TO BE DECIDED BY A JURY.

Question of Self-Defense in the Smith-Brannigan Tragedy.

HELD FOR TRIAL WITHOUT BONDS.

Completion of the Great Alta Irrigation District System of Canals Under the Wright Law.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

SACRAMENTO, March 16.—Police Judge Cravens to-night held George A. (Big Neck) Smith for trial without bonds for killing Patrick Brannigan on election day. Nearly all the testimony went to show that Brannigan had armed himself with two pistols and went hunting for Smith, and that several persons had told the latter to look out, as Brannigan was after him to kill him. The Judge said, however, that Smith, instead of arming himself and going about the polls himself after that, should have kept out of Brannigan's way. The question of self-defense was one for a jury to decide.

A LIGHT VOTE.

Defeat of the Proposition to Issue Vallejo Water Bonds.

VALLEJO, March 16.—An election was held in Vallejo to-day on the question of issuing bonds to the amount of $250,000 for the erection of water works, to be owned by the city, the works to be constructed on the Suscol Hill, eight miles from town. The Chabot Company fought the proposition hard. The vote was light, only 692, and the proposition failed to obtain the requisite two-thirds vote by thirty votes. The count stood: 385 for to 337 against issuing bonds. Another election is suggested. The Australian ballot system worked admirably.

FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.

A Proposition to Purchase the Racetrack at Lodi.

LODI, March 16. — Dan McCarty, the well-known turfman, was in Lodi last evening for the purpose of making offers for the Lodi winter training track. The directors of the company owning the track held a special meeting, and McCarty offered them $7000 for the track and buildings. It is not known whether the directors will accept or not. It is rumored that McCarty is acting as agent for Governor Stanford and that if he succeeds in buying part of the Palo Alto stock will be removed here.

UNDER THE WRIGHT LAW.

Alta Irrigation System of Canals Completed and in Operation.

TRAVER, March 16.—The great Alta irrigation district system of canals under the Wright law has been completed and is running full of water, practically irrigating 130,000 acres of land. This result has been brought about by residents of the district purchasing bonds themselves. Five hundred miles of canals and distributing ditches are in operation. Some 5,000,000 feet of lumber have been used in headgates, dropchecks, bridges and flumes.

OVEREXERTION.

Inquest Over the Remains of a Boy Killed in a Prize-Fight.

PORTLAND, March 16.—At an inquest this afternoon over the remains of Pearl Henderson, the 17-year-old lad who was killed Sunday while engaging in a prize-fight with Charles Bell, the Coroner's jury found that Henderson came to his death from overexertion while engaging in a prize-fight with Bell. Young Bell was exonerated from all criminal intent. He will be discharged in the Police Court to-morrow.

Arizona Irrigation Scheme.

PHŒNIX, Ariz., March 16.—Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Arizona Land and Irrigation Company with a capital stock of $5,000,000, paid up $1,500,000. The incorporators are H. Cummings of New York, Judge William H. Barnes of Tucson and A. L. Pogue of Indiana. The company proposes to construct an immense dam at a place known as Pasters Butte, on the Gila River, and build 240 miles of canal.

Eureka Railroad Survey.

RED BLUFF, March 16.—The Railroad Committee—R. H. Blossom, C. A. Campbell and George Chaplin—has obtained subscriptions to the amount of $550 to aid the preliminary survey of a railroad from Eureka to Red Bluff. The amount is deposited in the Bank of Tehama County, subject to the order of the Eureka Committee. The surveyors are now in the field, beginning at Eureka.

French Colony in Mexico.

PHŒNIX, Ariz., March 16.—Max Richards, manager of the French syndicate, who is planting a large colony from France in the Avispe district of Sonora, Mexico, is in the Territory on business connected with the colony scheme. The company have valuable concessions and the attention of the new colony will be devoted to mining and farming.

New Bank at Bakersfield.

BAKERSFIELD, March 16.—A new bank, called the Producers' Savings Bank, was organized here to-day. The Directors are: R. Frisselle, H. Hirshfield, H. C. Park, F. A. Stewart, S. L. Carter, E. E. Elliott and L. Blankenhorn. The capital stock is put down at $100,000, divided into 1000 shares at $100 each.

Telegraph Communication Opened.

AMEDEE, March 16.—A telegraph line, constructed through the enterprise of citizens of Lassen County, was opened to-day between this town and Susanville. Amedee is the terminus of the California and Nevada Railroad, and until to-day has had no telegraphic communication with the outside world.

Store and Residence Burned.

MILTON, March 16.—Last night the store and contents of J. Bacigaluppi at Jenny Lind, six miles north of this place, also his residence adjoining, were completely destroyed by fire. The cause of the fire is supposed to have been accidental. The loss is about $3500, with small insurance.

Gold Gulch Murder Trial.

FRESNO, March 16.—The trial of J. H. Murphy for the murder of William McKay at Gold Gulch, in this county, last December, is in progress in the Superior Court. The cause of the shooting was a dispute over the location of a mining claim. Murphy ambushed McKay.

Tug-of-War Match.

LOS ANGELES, March 16.—The American tug-of-war team, which won so many contests here, has accepted the challenge of the San Francisco American team for a match for $1000 a side, best two in three. The pull is to take place on Saturday night, March 28, in Hazard's Pavilion, in this city.

Red Bluff Cannery.

RED BLUFF, March 16.—Stock to the amount of nearly $3000 has already been taken in the Red Bluff cannery enterprise. It is the intention of the Cannery Committee to close the books of subscription of stock in ten days. By that time all the stock will be sold.

Christian Endeavor Convention.

PETALUMA, March 16.—The fifth annual convention of the Christian Endeavor societies of Sonoma and Mendocino counties has been in session here for the past two days. Delegates were present from different towns in the two counties, and the session was unusually interesting.

Arrested for Grand Larceny.

SAN RAFAEL, March 16.—Andrew Peterson, who has been employed here as a waiter in a hotel, was arrested this afternoon by Sheriff Healy, on a warrant from San Francisco, on a charge of grand larceny. He admits the theft and implicates other San Francisco persons.

Fire in Fresno.

FRESNO, March 16.—A fire about 9 o'clock this evening destroyed a portion of the barn of F. Wickersham, a livery-stable keeper. About 200 tons of hay were consumed. The loss, including the building, is about $5000, and insurance on the contents $2500.

Verdict Against the Southern Pacific.

VISALIA, March 16.—P. J. Conway to-day obtained a verdict against the Southern Pacific for $1666. Conway assisted in arresting Grattan Dalton for the Alila train robbery and claimed this as pro rata of the reward.

Complaint Against a Trusty.

VISALIA, March 16.—George Caldwell, a trusty in the County Jail, furnished a prisoner named Mooney with tools to escape, and a complaint was filed against him to-day for the act.

Departure of Record-Breakers.

RENO, March 16.—The Winters Nevada stable of fine horses, containing nine record-breakers, left here this morning in Mr. Winters' palace horsecar for St. Louis. The stable has been wintered at the track here and is in prime condition for the summer campaign on the Eastern turf.

The Mills Party.

CORNING, March 16.—W. H. Mills and party in a special car arrived here to-day and drove out to the Wilson ranch of 10,000 acres. They were favorably impressed with the land and location and are negotiating for the purchase for subdivision. The party left for Chico this afternoon.

Court Petaluma, A. O. F.

PETALUMA, March 16.—Court Petaluma No. 8033, of the American Order of Foresters, was instituted here last night with forty charter members. A court of the English branch of Foresters was instituted here last week.

Fire at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, March 16.—The fine residence of R. A. Brown, in East Los Angeles, was partly burned this morning.

St. Patrick's Day.

PETALUMA, March 16. — To-morrow St. Patrick's day will be grandly celebrated at Tomales, Marin County.

VERGING ON BANKRUPTCY.

Partners Who Are Out After Less Than a Year in Business.

On July 1, 1890, Frank Dunn and George Armstrong entered into an agreement of copartnership in the hardware business, Armstrong to devote all his time, labor and skill, and Dunn likewise, as far as reasonable, and within his power while pursuing his ordinary occupation as a teacher, but to make up the difference by the contribution of $50 per month for the employment of a man, otherwise to share equally in the profits.

At this time, says Dunn, the business is of such a character that it requires all the time, attention and skill of his partner that it may be advantageously conducted, it having been built up and developed by joint exertions until it is beginning to pay. The defendant has, in the meanwhile, withdrawn more than $2000, while Dunn has permitted his share to remain for use in the business, which owes him an amount equal to $2000, payment for which has been asked, but refused.

In February, 1892, Armstrong agreed with Dickson, De Wolf & Co., agents of the ship Orissa, to repair and alter her woodwork after a collision on the bay, but he has so neglected the partnership business against the protest of Dunn that it is in a critical state and threatened with insolvency.

The prospective profits under this contract are said to be more than $2500, and while Armstrong is indebted more than $500 he has no property outside of the partnership interest, and Dunn has sued for a dissolution and the appointment of a receiver.

"CHAW'S" HARD LUCK.

The Dog-Fighter Is Fined $50 and Makes an Appeal.

The soul of "Chaw" Casey was filled with bitterness as he sat in Judge Love's court yesterday afternoon. His soul was bitter because he had been called before that august tribunal in violation of the laws—that is the laws of the pit.

He was accused of having been a referee at a dog-fight that recently occurred at the water front.

"Chaw" emphatically denied that he had been referee of the combat.

"What are my duties as referee?" he asked the court.

"I don't know, and I don't care" was the unsatisfactory reply.

"Ah! I thought so," replied Mr. Casey.

"Now, this reporter" (one of the witnesses against him), "he says I came out in the saloon and gave my decision that the white dog had won. I don't give no decision in no saloon. See? I allus tell 'em right at the fight. That's me. The reporter don't know nothin' about it. He has disrighted us all the way through, an' I wont stand it. I will have him arrested for dog-fighting and see how he likes it."

The court was not en rapport with Mr. Casey, for he was fined $50 with the alternative of spending fifty days in the House of Correction. Mr. Casey promptly appealed.

BUNCO MEN.

Accomplished Steerers Captured by Officer Dawes.

Officer Dawes yesterday afternoon arrested John Kerrigan, B. A. Vina, Jacob Flushman and John Franklin on a charge of buncoing W. A. Smith, a young farmer of Stockton who recently sold his farm for $8000.

One of the quintet met Smith on a ferry-boat and learned his name and that he was suffering from catarrh. Then another met him and took him to a catarrh-cure establishment, where he was asked to deposit $10 before operations were commenced on his nose and where he was informed that he could be cured for $60. When he reached this haven of consolation he saw one of the quintet, but did not know that anything was wrong.

Officer Davis, however, was better posted. He knew that Kerrigan and Vina had been steerers for twelve years, and he arrested the five, of whom three were lurking about the doctor's office for vagrancy.

The doctor of the place came down to the prison to see Kerrigan, but said he knew nothing about the case.

Music in the Park.

The following is the programme of music to be performed in Golden Gate Park to-day. Commencing to-day the concerts will begin at 2 o'clock in the afternoon instead of 1:45 as heretofore:

1. Turnier Grand March.....Bach
2. Overture, "Spanish Lustspiel".....Keler Bela
3. "Whispered Love," a court gavotte.....Abecasis
4. Grand potpourri of operatic airs.....
.....Arranged by Stetefeld
5. "Auf der Alm Landler".....Carl
6. Fantasia, "Gems of Ireland".Arranged by Sibold

Operatic gems from "Cavalleria Rusticana" (Mascagni):

7. Prelude and Siciliana.
8. Introductory and song, Alfio, chorus and prayer.
9. Romanza Santuzza and duet, Santuzza and Turidu.
10. The celebrated intermezzo.
11. Chorus, drinking song, finale.
12. "Profile Galop".....Mullaly

On Thursday, March 24, will be performed the gems of the romantic opera "Freischutz," in the following order: 1—Overture. 2—Terzett. 3—Aria and Terzett and hunting chorus. 4—Romanza (with cornet and alto clarionet obligato). Finale.

Fair and the Injunction.

Concerning the injunction that has been served on James G. Fair to prevent him from continuing the work of driving piles on property owned by him near Fillmore-street Wharf, he says that the proceedings will not interfere with the intended work, as he has driven piles as far as he intended and that now he will commence filling in the property. He also asserted that he intends to build as soon as a suitable foundation is laid.

The Faro Banks.

All the known faro games suddenly simultaneously and quietly shut down on Tuesday night. It was understood that the new order as to the suppression of the game will be strictly enforced and that preparations were being made for a raid on Tuesday. Rumor has it that the gamblers were all notified of the intentions of the Police Department and they consequently took no chances but stopped all their games.

Despair not, neither man nor maid,
Although your mouth has suffered ill,
Although your teeth are half decayed,
You can still save them if you will.
A little SOZODONT be sure
Will make all balmy, bright and pure.

Not Mysterious.

A. Solar, the owner of a milk-ranch, who was reported missing a few days ago, turned up in the Police Court yesterday morning to answer a charge of drunk and disorderly.

Hotel at Niagara Falls Burned.

NIAGARA FALLS, March 16.—The Spencer House, one of the oldest hotels here, was entirely destroyed by fire to-night.

The brig Gudsun has been wrecked on the Isle of Wight, and ten men were drowned.

SO HAPPY.

3 Bottles of SWIFT'S SPECIFIC relieved me of a severe Blood trouble. It has also caused my hair to grow out again, as it had been falling out by the hand full. After trying many physicians in vain, I am so happy to find a cure in S.S.S.—O. H. ELBERT, Galveston, Tex.

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TICKET AGENTS' CONVENTION

Reports of Committees Considered by the Association.

NEW OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD.

N. S. Hanson of the Boston and Albany Chosen President—Next Meeting to Be Held in Vermont.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

MONTEREY, March 16.—The second day's session of the thirty-seventh semi-annual convention of General Passenger and Ticket Agents opened in the spacious ballroom of the Del Monte at 10 o'clock this morning, John Francis of the Burlington and Missouri Railroad presiding in the absence of President E. L. McCormick of Cincinnati.

The committee on the sale of unlimited tickets made but a partial report and were given further time to prepare the same.

The committee on tourists' tickets were not ready to report and likewise were given further time.

A recommendation for the national rebating sheet was referred to the Executive Committee, to report at the next meeting of the association.

A communication was read from Mr. A. Smith of Chicago dwelling on the transportation facilities for the World's Fair. The communication was referred so the Chicago Terminal Line for action.

Another communication was received from Mr. Jackson of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company offering free transportation to those passenger agents and their families who might be desirous of availing themselves of the opportunity of taking a sea voyage while on their tour of this coast.

A resolution of regret was read and placed on the minutes in memory of B. W. McCurlow of the Texas and Pacific Railroad.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The nominations for officers for the ensuing term were numerous and a lively election ensued. The result of the ballot gave the presidency to A. S. Hanson, General Passenger Agent of the Boston and Albany Railroad, Boston; the vice-presidency to F. Chandler of the Wabash Railroad, and the secretaryship to A. J. Smith of the Lake Shore line, the incumbent.

The President appointed Messrs. Franklin Boothly and Whitney members of the Executive Board.

J. Havens was selected orator to succeed T. H. Goodman.

David Edwards of the Cincinnati and New Orleans Railroad and John Eagan were elected honorary members of the association.

Bluff Point, Lake Champlain, Vermont, was selected as the place of the next meeting which occurs in September.

Suitable resolutions of thanks to those who had shown courtesies to the association were ordered drawn and a committee appointed to draft them.

Much merriment and laughter was caused by the ludicrous speeches and a vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring Chairman, John Francis, who responded in a fitting strain of eloquence.

Mr. A. J. Smith, the Secretary of the association, in a few well-chosen remarks, thanked the members for once again bestowing upon him the office which he has held for the past term, and he also dwelt upon the advantages derived by those holding membership in the association.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet next September at Bluff Point.

RAN DOWN A SCHOONER.

The Steamer Apache Nearly Sunk Near the Brothers Rock.

A very serious bay collision occurred near the Brothers Rock about 8 o'clock last night, and by which the Sacramento steamer Apache was very nearly sent to the bottom of the sea.

The steamer was on her way to San Francisco, and just after passing the Brothers the lights of a schooner were seen on the port bow.

Pilot Sawtell was at the wheel on board the Apache, and thinking he had lots of room held his course and tried to cross the schooner's bow. The schooner was going through the water too fast, however, and crashed into the Apache, cutting her to the water's edge. Instantly all was confusion on board the steamer, and many of the passengers on board, including a large number of women, thought the steamer was going to the bottom. The force of the blow caused her to keel over until the starboard guard was under water and much of the freight on the main deck began to roll down to leaward. The steamer righted again as soon as the schooner cleared her and the main pumps were at once set to work. Captain Ferris at once brought the steamer to an anchor and ascertained the extent of damage. The entire side of the steamer for a distance of over ten feet had been crushed in, and part of the upper works torn away. The schooner also dropped her anchor, and had also sustained serious damage. Her bowsprit was gone and the entire bows crushed in, and only for the cargo of lumber which she carried she must have sunk instantly. By shifting several tons of freight over to the starboard side Captain Ferris managed to keep the Apache afloat long enough to reach the wharf in this city, and she arrived here about two hours late. Both Captain Ferris and Pilot Sawtell refused to give any information regarding the affair, and also refused to give the name of the schooner. This is the second accident Pilot Sawtell has met with inside of a month, as he was at the wheel when the Apache ran down a fishing-boat near Benicia not long ago, and by which one of the men in the boat lost his life by being struck by the steamer's wheel.

LABOR TOPICS.

The Machinists Declare for Protection to Labor.

The Machinists' Union met last night and unanimously indorsed a set of resolutions acknowledging the wisdom of the Government bonus on sugar, but condemning the injustice of admitting free of duty the machinery which manufacturers this sugar, thus depriving the mechanics of this country of that protection which the tariff affords to other branches of labor.

The proposition embodied in the resolutions will be brought to the attention of all the unions in the State with a view to obtaining their favorable action thereon.

The Building Trade League met last night at Furniture-workers' Hall. Delegates from twelve unions were present. The Secretary announced that six unions—Carpenters' No. 483, Carpenters' No. 304, the Wood-carvers, the Cornice-makers, Painters' No. 175 and the Furniture-workers—had voted in favor of an independent ticket that would be in favor of labor to be supported during the campaign.

A report was received from the Federated Trades of Santa Clara County to the effect that the unions of that organization would support the locked-out shoefitters of San Francisco.

The Los Angeles Federation asked for information concerning the trouble between the shoemakers and manufacturers of this city, and the Secretary was instructed to explain the matter to them.

The San Diego Council reported that it had tried to organize the bakers, but finding that the members of that craft were few they had advised them to join the Los Angeles union.

ALAMO SQUARE.

Twenty Thousand Dollars Will Be Asked for Its Improvement.

E. M. Root presided at a meeting of the Alamo-square Improvement Club, held last evening at the residence of M. W. Westerfeld, corner of Scott and Fulton streets.

The Executive Committee presented a petition for the approval of the club, asking the Supervisors to grade Scott street, between Fulton and Hayes. The Metropolitan Electric Railway Company, in extending its line, recently cut through this thoroughfare between the points mentioned above, and now the property-holders of the vicinity desire to see it put in condition for wagon traffic.

The petition was signed by about 100 members, and will go before the Supervisors at their next meeting.

The improvement of Alamo square was discussed at length, but no definite action was taken.

The members of the club, and citizens owning property in the vicinity of the square generally, will soon ask for an appropriation of $20,000 for the improvement of the place, and according to the statements of several of the speakers last evening this amount has been promised by the Supervisors.

Delegates Appointed.

The following gentlemen, though not members of the Traffic Association, have been selected by President Stetson, on account of the commercial interests they represent, as delegates to the Nicaragua Canal Convention, which will meet here on the 29th inst: George W. Gibbs, C. R. Winslow, Robert Oxnard, William M. Bunker, J. H. Hegler, Charles Yates, W. F. Whittier, Albert Gallatin, A. C. Hellman, Charles Hug.

THE CAPTAIN'S VERSION.

No Truth in the Charge Made by the Crew of the Fred Billings.

Captain Williams of the Frederick Billings was interviewed yesterday by a CALL reporter with reference to the charges of murder made against him by a part of his crew. He was very indignant at the publication of the statement, which he characterized as totally false.

"I was in the cabin when the crash came," he said, and was not aware for fifteen minutes after that any of the crew were aloft at the time. Then the steward came up to inform us that three men had been carried overboard and killed. I saw no one in the water and did not take a boat hook in any hand for the reason that I had all I could do at the moment to look out for my ship.

"It was utterly impossible to get out a boat on account of the amount of wreckage which prevented us bringing her to the wind. Brown's story was false throughout."

Alex Silverware, a member of the crew, and several other sailors signed a paper yesterday exonorating the captain from all the charges made by Brown and others. They also stated that Brown, Morgan and Gleason stole all the clothes, etc., of the drowned men, and the first named of the trio has still in his possession a gold watch belonging to one of the deceased.

Captain Williams expresses himself as anxious for a judicial investigation in order that he may have an opportunity of clearing himself of the charges.

PLAYED POKER.

William McKee Charged With Changing Spots.

There was an interesting game of poker in Edward Benson's saloon on Third street on Tuesday evening and Benson claims the distinction of having been the victim. On his complaint W. J. McKee was arrested yesterday morning.

Benson says that he was watching a game which McKee was playing with a friend. He saw both hands and finally discerned an "eight full on fives" in the stranger's hand while McKee had a "deuce full." The stranger bet $10 and McKee raised him $40. The stranger said he had no more money. Benson, knowing that the stranger had the better hand, threw $40 to him and asked him to call. He did so and found that while McKee had deuces full the unknown had but two pairs—eights and fives. One spot had vanished from one of his eight spots, leaving it a seven, and McKee won the money. After the two men had left Benson began wondering how he could have been deceived in the strength of the stranger's hand upon which he had risked and lost his $40; but he found under the table another spot which bore on its back evidence of having been gummed upon the face of the seven to make an eight. McKee, of course, says he knows nothing about it. He was released on bonds.

L. E. BULKELEY IS DEAD.

He Represented the Savage Claimants in the Blythe Case.

L. E. Bulkeley, an attorney, who was known to many in this community, died yesterday afternoon at the Grand Hotel after several weeks' suffering from an internal malady. He had been attended solely by his man servant. He came to this city from New York about fifteen years ago. He had some trouble in a professional way which led to his being brought before the Bar Association. In this city his practice was confined to very narrow limits. The only prominent case in which he appeared was the Blythe-will contest, in which he was the representative of the Savage claimants, appearing with Barrister Donague of London.

The father of the Savage family, it seems, was a "chimney-sweep." A younger son was present in court during the trial of the Blythe case, and testified that Thomas H. Blythe, when in London, visited the family, acknowledged his relationship and, in fact, was the "long lost brother with the strawberry mark upon his right arm."

Judge Coffey, in rendering his decision, remarked that Mr. Bulkeley "had made the most of his case." This remark was made with an emphasis peculiarly his own, which excited more or less risibility.

FIELD OF SPORT.

The Kiernan and McCann Match Is Postponed—Fancy Dogs Coming.

The California Athletic Club held its weekly exhibition last evening, and between the contests President Fulda took occasion to remark that only paying members of the club would in future be allowed to witness any of the club's entertainments.

The bouts resulted as follows: Devine and Patterson boxed five rounds and a draw; Jerry Sullivan defeated Nick Smith in four rounds; Tom Brown (colored) defeated Jack Farrell in four rounds, the latter losing on account of his fond desire to hug the floor; Frank Lewis defeated Ben Denny. The sport was brought to a close by a contest between Ed Hennessy and Jack Garrity, which was won by the former in the second round.

The monthly fistic exhibition of the San Francisco Athletic Club took place last evening. Those who participated in the boxing bouts were: Skuce and Coughlan, Reno and Daley, Slater and Flynn, Rice and Pinkus, Kenny and Rago, Stanley and Lucy, Casey and Webster. The entertainment gave general satisfaction and the members retired well satisfied with the evening's sport.

Dobbs and O'Brien are in good condition, and their friends look forward to a rattling good fight on Friday evening. They will enter the ring at 138 pounds. The winner of the match will be pitted against the clever pugilist, Andy Bowen, of New Orleans.

M. Lyons, son of Con Lyons, has accepted the challenge of King to fight to a finish in the club which will offer the best inducements.

Point Hueneme Light.

Notice is hereby given that on or about April 15, 1892, the present fixed red light at Point Hueneme light station, north side of easterly entrance to Santa Barbara Channel, Cal., will be changed to an occulting white light, with intervals of five seconds between eclipses. The order of the light will not be changed. By order of the Lighthouse Board, James A. Greer, Commodore, U. S. N., Chairman.

OBITUARY NOTES.

C. B. FOSTER.

C. B. Foster, a prominent citizen of Prescott, Ariz., died in that city yesterday after a few days' illness. Deceased was deputy mineral surveyor, and was engaged in his profession in Bradshaw Mountains last week, where he contracted the disease. He was a member of the fourteenth Legislature of Arizona and also served one term as Territorial Treasurer.

SAMUEL SEAGRAVE.

Samuel Seagrave, for many years an engineer on boats running out of San Francisco and for the last five years chief engineer of the excursion steamer Falcon of San Pedro, died at that place yesterday of hemorrhage of the stomach. Deceased was 56 years old.

ARCHBISHOP SMITH.

The Most Reverend William Smith, D.D., and Catholic Archbishop of Edinburgh, died at his residence in Edinburgh yesterday.

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(this is the name of the paint), looks like stained and varnished *new furniture*. One coat will do it. A child can apply it. You can change a pine to a walnut, or a cherry to mahogany; there is no limit to your fancies. All retailers sell it.

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DRIFTED SNOW FLOUR

TO STUDY LABOR.

A Deputy's Mission From the French Government.

A Member of the Chamber Who Is Instituting Inquiries Into American Legislation and Labor Organizations.

M. Paul Deschanel, who has been for six years a member of the French Chamber of Deputies, is at the Palace. He has been sent here by the French Government, his mission being to study the relation of labor and capital in the United States and the character and effect of American legislation upon strikes and other labor troubles. He has been in the principal cities of the East since December 27, and will remain in this city about a week.

"The law permitting the formation of labor organizations only dates from 1887," said M. Deschanel, "and these unions are now beginning to be formed. Arbitration as a means of settling the difficulties between employers and employes is just beginning to be tried. The labor disputes have excited much discussion in France, the most serious trouble existing in the coal mines of the north. These difficulties have been adjusted temporarily, but they will recur again.

LABOR AND CAPITAL.

"Labor in its relation to capital is the greatest and most tremendous question in Europe. Since the Congress of Berlin, State socialism, which has been inaugurated by the present German Emperor, has been advocated by the clerical party and its representatives in the French Chamber of Deputies. Upon my report will depend much future legislation in France and other countries concerning the laboring classes.

"I have been greatly astonished during my visit to the United States at the power of the labor organizations. The facts which I have collected refer to the entire question of capital and labor, and especially to the legislation upon the subject in the different States."

"In a general way, what will be the nature of your report?" the French Commissioner was asked.

"If anything general can be drawn from such complex legislation, and so many and varied organizations," he replied, "it is this, which will be very pertinent in France at the present moment: In this country of free individual effort, where the energy of the individual citizen is considered, the citizen asks very little in the way of legislation from either State or national Government. He does his own legislating, and it is by the privilege of organization and association that he is able to arrive at his conclusions.

CENTRALIZATION.

"In France, however, the people have been accustomed, by three centuries of civilization, to ask the Government for everything they desire. This is the tendency of the clerical party and the Congress of Berlin, as well as many radical parties in Europe. It is surely better to effect a solution of labor difficulties and the elevation of employes through private organization rather than by State socialism, which means Government intervention between labor and capital."

"Do you care to discuss the Deacon case?"

"As I was an intimate friend both of Mrs. Deacon and M. Atelle, my lips are sealed on that subject," replied M. Deschanel.

"What are the prospects of a European war?"

"War is inevitable. The present international relations promise nothing immediately ominous. France and Russia will be on the same side, but they will not be the aggressors. What will England's position be? As usual, she will keep out of the thick of the fight, but when the result is evident she will side with the winners. She will not fire a gun, but when the other nations have raked the chestnuts from the fire she will eat them."

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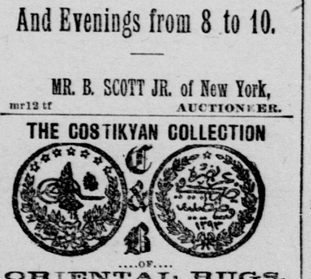

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