THAT WEST WALL.

Steele Testifies as to the Comstock Strike.

LETTERS FROM FRIEND FOX.

They Show Attempts at Covering Up a Find.

A BIG BONANZA IS CLAIMED.

The Ex-Superintendent Tells the Story of the West Consolidated Virginia Mine.

Some idea of the new ore body found on the Comstock was given on the witness-stand yesterday by the man who found it.

Oscar C. Steele, who said that he united in his own person the triple functions of mining superintendent, foreman and shift boss of the Andes mine in 1887, testified that while drifting from a winze in the West Consolidated Virginia and California mine he had cut into some small stringers.

"Did you have the samples assayed?" asked Joe Nougues, his attorney.

"Yes, sir," said the miner.

"How much did it go?"

"It averaged about $25 a ton."

"Did you report the development to M. W. Fox?"

"Yes, sir."

"What was the size of the stringer?"

"About twelve feet wide."

At this last reply Mr. Nougues rose and said he would like the witness to inform him what he called a ledge of ore when he spoke of a width of twelve feet as a stringer.

Mr. Steele, who is the plaintiff in the suit, was on the stand all day. He was the owner of the ground which adjoins the Andes mine in Virginia City and which goes by the name of the West Virginia Consolidated and California mine. In conjunction with M. W. Fox, J. W. Brown and other mining operators in this city he formed an incorporation about four years ago to develop the property, working through the Andes shaft. The stock was not listed, but a pool was formed, and while Steele was to give his attention to the mine Fox and Brown were to attend to the financiering in San Francisco and ultimately to make a deal in the market by which all the parties were to become bonanza princes.

As soon as the ore body was tapped Steele thought he detected a conspiracy to freeze him out, and as he could get no satisfaction from his former partners he secured the services of Lawyer Nougues, who procured an injunction against Fox and the other directors of the company to restrain them from selling any of the stock, and brought an action against the directors on behalf of Steele for an accounting and to annul the contract with them for the sale of the mine on the ground of their failure to carry out their agreement with Steele.

This occurred about two years ago, and ever since that time the West Consolidated Virginia and California mine has been shut down. The litigation thus instituted has prevented the further exploitation of the alleged bonanza uncovered by Steele close to the west wall of the famous Comstock.

The accounting suit is now being heard by Judge Slack in Department 2 of the Superior Court. A number of mining people are watching its progress and much interest in the case is being manifested by the dealers in mining stocks on Pine street. William T. Baggett, assisted by ex-Judge Van Reynegom, is acting as counsel for M. W. Fox, J. W. Brown, William T. Baggett, A. D. Cavill and Porter H. Andross, the defendants.

The trial which began on Monday a week ago, after two days' session, was resumed yesterday and is likely to continue until to-morrow.

Oscar C. Steele testified yesterday that on January 4, 1889, he received in Virginia City the following dispatch from San Francisco:

Come to San Francisco. We are wanted here at once. M. W. Fox.

The witness stated that when he arrived here Messrs. Fox and Brown told him they had a combination with some of the biggest men on the Comstock by which an extensive deal was to be consummated. They were going to put the price of West Consolidated Virginia stock up from $10 to $50 a share. In order to carry out the deal Steele and the other holders of the stock would be required to put up their stock in Brown's hands. Steele was to put up 12,500 shares, Samuel T. Curtis 7440 shares, and Fox and Brown proportionately, according to their holdings.

Mr. Steele said that as Sam Curtis had favored the proposition he concluded to enter into the scheme. Mr. Brown drew up the order for the stock, which was introduced in evidence. It recited that Steele's 12,500 shares were to be given up to a party to be named by Brown, and who was to assist in manipulating the big deal.

The same parties at this time secured control of the old Andes mine and Steele went back to Virginia City as superintendent of both mines. He then began to drift west in search of the ore body, which he soon found. His instructions from Brown, who was president, and Fox, who was vice-president of the two companies, was that all work to be done by him was to be reported to the Andes company, in whose office the expenses for the joint work would be apportioned between the two companies and they, Fox and Brown, would pay the West Consolidated Virginia share to the Andes people.

When in the latter part of 1889 Steele returned to San Francisco he asked Fox and Brown about the indebtedness of the West Consolidated. He had meanwhile been discharged as superintendent. They told him they had paid $16,000 on account of joint work to the Andes Company which the West Consolidated owed to them. They encouraged him with the statement that the big deal would soon be made. They had stopped selling the capital stock at $2 per share, and none would be sold under $20. By this course enough would be secured to carry on the work in the mine. They advised him to be patient and wait.

Mr. Steele further testified that he remained in San Francisco over two months and until he was "broke." He asked Brown and Fox to sell some of the stock out of the pool and give him a part of it. They told him the big men behind the deal would not listen to any such proposition. Then the witness tried to borrow money from them, whereupon he was told they could not accommodate him, because they had over $200,000 tied up in the Andes mine and besides had advanced the money for the work in the West Virginia Consolidated. Witness finally had to borrow enough funds to pay his fare to Virginia City, where he accepted employment at daily wages in the mines.

A great portion of the day was occupied by Mr. Nougues in reading letters received by Steele from Fox, all of which were made exhibits in the case. These were written under the letterheads of the "West Consolidated Virginia and California Gold and Silver Mining and Milling Company, 324 Pine street, rooms 8 and 9." Most of them were highly commendatory of Steele's work as superintendent.

General Walter Turnbull was one of the directors of the Andes mine, and about the time the strike in West Consolidated Virginia was made he desired to visit the mine. The letters from Fox to Steele, in which the latter was cautioned not to expose the ore in the West Consolidated Virginia, excited much amusement as they were read by Mr. Nougues.

The following were among the letters read:

JUNE 28, 1889.

General Turnbull and M. F. Hall, directors of Andes mine, may go to Virginia City next week. If they call on you show them all there is to be seen in Andes. Don't mention West Con. Virginia and California to them. I would not bring them to the station on the 175 level of West Con. This is all this time. M. W. Fox.

Another letter to Steele says:

JULY 1, 1889.

Messrs. Steele & Briden—GENTS: General Turnbull, a director of the Andes, goes up to-morrow. Show him all the attention you possibly can. Everything is Andes. Don't mention West Con. Virginia or say West. M. W. Fox.

Fox wrote as follows, complimenting Steele:

JULY 10, '89.

Friend Steele: You done right in showing Mr. Turnbull through the Andes mine. I have not spoken to him as yet. I will in a day or two. As for Mr. Brown telling you to economize that is all right. He must say something. You keep expenses under $1600 and I will see that you will receive no blame from him. M. W. Fox.

In the following letter Fox gives Steele some good advice:

March 3, 1890.

Friend Steele—DEAR SIR: Your favor of 16th came to hand some days ago. I delayed answering it until now in hopes I would be able to get you something to do at the Andes, but I received a letter from Mr. Briden, in which he says he will not have you around the Andes mine, Steele, this is all your own fault; you have been talking about Mr. Briden on the streets of Virginia City. That is the reason he will not put you to work. I told you when you were leaving here to keep good friend s with Mr. Briden, but it seems you know your own business best. You stated in your letter that you had to eat occasionally. Steele, I have acted your friend from the first time I met you up to this hour, and I am willing now to do anything I can for you. I had a talk with Mr. Myres, the gentleman that bought S. L. Curtis' interest in West Consolidated Virginia, if he would buy any more stock. He wanted to know who wanted to sell out. I told him that you were hard up for money and might sell; that I would know in a few days. Steele, a man need not go hungry if he has anything that any one else will buy. As soon as the weather settles I will go to Virginia City. This is all I have to say this time. From your friend. M. W. Fox.

Mr. Steele in the course of his examination stated that once when he was seeking a settlement with the defendants, Brown said he would favor giving back the witness all his stock, but that Fox had threatened to kill Brown if he did so.

RIPPEY'S CONDITION.

Mackay's Assailant Continues to Improve Slowly.

There was no noticeable change in the condition of Wesley C. Rippey, the assailant of John W. Mackay, last night.

Rippey lay on his cot at the Receiving Hospital sleeping peacefully for several hours at a time, and during his wakeful intervals appeared to suffer less pain than on previous days.

His appetite is better, and he frequently demanded food of the steward, who gave him milk and bread at intervals during the day and night.

The patient fell asleep early in the evening and slumbered peacefully until midnight, when he awoke apparently refreshed by his uninterrupted rest.

At that time Dr. Deane examined the patient and found that his condition was greatly improved, and that the symptoms indicated that he may eventually recover. His pulse, temperature and respiration were normal, and there was no noticeable inflammation or suppuration of his self-inflicted wound to be discovered.

While awake Rippey conversed intelligently, and seemed to have awakened to a realization of the grave charge against him.

When the physician inquired how he felt Rippey replied, "I feel too well to suit me," and expressed a hope that he would not recover.

Rippey expressed himself as much annoyed by the presence of a stalwart policeman, who watched him day and night.

Dr. Deane states that should Rippey continue to improve as rapidly as heretofore, and not suffer a relapse, he will soon be able to be removed.

IN GOOD FAITH.

Union-Street Company's Franchises.

Indorsed by the North Beach Property-Owners—New Roads and Extensions to Be Built.

The Golden Gate Valley Improvement Club met last evening at Tilton Hall, on Union street, for the purpose of considering the action of the Presidio and Ferries Railroad Company in applying for certain street railway franchises, it being believed that the company was not acting in good faith in endeavoring to obtain them.

The committee appointed last week to investigate the matter reported favorably to the granting of these franchises and called upon Mr. George A. Newhall, president of the company, to explain its position and intentions.

Mr. Newhall then addressed the fifty or sixty members present, roughly outlining the policy of the company. The running of the steam motor-cars down Steiner street has been discontinued, he said, but the Union-street cable road is now running to Baker, down Baker to Greenwich and up Greenwich. From the corner of Baker and Greenwich steam motors are run to Francisco, a distance of seven blocks. A franchise is now asked for the remaining two blocks to Bay street, where the Fulton Iron Works are erecting a plant.

They also ask for a franchise to construct an electric road along Franklin street, from Union to Greenwich, thence up Greenwich to Steiner. From Steiner to Baker they already have the right of way, and this completes the connection with their cable road at Baker and Greenwich.

The company, he further explained, is in a position to go ahead with the building of these roads as soon as the grading now being done in the vicinity will permit. They will put on as many cars as the amount of travel seems to justify, and no Bush-street-once-a-day system will be perpetrated upon the property-owners. The cable-road extension down Washington street to the ferry, and up Jackson to Montgomery avenue, is soon to be commenced, and all this, Mr. Newhall argued, indicates that the company means business.

The committee's report was accepted, and on motion of William Wright a resolution was adopted offering the company assistance in securing the franchises.

Mr. Newhall returned the compliment by expressing to the club, on behalf of the company, his sense of gratitude for this proof of re-established confidence in the good intentions of the company, which confidence, he hoped, would never hereafter be shaken.

TOM FLYNN STUNG

His Pet Wasp Proves Very Ungrateful.

He Charges That the Stock Has Been Manipulated to Oust Him From Control.

Judge Garber was called upon yesterday to decide a journalistic question into which the element of finance largely entered, and which will be of supreme interest to those engaged in the publication of syndicate newspapers.

The issue raised was no less than the control of the Wasp. When that frisky periodical was reorganized the following became members of the board of directors: T. E. Flynn, Ward Gerring, W. R. Jones, H. H. Adams, A. C. Barrie, T. R. Sullivan and F. H. Richardson. These were appointed to serve till February of the present year.

At the outset Flynn owned 350 shares of the corporation stock and Barrie owned 100 shares, controlled by Flynn, the remaining directors owning 550 shares of the corporation stock. Last autumn Flynn purchased 225 more shares, giving him 675 in all. The shares purchased by Flynn were those of Sullivan and Richardson.

The sale of the shares disqualified Sullivan and Richardson as directors, as they resigned at the time the sale was effected. But when Flynn sought to have his additional stock entered in the book within the statutory period, Secretary Adams said he was unable to procure the transfer-book.

In the meanwhile, about February 7 of the present year, Flynn alleges that Sullivan was counted in at a directors' meeting, under the manipulation of John C. Quinn, and that the latter had himself elected a director in place of Richardson, and Willett in place of Sullivan, and that stock was issued to De V. Masons and S. F. Bert. Flynn was not present at this meeting, and he charges that by improper manipulation of the stock Richardson was elected president.

The object of Flynn's suit is to enjoin the new directorate from transacting business, owing to the alleged illegal election of Quinn and Willett.

Judge Garber promptly issued the desired injunction. Flynn still holds possession of the paper and plant, as well as the editorial charge.

How to Increase Business.

Nath'l C. Fowler Jr., the expert at advertising and business, has written a large book on advertising, commercial printing, engraving, signs, lithography, and everything which pertains to business publicity, a comprehensive, magnificently illustrated volume, invaluable to any business man, whether he be an advertiser or not. A postal card directed to The Trade Co., Boston, will bring a very unique announcement, in itself worthy of preservation. *

Bound to Sell Them.

Crusty customer — You say those glasses are three times as valuable as I wear. I can't see it.

Bright salesman—"Certainly not, with those imperfect old glasses.

The Survival of the Fittest.

By retaining your baggage checks until you reach this city you will save money, our rates being lower than all others, viz.: Trunks 35 cents each. Baggage called for and delivered to all trains, etc., at the above rates. Morton Special Delivery. Offices—17 Geary street, 408 Taylor street and Oakland ferry depot. *

There is a prospect of early legislation in the Australian colonies designed to put a practical veto on immigration. The labor situation is extremely unsatisfactory, and the unemployed march almost in regiments from one colony to another demanding work.

Beecham's Pills are faithful friends.

MUST BE DROWNED

No Tidings Yet of Church and Frost.

MAY EMPLOY DYNAMITE.

Dragging the Slough With Nets and Grappling Irons for the Missing Duck-Hunters.

The hunting season of 1893 has had a sorrowful ending at Alviso.

The probable death of Albert Church and Eugene Frost cast a gloom over the gun clubs at "the bridges" which will not be dispelled for some time to come.

Before the opening up of the southern country and the conversion of the many miles of prairie lands into grainfields by means of irrigating ditches, the Alviso and Alvarado marshes were considered the best duck-hunting localities within easy reach of this city.

Gun clubs, composed of sportsmen from this city and San Jose, were organized, and comfortable clubhouses were erected at a place called "the bridges," where the hunters remained over night to be among the ducks at the first glimpses of daylight.

Shooting was good here until the last few years, when the birds became scarce, and as a result some of the clubs disbanded.

Among the city sportsmen who made Alviso their principal hunting headquarters were E. Ladd, John Stack, Judge Rix, J. K. Ault, Frank Dolliver—a nephew of the senior partner of the leather firm of Dolliver & Church—Al Neuman, Dick Brooks and many other local sportsmen who have forsaken the old hunting grounds for pastures new.

Frank Dolliver has probably bagged as many ducks at Alviso as any other man who in the good old shooting days paid "the bridges" regular weekly visits during the shooting season.

Frank is well known to the hunting fraternity, and, to use his own words, "there is not an inch of land on the hunting grounds that is strange to me."

In reference to the dangers that are attached to duck-shooting in the sloughs, Frank states that accidents that have happened were in most instances caused by carelessness and a forgetfulness of the dangers that arise from a sudden dip into the slough.

Dolliver has had some narrow escapes during duck-hunting experiences at Alviso, and it has been through his timely assistance that more than one sportsman who is now in the land of the living has escaped a watery grave.

Speaking of the sad accident which has recently occurred, Mr. Dolliver says that, supposing the men whose bodies are now being searched for in the sloughs were able to swim, their luggage, which consisted of loaded shells and heavy rubber boots, would weigh them down and prevent any possible chance of their gaining the shore.

Again, as the wind was blowing a heavy gale at the time they started out to shoot it is to be presumed when they were pitched out by a sudden lurching of the boat the craft drifted away from their grasp when they arose to the surface, or else they would have been found clinging to it when the Chinamen discovered the boat floating bottom up.

The slough in which the hunters evidently perished is known as Midsimpman's Slough, and when the wind is blowing from the west it is a very dangerous place for the most experienced navigators to venture upon, especially in such crafts as hunters use for duck-shooting.

The bottom of the slough is coated with a layer of soft mud, from which it is next to an impossibility for a man wearing rubber boots to extricate himself.

All yesterday searching parties in boats were engaged with grappling hooks and nets dragging the bottom of the muddy waters of the slough for the bodies of the unfortunate hunters, and up to a late hour last evening there was no word received from the searchers.

Experienced hunters state that the accident most probably happened at one of the sharp turns of the slough, where the boat, while rounding a bend, was caught by a sudden squall and upset.

The store of Dolliver & Co. was visited yesterday by the friends of the missing sportsmen and to the many inquiries concerning the safety of Messrs. Church and Frost, the only reply was a shake of the head, with the remark, "We fear the worst has happened them."

Eight small boats sailed up and down the slough yesterday and their occupants returned at dark, after making an ineffectual search for the unfortunate sportsmen.

Mrs. Church and her two children, a boy of 14 and a girl of 16, are prostrated with grief over the sad affair. The boy, who was a great favorite of Mr. Church, has been continually inquiring for his papa and wondering why he does not return home from hunting.

The little fellow cannot be made to understand the terrible situation occasioned by the unfortunate occurrence.

No news had been received up to a late hour last night from the two missing men, Eugene Church and A. E. Frost, who are supposed to have been drowned at Alviso.

The searching party continued its work yesterday, but gave it up in despair when night fell.

Mr. Humphreys, who first brought to Oakland the news of the drowning, returned from the search at noon. He said that he was satisfied in his own mind the men were at the bottom of some deep pool among the tules.

G. W. McNear Jr., one of the relatives of Frost, returned yesterday disheartened. A careful search, in the hope of finding the bodies at low tide, had been made, but it proved unavailing.

Mrs. Church is still unwilling to concede that her husband is dead. When he did not return Sunday night she believed that he had missed the train, and still thinks that perhaps the two men were separated by the upturning of their boat, and are wandering lost in the swamp.

Mrs. George McNear, sister of Church, entertains the same hope.

They waited all day, anxiously expecting favorable news, and had not given up hope last night.

"I fear the shock will kill my poor old mother, who is over 80 years of age," said Mrs. Church yesterday. "I hope that they will be found safe before the news is broken to her. We are expecting to hear from them at any moment." With all this torment the night waned away without any news being received.

George W. McNear and the officers of the consolidated railroad, of which Frost was secretary, had about given up hope last night. The mother of Church is the widow of the late Rev. Albert Church and lives at 1615 Chestnut street, Oakland.

The slough has been dragged with seines and hooks without success and to-day giant powder will be used to bring up the bodies, as it is desired to get them before they are much decomposed. G. W. McNear and others went to Alviso last evening.

ALVISO, Feb. 28.—G. W. McNear with a special train came here last night, and after securing all the assistance and material necessary started back to "the bridges" to drag the slough with seines and hooks in hope of finding the bodies of Church and Frost at low tide.

Six small boats, with three men in each, started from "the bridges," and two from here.

This morning Mr. Frost, a cousin of the drowned man, came here to purchase supplies for the men at "the bridges." He reports that as yet no sign or clew has been found, and last night's search was without success.

Continued search is, however, being made, and, as the tide is extremely low this afternoon, there may be important developments to-night. It is said that if success is not soon met with the searchers will employ giant powder, to see if that will answer the purpose of bringing the bodies to light.

A New Pastor.

The congregation of the Howard Presbyterian Church assembled in the Sunday-school rooms of the church last night to honor Rev. Dr. Kenneth J. Duncan, the new pastor. Dr. Duncan preached his first sermon last Sunday.

The Sunday-school room was prettily decorated last night, all around the room being letters, which construed read: "Welcome, our new pastor." After Rev. Dr. Duncan was formally introduced to his congregation the entertainment exercises were commenced, which were well rendered. When the programme was concluded a light lunch was served, after which the congregation dispersed, well pleased with the new pastor.

Fell Sixty Feet.

William Matthewson, a contractor, about 56 years old, while working on the quarries on Twenty-fifth and Douglass streets yesterday afternoon lost his balance on the bank above and fell a distance of sixty feet. He was taken in the patrol wagon to the City and County Hospital, where it was found that one of his legs was broken, besides being injured internally.

Christ Rescue Home.

Since the opening of the Christ Rescue Home in Oakland there have been received there 300 men and boys, besides sixteen women who were rescued and provided with homes. The officers of the home have given to hungry people 4380 meals, 1460 lodgings, and have distributed 600 suits of clothes and hats and shoes to those who stood in need of them. During the past year the officers made many visits among the prisoners in the county jail and in the penitentiary at San Quentin.

CALIFORNIA MINERAL EXHIBIT

Liberal Space at Chicago for It—Necessity of Prompt Action.

W. G. Hodson, chairman of the committee on the World's Fair mineral exhibit, says that up to the present moment no assistance has been received for that exhibit from the California World's Fair Commission, and simply from want of concert of action on the part of the mining counties. Mr. Hodson's county, Shasta, has appropriated $2500 for the purpose. He brought a fine mineral collection to the late Mechanics' Fair and he has it packed ready for shipment to Chicago. Plumas County also has an exhibit prepared, and the State Mining Bureau is also prepared to make a fine exhibit. In the mines and mining building at Chicago a good liberal space is allotted to California and Mr. Hodson feels that the mining counties ought to be bestirring themselves. The commission will appropriate liberally as soon as the matter assumes shape.

J. J. Crawford, the newly appointed State Mineralogist, takes his place to-day. He will make himself active in this regard. Mr. Hodson casts no reflections on William Irelan, the retiring State Mineralogist. That gentleman, he says, has been ready to co-operate in the matter at all times.

Mr. Hodson desires to call the attention of the following parties to their duty in the matter, as the men specially delegated to act in their several counties: A. B. Call, Amador and El Dorado; A. Lowden, Trinity; A. Ekman, Lassen and Butte; H. T. Power, Placer; August C. Busch, Sierra; A. Tregidgo, Nevada; Charles Began, Mariposa; David Oliver, Tuolumne; A. F. Bryant, Mono; James O'Brien, Yuba; S. C. Taylor, Plumas; Hon. Ira Hill Reed, Calaveras; Henry Martin, Charles G. Yale and N. J. Brittan, San Francisco.

DUSKY MARINERS.

The Melrose Sets Out With a Negro Crew.

A Shirt-Maker's Horse Runs Away. The St. Paul Chartered for the Panama Route.

The bark Melrose left her berth at Pacific street for Nanaimo, B. C., yesterday morning. She had a full crew of eight negroes. They are all able seamen, and will handle the bark in fine order. They came around the Horn from New York on the St. Mark, which is now lying at Union street.

It has been thought that Captain Kalb might experience some trifling inconveniences with his dusky seamen when night comes on and they are aloft in the darkness. This, however, is scarcely to be expected.

For instance, there is no reason for fearing that his orders may not be promptly obeyed when he calls out to the men in the forecastle, for it is supposed they are somewhere up there in the black night. There will be no need for the Melrose's crew to hide if they should violate any of Captain Kalb's regulations. The darkness will supplement what nature has well begun and effectually accomplished this.

"The Melrose," said one observer, "will be like a phantom ship as far as her sailors go. Imagine her in the dead of night. The sails are spread and reefed and furled; the ropes are manned and ably handled; the vessel springs along through the waves—and yet not a sailor can be made out against the background of dark sky and water."

These men are all stout seamen, however, and the Melrose is to be congratulated upon securing so good a crew.

The horse of Mr. William Meyer, a shirt manufacturer, took fright while standing on the Fremont-street dock, and leaped into the bay, carrying Mr. Meyer and a light buggy over with it. Meyer struck out for shore, and was thrown a line and drawn up on the dock in safety. The horse, however, did not fare so well. Efforts to save it only frightened its fright, and before any assistance could be rendered it had drowned.

The buggy was secured after some trouble and gotten on the dock. Much of its contents floated promiscuously about on the water. Fine laundried shirts, with collars and cuffs attached or separate, could be had for the asking. The wharf-hands turned in and helped gather up the floating goods and assisted Mr. Meyer to the best of their ability.

The North American Navigation Company has completed its arrangements with the Alaska Commercial Company for the steamer St. Paul, which will be at once put into service between this port and Panama. The St. Paul is an iron steamer of 250 horse-power. She is 205 feet long, 31 broad and 16 deep, and has a gross tonnage of 888. She was built by Cramp Bros. of Philadelphia in 1875.

Telegraphic information from the United States Hydrographic Office at Port Townsend states that the tug Sea Lion struck a rock on the following bearings: Point Wilson, north by north half north; Violet Point, Protection Island, southwest quarter south; buoy, southeast quarter east, distant about half a mile. The tug was drawing twelve feet at the time.

The schooner Neptune will begin loading at Mission No. 2 to-day.

The whaling bark F. A. Barston will be brought to Howard No. 3.

The British ship Collintrare, Captain W. E. Raymond, made her trip from Port Glasgow in 118 days. She was built by A. Rogers & Co. of Port Glasgow, and is owned by Hugh Hogarth of Ardrossan.

The schooner Mary Etta, running between here and Fields Landing, shipped a non-union crew of three men.

The steamer Jennie has been on the dry-dock having a new propeller put in.

The Vigilant is on the Union Iron Works drydock being painted and scraped and having her stern bearing raised.

The schooner John G. North, Captain Carlsen, arrived at 9 o'clock last night from Mahukona. She carried a cargo of 1300 bags of sugar. On February 24, in longitude 132 deg. west, latitude 36 deg. 27 min. north, she encountered strong north-northwest winds blowing eighty miles an hour, which handled the vessel roughly. Her head stay and water-cask were smashed in and her cabin and forecastle flooded. Cabin windows were broken and the store provisions entirely spoiled. The mate had his shoulder dislocated by a heavy sea. Fifty-five barrels of molasses were lost.

The steamer Eastern Oregon of the Oregon Improvement Company's line, which was burned on the gridiron at Olympia a year ago, has been partially repaired and closed in and will be brought to San Francisco to be thoroughly renovated and rebuilt. The underwriters have allowed the owners to have her brought to this port after several months careful consideration of the question. She is now lying at Seattle and will be commanded by Captain Green. The Eastern Oregon is a steel steamer of 577 tons net. She is 200 feet long, 34 broad and 12 deep. She was built by Cramp in 1883.

The ship Flintshire arrived from Rio de Janeiro. She made the passage in 111 days. In latitude 35 deg. north, 123 deg. west she experienced a continuation of hard gales from the north with clear weather and a very high glass. At that time she passed large quantities of driftwood, consisting of trunks of trees, logs and a sprinkling of wreckage.

December 1, in latitude 45 deg. south, 48 deg. west, she spoke the ship Maunydown and December 12, in latitude 51 deg. south, 42 deg. west, the bark Port Carlile standing north.

An Unsuccessful Attempt.

United States Marshal Romero of New Mexico, accompanied by two guards, reached this city yesterday in charge of seven Chinese who were caught crossing the Mexican border into the United States territory. The men, who have been imprisoned for twenty days, were turned over to Collector Phelps, who will send them back to China on the steamer leaving next Saturday.

The Santa Paula Off.

The Santa Paula, one of the new Pullman coaches just completed for the use of the Southern Pacific Company for World's Fair business, started East on the Central overland yesterday afternoon. There are eleven other coaches nearing completion, besides the Santa Paula, which was sent from Chicago as a sample of what the other coaches will be. The Santa Paula is said to have cost $25,000.

The Salt-Water Franchise.

Mayor Ellert yesterday affixed his signature to the assignment of the salt-water franchise held by the Olympic Club to the Olympic Salt Water Company on the understanding that a clause should be incorporated in the assignment by which the Olympic Club should receive no less than 200,000 gallons of salt water daily free of charge.

JUDGMENT ON A NOTE.—Judge Slack yesterday rendered judgment for $3953 77 and interest on a promissory note by William R. Sloan in favor of Ferdinand A. Schrader.

OVER IN OAKLAND.

Theatrical People in a Row on Broadway.

COUNT VALENSIN'S ESTATE.

Changes in the Municipal Government. Not a Son of General Hill, the Confederate.

There was a fight last night in front of the Broadway depot in which Albert Hosmer, stage manager of the People's Theater, Samuel Jones, a supernumerary, and John Massie, a news-dealer, were participants. Jones and Hosmer went to Massie's news stand and Jones began to abuse the latter. Massie came outside to "do" Jones "up," but Jones struck him with a cane which Hosmer handed him. Massie jerked it away and belabored Jones. Both were arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon, while the additional charge of drunkenness was placed against Jones. The trouble is of long standing and Massie says it grows out of some references he once made to Hosmer in a newspaper article.

It is said that the trouble was aggravated by some reference to a woman named Lizzie Anderson.

W. R. Lambert has resigned from the position of assistant clerk to the Street Superintendent, and T. L. Bromley was appointed by the Board of Public Works last evening to fill the vacancy. Bromley has been clerk of the Police court, and Lambert will take his place. It was a mutual change.

Major J. E. McElrath of the Oakland and Berkeley electric road has been imposed upon by a dashing young man purporting to be the son of General P. A. Hill of the late Confederate army. He was introduced to the major by some Southerners of Oakland, whom he had also deluded. McElrath became suspicious and telegraphed to General C. H. Morgan of Kentucky, who sent back the reply that General Hill had no son and that the person in question had been practicing a fraud all over the country. The major was looking for him last evening.

City Attorney Johnson has filed an opinion with the Council to the effect that the Western Union Telegraph Company has no right to erect and maintain poles on Broadway, because it has no franchise to do so. It confirms the action of the Mayor in taking down the poles put up recently, and knocks out the application of the company to erect poles in spite of the Mayor's protest.

The stallion Sidney, belonging to the late Count Valensin's estate, has been sold at auction in Cleveland, Ohio, for $27,000. The animal was appraised in this county by Judge Green, A. J. McGovern and Thomas Prather at $75,000. An inventory and appraisement of the estate, including the stallion, filed yesterday, places the value at $181,926.

The Board of Education has decided to appeal to the State Board of World's Fair Commissioners for more space for the Alameda County school exhibit at the World's Fair.

Judge Ellsworth has denied a motion to strike out allegations of James P. Merritt, contestant of the will of Catherine Garcelon, and the attorneys for the will were given ten days in which to prepare a bill of exceptions.

Harry Melvin has resigned as Justice of the Peace of Brooklyn Township and will be appointed a deputy in the District Attorney's office. He will take the place of Lin L. Church, who will be appointed Prosecuting Attorney for the city of Oakland under the new legislative bill.

The trustees of the Jewish cemetery have begun the erection of a fifteen-foot fence, shutting off the electric road, which has been run along the boundary line.

Alameda.

A Non-Partisan convention will be held this evening in Harmony Hall on Paru street.

The sale of property for delinquent city taxes took place yesterday. The buyers were J. E. Damon, J. F. Murphy, J. G. Klumpke, Charles Babb, D. Jewett, A. Mecartney, S. F. Sinclair, W. E. Heynes, B. Kelsey and M. McCann.

R. B. Tappan will file to-day his petition to have his name placed upon the ballot for City Trustee.

Judge E. P. Peckham, who has been seriously ill with la grippe, is improving.

A high requiem mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Church to-morrow morning, commencing at 10 o'clock, for the repose of the soul of the late Father McNaboe, for many years pastor of the church.

Berkeley.

Last evening the members of the sophomore class were entertained by President and Mrs. Kellogg at their residence.

A rifle practice team has been organized among the cadets to compete for the gold medal offered by the military department at the end of each year.

Friday evening a club will be organized at Stiles Hall whose purpose will be a critical investigation of the world's religions and the essential truths of spiritual existence.

During the drill hour Wednesday afternoon, while the students were all drilling on the campus in the basement of the locker of W. D. Jewett, '94, in the basement of north hall, was broken open and $50 collected by Mr. Jewett for the boat club stolen. Several peculations of property from the gymnasium lately are reported, as is the theft of a diamond pin from the locker of Mr. Browning.

A few days ago Miss Annie Sanstrom received a flesh-wound from a stray bullet while she was walking in her yard. It was found that the bullet was fired by Henry Spencer, and yesterday his father, John Spencer, a contractor, paid Miss Sanstrom $20 damages.

Bishop Nichols will preach in St. Matthew's Mission, Lorin, on the 2d inst., at 7:30 P. M. There will be services every Friday evening, with short addresses, during Lent.

DIRECTORS ELECTED.

The Preferential System of Electing Worked Smoothly.

Yesterday was election day at the Mechanics' Institute, and from 10 o'clock in the morning till 9 o'clock at night a steady stream of the members kept entering and departing from the library rooms on Post street, expressing their choices for directors.

The system of voting was novel, and was the idea of Mr. Cumming, one of the retiring directors. It was called the preferential and proportional method, and in practice the system worked as well as in theory. There were seven directors to be elected, and by the method employed any party composed of only one-seventh of the members entitled to vote could secure representation on the board.

The tickets in the field were: Grove B. Ayers, R. P. Doolan, J. J. Dunn, F. Formhals, J. G. Giesting, A. J. McNiclol and C. A. Malm, who were known as the "outs," and George E. Dow, Robert Ewing, Oscar Lewis and Andrew Wilkie, who made up the "ins." To this latter party were added two independent candidates, F. C. Mosbach and F. J. Symmes.

The membership of the Institute numbered about 6000, but the constitution requires that a member eligible to vote must be a member six months previous to the election and must have paid dues up to the end of the fiscal year. The number of members entitled to vote was about 3000, and of these only 905 exercised the right of franchise.

The polls were closed sharply on time and the officers of the election, M. Cumming and H. L. Davis, with a staff of clerks, commenced the count.

At 1 o'clock this morning the result of the election was declared by the judges. The new directors are: Grove P. Ayers, R. P. Doolan, George E. Dow, F. Formhals, Oscar Lewis, C. Malm and F. G. Symmes. Ayers, Doolan, Malm and Formhals are members of the "reform" faction, who now claim eight of the fourteen directors.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Sarah M. Morken to Christian Gehret, lot on N line of O'Farrell street, 87:6 W of Webster, W 27:6 by N 87:6; $10.

Samuel H. Brodie (by attorney) to Catherine M. Freese, lot on N line of Fell street, 106:3 W of Fillmore, W 50 by N 137:6; $10.

A. C. Freese to same, same; gift.

Vincent Vinejas to James H. Aerden and Edward T. O'Neill, Western Addition block 388, bounded by Pine, Pierce, Steiner and Bush streets; $5.

James W. Burnham to Robert Lavery, lot on W line of Scott street, 150 S of Lloyd, S 25 by W 118:9; $10.

Henry Peters to Levina E. Peters, lot on S line of Bush street, 100 E of Devisadero, E 50, S 110:11, W 125:6, S 17, W 37:6, N 112:6; gift.

Mary A. Fritz to F. E. Paterson, lot on E line of Clayton street, 106 S of Frederick, S 30 by E 101:3; $10.

John Ryan to Ellen Ryan, all interest in NE line of Dore street, 130 NW of Bryant, N W 25 by NE 75; grant.

Joseph S. Cæsar to Loretta M. F. Cæsar, lot on W line of Valencia street, 182 N of Eighteenth, N 26, W 180:4, S 26, E 177:6; gift.

E. Wilber and wife to John F. Turloff, lot on N line of Twenty-second street, 50 W of Bryant avenue, W 25 by N 100; $10.

Same to John W. Hughes, lot on N line of Twenty-second street, 125 W of Bryant avenue, W 25 by N 100; $10.

Rose Marron to G. and Maria Rivelli, lot on SW corner Capp and Twenty-sixth streets, W 25, S 100, NE to Capp, N 87:9; $10.

Daniel M. O'Neil to Daniel F. Hurley, undivided one-half of lot on N line of Caroline street, 101:9 W of Sanchez, W 25 by S 114; $10.

E. B. Lyman and wife to Henry Kohler, lot on N line of San Antonio street, 60 W of Kearny, W 17:6 by N 60; $10.

Savings and Loan Society to E. E. and Eliza Meier, lot on S line of Pine street, 171:10½ W of Dupont, W 34:4½ by S 137:6; $7750.

W. Loring and wife to C. Sabatino and F. Pagano, lot on SW corner of Vallejo and Mason streets, S 22:11 by W 34:5; $10.

Thomas Carcwright to Jane Cartwright, lot on S line of Vallejo street, 87:6 E of Larkin, E 23 by S 60; gift.

S. Ducas and wife to Charlotte M. Huff, lot on W line of Fifth avenue, 200 S of California street, S 50 by W 120, subject to a mortgage; $10.

Louis Landon to Mary E. Redmond, lot on E line of Second avenue, 225 S of Point Lobos, S 25 by E 120; $10.

Sol Getz and wife to Jane Anderson, lot on N line of J street, 32:6 W of Eleventh avenue, W 25 by N 100; also lot on W line of Eleventh avenue, 150 N of J street, N 25 by W 120; $10.

Caroline C. Cox to Laurence Kip, lot on W line of Thirty-seventh avenue, 100 N of M street, N 25 by W 120; $10.

Laurence Kip to Arthur Jacobs, same, warranty deed; $200.

P. J. Martin and wife to George Scott, lot on E line of Eighteenth avenue, 250 S of M street, S 50 by E 120; $10.

Sarah Eppstein to Annie L. Evans, lot on W line of Twenty-second avenue, 225 N of N street, N 25 by W 120; $10.

Same to same and Mrs. E. E. Gould, lot on W line of Twenty-second avenue, 225 N of N street N 50 by 120, quitclaim deed; $2.

G. H. Buckingham and wife to Henrietta A. Bunsworth, lot on E line of Twenty-seventh avenue, 150 N of P street, N 50 by E 120; $10.

William H. Stasty to Robert M. Pinkerton, lot 20, block P, Park Lane Tract 5; $10.

L. Taaffe and wife to Jones, Allen & Co., lot on SE line of Arlington street, 213 SW of Roanoke, NW 27, SE 118, NE 27, NW 114, quitclaim deed; $10.

George B. Wubben and Mingie Rueser to Margretta Wubben, lot on S line of Powell avenue, 200 E of Mission street, E 25 by S 100; $100.

Maurice Dore to George G. Moren, lot on E line of Falcon avenue, 107:8 S of Moss, S 26:11, E 88, N 25, W 92:11½; $850.

J. A. Scouls and wife to Thomas F. Dunn, lot on NW corner of Ney and Cresta streets, W 50 by N 100, block 2, College Homestead; $10.

Lone Mountain Cemetery Association to Mrs.