THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Two Notable Weddings in Hebrew Society Circles.

The Y. L. I. Installation—A Golden Wedding. Native Daughters in Council—Sundry Parties—Little Notes.

The Western Addition Literary and Social Club will entertain their friends this evening with a choice programme at Odd Fellows' Hall.

The regular Presidio hop took place last evening and was quite as successful as its predecessors.

A leap year and basket party will be given by the Helpful Ten of St. Paul's parish this evening, at 2426 California street. There will be dancing.

The Myosotis Club will give their second party at Mrs. Clark's hall, 211 Sutter street, this evening.

The marriage is announced in San Salvador, Central America, on the 15th inst., of Mr. John T. Wright of San Francisco and Senorita Mercedes Melendes of San Salvador.

The General German Ladies' Benevolent Society will hold their annual general meeting this evening at the Eintracht Hall, 316 Post street.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Heller Jr. will receive this evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Walter, on the corner of Van Ness avenue and Sacramento street.

Mrs. Audenried, who is receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a baby girl at the home of her daughter, the Countess Divonne, Washington, D. C., gave a dinner to the French Minister, M. Patrenotre, Friday evening of last week.

The members of Islam Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will give a theater party at the Baldwin this evening.

The first anniversary party of the Au Fait Club will take place in Mission Opera Hall, on the evening of Friday, the 5th of February. Invitations are now out.

The Rothschild-Slessinger Wedding.

A notable wedding took place on Monday evening at the California Hotel when Miss Hilda Slessinger, daughter of Mr. Louis Slessinger of the firm of Porter, Slessinger & Co., was united in marriage to Mr. Maurice A. Rothschild, President of the Wertheimer Company and a brother of the well-known attorney.

The upper floor of the hotel was entirely given over to the nuptial ceremony and its celebration by about 150 friends. Dr. Voorsanger, D.D., performed the sacred rite, the handsome pair standing in a pretty bridal bower surrounded by their most intimate friends. The ribbons used to separate the friends into convenient divisions were held by two little maidens, Miss Cora Slessinger and Miss Jeanise Rothschild.

After the ceremony congratulations were proffered to the happy pair and there was feasting and dancing until a late hour.

An entire room at the Slessinger residence, 1249 Franklin street, was filled with rich presents sent to the fortunate young couple, whose engagement has only been of three months' duration. The bride is a debutante of this season, and her betrothal was one of the outcomes of the first Concordia Club ball in the new quarters on Van Ness avenue.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Rothschild left for the Hawaiian Islands on a wedding tour. A very large number of friends visited the quay to "see them off" and their staterooms were crowded with choice floral tributes. They will be away several months.

The Golden State Parlor Installation.

Golden State Parlor, No. 50, N. D. G. W., installed the following officers for the ensuing term, D. D. G. P. Mrs. Rodgers acting as installing officer.

Vice-President, Miss E. Schwartz; President, Miss J. Meyer; First Vice-President, Miss J. Denis; Second Vice-President, Miss G. Peterson; Third Vice-President, Miss G. Wedemeyer; Marshal, Miss L. Hayessen; Recording Secretary, Miss M. Magune; Secretary, Miss A. Marberry; Inside Sentinel, Mrs. N. Lester; Outside Sentinel, Miss L. Seyden.

After the installation D. D. G. P. Mrs. Rodgers, in behalf of the parlor, presented the retiring President, Miss E. Schwartz, with a very handsome bracelet, a gift of the members.

The parlor is in a very prosperous condition. They will give a leap-year party shortly.

The Schweitzer-Ehrman Wedding.

Another wedding of much note in Hebrew society circles took place last evening.

This was the ceremony uniting Miss Georgia Schweitzer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barnhard Schweitzer, to Mr. Sol Ehrman, a member of the firm of Ehrman & Co., and prominently identified with the San Francisco Verein.

The happy event was celebrated at the residence of the bride's parents, on the northwest corner of Post and Leavenworth streets. Here a lengthy vestibule had been constructed of canvas, reaching from the sidewalk curbing to the front portal. This cavernous approach was daintily and prettily lit with lanterns, and lined on all sides by beds of growing plants.

The dim approach hardly prepared the visitors for the brilliant spectacle within. By the appointed hour nearly 150 friends were in attendance and grouped about the elegantly appointed parlors. The latter were canvased throughout, and the snowy ground only served to show up the masses of flowers and verdure on every side.

The happy pair, who appeared at their best, were married beneath a lovely bower by Rev. Dr. Voorsanger, D.D. They were introduced by music, and at the conclusion of the rite the orchestra again played an appropriate march.

Congratulations and an elaborate supper followed in due course, the latter in the immense marquee specially erected, and later there was dancing for several happy hours. The costly presents claimed particular attention, and a round of them was made by every one, the tour taking quite a long time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ehrman leave to-day for Del Monte and the south, and on their return will reside at first at the Palace Hotel.

The French-Robin Wedding.

The wedding of Miss Mollie Robin and Mr. Charles E. French was quietly but pleasantly celebrated at the home of the bride's mother, 27 Oak Grove avenue, on Thursday evening, January 14th.

The residence was beautifully decorated in honor of the wedding; the attractive effects were produced throughout by ferns and smilax, which were intermingled with potted plants and palms. The rooms were canvased and, in fact, every preparation had been made for the occasion.

Fifty invitations were issued and the guests were assembled in the parlors at 8 o'clock, when the wedding-march was played and the bridal party appeared. The bride was escorted by her brother, Mr. Adolf Robin; the bridegroom escorted Miss Cesarina Robin, who officiated as her sister as bridesmaid. The bride's mother was escorted by Mr. Eugene Robin of Sonoma, who gave the bride away.

The bride's toilet was of white satin, and the front of heavy brocade; confined to her coiffure by a coronet of orange-blossoms was a veil of white-silk moliene, which completely enveloped her figure, extending to the end of her train and was caught by an elegant diamond pin, the gift of the groom.

After the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Dr. Githens, congratulations were extended to the young couple and later an elaborate supper was served and toasts were given and responded to, after which dancing was indulged in. The presents were beautiful and costly, consisting of silver, china and glassware, bric-a-brac and many useful articles. The groom's gift to the bride was an elegantly furnished house.

Mr. and Mrs. French are stopping at the Lick House and intend to leave for a few days for an extended trip through Southern California.

The Bashful Girls' Party.

On Friday evening last the Bashful Girls gave an ice-cream social at St. George's Hall.

The evening was pleasantly passed in playing games and in the enjoyment of the following programme: Duet, "Life's Dream is O'er," Miss Lilly Kelly and Mr. Moses Blodas; fancy dancing, little Tessie Gabelman; piano selections, Miss Rita M. Leary; recitation, Miss Maggie Devine; solo, "I'll be True," Mr. Fred Johnson; banjo and mandolin duet, Miss Mamie Phipps and Mr. Charles Baker.

Ice cream was then served, and dancing continued till a late hour.

Among those present were: Miss Lillie Kelly, Miss Maggie Devine, Miss Tessie Kelly, Miss Rita M. Leary, Miss Mamie Phipps, Miss Mamie Collins, Miss Agnes Corbett, Miss Tessie Leary, Miss Mamie Desmond, Miss Mary Dunlee, Miss Gertie A. Kierman, Miss Lulu Van Nostrand, Miss Hazel Iverson, Miss Grace Berry, Miss Clarice Austin, Miss Ethel Tobin, Miss Lottie Wilson, Miss Sadie Baker, Miss Grace Ross, Miss Maggie Sullivan; Messrs. D. Kiernan, C. Baker, James Sanborn, Frank Grenelle, C. Welch, J. Kelly, Otto Devine, James Phipps, John Van Nostrand, Eugene Austin, C. Jensen, E. Tobin, P. Carden, E. Perrin, C. McLain, W. Corbett, John Colburn, William Hall, Percy Jones, A. Malcolm.

Y. L. I. No. 1.

Young Ladies' Institute No. 1 held an enjoyable meeting at their hall on O'Farrell street on Wednesday evening, January 6th.

A splendid programme consisting of recitations and vocal and instrumental music was rendered by different talented members of the branch.

The principal event of the evening was the installation of the following officers for the ensuing year: Past President, Mrs. J. P. Sweeny; President, Sophia A. Crotz; First Vice-President, Kate Landers; Second Vice-President, Susie Egan; Recording Secretary, Genevieve Carroll; Financial Secretary, Maggie Degan; Treasurer, Kate Gleason; Marshal, Mrs. Kate Burke; Inside Sentinel, Mary Hickey; Outside Sentinel, Mamie McNally; Trustees—Margaret Grote, M. A. Gorman, Lizzie Terry, Kate Hartford, Lorez Rivas.

Miss Sophia A. Grote, the President, was escorted to her chair amid bursts of applause. This is her third term, and her election again is the highest honor the 220 members could confer on her for her capability and untiring efforts not only on behalf of her own branch, but for the institute in general.

A Golden Wedding in Petaluma.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Carothers, who are among the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Petaluma, celebrated their golden wedding at their home on Third street on January 10th.

Only their immediate relatives were present, as follows: Six out of their eight children, all of whom are still living, namely: Mrs. A. A. Hocker and daughter of Santa Rosa, W. O. Carothers and son Harry of San Francisco, Mrs. C. S. Paine and son Barnes of San Francisco, A. B. Carothers of San Francisco, Miss Maggie Carothers of Petaluma and James H. Carothers of Ukiah. The only children absent were Hon. T. L. Carothers and John H. Carothers of Ukiah, whom urgent business prevented from being present. The other relatives present were: Mrs. Judge Alexander of Salinas City, a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Carothers, with her two sons and daughter; also Mr. and Mrs. William Zartman of Petaluma, Mrs. Zartman being a sister of Mr. Carothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carothers are among our oldest settlers, coming here in 1853, and having resided in Petaluma and vicinity ever since. The aged couple were showered with the hearty wishes of their many friends that they might have unmeasured happiness during the remainder of their lives.

They were the recipients of a number of useful and costly presents.

Society Personals.

Mrs. Samuel M. Blair and Mr. W. S. Blair are home again at their residence on Van Ness avenue after a two months' visit to New York.

Miss Lelia Carroll is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Alexander at Oakland.

Mrs. Dr. W. S. Thorne returned yesterday from a visit to San Jose.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Fleter are visiting friends in San Jose.

Mrs. W. E. Dargie and Master William Dargie are at the Arlington Hotel in Santa Barbara.

Mrs. F. D. Reed of Oakland was at Nice at last accounts.

Mrs. Kautz, wife of General A. V. Kautz, accompanied by Miss Kautz, has arrived here from the north for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hotaling Jr. have returned to town after a short stay at Santa Cruz.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Denigan, and their daughter, Miss Florence Denigan, have returned to their home in this city.

The Misses Cora and Jessie Perkins have returned to the city after visiting San Rafael and Sausalito.

A GREAT INCREASE.

Postoffice Statistics Show Up Favorably.

Postmaster Backus has had computed the amount of business done in all departments of the Postoffice for the quarter ending December 31st and for the same period of the previous year. They include the business of the ten branch offices, showing that nearly half of the business of this city has been distributed throughout the city to the relief of the main office.

An examination of the totals show a very decided increase all along the line, a fact Postmaster Backus urges as a reason why every effort should be brought to bear upon the General Government for increased facilities at this point. He urges more carriers and more employes in the offices where the increased work has made the postal business almost impossible to handle with the limited help allowed.

"For some time during the quarter for which the figures are given the registry department was so crowded that packages were thirty-six hours behind in being handled," said Mr. Backus. "We could not understand why this should be until the table of computations was finished. It showed a gain of 7000 packages over that handled the year previous."

The business of the Postoffice for the quarter is as follows: Domestic money orders issued, 26,394, amounting to $419,302 68; fees accruing to the Government for the same, $2963 54; domestic money orders paid, 47,588, amounting to $656,330 63; international orders issued, 10,010, amounting to $165,323 58; fees from same, $2061 50; international orders paid, 2004; amount, $40,156 30; postal notes issued, 10,000; amount, $20,315 87; fees, $299 58; postal notes paid, 27,024; amount, $49,326 91; stamps sold, $205,105 20; registered letters and packages, 46,683; delivered, 52,268.

The business for the corresponding quarter of 1890 was as follows: Domestic money orders issued, 20,935; amount, $337,086 84; fees, 2327; same paid, 43,514; amount, $457,162 14; international money orders issued, 8108; amount, $147,337 68; fees, $1721 10; same paid, 1990; amount, $41,214 88; postal notes issued, 7903; amount, $16,142 90; fees, $237 09; same paid, 25,811, amount, $45,513 12; stamps sold, $197,029; registered packages and letters, 39,247; same delivered, 54,087.

FRACTURED THE SKULL.

Arthur R. Dunn Fatally Injured While on Skates.

Arthur R. Dunn, aged 10 years and 11 months, died early yesterday morning at the home of his parents, 1003 Mason street, from the effects of a fall received on the 14th inst. While skating on the asphaltum sidewalk he fell down, striking his head heavily. He rallied and went to school, but while there suddenly threw up his hands and fell unconscious. He was carried home, but remained unconscious until he died. Two physicians attended him, and they agreed that the cause of death was a fracture at the base of the skull. The death was reported to the Coroner, but an inquest will not be held, the parents having asked that no official action be taken.

California Camera Club.

The California Camera Club has a very complete exhibition of prints on view in its club-rooms in the Academy of Sciences' Building. The $900 realized from the exhibition of "Picturesque Oddities" in September last has been expended in the purchase of a complete photographic plant, which the members are invited to call and examine.

The twelfth illustrated lecture on "Venice" will be given at Metropolitan Temple, Thursday evening, the 28th inst.

Fighting the Law.

The Qung Wing Tong, an association of Chinese washermen numbering 213, filed complaints in the Justice's Court yesterday against three Chinese for the purpose of compelling them to pay their share of the tong's expenses. The complaint alleges that the tong was formed in 1884 for the purpose of defending its members whose peace and prosperity might be menaced by anti-Chinese laws.

A Coal-Screener's Injuries.

John Collins, a coal-screener in the employ of J. C. Wilson & Co., has sued H. Bingham & Co. for $10,000 damages. Collins avers that while at work he was struck and had his skull fractured by a large body of coal unskillfully and negligently thrown from a tub, which the stevedores were discharging.

Home for Aged Hebrews.

The newly elected Board of Directors of the Hebrew Home for Aged Disabled have organized by electing Samuel Polack, President; Peter Abrahamson, Vice-President; Mrs. H. Berliner, Secretary; Thomas Cahn, Treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. B. Jacobson were elected Superintendent and Matron.

"Big Estate" Confidence Game.

Chief Crowley has received letters tending to show that the "big estate" confidence operators are again working upon the credulous of Europe. The operators seem to make considerable money by furnishing "reliable information" to heirs in quest of visionary estates.

Don't irritate your lungs with a Stubborn Cough when a remedy safe and certain as Dr. D. Jayne's Expectorant can be so easily procured. Sore Throats and Lungs are speedily helped by it.

NEEDS OF THE COAST.

Annual Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

Many Important Projects Proposed and Others Under Way Reported Upon—Incoming Board of Officers.

The annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco was held yesterday afternoon. A great variety of topics, all of vital interest to residents of the Pacific Coast, came up for discussion. Many resolutions and recommendations embodying important projects proposed or now under way were adopted.

C. L. Taylor opened the meeting, and after reading his report, which was a review of the work of the chamber for the year, gave way to ex-Mayor E. B. Pond, the recently elected President.

In his message Mr. Taylor said, in speaking of the Nicaragua Canal: "It is a work of more importance to the prosperity of our city and State and the commerce of this port than all the works which have been undertaken since the discovery of gold in our mountains. There would almost seem to be no limit to the prosperity which we may reasonably hope for upon the completion of this great work. It will give us an all-water route to the great marts of commerce of the world, shorter by months in time and by thousands of miles in distance, and our city will take rank as one of the very few great commercial cities of the world."

THE POSTOFFICE SITE.

After referring to the Traffic Association and the need of better facilities for shipping our products, the ex-President says of the Postoffice site: "We have urged for many years better postal facilities, and especially the erection of a new Postoffice building. The present prospect is that we may have the building, but so located that it will be of the least possible benefit to the business and commercial interests of the city. Why the officers charged with the duty of purchasing a site should locate the office at such an out-of-the-way place as Mission and Seventh streets is unexplainable upon any theory of an intelligent discharge of their duty. The payment of a half-million dollars in excess of the value of the property is equally unexplainable."

The subjects of pilotage at the port of San Francisco, the merchant marine, shipbuilding on the Pacific Coast, light-house stations, harbor and coast survey, harbor defense, weather and cables, were then considered in the report.

President Pond then assumed the chair, and thanking the chamber for the distinguished honor in electing him President, proceeded with the regular order of business.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

The annual report of Thomas J. Haynes, Secretary and Librarian, was of the usual statistical character. It showed that the membership had increased from 259 to 310 since the previous annual meeting and that the chamber had lost eleven members by death and resignation.

Messrs. Ralston, Watt and McNear were appointed a committee to attend the Mining Congress, which will convene to-day at Pioneer Hall.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

Extending thanks to President C. L. Taylor for his efficient services.

Urging Congress to make appropriations for the following light-houses: Fog signals at Point Arguello, Point Buchan, Bodega and Point Gorda.

Favoring the bill for the transfer of the revenue marine to the Navy Department.

Extending an invitation to the Press Association to hold its next annual convention in this city, and the use of the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce for the use of the convention.

Requesting the California delegation in Congress to communicate with the Purchasing Department of the United States Army and Navy at Washington to use its influence to have the supplies for the army and navy on the Pacific Coast purchased here instead of in the East.

MEMORIALS TO CONGRESS.

A memorial to Congress was introduced asking for the prompt construction of the Nicaragua Canal; also one asking for the dredging of the Alviso and Coyote sloughs in Santa Clara County.

The Committee on Training Ships submitted a report requesting the San Francisco delegation to the State Legislature be requested to procure the passage of an act to establish and maintain a training ship for the port of San Francisco, to be maintained by the State at an expense of not more than $50,000 per annum, the management of the ship to be under the direction of a committee appointed by the chamber from the ship-owning interests of this port.

A committee composed of Messrs. Hilman, Dimond and Boyd was appointed to confer with the commissioned officers of the Naval Battalion, N. G. C., concerning certain needs of the organization.

The incoming officers of the chamber are as follows: President, E. B. Pond; First Vice-President, W. H. Dimond; Second Vice-President, James F. Chapman; Trustees—W. W. Montague, Barry Baldwin, C. L. Taylor, M. P. Jones, William L. Merry, A. J. Ralston, W. T. Y. Schenck, John F. Merrill, Arthur R. Briggs, John Rosenfeld, J. J. McKinnon and L. B. Parrott.

STOPPED A RUNAWAY.

The Cool Act of Ike Rubenstein, a Newsboy.

There was a very lively runaway on East street about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and but for the presence of mind of Isaac Rubenstein, a newsboy, a serious accident might have happened. The team was owned by Sloan & Co., of Market street, and started from the end of Pacific-street Wharf, tearing up the wharf and into East street at a rate that made every one scamper out of the way in a hurry.

The efforts made by a score of men to stop the frightened horses as they neared Market street only caused them to run faster, and they crossed the track of the Market-street cable-cars at a gait that would make the celebrated Arion stretch himself to keep up with. At this point the newsboy saw a chance to distinguish himself, and dropping his papers he darted after the wagon, caught hold of the tail-board and then climbed into the vehicle.

He seized the lines and by great efforts soon had the team under control, and when Howard street was reached the team was brought to a standstill. Beyond a broken spoke in one of the hind wheels no damage was done.

I. E. DAVIS' ESTATE.

The Property Valued by Appraisers at $939,797.

The appraisers of the estate of the late Isaac E. Davis filed their report yesterday. Under the head of personal property, the appraisers enumerate: Money, $87,227 89; 3200 shares of the Masonic Hall Association of San Francisco, $38,400; 513 shares California Steam Navigation Company, $25,137; 25 shares Sun Insurance Company, $2500.

The family residence, on the northwest corner of Pacific avenue and Franklin street, is appraised at $45,000. The interest in the firm of Davis & Cowell is appraised as follows: Real estate, $367,678 42; personal property, $271,445 87; total, $639,124 29.

Davis' undivided personal property is valued as follows: Personal, $169,859 07; realty, $130,814 58; total, $300,673 65. This makes the total value of the estate $939,797 94.

Incorporated Enterprises.

The following companies filed articles of incorporation yesterday:

Eureka Packing Company. Capital $100,000. Directors—C. E. Gibbs, C. E. Gibbs Jr., J. L. Smiley, J. M. Scotchler and J. W. Elder.

Abundancia Mining and Smelting Company. Capital $1,000,000. Directors—F. F. C. Mueller, W. A. Clark, R. G. Wilke, A. S. Moore and W. H. Worden.

Stanley Gold and Silver Mining and Mill Company. Capital $1,000,000. Directors—J. F. and J. H. Nounnan, D. J. O'Brien, D. G. Chrisholm and C. H. Bayless.

Hotel Failure.

The New Western Hotel on Kearny street was attached yesterday by the creditors, whose claims against the proprietors amount to about $8000. Louis Schultz, owner of the building, is the principal creditor. His claim is $3200 for rent. The other creditors are: A. P. Hotaling, who has a claim for $700; Cartan, McCarthy & Co., one for $500; Hooper & Jennings, $500; Dodge, Sweeney & Co., $254, and small bills to the amount of $2846.

The Russian-Greek Feud.

J. P. Angelis, the poultry-dealer, who is alleged to have hired one William Bell, alias "Pistol Bill," to kill Bozo M. Gopchevitch, his opponent in the old Russian-Greek-Slavonian feud, was arrested yesterday on a charge of conspiracy to murder. He was at once released on a bond in the sum of $2000.

Injured by a Freight Elevator.

Arthur Darwall, a laborer employed at the Palace Hotel, met with a painful accident yesterday afternoon. He was working under the sidewalk on the New Montgomery-street side and started a freight elevator. His head was caught between the platform and the trap-doors in the sidewalk and badly crushed. At the Receiving Hospital it was found that his left ear was almost torn off and that his scalp was badly torn and lacerated.

CITY HALL CONTRACTS.

Commissioner Smiley Objects to McCann & McKay.

The City Hall Commissioners held a meeting yesterday afternoon and awarded the following contracts:

No. 32, furnishing the assembly-room of the Board of Education, to C. F. Weber & Co., bid $1185.

No. 34, repairs to the Assessor's office, to F. H. Williams, bid $845.

No. 35, furnishing interior work on the northeast wing, also basement and sub-basement, to McCann & McKay, bid $50,000.

No. 36, finishing the exterior of the rotunda walls, also interior iron-work, etc., from ground to roof, to McCann & McKay, $22,500.

No. 37, furnishing the new apartments of the City and County Attorney, to L. & E. Emanuel, $1504 20.

The bids on Contracts 33 and 38, the former to plaster the exterior walls of both the new wings, and the latter to purchase 1000 barrels of cement, were rejected, as the Commissioners saw that there would not be money enough to do all the work, and these two could best be postponed temporarily.

Commissioner Smiley voted against awarding the two contracts to McCann & McKay, and when the Mayor and Counselor Durst outvoted him he submitted the following communication and asked to have it spread on the records:

To the Hon. George H. Sanderson and J. H. Durst, City Hall Commissioners: I hereby respectfully protest against awarding Contracts 35 and 36—for work on rotunda and on the northeast wing—to Messrs. McCann & McKay, and desire that this, my protest, be entered upon the minutes of the City Hall Commission.

The shoddy work, the walls stuffed with builders' rubbish, the poor building material, the caverns left in the walls of the northwest wing, with bricks and mortar tumbled into the vacancy in a disordered mass—most of which has been brought to your notice, and which were included in the work on the northwest wing performed by Mr. McCann—warrant me in saying that rewarding such a contractor by renewing business relations and giving him other contracts, to my mind, presents a very sorry inducement for any contractor to be honest in his business or to carry out his obligations in a mechanical and trustworthy manner. In my opinion, it is rewarding thriving vice at the expense of suffering virtue. Yours respectfully, THOMAS J. L. SMILEY,
City Hall Commissioner.

A delegation from the Building Trades appeared before the commission and asked that in future no work be given to unskilled mechanics. It had special reference to a recent piece of work on the roof which was let to a plumber and very badly executed.

The Commissioners assured the delegation that care would be taken in future to have all kinds of work placed in proper hands.

After the meeting Contractor McCann made a vigorous protest against Commissioner Smiley's communication. He declared he was not responsible for the faulty work complained of, and the commission had fully exonerated him. He said he was satisfied that Commissioner Smiley's attack was spite work.

"U AND I" SOLD.

Play and Properties Bought for Twelve Hundred Dollars.

Judge Wallace's court-room was turned into an auction-room yesterday afternoon, and "U and I," play, properties and contracts with actors and agents, were placed upon the block. Wolf Falk, receiver of the company, wielded the hammer, and among those present at the sale were: J. G. Gottlob, M. J. Waldheimer, ex-Judge McKisick, Josh Davis, "Nibsey" Levy, Henry E. McPike, "Jack" Barnitt, Edward L. Bloom, Charles J. Haggerty, "Barney" Meyers and Joseph Gottlobb.

The bidding lacked animation from the beginning. The highest price offered was $2000, bid by the agent of Alexander Hermann, who with George Lederer was proprietor of the play, but it was withdrawn when Hermann's agent learned that the manuscript was not included in the sale.

"Nibsey" Levy offered $50 for the show, but this was quickly raised to $1250, at which figure it was knocked down to Lederer's agent.

"Nothing in It."

On Saturday night there was a "mysterious shooting affray" at the Russ House, so it is said. It is claimed that two employes quarreled over a good-looking chambermaid, and that one fired three shots at the other. The police investigated the affair yesterday, and declared there was "nothing in it." It is true, however, that Al Richards, the store-keeper of the Russ, was arrested on that night for drunkenness, and that probably started the story of the shooting.

Stabbed by a Fireman.

During a quarrel in a Grant-avenue saloon early yesterday morning John Stewart was seriously stabbed by John Regan, engineer of Engine Company 10. Both were very drunk at the time. Stewart says he was in the saloon, when a general row started over some trivial matter. When he ran out he was followed by Regan, who slashed him across the back of the neck with a razor. The wounded man was treated at the Receiving Hospital, and Regan was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

Indians for San Quentin.

Among the passengers on the train from Arizona yesterday morning were two Deputy United States Marshals, having in charge the three Yuma Indians who were sentenced to hang on the 15th of this month for the murder of the chief medicine man of their tribe. President Harrison, however, commuted the sentence to one of imprisonment at San Quentin for life. The prisoners were taken across the bay on the boat at 1:45 o'clock.

Left to an Unborn Heir.

Sarah M. Simon's will was filed for probate yesterday. The bulk of her estate, valued at $150,000, is left to the unborn child of a son who died recently. If the child dies, its mother will inherit the property.

Unlawfully Attached.

Charles Fisher has sued Sheriff Laumeister for $7500 damages, and claims that the Sheriff unlawfully attached his store at 22 Sutter street, thinking that it was the property of C. L. Fisher.

They Would Be Divorced.

Actions for divorce have been commenced by Theresa Rohde against her husband Charles, and by Sarah against R. H. Savery.

THE PRESS LEAGUE.

A Slate Ticket Put Up and Elected.

It was generally expected that the concluding session of the Press Convention yesterday would be the most interesting and important meeting of the league delegates in San Francisco and the general expectation proved to be well founded.

The session of the convention was held in the rooms of the Press Club.

After disposing of some routine business and adopting a number of unimportant amendments to the constitution, an amendment was introduced providing that delegates to future conventions should be elected by their home clubs. It was explained that the intention was to prevent the packing of a delegation by the President of a local club, and that a number of New York's delegates were not newspaper men. The amendment was referred back to the Standing Committee, which reported in favor of leaving the question to be decided by each club, and the convention approved the committee's recommendation after a sharp debate.

On motion of E. B. Phelps of New York it was resolved "That the Governing Board be requested to consider the feasibility and desirability of establishing an employment bureau in connection with the league and report thereon to the next convention of the league."

St. Paul was selected as the scene of the next convention, and then William Berri reported that voluntary contributions in aid of the establishment of a home for aged journalists had been received as follows: Frank C. Cooper of the Press Club of San Francisco, $100; J. L. Charlotx of New York, $100; Colonel Parker, Walla Walla, a collection of minerals valued at $2500, to be sold for the benefit of the home, and a sum of money in addition—$1000—had already been promised by a gentleman in New York. The thanks of the league were returned to these donors.

A resolution was passed, with some dissenting votes, censuring a New York editor for threatening his reporters with dismissal should they join the New York Press Club. It was stated that the threat was the result of a personal quarrel, and the Pennsylvania delegates objected "to the convention's doing laundry work for New York."

"I have just received an important communication," said William Berri, "in reference to a gentleman whose name is suggested for an important office, and I move a recess of twenty minutes to consider it. The New York delegation will meet at once in the next room."

At the expiration of forty minutes the log-rolling had been successfully accomplished, and President Keenan called for the report of the Nominating Committee. The Chairman, George H. Welshons, said that the committee had been beset with difficulties. The desire had been to reward friends of the league without causing enmity, and it had been found necessary to make a number of compromises. He submitted the following names:

President, M. H. de Young of San Francisco; Vice-Presidents—John A. Cockerill, New York Advertiser; General C. H. Taylor, Boston Globe; George W. Childs, Philadelphia Ledger; Felix Angus, Baltimore American; P. V. Deuster, Milwaukee Seebote; Mrs. Sahie Joy White, President of the New England Press Association; Secretary, C. H. Price, New York Electrical Review; Executive Committee—Thomas J. Keenan, Pittsburg; Stephen O'Meara, Boston Journal; Dr. J. W. Frederich, P. C. Boyle, Toledo Commercial; H. P. Hall, St. Paul News; H. D. Vonnegle, Buffalo Courier; William Berri, Brooklyn Standard-Union; John P. Dammam, Redding Herald; S. G. Lapham, Syracuse Herald.

The entire ticket was elected, the Secretary being instructed to cast the ballot for each name as it came up in succession. The only opposition voiced was when the name of De Young was submitted for the presidency. There were a number of "noes," most of the San Francisco delegates refraining from voting. The ayes were in a clear majority and there was no roll-call. The other officers were all elected unanimously.

The following were appointed a Committee on Programme for the next convention: T. J. Keenan (Chairman), Pittsburg; William Berri, Brooklyn; John A. Cockerill, New York; George W. Childs, Philadelphia; C. W. Price, New York.

And then the convention adjourned. The delegates will start homeward at 10 o'clock this morning.

A BOOT-DEALER'S FAILURE.

The Cause Attributed to Dullness in the Chinese Trade.

The Sheriff's padlock now hangs on the doors of the firm of F. Cummings & Co., dealers in boots, shoes and leather, whose place of business is at 420 Sansome street.

The cause was the issuing of an attachment for $5000 to cover a certain indebtedness due W. H. Thomas and the Sather Banking Company. The attachment was issued several days ago. The firm name was a nominal one, the business being owned by F. Cummings, who lives at 1728 Sutter street. Cummings opened a place in 1883 on Commercial street, and afterward moved to 420 Sansome street, enlarging his business. He dealt principally with the Chinese. Lately the Chinese trade has been very dull, and Cummings is known to have been losing money. The cause of his failure is simply due to the accumulation of a number of debts which he could not meet, W. H. Thomas representing the largest number. No statement of his assets and liabilities has as yet been filed, and will not be until a meeting takes place between the creditors and Lee Jam. The stock on hand is not thought to be very valuable, as it is said to consist chiefly of cheap goods.

A rumor was started yesterday that Cummings had skipped out of town in order to avoid his liabilities. Inquiry, however, revealed the fact that he was seen at his store on Saturday. Although the door was open no business was transacted. Yesterday the firm's doors were closed all day.

Claude Lee's Child.

Otto tum Suden, attorney for the relatives of the late Captain McDonald, produced evidence in Judge Coffey's court yesterday that Claude Lee, mother of the young man who claims McDonald's cash, once swore in court that his name was Stuart.

Her Son Was Killed.

Mary Cassidy, whose son, Thomas, was killed on June 1, 1891, by falling through the roof of a building owned by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, by whom he was employed, has sued the company for $20,000 damages.

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