DECEIVED AND MURDERED.

The Sudden Death of a Wealthy Resident of Mendocino County.

HE WAS POISONED IN A FORT BRAGG DIVE.

Arrest of the Executor of the Victim's Will—The Prisoner's Resemblance to One of the Greenwood Murderers.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

UKIAH, Feb. 29.—Edgar A. Martin was arrested by Sheriff Standley this morning and will be formally charged to-morrow with the murder of Fred Heldt, commonly known as Dutch Fred, at Fort Bragg, February 17. Heldt was a famous character and worth about $100,000. He died in a saloon at Fort Bragg while drunk, and it was supposed that death was caused by paralysis. An examination of the stomach since proved that he had been poisoned.

Shortly before he died he sent for his brother to make a will, but he expired before his brother arrived. A short time afterward Edgar A. Martin forwarded to a prominent attorney here a will signed by Heldt in which Martin was made sole executor without bonds. The will was dated December 15, and was written by Martin in a dive and witnessed by the proprietor and his wife. The signature is genuine, but as Heldt could not read the supposition is that he did not know what he was signing. The attorney became suspicious and informed the officers, which led to the arrest.

Martin had been in the county four months and made Heldt's acquaintance in a dive. He pretended to want to buy Heldt's property and thus learned his habits. The supposition is that Martin got Heldt to sign the will while drunk and then poisoned him, expecting to reap a harvest by being the executor. Mrs. Heldt will swear out a warrant on her arrival from Fort Bragg to-morrow.

Martin is a very smooth article. He tallies exactly with the description of one of the Greenwood murderers, and the officers think he is the same man. Sheriff Mackenzie of Napa County telegraphed this afternoon that a man would be here to-morrow to identify him.

Martin had received letters in the name of Edgar Arthur. Other letters found on his person had the names cut out. A memorandum-book and letters indicate that he had been concerned in the settlements of two other estates.

Fort Bragg is greatly excited, and the dive proprietor and his wife will likely be arrested on a charge of being implicated in the fraud and murder.

SMOLDERING RUINS.

Three Buildings Destroyed by an Incendiary Fire in Madera.

MADERA, Feb. 29.—Five thousand dollars' worth of property went up in smoke this morning. At 3 o'clock flames were seen issuing from the rear of H. A. Rediker's harness-shop, and in less than thirty minutes three buildings were in smoldering ruins, while a fourth was braced up by charred walls. The buildings consumed are as follows: Remy & Fournier, wholesale liquor-dealers, loss $3000, insured; L. O. Sharp, Postoffice fixtures, loss $900, uninsured; H. A. Rediker, loss $800, insured for $2000; Harris & Co., furnishing goods, $2000, insured for $800; Thompson, Sharp & Parsons, owners of the buildings, $3000, insured for $1750; W. K. Heiskell and W. H. Parsons, personal effects, $100 each. Smith Norris, who was sleeping in the Postoffice, had a close call for his life. He was dragged out of bed almost suffocated. The fire is undoubtedly the work of an incendiary and the officers believe they have information that will soon convict the incendiary. The ruins will be quickly replaced.

PROPERTY RECOVERED.

Stolen Jewelry Returned to a Chicago Drummer by Stage-Robbers.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 29.—Last January while E. L. Huntley of Chicago, a clothing drummer, was en route from Kootenai to Bonner's Ferry, the stage was robbed and he was relieved of diamonds and other jewelry valued at $12,000. Huntley inserted an advertisement in the Oregonian offering a reward of $2000 for the recovery of the stolen jewels. The stage-robbers, seeing the advertisement wrote to Huntley's brother, who resides in Centralia, Wash., offering to return the stolen property if he would not prosecute them and would insert the following advertisement in the Oregonian: "Wanted—Silver Bullion Exchange. Address Huntley, care Oregonian." Huntley inserted the advertisement as required, and Sunday last a man came to his room at the Portland Hotel and delivered the stolen property to its owner, who left for San Francisco to-night.

VICTORIA.

Resignation of a Police Magistrate—Sealer's Boat and Three Men Lost.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 29.—Police Magistrate Belyea has resigned, as a result of a recent investigation.

J. Clark is constructing a floating dock 250 to 300 feet long.

The steamer Umatilla arrived on Sunday morning.

The Royal Commission's report on civic affairs of Victoria will be presented to-morrow to the House.

On Saturday the schooner E. B. Marvin had 179 seals.

The bankers announce that there is sufficient Canadian silver in the province to make up for the loss of American circulation.

News received to-day confirms the story that the sealer Walter A. Earl had lost a boat and three men off the Oregon coast.

H. M. S. Dahne came out of the drydock this morning.

CHINESE CELEBRATION.

A Day of Feasting and Parading, Ending With Fireworks, in Marysville.

MARYSVILLE, Feb. 29.—This has been a great day in the annals of Marysville Chinatown. Two thousand visiting Chinamen and the thousand denizens of that quarter in this city participated in feasting, parading, bomb-throwing and a demonstration of fireworks in the evening. Several hundred farmers from the surrounding country came in with their families to witness the display, which was more gorgeous than in any previous year. The Joss in Marysville is reckoned to be second in importance in the State. Much gambling was in progress on Saturday and Sunday, but it was stopped by the authorities. Leading Chinamen say that the festivities cost the companies over $3000.

DEATH IN THE FLAMES.

Three Children Perish in a Burning Residence at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 29.—Three children, Orpha Strader, Zoe Strader and Ray Simpson, perished in the flames which destroyed the residence of John Simpson early this morning. The children were sleeping upstairs. Simpson and his wife, together with a two-year-old baby, who were sleeping downstairs, escaped with difficulty. Simpson made several ineffectual attempts to reach the children and was severely burned. The flames started in the upper part of the house, from an unknown cause. Orpha and Zoe Strader were the children of Mrs. Simpson by a former marriage.

EARTHQUAKES IN OREGON.

Three Distinct Shocks at The Dalles and Two at Portland.

THE DALLES, Feb. 29.—Three distinct shocks of earthquake were felt here at 2:25 o'clock this morning. The vibrations were north and south and lasted about four seconds. Numbers of citizens were awakened by the shocks and rushed into the street in their night-clothes. In some residences the plastering was cracked and crockery rattled upon the shelves. No serious damage is reported.

PORTLAND, Oregon, Feb. 29.—Two slight shocks of earthquake were felt here at 2:55 o'clock this morning. The vibration was from west to east.

CITRUS EXHIBITS.

Division of the California Horticultural Space at the World's Fair.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 29. — Thomas L. Thompson, Commissioner for California of the Chicago Warld's Fair, has granted to the Northern California Citrus Fair Association two and one-half acres, or one-half of the entire space allotted by the World's Fair to California for a horticultural exhibit. Southern California gets the other half. Living and bearing trees will be transported to Chicago and transplanted there. San Mateo has applied for admission to the Northern California Citrus Fair Association, making thirteen counties now embraced by it.

Arizona Cattle.

TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 29.—The reports recently sent out regarding the loss of cattle in Southern Arizona are untrue. Stock, as a rule, has never come through the winter in better condition or with less loss than this season, being favored with a remarkably open winter. There have been recent heavy rains and the cattle are on fresh ranges in the mountain district. The sale of 12,000 feeders has just been made here to Montana buyers for May delivery. Kansas buyers are now making large purchases for shipment East.

SEVEN TO FIVE.

The Jury in the Hawes Murder Case Unable to Agree.

SALINAS, Feb. 29. — The jury in the Hawes murder trial were discharged at noon to-day after being out forty-eight hours and not being able to agree, standing seven for conviction and five for acquittal.

California National Bank.

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 29.—There are no new developments in connection with the affairs of the California National Bank. Attorney-General Hart is expected on Tuesday, when a receiver of the Savings Department of the California National Bank will be appointed. Mr. Collins has not yet given bail. It is said he will waive a preliminary examination and go before the United States Grand Jury.

Greenwood Murder Case Continued.

NAPA, Feb. 29.—This morning at 10 o'clock was the time set for hearing the plea of Carl Schmidt, the self-confessed murderer of Mrs. John Q. Greenwood, in the Superior Court. At that hour all the parties were in court, but by consent of the attorneys the defendant was granted one week's further time.

Charge of Smuggling Dismissed.

TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 29.—Ex-Sheriff M. F. Shaw, who was arrested last week on a charge of smuggling cattle from Sonora, Mexico, at Tres Bolitas, had a hearing to-dry before the United States Commissioner and was discharged. There was no evidence to sustain the charge.

Burglars in Modesto.

MODESTO, Feb. 29.—Burglars entered the Merry House last night and got $9 and a gold watch, the property of John L. Jones. They also entered Lou Comin's saloon and got $5. The men is full of tramps and it is supposed they are implicated in this robbery and other petty crimes of a recent date.

Indictment Dismissed.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 29.—Judge Catlin in the Superior Court to-day dismissed the indictment against E. O. Miller of Visalia. Miller was indicted for subornation in connection with lieu land frauds. The Court holds that the vote of the Grand Jury was not large enough to bring an indictment.

Indian Horsethief Sentenced.

VISALIA, Feb. 29.—John Francis, an Indian who pleaded guilty to stealing a horse, was sentenced to-day to two years in the penitentiary. He has served a term in prison for robbery. Three other candidates for San Quentin were arraigned in the Superior Court and will be tried this month.

Attempt to Rob a Safe.

CLOVERDALE, Feb. 29.—A bold attempt was made to rob the safe in the railroad depot at this place last evening. The robbers were evidently frightened off, as they did not succeed in effecting an entrance into the safe, but only broke the knob, after drilling the safe in two places.

A Police Officer's Sudden Death.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 29.—Robert S. Frazer, who had been a member of the police force for nearly seventeen years, was found dead in bed this morning. It is presumed that heart disease was the cause of death, as he had been complaining of heart trouble for some time.

Murder Trial in Marysville.

MARYSVILLE, Feb. 29.—The trial of Edward Raymond, charged with the murder of Thomas Brice on last Christmas day, was begun in the Superior Court to-day. Late in the afternoon a jury was secured and the taking of testimony will begin in the morning.

Found Guilty in Five Minutes.

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 29.—The trial of M. S. Root, charged with having assaulted Captain Fitz Allen last November with intent to kill, was concluded to-day. The jury was out less than five minutes and found him guilty. Sentence will be pronounced on March 12.

Chinese Shooting Affray.

VISALIA, Feb. 29.—Ah Tie was arrested this morning for furnishing Ah Choy with the pistol used in a Chinese shooting scrape Saturday. Len Hong wanted half a dozen more warrants, but Justice Holder refused to issue them.

Newspaper Enterprise.

VISALIA, Feb. 29.—The Delta newspaper appeared as a daily on Monday last, and today let a contract for a two-story brick building for a printing office. The building will be the handsomest business house in Visalia when completed.

Walked Off a Bridge.

MODESTO, Feb. 29.—John Mitchell, a hod-carrier, while drunk, early this morning, walked off a high railroad bridge over the Tuolumne River and was badly bruised in the fall, but will recover.

People's Party Convention.

SAN JOSE, Feb. 29.—The People's party convention appointed a County Central Committee of eleven and elected delegates to the State convention. This evening a mass-meeting was held.

Not Guilty.

SALINAS, Feb. 29. — Officer McCartney, who shot and killed Mrs. Freeon while resisting arrest November 7 last, was tried today on a charge of manslaughter and acquitted.

Crops in Cloverdale.

CLOVERDALE, Feb. 29.—The rainfall for the season amounts to 26 inches. Crops are doing excellently and promise big yields. Stock is looking in good condition.

All-Around Thief Sentenced.

STOCKTON, Feb. 29.—Phillip Speighle, a little old tailor, who is an all-around thief, was to-day sentenced to four years in San Quentin for burglary.

Not Known at Police Headquarters.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 29.—Nothing is known at police headquarters concerning the arrest of a Californian bank forger.

NEARLY ELECTROCUTED.

A Cincinnati Doctor's Close Call From a Horrible Death.

Cincinnati Enquirer.

Dr. Eric E. Sattler had a close call from a horrible death at his office while ministering to a patient. He came within an ace of being electrocuted.

Lou P. Ezekiel, the well-known scale clerk for the big Western racetracks, was being operated upon for throat ailment, and Dr. Sattler was applying the sponge from an atomizer to the affected parts.

Fastened with a metallic band around the physician's forehead was the incandescent search-light, connected with a most intricate and highly complicated imported electrical apparatus. The machine or the current had been acting somewhat erratic within a day or two, and at the time of the operation on Mr. Ezekiel the doctor shifted the connection, making a short circuit.

In an instant there was a perceptible tremor throughout Dr. Sattler's body, and just as he grabbed the fastenings from around his head there was a blinding flash. He fell backward, all in a heap, and Mr. Ezekiel, who had incautiously touched the machine, received a hard shaking up.

Dr. Sattler quickly recovered his equilibrium, and, although considerably stunned for a few moments, fortunately escaped any serious injury.

As stated, Dr. Sattler uses extensively his electrical apparatus in his practice, and has taken considerable pride in the fact that it was out of sight as compared with American-made machines. It is connected with the Brush Company circuit, and he claims the current does not exceed 110 volts. The current on the company's lines ranges from that figure to 1000 volts, according to a gentleman in the Brush Company's office.

During the day there are not so many lights burning, and as a natural consequence the voltage at times is apt to be considerably increased. The doctor was nonplused to account for the tremendous shock, which came near bringing his days of usefulness as a successful medical practitioner to an untimely and fearful end.

Possibly the wires got crossed and a current of 1000 volts came flashing through his pet appliance.

Andrew Carnegie.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has telegraphed his acceptance of an invitation to be entertained by the St. Andrew's Society during his visit to this city.

Husband's Calcined Magnesia.

Four first-premium medals awarded. More agreeable to the taste and smaller dose than other magnesia. For sale in bottles only, with United States Government registered label attached, without which none is genuine. At druggists and country stores.

ACROSS THE BAY.

A Branch Electric Railway to Mountain View Cemetery.

Maugled Remains Found—Improvement of County Roads—Insanity of a Violin Virtuoso—Alameda's Water Rates.

At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors yesterday a petition for a franchise was presented by the Oakland Consolidated Electric Railway Company on Piedmont avenue from Mather street to the gate of Mountain View Cemetery, a distance of 800 feet. The Cemetery Association, by its Board of Directors, has unanimously by resolution asked the board to grant the franchise, and R. W. Kirkham, the President, has also signed a request to the board to grant it. It is said to be the intention to widen the avenue to 100 feet. It is understood that the property-owners along the line of the avenue are in favor of the proposition, provided the franchise does not give the right for four tracks, and an effort will be made to have the Piedmont Consolidated Railway Company agree to the use of the same tracks over the 800 feet. The electric line has its tracks and its lines up from Fortieth and Grove streets to Piedmont avenue completed and ready for the cars, but will not commence running until action is taken on the franchise now asked for. The Board of Supervisors will go out as a committee of the whole at 2 o'clock this afternoon and look over the ground. President McNear of the electric railroad and the cemetery authorities are anxious that the usual thirty days' delay may be dispensed with and the franchise granted immediately, so that the line can be completed and put in running order within the next ten days or two weeks. The President of the railroad and several Directors and Superintendent Collins of the cemetery were personally present and presented the matter.

BODY FEARFULLY MANGLED.

The trackwalker of the Southern Pacific Company at Oakland pier found at daylight yesterday the body of a man fearfully mangled. The Coroner was notified and the remains taken to the Morgue. He was 25 or 30 years old, smooth shaved, except about two weeks' growth on the upper lip. He was dressed in dark clothes, pantaloons with brown stripe, and had on red flannel underclothing and tennis flannel top shirt. There was also found a silver P. S. Bartlett watch, 1,727,100 number on the works and 416,805 number on the case. The chain was a common oroide. The hair of the dead man was dark and cut pompadour. He had a return ticket to San Francisco punched one way. At a late hour the remains were unidentified.

The petition of John Rouse, to be discharged from the custody of Sheriff Hussey on habeas corpus, was heard yesterday afternoon before Judge Greene, the writ discharged and the prisoner remanded; but on a review of the evidence on which he was convicted in the lower court, he was discharged. He was sentenced to the County Jail for petty larceny by Justice Peters.

J. D. Vandespeer and J. B. Richardson, executors of the estate of Fanny Simpson, have sued Andrew Patterson and attached 3000 acres of his land in Eden, Washington and Murray townships for $12,000 due on a promissory note.

The estate of M. C. C. Stege has been appraised at $32,173 50, and consists of 500 acres in Gray's survey of the San Pablo rancho, in six parcels, with the improvements.

IMPROVING THE COUNTY ROAD.

A committee of the Oakland and Alameda County Board of Trade appeared before the Board of Supervisors yesterday, and appealed to that body to take some action looking to the improvement of the county road leading into Oakland. The board was addressed on the subject by C. W. Kinsey, M. J. Kelleher and D. W. Bulling. The Supervisors assured the committee that they were willing to do all they could for the improvement of the roads, but the board could only expend the amount that came into the road fund. It had no power, such as a City Council, to compel the property-owners to improve roads.

Mrs. Jane Woods, alias Schwartz, the black-veiled woman, who was sentenced in August to six months in the County Jail for soliciting, without authority, funds at Alvarado and other places in Washington Township for kindergarten and other charitable work, was discharged yesterday, her sentence having expired. She departed in a happy mood.

The summons in the suit of Mayor Melvin Chapman against the Enquirer Publishing Company for $100,000 was not served yesterday, because the criminal complaint against Drury, and an amended complaint was filed yesterday afternoon, with W. W. Foote and J. C. Martin as attorneys. The usual bond of $500 was filed.

The Oakland Water-front Company has sued J. N. Kimball, Daniel Reader, F. W. Wells and others, to quiet title to 400x300 feet on the water front of the estuary of San Antonio, at the foot of Seventeenth avenue, East Oakland.

The housing meeting in interest of the improvement bonds will be held in Masonic Hall, West Oakland, this evening, at which Jacob Samm will preside.

PAY UP OR GO TO JAIL.

Charles Harrington, whose wife, Nettie, is suing him for divorce, explained to Judge Ellsworth yesterday how he "blew in" $1500 that he drew out of bank a few weeks ago in the Eighth-street poolrooms of Oakland, in shooting "craps" at Sacramento, and in other chance games. He stated that he did not now have any money, but the Court ordered him to pay $600 alimony and $50 attorney's fees to his wife forthwith, with the addition of $20 per month alimony. Charley will have to pay up or go to jail.

Ernest Meldim, proprietor of the Home bakery on Seventh street, near Wood, has been on a drunk for ten months, and is so weakened by his excesses that he is almost on the verge of insanity. Of late his actions have been very strange, and on Sunday night he went out begging on the streets, although he is a man of considerable property. The court has put the matter over for a few days to decide what will be the best disposition to make of the case.

James H. Higgins and Frank Murthy were caught yesterday trying to dispose of a watch, stolen ten days ago by burglars from the residence of Frank McNamee, at Brooklyn. They were booked for burglary.

Burglars broke into the residence of C. W. Kobb, at 516 Sixth street, during the night on Sunday. They were noisy, though, in their movements, and were scared away.

Miss Madeline Shepard, the daughter of J. L. N. Shepard, has entered a convent in London, and it is said will take the veil.

A VIOLINIST GONE CRAZY.

There was a genuine surprise in Oakland yesterday when it was announced that Eugene O'Connell, the accomplished young violin virtuoso, had been examined by Drs. Nicholson and Buteau and Judge Greene at the Oakland General Hospital and by the latter committed to the Napa Asylum. O'Connell is 25 years old, and has finished his musical studies in Paris recently. He received an ovation at his benefit in Oakland, and was well received at other places. The causes of his dementia are given as excessive cigarette-smoking and alcohol.

The morning papers in San Francisco reported on Friday that John Murke had been treated over night for a gunshot wound in the leg. He said that he had been knocked down and robbed by two men, but his story was discredited. Yesterday afternoon it was learned here that he is doubtless the individual who on Thursday evening tried to break into the Colt residence at Piedmont, but was shot at by a boy who saw him. He evidently realized that by going to the hospital here he would betray himself, so he crossed on the next boat to San Francisco.

Posy Moore, the ex-jockey, who during his career on the turf accumulated enough money to buy some property in North Oakland, was tried for keeping in a filthy condition the premises in which Maude Stevenson and family were found living in a state of degradation. Moore conducted his case with considerable shrewdness, but was found guilty.

W. H. Blackman, the lessee of the Oakland Trotting Park, has been forced to file in insolvency; liabilities, $2640; assets, $538.

Catherine M. Staff has sued Fritz E. Staff for divorce.

SENTENCED FOR CRIMES.

John Norman, the man who robbed Car-driver Anderson, was found guilty by the jury of petty larceny. Judge Ellsworth gave him the extreme penalty of six months in the County Jail, but remarked that he believed the jury should have found him guilty of a graver offense than petty larceny. He drugged Anderson and robbed him of his watch and $13 in coin while they were in the university grounds. George Thompson was sent to Folsom for six months for burglary on a plea of guilty. Thompson said he had been drinking when he entered a car of the Southern Pacific company at Niles and carried away a bottle of champagne cider. He said the box was open. The Court was inclined to give him a light sentence on account of his previous good character.

Chief of Police Tompkins has sent a letter to the Council asking that an ordinance be framed prohibiting storekeepers from placing signs on the sidewalks. He says that the evil has been growing beyond all bounds owing to the increase of competition.

John Kearns, President of the Plasterers' Union, was brought before Judge Ogden yesterday charged with fighting. It appears that on Sunday night the union men and others had a row and Kearns took a very aggressive part in the affair.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the City Council last night the Committee of the Whole presented its report on the matter in controversy between Auditor Snow, Expert Hughes and Mayor Chapman over the bills of R. W. Church, County Recorder, and it was referred by the Council to the District Attorney, the City Attorney and the Mayor for a report on the legal aspect of the case.

A communication was received from the City Attorney that the Contra Costa Water Company was not by law required to make the detailed report contemplated in the resolution adopted by the Council several weeks ago, and that the list of rate-payers furnished was all that was required.

An ordinance was introduced granting the Consolidated Piedmont Railway Company an electric franchise on Fourteenth street, instead of the horse and cable franchise now held. It was referred to the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee.

ALAMEDA.

Water Rates Fixed as Now by the City Trustees.

An entertainment was given in Park Opera-house for the building fund of the Unitarian Church.

The trial of Jesse S. Halsted on a charge of criminal libel preferred by W. H. Robinson will commence on Friday in the Superior Court.

Grand Master Coombs of Napa will be the guest of Halcyon Parlor of Native Sons this evening, and large delegations are expected to be present from the other parlors in the country. A banquet will be served.

The new management of Park Opera House will open it as a place of amusement on Saturday night, when an operatic performance will be given. If the enterprise pays performances will be given regularly by theatrical companies once a week.

Thomas McDermott, who was held to answer a charge of burglary for stealing four pair of pants from the store of N. Strauss on Park street, is an old offender, and has served several terms in State's prison for thefts.

The parsonage of Rev. E. Y. Garrette on Versailles avenue was entered by burglars Sunday evening while he and his family were in church, which is next door. Entrance was gained by forcing a window, and two gold watches, a ring and $14 in coin were stolen. The theft was reported to the police, but as yet no clew has been obtained.

City Recorder Uznay has decided that he has jurisdiction to try slander damage suits where the amount sued for is under $300, and will call the case of Mrs. Warburst against Mrs. Julia Fallmer for trial to-morrow. The attorney for Mrs. Fallmer does not accept the decision as correct, maintaining that only the Superior Court has jurisdiction over slander suits, and will swear out a writ of prohibition to have the point settled.

At the meeting of the City Trustees last evening the Commissioners for the opening of Santa Clara avenue filed their report. The damages for land taken are placed at $9461 and the expenses at $1270 63, a total cost of $10,731 63. An ordinance was adopted fixing the water rates for the year beginning next July the same as at present—40 cents per 1000 gallons per month where less than 10,000,000 gallons per month is used, and 30 cents per 1000 gallons where over that amount is used. The minimum amount per month was left at $2, the plea being made that if it were reduced to $1 50, as once proposed, Captain Thompson would not realize 8 per cent per annum on his capital invested.

Berkeley.

It is rumored around college that the assembly hall will be fixed up in fine style—the walls and ceiling papered, the floor carpeted and easy-chairs provided. The history lecture-room will also be refitted. Both rooms will be provided with better arrangements for heating.

The California Zoological Club went on its first excursion on Saturday afternoon, the object being the study of birds. During the short trip from Berkeley Station through the University grounds and up Co-ed canyon over twenty kinds of birds were noticed, including several rare and retiring species not often met with in this vicinity, such as the varied robin, ruby-crowned and golden-crowned kinglet.

The Directors of the Claremont, University and Ferries Railroad have issued a new time-card, which will go into effect at once. Half-hourly trips will hereafter be made until 8:30 o'clock in the evening. The last car will leave Center street at 11 o'clock, meeting the local train and the electric car. The last trip from Second street will be made at 11:20 o'clock and connect with the last electric car for Oakland.

THE ELEVATOR GAVE WAY.

Serious Accident at the Alameda Borax Works.

A serious accident occurred at the Borax Works of F. M. Smith, at Alameda Point, yesterday afternoon, by which three men received severe, if not fatal, injuries. A carload of borax, weighing nearly a ton and a half, had been run into the elevator and carried up to the third floor, where it was the intention to run it out, but the elevator gave way and went to the bottom of the shaft.

The elevator man, George Bingham, aged 74, residing at Seventh and Franklin streets, was the most seriously injured, and on account of his advanced age it is extremely doubtful if he survives. His left arm above the elbow and his left leg below the knee were badly crushed. The arm will have to be amputated, but an effort will be made to save the leg.

Henry J. Bang, aged 38, residing at First and Franklin streets, had his left ankle broken, his ribs on the right side, and his breast crushed in. A Portuguese called Brown was badly hurt also and was taken to his home on High street. Bingham and Bang were taken to the Oakland Receiving Hospital, where their injuries were attended to, and they were then removed to Woolsey's Hospital about midnight. F. W. Smith and his foreman were present at the hospitals and Mr. Smith was zealous in seeing that everything that could be done for the injured men was attended to.

The cause of the fall of the elevator could not be learned last evening. The car bounded from the floor on its striking the bottom and went through to the concrete below. The men were injured by the bounding of the car.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH.

A Delightful Entertainment Given at Odd Fellows' Hall.

The people of St. Joseph's Parish gave a musical and literary entertainment last evening at Odd Fellows' Hall on Market street in aid of their church. It was a splendid success, and the excellent programme rendered was well worth the price of admission.

The exercises opened with a dumb-bell exhibition given by the Sunday-school class, composed of sixteen little girls, very prettily costumed, acting under the direction of Miss Nellie Murphy, with Miss B. A. Merrill as pianist. Following this came a barytone solo by Mr. J. A. Fogarty, and then a recitation, "The Confessional," by Miss A. Daly.

Dr. R. O. Moore gave an exhibition of ventriloquism that provoked much merriment, and then came dancing by four little girls—the Misses Alice and Lettie McArdle, Pearl Lund and Nellie Bowlin. The picture is called Tarantella, and is both difficult and unique.

Miss Marie G. Hogan sang a selection from the opera "Lombardi," which was loudly applauded. She has a clear soprano voice, which with the excellent piano accompaniment of Senor G. Martinez produced a good effect.

The Serenada Barcelona given by the Los Tocadoras Club was also well received. This combination was made up as follows: Mandolins—E. Dunlon, M. Ryder, R. Scully, G. Soufe; guitars—N. Maguire, L. Hogue, R. Bernard; violins—M. Bouney, A. McNulty; pianiste, Miss B. Naiier.

Mr. Robert C. Mitchell, the Chinese prima donna, as a character in a Chinese theater scene, brought down the house, and was called out several times. Miss Elaue Talfer and Master Hugh Cameron danced the highland fling, with Miss Emma Marsden as pianist. Then came a tenor solo by D. S. Jones, followed by a piano selection from Thalberg by Senor G. Martinez. The parasol drill by the Japanese Delsarte Club, composed of young ladies, was an excellent feature of the programme and called for much applause. The entertainment closed with a cornet solo by Louis T. Harrison and a banjo solo by Frank Patterson.

The committee under whose directions the programme was carried out consisted of John Bolger, C. Martin, J. M. Donlon, John O'Byrne, P. Kirby, H. J. Stafford, H. J. Stack, Thomas Griffin, John Murphy and Rev. Father Lynch.

TRINITY'S RECTOR.

The Resignation of Rev. J. Sanders Reed Is Accepted.

Sampson Tams, the parish clerk of Trinity Church, received a letter yesterday from Rev. J. Sanders Reed, who is now in New York, resigning the rectorship of the church, to take effect upon the appointment of his successor. The only reason stated was the clergyman's ill-health, which had prompted his physicians to advise this step.

Major W. B. Hooper, the senior warden, called a special meeting of the vestry in the Occidental Hotel yesterday afternoon, when the following gentlemen were present: Major W. B. Hooper, Captain W. H. Taylor, W. B. Bowen, General J. F. Houghton, S. P. Holway, S. L. Abbott and Sampson Tams. Mr. Reed's letter was presented and his resignation accepted, to take effect on April 1, the fiscal year of all Episcopal churches closing on March 31.

Rev. Hobart Chetwood, who was rector of St. Paul's Church, Oakland, for fifteen years, has been supplying the pulpit of Trinity since Mr. Reed left for the East in October on indefinite leave of absence. It is probable that this arrangement will be continued until after the completion of the new church building to be erected on the corner of Gough and Bush streets. It is then intended to secure a permanent rector in some Eastern church, and there is some talk of increasing the salary from $5000 to $7500 per annum.

The work of constructing the new edifice will be commenced within thirty days, and will not be concluded for about eighteen months.

PERSONAL NOTES.

J. Lindner, a Woodland merchant, is at the Grand.

E. May, a packer of Portland, Oregon, is at the Lick.

J. N. Gregg, a mining man of Red Bluff, is at the Grand.

Captain F. J. Burns, a Seattle capitalist, is at the Palace.

Peter Burritt, a capitalist of Elgin, Ill., is at the Occidental.

E. R. Clute, ex-Assessor of Salt Lake City, is at the Baldwin.

Nate R. Salsbury, a fruit commission dealer of Chicago, is at the Palace.

S. H. Worsley of Manchester, England, is at the Langham, en route to Auckland, New Zealand.

Charles L. Fair, who was recalled from Europe by the death of his brother, arrived in this city yesterday and is at the California.

STRANGLED.

The Awful Death of a Man Bitten by a Hog.

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Strangled to death by his tongue, which swelled to a horrible size from the bite of a hog. Such was the fate of Lewis Asher, one of the oldest and most widely honored merchants in Clermont County, who died at his home in Edenton. About a year ago Mr. Asher was very badly bitten by a hog which he was attempting to drive into a pen. The wounds were slow to heal, and even when they had become well enough for him to attend to his duties they pained him. His health began to give away, and ever since he has been gradually getting worse. Finally a black spot appeared on his tongue and extended rapidly until it had covered the whole surface. Then the organ began to enlarge. All the local and neighboring physicians were called in, but the strange complaint baffled their skill. His tongue continued to swell rapidly, until his mouth was stretched wide open and filled with the enormously swollen organ. He suffered the most excruciating agonies, and everything possible was done to allay the pain, but death came and ended his suffering.

THE THEATERS.

"The Henrietta" Before a Full House at the Baldwin.

Miss Ethel Brandon's Benefit This Evening. "Bluff King Hal" at the Grand. Business Elsewhere.

"The Henrietta," called the fin de siecle American com dy success, opened the closing week of Mr. Stuart Robson and his players at the Baldwin last evening. A very large and intelligent audience sat before it—a quiet audience, apparently, too much absorbed in the business of the stage to find time for applause. We think Bronson Howard made a mistake in calling this work of his a comedy. It is a satire on modern New York life—on American life at large, if you like—and one of the grimmest kind. A surgeon's scalpel could not more clearly demonstrate the anatomy of a subject than Mr. Howard's pen has laid bare the entire framework of this life. It is the picture of a condition of society where the love of money has usurped and displaced the best feelings of our nature to such an extent that all left is a hollow mockery. No; it ought not to be called a comedy. There is nothing hearty, jolly or really good about it. There is instead the lowest and worst passions of the human heart masquerading in robes stolen from Thalia. Nicholas Van Alstyne (Mr. George S. Woodward), called the "Old Nick in Wall Street," has but one object in view, putting up jobs to ruin all who place confidence in him; his eldest son, Nicholas Vanalstyne Jr., a confidential associate in business (Jr. Carl Smith), and at the same time conspiring to ruin his father and take his place, besides being a bigamist and a scoundrel generally; the Rev. Dr. Murray Hilton (Mr. J. B. Eversham) the hypocritical stock-dealing minister of a fashionable church, which the elder Vanalstyne constantly boasts is being run by his money. There is nothing of the pure comic element in anything these people give us. One is disposed to shrink from it as mental delinement. But gleams of light are shot through the situation by Mr. Robson's Bertie, the lamb, who turns out not so great a fool as he looks; by the manly conduct of Dr. Parke Wainwright (Mr. W. H. Elwood), by Watson Flint, a broker (Mr. Laurence Manning), and by the ladies, Mrs. Camelia Opdyke, a widow (Mrs. Robson); Mrs. Rose Vanalstyne, wife of Vanalstyne Jr. (Miss Madeline Benton); by Agnes, her sister, in love with Bertie (Miss Olive May), and Lady Mary Trelauney, old Vanalstyne's eldest daughter (Miss Ginevra Ingersoll), married to Lord Arthur Trelauney (Mr. Franclyn Reglid), an English aristocrat who comes very near being an idiot, and the character, by the way, was very well played, with a Dundrearyish vein running through it. Whatever fun there is in the piece comes from the mistake made by a misdirected note falling into the hands of the widow Opdyke, whereby the impression gets abroad among the ladies that "The Henrietta" (a mining bait that old Vanalstyne has set for his friends to bite at) is a woman of a certain character. It may be in the piece, or it may be in the cast, but a second viewing of "The Henrietta" does not affect the dramatic palate as pleasantly as the first one did. The piece will be continued all this week.

To-Night "Bluff King Hal."

The Grand Opera-house will be crowded this evening, judging by the sales at the box-office, to enjoy a repetition of the Stewart-O'Connell romantic work, an episode in the life of Harry the Eighth set to music. Several important changes, and all for the better, have been made in the original distribution—Mr. Rickard will sing the title role instead of Mr. Joseph D. Redding; Mr. Ferdinand Urban, the constable of Windsor, instead of Mr. Louis Sloss Jr., and Mr. Pearson, the captain of the outlaws of Windsor Forest, instead of Mr. Amade Joullin. The well trained and splendid chorus, which attracted so much attention and commanded well-deserved praise, will be in place as before, and we have no doubt that the second performance of this opera will be much better than the first. There is much real or pretended rather between the proprietors of "Bluff King Hal" and the committee of the Art Union, for whose benefit it was produced. Cipherd down, however, it looks very much like a well-conceived and cleverly executed advertising dodge to bring the opera into public notoriety. The Bohemian Club are merry over the imbroglio, and the bar is doing a roaring business, especially when Redding, Stewart, Louis Sloss Jr., Daniel O'Connell, Amade Joullin, et als., partake to the war of words, are present.

Benefit of Miss Ethel Brandon.

The drama "Storm Beaten," produced at the Alcazar last evening, pleased a large audience. It is full of dramatic lights and shades, which Mr. McKee Rankin and Miss Ethel Brandon materially assist in bringing out. By the way, it will be borne in mind that Miss Brandon takes a grand farewell testimonial benefit at this theater to-night, appearing in the same piece. It is a foregone conclusion that the theater will be packed.

"Superba"

Will be continued at the New California all this week. It has caught on with the public.

"PoorJonathan"

Has another week to fill out at the Bush-street. Millocker's music is above the average, and the company is well up in their parts.

"The Vice-Admiral."

This comparatively fresh opera crowded the Tivoli last evening. The Tivoli management has so large a number of good operas and opera-bouffas on hand that they will bring out something by and by entirely new to the present generation.

"Alixe."

The emotional society play "Alixe" is running smoothly at the Bijou. It has been previously seen at the Baldwin, and though it cannot be said that the performance given by the Loraine Hollis Company is quite up to the mark, there are some people in the cast that do more than ordinarily well. Perhaps the best sustained part in the play is that of Mme. Valory, taken by Miss Emma Wilmot, the erring wife and mother; admirable in conception, and carried through with delicacy and finish. Miss Hollis does very nicely as Alixe, the unfortunate daughter of Mme. Valory. The part is played with much feeling and taste. Mr. David Davies stands out prominently as the Marquis de Cesaranno, and displays comic powers that have hitherto remained dormant. This gentleman will be heard of some day. On Wednesday evening Miss Hollis will take a benefit, when there will be a double bill, "Alixe" and "My Uncle's Will," the beneficiary appearing in both pieces. The lady has done her best to make the Bijou a success, and she certainly is deserving of public support for her grit.

Davis and MacDonald's Opera.

The two-act comic opera, "The Three-Cornered Wedding," by Washington Davis and J. R. MacDonald, is to have its first performance on any stage at the Grand Opera House to-morrow (Wednesday) evening. The cast has been almost exclusively chosen from the recently disbanded New York Opera Company and so contains many good people. Among them will be Beebe Vining as Cupid, Tellula Evans as Helena, Emily Soldene as Cerbera, Tom Ricketts as the Castle Baron, Douglas A. Flint as General Mogul, Frank Pearson as the Chief, the Valerga brothers and other good people.

The opera has been very thoroughly rehearsed, and the choruses will, it is said, be very strong. New costumes have been made, and new scenery has been painted, so that the "Three-cornered Wedding" is being afforded every opportunity of success. Two previous attempts were made to produce the