

A JUST DEMAND.

Appeal of the Ladies to the Press.

TWENTY THOUSAND NAMES.

Every City in the State Represented.

HISTORY OF THE MOVEMENT.

With an Organized Effort the Ladies Carried on Their Crusade for Purity.

THE CALL is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the "petition to the San Francisco press by the women of California," regarding which extended notices have been printed from time to time in these columns, and in which subject much interest has been awakened among all classes and creeds in the city and throughout the State.

The position of this paper in the matter of purity of the press is pretty generally understood in this community, and it is unnecessary to add that THE CALL will give in the future, as it has in the past, its earnest and best support to any movement of the ladies for the betterment of the press which has for its object this commendable and much-desired end.

The petition is addressed to the newspapers of the city of San Francisco, and reads as follows:

We, the women of California, present you this petition, which we believe, represents the convictions of many times the number of those whose names are subscribed. We recognize that the newspaper is indispensable in our modern life, and as guardians of family purity we make this appeal.

We approve of your papers in their energy and enterprise. But we believe the time has come when we must stand on the question of public morals. We deplore personalities, not the public announcement of personal acts. We believe that in a number of your readers who demand sensational, personal or immoral details rather than the clean, unadorned, and truthful news.

We feel that spreading broadcast vicious and degrading news in our papers is a blot on the face of our people and to strengthen the worst instincts among the morally lower classes.

We therefore, most earnestly and respectfully petition the press at this time to make a concerted effort to elevate the moral tone of their columns, and give us newspapers free from the evils of such a character.

We follow 348 type-written pages of manifold containing the signatures, embracing over 20,000 names, the greater portion of them being residents of San Francisco, Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley.

The organized effort for the purification of the sensational press may be said to have had its beginning in the meeting of October 24, when about 100 ladies of this city met at the residence of Mrs. A. L. Bancroft, met at Miss Mary B. West's school on Van Ness avenue. It was then that the petition was decided upon, and the names of the subscribers were circulated.

At the first meeting, the petition was chosen to ask the clergymen of this city and Oakland to preach on the "Purity of the Press" on Sunday, November 12.

The ladies expressed their thanks to the clergymen, and the petition was pretty thoroughly at a mass-meeting on a Golden Gate Hall, on the night of November 13, about every seat was filled.

At the second meeting, the petition was read by Mrs. A. L. Bancroft, and the organization opened the meeting.

Among the speakers were Miss Sarah A. Hamlin, who used the "Addie Gilmour case" as a text; Mrs. M. J. Stetson, who talked about the "Functions of the Newspaper"; and Mrs. Mary Roberts Smith of Palo Alto, who attacked objectionable advertising.

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AT HIS DESK AGAIN.

Collector of Customs Wise Returns From the East.

Collector John H. Wise returned from the East yesterday. He was closely closeted in his office all the afternoon, and his last visitor was Surveyor of the Port William D. English.

Owing to the sickness of his wife at Chicago he did not reach Washington until just two days before Congress adjourned.

Mr. Wise was unable to carry out his intentions respecting anti-Chinese legislation. He did not see the President, Mr. Cleveland being absent all the time the collector was in Washington.

"I saw Secretary Gresham and Secretary Carlisle," said the collector yesterday afternoon, "and they treated me very pleasantly. Secretary Carlisle is determined to keep the Chinese from coming into the country and to enforce the new law. No Chinese actors are going to be allowed to come in here for the Midwinter Fair, unless they can give a very good showing, and then only under proper restrictions. They will have to give bonds and the bondsman will have to be approved by Mr. Carlisle. There will not be any repetition of the Chicago business. We saw Secretary Gresham and Secretary Carlisle, and they treated me very pleasantly."

"I had a talk with Mr. Hamlin, the acting Secretary, about the force of inspectors to be needed at the Midwinter Exposition, and he told me I would be allowed to have as many as I wanted to make the force efficient. They will all be appointed by me from the civil service list. One or two of the inspectors will be appointed on the basis of their capability for handling the exhibits."

"Secretary Carlisle has agreed to allow a few thousand dollars for the improvement of the streets and the Customhouse building. The money can come out of the architect's funds."

"The story published after I left for the East about my having complaints to make against the press is not true. I expect thought of any such thing. I propose to collect all these newspaper accounts and ask for an investigation."

THE DAVIE FERRY.

Meeting of the Creditors of the Company.

The Liabilities Are \$12,891, Assets \$16,600—A Committee of Creditors to Report Monday.

A meeting of the creditors of the Davie Ferry and Transportation Company was held yesterday afternoon at the office of the company, 22 Market street. E. H. Webb presided.

Ben Morgan, attorney for the company, made a verbal statement of its affairs, and offered to turn over to the creditors for their investigation all of the books, papers and property with a view of determining its assets and liabilities.

After some informal discussion, the meeting appointed the following committee to examine the books and papers, and report to an adjourned meeting to be held next Monday: E. H. Webb, A. W. Cornwall, G. W. Hendrie, E. G. Buswell and James P. Taylor.

This committee went to work at once, and after two hours' labor ascertained that the assets and liabilities were as follows: Assets, \$16,600; liabilities, \$12,891.

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FOUR TO BE TRIED.

County Supervisors at the Bar of Justice.

A Chinese Defendant Who Turns Prosecutor—The Pellets Were Deadly—Sawyer Case.

OAKLAND.—The battery case of William Wolf came up before Judge Allen yesterday and was continued for trial to-day.

Wolf is charged with having committed battery on the person of his Chinese laundryman.

The singular part of this case is that this Chinaman was arrested at Wolf's instigation. John has been charged around on the complaint and now figures as plaintiff instead of defendant.

Wolf owed the Chinaman a trifling sum for arrears of his laundry account, and when John presented his bill and would not take no for an answer but became abusive, Wolf threw the laundryman out of the house. The aggrieved party began to fumble through his capacious Oriental toga for a pistol, and then Wolf ran him out brandishing an ax.

Officer Carson arrested the Mongolian, but Wolf was too busy to swear to the complaint of malicious mischief on the following morning, and telephoned to the Police to let the Chinaman go.

This was done. Once at liberty, John promptly swore out a complaint of battery against Wolf, and Officer Carson arrested the laundryman's debtor and marched him up to the court.

The ball was paid and Wolf went his way, cursing his negligence in not having pressed the complaint he had against the Mongolian, instead of being now with a trial on his hands and his pocket money put up for bail.

The principal topic of interest to the people of Alameda County at present is the trial of the four Supervisors, which came up before Judge Reynolds to-day.

The case is a simple one, and the people are working hard to see that no guilty man escapes. Yesterday a paper for the purpose of raising money to assist the District Attorney was circulated among the business men, and it is estimated that \$100,000 has been subscribed before 1 o'clock.

The friends of the accused men are confident that they will be able to clear themselves, and at the same time the people are working hard to see that no guilty man escapes.

The case of Morgan is very likely to be taken up first, and a verbal statement of facts and testimony applies to our indictments. Nobody seems to have any idea how long the trial will last, as it is supposed facts will be brought out that have not yet been made public.

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Articles of incorporation of the Beth Jacob Congregational Church were filed at the County Clerk's office yesterday afternoon. The objects of the new society are to maintain religious worship, and to secure a suitable building and organization for the furtherance of the same.

Mrs. Clara Howland came in evidence in her suit against the Oakland Consolidated Railroad Company and the Consolidated Piedmont Cable Company. She testified to the nature of the injuries she received in the accident, and the doctor's evidence to prove that she had sustained a permanent injury to her eyes and heart.

charge of stealing \$2000 worth of stamps from W. H. Hollis of San Francisco, had his preliminary examination yesterday.

The Oakland Water-otn Company got an extension of ten days from Judge Oden yesterday in which to answer the complaint of the city of Oakland.

The Oakland Consolidated Street Railroad has made a motion for a new trial of the suit for damages brought by Loren Fox for the death of his four-year-old child. The company alleges error in the trial, and charges that the judgment of \$7000 was due to prejudice.

BERKELEY.

All exercises in the various departments of the university were suspended yesterday at 3 p. m. and the 800 students tried to crowd into the assembly-room to consider the report of the committee on cheating.

President Kellough and Professor Gayley addressed the students on other matters. The Librarian Rowell made a witty speech leading up to the fault quite noticeable in this term of students "cribbing" books from the library.

The coming week will be full of entertainments of a social and utilitarian sort. To-night Professor Joseph Le Conte will lecture in the Presbyterian church for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society on "Some of the Higher Utilities of Science."

The young people of the same church will give a "candy pull" for the benefit of the church building fund in the Boys' Brigade Armory to-night.

Next Tuesday the ladies of the Methodist Episcopal church will serve in Shattuck Hall a New England dinner, like those in vogue hundred years since.

The customary Thanksgiving Day church services will be held in the First Congregational Church, Rev. R. Bentley of the Methodist Episcopal church preaching the sermon.

Ben Weed '94 was elected leader of the yelling for the blue and gold at the Thanksgiving day football game. He and his department will see that there is no cessation of the yelling during the game.

John M. Breen, Lerin's popular dry-goods man of years past, by telegram was yesterday notified of his appointment as mayor for the city of Berkeley.

Judges Greene and Ellsworth yesterday decided that the proceedings in the case of the California Improvement Company vs. Quackenbush & Elley, wherein the assessment for the grading, curbing and macadamizing of Santa Clara avenue is in litigation, are void, and that the company should collect the assessment. The amount involved about \$100,000.

Ah Sing, a Chinese lottery fiend, was yesterday arrested by a Deputy Constable for peddling Chinese lottery tickets. He and his partner were taken to the Police station, and upon promise that he would leave the city immediately was released. He was, however, afterward caught in the act of selling tickets and taken before the same judge. He pleaded not guilty and demanded a jury trial. The case will be tried to-morrow morning.

Alexander Politzer, a San Francisco drummer, came within an ace of losing his life yesterday morning in trying to jump over a narrow-gauge train at Park-street station. The train was moving at a rapid pace, and he fell under the cars. He showed presence of mind in raising his head and shoulders in time and escaped injury, but the shock was so great that he lay that position until the train had passed.

Alameda of late has been infested by tramps, and the Constables, Messrs. Morris and Day, are busy all day apprehending them. Yesterday a number of these tramps sent out a cripple and beg, and having obtained money they spend this for beer in saloons about town.

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FIELD OF SPORT.

Some Wrestling and Boxing Contests.

Wheel and Dog Racing—Arrival of St. John, Gaudaur's Backer.

Judging from the earnest Vincent White is training for his wrestling match with Dan McLeod, the latter will have decidedly interesting time of it during the hour in which, according to agreement, he is to put Mr. White on his back five times.

The Australian middle-weight, will meet in a contest of eight rounds. Ryan is exceedingly confident of his success, and the friends of the local man have explicit confidence in the Californian, who has, so far, whipped every man he has met. The contest will take place in Oakland.

The next feature of importance in the way of amateur sport that will attract the attention of athletes of the Olympic Club will be the swimming tournament. The instructor in natatorial art has among his number a number of excellent swimmers and divers who will give a good account of themselves in the races in which they will contest. The diving will be one of the most interesting features of the tournament.

Fred Codrington, an all-round good fellow and athlete, is training hard for the Olympic swimming tournament. Codrington is being coached by Bob Taylor, who has won his best time in a 100-yard race. Fred will win his prize.

There is a member of the juvenile class of swimmers at the Olympic Club named White, who is fancied by the swimming world as being all around the best swimmer in the city. White is a wonderful swimmer and will surprise his opponents when it comes to fast racing.

Captain Jack Williams, the famous swimmer who has sailed more than a hundred lives during his career as a natatorialist is at the present time in the City and County Hospital, penniless and without a friend to render him the least assistance.

John Hughes of Stony Creek, Yolo County, arrived in this city yesterday and surprised the dog fanciers by stating that the dog he had bred, the greatest field dog he has seen in many years. There is no better judge of dogs and their performance in the field than Hughes.

Al Truman sold on last Sunday his imported Irish setter, the greatest field dog for a good price. Whitney for a dog who has been taken in his books by no better judge of dogs and their performance in the field than Hughes.

The San Francisco Coursing Club will hold its next meeting on 30th Market street, and the drawing for the Newark race will be held at the same place on the evening of the 28th inst.

The remains rested in an elegant plush-lined casket, partly covered with moss, white roses and violets. The floral offerings were many, and comprised some neatly arranged pieces of appropriate design.

The ceremonies at the house opened by the First Presbyterian Church choir singing Hooker's "Rest, Spirit, Rest." Rev. Dr. Mackenzie, then followed with a brief Scripture reading, after which he reviewed the life of the deceased, touching principally upon his noble philanthropic work in which she had been conspicuously identified.

The choir then rendered "We Shall Meet Beyond the River," and the service closed by prayer by Rev. Dr. Mackenzie. After taking a last look at the face of the deceased all but relatives were dismissed and a short family service was held, during which Mrs. McKee rendered "Some Sweet Songs."

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\$5000 for the purchase of an alleged claim which he represented Shea and Burdick said he well worth the amount which San Pedro asked for.

The California end of the syndicate failed to respond until they could hear from Shea and consequently San Pedro's scheme failed.

MRS. BOOGAR'S INJURIES.

Her Physician Says She Is in a Critical Condition.

The nurses in charge of Phillip Boogar gave it out yesterday that the old man was rapidly recovering since he had been relieved of the presence of his faithful wife.

Mrs. Boogar is not so fortunate. Since her rough treatment on Tuesday night she has been constantly attended by Dr. Neumann, her condition being such that she is in need of constant medical care.

No arrests were made yesterday, Attorney Knight deeming it advisable to take no action in this direction until some definite prediction can be made as to his client's chance of recovery.

P. F. Benson was arraigned in the Oakland Police Court yesterday morning on a charge of battery preferred by Detective Danny Holland. The case was continued until to-morrow, when it will be set for trial.

This is the first step in the trouble that arose over Holland and Benson's informal discussion of the Boogar case and the Oakland Police Department Wednesday night.

The charge of battery may not be the only one Benson will have to answer to, in the heat of his quarrel with Holland the lawyer is said to have made several charges, some of which he may be called upon to substantiate.

As to what will come of the effort to form an organization of redwood lumber manufacturers those directly interested are still in doubt. There are so many interests to be harmonized that some manufacturers, while earnestly desiring a combine, are inclined to think that the industry cannot well be brought under one united management.

There is no reason why the redwood men cannot form an effective organization, said the president of the Pine Lumber Company.

There are only three places in the world where redwood is found—a few acres in California, in Kautschka and Patagonia. The industry is in the hands of thirty men or thereabouts, so it might easily be brought under a central control.

Well, sympathetically, yes. If redwood advances there will be a better demand for pine, or fir, and as one market naturally has a sympathy for the other pine lumber will advance more or less.

The manager of one of the most extensive redwood manufacturing firms said that he was really a student of the subject, and appeared exclusively in THE CALL yesterday.

An organization of manufacturers was formed in 1885, or about that time, and it kept up prices, but the market was good then. The south has taken large quantities of lumber, and prices were good anyway on account of the demand.

In the present market, however, a different situation exists. Prices are about the figures given in THE CALL—\$13 and \$20 for rough and dressed lumber respectively. The plan submitted for discussion at yesterday's meeting was only a plan, but whether it will be adopted is a question.

You may say in a nutshell that the redwood men are on a warring, one and all, to have a good combine, and how to secure it is the question of the hour.

This evening the Rev. M. S. Levy will lecture in the Geary-street Temple on "Temper." In addition to the lecture there will be an interesting musical programme.

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