BURNED TO DEATH.

Startling Developments in the Rocklin Fire.

INCENDIARY ORIGIN CERTAIN.

A Quarrel Between the Cook and a Girl Said to Have Led to the Conflagration.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

ROCKLIN, May 25.—At 2:40 this morning a fire started in the kitchen of the Davies Hotel, the origin of which is unknown.

Twenty-five buildings, including two-thirds of the business section of the town, were burned.

The total loss is about $75,000; insurance about one-third.

Miss Alice Irish of Georgetown, working at the Davies Hotel, got out once, but went back for her clothes and was caught in the flames and burned to death. An heroic attempt was made by William Davies and Will Landis to save her, but the building collapsed.

The other occupants of the hotel barely escaped with their lives.

The Coroner is now holding an inquest.

This is the most serious loss the town has ever suffered.

Many will rebuild at once.

Among the buildings burned were Burchard's and Davies' hotels, Levison Bros.' store, livery stable, two butcher-shops, a barber-shop, blacksmith-shop, five saloons, a boarding-house and a number of dwellings.

The principal losses were the Burchard Hotel $12,000, insurance $5000; Levison Bros. general merchandise and express-office $12,000, insurance $4000; Davies' Hotel $6000, insurance $3000; Porters' livery stable $6000, insurance $1600; Jodoin's dwelling and barber-shop $3000, insurance $1600; H. Mulnix saloon, boarding-house and dwelling-house $7000, insurance $1200; C. Robles' butcher-shop and dwelling $1500, no insurance; Clydesdale dwelling $1800, small insurance; D. Hart's saloon $1500, insurance $1000; William Cook's dwelling $1000, insurance $500; Mrs. Van Tree's dwelling $1500, insurance $1000; Clow's blacksmith-shop $500 and Ertle's wagon-shop $300, with a small insurance on each; the Clark saloon $2000, insurance $1500.

QUARRELED WITH THE GIRL.

A Swede Arrested on Suspicion of Having Fired Rocklin.

SACRAMENTO, May 25.—Sheriff Conroy of Placer came here this afternoon and arrested a Swede who was cook at the Davis Hotel in Rocklin, in which Alice Irish lost her life this morning.

It appears that the man jumped on the first train leaving Rocklin and came here just after the fire. He and Miss Irish had had several quarrels, and he had been heard to say he would get even with her. He was seen about town an hour or so before the fire broke out, and it is now believed that he set the hotel on fire. Sheriff Conroy took the prisoner to Auburn.

AT THE INQUEST.

Indications Point to Incendiary Work at Rocklin.

ROCKLIN, May 25.—The Coroner's jury this afternoon on the body of Alice Irish, who was burned to death in the Davies Hotel this morning, found that the deceased had had a quarrel with the cook of the hotel the day before, and that the cook swore he would get even. The cook left for Sacramento immediately after the fire, but was brought back by Sheriff Conroy.

John Malle', who was in company with the cook late last night, and who knows more than he will tell, was also arrested, and will be examined by the Coroner's jury to-morrow at Auburn, where some startling developments are expected.

WHERE WATER IS KING.

Vast Irrigation Scheme on Foot in the Colorado Desert.

SAN DIEGO, May 25.—Maps and plans of the Colorado irrigation district have just been received and for the first time indicate the full scope of the work. The map of the canals and ditches shows that water will be taken from the Colorado River near Yuma and at an elevation of 200 feet above the sea. The main canal will carry water from Yuma almost directly west to the foothills near Jacumba, when the canal, following the western foothills, turns northward to a point seven miles northwest of Indio, where it crosses the Southern Pacific track and from there runs eastward and north of the Southern Pacific to Flowing Wells, where it again crosses the track by a southern turn, which brings it back into the Indians' reserve country. Side canals are also mapped out. One of considerable length reaches into Lower California, and another makes off from the main canal and enters a bay-like formation of the desert, approaching San Felipe.

These plans show the flow of water to be exactly the reverse of what was previously reported. The supposition was that the canal would lead out on the north side of the Southern Pacific track and follow the foothills from there to Indio, and then southward.

Of course, the story that the Salton Sea is to be used as a reservoir is exploded by the map. The Salton Sea is 250 feet below the sea level, and, as water refuses to run uphill, it would be lost if once impounded in that hole.

The figures show that when the canals are constructed a total of 2,276,200 acres will be subject to irrigation, all now desert. Of the total area 1,797,120 acres lie in San Diego County, and 878,080 acres in Lower California, but tributary to San Diego. Such a transformation from a barren desert to the highest fertility is like the finding of a new country larger than Rhode Island and Delaware combined.

ACKNOWLEDGED HIS GUILT.

A Prisoner Who Declined the Aid of Counsel and Got Four Years.

SAN BERNARDINO, May 25.—This morning Nemeses Eberra, the Mexican charged with cutting Jose Smith, and who was bound over to the Superior Court upon his preliminary examination, appeared before the Superior Court and entered a plea of guilty. The court asked him if he did not desire legal advice, to which prisoner responded that he did not think that would benefit him. He was then sentenced to four years in San Quentin.

PROSPECTING FOR COAL.

Salt Lake and San Francisco Capitalists Interested.

SANTA ROSA, May 25.—Arrangements are being made to prospect for coal on a large scale near Mark West, in this county. The Palos Grande Coal and Transportation Company, a corporation composed of Salt Lake and San Francisco capitalists, has bought 2000 acres of land and has raised $200,000 with which to begin work on the mine and to build a railway from it to this city. From here the company will build a road to Petaluma and thus reach tidewater. The company has let contracts to sink a shaft 500 feet deep to build a road to Santa Rosa and Petaluma, and to build bunkers, barges and tugs, all to be completed May 10, 1894. Machinery and other material have arrived here and it is expected the work will begin about the first week in June. Large quantities of good coal have been found in the Mark West neighborhood and it is thought important mines are sure to be developed.

COMMENCEMENT.

Graduating Exercises at Pacific Methodist College.

SANTA ROSA, May 25.—Commencement exercises of the Pacific Methodist College were held at Ridgway Hall here last night. There were three graduates—L. C. Gregory, J. M. Williams and Miss Hattie Austin.

After the oration and essay by the graduates an address was delivered to them by Rev. Dr. J. R. Briggs of San Francisco.

During the evening D. R. Gale, in behalf of the college, presented medals won by the successful students at Monday night's contest. The Hardin medal for oratory was won by A. M. Riley, the Jesse recitation medal by Essie Austin, the Johnson declamation medal by Frank Burris and the Brooke scholarship medal by Kate Patten. All the college exercises were held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and were a great success. The college is out of debt and the last year has been quite a prosperous one. Many new pupils are expected from various parts of the State the coming year, and indications are for a revival of interest in the institution.

THEY HAVE THE KEYS.

Nine Points in Favor of the Seceding Distillers.

Nevertheless the President of the Trust Says There Has Been No Break.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

PEORIA, Ill., May 25.—The meeting of the directors of the Distillers' and Cattle Feeding Company adjourned this evening. President Greenhut and all the members are especially reticent about what transpired. It is learned, however, that the efforts to raise the money to meet pending obligations was renewed this morning, but with no better success than on yesterday.

President Greenhut did not deny that a loan was asked, and he gave the following notice for publication:

"The company owns and operates all of the distilleries, and no person has power to withdraw any one of them. The company is in actual possession of all the property, nor is any of it in possession of any parties except as managers employed by the company. The company is not in default for rental in any case under the terms of its leases.

"The total amount of rents on all the grounds leased by the company, awaiting final adjustment before payment, does not exceed, at the rate applicable to the first five year period, $30,000.

"J. B. GREENHUT.

"P. J. HENNESY, Secretary."

Greenhut and John S. Stevens, attorney of the trust, left to-night for Chicago, to be in court to-morrow when the quo warranto suit of Attorney-General Moloney will be called up. The seceders deny the statement of the directory as to possession, and say the houses are in their name so far as the Government is concerned, and that they have the keys.

IN CAP AND GOWN.

Commencement Day and Exercises at Napa College.

NAPA, May 25.—Napa College commencement occurred to-day. The following graduated, receiving their degrees: Everett M. Hill, A. B.; Ira A. Simpson, P. H.; B. Fay Donaldson, A. B.; Lydia Ann Stuart, B. S., and Lao E. Tuck, B. S.

The class, together with President Beard, wore the caps and gowns as is the custom in European institutions. The board of trustees have re-elected the entire faculty save Professor S. J. A. Connor, who has held the chair of mathematics and is to be succeeded by Professor C. B. Ridgeway, who formerly held it and has been taking post-graduate work at Harvard the past year. Professor R. D. Hunt was given leave of absence to take post-graduate work at Johns Hopkins University and W. E. Darby was elected to fill his place.

The following trustees were elected for the class of '98: Rev. George Clifford of Pacific Grove, Rev. H. C. Tallman of Dixon and Rev. W. W. Case, D.D., of San Francisco.

CAUGHT BY A HAWSER.

Three Little Boys of Brooklyn Went Out Rowing and Never Came Back.

NEW YORK, May 25.—A sad accident happened in the East River to-day by which three little Brooklyn boys were drowned and four others rescued in an exhausted condition. The drowned were: Fred McGibney, aged 14, Thomas O'Brien, aged 9, and Thomas Kalisky, aged 9. A rowboat in which the seven boys were got between a tug and its tow and the hawser caught the boat in such a way as to capsize it, throwing the boys into the water.

THE FATE OF GRAVES.

A Decision Will Be Given Upon It Next Monday.

DENVER, May 25.—Argument for the continuance of Dr. Thatcher Graves' case was resumed this morning. Judge Burns took the case under consideration and will render a decision next Monday or soon thereafter.

Prominent Real Estate Dealer Dead.

SAN DIEGO, May 25.—John W. Pence, a large real-estate owner of Minneapolis, and who owns valuable property here, died at 3 A.M., at the residence of Mr. J. Swayne, in Paradise Valley, near here. Deceased's nephew starts with the body to Minneapolis to-morrow.

Relief for Australia.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., May 25.—A banking bill introduced by the Government in Parliament to relieve the present financial crisis was passed to-day without division or amendment. The public received with rejoicings its passing, as the restoration of confidence is expected to accompany the operation of its provisions.

SIGNBOARDS and heavy advertising count much, but purity and uniformity of quality count more, as has been proven by the success of White's Yucatan Chewing Gum.

LADY OR TIGER.

Eulalia in Tammany's Town.

GIVEN A GREAT OVATION.

Welcomed by Mayor Gilroy and Serenaded by Spanish Residents of the Metropolis.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The Spanish Princess and suite left for New York at 10 o'clock this morning. The Princess was driven to the depot in the President's four-in-hand, escorted by four companies of cavalry.

NEW YORK, May 25.—The Spanish Infanta is the guest of the metropolis. Despite a short delay, owing to a hot box, her special train pulled into Jersey City on time at 3 o'clock, and the Princess alighted, showing in no wise the effects of her journey.

Awaiting her arrival was a special committee, consisting of: General Horace Porter, Howard Carroll, Cornelius N. Bliss, Whitelaw Reid, Colonel S. V. Cruger, Comptroller Myers and Joseph J. O'Donohue. General Porter escorted her to her carriage, and they were driven to the wharf, where the steamboat General Slocum was moored. When the Infanta's party and the members of the committee boarded the Slocum the Spanish warship Infanta Isabel began firing the national salute of twenty-one guns, at the same time manning her yards and parading the marines on the quarter deck.

During the sail up the river the party received an ovation, salutes being exchanged with hundreds of river craft. As the Brazilian man-of-war Republicana and Aquideban were passed the yards of the two big warships were manned and salutes were fired. Further up lay the New York and Philadelphia of the American navy and both ships manned their yards and paraded their crews, while each fired salutes of twenty-one guns, and as the Slocum turned at Fifty-fifth street the guns of the Miantonomoh fired a welcome.

At Thirty-fourth street a landing was made. On the pier was Troop A, the crack cavalry regiment of New York, which was to act as a guard of honor to the Infanta. A procession, headed by a mounted band, was formed and marched along Thirty-fourth street to the Hotel Savoy. Along the entire route the Princess received the most enthusiastic reception, which she most gracefully acknowledged. The streets were lined with people and from the windows of many houses Spanish and American flags were flying.

As the carriages stopped at the hotel General Porter introduced Mayor Gilroy to the Infanta and the Mayor introduced Mr. McClellan, president of the Municipal Council. The Mayor escorted the Princess to the reception-room, where he formally welcomed the party on behalf of the city.

The Princess replied, quietly: "I am very pleased at the graciousness of your reception and can find nothing to say except to thank you."

The royal party then retired to their apartments. This evening the Spanish colony marched up Fifth avenue with torches burning and headed by a band. They began their serenade with stirring Spanish airs under the Infanta's window, and she shortly appeared and was greeted with salvos of applause. Senor Flores, representing his countrymen, made a short speech, to which the Infanta responded. Later the royal party attended the theater.

COAST GOSSIP.

The Identity of Judge Walford Disclosed at Last.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The fourth twelve-inch gun was yesterday successfully jacketed at the Washington Navy-yard. The battery of four guns for the armament of the Oregon, Indiana and Massachusetts is about completed and three others are well advanced. The guns will throw projectiles of 1100 pounds and will reqire a powder charge of 550 pounds. The first gun will be tested at the proving grounds at Indian Head, Md., as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

Louis Heller has been appointed Postmaster at Fort Jones, Siskiyou County, Cal., vice A. B. Carlock, removed, and Eugene Hoogan at Markhams, Sonoma County, Cal., vice G. J. Adams, resigned.

Henry J. Harrison has been commissioned Postmaster at Juneau, Alaska.

Emma Jones and Mary Caffany of California were granted pensions to-day.

By direction of the President an army retiring board is appointed to meet at the call of the president thereof for the examination of such officers as may be ordered before it. The detail for the board is: Lieutenant-Colonel Hugh A. Theaker, Fourteenth Infantry; Major John W. French, Fourteenth Infantry; Captain Gilbert S. Carpenter, Fourteenth Infantry; Captain William H. Arthur, assistant surgeon; Captain Edward C. Carter, assistant surgeon; Captain Frazier A. Boutelle, First Cavalry, recorder. Captain Thomas F. Quinn of the Fourth Infantry will report in person to Lieutenant-Colonel Theaker, president of the retiring board, at Vancouver barracks, when requested by the board for examinations by it, and on the conclusion of his examinations will return to his station.

Comptroller M. Eckels has appointed Thomas E. Jennings of Seattle, Wash., to be National Bank Examiner.

W. G. Wallace of Stockton arrived here recently. This gentleman, it appears, was the Judge that Washington papers were interviewing as "Judge Walford" about a week ago, and who expressed rather unique views upon the Chinese question.

LEGISLATURE WILL CHOOSE.

Rhode Island Nearly Equally Balanced Politically.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 25.—The Democrats won in the by-election in South Kingston to-day. This gives them 54 votes in the next Legislature and the Republicans 55. There having been no election for State officers by the people, these officials must be chosen by the Legislature, which convenes at Newport next Thursday. This, however, does not make the election Republican, as it is intimated that Senator Watson of Jamestown, a Republican, will vote for the Democratic candidate for Governor.

BORED HIS SKULL.

Delicate Surgical Operation to Cure Epileptic Fits.

SAN BERNARDINO, May 25.—A most delicate surgical operation was performed in this city yesterday afternoon upon the 6-year-old son of Richard King, who has been troubled with epileptic fits since his birth. The operation was performed by Dr. Arndt of San Diego, assisted by Drs. Hutchinson, Brown and Sherman of this vicinity. A diagnosis led to the conclusion that the fits were induced by pressure of the skull upon the brain, the skull being too small, and the soft place characteristic of the skull of infants being wanting in his case. To relieve the pressure the doctors bored a hole in the child's skull three-quarters of an inch in diameter at the back of the head; then a strip of bone five-eighths of an inch in width was cut from this hole to the forehead, when the scalp was sewed over the wound.

The skull was found thicker than that of an ordinary grown person. The little fellow rested easily last night and was progressing well this morning with every prospect of full recovery. The operation is one that has been attempted but a few times with varying success, and is never resorted to except in extreme cases.

DEGREES WERE CONFERRED.

Commencement Exercises at the University of the Pacific.

SAN JOSE, May 25.—At the commencement exercises of the University of the Pacific to-day degrees were conferred upon the following:

Bachelor of letters—A. Y. Toyama.

Bachelors of music—Misses Annie R. Earl, Mary M. Hughson, Florence Park, Lella Walton, Gertrude Abbott, Ellazena Byxbee, Vivian Hall, Elsie Pratt, Mattie Walton, Adelina E. Birchler, Alice R. Freeman and John F. Ogden.

Honorary degree of doctor of music—Professor F. Louis King.

Master of arts—Miss Louisa M. W. Mayne.

Master of science—Mrs. Agnes A. Needham Park.

Doctors of divinity—Rev. A. M. Fisher, editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate of Portland, Or.; Rev. Thomas R. Taylor of Chillicothe, Ohio.

A NEWSPAPER'S PICNIC.

Northern California Enjoys the Appeal's Programme of Sports.

MARYSVILLE, May 25.—Four thousand people attended the Appeal's picnic at Eureka Grove to-day. It was the largest picnic ever held in this section of the country. The military shoot for the silver cup was won by Company F of Woodland, which defeated Company C of Marysville by a score of 419 to 375. The Sacramento baseball printers defeated the Marysville printers by a score of 24 to 6. The champion pigeon-shoot was won by William J. King of Sacramento.

The picnic was attended by a large crowd from Sacramento, Woodland, Chico and the surrounding country. A grand ball wound up this red-letter day in the history of Marysville.

THE SEA CLOSED.

British Sealers Being Paid Damages at Victoria.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 25.—To-day an influential meeting of the Sealers' Association met and appointed a committee to draft for the naval authorities at Esquimalt, asked for by Captain Hugh Hallet in his announcement, particulars of the sealers out this season, and the point at which they meet.

The Collector of Customs to-day formally announced that the Bering Sea would be closed till the 1st of May next, as instructed from Ottawa. He also began to pay claims of vessel-owners as granted by the British Goverment.

SENTENCED TO HANG.

Charles Bawden Receives the Extreme Penalty of Law.

EUREKA, May 25.—Charles H. Bawden was to-day sentenced to be hanged July 21. Bawden killed Mrs. Millie Price, nee Wilcox, here February 7, 1890, and was convicted of murder in the first degree June 21, 1890. The case was appealed to the Supreme Court, which rendered a decision affirming the judgment of the lower court. Some of Bawden's friends will ask the Governor to exercise executive clemncey.

THE SANTA CLARA BANK.

The Directors Accept the Proposition of David Henderson.

SAN JOSE, May 25.—The directors of the Bank of Santa Clara to-day accepted the proposition of David Henderson, formerly of Arizona, to take control of the institution. He will organize an entirely new bank, and the claims of depositors will be paid as soon as the affairs of the old one can be settled. Henderson will put $200,000 in the bank on June 1.

HER REASON GONE.

Sent to the Asylum Because She Has Delusions.

SAN RAFAEL, May 25.—Mrs. H. A. Drake was arrested this morning in Sausalito on a charge of insanity and ordered committed to Napa Asylum. She has resided in Sausalito for some years and has delusions, claiming that she is pursued by people trying to assassinate her.

A Pioneer Gone.

MENDOCINO, May 25.—Dr. J. D. Murray, an old pioneer and druggist of this place, died at 12 o'clock this morning of inflammation of the bowels, followed by blood-poisoning, at the age of 63 years. Deceased came here in 1857, where he had since resided, accumulating a considerable fortune. He leaves a widow, three sons and a daughter to mourn his loss.

She Swallowed Ammonia.

SANTA ANA, Cal., May 25.—Information has just been received that Mrs. H. Peck, living north of Orange, last evening swallowed a teaspoonful of ammonia and is now suffering excruciating pains from a severely burned mouth and throat. As she is an old lady her recovery is a serious question.

Dragged by a Fractious Team.

LODI, May 25.—John R. Hale, a noted strawberry raiser of this place, was thrown from his wagon yesterday while driving a fractious team and sustained injuries that may cost him his life. He was thrown from the wagon and dragged a considerable distance.

A Big Case to Be Appealed.

HELENA, May 25.—The great mining lawsuit of the St. Louis Company against the Montana Company for $2,500,000 was terminated in the District Court to-day in favor of the defendants. The case will be appealed to the Supreme Court.

A Fatal Fall.

WOODLAND, May 25.—John Hutchings, an aged resident, while trimming a tree, fell from the ladder this morning and broke his neck, dying shortly after.

People's Party Organizing Convention

The People's party in Alameda County seems to be first in organizing for the work of another campaign. A meeting of the Central Committee voted that its chairman and secretary should call for a convention for selecting a new membership to the committee and transacting other business for forwarding work. It was resolved that all People's party organizations be requested to send representatives to a mass-meeting to be held in Liberty Hall, Oakland, on the 17th of June.

THE newest, brightest and best eating-place in town is "The Lunch," 224 Sutter street, above Kearny.

SAME OLD STORY.

Sir Charles Continues to Talk.

LIMIT OF AMERICAN RIGHTS.

While the Counsel Argues the Modus Vivendi Will Be Continued in Force.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

PARIS, May 25.—Sir Charles Russell continued his argument in behalf of the British case to-day before the Bering Sea tribunal of arbitration. He argued against the United States forbidding foreigners to catch seals outside of territorial waters, and put emphasis on the statement that American law even to-day does not make sealing inside of Bering Sea illegal. The United States regarded pelagic sealing as wrong outside of Bering Sea alone.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 25.—Victorians have for several days past been looking for some official information confirming or contradicting the announcement that Bering Sea would this year be declared open to the sealing fleet. The expected intimation came to-day, and it is quite sufficient to confirm the guess hazarded by sealing men when the San Francisco telegram was received announcing the termination of the modus vivendi, that it was a fake.

Collector of Customs A. R. Milne this afternoon received a telegram, however, from William Smith, Deputy Minister of Marine at Ottawa, stating that sealing in Bering Sea will be prohibited until May, 1894, and requesting him to notify the sealers accordingly. The notification states that the continuation of the modus is subject to orders in council which may subsequently be issued by the Imperial Cabinet.

IN AND ABOUT TOWN.

LEE'S TRIAL SET.—District Attorney Barnes yesterday served on License Collector Lee a formal notice of the accusation of extortion made against him by the Grand Jury. The date of Lee's trial was set for June 6, after which time he has ten days in which to answer. The action of the Grand Jury has killed Lee politically and ruined what chance he may have had to remain in office in case of a deadlock between the Board of License appointment—consisting of Mayor Ellert, Auditor Broderick and Treasurer Widber—and the Board of Supervisors, which confirms the appointment. There were no discharges noted in Lee's office yesterday. He was around in the morning, but did not seem desirous of talking about the accusation against him.

THEIR NAME DISGRACED.—A curious petition was filed in the Superior Court yesterday, when Mrs. Elizabeth Howard Grayson prayed to have her name changed to Elizabeth Howard Turner. Mrs. Grayson was the wife of a well-known mining man of this city, but obtained a divorce from him in February last, on the ground of desertion. In her petition she set forth that her former husband, John T. Grayson, had brought such disgrace on the family by reason of his immorality and general bad conduct that she desired no longer to bear that name. Another petition was filed on behalf of Mrs. Grayson's son, John Temple Grayson, to have his name changed to Lloyd Anderson Turner, for the same reasons as given by his mother.

A HOUSE AND ITS SUPPORTS.—The Supreme Court has affirmed the judgment of the Superior Court in the case of Francis J. Sullivan, executor of John Sullivan, deceased, vs. Wendelin Zeiner. Plaintiff and defendant owned adjacent lots, and the complaint alleged that by deep excavations in his lot below the foundation of plaintiff's building plaintiff's house had been left without proper support. Sullivan therefore sued for damages and an injunction. Zeiner demurred to the complaint, and his demurrer was sustained, with judgment against the plaintiff. The judgment is allowed to stand.

FELL FROM A WINDOW.—Mrs. Albert Dewitt, who lives with her husband at 317 Gough street, met with an accident yesterday afternoon which may result fatally. She was engaged in cleaning a window in the rear of the house when she lost her balance and fell backward into the yard, a distance of about ten feet, striking a sofa and then glancing to the ground. She was picked up in an unconscious condition and carried into the house, when two physicians and a priest were sent for. It was found that she had struck he head on the ground, causing a slight fracture of the skull.

REFUSED TO PAY.—Charles Henry Lewis has sued the Union Central Life Insurance Company for $3000, due on a life policy taken out by complainant's wife, Mrs. Isabella Lewis, who died in Lima, Peru, in the early part of last year. The complaint states that all the premiums on the policy were duly paid from time to time, but although the company has received due notice of the death it has disclaimed all liability.

WORLD'S FAIR COMMISSION.—There was to have been a meeting of the World's Fair Commission yesterday but there was no quorum. An effort will be made to hold a meeting on Monday next to arrange about future payments of fruit freight shipments. At the end of the month Secretary Markley retires and W. H. Daly, at present assistant traffic manager, will be left in sole charge of the local end of the commission.

THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME.—No action has yet been taken toward appointing a successor to the Rev. Mr. Edwards, late superintendent of the Crocker Old People's Home. W. Alexander is fulfilling the duties of the position pro tem. It is expected, however, that at the monthly meeting of the board of lady managers a new superintendent will be appointed.

FRENCH TOURISTS.—A special excursion party, consisting of a number of wealthy French gentlemen and their wives, arrived in the city last night and are at the Baldwin. The excursionists will spend two months in this country visiting the World's Fair and other places of interest.

STRIKING SHOEMAKERS.—A few of the employes of Earle & Co.'s shoe factory, 765 Mission street, quit work yesterday owing to dissatisfaction regarding wages. The proprietors announce that the places of the strikers will be filled at once and there will be no delay in filling contracts.

NOT THAT MAN.—The man who was sent to jail for having bogus lottery-tickets in his possession and who at the time of his arrest gave the name of Charley David is not the cigar manufacturer of that name.

The Late Charles D. Gibbes.

Charles Drayton Gibbes, formerly Curator of Mineralogy in the California Academy of Sciences, and a civil engineer and surveyor by profession, died last Thursday at his room, No. 30, in Court block, on Clay street, between Montgomery and Kearny. Mr. Gibbes was 80 years of age, and had been more than forty years in this State. During the last ten years his health has been very feeble and he was unable to pursue his profession. A few years since, through the intercession of Professor Davidson, Colonel Fred Crocker, president of the board of trustees of the California Academy of Sciences, had a monthly sum paid to Mr. Gibbes from the munificent donation which the late Charles Crocker had assigned for the benefit of men who had given the best of their lives to scientific investigation. This, with occasional aid and advice from his friends, made the latter years of Mr. Gibbes' life comfortable. He was born at Charleston, S. C., and was a cousin of the late Mrs. John Jacob Astor. The Draytons and Gibbes of South Carolina are some of the oldest families in that State.

Gentini's Guile.

A report was floating around yesterday that Signor Gentini, ex-Italian Consul at Vera Cruz, had been arrested in Oaxaca by a detective from this city, and was on his way here. The story was that he had swindled some prominent Italian residents of this city, among them Dr. Joseph Pescia, Dr. Vincentio Vaccari and Joseph Calegaris, druggist, out of $2000 each, and that it was the gentlemen named at whose instance he was arrested. They were seen last night and gave an emphatic denial to the sensational features of the story.

"It is true," said Dr. Pescia, "that Signor Gentini was in this city and told some of us that he was on intimate terms of friendship with President Diaz. Through that friendship he assured us that he could obtain exceptional concessions and advantages in the purchase of land and other sources of investment. He induced some of us to advance him some money to defray his expenses in Mexico while carrying on the negotiations, but the amount altogether would not reach $2000. We have not heard from him or of him since, nor do we care whether we do or not. We know nothing whatever of his arrest. We thought he was a man of honor and integrity, but he has turned out to be a swindler. That is all there is in the story."

The Fire Record.

The alarm from box 47 at 12:55 yesterday afternoon was for a fire in the Central lodging-house, 871 Market street, owned by Frederick L. Turpin. It is a four-story building, and the fire started in the top story through, it is supposed, an explosion in a closet where benzine and kerosene had been stored. The burning oil dropped down into the other floors, the building being saturated from top to bottom. The loss is estimated at $1200.

HOW DO YOU DO when you buy shoes or clothing? Don't you go to the place (if you can find it) where they tell you that you may wear the articles out, and then, if you're not satisfied, they'll refund the money? Why not do the same when you buy medicine?

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