FUN IN POLITICS.

A Bitter Battle and Its Pleasantries.

THE CRANE-JORDAN FIGHT.

Bennett Will Now Try the Habeas Corpus Route.

WITHDRAWAL OF MACDONALD.

Whittier, Fuller & Co. Seek to Recover From the Piedmont Company.

OAKLAND.—Probably the most bitterly contested edifice for a county office in Alameda County is that for the county clerkship. The aspirants for the position are: James E. Crane, the incumbent; Assemblyman Grant I. Taggart, who deals in real estate when not in politics, and Frank C. Jordan, who runs a job-printing establishment on Broadway, and is a brother of ex-Speaker of the Assembly Jordan, and full of vim.

Crane being on the inside has always been regarded as a candidate, and like all office-holding candidates is working for the term to follow. His chances were looked upon as beyond question. He is an elderly man with hosts of friends, and no one else but Crane had been thought of for the position up to a month ago. He has run his office well, and claimed and was entitled to a renomination, his friends thought, on the strength of good service.

Then came up this man Jordan, who has brought hurrah enough into the canvas to make him formidable. He is young, ambitious and tireless, and with numberless friends among the younger blood of the party. There are also wires being worked among the graybeards by influential friends of his, and he has frightened the Crane people by his pushing ways.

The third candidate, Taggart, who is also a man of years, long in political harness, is supposed to gather his strength from among the wheelhorses of the party, but he is making so quiet a canvas, that it cannot be told just how he does stand or what strength he will draw in the convention. Neither the Crane people nor the Jordan faction seem to be worrying extensively over the Taggart candidacy. The former say he isn't in it at all, while Jordan's friends say Mr. Taggart is in it, but only to divide the Crane forces. The knowing politicians say that Jordan is the man and that only a combination between Taggart and Crane can defeat the youngster.

Meantime the youngster is bulging right ahead and surprising the graybeards at every turn. He meets them more than half way on every point and will not down under any circumstances. The fight is a pretty one and has presented many phases, not the least interesting of which is the funny advertisements got out by Crane and Jordan in the shape of caricature cards.

The friends of Crane started this mode of advertising by printing a sedate and thoughtful crane balancing on one foot in some afternoon land and reaching lazily above him with his long neck outstretched for a dainty morsel just above on a swaying branch.

Jordan saw this card and came back in a happy way. His card shows the crane as failing to get the persimmon, while the river Jordan is rolling onward with irresistible force and landing the young man in the much-coveted office of the County Clerk. The answer of the incumbent to the "Roll, Jordan, roll," caricature is patiently awaited by the Oakland voter.

Mr. Jordan said yesterday that this method of campaigning was a happy thought, and had created only the best of feeling between himself and Crane. He did not know what the next movement of the Crane people would be, but he said: "I am ready for them. Just as soon as they grow funny enough to print an answer to my card I am prepared to come back at them."

And while this campaign of caricature is being carried on Grant I. Taggart is sawing wood.

Cannot Pay Their Debts.

Walter F. Sperbeck and William M. Sperbeck, proprietors of the Oakland Mattress Company, filed a petition in insolvency with the Superior Court yesterday morning, and Sheriff McKillican was appointed receiver of their property, with bonds in the sum of $2000.

They place their debts and liabilities at $5946 30 and their assets at $1897 84. The latter amount, however, is subject to an attachment for $1064 64. An assignee will be appointed by Judge Ogden after the insolvents have proved their debts, which he has ordered them to do, on September 4.

Walter F. Sperbeck created quite a sensation one day last week when he suddenly disappeared from home. It was feared that business reverses had so weighed upon his mind that he had made away with himself. In due time he turned up, however, but stubbornly refused to make any public explanation of his peculiar actions.

The following is a complete list of the creditors: Amasa Eaton, $2636 07; Thomas Sullivan, $1103 12; M. Brown, $196; Oakland Iron Works, $27 40; M. Soloman & Co., $39 75; E. G. Buswell, $3 30; Washburn Mound Company, $158 62; D. N. & E. Walter & Co., $44 16; Hulse, Bradford & Co., $660 18; Humboldt Lumber Company, $144 70; E. A. Coward & Co., $19 86; Whitney Standard and Oakland Transfer Company, $12 40; Salinger Bros., $179 53; Washington-street Planing-mills, $108 25; Puget Sound Lumber Company, $16 91; Walker & Smith, $11 58; Mark Everson, $15 54; Lubben Bros., $104 43; Pacific Lumber Company, $107 98; P. R. Mitchell & Co., $325 86; W. & J. Sloane & Co., $116 03; Glover & Willcomb, $388 95; John A. Roebling & Co., $67 77.

Political Newspaper Men.

Editor Leach of the Enquirer of Oakland is not certain yet whether he will have his paper represented at the next county political convention. The candidates on his staff are becoming so thick that if the political conventions only hold out every man in the office will be shortly paying political assessments.

Mr. Leach sent A. A. Dennison to report the Populist convention, and before the convention completed its labors it had made the newspaper man a candidate for Supervisor from Bart Morgan's district.

Waters was detailed to report the Prohibition county convention and came back to his office a candidate of his party for County Clerk. There are two more county conventions to be held, the Democratic and Republican, and the editor is casting about to see which of his staff he will have on those tickets. He is also seriously thinking of sending a man to the Democratic State convention to try for some of the bigger plums.

Wants a Writ of Habeas Corpus.

C. R. Bennett, the man whose persistent persecution of Miss Ella M. Gray has given him more note than he gained in his former position as secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Vice, has become very tired of the cell in which he languishes pending his trial for an assault to murder Miss Gray's aged father. Failing in his attempt to secure a reduction of his bail, Bennett through his attorney, Mr. Brassy, yesterday filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus. He claims that Police Judge Allen illegally held him to answer to the Superior Court, on the ground that the evidence adduced was not sufficient to hold him on a charge of murder. Another point that he makes is that the Sheriff has not the warrant to keep him in confinement. Messrs. Brassy and Bennett will endeavor to convince Judge Ellsworth of the truth and justice of these allegations on Monday.

Improving Lake Shore.

The Non-Partisan Council will have a number of good deeds to point to in its record, and there is none that is more acceptable to the people of Oakland than the improvement of Lake Shore avenue, which is now in progress. Under the direction of Deputy Street Superintendent Holmes a force of men and teams has been engaged during the past few days in improving and beautifying the driveway on the east side of Lake Merritt. The roadway is being widened and dressed, and a fine highway is resulting, and will be of immeasurable value to vehicles and in fact all descriptions of travel. The big bluff at Newton Point has been rounded and a fine roadway is fast springing into existence. It will be the main avenue of travel for the north end and east side of the lake besides making a good roadway for sightseers, as the view therefrom is one of the finest in Oakland.

The work is all the more commendable because it is being done for a few hundred dollars—a mere bagatelle compared with the advantages that will be derived for the city. To the shrewd supervision of Deputy Holmes much of this result is due, for he has taken a great interest in the work. He says that he will undertake to macadamize it for 3 cents a foot, and if this can be done it would certainly be a good thing for the city to undertake, as such a rate is from 25 to 40 per cent lower than that usually charged by contractors.

Despite the Injunctions.

Work was begun yesterday upon the new bridge which will span the Lake Merritt arm of the estuary at Eleventh street for the accommodation of the Highland Park and Fruitvale and the Alameda, Oakland and Piedmont electric lines, which are building branch tracks into the central part of the city. It will be a trestle bridge 720 feet in length and 20 feet wide. The rails, of which there will be four, will be supported on bents 16 feet apart, each bent consisting of four piles 40 feet and more in length and a heavy beam. Unless the work of construction is interfered with by the injunction suits now pending against the construction of the proposed branch line the trestle will be completed at the end of two weeks.

Frightened by Numbers.

There were five Republican candidates for the position made vacant by J. C. Plunkett as Supervisor from the Fourth District, one Populist and one Democrat. It is thought that this array does not mean the election of a Republican though the district is overwhelmingly of that political persuasion, and a number of withdrawals from the field by Republicans is looked for. One withdrew yesterday—ex-Councilman J. A. C. Macdonald. The reason for this withdrawal is stated above. Mr. Macdonald said bluntly that he wanted to see a Republican elected and did not see how this could be with the vote divided among five of that party. He did not want to be instrumental in putting a man of any other party in the position.

Open for the Season.

The Macdonough Theater is now regularly opened for the season, and promises under a continuance of Mr. Cook's management to furnish only the best of attractions to Oaklanders.

On Monday evening next the celebrated New York comedian Edward Harrigan will open with his company in his series of celebrated plays. On Monday "Reilly and the 400" will be the bill, on Tuesday "Old Lavender," on Wednesday "Leather Patch" and on Thursday "Cordelia's Aspirations." Popular prices will prevail during this engagement, 25 cents, 50 cents, 75 cents and $1.

The next attraction for the Macdonough will be the Frohman Stock Company from the Empire Theater, New York, who open their season with "Sowing the Wind."

A Freight Engine Derailed.

During the morning hours yesterday there was only an hourly service on the local narrow-gauge road. This was indirectly due to the accidental derailing of a freight engine near Newark on Friday night. In consequence the freight trains could not be hauled in until this morning, when one of the regular ferry steamers was taken off the run long enough to transport the delayed train to San Francisco.

A Youthful Rioter.

John Dannaker, a boy 17 years of age, was arrested yesterday by Detectives Shorey and Williams on a charge of participating in a riot. The information leading to the arrest was given by W. A. Duncombe, a railroad detective. Despite Dannaker's tender age there stands against his name on the records of the Police Court several charges of vagrancy and petty larceny.

A Unique Proceeding.

Charles R. Root, as assignee of Whittier, Fuller & Co., has struck upon a unique method of collecting a claim of $53 60 against the Piedmont Cable Company. He instituted an action in Judge Wood's court yesterday against John R. Spring, a stockholder in the cable company, for the amount claimed to be due. It is alleged that Spring owns 1100 shares of stock, and Root holding that each share is liable for $0.0498, demands judgment for $54 78.

Happy Constables.

In the case of Constable E. L. Lawrence against Alameda County, on account of fees, Judge Henshaw decided in favor of the former. The contention was made for the county that constables may not legally collect fees in excess of an aggregate of $100 per month. The court, however, maintained that constables may retain all the fees they can legally charge and collect.

Fractured His Arm.

John Conner, a student at the High School, met with a painful accident in the schoolyard yesterday. He was swinging on some rings, when he lost his grip and fell to the floor. His left arm was doubled under him in such a manner that it was seriously fractured in three places.

Attempted to Murder Rapozo.

Assistant District Attorney Lin Church filed information with the County Clerk yesterday accusing Francisco M. Peraira of the crime of felony. It is alleged that Peraira made an attempt to murder A. J. Rapozo on July 14 last.

ALAMEDA.

The jury in the case of George Bloom, charged with malicious mischief and participating in a riot, could not agree, and so informed Judge Swasey at 11 o'clock Friday night. The jury stood ten for acquittal and two for conviction. C. W. Damon and Michael Kane were the two jurors holding out for conviction, while Damon stated that if Kane would cast his vote for acquittal he would follow suit. This verdict was eagerly looked for, but Kane would not be convinced, thereby hanging the jury. No time was set for the retrial of the case.

Will Cast His Own Vote.

The president of the Central Democratic Club declined to call a special meeting for last night to take steps toward filling the vacant seat at the convention caused by Colonel Hayes not being able to attend. The cause of the action of President Fleming was based upon a communication he had received from Colonel Hayes, stating that he would be on hand and cast his own vote, much to the dissatisfaction of the Oakland contingents, who counted upon securing his proxy. Alameda's delegates will all be present at the convention in person.

A Respected Alamedan Dead.

Word has just been received here from Calistoga to the effect that Francis J. Skelly departed this life at the residence of his sister-in-law, Mrs. P. Hopkins, Friday morning. Mr. Skelly was a lawyer by profession and resided at 1009 Central avenue. He had been ailing for several months and a few weeks ago went to Calistoga with his family in quest of health but rapidly grew worse and died as stated. The funeral will take place at Mount Calvary Cemetery at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Presbyterian Church To-Night.

A most elaborate musical programme has been prepared for this evening's service at the Presbyterian church. The Sunday-school, assisted by the Alameda Philharmonic Society, combined with the regular Sunday-school orchestra, besides the large pipe organ and piano and a large chorus choir, together with the voices of the school numbering 300, will render the choruses in a manner seldom heard in Alameda.

Allie Cresco.

The feat performed by J. L. Borden's Allie Cresco on the Bay District track Friday has caused Mr. Borden to feel in high glee over the event. Allie Cresco was entered in the 2:20 class and was the winner in straight heats, the time being 2:19½, 2:20 and 2:20½, thus capturing the purse of $1000.

BERKELEY.

At the adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees held Friday evening the principal business was the signing of the contract with the San Francisco Electric Light Company for lighting the town. The contract was essentially the same as that drawn up previously—fifty arc lights or more of 2000 candle-power, to be furnished for $9 50 per light per month. This is a renewal of the contract entered into in September, 1893, which was to be in force for one year, with the privilege of renewal for four years additional. D. H. Bruns and George Schmidt are sureties for the amount of $6000 for J. G. Gardner, agent for the company.

The usual number of complaints against the poundman were entered, and the Marshal stated that the poundmaster continued to take fees without giving a receipt.

As some objection was made by the fireboys of West Berkeley to having their engine-house used so publicly the Justice was instructed to remove his court from the engine-house to the Town Hall.

J. Schmidt Jr. and Dr. A. de Marconnay were granted permission to carry concealed weapons.

For Ex-Secretary Waite.

Yesterday N. N. Webster came to Berkeley from Sacramento to obtain signatures to a petition to place E. G. Waite's name on the general ticket as independent candidate for State Secretary. The law requires that 3 per cent of the voters shall sign the petition for an independent candidate. This makes it necessary for Mr. Waite's petition to have 8200 names upon it. Mr. Webster states that Sacramento gave him 3000 names.

For Violation of the Liquor Law.

The trial of Rose Clark for selling liquor without the license required by the town ordinance was begun yesterday in Justice Penwell's court. The case was continued until Monday.

Notes.

Beta Theta Pi opened the college season with a house-warming Friday evening.

The Berkeley High School now numbers 216 students, of whom 116 are in the entering class. Last year the total number in the school was 158.

The Christian church has decided that it cannot open its divinity school in Berkeley before January 1, 1895. It has its agents out now collecting funds. It hopes to have at least a $50,000 foundation and will put $20,000 into a building. The school at Irvington will be given up and the proceeds from the sale of the property given to the Berkeley school. This church has concluded that it is a waste of effort to attempt to compete with the great universities by founding small colleges, and is adopting the policy of organizing divinity schools near large universities, where its men can take their secular work in the large institutions. Such schools have been established at Chicago and Ann Arbor, and the third will be located at Berkeley.

KNIFED HIS BOSS.

Jim McNear Stabbed by His Bartender.

A Quarrel About Wages That Ended in a Bloody Conflict on Montgomery Avenue.

Jim McNear, proprietor of the notorious "Whale" saloon, 902 Kearny street, was dangerously and probably fatally stabbed yesterday afternoon by his bartender, Patrick Hughes.

McNear was ill and had stayed in his room at 116 Montgomery avenue during the last ten days. Hughes and John Smith "ran" the saloon in his absence, taking turns at the bar. The former drank to excess Friday afternoon, and it is said walked away late at night with the contents of the till in his pocket. He reappeared at the saloon at 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning and asked Smith for money. There was 95 cents in the drawer, and Smith told him to go elsewhere for cash, as McNear had left orders that he was to be given no money.

Hughes, deeply offended at what he considered the very shabby conduct of his associate at the bar, went to McNear's room and made a boisterous appeal for cash. The proprietor of the Whale turned a deaf ear to his petition, and Hughes went away vowing vengeance.

McNear left his room yesterday afternoon shortly after 4 o'clock, and was passing the corner of Montgomery avenue and Jackson street, en route to the Whale, when he encountered Hughes. The latter was in a fighting mood and challenged his employer to combat in the style approved on the Barbary Coast. McNear, in spite of his feebleness, was willing, and the issue was quickly joined. Several blows were exchanged, until the combatants, fighting as they advanced, had arrived at Jacob Bau's cigar-store, 106 Montgomery avenue. There a powerful blow from the bartender's fist stretched McNear on the pavement. Hughes jumped upon his prostrate form, and drawing a large clasp knife stabbed him in the back. McNear turned and seized the blade, receiving a cut that nearly severed the thumb from his right hand. The bystanders were afraid to interfere, and Hughes, still holding the knife, slashed McNear's face, cutting through his left cheek.

The saloon-keeper finally succeeded in getting upon his feet, and drawing his revolver struck his assailant with it on the head. At that moment Patrolmen Barry and Freel appeared, and the combatants scenting a common foe parted and fled in opposite directions. Hughes was captured first, and being wounded in the wrist, was sent to the Receiving Hospital. McNear was found in his room half fainting from loss of blood. Dr. Stanton dressed his wounds, and he, too, was sent to the hospital.

Hughes' friends declare that he is a hard-working boy, not at all quarrelsome by nature, and give McNear a very bad character, especially in his social relations.

Hughes says that McNear attacked him with a knife prior to their quarrel on the street and slashed his hand. His wound was dressed at the Receiving Hospital. Both men were charged with assault to murder.

AN IRRIGATION DISTRICT.

Bonds Sold and Work Begun in Earnest.

The bonds of the Escondido irrigation district have been sold and the irrigation system is being constructed. The system will consist of a main canal, about fifteen miles in length, which will derive its water from the San Luis Rey River, the largest river in San Diego County. The San Luis Rey is one of the few perennial streams in Southern California. The amount of water afforded during three or four months of the dry season would be inadequate for a full supply. To make provisions for this period a dam will be built with a present storage capacity of about 500 inches. The distribution system as outlined will put the water within easy reach of the irrigators of the district.

The Escondido irrigation district is an example of what may be accomplished under the Wright irrigation law when managed by a competent board of directors and supported by a united people.

GOSSIP.

BY THE OBSERVER.

It is said that the meanest woman in America arrived in the city last week and that she is in search of employment. Last year she was a "spotter," or detective, for an Eastern railroad. She rented a babe, put on widows' weeds and cried when the conductor asked for her fare. Under her tearful plea of poverty the conductor allowed her to ride, for which violation of the company's rule he was reported and subsequently discharged. Humanity is admirable, except in the case of widows, and their vast experience is too great for more brilliant men than the average railroad conductor.

It is not often that the press of San Francisco go out of their way to bring before the public gratuitously any wineroom in this city. Nevertheless, the change of management in the bar of such a world-known house as the Grand Hotel cannot fail to interest the numerous regular patrons and visitors who refresh their "inner man" in front of its hospitable board. The bar of the Grand Hotel is so well known as a popular resort for politicians, "downtown" commercial men and professionals that the change of regime must be considered as a piece of interesting news to a large portion of the community. Mr. J. R. Loosley, who is the new and sole proprietor, has determined to surpass the efforts of all his predecessors and competitors and render such a gorgeous lunch that his customers may board there entirely if they please. When the old management retired Mr. Loosley had an efficient staff ready, whose instructions are to make every one at home and give them the best procurable in every line. It is always satisfactory to one to see the prestige of such widely known places of resort kept up, or, as in the present case, materially improved. There can be no doubt of the new owner's success at the Grand Hotel bar if the happy faces of the old customers and many new ones may be taken as a guarantee.

From a quiet rural retreat in the English Midlands; there came to America about six years ago an elderly couple, having an only daughter. The family was quite well-to-do in the old country, but relations and friends had settled in California, and the Burrows homestead, as it was called, was a wealth of fruit, flowers and pasture, which is gradually improving in value under the care of "old Ike Burrows." While he takes pride in his ranch from force of habit, an additional incentive lies in the fact that he is making a trim little nest for Madge, who is the apple of the old man's eye. No paradise, however, is without its serpent or some equivalent, and Will Harkins—to give a name other than the right one—succeeded admirably in disturbing the mental equilibrium of Farmer Burrows and his amiable wife. "Will" had known the family back in the old country, and had been an admirer of Madge. Upon resuming acquaintanceship with his old-time sweetheart he did not rest content until she had shyly consented to be his wife. This was a constant grief and worry to the worthy farmer and his wife; for while Madge's fiance appeared as an angel of light to her, to the old folks he appeared as the embodiment of all things evil. Not that they were blind to his success as a business man, his generally conceded ability and his scrupulous integrity; but, granting all this, one insuperable objection, not to be overcome in the Puritanic minds of Madge's parents, lay in the fact that Will showed a strong and increasing tendency to indulge in what is modestly termed conviviality, but what is in reality plain, every-day drunkenness.

Matters reached a climax one evening. Will and his sweetheart had been strolling in the orchard and paused in the porch to say good-night. The farmer's blood boiled when he saw Will plant a kiss on Madge's ruddy lips. When Madge entered the house, the very picture of innocence, the storm burst. "Now, Madge, lass," the old man said, "th'art old enough to knaw th' mind, but when Will Harkins calls thee wife th'art no daughter o' mine. None o' ma gowd 'ill go to support a drunkard and a drunkard's brood." The broad Loamshire burr accentuated the harsh words, and the old man strode into the open air, comforted in the thought that he had spoken for Madge's good. She flew to her room and, womanlike, found solace in tears. She realized Will's failing, and perhaps never so fully as at present. He had promised so often to stop drinking altogether, and if his promises had been kept she knew that her parents would have had no objection to her suitor. With the obstinate perversity of the drinking man Will would not allow that his appetite for stimulants was beyond his control. Spasmodically he had abstained for as long as a week at a time, salving his conscience upon each relapse with the thought that it was not his own weakness, but having no home of his own "a fellow must go out with the boys and not make himself a butt for remarks by refusing to drink." With Madge as his wife things would be different. If the girl had been less unsophisticated she would have told her lover that if whisky had more power over him than her own sweet self so let it be, but she would never take second place in his heart to a whisky flask. But Madge was innocent of worldly ways, and had a little of that spirit that seems inherent in womankind and which believes in the power of love to redeem the greatest rake from the realms of perdition. To one friend only did she confide all her troubles. This was the young wife of a neighboring rancher, slightly older in years and much older in experience than herself.

Brought up among flowers and having spent her childhood in the forests surrounding her English home, Madge became her mother's assistant in the concoction of all kinds of drinks and medicines made from herbs and products of nature. Having carefully prepared a bottle of one of the sweetest of these she sent it to her lover, telling him that it was good for protection against the cold, foggy weather then prevailing. Freedom from cold, catarrh and the like, coupled with a temporary abstinence from drink, Will got so well and strong that he could scarcely realize that he was the same man. He ran up to keep a quiet appointment with his beloved Madge, and almost smothered her with affectionate thanks for her lovely medicinal present. Madge, suffused with blushes, said: "Oh, Will, you thought it was my own cure that saved you and made you the man you are. No, my dear, you were ruining yourself, and I sent you a bottle of something that I knew would make both our futures happy. It has cured you, thank God, of the habit of drinking, and it was the only remedy which people say never fails—The Fitz Cure. Forgive me, Will, for the deception, but it saved you."

Accidentally I dropped in on Friday last at the well-known corner house which fills the junction of Market, Kearny and Geary streets, and takes its name after France's greatest statesman, Richelieu. Always after an absence of a few months it is a treat in itself to go into a familiar house and see improvements of whatever kind they may be. Mr. Loomis, the host, has won my heart by the tasty lunch which he keeps in constant readiness, day or night, for his patrons. In the middle of the day it is surprising how deftly a large number of hungry and thirsty men receive attention without the annoyance of delay.

Nearly everybody has heard of the inventor of the kinetoscope, but very few know that Edison's most wonderful invention is now on exhibition in San Francisco. Through the courtesy of the gentleman who is managing the exhibitions at 644 Market street I am able to state that the report circulated by a contemporary to the effect that the views are indecent is incorrect. In fact nothing could be more interesting than the moving photographs, as shown by these instruments. If you wish to see yourself as a waltzer, vocalist, or as an orator, the machines will produce it true to life. In short it is difficult, almost impossible, to believe any true description of what can be seen in the kinetoscope by any persons who have not themselves looked into it. There are only twenty-five of these machines in existence, ten of which are in New York, ten in Chicago and five here.

Spiritualism is liable to the censure of skepticism on the one hand and the scoffing of those who do not care to study on the other. Its worse foe, however, like that of hypnotism, is the "faker," who pretends to be able to expound things of which he is ignorant; and an amusing incident occurred recently to a very well-known reporter in this city. He had been sent out to discover how Peter Zenovich of 700 Bush street was murdered. He carried with him a telegram from Yuma, which narrated how Zenovich's body had been discovered in a mutilated condition. But it was all a mistake, for Zenovich in the flesh confronted the reporter, showing that the discovery was a case of mistaken identity.

The reporter, however, carried the investigation a step further. He showed the clipping to a fortune-teller, who in turn communicated with Zenovich's spirit and got a message which detailed how the unfortunate was murdered. The reporter refused to pay for the seance, pleading the falsity of the message in extenuation, whereupon the medium touched an electric button and a "bouncer" appeared. The reporter compromised by paying 50 cents on the dollar—all he had.

Manager J. Pearson Smith desires to say to the children of San Francisco and of the surrounding country that Saturdays have been set apart for their reception by Millie Christine, at 917 Market street. She does not receive on Sundays.

Crowds enjoy swimming at the Crystal Baths daily.

ON THE COMSTOCK.

Weekly Bulletins of Work Done in the Mines.

VIRGINIA, Nev., Aug. 18.—Following are the superintendents' weekly reports of the various mines on the Comstock:

CON. CAL. & VA.—1650 level—The faces of the ore body in the directions in which we are carrying our stopes as described in our last report continue to look well, and we have extracted during the week 350 carloads, or about 347 tons, the average assay value of which per mine-car samples was $61 58 per ton. 1700 level—Twenty-two feet below south drift 3 the work of timbering in the south drift has been extended 10 feet, all the way in ore which will average $60 per ton, total length of drift 40 feet; face in ore, the average assay value of which is $72 per ton. 1000 level—A northeast drift started at a point 30 feet in from the mouth of the crosscut run east from the bottom of the winze down 28 feet, which was sunk on the east side of the main drift 280 feet south from the shaft station, has been advanced 33 feet; face in porphyry, clay and quartz. The west crosscut started from the main drift, 345 feet south from the shaft station, has been advanced 25 feet; total length 185 feet; continuing in porphyry and quartz formation of low value; some repairs have been made in the main drift. The Con. Virginia shaft from the 1300 station down to the 1500 station has been secured and water-pipe has been put in place and we are now continuing the same work upward from the 1300 station. Have shipped to the Morgan mill during the week 651 tons and 700 pounds of ore, the average assay value of which per railroad-car samples was $65 26 per ton. The average assay value per battery samples of all the ore worked at that mill during the week (660 tons) was $53 per ton; bullion now on hand in our assay office, assay value about $13,000; bullion shipped to Carson mint, assay value $35,767 94.

OPHIR—1465 level—The upraise started at a point 70 feet in from the mouth of the east crosscut started from a point in the main north drift, 124 feet north from the main east crosscut from the Ophir shaft, has been carried up 14 feet; total height, 23 feet; face in porphyry, clay and quartz of low value. Have continued jointly with the Mexican Company the work of making repairs in the main shaft at the 110 level. Central tunnel—The work of reopening the old winze station which was reached at a point 220 feet from the mouth of the crosscut run west from the north drift from the Mexican shaft on the tunnel level has been completed and the winze reopened down 6 feet. The crosscut running east from the northwest drift from the Mexican shaft 50 feet above the tunnel level, at a point 60 feet north from the shaft and opposite the west crosscut, has been advanced 30 feet; total length, 52 feet; face in porphyry, clay and quartz showing some value.

MEXICAN—1465 level—The west crosscut started from the top of the upraise which was carried up 45 feet above the sill floor of this level at a point 40 feet west from the main north drift and 100 feet north from the south line of the mine has been extended during the week 20 feet, total length 309 feet; face in porphyry showing fine lines of quartz.

UNION MINE—900 level—The Union Con. and Sierra Nevada joint north drift which was run from the joint west drift at a point 1520 feet west of the shaft has been extended during the week 15 feet, total length 598 feet; face in hard porphyry. The joint south lateral drift from the joint west drift at a point 1520 feet west of shaft has been extended 19 feet, total length 243 feet; face in porphyry.

BEST & BELCHER—200 level—Incline upraise 1 started in north drift 15 feet from our south boundary has been carried up 13 feet passing through quartz and porphyry, total height 70 feet; at the top of this drift we started a west crosscut and advanced it 72 feet, face in quartz and porphyry. 750 level—East crosscut 1 started from upraise 1 from 800 level has been extended 16 feet through hard quartz and porphyry, total length 24 feet.

GOULD & CURRY—200 level—The south drift from west crosscut 5, 1115 feet from northwest drift, has been extended 17 feet, total length 195 feet; face in soft porphyry.

HALE & NORCROSS—975 level—Advanced north drift 15 feet, total length 25 feet; face in porphyry. 1100 level—North drift on this level was advanced 12 feet, total length 42 feet; face in quartz and porphyry.

ANDES—420 level—The north drift from the top of the upraise from the west crosscut advanced 15 feet; formation, quartz and porphyry.

Part twenty-five of "Picturesque California" will be ready for distribution to-morrow. It is devoted to the country between Monterey and Ventura, and can be obtained by "Call" subscribers for ten cents and one coupon.

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Charles Schmidt, an employe of the San Mateo Land Company, who cut his throat and wrists in a water-front saloon on Thursday, was yesterday sent to the Napa Insane Asylum. He recovered from his wounds at the Receiving Hospital, but showed signs of insanity, declaring that his head was full of electricity.

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