KEARNEY'S MOVE.

Aid of the Police Court Invoked.

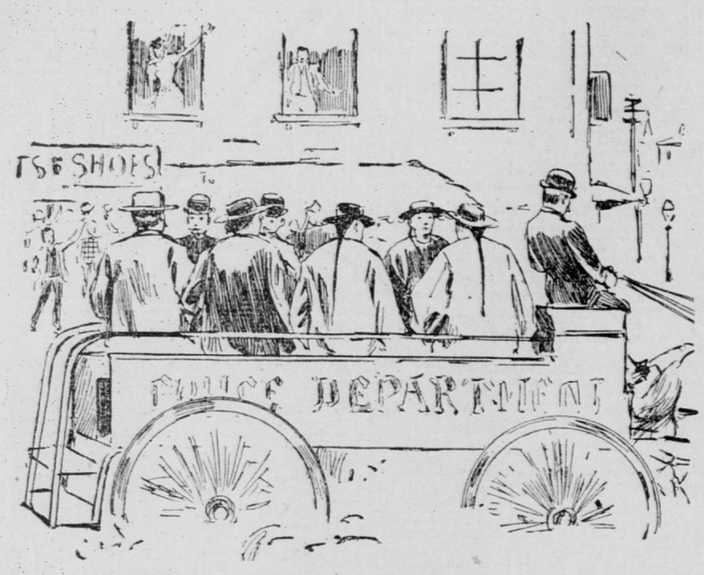
FIVE CHINESE ARRESTED.

Complaint Based on the State Act of 1891—Excitement at First and Howard Streets.

Denis Kearney is not to be balked in his efforts to have the eight Chinese employed in the shot tower, corner of First and Howard streets, brought before the courts. Accompanied by Attorney Fox he appeared in Police Court 1 yesterday and swore out complaints and obtained warrants for their arrest under an act of the Legislature approved March 20, 1891.

It is entitled: "An act to prohibit the coming of Chinese persons into the State, whether subjects of the Chinese empire or otherwise, and to provide for registration and certificates of residence and determine the status of all Chinese persons now resident of this State and fixing penalties and punishments for violation of the act, and providing for deportation of criminals."

The names of the five Chinese are Ah Hing, On Lee, Hoy Sing, Ah Choy and Ah



UNREGISTERED CHINESE ON THEIR WAY TO PRISON.

Cuee. In the complaint it is charged that "the offense of unlawfully coming in, now being and remaining within the limits of the State of California, was committed to wit by Ah Hing, a Chinese person and a subject of the Chinese empire, who then and there did unlawfully come into, land at and now remains in the port of San Francisco and State of California, he, the said Ah Hing, not being a Chinese person and a subject of the Chinese empire duly accredited to the Government of the United States as Minister Plenipotentiary or other diplomatic representative, Consuls-General, Consuls or commercial agent or officer of the Chinese Government traveling upon business of said Chinese Government, or the body or household servants of either of said officers, and that he, the said Ah Hing, has failed and neglected to apply for and receive from the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics a certificate of residence, as provided by the laws of the State of California, within one year from the 20th day of March, 1891."

The warrants were handed to Police Officers Gale and Olsen to execute, and they were accompanied in the patrol wagon by the complaining witness, Denis Kearny, who pointed out the five Chinese to the officers.

Soon after the patrol wagon drew up in front of the shot tower a crowd of men, women and children began to gather, and when the officers appeared with the five Chinese and hustled them into the wagon the crowd cheered lustily; women waved their handkerchiefs and the white workmen in the shot tower joined their cheers with those of the crowd. One old lady, who was taking a glass of beer in a saloon on the opposite corner, in her excitement waved the glass over her head and scattered the contents over her dress.

As the patrol wagon drove off some of the crowd followed it for a considerable distance, cheering all the time. The five Chinese seemed to take it all good-naturedly, and when lodged in the City Prison were talking and laughing among themselves.

Warrants will be issued this morning for the arrest of three more Chinese employed at the shot tower.

Judge Campbell and Prosecuting Attorney Reed were carefully perusing the provisions of the act of 1891 during the afternoon in preparation for the pending legal fight.

As the patrol wagon in which rode the five prisoners, their custodians and Kearney turned out of Montgomery street up Merchant on its way to the City Prison a hack containing two Chinese drove along Montgomery avenue and stopped in front of the building in which is located the office of Thomas D. Riordan, the attorney for the Chinese Six Companies.

In a few moments Mr. Riordan came from his office, and as he was about to enter the hack was accosted by a representative of THE CALL.

"This does not amount to anything," said Mr. Riordan stroking his mustache. "It's an arrest under a State law that is not constitutional. Shortly after that law was passed we had several Chinese arrested for the purpose of testing it. As soon as the men had been placed behind the bars we applied to the United States court for writs of habeas corpus, but before these could be passed upon Attorney-General Hart appeared in the Police Court before which the prisoners were to be taken and being no doubt satisfied that the law was unconstitutional moved a dismissal of the cases, and that was an end to the business. Since then no attempt to make any arrests has been made until Judge Campbell issued the warrants today." Then Mr. Riordan drove away to look after his five clients.

Beautiful El Campo.

The steamer Ukiah will make two trips from the Tiburon ferry to El Campo tomorrow for the benefit of those who wish to go to a quiet place in the country where they enjoy rest from the noise and dust of a busy city. Blum's band will render the following musical selection:

March, "Picadors," Sousa; overture, "Hungarian Comedy," Kela Bela; grotesque negro dance, Laurendeau; medley, "Last of the Hogans," Braham, introducing "Take a Day Off, Mary Ann," "Hats Off to Me," "The Last of the Hogans," "De Rainbow Road," "Danny by My Side," "The Knights of the Mystic Star"; waltz, "Merry War," Strauss; "Patrol of the Gnomes," Ellenberg; overture, "Le Domino Noir," Auber; Caprice Heroique, "The Bandit King," Kalliwoda; selection, "Robin Hood," with solos for cornet, clarionet and baritone, De Koven; waltz, "Return of Spring," Waldteufel; grand musical divertisement, Brahms; galop, "Fresh as a Rose," Fahrbach.

Band of Hope Reunion.

The quarterly meeting of the San Francisco Bands of Hope will be held to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Simpson Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, corner of Hayes and Buchanan streets. The programme will consist of an address by Rev. A. C. Hirst, D.D., songs and recitations by children connected with the band, and presentation of a prize banner by William H. Barnes and prize books by Henry P. Sheed, who will preside.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Hon. Bernard Murphy of San Jose is at the Lick.

W. H. Grady of Fresno registered at the Lick yesterday.

John Sullivan of Santa Cruz is stopping at the California.

J. W. Montgomery of Chico is in town and at the Grand.

William Niles of Los Angeles is quartered at the Palace.

Raleigh Barcar of Martinez is among the guests at the Grand.

Robert T. Devlin of Sacramento is registered at the Occidental.

H. A. McCraney, editor of the Lakeport Avalanche, is in the city.

Hon. H. V. Morehouse of San Jose is in town and registered at the Baldwin.

H. Z. Osborne, editor of the Los Angeles Express and Collector of the Port of San Pedro, is at the Palace.

Gustav Sutro has retired from the presidency of the Omnibus Cable Company and has been succeeded by B. M. Stein.

Colonel Harrison Gray Otis, editor of the Los Angeles Times, arrived from the south yesterday and is at the Occidental.

United States Surveyor-General W. H. Pratt has returned from Humboldt County, where he has been spending a week's vacation.

Among the prominent arrivals at the Palace are Dr. Arther Tuesdell of Berlin, a well-known engineer, and Curt Hanock, a wealthy land-owner of Prussia.

S. H. Gunn, a New York manufacturer; Dr. Robert M. Solomons of Charleston, S. C., and McC. Brandon, a cotton-grower of Mobile, Ala., are the Baldwin.

A "RED-LETTER" GIFT.

What Was Found by a Clever Woman for a Birthday Present.

This was overheard on a Geary-street car yesterday:

"I was awfully puzzled as to what to get for mamma's birthday, and what do you suppose I settled on?" asked a voluble girl of her companion.

"Do tell me. I am awfully anxious to know," was the enthusiastic reply.

"One of those portiere lounges you have seen advertised by the California Furniture Company. They are perfectly splendid and as pretty as can be. Just the thing for mamma's dressing-room by the west window, you know."

"Why, what a lovely idea. I must go in and see them, and besides, I want a writing-desk for myself, and this would be a good time to buy, wouldn't it?"

"Of course, but you must go right away, for these are the last days and the sale closes on Saturday."

Collector Quinn.

The telegram which Collector Quinn received three days ago from acting Secretary of the Treasury Hamlin calling for his resignation was replied to by the Collector by a dispatch stating fully his reasons for not resigning. His chief reason seems to be that to resign now might at some future time call for an explanation, so he proposes to remain in the office until his term expires, unless summarily removed. He is still Collector of Internal Revenue for this district.

Internal Revenue Agent McGlachlen denies that he has sent any special report on to Washington about the manner in which the office of the Collector has been conducted.

The Labor Council.

At a meeting of the Labor Council last evening a committee was appointed to make arrangements for a grand demonstration on the afternoon of Labor day.

The executive committee was instructed to make the necessary preparations for a grand anti-Chinese State congress, which will be held in this city on or about September 15.

A letter was received from Ignatius Donnelly, the celebrated orator, stating his intention to deliver a lecture before the council during the winter months. The matter was referred to the education and agitation committee for final action.

No June Salaries Yet.

The City Hall employes have not yet got their rights adjusted. The application of George Lewis for a writ of mandate to compel the City Treasurer to pay him his salary for the month of June last for services rendered as Deputy Registrar came up for hearing yesterday before the Supreme Court, but was continued until the 28th inst.

Widber claimed that he had not had time to file his answer to the application, and the court allowed him until the 23d inst. to do so.

A Burglar Arrested.

Frank Hughes, a boy 16 years of age, was arrested yesterday on Seventh street by Police Officer J. C. McGinnis and booked on a charge of burglary. The wholesale wine and liquor store of Ahrens, Pein & Bullwinkel, 620 Post street, was entered on Thursday night and a quantity of cigars and cigarettes stolen. Hughes was offering some of the stolen articles for sale on the street when arrested.

To Condemn the Brewery.

Suit was instituted in the United States District Court yesterday for the condemnation of the brewery at Napa owned by Gottfried Waggner. This establishment was seized by Collector Byington of the Fourth District on the 5th inst. for having an illicit still run in connection with it. Mr. Waggner offered to compromise for $1900. The plant is said to be worth about $10,000.

The Fire Record.

The alarm from box 18 at 2:37 A. M. yesterday was for a fire in the three-story brick building, 532 Jackson street, owned by Oscar Foss and occupied by E. A. Jayson & Co., wholesale wines and liquors. The loss is estimated at $50 on building and $30 on contents; cause, overheated range.

THE bad taste produced by smoking or chewing tobacco can be entirely removed in two minutes by chewing a piece of White's Yucatan Gum. Investigate, no, I mean a nickel.

OVER IN OAKLAND

A Colored Woman Falls to Her Death.

WILD WEST SHOW DISBANDS

A Mysterious Disappearance—J. Vincent Loses His Wife—Dangerous Bridge—Tubbs' Assessment.

Mrs. Sarah Waldron, a colored woman living on Second street, near Oak, fell from an electric car at the corner of Telegraph avenue and Twenty-fourth street at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning and sustained a fracture of the skull, from which she died three hours later.

Mrs. Waldron was on an outgoing car, and at Twenty-fourth street signaled the conductor to stop. As the car was slowing up she arose and stepped quickly off. The motorman attempted to stop her, but was not in time, and the unfortunate woman was dashed to the ground, striking her head violently.

A number of people rushed to her assistance, but she was unconscious. They carried her into an adjacent drugstore, where she remained until a patrol arrived and conveyed her to the Receiving Hospital. Dr. Johnson was in attendance, and every effort was made to restore her to consciousness, but in vain. In three hours the woman was dead.

Her skull was found to have been fractured at the base and concussion of the brain caused her death. The body was removed to the Morgue and was identified shortly after by Mrs. Hartley of 916 Seventh street.

Mrs. Waldron was about 45 years of age and was a widow. She lived at her little home on Second street with three children, the eldest of whom is a girl of 18 years.

She was by occupation a cook and came to Oakland from Leadville, Colo., in March last. An inquest was held last night and a verdict of death from accident was returned.

Chilled by a "Frost."

The Arizona Wild West Show, which started from Tucson some time ago and did a flourishing business on the road until it struck Southern California, fared only indifferently well at San Francisco and went into the hands of the constable at Oakland. It is now thoroughly disorganized and may be considered a thing of the past.

Last Wednesday the Indian members of the show gave up trying to be "respectable" and took a southbound train for Los Angeles, from which point they are to return to their reservation in Pima County.

On Tuesday a large number of the cowboys left for Texas and Arizona, and now the two or three who are left are considering whether it would be best to try another hazard at fortune-making in the wild west line and organize again or give it up as a thoroughly bad job. Pawnee Jack has agreed to go south and bring back fresh Indians if his expenses are paid and $5 guaranteed him. His offer has been taken under advisement.

Stole Quietly Away.

There is a mysterious case of a ruined girl, an irate mother and the sudden disappearance of both that is troubling the police of this city. According to the story that has been given out a certain well-known Oakland man accomplished the ruin of a girl of 16 some few weeks ago.

Intelligence of the fact reached the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and the matter was subjected to a severe investigation. Then the girl said it was not the Oakland man who was at fault, but a prominent San Francisco physician.

The girl has been living with her mother on Union street, but when parties went to visit them recently it was found that both had mysteriously disappeared, and left no trace of their probable destination behind them. A Mrs. Green lives there, but she refuses to talk, and the police are keeping dark, so nothing but mystery envelops the affair. It has been suggested that the mother and daughter were spirited away by interested parties who feared disclosures.

A Rickety Bridge.

Street Superintendent Harrison has filed a communication with the Board of Public Works notifying it that the Eighth-street bridge is in a dangerous condition and in need of immediate repair.

Mr. Harrison says that the supports of the bridge appear to be solid, but that the covering is warped and rolled away at the sides, and is liable to drop at any time.

The center of the bridge is strong, but the planks which are laid on either side of the railroad track are not safe, as the ends are ready to drop off from the stringers. He says that unless immediate action is taken the bridge will probably have to be closed up for public safety.

There is an ordinance pending in the City Council for an appropriation of $600 for the repair of the bridge, and it was recently decided to postpone the ordinance until the next tax levy is made.

A Bridge-Tender in Danger.

The man who has charge of the big draw at the Webster-street bridge is to be investigated. It is charged that he kept the schooner Prospectus in the narrow space between the Alice and Webster street bridges for such a long time that she was compelled to make five tacks, on one of which she smashed her bowsprit against the bridge. The tender kept the bridge closed to give the Southern Pacific narrow gauge the preference.

It is said that this is not the first time this has occurred, and the bridge-tender at this point is remembered with venom by a large number of men who go down to the sea in ships. They all stand ready to make complaint that the commerce of the estuary is very much hampered by this autocrat of the bridge.

Ran Out of Jurors.

The trial of Louis Matheny, accused of the murder of Police Officer Cashin, was called in Judge Henshaw's court yesterday morning and continued until Tuesday. The case could not go on because only eight jurors have been chosen so far, and already the panel is exhausted.

On account of the illness of Dr. Dunn, who is the chief witness for the prosecution, the lawyers have agreed to continue the case three weeks as soon as the other four jurors have been selected.

The eight chosen thus far are: J. G. Croll, Victor Gillardin, James Bills, Patrick Carroll, John McCoy, S. L. Gibbs, Daniel Fenton and Luke Doyle.

Another Railroad Suit.

It looks now as though Michael Carroll, foreman for V. L. Fortin, intends suing the railroad company to recover damages for the death of his son, Frank Carroll, who was killed in attempting to jump from the narrow-gauge train some weeks ago.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Henry Evers Jr. called at the County Clerk's office and took a copy of all the evidence given at the inquest held by the Coroner over young Carroll's remains.

The railroad company had sent for the manuscript, as they desired to use it in a matter that has now been brought up in regard to the death of the boy.

The Tubbs Assessment.

W. G. Henshaw appeared before the City Council Thursday night and on behalf of Susan A. Tubbs applied to have the assessment of $20,000 on the Tubbs Hotel stricken off the roll, as the property has been burned. The opinion of the Council is that it is beyond the power of the board to act upon the matter, as the law requires assessments to be made as the property stood on the first Monday in March. The subject was referred to the City Attorney.

Trying His Own Medicine.

Ex-Deputy Constable Joseph Taylor has had an inglorious week. On Tuesday he was a free man, on Wednesday he was arrested for disturbing the peace, on Thursday he had his appointment as Deputy Constable revoked and yesterday he was sent to jail for thirty days. The complainant in the case was Mrs. Obermuller, with whom certain newspapers asserted that Taylor had been living. Over this last charge Mrs. Obermuller is very indignant. She says that Taylor was a roomer at her house and nothing more, and that when she ordered him to leave on account of his conduct he made trouble and compelled her to have him arrested.

A Fruitless Search.

Uncle Sam's men from the Treasury Department, who have been digging for yellow gold in the Tenth-street lot, in the neighborhood of the place where the gold was reported to have been found by the housemovers, Bayles and Flora, have given up in disgust. They dug all over the lot to a depth of two and a half feet.

Housemover Flora helped the treasury agents do their digging.

Bayles said yesterday, speaking of the matter: "Flora has been making good wages, but I think he is very foolish if he has put this job up on the Government. He knows that we got all there was. We dug thoroughly after our first find, and they are simply going over the ground again. The Government is too late."

Pursuing His Wife.

J. Vincent of East Oakland rushed excitedly into the Sheriff's office yesterday afternoon and shouted, "I want a warrant to arrest a man who has run away with my wife and a gold watch."

"Go up to the District Attorney and state your case," somebody said. The man was in a rush. He said the fellow's name was Manuel Mergard and that the couple were bound for Stockton, whither he intended to follow.

The man Mergard had run off with Mrs. Vincent once before, he said.

Has Pike Piked?

Joe Pike has disappeared. Joe was a plumber in the West Oakland railroad shops. Some say Joe has gone off to get married. The assistant superintendent of the shops says Joe drew his "time" two days before the paycar arrived and went to the city to get a nurse to sit up with a sick wife. Pike also told this story to a friend. His lodging place is closed. He is the treasurer of Liberty Lodge No. 35, K. of P.

They Swore at Him.

May Henderson and Nettie Williams were arrested at Pine and Seventh streets by Officer Con Keefe for using profane language on the street. The girls told Keefe just what they thought of him, and that in no unreserved manner, and the officer retaliated by holding them to answer for violating a city ordinance that attaches a fine of $100 or fifty days for using profane language on the public streets.

Increasing the Circulation.

Two precious sharpers are working Oakland and flooding the market with counterfeit money. One wears a suit of gray tweed, has light hair and a blonde mustache. The other is a nondescript. They are offering bank notes in $5 and higher denominations and have been doing a rushing business.

BERKELEY.

The Oakland Consolidated Electric Road has put on six additional cars on Eighth street, Oakland, which, with the Berkeley cars, gives a four-minute service between Thirteenth and Grove and Second and Broadway. The transfer at Thirteenth and Grove has been perfected, cars connecting now to the minute, and a through transfer to Second and Broadway is had, connecting with the Davie Ferry Company's boats without the former change at Franklin.

Flat From Heffelfinger.

The campus is being cleared of grass and heavily sanded, preparatory to wetting down for team practice in football. The only regular work at first will be playing between the class teams, but all candidates for the 'varsity eleven begin at once to train. Heffelfinger, the Yale coach, who will take personal charge of the team October 1, has sent out the following instructions to the eleven:

"Candidates for the eleven must train ten hours a week, five in gymnasium work under the regular instructor, Mr. Magee, and five in field work of punting, kicking, passing the ball, falling on the ball, and in sprinting and running under the personal direction of Field Captain Woolsey. Linemen as well as backs must practice sprints, and every man behind the line must be a kicker. Offensive play will be the especial feature of our game this year." Manager Denman has secured training quarters which will be occupied by the team October 1. Until then all candidates must live within one block of Stiles Hall.

The Berkeley Sewers.

An Oakland paper announces that, by a flaw in the ordinance letting the contract for the sewers now under construction, the contracts are illegal and nothing can be collected in payment. This assertion is credited to Attorney T. F. Graber. Attorney Graber states that he has made no such statement, but that resolutions ordering the work referred to an ordinance in place of a resolution of intention, but that the contracts, in his opinion, are quite legal.

Charlotte Perkins-Stetson.

There will be a meeting of the Law Enforcement League to-morrow at the North Berkeley Congregational Church, where Mrs. Charlotte Perkins-Stetson will address it on the liquor question.

ALAMEDA.

Peter Olsen was made a defendant yesterday in a complaint in the Justices' Court upon a charge of malicious mischief. His wife alleges that while she was absent he entered her home, and, destroying several locks, carried away several deeds to her estate. A few days ago she learned that he had one wife already in Norway, and hence she drove him from her home. She is about 60 years of age, and worth about $75,000, and he has nothing and is about 38 years of age.

Mrs. Ruesch's Estate.

Mrs. Jenny Ruesch, who owned a valuable estate on Alameda avenue, near Oak street, and deeded the title thereto for convenience to her friend Margaret Allendorff, has taken up her home in the Crocker Home in San Francisco, through the kindness of Mrs. John Corning and Mrs. A. Brand. After the deed passed from Mrs. Ruesch to Mrs. Allendorff the latter died suddenly, and while she was attempting to get her land back from Mrs. Allendorff's estate the bank stepped in and foreclosed its mortgage of $8000 and got the whole estate, valued at $12,000. This left old Mrs. Ruesch penniless.

Fell From a Car.

George Wittman, who resides at 2220 San Antonio avenue, fell from a cable-car yesterday in San Francisco and broke his wrist and was otherwise badly bruised. His shoe caught on a nail on the step and threw him violently to the ground.

Lament of the Old-Timers.

Cleveland Plaindealer.

The old-timer along the banks of the Ohio loves to talk of the good old days, only to bewail the degeneracy of the times. He never tires of telling of the exploits of the Boston, Bostona, Wild Wagoner, Lady Franklin, Alice Pike and a score of other familiar names. After all, the dear old stream, with its drought, its floods, stranded catfish and running ice, is something about which the memory loves to hover. It is picturesque, from the sandy pushboats to the floating logs. But the good old days of profanity, of broken-headed roustabouts, of seven-up and poker, have faded into the past, together with the bell-crown hat and broad fall trousers.

About Rabbits.

New York Tribune.

Two French scientists say that a current of electricity does not always kill them when it appears to do so. It simply produces an appearance of death, from which the subject may be restored by artificial respiration. In commenting on this statement the Worcester Gazette suggests that this may be the case with the criminals who are executed by electricity in this State, and that they are really killed, not by electricity, but by the doctors who afterward make an autopsy on them. It seems that rabbits have been revived after receiving a shock of 2500 volts and twenty amperes, a shock more powerful than is given in the execution of murderers.

Beecham's Pills cure Bilious and Nervous Ills.

FOUND AT LAST.

Old Trinity's Records Are Discovered.

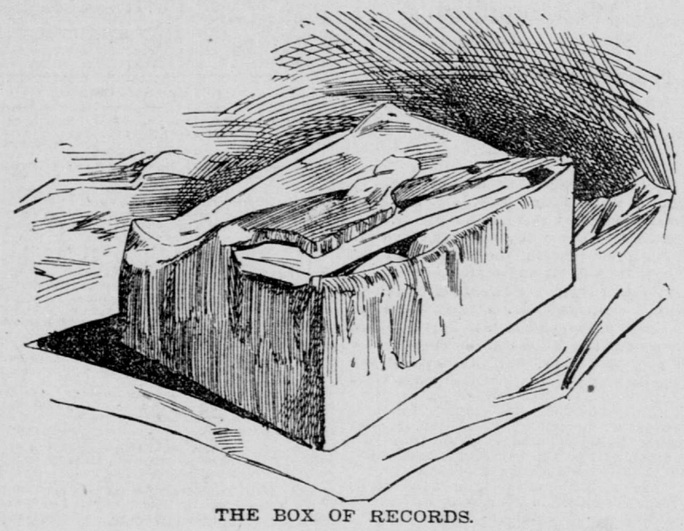
IN A BLOCK OF GRANITE.

One of the Last Acts in the Destruction of a House of Prayer That Was Famous.

On the afternoon of Friday, November 9, 1866, Bishop Kip struck the cornerstone of old Trinity three times with his silver trowel, and the stone with its box of precious records and relics was lowered to its place in the wall, where for almost twenty-seven years it had laid undisturbed, until the pick of a workman buried itself in a corner of the box just after noon yesterday.

The treasure had been found, for though not intrinsically valuable, the contents were highly prized, for they could not be replaced, and if they had not been found a link of Trinity parish's history would have been lost.

No small amount of interest has been felt in the box during the past few weeks, owing partly to the fact that, although there are several persons who were present at the ceremonies when the cornerstone was laid, they did not agree as to the precise spot where it had been deposited, and it had been located in all parts of the



THE BOX OF RECORDS.

foundation wall. But, as the sequel shows, C. V. S. Gibbs had not forgotten, and it was found very near the spot he had designated.

One of the workmen was busily engaged in tearing out the brick foundation wall on the east side of the building yesterday, and just at the northeast corner of the building, almost directly under the pulpit of the old church, he removed the block of granite containing the copper box. The workman's pick struck under the corner of the lid, and he pried it up before he knew what he had found, and through the aperture thus made some of the papers in the box could be seen, and they looked as fresh and new as if they had been deposited there but a day before. None that could be seen showed any signs of age, nor were they discolored in any way.

The following articles were placed in the box at the time the stone was laid, and which will no doubt be found when the box is opened: Holy bible and prayer-book, church almanac for 1866, journal of the general convention and of the diocesan convention, an abstract of the history of Trinity parish from the commencement to date, daily, secular and church papers of current date, and coins of the United States issued in 1866, and bearing the motto, "In God We Trust."

The box is of copper, about 8 by 16 inches, and 5 inches deep. The inside of the box is bright and new, and shows no effects, though twenty-seven years have passed since it last saw the light of day.

The members of the parish are delighted at the discovery, particularly those who were present when the box was put away, and especially since the box had not been found for so long that it was feared that it had been stolen.

Most of the walls are gone, and the stone was found within three feet of the bottom of the foundation.

"Of course, I am glad that it is found," said C. V. S. Gibbs, one of the few people who saw the box when it was new. "We respect anything that is old, you know, but we can only revere a thing which is so intimately connected with the church that we love. Here are records which have been kept from the very beginning, and they will be treasured in the new church, because they are the connecting links which bind us to old Trinity and to the two churches which preceded.

"I thought I could not be mistaken as to the spot. I remember that day too well, and I can almost see again the ceremonies of that day, though not one of the officers of the church who took part in them is living now."

The box was delivered to Mr. Gibbs immediately after it was found, and by him it was sent to Major Hooper, the senior warden of the parish, and in whose possession it now is.

"I shall keep it under lock and key," said Major Hooper, "though I almost wish they had not sent it to me, for I am curious and anxious to see what it contains. But the box will not be opened until a meeting of the vestry can be called, and then, in the presence of them all, the records will be opened, and the members of the parish will have an opportunity to see what has laid underneath the chancel during all these years."

SEALING AND LAW

That Back Rent for the Pribyloff Isles.

No Official Demand Received by the North American Yet—The Bering Sea.

The announcement in the telegraphic dispatches of THE CALL yesterday that the United States Goverment had made a demand upon the North American Commercial Company of this city for back rental and bonus of the Pribyloff Islands created quite a sensation in sealing circles.

The determination of Secretary Carlisle to make this demand is believed in some way to be a sequel of the Bering Sea controversy just concluded. It is thought that the settlement of the greater question has been the cause of a general overhauling of earlier contracts, with the result that it was discovered that a contract entered into by this company had not been carried out in its original terms.

The original sealing contract, according to the parties thereto, allowed the North American Company to take 100,000 seals a year. For this the sealers agreed to pay $55,000 rental for the islands, a bonus of $7 62½ on each seal and a Government tax of $2 on each skin. Later the number of seals which the company was allowed to kill was reduced to 21,500 and 7500 in successive years respectively, and on consideration of this reduction the original rental of $55,000 was proportionately reduced.

Attorney-General Miller approved the reduction in 1890, but now Attorney-General Olney has decided that it was made without authority of law. The question, therefore, appears to lie between the two constructions of law and equity by the two legal luminaries.

If Olney's opinion holds the amount due by the North American Company by years is stated as follows: 1890 $47,402, 1891 $138,628, 1892 $108,386, or nearly $300,000.

Lloyd Tevis, president of the North American Commercial Company, said yesterday that he had received no official notification of the demand and until he did could not discuss the subject. His company had rented Pribyloff Islands since 1889 and had paid rent as required by the Government. In fact every requirement of the law had been complied with and this news of a demand for back rental came as a surprise.

From others connected with the company it was gathered that any claim such as was indicated would be stubbornly contested. On the representation of the Government only a proportion of the original amount of seals allowed had been taken, and it was claimed that since the company had acted in good faith the Government should do likewise. If a precedent were made of reversing the official deeds of preceding administrations the Government would find it very difficult to enter into contracts, which at best were largely based on mutual confidence and good faith.

On the other hand some of the competing companies of the North American Commercial Company laughed heartily over the turn things had taken.

"Pretty tough for the North American, perhaps," said a prominent sealer, "but a contract's a contract and must be lived up to.

"If the North American made a contract, and then found it had made a good thing of it, do you suppose it would want to squeeze out of it? Not a bit of it. Well, this time it finds itself caught in the door and thought it had managed to get out through the kind offices of Attorney-General Miller. In my opinion Miller had no right to allow the company to evade the terms of its contract, and I should hardly have thought that Secretary Carlisle would have needed Attorney-General Olney's opinion on such a simple proposition. I know I have to live up to my contracts, whether they come out well or ill."

Incidentally considerable sentiment was elicited regarding the larger question of the Bering Sea controversy. The decision of the court of arbitration was generally looked upon with suspicion. It was thought that an attempt had been made to satisfy every one with the result that the United States might prove to have what the merchants called the "short end of the bargain." The main American loss was thought to be the recommendation that Americans should not be allowed control of seals except in their own territorial waters. How the United States was to patrol waters and protect property belonging to others was a problem, and the right appeared to have been thrown out as a sop without value to national vanity.

"The main point, however," said one gentleman, "will be the damages which are recommended to be exacted. They may possibly upset the decision of this court of arbitration even yet, or rather prevent its confirmation by Congress."

LIVE CARPET RAGS.

A Mother Saw Her Baby Playing With a Copperhead.

Harrisburg Telegraph.

For some reason it has always been the general belief among the people who live in the mountains in York, Lancaster and other counties where copperhead snakes abound that this venomous snake will not bite children, and there are numerous wonderful stories told, especially in the Wish Mountains, about the copperhead's leniency toward children. Outside of the mountaineers these stories have never received any credence, but a well-known family living on the York County side of the Susquehanna are ready to accept them hereafter.

The family consists of Jacob Loan, his wife and two children, the youngest a little girl 3 years old. Copperheads are always uncomfortably plentiful in that locality, but this season they have been more numerous than usual. The haying and harvest hands have killed from three to ten a day during the past week on the Loan farm.

One day last week the little three-year-old was playing in the front yard, and her mother noticed her sitting in the grass near the front gate. Every now and then she would be heard laughing gleefully, and Mrs. Loan finally walked out to see what was amusing the child so much. When the little girl saw her mother coming she called out to her:

"Come, mamma, and see the live carpet-rags!"

At the same time she held up to her mother a snake, which she grasped in the middle of the body, and which twisted and squirmed in the air. Mrs. Loan saw at once that it was a copperhead. Although she was almost swooning with terror the child's mother acted with rare presence of mind. It occurred to her that if she showed her alarm by crying out to the child the latter would undoubtedly become frightened, and the change that would naturally follow in her handling or sudden dropping of the snake might anger the copperhead and cause it to bite. With a great effort Mrs. Loan said, quietly and coaxingly:

"Fetch it to mamma, dear. Don't hurt it."

"But there's two of 'em, mamma," replied the little girl. "I'll fetch 'em both."

She reached down and picked up another copperhead that lay in the grass and which Mrs. Loan had not seen and came toddling along the path toward her mother with them. She retained her calmness, and when the child was within a couple of yards of her spoke to her and said:

"Put them on the ground, darling, and let mamma see them walk."

This seemed to please the child, and she placed the copperheads in the path. The two snakes caught sight of Mrs. Loan, and instantly their manner changed. The copper spot on the top of their heads began to deepen in color, as it does when this snake is enraged, and they both made toward the child's mother showing great rage. The little girl clapped her hands and started to catch the snakes again. Her mother rushed out of the path and around the snakes, and snatching the child up in her arms flew to the house and into it, closed the door behind her and fell to the floor in a dead faint. The other child, a boy 8 years old, was in another room making a kite. He heard the noise of his mother's fall and his little sister crying, and ran into the room. His father was at work near the house, and the boy quickly summoned him. It was some time before the farmer succeeded in restoring his wife to consciousness and learned the cause of her swooning.

Farmer Loan went into the yard, and the copperheads were still there and still in belligerent mood. They were soon killed. So great was the shock to Mrs. Loan that she is still confined to her bed, and the little girl mourned for her deadly playthings for two or three days.

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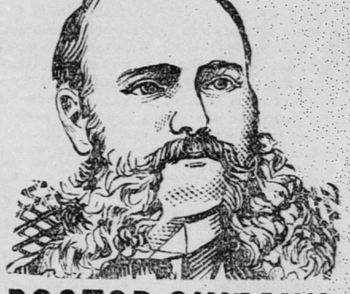

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