenses of this committee will be borne by the men present at last night's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10 o'clock to meet again at the same place next Saturday night.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Chairman Scott made the following appointments late last night:

Transportation Committee — M. H. de Young, P. B. Cornwall, John Rosenfeld, R. H. Lloyd, W. L. Merry.

Finance Committee—William T. Coleman, Wendell Easton, J. W. Hellman, J. K. Wilson, H. Shainwald, John D. Spreckels, C. M. Boyd, A. E. Castle, W. R. Hearst, G. K. Fitch, G. B. Heazleton, Raphael Weill, A. W. Starbird, A. C. Pausell, A. W. Scott, S. Nicklesburg, E. S. Pillsbury, J.G. Fair, P. B. Cornwall, Max Popper, C. F. Crocker, E. R. Lilienthal, B. P. Flint, C. B. Stone, Oscar Lewis, S. W. Backus, R. J. Tobin, J. C. Quinn, Gavin McNabb, William L. Merry, Isaac Hecht, P. Kilburn, Isidor Jacobs, W. S. Barnes, M. F. Tarpey, J. F. Sheehan, Charles Kohler, A. Gerberding, J. M. Litchfield, H. Eickhoff, S. K. Thornton, F. S. Chadbourne, J. A. Steinbach, John Dolbeer, A. S. Baldwin, D. V. B. Henarie, John Rosenfeld, J. D. Siebe, I. Gutte, Louis Sloss Jr., A. Haraszthy, A. Washburn, Frank S. Johnson.

The Finance Committee are requested to meet at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

THE MIMIC WORLD.

Public Interest Appears to Be Centered in "Cleopatra."

The Bush-Street Houses Slack in Attendance. Alcazar Draws Fairly With "Dollars and Sense."

The Baldwin auditorium was crowded last evening to see the Davenport production of "Cleopatra." This, for the middle of the second week, is remarkable. Whether it be the superb Fanny, the heroic MacDowell, or the grandeur of the scenery that draws, it matters not to the box-office. The people were there. Every seat was filled, with a row of wallflowers besides. Next Monday evening that clever comedienne, Rosina Vokes, will begin a brief engagement at the Baldwin Theater. Mr. Felix Morris is still her chief support, ably assisted by Mr. Courtenay Thorpe, Mr. C. J. Bell, Mr. Grant Stewart, Mr. Robert Rivers, Mr. J. Rolfe, Miss Grace Filkins and Miss Eleanor Kilby. Miss Vokes will present three separate and distinct plays each evening. The first week's bill will consist of "Percy Pendragon," new, a comedy in one act, taken from W. J. Byron's "Married in Haste," in which Mr. Felix Morris will give another of his exquisite character portrayals. The second number will be the fav orite comedy "My Milliner's Bill," in which Miss Vokes will sing her famous "His 'art was true to Poll," and the laughable skit on the amateur theatricals, "A Pantomime Rehearsal," in which has been introduced a number of new features. Since its last presentation here there has been added a new shadow dance, arranged by herself, and a new second dance by Brandon Thomas, entitled "The Diplomatic Fairies," which will be performed by Miss Filkins and Miss Marion Kilby. The sale of seats will begin this morning at the Baldwin Theater box-office, at 9 sharp.

Rosina Vokes.

Closed.

The opera season at the Orpheum has been tenoui d to a state of cloture. The silver-voiced singers refused to warble, and, as a consequence, the place was in darkness last evening. There must be something wrong in the way this house is conducted, and a story we heard last evening may point to where the deficiency lies. It is to this effect: When Imigo Tyrrell and Phil Ray proposed to produce their new play, "The Rabbi," at this theater, the local manager and proprietor was notified that a sextet of singers was required for the synagogue scene. "All right," said the manager. When the night for the production came the manager was asked: "Are you ready with the singers?" "I couldn't get them," he replied, "they charged too much. But I engaged a first-class song-and-dance team, cheap, that was out of a job. They will finish up the act in bully style, and I think they will make a sensation." The manager was right as to the "sensation."

"Credit Lorraine."

Miss Lillian Lewis revived this, to her, favorite drama at the Bush-street last evening to a very limited attendance. It is probable the company will leave for Salt Lake on Saturday next, and that on Sunday evening McKee Rankin will open with "The Canuck," a play that is especially welcome to Canadians, seeing that it deals with familiar scenes of home life. There is a touching story running through the play that rivets the attention of the audience, and, indeed, it could hardly be otherwise, for a more powerful picture dealing with the unsophisticated life of a peasant who have not sacrificed their feelings to fashions, or their intellect to force, could not be imagined. When here last Mr. McKee Rankin made many friends by reason of his finished performance of the leading role, but we may even look for better things on his second visit here, seeing that he has earned an enviable reputation throughout the country for the state of perfection to which he has brought this play.

The Alcazar

Is well filled to enjoy the company's performance of "Dollars and Sense." It is very laughable, and, therefore, enjoyable. Like the coffee served at supper, it may be not nice in their taste of the berry, it is agreeable; and when it is "hot and strong." The next attraction here will be "The Fugitive." Manager Wallenrod has recovered his health and is afoot again.

The New California.

Where "A Straight Tip" is playing its last week, is preparing for the production of the new Swedish play "You Yousen," on next Monday evening, the 9th.

At the Tivoli

"Der Freischuetz," which is drawing full houses, will remain on the stage for the rest of the week.

Mascagni's New Opera.

The New York Herald has the following telegram concerning Mascagni's new opera, "Amigo Fritz," which was to be produced on Saturday last, October 31st:

ROME, Oct. 28, 1891.—The action is taken from the novel of Erckmann-Chatrian, "l'Ami Fritz," the play of which was performed during the trip of the French company in America. There are only three principal parts—the Rabbi Sichel, barytone, played by Lherie; Ami Fritz, tenor, played by Lucia, and Suzel, played by Melle. Calvo.

The subject is the simplest. Ami Fritz is an old bachelor who does not wish to marry, but Rabbi Sichel opens his eyes to the disadvantages of single life and Fritz marries Suzel, the daughter of a farmer. There are no great scenic effects. The first act takes place at the home of Fritz, the second at the farm and the third again at Fritz's home.

THE MUSIC.

The principal numbers of the opera will make a great success. They are the overture and a violin solo played by Tzigane, who comes to announce to Fritz the arrival of spring, and a popular march played in the wings. In the second act there are two duets between Suzel and the Rabbi, and another between Suzel and Fritz. Then a symphony is played by the orchestra, which will become as popular as the symphony in the "Cavalleria." In the last act is a love duet, and finally a septet, in which all the characters join.

The opera is very short and contains no chorus. It shows a marked progress over the "Cavalleria," but it belongs to no school—that is to say, Mascagni has known how to hold aloof from the old Italian music as well as from the new German music.

THE PLAY OF "L'AMI FRITZ."

Erckmann-Chatrian in 1876 turned their novel of "l'Ami Fritz" into a three-act comedy, which was produced at the Theatre Francais. It created a sensation such as the distinguished authors did not count upon. The boulevard press attacked, and especially M. Saint-Genest in the Figaro. The critics denounced the authors as enemies of their country, and in support of their accusations quoted passages from another work of Erckmann-Chatrian, called "The History of the Plebiscite" (published in 1872).

The critics prophesied that "l'Ami Fritz" would be howled down by the indignant soldiers and that it would prove an utter failure. M. Emil Perrin, the Director of the Comedie Francaise, thought he would head off this attack by publishing a manly letter refuting the charges of want of patriotism and appealing to the artistic tastes of the French, just as was done in the recent Parisian troubles over Wagner's "Lohengrin."

The whole of the liberal minded press joined the Director in his protestations and the piece eventually proved a brilliant success. Not a little of the triumph was due to the talent of the players, MM. Got, Febre, Coquelin Jr., and Mlle. Reichenberg, and to the excellence of the mise en scene.

THE THEATER.

The theater in which the new opera is to be produced is the Teatro Nazionale, in the Via Firenze, and is the largest theater in Italy. It was built by Signor Costanzi. It stands at the back of the Quirinal Hotel, near the American Church, in the new quarter. In digging for the foundations in the spring of 1879 Signor Costanzi had the good fortune to excavate a very beautiful statue in the Greek style representing an Hermaphrodite.

General Mention.

The second series of the Carr-Beel Saturday Popular Concerts will commence next Saturday, November 7th, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The new series will be enriched by many musical attractions. Donald de Vere Graham will sing Beethoven's "Adelaida."

At Kohler & Chase's Hall to-morrow evening Messrs. Rosewald, Harrison and Walter will have their next "Evening with the Muses."

George Barrett's English company disbanded at Syracuse, N. Y., October 26th.

Dr. Hamilton Griffin, stepfather of Mary Anderson-Navarro, arrived from England recently. He states that Mrs. Navarro is now residing at Tunbridge Wells, near London, and that she does not contemplate returning to the stage. Mr. Griffin yet chews negro head tobacco as violently as in the old days.

Alexander M. Denison, the leading old man of the English company supporting the Kendals, committed suicide at the Hotel Arno, in New York, October 26th. His rash act was the result of morbid depression, accompanying an illness that forced his retirement from the stage October 17th. Mr. Denison's real name is Dixon, and his father was a well-known ship-builder in Glasgow.

Katharine Rogers is quite ill in New York, but tenderly cared for by her daughter, Eleanor Moretti.

Manager J. M. Hill, who broke his left leg just below the knee, at Bridgeport, recently, has been removed to his rooms at the Imperial Hotel in New York. Mr. Hill received 300 telegrams of condolence from friends during the day after the accident.

Signor D. de Vivo has retired from the management of Mme. Merazzi-Diligenti, the Italian tragedienne.

The most important theatrical news in Germany is the sailing for America, October 23d and 24th, of 120 members of the company and staff of the famous Meiningen Court Theater. The artistic triumphs of this company will be produced at the Thalia in New York.

STORMY CAPE HORN.

Nasty Weather Encountered by the Milton Park and the Waterloo.

Two deep-water ships arrived in port last night, and both captains report very heavy weather during the voyage. The British ship Milton Park, from Swansea, was caught in a very heavy gale on August 20th in latitude 40° south, longitude 50° 42' west, in which she suffered severely, a terrific sea running, which continuously broke over the ship, flooding both cabins and forecastle.

The vessel labored fearfully, and was on her beam ends for thirty-six hours, during which the cargo shifted to port. One of the forward boats was torn from its lashings, and, with everything movable about the deck, was washed overboard.

When the gale subsided the ship was put before the wind and all hands set to work to trim the cargo of coal, conk and pig iron, consigned to Girvin, Baldwin & Eyre.

The British ship Waterloo, from London, also arrived, and Captain Berry reports that the ship encountered very heavy weather off Cape Horn for ten days, during which several sails were blown away, two of the boats smashed and the decks constantly flooded with water and many articles washed from the decks and lost. The Waterloo has a general cargo, consigned to Meyer, Wilson & Co.

Permitting Cattle Importation.

BERLIN, Nov. 4.—The Bremen Senate has issued a decree permitting the importation of British and American cattle for breeding purposes, on presentation of a certificate of origin and a satisfactory report from the State Veterinarian. Cattle imported for other purposes than breeding will be isolated one month at the expense of the parties owning the same.

Pleaded "Not Guilty."

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 4.—The statement made last night that the Messrs. Knight, the general freight agent and freight traffic manager of the Wabash Railroad, had pleaded guilty to the indictments charging them with a violation of the interstate commerce law was erroneous. Their plea was "not guilty."

Big Land Suit.

MUSKOGEE (Ind. T.), Nov. 4.—The filing of a suit in equity for a number of Cherokee Indians, asking an allotment in severalty of nearly 14,000,000 acres of land, is creating a stir among Indians of the civilized tribes. It is thought to be the largest land suit ever instituted in America.

LOAN ASSOCIATION.—The San Francisco Mutual Loan Association has re-elected the following officers: Thomas J. Welsh, C. A. Malm, William Wagner, Richard Massachusetts, Evasco, James Stanton, James H. Barry, A. Merle and A. Sbarboro.

NURSERY REMOVAL.—The Nursery for Homeless Children has been removed from Broderick and California streets to 328 Bryant, where rent is cheaper. The Grand Jury will visit the home to-day.

OBITUARY.

"TONY" HART.

"Tony" Hart, an actor, who made a reputation by impersonating Irish female characters, died at the Worcester (Massachusetts) Lyman Hospital yesterday morning, where he had been under treatment for many months for paresis. In connection with El Hirigan he became popular a quarter of a century ago at Tony Pastor's Opera House in the Bowery, New York, their specialty at that time having been cloge-dancing. Having made a happy hit, the friends of the couple established Pastor's in the Theater Comique on Broadway, between Broome and Spring streets, and just opposite the entrance to that famous old hostelry, the St. Nicholas Hotel. After a few successful seasons this theater was burned down, and the proprietors in rebuilding turned it into a business stand. Hirigan & Hart then obtained a lease of the Globe Theater, opposite the New York Theater on Broadway, owned by A. T. Stewart. They were successful, and made money, but their fortunes followed the fate of their theater, again swept their Temple of Momus out of existence. The superstitious said it was a judgment for turning a church into a theater, but those not affected by superstitious ideas said the reason it burned was because it was inflammable and caught fire. Harrigan & Hart then leased the property known as the "Aquarium," corner of Thirty-fifth street and Broadway, and having refitted it opened it a few years ago as Harrigan & Hart's Theater. Some four years ago a dissolution of copartnership took place, and although the reason was kept quiet for a while, it became apparent when "Tony" was sent to the lunatic asylum. He grew worse until he sank into a state of hopeless imbecility, which ended only with his death.

REV. C. Y. RANKIN, D.D.

Rev. C. Y. Rankin, D.D., of the M. E. Church, South, died yesterday morning in San Jose of typhoid pneumonia, contracted during the recent conference of his church in that city. He was born in Tennessee in 1848, and came to this State fifteen years ago. His first charge was in Sacramento, from which city after two years' service he went to Santa Rosa, remaining there four years, after which he spent two years in Colusa. He then went to San Jose, remaining there four years as pastor of the South M. E. Church, when he was sent to Hollister, remaining there one year. From Hollister he was sent to Santa Rosa for a year as Presiding Elder, and at the last conference Bishop Haygood appointed him Presiding Elder of the San Francisco district. It had been his intention during his incumbency of that office to have resided in San Jose. He leaves a widow and three little daughters, between the ages of 4 and 11 years. His funeral will take place at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

EX-GOVERNOR A. S. MARKS.

Ex-Governor Albert S. Marks of Tennessee died suddenly at the Maxwell House in Nashville yesterday morning at an early hour. Governor Marks was born on Green River in Daviess County, Ky., in 1836. When about 19 years old he removed to Winchester, Tenn., where he was admitted to the bar in 1858. When the war broke out he entered the Confederate service as Captain of the Seventeenth Tennessee Infantry, of which he afterward became Colonel. In the battle of Murfreesboro he lost a leg. After the war he resumed the practice of law, and in 1870 he was elected Chancellor. He was re-elected to this office and was discharging its duties when he was chosen as the Democratic candidate for Governor. At the election he received 59,018 votes; Mr. Etheridge, Republican, received 44,328 votes, and Mr. Edwards, National, received 15,196 votes.

JOHN MAHON.

A pioneer of California has died at Victoria, Tex., in the person of John Mahon, Mayor of that city. He was a brother of Frank Mahon of this city, and was formerly a resident of San Francisco.

LATEST SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

Arrived.

WEDNESDAY, November 4.

Br ship Waterloo, Berry, 135 days from London; mdse, to Meyer, Wilson & Co.

Br ship Milton Park, Campbell, 127 days from Swansea; 1503 tons coal, 463 tons coke, 290 tons pig iron, to Girvin, Baldwin & Eyre.

Br ship Larnaca, Giles, 114 days from Liverpool; 2100 tons coal, to Balfour, Guthrie & Co.

Br ship Alcinous, Brown, 118 days from Liverpool; mdse, to Meyer, Wilson & Co.

Br bark Woolahra, Barneson, 60 days from Newcastle, NSW; 1360 tons coal, to order.

Spoken.

July 14—31 42 N, 19 46 W, Br ship Chinsura, for San Francisco.

July 29—7 43 N, 21 20 W, Br ship Maxwell.

July 31—6 02 N, 19 40 W, ship Sylins signals L N S B.

Oct 31—10 N, 117 10 W, Br bark Sir Henry Lawrence, from Dunkirk for Astoria.

Movements of Trans-Atlantic Steamers.

BALTIMORE—Arrived Nov 4—Stmr China, from Hamburg.

PHILADELPHIA—Arrived Nov 4—Stmr Minnesota, from London.

SOUTHAMPTON—Arrived Nov 4—Stmr Lahn, fm New York.

ROTTERDAM—Arrived Nov 4—Stmr Zeandam, from Baltimore.

COPENHAGEN—Arrived Nov 4—Stmr Polynesia, from New York.

BIRTHS—MARRIAGES—DEATHS.

[Birth, marriage and death notices sent by mail will not be inserted. They must be handed in at either of the publication offices and be indorsed with the name and residence of persons authorized to have the same published.]

BORN.

HEERINGA—In this city, October 25, 1891, to the wife of J. Heeringa, a son.

ALPERS—In this city, October 29, 1891, to the wife of Claus Alpers, a daughter.

ROSENFELD—In this city, October 30, 1891, to the wife of M. Rosenfeld, a daughter.

BRYANT—In this city, November 1, 1891, to the wife of Elwood E. Bryant, a daughter.

BYRNE—In this city, November 2, 1891, to the wife of George C. Byrne, a son.

KENNEY—In this city, November 3, 1891, to the wife of W. J. Kenney, a daughter.

PARKIN—In this city, November 4, 1891, to the wife of C. W. Parkin, a son.

MARRIED.

FREAR—FISK—In this city, November 3, 1891, by the Rev. Thomas Chalmers Easton, D.D., Hugo F. Frear and Meda F. Fisk.

AUSTIN—NEUBER—In this city, October 31, 1891, by the Rev. S. Y. Leech, D.D., Stephen H. Austin and Katie A. Neuber.

COUSINS—GENSLER—In this city, November 1, 1891, by the Rev. Dr. Falk Vidaver, Harry J. Cousins of Eureka, Humboldt County, and Lena Gensler of San Francisco.

D'ANCONA—SHAW—In this city, November 3, 1891, A. d'Ancona and Annie N. Shaw.

LOWERY—NORTON—In this city, November 1, 1891, by the Rev. Robert Mackenzie, D.D., Frank E. Lowery and Grace K. Norton.

LYNCH—MURTHA—In Oakland, November 1, 1891, by the Rev. Father Quill, Michael I. Lynch and Annie Murtha.

BONNAFFON-QUARTY—RUTLEY—At East Lake, Lake County, Henry A. Bonnaffon-Quarty of Fresno and Ada S. Rutley of England.

DIED.

Applarius, Henry C.
Boyle, Mary
Brown, Bridget
Burrows,