REVOLVER'S RACE.

The Judges and Public Not Satisfied.

JOCKEY CLANCY SUSPENDED.

Emile Sterne, a Tout, Arrested for Swindling a Female Bettor. Turf Notes.

THERE were all kinds of racing at the Bay District track yesterday. There was some fair racing, some bad, and there was some crooked, or at the least suspicious.

The card was a poor one, to say the least, but the way the selling race at a mile and a sixteenth was run was a caution.

In the race were Almont, with Narvaez up at 121 pounds, Revolver, with W. Clancy up at 122 pounds, St. Patrick at 98, Jackson at 114, and Initiation at 106.

Now, Revolver with 114 pounds up beat Garcia, Sheridan and others a mile and a sixteenth several days ago, and on Saturday last beat Garcia and Little Tough a mile easy in 1:43, carrying 122 pounds.

The best Almont had accomplished at the meeting was to run third to El Rayo and Hermitage last Saturday in a race at a mile and three-sixteenths.

Naturally, the public could not on form back Almont to beat Revolver. Revolver opened at 8 to 5 in the books, and the public backed him down to even money. Almont, on the contrary, opened at even money, and eventually closed at 8 to 5, nearly every bookmaker, however, refusing to take a bet on him. Jackson was rated at 5 to 1 and the others at 15 to 1 each.

The betting looked suspicious, but the judges did not seem to think so, for they did not change jockeys on any of the horses. It was rumored around the betting ring that Revolver was a "stiff," but form players paid no attention to it, and relying on the honesty of Jockey N. Clancy backed the horse.

Whether or not they got a run for their money is not known, but one thing is known, and that is that there was the sorest crowd of racegoers around the track after the race that ever any one has come in contact with.

Almont broke off in front to a good start, and then relinquished the lead to Initiation, who led Jackson and Almont in the order named to the quarter. Initiation led up to the half with Almont second and Jackson third, and then Narvaez hustled Almont out in the lead. All this time Clancy never made a move on Revolver, and he was several lengths back. Almont maintained the lead into the stretch, with Initiation second and Jackson third. Then Clancy commenced to ride Revolver. He passed Initiation and Jackson on the journey home, but could never overtake Almont, who won with ridiculous ease by three lengths. Revolver beat Jackson four for the place. The run was made in 1:50½, and in passing it may be well to say that Revolver ran the last mile in the slow time of 1:46.

The talent took on a look of disgust when the horses passed the post, and as the least expected the judges to declare all bets off.

The judges did not, however, but after the very few Almont bets had been paid, they called Jockey Clancy into the stand, questioned him, and then suspended him, pending an investigation.

The judges subsequently sent for the sheets of the bookmakers, and examined them, found that with few exceptions they had no bets to pay on Almont.

Several big bettors tried to back Almont, but the bookmakers refused to take the money, which fact makes the race appear more strange.

The bookmakers in most cases know less about the relative merits of the horses than the public, yet most of them took all the Revolver money, and refused or escaped handling Almont coin, by cutting the odds whenever any one wanted to make a bet.

B. C. Holly, the owner of Revolver, says that he believes the race was run on its merits, but admits that he did not back his horse. He claims that Kingsley refused to accept a $200 bet of his on Revolver.

Clancy admitted that he made a mistake in laying back too far with the horse, but denies that he in any way tried to lose.

His suspension is cold comfort for those who backed Revolver and lost their money, and if the judges thought the race was crooked bets should have been immediately declared off.

Holly is confident that Almont can beat his horse at the same distance and weight, and says that he will turn Revolver over to any party named by the judges and bet $5000 that Almont can duplicate his victory.

There was plenty of excitement around the track aside from the Revolver-Almont race. The grass has been pretty short around the betting ring for touts for the past week, so several of them changed their field of operations to the grand stand, or clubhouse balcony, where good women, bad women and indifferent women sit side by side.

They have been betting for the women for a few days, and in consequence several women have been robbed.

Emil Sterne, a brazen-faced tout, secured $5 last Saturday from a Mrs. Strossal, the wife of the editor of the Abend Post, to bet on Jackson at 10 to 1. Sterne did not bet the money, but gave the lady a bogus ticket on the horse. Jackson won, and as the lady could not cash the ticket, she reported it to the police. Yesterday Captain Callundan of Morse's agency placed Sterne under arrest when he made his appearance at the track.

The police are looking for another tout named Robert Creelan, who cashed a $180 pool ticket for a woman about town.

As the women cannot go into the betting ring, and as the association hires a lot of chuckle headed youngsters to handle their commissions, they will always be easy prey for thieving touts.

Jim R was the favorite for the first event, a dash of five furlongs, in which seven started, Stoneman being second choice at 4 to 1.

The start saw Volita out in front, with Jim R second and Jack the Ripper third. The two made the running to the stretch, where Ristine brought Stoneman up with a rush and won cleverly by two lengths from Jim R, he beating Mount Carlos two for the place in 1:02¼.

Nine two-year-olds came to the post for the second race, at five furlongs, and when the betting closed in the ring Thornhill, Agitate and Jennie Deane were equal favorites at 3 to 1. The talent could not decide on any particular one, and all had more or less backing.

It was a pretty race, but Thornhill, who got away in front, was never headed and won in a driving finish, in which all took a hand, by half a length from Claire, a 50 to 1 chance, she beating the Beauty colt quite handily for the place. Time, 1:02¾.

Cadmus, the American Derby candidate, made his first appearance this year and won the race for three-year-olds like a racehorse in 1:29¾. He had nothing to beat but Sir Reel, the Drummer being scratched, yet he beat him in a gallop with his ears pricked up. Gracie S was third.

St. Croix, a horse belonging to Tom Williams, won the fifth race, a selling event at six and a half furlongs, after a drive with Bronco. St. Croix got over a length the best of a bad start, and he and Motto made all the running to the stretch. Motto then fell back beaten, and Bronco coming on ran into the place. Red Cloud, who is improving with every race, was third. Time, 1:21.

Oakland, the favorite, won the last race, a five-furlong dash, with Lucy S second and Vanity third.

SUMMARIES.

BAY DISTRICT TRACK, April 18, 1893.—Weather fine, track good.

First race—Selling. Five furlongs.
W. M. Sinclair's g. g. Stoneman, a., by Kirby Smith, 116 (Ristine) 1
B. Martin's ch. g. Jim R, a., 114 (Kinz) 2
James G. Quin's ch. g. Mount Carlos, a., 119 (Hinckley) 3
Time, 1:02¼.
Won by two lengths, same between second and third.
Post betting: 4 to 1 Stoneman, 8 to 5 Jim R, 15 to 1 Mount Carlos.
Cassim 111 (H. Smith), Currency 115 (Narvaez), Volita 118 (Hildill), Jack the Ripper 118 (Epphersson), also ran.

Second race—Five furlongs, for maiden two-year-olds.
W. M. Murray's ch. c. Thornhill, by Cheviot-Phœbe Anderson, 111 (Narvaez) 1
C. L. Don's ch. f. Claire, 103 (C. Clancy) 2
Elmwood stock farm's b. c., by Brutus-Beauty, 113 (Ristine) 3
Time, 1:02¾.
Won by half a length, a length and a half between second and third.
Post betting: 3 to 1 Thornhill, 30 to 1 Claire, 5 to 1 Beauty colt.
Silver State 108 (C. Clancy), Priccilie 118 (Leonard), Jennie Deane 102 (J. Webber), Realization 111 (Madden), Seaside 108 (Spence), Agitato 113 (Morris), also ran.

Third race—Seven furlongs, for three-year-olds.
Undine stable's b. c. Cadmus, by Flood-Cornelia, 122 (Miller) 1
Almona stable's b. c. Sir Reel, 115 (King) 2
W. M. Murray's g. f. Gracie S, 117 (Leonard) 2
Time, 1:29¾.
Won in an easy gallop by three lengths, six between second and third.
Post betting: 1 to 5 Cadmus, 8 to 1 Sir Reel, 4 to 1 Gracie S.
Vendome 115 (H. Smith), and imp. Atossa 108 (Donathan), also ran.

Fourth race—Selling. One mile and a sixteenth.
B. Jones' b. h. Almont, a., by Three Cheers-Question, 121 (Narvaez) 1
B. C. Holly's b. g. Revolver, 122 (M. Clancy) 2
E. Savage's b. h. Jackson, a., 114 (J. Webber) 3
Time, 1:50½.
Won by three lengths, four between second and third.
Post betting: 8 to 5 Almont, evens Revolver, 5 to 1 Jackson.
Initiation 106 (Cota), St. Patrick 98 (Peters), also ran.

Fifth race—Selling. Six and a half furlongs.
Undine stable's b. c. St. Croix, 4, by King Daniels, 111 (Narvaez) 1
Dan McIntosh's ch. h. Bronco, a., 114 (W. Clancy) 2
J. E. King's b. c. Red Cloud, 4, 114 (Lawless) 3
Time, 1:21.
Won by a length, two between second and third.
Post betting: 4 to 1 St. Croix, 6 to 1 Bronco, 7 to 1 Red Cloud.
Garcia 111 (J. Webber), Charmer 105 (Morris) Inkerman 111 (C. Clancy), Sheridan 117 (Hinckey), Motto 109 (C. Webber), Regal 107 (Coombs), also ran.

Sixth race—Selling. Five furlongs.
E. F. Smith's b. g. Oakland, by John A-Alameda, 3, 100 (C. Webber) 1
D. Bridge's g. m. Lucy S, a., 97 (Peters) 2
H. Schwartz's b. g. Vanity, 99 (Tuberville) 3
Time, 1:02.
Won by a length, half between second and third.
Post betting: 9 to 10 Oakland, 12 to 1 Lucy S, 30 to 1 Vanity.
Joe D 121 (King), Marshall J 118 (Cusick), St. John 96 (Lafrasky), Orta 102 (C. Clancy), Joe 104 (J. Murphy), also ran.

HORSE GOSSIP.

Entries and Weights for To-Day's Races.

The Blood-horse Association directors, at a meeting held at the track yesterday afternoon, decided to rule Jockey Kinnie and Al Leach, a trainer, off the track for life. Kinnie pulled a sprinter named Bay Dick in a race last Saturday under instructions from Leach, who leased the horse from a man named Poe, of Lake County. The horse was reinstated, as Poe, the owner, was innocent of the crooked work.

Williams, the jockey who was suspended for the suspicious riding of Charger, was again permitted to ride, but it is likely that the directors will order Tom Bally, the owner of the horse, as well as Mackey and others, to take them elsewhere.

Jockey Burlingame, who for some reason or other was not allowed to ride or race his mare Patricia at the meeting, will now be accorded the full privileges of any horseman or jockey.

Clancy, the jockey who was suspended yesterday, has always borne a good reputation, and is one of the few clever jockeys at the track. He has been riding for Hall for some time, and that gentleman says that if a job was worked it was without his knowledge, and he is confident that Clancy did not purposely lose with Revolver.

The entries and weights for to-day's races are as follows:

First race, seven furlongs—Cyclone 127, Mero 122, Alfred B 119, Little Tough 116, Oakland 114, Currency 114, Lodi 113, Reta 108, Wyanshott 108, Sidney 102, Standfast 111.

Second race, five furlongs, for two-year-old maidens—Montalon 116, Sue Abbott 115, Agitate 112, Gussie 111, Realization 105, Jim Lee 102, The Lark 102, Helen Scratch Billy 112.

Third race, handicap, six furlongs—Misty Morn 120, Topgallant 117, Sympathetic's Last 118, Belfast 117, Motto 110, Jackson 113, Conde 100, Royal Flush 105, Drummer 102, Castro 95, Crawford 98, Nellie Van 95.

Fourth race, one mile and seventy yards—Revolver 116, Dinero 110, Braw Scott 110, Quarterstaff 106.

Fifth race, five furlongs—Stoneman 116, Irish Johnny 118, Mountain Boy 112, Addie Chipman 112, Reta 108, Ida Glenn 110, Lucy S 98.

THE MAYOR'S VETO

A Precedent Found in the Water Trouble.

City and County Attorney Creswell Points Out the Analogies of the Situation in 1885.

That Mayor Ellert has by no means accepted the situation mapped out for him by the Spring Valley Water Company and the Solid Seven on Monday evening is indicated by the fact that yesterday morning there were a number of secret consultations in his office with eminent legal lights. Exactly what plan of action was resolved on did not transpire, but it is rumored that a surprise is being prepared for to-day.

"This matter has not yet been officially brought before me," said City and County Attorney Creswell to a CALL reporter yesterday. "In any case it will take time for me to form my opinion and put it in shape for publication. I know nothing except what I have read in the papers about being instructed to defend the Board of Supervisors in the mandamus suit brought against it by R. U. Collins to determine as speedily as possible the question as to whether the water order passed by the Board of Supervisors on March 27 is subject to the veto power of the Mayor.

"But I can say this much, that there is a precedent in the case, which you will find in the report of John Lord Love, then City and County Attorney, filed February 14, 1885, and embodied in the city and financial reports of that year. This opinion was very explicit, and dealt with this very question of the Mayor's right to participate in the action had by the Board of Supervisors in fixing water rates."

This opinion of Attorney Love's is too lengthy to be reprinted in full, but the following extracts are of interest:

To the Hon. W. B. Farwell, Chairman of Committee on Water and Water Supplies, Board of Supervisors.—DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of your favor of the 14th inst. referring to the question raised by Mr. Newlands, the attorney for the Spring Valley Water Works, as to whether the duty of fixing the annual water rate rests entirely with the Board of Supervisors, without right or power of the Mayor to participate in the action, or to interpose his veto as to any action of the board fixing such rates, and requesting my opinion thereon.

I am of the opinion that the rate to be collected for the use of water supplies to the city and county, or to the inhabitants thereof, should be fixed annually by the Board of Supervisors, by ordinance or resolution, to be passed in the same manner that other ordinances are passed by the board; and that before such ordinances can take effect it must be presented to the Mayor for his approval. If he approves, he should sign it; if not, he should return it within ten days to the board, with his objections in writing. And should it not be received within ten days it would become valid, the same as if it had received his signature.

The question, however, is a very important one, and should be definitely settled by a judicial determination. It is desirable to stop, if possible, the friction which exists to a greater or less extent between the people, the Board of Supervisors and the water company. My opinion, as a matter of course, does not authoritatively settle anything, and, under the circumstances, I see no objection to having the question passed upon by the Supreme Court and finally disposed of, which can be done in a summary manner. Yours respectfully,

JOHN LORD LOVE,
City and County Attorney.

The water order in the case referred to was passed by a vote of seven to five, but returned by Mayor Washington Bartlett. The board sustained the veto by the same vote. A second attempt to pass an amended order met with a similar fate, the Mayor vetoing the order and the majority in its favor being too small to override his Honor's decision. The vote in this case was seven to four. A third order, with a 7½ per cent reduction on existing rates, was then passed by the board and the Mayor vetoed this also and it was finally passed over the veto on June 29, 1885.

"You will notice," said Mr. Creswell, "that the opinion of the City and County Attorney may be asked for by the city authorities, but it is not binding. It is merely an opinion. It may be ignored, as in the case of the House of Correction recently. As I said before, this water matter has not come before me officially. I have not been asked for an opinion and to form such opinion would be a matter of time."

In Abject Poverty.

The hand of misfortune has fallen heavily upon the shoulder of poor Mary Williams, the wife of a laborer, who lives with her mother in one small room at 526 Geary street. Mrs. Williams' husband is employed at San Jose and has been unable to supply her with enough money for her support. Two days ago she gave birth to a daughter and last night the child died. The unfortunate mother was unable to pay for its burial and it was accordingly sent to the Morgue, whence it will be taken to the City Cemetery.

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FOLLOWS FLOATS.

To Find the Currents of the Bay.

THEY ARE PILING UP FILTH.

How the Sewerage Commision Is Trying to Find Safe Outlets for the Sewers.

For the past six weeks the Sewage Commission has been experimenting to find the trend of the currents of the bay. They want to find if there are any places along the water front at which the currents run sufficiently swift and deep to carry off sewage dumped there.

The float.

If the discharged sewage should be held under the wharves and along the mud flats it would not only be a nuisance, but a serious menace to health. On the other hand, should the currents at any point set out toward the bay the noxious matter would be so diluted as to render it harmless, even should the current not carry it to sea at once.

The experiments have been under the charge of A. Hesselmeyer and E. M. Goodwin. They have been forced to take observations at all hours of the day and night that they might have full information as to the directions of the currents under different conditions.

Sometimes they would start out at 5 o'clock in the morning and sometimes at 10 o'clock

Following the Float.

at night. Yesterday they started at 8 o'clock in the morning. With them they took a CALL reporter. With the incoming tide, the boat was rowed to Hunters Point by a fisherman who had forsaken the delights of catching crabs and flounders to go into the employ of the Sewage Commission.

There a new float was taken on board. The float is a piece of wood five feet long, weighted with iron at one end. At the other end a hoop is fastened, in the bow of which there is a hook. To this a map and the lamp is fastened when night observations are made.

The float is so ballasted as to sink to a depth of over four feet when in the water. In this way, as it drifts, it is carried almost entirely by the current, as there is little surface to be affected by the wind.

On Monday the wind blew so heavily that the boatman could not keep up with the float. As a result the observers hoisted sail, but in tacking lost sight of their float, which was never recovered.

This was the reason for a new one yesterday.

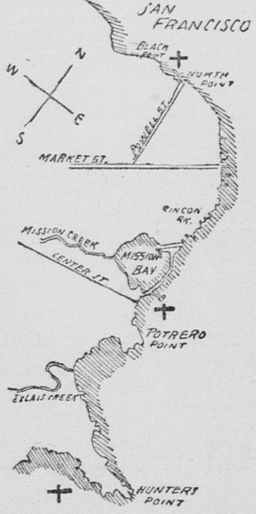
Just off the wharf at the end of the drydock the float was thrown into the water. The oarsman kept the boat in its immediate vicinity. At intervals of a few minutes Mr. Hesselmeyer and his assistant, armed with sextants, found the angle between certain points fixed on the map and the float. By this means the exact position of the float at certain times was established. By connecting these points the course of the current can be mapped out, while its speed is determined by computing the difference between the times when it was at certain fixed points.

The float went gradually from the land, but kept the general course of the shore line. It passed fully a hundred feet from Sling Rock, around which boats were dragging grappling-irons in search of the pleasure-seekers drowned Sunday.

As the tide grew stronger the float drifted farther out. This satisfactory result having been determined, the float was lifted into the boat and carried back to Hunters Point, where the action of the current at half tide could be observed.

Mr. Hesselmeyer, in telling of the work accomplished and what remained to be done, said: "San Francisco is divided into two drainage districts by a ridge that runs almost north and south and passes by Fort Point. The western half drains into the ocean. The eastern half is divided into four smaller basins. It has been found that the vicinity of North Point at the foot of Powell street could be made to drain a great part of the Western Addition. The Mission, with its lowest point at the foot of Center street, forms another drainage district. The Potrero district, draining into Islais creek, is a third; and South San Francisco, the outlet for the sewage of which would be in the vicinity of Hunters Point, is the fourth.

"To-day nearly all the sewage of the Western Addition and the Mission is emptied by the Channel-street sewer into Mission Bay. There it lies until the ebb tide carries a little of it out through the



The Centers of Operation Designated by the Crosses.

open Channel-street waterway into the bay. There the currents wash it under the wharves that line the city front.

"Ten years ago the Mission Bay had a good sandy beach. Now it is bottomed with a slimy ooze yards deep composed almost entirely of sewage matter. The same black mud is deposited under all the wharves along the Mission portion of the front.

"Every day dredgers carry some of the mud out into the bay. The currents of every return tide bring some back that the ebb cannot carry out.

"There are sewers emptying into the bay at different points all along the front. The discharge from some of these never reaches the ocean.

"This constant depositing of sewage matter is a source of great danger. The only way to remedy this danger is to have the sewers empty only when the currents set out strongly toward the bay.

"It has been our work to learn how the currents run. When this has been determined the engineers will have to decide at what points it will be possible to discharge the sewage so that the currents will carry it out to sea.

"We have had three centers of operation. They are North Point, which is at the foot of Powell street, the Center street wharf and Hunters Point. [These points are marked with crosses on the map.]

"From these points we have worked at all tides and in all weather.

"Our first trials were from North Point. On the ebb tide, the float, when started twenty yards from shore, was beached a half dozen times, showing that the current set in toward the shore. One hundred yards out the current sets toward the main channel and thence to the sea.

"At Hunters Point the current on an ebb tide runs directly east in the beginning. It then turns toward the Golden Gate, following the shore line, but not approaching nearer to it than a hundred yards. Just before reaching North Point the current is deflected and crosses the bay. Passing Alcatraz Island, it makes a strong eddy between Lime Point and Yellow Bluffs. After circling awhile it is caught in the main channel and rushes to sea with great rapidity. When the float is released at Hunters Point on the incoming tide it is carried far from the shore. When the tide turns it is carried at once to sea.

"Between the Potrero and the foot of Market street the current is nearly always toward the shore.

"This is due to the deep curve in the shore, which causes the current to bend in and form an eddy. The Sacramento River also has some effect in turning the current toward the shore. The incoming tide meets the river water as it sweeps past Angel Island and is turned more toward the shore. This gives it an inward inclination just before it reaches Market street.

"The outgoing current is held back by the same force.

"From this it can be seen that where a strong outflowing current is needed most, the flow is not only comparatively slow but sets toward the wharves."

C. E. Grunsky, who, with Mr. Marsden Manson, forms the Sewage Commission, said that the greater part of the sewage of the city was discharged into the bay between Center and Powell streets. That it was not carried away was attested by the immense accumulation of filth along the front.

"We have yet received no formal report from our men on the bay," he said, "so I can give you no definite information.

"There would seem to be less danger in discharging the sewage near North Point than at Mission Bay, and none at all in discharging it at Hunters Point.

"There can be no doubt but that the flow of sewage into the bay all along the water front is fraught with the greatest danger. The systems of the different streets will have to be so combined that their contents will find an outlet at the point where they will do the least harm.

"It is possible that the sewage will have to be held back at certain points and the flow allowed only at favorable conditions of the tide.

"In some cities the sewage matter is received in reservoirs and then pumped to a higher station. I think we will be able to find a solution to the matter without incurring such an expense.

"Under the present system nearly the entire western part of the city pours its sewage into Mission Bay. It could be diverted and discharged at some place near North Point.

"The city is being encircled with a mass of filth that it will take years to eradicate. Until it is gone it will always be a breeding place for the germs of filth diseases."

WANAMAKER HERE.

The Ex-Postmaster's Long Vacation.

He Is Strictly Resting and Declines to Talk Politics—A Warm Welcome.

John Wanamaker, ex-Postmaster-General, arrived in San Francisco yesterday evening, accompanied by Mrs. Wanamaker, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Wanemaker, the Misses M. and L. Wanamaker, Mrs. Wilson, Miss A. Morgan, Messrs. T. Hubb, Miller, G. Wardes and McDonald.

The party is traveling in two private cars, and yesterday came from San Jose.

Mr. Wanamaker and his family spent most of the day at Senator Stanford's place at Menlo Park. They intended only to make a short stay there, and reach the city early in the afternoon; but they found such good entertainment and beautiful surroundings that they were loth to leave before late in the day.

They arrived at the Palace shortly after 5 o'clock. Mr. Wanamaker's valet preceded him and secured rooms for the party, so there was no opportunity to meet the ex-Postmaster in the office, something to the disappointment of a few old politicians who were infesting the region of the register.

During the evening Mr. Wanamaker granted an interview to a CALL reporter, and in the course of it, said: "It is almost exactly two years since I was here before,

John Wanamaker.

and although the time is not very long a great many changes have taken place. When I was last here it was in the company of President Harrison, who was accompanied by that charming woman, Mrs. Harrison. Then my trip was anything but a holiday one; in fact, I think it induced a good deal of very hard work. Speeches to be made everywhere that we stayed left me hoarse from the day we commenced our journey.

"But as I was saying, a great many changes have taken place. Mrs. Harrison, who was the social center of the party, has passed away; Harrison is no longer President, and the administration having changed I am no longer in office. The latter fact at least allows me travel in a quiet way and a holiday manner.

"The day after I installed Mr. Bissell in office I started from Washington to find rest and change in a trip around the continent. I took with me those people with whom I think the best in the world—my own family—and a few intimate friends. We have traveled by easy stages and stopped just where it suited us. We went through a large part of Mexico, and I was much pleased with the country. I met President Diaz on two occasions, and had two extremely pleasant interviews with him. I take him to be just the man for the position; strong and firm in his measures and decided in his actions. He is extremely anxious to imitate as far as possible the policy of the United States, and asked me numberless questions, with a view to applying the information to good use at a future time.

"We have spent a very enjoyable time in the south of this State, and I have found your people extremely hospitable.

"I have a great opinion of California, and think there is a very bright future before you here. I have lately seen a good deal in the newspapers as to dull times in San Francisco, but with such immense natural advantages as this State enjoys, I feel sure that the future of the State and the metropolis cannot fail to be a glorious and prosperous one. The climate alone is sufficient to attract people with capital, not to speak of the number of opportunities for partaking of the natural wealth of the country, which only has to be developed.

"I expect to stay here until Monday next, and then I shall turn my face homeward. We shall go to Portland and then across by the northern route.

"I would prefer not to enter into any subject of a strictly political nature," said Mr. Wanamaker in reply to a pointed question on that subject. "I am out of harness now and enjoying a vacation. Therefore I do not wish to say anything that could give any political significance to my tour.

"As to the question of the action of Commissioner Blount in hauling down the American flag in Hawaii I cannot give an opinion, as I do not know what his instructions were. I have no doubt that his actions, whatever they may be, will be quite within the authority vested in him by the President and qualified by the instructions he is acting under.

"As a patriotic American I do not like to see the stars and stripes hauled down anywhere. Whether the flag should ever have been raised is another matter and not for me to decide, still I think it is not the thing for one administration to deliberately undo the acts of the previous one upon coming into power.

"I expect to have quite a gay time in this city. To-morrow I shall be the guest of the Mayor, and in his company shall be driven to the park and all the show places of San Francisco.

"On Friday I am to be taken around your beautiful bay by Mr. Backus on the steamer Rosalie, and to lunch with the members of the Pacific Yacht Club at Sausalito. The same evening the Union League Club will give me a reception."

On Saturday afternoon Mr. Wanamaker will be given a reception by the Young Men's Christian Association, which will be open to all. On Sunday afternoon Mr. Wanamaker will address a mass-meeting of men only under the auspices of this association at Odd Fellows' Hall.

There are forty-four census marshals at work in the city, but no reports have yet been furnished as the men have only been out three days.

OVER IN OAKLAND.

The Opposition Ferry Is a Fixed Fact.

WHO DESERTED THE BABY?

Getting Ready to Break Jail—An Alameda School Director Resigns—A Battalion Drill and Hop.

THE OPPOSITION FERRY.—The new competing ferry, of which THE CALL gave an account yesterday, is to be known as the Whitney Transfer Ferry. The first steamer to be put on the route will be called the Whitney Transfer. The Whitney Standard and Oakland Transfer Company will own about $100,000 worth of stock in the new enterprise. It is the purpose to have the ferry in operation about May 1. The steamer, which is an old one, is now being overhauled at White's shipyards, near Alameda Point. It will be equipped so as to make the trip within thirty-five minutes, and is, of course, designed to carry only freight at first. Ultimately, however, passengers will be carried. With the beginning it is the purpose to make about four round trips per day. The company has already been organized, and the contract to use the new ferry exclusive of the Southern Pacific was signed by Andrew J. McGovern, president of the Whitney Express Company, Monday. He came to San Francisco for that purpose. The most of the capitalists owning shares in the company reside in the latter city. As stated in THE CALL George P. McNear of Petaluma owns the largest individual interest, amounting to about one-fifth of the whole stock. There is a total of 200 shares, at a par value of $50 per share. Mr. McGovern declined to state who the other stockholders are, saying that the announcement is not yet authorized to be made. There are a number of Oakland capitalists, however, interested in it. It yet remains to locate the terminus on each side of the bay. The Oakland side may be near the estuary or at Fortin's landing. The business of the Whitney Express Company alone will take about $20,000 per year away from the present receipts of the Southern Pacific ferry system.

A PASSENGER LINE.—E. A. Heron, president of the Piedmont cable road, stated that the proposition for a passenger ferry is getting into shape, and that he will soon be ready to make known some definite facts concerning it. There is plenty of capital behind it. Whether the landing will be at the foot of Hopkins street, West Berkeley, or in Oakland has not yet been settled.

CENTRAL-AVENUE RAILWAY.—The Central-avenue Railway Company made half-hourly trips all day yesterday from 10 A. M. Fares were charged, but the traffic was rather light. The cars and motive power were borrowed from the Oakland, San Leandro and Haywards electric line.

READY TO BREAK JAIL.—Four keen steel saws, each capable of cutting through an iron bar within twenty minutes, were found concealed above the grating of the bathroom in the County Jail after a long search by Jailers Gilligan and Lane yesterday. It was apparent that an attempt was about to be made to break jail and liberate all the prisoners in the north corridor, although no actual work had been done. The information was conveyed to the jailers by a prisoner who had been let into the secret. It was confided to the latter by a United States prisoner, who was recently taken away. There is no evidence as to who is responsible for the tools being there or how they were smuggled into jail, but a thorough investigation will be made. The scheme is believed to have originated with the United States prisoners charged with counterfeiting, among whom are J. C. Scott, Charles Coal, Giovanni Abatti, Paolo Visconte, R. A. Maddox and James Lata.

THAT DESERTED BABE.—The police department is making a strenuous effort to find the mother of the babe left on the steps of the Driscoll residence at midnight Monday. The only evidence so far found is that a young man and woman, the latter apparently weeping, were seen in the vicinity shortly before the babe was left, and that it was a young man who rang for a cab to go to the Driscoll house. He went into a saloon for that purpose. The cabman was the first to discover the infant, as the Driscolls knew nothing about till he got there.

WIRES UNDERGROUND.—Much progress has been made in the work of placing underground all the telephone wires in central Oakland. The distributing point from the conduits is to be at Fourteenth street and Broadway, where a "tree" for that purpose was erected yesterday. The underground system is all for the benefit of the company, as the introduction of so many electric-road wires has made it a necessity on the part of the company for the safety of its own wires.

ARREST FOR PERJURY.—George McCarthey was arrested in San Francisco by Detective Downey yesterday and arraigned in the Oakland Police Court on a charge of perjury sworn to by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary White. He married her daughter recently and foolishly swore that she was of legal age. The marriage so angered the mother-in-law that she adopted this means of getting even.

PROVISIONAL VOTING.—This new system which, it is claimed, will favor the election of the best men on the tickets of contending parties, will be exemplified for an improvised election to be directed by Alfred Cridge in Liberty Hall, 865 Broadway, tomorrow evening. The public is invited.

PROPERTY MORTGAGED.—The property of Charles Jurgans, at Thirteenth street and Broadway, has been mortgaged to the regents of the State University for $85,000.

BERKELEY.

The Town Trustees Meet—Battalion and Hop.

AN AID SOCIETY.—A ladies' aid society has been established by members of the North Berkeley Congregational Church, with Mrs. Wirt as president; Mrs. John McCarty, vice-president, and Mrs. Frank May, secretary and treasurer.

BATTALION DRILL.—Lieutenant Winn of the Presidio, who has been recommended by the regents to the War Department as professor of military science for the next three years, was present at the battalion drill under Lieutenant Randolph on Monday. The inspection of the battalion by the inspector-general of the United States army will not be held on Thursday, as first announced, but on the following Monday or Thursday week. A hop will be given in the gymnasium Thursday by the battalion band, in place of drill. There will be an informal gathering of members of the faculty, their wives and students at Stiles Hall next Tuesday evening.

THE TOWN TRUSTEES.—The Board of Town Trustees held its regular session Monday evening. Bills to the amount of $580 27 were ordered paid. A complaint was received against the Poundmaster, which was filed for the next meeting. The Oakland Paving Company, which asked for sixty days' extension of time on San Pablo avenue work, was granted thirty days. An ordinance was passed prohibiting the cutting down of shade trees in town, excepting eucalyptus trees. A petition was received from the Alameda Water Company and the Claremont, University and Ferries Railroad, requesting a reconsideration of the ordinance recently passed which ordered the removal of the latter company's track nearer the center of the street. The water company claimed the removal would interfere with their water mains. An ordinance rescinding the franchise of the Oakland Consolidated Railroad Company for failure to comply with the terms of the franchise was passed to its first reading. Some were in favor of suspending the rules and canceling the franchise at once. The vote of Trustee Niehaus prevented it, however. Major McElrath, on the part of the company, said unavoidable legal delays had caused the insertion of the company, but they would soon be over, and within a month the company would perform its agreement. The board adjourned to meet next Monday evening.

THE LE CONTE FELLOWSHIP.—Leon Solomons, '94, has been elected as the Le Conte fellow for next year. The fellowship was founded by the Alumni Association in honor of Professors John and Joseph Le Conte. It is worth $500 a year.

ALAMEDA.

The New Board of Health—A School Director Resigns.

CITY ATTORNEY REAPPOINTED.—The leaders of the Harmony Hall party desired the appointment of G. E. Colwell as City Attorney, but Stanley Stephenson, who had the deciding vote, cast it in favor of E. K. Taylor, who has filled this position the past six years. No changes have been made in the appointive officers, and none are likely to be for the present.

BOARD OF HEALTH.—The new Board of Health consists of Joseph Knowland, F. W. G. Moebus, George R. Miller, H. H. Thompson and D. L. Caldwell. The board has the appointment of a Health Officer. There are three aspirants for the place—Dr. J. T. McLean, incumbent, Dr. G. C. Zeen and Dr. W. O. Smith.

AN OFFICER RESIGNS.—There was a surprise in store at the meeting of the Board of Education last evening. After the old board had adjourned and the new board organized by the selection of C. A. Brown as chairman, D. J. Sullivan, who had been re-elected a member of the board, tendered his resignation. Mr. Sullivan has been acting as Superintendent of Schools, and during the campaign it was urged against his election that it was not a good principle to have a member of the board School Superintendent. Mr. Sullivan stated last evening that he was opposed to the principle himself, and therefore tendered his resignation. He was elected secretary of the board, which makes him ex-officio School Superintendent.

Dr. A. W. Scott, a teacher in the High School, was elected principal of the school, at a salary of $150 per month, commencing May 1. John Vollmann was elected a member of the Board of Education, vice D. J. Sullivan.

WHO WAS CONLIN?

A Well-Dressed Stranger Dies Suddenly in a Hotel.

A middle-aged man with gray hair, mustache and goatee registered at the American Exchange Hotel two days ago as J. Conlin of New York. He was well dressed and sported a long overcoat trimmed with costly fur. His baggage was contained in two leather valises, and he appeared to be a commercial traveler. Last night Conlin of New York was found lying dead upon his bed by one of the servants of the hotel. He had removed his coat and boots and was lying in an easy position. The body was removed to the morgue, and the contents of the two valises were examined by the Coroner, who found that they consisted solely of the clothing of the deceased. There was a wallet containing $7 50 in one of the pockets and a bottle half full of morphine. There were no papers among the effects of the deceased, nor anything by which his calling or the cause of his death could be ascertained.

Money-Saving for Business Men.
A check for $3 75, sent to the Trade Company, Boston, will bring you the most valuable money-saving and business-bringing book ever printed. It is written by Nathaniel C. Fowler Jr., the expert at advertising and business, and it tells you how to make advertising profitable and how to save money. He explains all the mysteries of advertising and tells all about commercial printing, signs, and engraving of every kind. It is worth $100 to any man who expends $500 a year in advertising and printing.

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.

Oak Grove.
The opening of Oak Grove has been postponed until further notice on account of washouts on railroad. HODGE & BORMAN.

A Sailor Drowned.

Word was received at the Merchants' Exchange late last evening that a sailor, name not known, was lost overboard off Cape Blanco from the schooner Jennie Wand. An attempt was made to rescue the man, but he was drowned before assistance could reach him.

SOUTHERN TRAFFIC

A Proposed Coast Line of Steamers.

INDORSED BY MERCHANTS.

The Traffic Association Also Approves of the Scheme—Other Important Resolutions Adopted.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Traffic Association yesterday morning the following resolution was adopted:

"That the executive committee of the Traffic Association of California approves of the scheme of the Merchants' Freighting Association, as outlined in the articles of agreement submitted for our consideration, and we recommend it to our members and the mercantile community at large as being worthy of their encouragement and support."

The proposition submitted by the Merchants' Freighting Association is to raise a guarantee fund for the establishment of a line of steamers between this port, San Pedro and Redondo, in competition with the Pacific Coast Steamship Company and the railroads.

The association named is not an offshoot of the shipping association, which controls the clipper lines between here and New York, but is a combination of local and Southern California merchants, all of whom are more or less interested in the business of Los Angeles and San Diego counties and are grasping at the opportunities offered during the present fight against railroads and high freight rates to interest the public in what appears to be a feasible scheme and an opening for idle capital.

The indorsement of the Traffic Association is sufficient guarantee of the good faith of the new combination and gives its initial step the ring of financial sol