THREATS TO KILL.

Assistant District Attorney Witter's Life in Peril.

That of Attorney F. E. Stranahan Is Also Jeopardized—Chinese "Hatchet Men" in the Straw-Bond Prosecution.

Chinatown is breathing threats, and even the highbinder "hatchet men" are said to have been hired to do murder on a scale that has never been attempted in the history of the Chinese colonization in America. The object of their threats is none other than the Federal authorities and lawyers practicing in Chinese cases in the Federal courts.

The principal persons whose existence has been threatened by this motley hordé of foreigners are Assistant District Attorney Witter and Attorney F. E. Stranahan. These gentlemen have been threatened in various ways, and Mr. Witter has even received a communication by mail to the effect that if he does not let up in his crusade against certain Chinese he would be shot down on sight.

When approached on the subject yesterday, Mr. Witter said: "I don't want this matter published. I have received several of these threats, but those Chinese are cowardly dogs. They wont attack me unless I go into Chinatown, and not then unless they catch me in a dark place or at a disadvantage. So all I have to do is to keep out of Chinatown all I can, and keep on the principal thoroughfares when I do go.

"Yes, I have been threatened several times, once by mail; but if the Chinese think that is going to make me let up in cases that should have been brought to their ends years ago, they are badly mistaken. I am in charge of the Chinese prosecution and I'll prosecute them out of the country, if they are here illegally, or out of their money if they owe the Government anything on bonds. I am not afraid of the cowards, though they would not hesitate to assassinate me or any one else, if it would bring the good old days of straw bonds back to them."

HE ALSO WAS THREATENED.

"Yes, I have been threatened too," admitted Attorney Stranahan. "It is all because of this prosecution on the straw bonds. In certain cases I acted as the attorney. The bonds were properly signed and the bondsmen sworn. Afterward the principals defulted and the Government brought suit on the bonds to recover the amount of the bonds and the costs of the suit. Don't think that all the defaulting cases were mine. There were fifty cases distributed among several attorneys. Now the Chinese don't want me to be a witness against them in the suits to recover.

"They have threatened me variously, although they have not gone so far as to put their threats in writing. They have often asked me to 'shield' them. I have always refused because I have told them that I meant that I should report to some crooked work. Then they would threaten me with the loss of the Chinese business, which, by the way, I do not want if I have to be suborned or act scaly in my practice.

"They have also threatened something after this manner, always through some friend sent purposely: 'If you don't stop these proceedings somehow, they will do you up some night. You better look out.' I do look out, and while I do not fear the loss of their business, I do not court Special Officer Gillen's fate. Better not say anything about this yet in the paper, as it may crystallize their forces. As it is we don't know really how serious they are, but we do know how serious they might become."

ONE RESULT OF THE CRUSADE.

Such is the position the Chinese bondsmen are at last driven to effect their nefarious schemes to land illegally, on every pretext from local nativity to previous residence, their mottled countrymen. It is but the outward manifestation of the crusade which the attaches of District Attorney Garter's office have been prosecuting for months. Since Witter took charge of the Chinese cases there have been more remands executed than during all the years the Chinese race has been going on in the courts. It is a cut to the knife, and the last stab at Chinatown's vitality is the issuance of attachments on its stores.

A few days since Chin Sue Doon was proceeded against on an attachment levied on his store at 710 Commercial street, and an order of sale to cover the amount of bond and $200 in costs was made in the United States District Court by Judge Morrow. The total amount is $1700, which has not yet been recovered owing to the hesitancy of United States Marshal Long in making the sale. However, the Government is confident of success in collecting on the bond.

CASES ON HEARING.

Chin Sue Doon went as security on the bond of Tong Ling Teong, who defaulted when his case was called for trial and he was ordered remanded, an order that has not been carried out owing to his disappearance. His bondsmen were then held liable. Doon now claims that he sold out in January, and has been working at $35 a month as clerk since. However, as late as August he testified before Commissioner Houghton that he was a member of the firm at that number. There are over 100 bonds in all to be recovered on, and Chin Sue Doon's case is the first in which judgment has been rendered.

Yesterday the case of Le Ah Sing's bond came up before Judge Morrow. The bondsman levied upon is Chin Goon Gee of 805 Washington street. The proceedings lasted all day and will be continued this morning for hearing of further evidence in rebuttal. Attorney Van Duzer, who has acted as attorney for several defaulting Chinese, appeared for the defense, while for the prosecution appeared the determined, though threatened, Assistant District Attorney Witter. Attorney Stranahan was also in court.

THE HELPERS.

Annual Meeting of a Society That Helps the Poor to Help Themselves.

The second annual meeting of "The Helpers" was held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at 919 Polk street, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Miss Dora Israel, President; Miss Theresa Zekind, Vice-President; Miss Ida Sweet, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Lillian Gambetz, Recording Secretary; Miss Belle Nathan, Treasurer.

Following is a summary of the year's work: Sixty cases were sent to the Associated Charities for investigation; of these 42 were found worthy, 18 unworthy and 2 were not located. The 42 worthy cases, 16 which have been aided two years, and 3 which were not investigated, make a total of 61 families, or 285 individuals aided during the past year.

The Helpers desire through THE CALL to acknowledge with heartfelt thanks the sympathy and co-operation of the following societies and individuals: Arthur G. Smiley, Registrar, Associated Charities; Messrs. Adolph Sutro, George Ebeseser, Charles A. Bundscuh, Dr. Florence Saltonstall, Dr. Zussman, the Frauen Verein, Ladies' Sewing Society, Fruit and Flower Mission, German Benevolent Society, Morris Simmons, Moses Solomons, Samuel Feder, J. Boas, Mrs. Arpuson, Mrs. Toklas, Haas Bros., Mr. Lengfeldt, Delorme & Andre.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

No Fear of the Threatened Abuses in San Francisco County.

For the benefit of citizens who are protesting against the law passed by the last Legislature, providing for the appointment of a Sealer of Weights and Measures in each county of the State, on the ground that it would inevitably lead to so much corruption and dishonest measures, the following is given, showing what steps the Supervisors decided last June to take when the law first was first presented to them:

Your committee reports back the following petitions and recommend that they be placed on file: Petition of merchants requesting the board to ask the Governor to make an appointment of a Sealer of Weights and Measures, and recommending David N. Hawley for the said position. Petition of Thomas Tennent, for recommendation to the Secretary of State for appointment to the position of Sealer of Weights and Measures.

The reasons for recommending that these petitions be placed on file are that your committee is opposed to the provisions of the act of the Legislature of the State, approved April 6, 1891, entitled "An act to establish a standard of weights and measures."

The operation of this act, if put into force in San Francisco, would be fraught with oppression and extortion, while to the sealer it would be a perfect bonanza. Such an unjust and oppressive law cannot receive the sanction of our citizens.

Grade Meetings for Teachers.

The following grade meetings of teachers have been called for this week by Superintendent Swett: Seventh grade, Wednesday, November 11th, and eighth grade, Thursday, November 12th, in the Girls' High School, at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Principals are invited to attend.

The next regular meeting of the principals will be held on Friday next, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, at Odd Fellows' Hall.

Unlucky Speculators.

The suit of C. G. Smith on an assigned promissory note for $188 50 by Wesley George, a horseman and the owner or former owner of Applause, a well-known running horse, was tried before Presiding Justice of the Peace C. A. Low yesterday. George claimed that the note was void because given for a gambling debt, showing that Smith and another man gave him $600 with which to open a faro bank this spring. The first night at Santa Cruz a clever player broke the bank. To even up the same men bought some pools on a race on his judgment and again there was a loss. He was then induced to give the note sued on. A decision will be rendered to-day.

FRATERNAL NOTES.

A Great Initiation by Detroit Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 260, F. and A. M., at its called meeting last evening had work in the Entered Apprentice degree.

Argonaut Council, No. 597, Royal Arcanum, held a well-attended and very interesting meeting last evening.

Occidental Lodge, No. 22, F. and A. M., at its called meeting last evening had work in the first degree.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 222, I. O. O. F., at its regular meeting last evening transacted important business.

San Francisco Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, at its called meeting last evening had work in the Past Master's and Most Excellent Master's degrees.

Unity Encampment, No. 26, I. O. O. F., meets this evening, when there will probably be work in the degrees.

Alta Lodge, No. 242, A. O. U. W., will hold its monthly entertainment and social this evening at Mangel's Hall, corner of Twenty-fourth and Folsom streets.

Confidence Lodge, No. 2282, Knights of Honor, meets this evening, when there will probably be an initiation.

Valley Lodge, No. 30, A. O. U. W., will give a stereopticon view exhibition to-morrow evening in its hall, 32 O'Farrell street, for members and their friends.

Islam Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., holds its regular session at the oasis to-morrow evening, when two unbelievers will have lots cast for them. There will be a great celebration of the feast of Moolid es Sitt Fatmeh en Nebawieh, which will be observed by brilliant illuminations, receptions, oriental displays and concluding with the traditional banquet.

Court Bournemouth, No. 7804, A. O. F. S., was visited Saturday evening by the members of the Third Executive Council and the country delegates. The court initiated twenty-five candidates, J. S. Francis, P. C. R., acting as C. R., the initiatory ceremony being performed in a very pleasing manner. Immediately after the ceremony was concluded the court opened under "Good and welfare," when a pleasing programme of exercises was rendered. Subsequently a banquet was partaken of, the best of fellowship prevailing. This court was only instituted about three months ago, and it has now nearly 100 members, with funds accordingly.

Alta Lodge, No. 205, I. O. O. F., at its regular meeting last evening, conferred the Initiatory.

Detroit Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W., of Detroit, Mich., observed the twenty-third anniversary of the institution of the order on Tuesday evening, October 27th last, by initiating 321 candidates. The Detroit rink was engaged and was transformed into a lodge-room, there being over 3000 members of the order present. The average age of the 321 was 31 years and 6 months. Detroit, No. 6, is the banner lodge of the order, and it may be truly said is the banner subordinate of any fraternal organization. It now having a membership of 2239. It has been in existence only fourteen and a quarter years, and during that time has had some very large initiations. On May 1, 1866, 75 candidates were put through; in May, 1889, there were 98 initiated, and in April, 1890, 266 "rode the goat." The credit for all this must be accorded Benjamin F. Geiger, Recorder of the lodge, who is known as "A. O. U. W. Geiger," and who personally has proposed over 600 members of the lodge. His services to the lodge have been entirely gratuitous, his salary of $200 per annum cutting no figure for the amount of work performed by him. He is entitled to every honor in the gift of the order, and his work shows what a single individual can do when he makes up his mind to "boom a lodge."

W. B. Kennedy, Supreme Secretary of the Endowment Rank, Knights of Pythias, in his report of the business transacted at his office for the quarter ending September 30th last, gives the following figures: Number of members of the rank at date of June 30, 1891, 25,493, with endowment amounting to $54,912,000; members admitted during quarter, 1402, with endowment of $2,969,000; members readmitted, 14, with endowment of $34,000, making a total of 26,909 members and $57,915,000 endowment. Terminated during quarter: By forfeiture, 213 members with $472,000 endowment; by resignation, 28 members with $41,000 endowment; by death, 92 members with endowment of $205,000, a total loss of 333 members with endowment of $718,000, leaving the number of members at date of September 30, 1891, at 26,576 with endowment of $57,197,000, a net gain of 1083 members and $2,285,000 in endowment. In the first, second and third classes the membership is now as follows: First class, 26; second class, 45, and third class, 29. The receipts in the first class in the Endowment Fund was $26, and the third class $6, and in the fourth class $192,117 44. The expense fund in the two former classes amounted to $3 25, a total expenditure of $192,152 64. Warrants for the amount named were drawn as follows: In the first class, $3700; second, $48; third, $23; fourth, $210,683 93, a total of $210,899 93, leaving on hand a balance of $169,532 96 in all funds. The total amount of benefit endowments paid in the fourth class during the quarter was $205,000, and amount paid to close of last quarter, $3,034,000, a total to date of $3,239,000. The total benefits in all classes paid to date have been as follows: First class, 838 deaths, amounting to $809,955 67; second class, 1122 deaths, $2,177,111 33; third class, 34 deaths, $8491, and fourth class, 1441 deaths, $3,229,000, a total of 3435 deaths, and $6,234,558 endowments paid. During the quarter 64 new sections were organized, an increase of 8 over the preceding quarter.

McKINLEY'S BILL.

One of the Results of the Recent Tariff Act.

The annual report of the Directors of the Northern Pacific Railroad, which has just been made public, calls attention to the great growth of the Northwest, and says particularly:

There are several extensive irrigation enterprises under way in Montana, the most important being that of the West Gallatin Irrigation Company, which has constructed during the last year a large main canal over twenty miles in length, and an extensive system of laterals, which will supply water to a large tract of farming lands lying between the Gallatin and Madison rivers. The irrigation company has contracted to purchase about 30,000 acres of railroad lands, which will lie under these canals, and when the extensions now under way are completed water will be furnished to over 60,000 acres which have heretofore been arid grazing lands. The purpose of the projectors of this enterprise is to open, as fast as possible, extensive farms for the cultivation of barley, which will be converted into malt, and shipped by rail for use in the East. The improvements already made are extensive. A large force of men are working on the farms; several thousand acres are already in crop, and a steam plow has for some weeks been in successful operation breaking the prairie sod at the rate of twenty-five acres per day. A grain elevator and a large malting plant are now being built at Manhattan, the business center of these farming operations. This enterprise is a very important one to Montana, and it gives promise of adding largely to the business of the railroad.

It is an interesting fact to note that the establishment in Montana of this new industry, in which several hundred thousand dollars has already been invested by the leading maltsters and brewers of the Atlantic seaboard, is an immediate and direct result of the recent tariff legislation of Congress, which placed a heavy duty on the importation of Canadian barley.

He Called "Claude" a "Bilk."

Judge Coffey yesterday resumed the hearing of the McDonald case. Police Officer A. Anthony was on the stand and stated that he had often seen McDonald drilling his son, the contestant. McDonald told him to tell "Claude" Lee, the boy's mother, not to come to his rooms in the day time, but at night, to avoid talk. McDonald had a peculiar temper, and once greatly insulted the witness because he had said that "Claude" was a "bilk."

A Five-Jointed Name.

The following name was on a birth certificate filed in the Health Office yesterday: Philip Carolus Palmerston Harold Warner Temple. His father's occupation is given as an attorney-at-law and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature, England.

For Paying Their Way.

F. C. Hugh has sued Gustav Walter and others of the Orpheum to recover $413 50, a balance of money advanced to bring the Masten and Ogden Columbia Opera Company to this city.

BLOOD ON THE MOON.

Railroad Commission Versus the Southern Pacific.

The Company Will Contest a Recent Order Reducing the Rates on Live-Stock on the Placerville Division.

War has been declared. The Railroad Commissioners have dropped hot-shot in the camp of monopoly, and Chief Gunner Stubbs has returned the fire with Haymond canister. Great consternation prevails among the ill-advised supporters of the Legislative Act of 1880. Rea is in San Jose and refuses to be comforted, Litchfield is clinging to his yard-stick and trembling at his own audacity, and Beckman is hiding behind Secretary Kelly, consoling himself meanwhile by repeating again and again: "I didn't propose it."

In the meantime Stubbs is loading again. The discharge will take place on the 23d inst., when the board is down for another conference. Mr. Rea did not attend yesterday's meeting of the Commissioners. He has not attended a meeting for some time, on account of private business in San Jose, his home. When he can come down to San Francisco the Santa Cruz lumber case and other important business now before the commission will be attended to.

The board could do nothing yesterday, and so Secretary Kelly read a letter from J. C. Stubbs concerning the recent order declaring a 36 per cent reduction on live-stock rates on the Placerville division of the Southern Pacific. The communication said:

The Southern Pacific Company is advised by counsel, and believes your board cannot legally fix the rates to be charged for transportation over any of the lines of railroad operated by that company, and therefore respectfully protests against your action in—

AND THEY ADJOURNED.

"Hold on," interrupted Commissioner Litchfield. "If we have gone wrong let us know it. Hear this, for instance. Article XII, Section 22, of the State Constitution says that the Commissioners 'shall have the power and it shall be their duty to establish rates of charges for the transportation of passengers and freight by railroad or other transportation companies, * * * and for this purpose they shall have the power to issue subpenas and all other necessary process, * * * take testimony and punish for contempt of their orders and processes in the same manner and to the same extent as courts of record; and enforce their decisions and correct abuses through the medium of the courts. * * * Any railroad corporation or transportation company which shall fail or refuse to conform to such rates as shall be established by such Commissioners, or shall charge rates in excess thereof, * * * shall be fined not exceeding $20,000 for each offense; and every officer, agent or employe of any such corporation or company, who shall demand or receive rates in excess thereof, or who shall in any manner violate the provisions of this section, shall be fined not exceeding $5000 or be imprisoned in the County Jail not exceeding one year."

"What shall we do?" asked Litchfield when he had finished.

"Adjourn," answered Beckman, mournfully. They adjourned.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

The through passenger traffic over the lines of the Southern Pacific system for the month of October was as follows:

	First Class.	Second Class.	Grand Total.
Eastward	2,107	3,358	5,465
Westward	3,114	5,442	8,556
Totals	5,221	8,800	14,021

For the same month in 1890 the arrivals were 8832 and the departures 5307. For the first ten months of the year the totals compare as follows:

	1890.	1891.
Arrivals	66,186	74,186
Departures	53,424	54,984
Gain	12,762	19,202

A Phillips Rock Island excursion arrived yesterday with 129 land-seekers. A number will settle in Southern California, while the remainder will go north at once.

S. W. Eccles, formerly of the Union Pacific freight department in this city, but now assistant general freight agent of the road at Salt Lake City, is in the city.

W. M. Ranke, general manager of the California Railway, has returned from the East.

RECKLESS CAR-DRIVERS.

Life and Limb Jeopardized at the Ferry Depot.

The reckless manner in which some of the drivers of street-cars approach the depot at the foot of Market street has been the cause of much comment, and pedestrians are as much in danger of life and limb from that source as they are from the cable-cars. The horse-cars approach the ferry at a 2:30 gait, and then, while the horses are still on the run, the drivers pull the pin and swing the team from the rear of the car, regardless of the large number of foot passengers continuously passing close by. The driver of a Post-street car tried this trick yesterday afternoon, about 3 o'clock, and the result was that as soon as the team was uncoupled from the car the horses started to run away. They sprang upon the concrete sidewalk and did some tall sliding in their mad efforts to escape. Several ladies narrowly escaped being knocked down by the team. Sergeant Langford promptly seized the horses by the heads before they did any damage, and led the excited team back to the car.

PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT.

Sir Edwin Arnold looks much as did Charles Dickens.

When Queen Victoria travels she wears no jewelry, and is clad simply in black.

Walt Whitman has not lost the clearness of his mind though his bodily powers are failing.

The Western press derides President Eliot's remark that university life is one of man's "most precious blessings."

John Evans of Denver, who was the war Governor of Colorado, is a hearty and well-preserved man, now in the seventies.

Senor Montt, the Chilean representative at Washington, is a small man, like most of his countrymen, and is possessed of suave and gentle manners.

Alphonse Daudet, the French author, was a country school-teacher earning a very scant salary when he set out for Paris to better his condition.

The "Duke of Bedstead" is the title of a London millionaire. He began life as a bed-maker and now his establishment covers two blocks of city land.

Governor Russell of Massachusetts occupies his spare moments by studying the "Letters of Junius" and Henry Cabot Lodge is much interested in the "Merchant of Venice."

Secretaries Tracy and Foster are the easiest of approach of all the Cabinet officers. Mr. Blaine, on the other hand, is rather exclusive, and the interviewer finds it hard work to get an audience with him.

The most noted woman novelist of Austria is Baroness Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach. She is a woman of 61 years, the mother of seven children, and for twenty years she has been writing works of fiction.

Signor Cæsare, a liberal writer of some note in Italy, has published in one of the liberal organs an article on the choice of the next Pope, maintaining that Austria in the name of the Triple Alliance should dominate the conclave.

Mrs. Marshall O. Roberts, who is soon to become the wife of Captain Vivian, personated the character of Mary, Queen of Scots, with considerable splendor at the noted Vanderbilt fancy-dress ball, and was said at the time to look very much like the pictures of that famous beauty.

Chief Justice Fuller is a defendant, with Levi Z. Leiter, in a suit brought by a Chicago woman, who alleges that the excavation for foundations on land owned by either the Judge or Mr. Leiter is undermining her building. The courts have enjoined the further erection of the proposed wall.

Jay Gould and Mr. Ingalls entered active life about the same time. The former walked down Wall street with a patent mouse-trap. He set it and came near catching the earth. "After thirty years of untiring toil," says Ingalls in one of his lectures, "I, on the other hand, am a statesman out of a job."

For Defending a Man-Slayer.

When Llewelyn A. Powell killed Ralph S. Smith in Redwood City a few years ago George C. Ross, an attorney, claims that Dr. Solomon S. Stambaugh engaged him to defend Powell on the charge of murder and promised to pay him a fee of $10,000. A portion of this money was paid, and Ross has now sued the doctor for the balance—$9325.

Sued on a Big Note.

On November 8, 1887, N. H. A. Mason executed to the firm of Lux & Miller his promissory note for $166,847 27. Henry Miller, the surviving partner of the firm, has now sued him to recover this sum with interest from the date of the note.

Heyer Admitted to Bail.

John Heyer, who was arrested at the Palace Hotel on the charge of embezzling $4000 from his employers in New York, was before Judge Wallace yesterday on a writ of habeas corpus. His attorney argued that the commitment under which he is held is illegal, not being positive; also that Heyer denies taking $4000, or any sum greater than $2400. The Court held that the proof was not full against Heyer, but ordered him to be held for examination until Monday, with bail set at $4000.

BRUNER'S WRIT.

Another Postponement for the Assemblyman.

All the Justices of the Supreme Court, except McFarland, were present in bank yesterday morning. After a eulogy on the late Judge Hoge, read by ex-Justice E. W. McKinstry, the writ of prohibition obtained by Elwood Bruner was argued by counsel.

Ex-Judge Rhodes, who appeared for Judge Wallace, interposed a demurrer to Bruner's petition, upon statutory grounds and asked the opposing attorneys to stipulate for the admittance of all the record relating to Judge Wallace's impanelment of the Grand Jury, so that the whole case should be brought to the consideration of the Supreme Court.

J. C. Campbell, attorney for Bruner, insisted that stipulation should be written out, and preferred that a return be made.

Attorney-General W. H. H. Hart and District Attorney W. S. Barnes, representing the people, after consultation with Judge Rhodes, agreed that a return to the writ could not be prepared earlier than Thursday.

Chief Justice Beatty stated that its consideration on Thursday would interfere with the plans of the Justices, who had arranged to leave on Sunday night for Sacramento, and it was finally arranged that the counsel should appear on Monday morning in Sacramento and there and then proceed with the matter involved.

Williams' Case Continued.

Judge Wallace yesterday stated that he preferred to postpone the consideration of State Senator Williams' alleged contempt in refusing to tell the Grand Jury whether he received money for his vote on Senate Bill No. 6 until the Supreme Court passed upon Bruner's writ of prohibition. The case of Bamberger & Kaempfer was continued on the same ground.

The bondsmen of the indicted State Senator are: Henry J. Gallagher, H. E. F. Williams, John J. Doyle, Dr. D. J. Fitzgibbon, J. C. Horning and William Benett.

For Damages and Injuries.

Matilda Andresen and her husband set forth in their complaint filed yesterday that a car of the Market-street Cable Company ran into a buggy in which they were riding on Market street, near Battery, and threw both of them into the roadway. She demands $15,000 damages for the injuries sustained and her husband asks for $500 for personal injuries, $25 for damages to the buggy, $10,000 for the loss he suffered from his wife's inability to perform her usual work, $500 for the medicine used by her and $500 for the nurse's pay who waited on her while she was ill.

Escaped From the Hospital.

Late yesterday afternoon the report was received at the Health Office of the escape of Hiram James, an inmate of the County Hospital, removed from the County Jail on Sunday. James was held for forgery and awaiting trial. He had only been in the jail five or six days and had so successfully feigned illness as to secure his removal on recommendation of Dr. Yeamans. He only remained in his new place of detention a few hours.

Yen Shu and Chinese.

The "yen shu" and three Chinese seized and arrested on Saturday in Oakland in an opium raid prosecuted by the police of that city were turned over yesterday to the Internal Revenue and Federal authorities. Collector Quinn received the yen shu and United States Marshal Long the Chinese. Collector Quinn has but little hopes that the case can be made to "stick."

For the Death of Her Husband.

Judge Sanderson commenced yesterday the trial of the case of Mary Dillon against the City and County of San Francisco to recover $50,000 damages for the death of her husband, John Dillon, who, she alleges, was killed by the exhalations from a sewer on Nebraska street, near Yolo, where the family residence is. The refuse from the City and County Hospital was run into the sewer.

Wants to Be a Sole Trader.

Hannah Reardon has applied to be declared a sole trader. She has $500 capital, several children and a mentally incompetent husband.

An Insolvent Contractor.

George Houston, a contractor, has filed a petition in insolvency. His liabilities foot up $14,361 47 and assets $6720 55.

AN EFFECT OF DRUGS.

They Cause Dissension in an Italian Society.

Drugs and medicines have caused a dissension among the members of the Italian Mutual Benevolent Society during the past few months. The breach has gradually widened, until now it is a yawning chasm in the minds of some of the members.

The trouble began at the July meeting, when L. Demartini charged that one of the four druggists of the society was accustomed to exact exorbitant prices for the prescriptions filled at his store for members.

Then another complained that a female member who suffered from a chronic complaint was in the habit of procuring medicine for herself in large quantities and then dividing the supply with other women who were not members, but who also felt under the weather occasionally.

No names were mentioned at the meeting, but the President appointed a committee, comprising L. Demartini, D. Ginnocchio and H. Zacheri, to investigate the matter complained of and report to the Board of Managers.

On each prescription written by the society's physicians, Drs. Joseph Pescia and V. Vaccari, are the names of the four druggists, Giuseppe Calegaris, A. Zabaldano, Pietro C. Rossi and D. P. Rossi, the sick member procuring the medicine ordered at which ever drug-store he prefers.

There are 1000 members of the society, and the total monthly drug bill averages $270. Of this, it is claimed by some, seventeuths is paid to Calegaris, and the balance about equally divided among the others. The committee investigated first the bills of D. P. Rossi. They were written in what is currently called "hog Latin," and the committee, after struggling helplessly, summoned Dr. Pescia as interpreter. The physician explained the abbreviations and symbols, but when asked regarding certain prices, he declined to express an opinion, contenting himself with the general remark that it was his belief that none of the four druggists would charge more than was just.

The committee then visited the store of D. P. Rossi, and demanded an explanation of an alleged irregularity. The druggist explained it satisfactorily, as he supposed, but shortly afterward he was summoned to appear before the Board of Managers. He did not attend the meeting, and was consequently suspended for contempt.

Pietro C. Rossi was next called to a board meeting, which he attended, and there stated that he charged for patent medicines the standard prices and for general prescriptions what he considered just and equitable. This reply was deemed satisfactory, and Mr. Rossi withdrew.

The friends of the brothers Rossi are now inquiring why Calegaris' rates were not looked into, he having the bulk of the patronage. They also challenge the committee to compare the prices of each druggist for the same medicine, which, they claim, will prove a boomerang for the faction which procured the investigation.

By this they mean L. Demartini, Dr. Pescia and G. Calegaris. They explain the statement by adding that Dr. Pescia sends his personal patients to Calegaris, and that he uses his influence to send the society's prescriptions in the same direction. They state, too, that L. Demartini is a chronic kicker, and that he has been made the tool of Dr. Pescia and Calegaris to demand an investigation and ultimately have Calegaris named as the sole druggist.

Just how this is to be done does not appear, and it is indignantly denied by all the parties alleged to be concerned in it, Dr. Pescia in particular pronouncing the statement to be without a tissue of truth.

In the meantime, the investigation seems to have resulted in nothing but a feeling of bitterness and unlove. No evidence has yet been adduced to substantiate the charge about the woman who gave the society's medicine to her neighbors. The members of the committee say that they are now engaged in examining the prescriptions of Calegaris and Zabaldano.

The Oregon City Enterprise has entered upon its twenty-sixth year of publication.

DAILY WASHING
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