SAFE MANUFACTURERS FORM A NEW COMPANY.

A Large Corporation Organized by Several of the Oldest Established Houses in the Trade.

NEW YORK, May 12.—Messrs. John H. Davis & Co. of New York and Messrs. Connor & Co. of New York have been authorized to offer for subscription $1,800,000 of the 8 per cent accumulative preferred stock and $500,000 of the common stock of the Herring-Hall-Marvin Company, organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey. The capital stock is $3,300,000, divided into 18,000 shares of 8 per cent accumulative preferred stock of $100 each, aggregating $1,800,000, and 15,000 shares of common stock of $100 each, aggregating $1,500,000, a total of $3,300,000.

All the shares are full-paid stock and non-assessable, and stockholders will have no personal liability whatever. The company begins business without any debt or liability. The charter of the company and its by-laws provide that no bond or mortgage can be created without the consent of 90 per cent of the preferred stockholders; also that this provision cannot be altered except by the like affirmative vote.

Registar of the Stock: Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, New York; Transfer Agents Messrs. Connor & Co., New York; Counsel, Frank R. Lawrence, New York; Auditors, Barrow, Wade, Guthrie & Co.; officers—Edward C. Hall, President; John Farrel, Willis B. Marvin, Wright D. Pownall, Vice-Presidents; Richard T. Pullen, Secretary; William H. Hall, Treasurer; Directors—Edward C. Hall of Hall's Safe and Lock Company, John Farrel of Messrs. Herring & Co., Willis B. Marvin of Marvin Safe Company, Richard T. Pullen of Hall's Safe and Lock Company, Frank O. Herring of Messrs. Herring & Co., Wright D. Pownall of Marvin Safe Company, William H. Hall of Hall's Safe and Lock Company, Richard Dymond, President of the Central Trust and Safe Deposit Company, Cincinnati; Joseph Rawson Jr. of Joseph Rawson & Sons, Cincinnati; William S. Rowe, cashier First National Bank, Cincinnati; John H. Davis of John H. Davis & Co., New York.

The preferred stock will be entitled to cumulative preferential dividends of 8 per cent per annum, payable out of the profits of the company, and will also rank against the assets of the company in preference to the common stock. The common stock will be entitled to the surplus earnings, when declared in dividends, after payment of the dividend of 8 per cent on the preferred stock. Dividends on the preferred stock will be payable quarterly. Dividends on the common stock will be declared and paid at the end of each fiscal year, and may be paid more often, provided the full dividend for the current year upon the preferred shares shall first be set apart.

A very large portion of the preferred stock has already been applied for and will be allotted to advance subscribers. The balance of that issue, together with $500,000 of the common stock, is now offered for subscription at par. The venders retain a majority of the common stock. Subscriptions will be payable as follows: 10 per cent on application, 30 per cent on allotment, 30 per cent in 15 days after allotment, 30 per cent in 30 days after allotment.

The subscription lists will be opened simultaneously at 10 o'clock A. M. on Monday, May 16, 1892, and will close at or before Thursday, May 19, 1892, at 3 o'clock P. M., at the offices of Messrs. John H. Davis & Co., 10 Wall street, New York, and Messrs. Connor & Co., 71 Broadway, New York. Subscriptions will also be received by the following banks and bankers: The Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, New York; The Chase National Bank, New York; The Garfield National Bank, New York; Clarence H. Wildes, New York; Messrs. Irwin, Ellis & Ballman, Cincinnati, O.; Messrs. Townsend, Whelan & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; Metropolitan National Bank, Chicago, Ill.; Midland National Bank, Kansas City, Mo.; Kentucky National Bank, Louisville, Ky.; Pacific Bank, San Francisco, Cal.

Allotments will be made as soon as practicable. The right is reserved to reject any subscription or to accept it in part. If any subscription is wholly rejected the amount deposited on application will be returned. If the whole amount applied for by any applicant is not allotted, the surplus amount paid on application will be applied on the sums due under the allotment.

Preference in allotment will be given to the employes of the several former companies and firms and to advance subscribers. Advance subscriptions can be made to any of the bankers prior to the formal opening of the books. Subscribers will have the option of paying in full on the allotment. Interest on the anticipated payments will be allowed at the rate of 5 per cent per annum. The failure to pay any installment when due will forfeit previous payments. Following is the prospectus:

This corporation has been formed to purchase, unite and take over as going concerns several of the oldest and best-known business properties in the United States, viz.: Those of Messrs. Herring & Co. of New York, the Hall Safe and Lock Company of Cincinnati, Ohio; the Marvin Safe Company of New York, and Messrs. Farrel & Co. and Myers & Smith, of Philadelphia, manufacturers of fire and burglar proof vaults and safes, the consideration for such purchases being the preferred and common stock of the aggregate par value of three million three hundred thousand dollars ($1,800,000 preferred and $1,500,000 common stock of the Herring-Hall-Marvin Company). These properties need no introduction to the public. The business of Messrs. Herring & Co. and that of the Marvin Safe Company originated shortly after the great fire which destroyed the business portion of the city of New York in the year 1835, and each of these concerns has been in continuous and profitable operation for more than half a century. The business of Farrel & Co. of Philadelphia has been the branch in that city of the establishment of Messrs. Herring & Co. Messrs. Myers & Smith are manufacturers of safes for Farrel & Co.

The business of Hall's Safe and Lock Company was established about 1845 at Pittsburg, Pa., by Mr. Joseph L. Hall, who shortly after removed his plant to Cincinnati, Ohio, where the business has ever since been continued. Hall's Safe and Lock Company was incorporated in 1867. The business has from the beginning been continuously profitable and has grown steadily. It is now the largest establishment in existence for the manufacture of safes. The company begins business as of June 1, 1892. The statement of the venders is as follows:

The Fire and Burglar-proof Vaults and Safes manufactured by the several concerns now united in the Herring-Hall-Marvin Company are in almost universal use in banks, safe-deposit companies, express companies, steamship lines, business offices, stores and dwellings, and it need scarcely be said that they represent the latest improvements and most perfect development of the art of safe-making known to the world. These safes are of every variety and range in price from less than $100 each to $100,000 or more for a single bank or safe-deposit vault.

The steady growth of the business is shown by the fact that the number of safes manufactured by these concerns increased from 6850 in 1870 to 12,590 in 1880 and 17,800 in 1891. The several establishments employ in the aggregate more than 1700 men. Hitherto these establishments have been conducted in the sharpest competition with one another. Each house has required separate managers, stores, branch offices and agencies, and an independent set of salesmen. The great economy to be attained through uniting the several businesses has been a controlling feature in the formation of the present corporation. The future saving in rent and other expenses to be thus effected is expected to amount annually to more than $100,000.

The property conveyed to the Herring-Hall-Marvin Company embraces all the manufacturing plant, leasehold interests, machinery, tools, implements and patterns used in the manufacture of safes; the cartage plants, horses, trucks and rigging; all the stocks of safes manufactured, bought and taken in exchange; all materials manufactured and in course of manufacture, and sundry other properties of the several concerns, with all their patent rights, trademarks and goodwill. Messrs. Edward C. Hall, Frank O. Herring, John Farrel, Richard T. Pullen, William H. Hall, Willis B. Marvin and Wright D. Pownall remain as officers and directors of the new company, under contracts, by which they agree to continue in its service for five years, or longer if desired. A continuance of the management which has brought these businesses to their present height of prosperity is thus insured.

The books and accounts of the several concerns have been examined by the well-known public accountants, Messrs. Barrow, Wade, Guthrie & Co., the result of whose examination is shown in the following certificate:

Accountants' Certificate.—120 Broadway, New York, April 14, 1892.—We have examined the books and accounts of the following safe companies for their last three fiscal years, ending in 1891, viz.: The Hall Safe and Lock Company of Cincinnati, Ohio; Marvin Safe Company of New York, Herring & Co. of New York, Farrel & Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., and Myers & Smith of Philadelphia, Pa. We find the net profits of these several companies and firms, after charging all trading expenses and cost of renewals of plant and machinery, to have been an average for the three years of $276,320 97 per annum. The profit for the last one of these years amounted to $316,790 10. The consolidated company will start free of all indebtedness, and, in our opinion, with ample working capital. The assets to be taken over as from the dates of the last stock-takings, adopting the valuations of the expert appraisers in respect of plant, machinery, buildings and leaseholds, are as follows:

Assets—Machinery, plant, tools and patterns, as per appraisers' certificates of valuation, $668,681 32; buildings and leasehold interests, per appraisers' certificates of valuation, $116,715; stocks of finished safes on hand—cost $426,071 09; stocks of material, raw and in process of manufacture—cost $397,724 74; bills receivable, book accounts and cash balances, $365,337 95; cartage plant—horses, etc., $29,424 10. Total, $2,003,974 20.

Nothing is included in the foregoing total for any of the patent rights, trademarks or goodwill of either of the several concerns. (Signed)

BARROW, WADE, GUTHRIE & CO., Chartered Accountants.

This average annual profit is equal to 8 per cent upon the preferred stock, and over 8¾ per cent upon the common stock, while for the last of these years the net return was equal to over 11 per cent upon the common stock after full dividends upon the preferred. As soon as the economies in expenses referred to can be effected, the result will yield (upon the basis of the average annual profit for the three years above mentioned) 8 per cent per annum upon the preferred stock, and nearly 15½ per cent (15.48 per cent) on the entire common stock.

This calculation allows nothing for the enormous gain to be effected through doing away with the large discounts heretofore allowed by each concern in view of the competition with the others, nor for the increased sales certain to follow the improved facilities for transacting business which will result from combining these several interests.

There being no mortgage or bonds of this company, the preferred stock ranks first against its property and assets; as no bond or mortgage can be created without the consent of 90 per cent of the preferred stockholders, the preferred stock has practically all the security of a bond; and as its cumulative 8 per cent dividend remains until paid a first charge against the net earnings of the company, the preferred stock of this corporation forms an investment of the most solid and remunerative character.

It is manifest that the saving in expenses and other gains to result from this consolidation will enable the company to pay upon its common stock a larger dividend than upon its preferred shares, and the common stock will, in addition, be entitled to the benefits to result from the future expansion of the company's business.

Copies of the full prospectus, together with blank forms of application, can be obtained at the offices of any of the bankers.

OAKLAND BROKE THE RECORD

Colonel T. Pythias Robinson Actually Wins Again.

He Sent Easy O'Neil Forth as an Exhortor Among the Flayers With Good Results.

Since Colonel T. Pythias Robinson got his Damon back into right field baseball life for him has taken on a more roseate hue. What is more, the tailenders won again yesterday, making two games in rapid succession, and last night they had to tie weights on the colonel's ponderous feet to keep him from floating off into the realms of illimitable space. If the team wins again to-day he will probably hire four-in-hands to haul the spectators to the grounds Sunday afternoon.

Carroll's superb swat in the eighth, coupled with the hoarse, gum-muffled barytone voice of Easy O'Neil on the coaching line, were the prime factors in winning the game for Oakland. Score, 8 to 6, and it was a very good game at that. To be sure, Bunglesome Bill bungled as usual, and the stifled sobs of unhappy Joseph McGucken could be heard above the roar of battle, but these are everyday features. There were numerous brilliant plays on both sides, some cracker-jack hits and a neat exhibition of pitching by Lester F. German of Baltimore and his esteemed contemporary, G. Harper, of San Jose.

CHANGED THE BATTING LIST.

For some reason the Dukes turned their batting list upside down, placing Unhappy McGucken at the bottom, Big Bill at the top and shuffling the young men between. The change was conducive to the welfare of Bill's batting average, as he secured four swats, and the rest sustained their reputations, but as a rule the hits were ill-advised except in one inning. German studiously refrained from bases on balls, giving but one, which fell to the lot of J. Denny. The Dukes located in Oakland twelve for 10 hits, earning five of their runs, but in the latter part of the game where hits were needed to win they were not forthcoming.

No runs were scored by either until the third. Oakland had accomplished nothing—not even a hit—but in the third they made up for lost time. Four hits and one of Big Bill's choicest bungles enabled three of the Colonels to register and then Mannasau sent one of his uppercut flies to Stallings. In the next Harper's bad throw to second was responsible for two runs, as perfect play would have resulted in a double. Hutchinson sailed a double down to right, which disturbed the lime deposits on the foul line and sent Whitehead and German across the plate. Carroll was safe on another of Bill's bungles, filling the bases, but Wilson sent a pop fly to Ebright which retired the side with a double play.

EASY AS AN EXHORTER.

With five tallies to overcome, the Dukes sailed in and scored three in the fifth with a nice collection of hits, including a two-bagger by Mr. Ebright. Stallings made the circuit in the next. German did likewise for his nine in the sixth, and in the seventh the visitors tied it up on Denny's triple and a sacrifice, scoring two runs.

When the eighth for Oakland opened the colonel realized that now was the time to act, so he sent Easy O'Neil out on the coaching line. The first man flew out, but German was safe on another of Big Bill's bungles. It was then that Easy started his pipes a-going and kept it up until the game was won.

While Easy was dancing about on his game leg and howling like an auctioneer, Mr. O'Brien plucked a nice ripe single. So did Mr. Hutchinson. Easy put on more steam, and when Carroll followed with a rap that scored two men the coacher almost exploded. If Easy cannot win himself he can earn his salary as an exhorter. He kept on howling but the next two men made outs. The Dukes struggled desperately in the last two innings, but were neatly disposed of each time in rapid double plays. T. Turner, the swarthy young man from the north, played first base for Oakland, Carroll cavorting in center. The same teams play to-day, with Horner and Lookabaugh in the points. The score:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, MAY 13, 1892.

OAKLANDS.	A.B.	R.	B.H.	S.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
O'Brien, 2 b	5	2	2	0	3	6	0
Hutchinson, 3 b	5	1	2	0	0	4	2
Carroll, c. f	5	0	3	1	2	0	0
Wilson, c	5	0	0	0	2	2	0
Turner, 1 b	5	0	1	1	13	0	0
Mannasau, l. f	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
N. O'Neil, r. f	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
Whitehead, s. s	3	2	1	0	4	4	3
German, p	4	3	1	0	0	5	0
Totals	38	8	10	2	27	21	5

SAN JOSES.	A.B.	R.	B.H.	S.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Everett, s. s	5	1	4	0	3	3	3
McVey, c. f	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ebright, 2 b	5	1	1	0	3	2	0
Dooley, 1 b	5	1	2	0	10	1	0
Denny, 3 b	4	1	1	0	1	1	0
Clark, c	4	0	1	0	3	0	0
Stallings, r. f	4	1	0	0	2	0	0
McGucken, l. f	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harper, p	4	1	1	0	2	2	0
Totals	40	6	10	0	24	9	6

RUNS BY INNINGS.

Oaklands	0	0	3	2	0	1	0	2	*—	8
Base hits	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	3		
San Joses	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	0	0—	6
Base hits	1	1	0	1	4	1	1	1	0	

Earned runs—Oaklands 1, San Joses 5. Three-base hit—Denny. Two-base hits—Dooley, Hutchinson, Ebright. Sacrifice hits—Ebright, Stallings, Clark 2, McVey 2, O'Brien, Wilson. First base on errors—Oaklands 6, San Joses 5. First base on called balls—Oaklands 3, San Joses 1. Left on bases—Oaklands 9, San Joses 8. Struck out—By German 2, by Harper 2. Double plays—Denny to Everett to Dooley, Ebright (alone), Whitehead to O'Brien to Turner, Hutchinson to O'Brien to Turner. Passed balls—Wilson, Clark. Wild pitches—German, Harper. Umpire—McDonald. Official scorer—Stapleton.

PLAYED LIKE AMATEURS.

Harris' Men Defeated in Los Angeles. Score 13 to 8.

LOS ANGELES, May 13.—The San Francisco team fielded like a lot of amateurs, while Los Angeles played almost a perfect game. Harris put Rube Levy in the box in the first part of the game. He had good support but poor control. In the first inning a base on balls, a hit by pitcher, two hits and three fielding errors netted four runs. In the next inning "Kid" Hulen, the first man up, hit safe. He trotted around the bases a minute later when Levy threw the ball into the bleachers trying to catch Hulen napping off first. Rube then gave Stafford a base on balls, and Harris put Hoffman in the box. Wright also walked to first and both scored on a hit by Newman and errors by Hanley and Reitz. In the fifth an error by Hanley and a single by Glenalvin gave a score to McCauley. In the eighth Sharp's error with a single and double brought two runs after two men were out, and a rank decision by McDermott gave two more, another being added in the ninth on a single, sacrifice and double. The visitors counted twice in the first on a double by Sweeney and a home run by Spies. In the fourth a single, double and a sacrifice added another. In the fifth five singles aided by a wretched decision by McDermott when two men were out netted the visitors five runs, tying the score, but they could do nothing afterward. Score: Los Angeles 13, San Franciscos 8.

EASTERN GAMES.

Rain Interferes With Several Contests. Cincinnati Defeated Louisville.

CINCINNATI, May 13.—Meekin was wild in the eighth, and with his and Pfeffer's errors they lost the game. The game was called twice on account of rain and was finished in the dark. Cincinnatis 7, hits 9, errors 3. Louisvilles 5, hits 8, errors 5. Batteries—Duryea and Murphy, Meekin and Grim.

CLEVELAND, May 13.—Cleveland's timely hitting and Pittsburg's errors gave the game to Cleveland. Clevelands 6, hits 10, errors 4. Pittsburgs 1, hits 5, errors 7. Batteries—Young and O'Connor, Smith and Mack.

CHICAGO, May 13.—The league games at Chicago and the Western Association games at Columbus, Indianapolis and Milwaukee were postponed to-day on account of rain and wet grounds.

TOLEDO, May 13.—Toledos 12, Kansas Citys 8.

FROM ACROSS THE BAY.

Crop and Fruit Prospects in Alameda County—Trouble About a Ranch.

The crop reports from various portions of Alameda County show varied results of the late spring and recent rains. At Pleasanton the outlook is reported encouraging. At Niles the prospect is good for more than an average harvest. The farmers in the vicinity expect a large crop of hay, notwithstanding a little was caught by the recent rains, but there was only a small quantity cut, and that standing was benefited by the showers. The winds have injured the fruit somewhat. In the vicinity of Centerville the recent rains have generally been beneficial, though the fruit, except perhaps apricots, will be rather light. The peach crop and Winter Nellis pears are going to show a light yield. The frost nipped some of the potatoes. Barley is promising and young corn looks well. At Haywards the cherry crop will be only about a quarter what it should be. Plums are in the same condition, and apricots and pears will not show full crops. Irvington is a little farther back from the bay than Centerville, and caught the frost a little stronger, so that the tender plants like potatoes suffered more. The winds and rain have matted the hay somewhat in the vicinity of Warm Springs. The grain in the vicinity of the springs, Mission San Jose and Irvington is reported as looking well.

Rev. A. C. Bane of Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church South is a past grand master of the A. O. U. W. At the last session of the Grand Lodge of California he was elected a delegate to the Supreme Lodge to meet at Helena, Mont., next month. His congregation have given him a vacation and he will attend. The present Supreme Master Workman, J. W. Kinsley, resides at Helena. He was a charter member of Franklin Lodge No. 44 of San Francisco.

Louis Peres has sued Mary Ives Crocker to declare a deed given to Charles McLaughlin for $17,000 money loaned on 17,400 acres of Rancho las Vaqueros void. On the death of McLaughlin the title passed to Kate M. Dillon and from her to Mary Ives Crocker. Peres now claims the deed was a deed of trust and he now wants it declared a mortgage. This is resisted by the defendant. The land is said to be worth between $300,000 and $500,000.

The answer of W. E. Dargie and Thomas Prather to the suit in the United States court of the president and trustees of Bowdoin College against James Merritt and others has been filed, denying that they have enteredi nto any agreement or that they have any interest whatever in the Merritt estate or in the result of the pending suit.

Among the trainmen yesterday it was believed that the visit of Grand Master Clark of the Railway Conductors and Grand Chief Wilkinson of the Order of Trainmen would not be productive of many concessions for the trainmen, as the conferences between them and the Southern Pacific officials have been generally unsatisfactory.

James C. Newbert, aged 40 years, a clothing salesman, and James W. Williams, a laborer, were examined for insanity and committed to the Stockton asylum. Both were inclined to suicidal mania, and Newbert was also inclined to homicide.

William T. Webb has sued William C. Aickley for the restitution of a lot at Twenty-second avenue and East Nineteenth street. He asks for an order of arrest of defendant for threatening to knock out the brains of plaintiff with a piece of wood.

The ferry steamer Oakland is in the repair dock in the West Oakland yard being thoroughly overhauled.

The charge of violating the health ordinance preferred against Dr. T. D. Hall was dismissed in the Police Court yesterday, as it was shown that he had reported properly to the Health Office.

Companies A and F of the Fifth Infantry, N. G. C., with the field music of the regiment, will pitch camp at Laundry Farm tonight for 24 hours. They will strike tents to-morrow evening.

Mrs. Virginia L. Frey has been granted a divorce from Gustavus J. Frey on the ground of extreme cruelty. The custody of the minor daughter was given to the mother and the two sons to the father.

Alameda.

During the forenoon session yesterday of the Alameda Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the officers of the union for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. S. C. Sanford of Oakland; vice-president, Mrs. H. P. Van Kirk of Oakland; recording secretary, Mrs. A. E. S. Bangs of Berkeley; treasurer, Mrs. Grace M. Kimball of Oakland; auditor, Mrs. Lydia Prescott of Oakland. The officers were introduced to the convention by the Chautauqua salute, which is by the waving of white handkerchiefs.

The report was circulated in this city yesterday that the steamroad, for which Herman Krusi of the San Francisco Bridge Company received a franchise last Monday from the Board of Supervisors, has something to do with the Santa Fe road. The route stated in the franchise is along the tidal canal to Fruitvale avenue, and connection could easily be made at that point with the Laundry Farm road.

The City Trustees met in secret session last evening, and considered the proposition of the Oakland Gaslight and Heat Company to buy the city's plant. Their conclusion, if any, in the matter will probably be made known at the meeting next Monday evening.

Occidental Coursing Club's Meeting.

There was a large number of members of the Occidental Club at its rooms last evening to witness the draw for Sunday's coursing. It resulted as follows:

T. J. Cronin's Kathleen vs. J. J. Hunter's Queen of the Valley.
P. Tiernan's Glenfarron vs. B. Dougherty's Cyclone.
J. Shea's Exile vs. J. Buckley's Tom Moore.
J. Shea's Terrible Swede vs. J. Kerrigan's Honeymoon.
M. McInerney's Spring vs. W. Perry's Coomassie.
J. McCormack's Sir John vs. W. Curtis' Skyrocket.
P. D. Nolan's Darkrustic vs. J. Shea's Fireuzi.
T. Cooney's Carbine vs. P. Cox's Wizard.

The prizes are $40, $20 and two of $10.

John Grace, judge, and James Wren, slipper.

Field stewards—T. J. O'Keeffe, H. Wormington and Colonel S. O. Gregory.

Slip steward, J. R. Dickson.

A Runaway Team.

A team attached to the fruit-wagon of Angelo Spinnetti ran away from Bush and Mason streets yesterday afternoon. The horses were stopped at Kearny and Pine streets and a crowd of boys gathered up the fruit that was spilled.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

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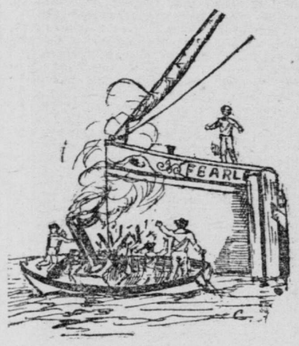
ALONG SEA AND SHORE.

The Fasana's Launch Collides With the Fearless.

A New Light Placed at Point Hueneme—The Homer Leaves for Portland — The Montserrat Spoken.

For many days past the denizens of the water front in the vicinity of the Folsom-street boat-landing have been expecting precisely such a mishap as befell the Austrian corvette Fasana's steamlaunch yesterday. The launch has been brought around the Oceanic wharf and up to the landing at great speed, and in a hit-or-miss, happy-go-lucky style. How many bumps the piers have received no one can say. The launch stood the shocks very well up to yesterday, when, in trying to make a very short turn around the bow of the tug Fearless, lying at the dockhead, the strong flood-tide swept the launch broadside on to the bows of the tug. The sides of the launch were stove in so badly that she immediately began to fill



The collision of the launch and the Fearless.

with water, and would have sunk inside of five minutes. The seven men in the boat could not bale out one-fourth of the water that poured in, but just in the nick of time Captain Dan Haskell of the Fearless jumped on the tug Alert and headed her for the spot. Two large hawsers were shipped fore and aft on the tug, and the launch was raised sufficiently to bring the hole in the side clear of the water. In this condition the launch was towed out to the Fasana and hoisted on board for repairs. The Fearless sustained no other injury than having the paint scraped off her bows at the waterline. The Fasana will leave for Honolulu to-day.

A protest has been made at Benicia and Port Costa against ships going up to the "boneyard" in ballast. It has been therefore arranged that instead of stiffening the vessels in this way they shall go up under easy canvas without yards.

A new gasoline launch for the Aptos Fishing Company of Santa Cruz was launched from Thornton's gas-yatayard and tested on the bay yesterday. The craft will have about 600 pounds of ballast put in before going down the coast to-day. She is 30 feet long, 6 feet beam, 4 feet deep, 8 horse-power and can steam about eight and a half knots. She will be handled by Captain J. P. Hanson.

The Relief will take the San Francisco Yacht Club members and the Fearless the Pacific Club members to the clubs' high jinks at Sausalito to-day.

The steamer Montserrat which sailed hence for the Gilbert Islands, via Nanaimo, about three weeks ago was spoken on the 12th inst. by the Alden Besse from Kahului in latitude 38 deg. 10 min. north and longitude 137 deg. 3 min. west.

The City of Peking is having a new gigger-mast put in.

No fresh cases of varioloid were reported at the Angel Island quarantine station yesterday.

The light at Point Hueneme has been changed to an occulting white light with intervals of five seconds between eclipses.

A human arm was found on Tuesday last in the stomach of a shark caught by Chinese fishermen in San Pablo Bay. There was a star on the back of the wrist in India ink, and the wristband of a blue flannel shirt remained on the arm.

The new steamer Homer, Captain Butler, sailed for Portland yesterday, after taking on a quantity of powder in the stream. The Homer is the first of a new line of freight steamers, carrying passengers when required, and will make a special feature of calling at Tillamook. It is believed that a profitable trade can be made between Tillamook and Portland, as well as between Tillamook and San Francisco. E. T. Kruse is the local agent and George & Dettrick are the freight agents. The Homer is 330 tons and schooner-rigged.

The steamer St. Paul was towed from the stream to Mission No. 1 yesterday.

Captain Wagner of the schooner Berwick, which arrived in port yesterday morning, reports that while on his way here from the Coquille River he passed a whaling bark in distress. He believes the craft to be the Abram Barker, which left here on December 1 of last year for a 'tween season cruise in the southern seas. The agents for the vessel are skeptical, but there are confirmatory notes from several sources that such a vessel has been seen by coasters in the same vicinity. A report obtained currency last night that the craft was off the heads, but no trace of her had been seen from the look-out station at Point Lobos, and she is probably far up the coast.

The Sausalito ferry slip is being repaired and the ferry steamer San Rafael will for the present dock at Washington-street wharf.

Private Bulger of Company B, First U. S. Infantry, who recently got a month's imprisonment for fighting on the steamer McDowell, has been court-martialed for another offense and will be sentenced next week.

The steam schooner Jeanie cleared for Alaska yesterday with 100 Chinese, 100 white men and two cannery outfits.

Information has been received from Montevideo of the stranding of the schooner Warrior, from Halifax for Victoria. The vessel will probably be a total loss.

The following wheat charters are reported: Ship Susquehanna, 2628 tons of wheat, to Cork, United Kingdom, Havre or Antwerp, 18s 9d; British ship Earlscourt, 1113 tons wheat, to Cork, United Kingdom, Havre or Antwerp, £1 5s; ship Rhoderick Dhu, 1642 tons of wheat, to Cork, United Kingdom, Havre or Antwerp, £1 5s; British ship Merioneth, 1366 tons of wheat, to Cork, United Kingdom, Havre or Antwerp, July loading, £1 7s 6d; British ship Ravenswood, 1089 tons of wheat, from the Columbia river to Cork, United Kingdom, Havre or Antwerp, £1 11s 3d.

Sealions are reported as working great havoc among the salmon in the Columbia River.

All of the 36 wheat vessels cleared from this port for Europe last November are now accounted for. The average time was 131 days and the best time 106 days. Only seven wheat ships were cleared from this port last month. Two of them went out under a charter of 16s 6d, the lowest ever accepted at this port.

The ship Berlin has sailed from New York with an assorted cargo. This makes 12 vessels on the way. The ships now under engagement at New York for this port are the Arabia, Bohemia, Francis, Joseph S. Spinney and L. Schepp.

Captain Davis of the Wilder Steamship Company of Honolulu has received the insignia of the Order of Kapiolani from the Hawaiian Government for saving the lives of seven natives.

The American iron ship T. F. Oakes, recently arrived at New York from Havre, will be laid on for the Pacific Coast.

The Alinous, which arrived at Queenstown on March 10, will load at Cardiff for this port. The William J. Roach, which arrived at Hong-Kong in ballast from this port, has been ordered back with rice.

The steam launch Lena, running between Seattle, Colby and Cresswell's Landing with passengers and mail, has been destroyed by fire.

The lenses to be used in the lantern on the light station at St. Georges reef, Cal., were shipped to this port from Paris via New York on April 30. They should reach here in July.

A. Lyons, a boatheader of the steam whaler Grampus, has been lying seriously ill on that vessel since March 28.

A Great Financial Operation.

One of the most important recent financial operations is the consolidation of the three leading safe-manufacturing firms of the country under the corporate name of the Herring-Hall-Marvin Company. The company has decided to offer for subscription $1,800,000 of the 8 per cent accumulative and $500,000 of the common stock for sale. It is an investment well worthy the attention of capitalists.

He Takes His Chances.

Judge Slack nonsuited A. L. Richard in his action against the Central Pacific Railroad Company for damages for having been put off a train, because he had a ticket purchased from a scalper. It was held that the company was justified in its act, as the ticket had been stolen and sold to a scalper, from whom the passenger bought it, and the conductor had orders to take it up. The court stated that he believed the plaintiff innocent in the transaction, but remarked that a person who purchases a ticket from a broker or scalper takes his chances.

THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Excursions and Entertainments Announced for To-Day.

There is every prospect of a very large attendance this afternoon at the fete champetre arranged by the lady managers of the Woman's Exchange to take place at Angel Island. The ladies of the post, under the leadership of Mrs. Shafter, will assist in the reception and entertainment of guests, who will have a pleasant trip and spend several enjoyable hours on the pretty little island. There will be three tugs in use, leaving Washington-street wharf at 1, 2 and 2:30 o'clock, and beginning to make return trips about 4 o'clock.

The Owls' Nest Club, with headquarters in San Mateo County, will be formally instituted this afternoon, and the corner-stone ceremonies of the new building will be performed there. Hon. George T. Bromley will preside over the interesting function.

Alta Parlor No. 3, N. D. G. W., will be tendered a benefit by the Strathmore Club this evening at the Bijou Theater. Tickets have been selling well and an excellent performance is expected.

The seventh anniversary ball of Company D, Fifth Infantry Regiment, N. G. C., will take place at the San Rafael Opera-house this evening.

A ball will be given by the Oro Fino Drill Corps at Apollo Hall, 810 Pacific street, this evening.

Pocahontas Council No. 4, I. O. R. M., Degree of Protection, will give a social this evening at Union-square Hall.

The tenth complimentary social of the South End Rowing Club will take place at B'nai B'rith Hall this evening.

A rose tea and musicale will be given at the residence of Mrs. Charles Goodall this afternoon, between 3 and 10 o'clock, for the benefit of the conservatory of music of the University of the Pacific. Refreshments will be served, and altogether an enjoyable afternoon is assured.

VALID UPON ITS FACE.

The Supervisors Ordered to Pay Conlin's Claim.

"Let the writ issue as prayed for," was the order of Judge Hebbard yesterday on the petition of John J. Conlin to mandamus the Board of Supervisors to obey the act of the Legislature approved April 6, 1891.

This act directs it to pay Conlin $54,015 87 on contracts for work done upon the city's public streets, and "for which work done and material furnished he has not been able to obtain compensation according to the mode and procedure in such cases made and provided by statute by reason of errors, omissions and irregularities of the municipal officers of said city and county in their official proceedings concerning such work and material furnished."

The city and county contended that the act is not valid because it authorizes a gift of moneys within the meaning of and prohibition contained in section 31 of Article IV of the present constitution. In an elaborate decision the Judge finds that in no wise under the several contentions can the appropriation be considered a gift, and he concludes:

The labor and material of petitioner have been put into and upon the public streets of this city and county and become the property of the people. The people speaking through the Legislature of the State has ordered that he be paid for said labor and material as in justice he ought to be paid. The act is valid upon its face.

If the law as expounded by Judge Hebbard shall be sustained by the Supreme Court, the city will be liable for the payment of many similar claims, aggregating about $1,000,000.

The Delinquent Tax-List.

At a meeting of the Printing Committee of the Board of Supervisors yesterday morning the protest of the Journal of Commerce against the awarding of the printing of the delinquent tax-list to the Evening Bulletin was taken up.

The Journal of Commerce protested on the ground that it was the lowest bidder for the work, which the committee admitted, but decided that the newspaper was not one of general circulation under the law. The award of the contract to the Bulletin was sustained.

The award for printing the municipal reports was made to W. M. Hinton & Co. as the lowest bidders.

Kelly's Inhuman Act.

John Kelly, the drunken sailor who poured coal oil over Joseph Franklin's terrier and then set fire to the dog, was convicted yesterday on a charge of cruelty to an animal. Judge Love sentenced him to six months' imprisonment in the House of Correction. The court said that it was the most brutal and inhuman act that had ever come under his notice and he was sorry that a heavier penalty could not be imposed.

The injured animal died yesterday from the effects of the burns.

A Victim of the "Shell Game."

John Whalen, a recent arrival from the East, was swindled out of $25 yesterday in Golden Gate Park by two "shell-game" artists. He reported his ill luck to the police, who are now looking for the swindlers.

"THE CALL'S" CHEMISTS.

Their Coffee Analysis Surprises the Public.

Our Market Inspectors Can Find Tons of the Greened Coffee if They Will Look Around.

"What we drink in our coffee?" read a Market-street pedestrian as he stopped in front of THE CALL'S branch office and looked at the array of placards, green powder and green liquid in the window. "Holy Moses—is that what I've been drinking? Why, my interior must look like the green braes of Scotland. I guess I'll know what I am buying the next time I order any coffee."

Hundreds of people stop in front of the branch office and look at the poisonous mixture which THE CALL'S chemists found in the coffee.

Each bottle is labeled "Poison—Caution." This is done to prevent anybody from being

The greened-coffee drinkers' dream.

killed by drinking the stuff from the bottles.

Even the man who greens the coffee says "It don't do it any good." What, then, must be the notion of the millions of persons who do not get 25 cents a sack for poisoning coffee?

"It ought to be made a penal offense," say many persons.

And so it ought.

While death lurks in the coffee-pot who is safe? Only those who abstain from coffee-drinking or who see that the poison-mixers are thwarted in their game.

They ought never to be allowed to continue.

"Poison—Caution!" ought to be marked on every sack of green coffee that is sent out of a greening factory.

There are market inspectors whose duty it is to see that unscrupulous food-purveyors do not poison the public.

Let them seize all this coffee that they can find. There is plenty of it in town.

It is hard work enough to live anyway, without having to deal with wholesale poisoners.

SELLS' CIRCUS.

Charles Stow Arranging for a Season Here Next Month.

Charles Stow, press agent of Sells Brothers' circus, arrived from the Antipodes on Thursday last, and is now arranging for the "biggest show on earth," which will be due here in four weeks by the Monowai.

Notwithstanding the obstacles thrown in the way of the enterprise by a disgruntled veterinary official, Mr. Stow says the circus was an unprecedented success, though for three weeks of the time they were obliged to carry on the show without horses. Even with that drawback the Sydney people, amazed at the pluck and enterprise of the Americans, just flocked to the entertainment, and wherever it went the circus was well patronized.

At Brisbane the Messrs. Sells bought up the entire zoological collection in the public gardens there, and added them to their own attractions in that line. It will form a fresh feature of the show when it opens up here next month.

Merchants' Picnic.

The San Francisco merchants will hold their fifth annual