THE TRUE STORY.

Inside History of Mrs. "Captain" Brock

AND THE CALEB CURTIS.

The Origin of the Only Woman Trader in the World.

PENNILESS WHEN DEATH CAME

Rollo Brock's Smooth Talk About His Experience as a South Sea Trader.

Since the wreck of the trading-schooner Caleb Curtis in Hong-Kong harbor, as reported by telegraph, a number of stories have been written concerning the boat and her owner, Mrs. Captain Brock. These stories have simply been reiterations of statements published in this city at the time the Curtis was lying at Main-street wharf. Mrs. Brock has, in fact, acquired a great deal of notoriety by her associations with the fatal Caleb Curtis, but not through any achievement on her part of a nature to startle the world.

Being the first woman ever known to have with her own money fitted out a vessel for trading in the South Seas the name of Mrs. "Captain" Brock went out to the world as a cognomen attached to a remarkable female navigator, a genius of a literary turn and a woman of rare conceptions, whose knowledge of things scientific and otherwise was almost limitless.

The dispatches say that the woman captain and her husband, together with three other human beings, lost their lives in the accident mentioned above. If such is the case, the career of a woman who rose from the slums of San Francisco into world-wide prominence has terminated.

Mrs. Captain Brock was not educated to any extent. She could write after a fashion, but she could not possibly have composed a story nor written a book. Withal she was a woman of judgment, a keen searcher for the dollar and a careful saver.

When she met Rollo Brock he was an acrobat at Woodward's Gardens and an attendant of the animal arena. Mrs. Brock was an unsophisticated maiden who gave no thought to the sea, but practiced the art of selling coffee in a Barbary Coast restaurant. Brock was tired of working hard and tried to win the woman, as he had heard that she had saved out of her scant earnings enough money to start them up in business. It is believed that a marriage ceremony took place soon after the twain met.

Brock didn't prove himself much of a man. He drank to excess and spent nearly all of his wife's money. They were being rapidly reduced to poverty when Mrs. Brock made a fortunate speculation of some kind and realized several thousand dollars. For some time after this very little was heard from the couple until they appeared one day on the water front in search of a suitable boat to set sail for the islands in. The Caleb Curtis was then on the market for sale, and some one directed them to where she could be inspected.

One of the strange facts of the story is that there was not a seafaring man in San Francisco who could have been persuaded to buy the Curtis. The little craft had met with disaster time and again. On an occasion not many months before she had been capsized outside the Heads and a number of lives were lost. She was old and worthless, yet Mrs. "Captain" Brock paid $1250 for her in cash and spent $1000 more in fitting her up. Thus was the old pilot-boat launched again on a road to further disaster.

At the time the purchase was made Mrs. Brock and Rollo lived near the corner of Pine and Dupont streets in a humble little suite of rooms close to a beer saloon. In these squalid apartments Rollo filled his wife up with stories of his vast experience as a South Sea trader. He told her that his ex-employer, Mr. Woodward, had one time detailed him to voyage about the South Seas in quest of curios for the garden museum. He declared that he knew everything about the islands that was worth knowing and Mrs. Brock believed all he said.

Brock had been to the South Seas, but he traveled among the isles as an attache of an alleged circus. He drifted about and became known as a beachcomber or contortionist. This was the limit of his experience as a trader.

The man knew nothing about the navigation of a boat and the woman, of course, was not supposed to know. In the end a young seafaring man, who is well known in this city, was engaged to act as "sailing master." George Ewart is the name of the gentleman and he is a man of a great deal of experience in his line of business.

The Curtis sailed from San Francisco in August, 1893, and from Mr. Ewart, who is at present in this city, the following particulars of the trip to Hong-Kong were obtained.

No sooner had the schooner got out of sight of land when both Rollo and the woman trader began to show themselves up in their true colors. They quarreled incessantly and made things very disagreeable for those who journeyed with them. Several times the little boat was almost lost in severe squalls and once or twice she came near striking on a coral reef.

When the islands were reached Mrs. Brock and her worst half fought more fiercely than ever. The woman accused her husband of being an adventurer, while he, to destroy his troubles, drank excessively, leaving all thoughts of trading go out of his mind.

A few attempts were made to sell the Curtis' cargo, but as the woman trader had surrendered herself to indolent contemplation of her surroundings from the vantage ground of her bunk, and Rollo had given himself over to whisky and the 'tween deck accommodations, there was very little copra secured.

The cabin-boy and steward deserted the vessel and came back to the United States. Mrs. Brock's coin was rapidly being wasted, so she decided to return to her native land, Australia. When half way over she changed her mind and sailed into Hong-Kong harbor, where Ewart and the balance of the crew of the boat could stand the queer owners no longer, were paid off in part and then came back to this city.

Out of the $5000, the original capital of the woman trader, only $600 was left. Brock was spending that as fast as he could. The Curtis needed repairs and was piling up expense bills right along. A number of attempts were made to sell her, but seamen shunned the boat and would not think about making an offer for her.

Mrs. Captain Brock's idol was shattered. Instead of winning fame and returning to San Francisco with her vessel filled with shells and copra, to receive the congratulations of her friends, she found herself friendless and "broke" in a foreign land.

Then death ended her miseries and those of Rollo. The Caleb Curtis went down in a typhoon with all on board, a fate that was prophesied for her by all the San Francisco water-fronters.

PANIC AT A THEATER.

Maddened With Fright Many Men Fought to Get Out.

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—Panic at the Clark-street Theater followed the discovery of fire in an adjoining building last night. Nearly half the audience rushed from the theater and the remainder were thrown into confusion before it was discovered that no lives were in danger. The employes and the police at the theater made every effort to prevent a panic and to assure the audience that the fire was in an adjoining building. But this had no effect upon the frightened men and women, who were determined to get out at all hazards. The greatest confusion attended the wild rush of those who were in the gallery. Three hundred men and boys were compactly crowded into the stairway leading to the street. They swore, howled and fought in their mad rush to break down the door. Only the effective and timely work of a policeman prevented their trampling each other to death. A number of persons were seriously injured in the crush and several were removed in a fainting condition, but none were fatally hurt.

SEEKS A DIPLOMA.

Dr. J. J. Leek Demands Recognition

Amusing Testimony of Experts Who Say They Have Never Seen the Like Before.

Judge Seawell has not yet decided that Dr. J. J. Leek is entitled to be registered as a qualified dentist in the city and county of San Francisco, likewise the State of California.

It was the application of J. J. Leek for a writ of mandate compelling the Board of Dental Examiners so to recognize and register him that occupied Judge Seawell's time in court yesterday. Dr. Leek in his complaint stated that he had studied the art of dentistry since 1883, and since the summer of 1884 had been engaged in the practice thereof. He had been associated in business with his two brothers, now practicing, Drs. I. G. and G. W. Leek. Dr. Leek laid claim to having practiced in the city and county of San Francisco since March, 1885, and altogether he claimed that he was entitled to recognition as a registered dentist.

On the witness-stand yesterday J. J. Leek testified to all these things, and among others that he had lived for some time on Union Island, Sacramento County. There he was fain to confess, he was employed as superintendent of the General Williams orchard, but he also practiced dentistry.

"On whom did you practice dentistry? On white men?"

"No, not on white men. I used to attend to Chinamen."

Concerning this testimony it was shown that in 1884 J. J. Leek went into insolvency in Sacramento County. On that occasion he described his occupation as that of a farmer and fruit-raiser. But in answer to a question from Attorney Collins, J. J. Leek produced a set of dental instruments that he said he had used constantly during the years of 1884 and 1885.

This closed Leek's testimony, and then came trouble. Thomas H. Williams Jr., superintendent of Union Island said he was on the island in 1884 and 1885, and he knew Leek very well. However, he never heard anything about Leek having practiced dentistry.

Dr. Samuel E. Knowles, one of the Board of Dental Examiners, had the pleasure of inspecting the instruments produced by J. J. Leek upon the witness-stand. After a brief glance Dr. Knowles said he never saw such dental instruments in his life before. There was some sort of a lance among the weapons, but the witness did not know what it was. "It looks like part of a veterinary surgeon's outfit," said Dr. Knowles.

Dr. J. P. Asey of San Jose, also of the Board of Dental Examiners, said that no living man could use such instruments as those produced by Dr. Leek for dental purposes. Among the rest was a forceps which, the witness said, looked as if it was intended for pulling up tacks.

Similar testimony was given by Dr. W. J. Younger, who said that Leek's dental instruments looked such as a barber might use. They were no use as dental instruments at all.

Dr. B. Beers, who rents the offices at 230 Kearny street, where G. W. and I. G. Leek used to hold forth, said he never saw J. J. Leek there in the years 1884-1885. The value of this witness's testimony, however, suffered considerable damage from the revelation that he was one of the parties who signed the recommendation of J. J. Leek to be admitted as a qualified dentist. In self-defense, when taxed upon this peculiar state of affairs, the witness was heard to say that he had been induced to sign the recommendation by means of false representations on the part of J. J. Leek.

Dr. H. J. Brand, also practicing at 230 Kearny street, gave testimony to the effect that he never saw J. J. Leek there.

The testimony of I. G. Leek was badly wanted at this juncture. J. J. Leek's counsel said that every means had been employed to produce him, but he was out of town. His testimony was deemed most important.

Judge Seawell gave a strong hint to the effect that, even supposing that I. G. Leek's testimony was all that was expected of it and that J. J. Leek's story was true, even then there might not be sufficient grounds to compel the Board of Dental Examiners to grant J. J. Leek a diploma as a qualified and registered dentist. However, he would give Leek every opportunity to make out his case, and would hear testimony from Dr. I. G. Leek to-morrow evening, at half-past 9 o'clock. The further hearing of the case was then continued.

Suit for a Receiver.

ST. PAUL, Oct. 8.—Suit has been brought in the United States District Court for the appointment of a receiver for the Minnesota & Ontario Lumber Company, of which Dennis Ryan is president and R. B. Calusha secretary. Complainant Stephen Douglas Ryan of Dubuque avers that Dennis Ryan sold timber belonging to the corporation valued at $100,000, of which there has been no accounting. Dennis Ryan says the defense will put a different light on the matter.

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BOLT FROM BURNS.

Republicans Denounce His Methods.

SCATHING RESOLUTIONS, TOO.

Non-Partisans Continue Their Activity.

DEMOCRATIC TEN PER CENT TAX

The Dictator Tells Why Jerry Mahoney Will Remain as a Candidate for the Senate.

There is a bolt from Burns in the Thirty-first District, led by Edgar Briggs, who denounced the slate on the closing hour of the Republican municipal convention. It took form last night in a meeting held at Teutonia Hall, where bossism in municipal politics was roundly denounced.

The speakers were: Edgar Briggs, C. A. Douglass and P. Corkery. A club was organized with C. A. Douglass as president and H. L. Jones as secretary.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The Republican municipal convention recently held, which was owned and controlled by D. M. Burns and John D. Spreckels, comprising the political firm of Burns, Spreckels & Co., did select candidates for the various municipal offices; and whereas, the delegates to said convention, with a few honorable exceptions, were owned and controlled by D. M. Burns & Co., and were selected by Burns and a subservient County Committee, without regard to the wishes of the Republican voters of the city and county of San Francisco, and did not in any sense represent the wishes of said voters; and whereas, the majority of the delegates representing the Thirty-first Assembly District were selected by Fire Commissioner A. J. Martin and County Committeeman P. Pendergast, and did not in any way represent the wishes of the Republican voters of said district, and were selected only in the interest of D. M. Burns & Co. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the voters of the Thirty-first Assembly District, in mass-meeting assembled, do hereby repudiate the candidates nominated by the said convention, and that in the interest of pure politics, and for the better government of the municipality of the city and county of San Francisco, we do hereby pledge ourselves not to vote for any nominee of said convention, either municipal or legislative, unless after due consideration we find that the nominee whom we may support is worthy of our confidence and will not be controlled by any boss or faction, and be it further

Resolved, That C. F. Curry, the slated nominee of the Burns convention for the office of County Clerk, we are satisfied if elected will be controlled by Fire Commissioner A. J. Martin, and being satisfied that, in consideration of his receiving said nomination, in the event of his election, the patronage of his office will be used in the interest of boss rule, and believing that it would be to the best interest of the municipality we call upon all good citizens to use their best endeavors to defeat him. And be it further

Resolved, That in the selection of P. Pendergast as county committeeman for the Thirty-first Assembly District the delegates perpetrated a grievous wrong upon the rights of the Republican voters of said district, as he does not in any sense represent the sentiments of the community, and we emphatically condemn their action.

WHEREAS, For the office of Assessor of the city and county of San Francisco, the incumbent, John D. Siebe, by strict adherence to business principles in the management of said office, has demonstrated that he is capable and worthy of re-election, and is not nor has he ever been controlled by any boss or other outside influence, but has always been independent in conducting the affairs of his office; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the voters of the Thirty-first Assembly District, commend the record of said John D. Siebe as Assessor, and pledge ourselves to use our best efforts to secure his election.

The Blennerhassetts held another meeting in Pioneer Hall last night. Just why they should have met does not appear, for it is too late for their ticket to be officially recognized. Sunday morning at 2 o'clock the convention adjourned after balloting for nominees. The campaign committee appropriated the ballot-box without announcing the nominees, it being announced that the names would be made public later. So last night the Blennerhassetts came together again and the campaign committee made its announcement of the count of the ballot.

The Non-Partisan campaign committee discussed ways and means last night. Quite a number of subscriptions were made and to-morrow night all of the nominees will appear before the convention. Thomas Magee presided at the meeting last night and W. F. Norcross acted as secretary.

It has been decided to hold two rousing meetings under Non-Partisan auspices in this city. One meeting will be held very shortly, though the date has not been fixed as yet.

The campaign committee of eighteen and the auditing committee of the Democratic general committee met in joint session last night and accomplished nothing. It was announced that James H. Barry had resigned from the auditing committee. John M. Klein presided and Frank P. Hughes acted as secretary.

Nearly all the candidates were in attendance, including Congressman Maguire and Judge Levy. The trouble began at the outset. No basis of argument was found and no attempt was made to find any. To-night, however, it is claimed that everything will be patched up. The great stumbling-block is over the contribution of candidates—how much of the 10 per cent of their salaries shall go to committees, and how much each individual shall be allowed to expend for himself.

The Tenth Ward Estee Club held a rousing meeting at 195 Stevenson street last night, D. J. Garvey in the chair, Emil Heidenreich secretary. The club indorsed Charles F. Curry for County Clerk, William S. Barnes for District Attorney, William J. Ruddick for Sheriff, Adolph Spreckels for Supervisor Tenth Ward, John D. Siebe for Assessor, J. A. Campbell for Police Judge, James B. Allen for Recorder and Thomas B. Shannon for Congress. Speeches were made by A. Hoffman, M. R. Smith, V. Bates and Edward Plum. The meeting adjourned with three rousing cheers for the whole ticket.

The Richard L. Whelan Independent Club was organized at Scottish Hall. The following officers were elected: William J. O'Brien, president; T. J. O'Neil, secretary; Maurice Baker, sergeant-at-arms. Sixty-five names were signed to the roll.

The Carmen's Political Club met at Irish-American Hall last night. The following officers were elected: President, P. M. McGushin; vice-president, John Devaney; secretary, Peter Tamony; treasurer, P. Walsh; sergeant-at-arms, James Semple; executive committee—James McLaughlin, Owen McQuade, Charles McBride, James McHugh, P. C. Morton, James Kelly, Henry Devaney.

John D. Siebe was unanimously indorsed for Assessor. Speeches were made by John Devaney, P. Walsh, Peter Tamony and P. M. McGushin.

The Oriel Independent Club of the Thirty-fourth District met last evening at 1729 Market street and elected B. F. Carter president and John Kehoe secretary.

After remarks by several members the club unanimously indorsed Joseph P. Kelly for Congress.

J. L. Dwyer and Thomas J. Clunie will address the public at Metropolitan Hall Saturday night under the auspices of the State Central Committee.

Jerry Mahoney, the Republican nominee for the Senate from the Twenty-second District, has decided to remain in the fight despite his record. An effort has been made to have ex-Senator George H. Williams retire as an independent candidate in that district, but it has not proved successful.

Colonel D. M. Burns, who returned Sunday from his fishing trip to the McCloud River, was at the Republican State Central Committee headquarters yesterday. When questioned about Mahoney's standing his reply was an interrogatory. "Why," he asked, "should Mr. Mahoney be asked to retire?" Then he added, "He will not retire, and there is no way to make him do so, even if there were a disposition, which there is not, to remove him from the ticket."

Colonel Burns added that it was news to him that there was any talk of Mahoney being taken off the ticket, and dismissed the subject with the statement that no action would be taken to induce Mahoney to withdraw.

At a meeting of the Eureka Valley Improvement Club, numbering 550 members, Sunday night, the club indorsed L. R. Ellert for Mayor, E. L. Van der Naillen for City Surveyor and Harry Creswell for City and County Attorney, of the Citizens' Non-Partisan nominations.

W. T. Jeter, the Democratic candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, is in town. James H. Budd will arrive to-morrow. There will be two meetings to-morrow night, one at Union Hall and one in Mission Parlor Hall on Seventeenth street, at which they will deliver addresses.

Asa R. Wells has been elected chairman, Charles Morris secretary and C. O. Burton treasurer of the Republican auditing committee of five.

M. M. Estee and Secretary Fairchild left the city yesterday morning for a campaign trip through the Sacramento Valley.

Governor Pennoyer of Oregon and Mrs. Mary Lease of Kansas will arrive here about the middle of the month to advocate the cause of the Populists.

The County Committee of the Republican party will meet in Shiels building to-morrow night, and the campaign committee of the Democratic party will hold a meeting in the rooms of the State Central Committee Friday evening.

Thursday night the municipal nominations of the Republican party will be ratified by a mass-meeting at Odd Fellows' Hall.

ELLERT THEIR CHOICE.

Eureka Valley Citizens Favor Non-Partisan Nominees.

The property-owners of Eureka Valley paid a handsome compliment to Mayor Ellert on Sunday afternoon. His official career was highly commended by William Denver and other members of the Eureka Valley Independent Club at a meeting held at Clara avenue and Seventeenth street.

The Eureka Valley citizens some time ago passed a resolution to support and vote for only such candidates at the coming election whose records were known to be without blemish. A committee consisting of S. N. Norton, William Denver, James Quinn and S. Wyatt had been appointed to look into the merits of candidates and report to the club.

Three nominees were indorsed on Sunday who were considered worthy of the support of all good citizens and taxpayers.

Mayor Ellert was unanimously indorsed for re-election and his course and action regarding matters affecting the entire city and especially Eureka Valley of interest to the club were spoken of.

E. L. Van der Naillen, Non-Partisan nominee for City and County Surveyor, was also highly praised and he was also recommended as worthy of the suffrages of the citizens of the valley.

For City and County Attorney the present incumbent, Mr. Creswell, also a nominee of the Non-Partisans, was indorsed. His courtesy to the taxpayers of the district and his efforts in their behalf to have the Corbett road opened and Behrend Joost's claims set aside were also mentioned.

The make-up of the Non-Partisan ticket was considered superior to that of the other conventions, and the committee is to select as far as possible only first-class men for indorsement by the club. Other recommendations will be made by the club at the next meeting.

THE POND CLUB.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.

At a meeting of the Pond Democratic Club at Kaufman Hall, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Fred Kaufman; first vice-president, M. J. Conway; second vice-president, Thomas Dunbar; third vice-president, Henry Otto; secretary, Patrick Gordon; financial secretary, William Nichols; treasurer, Otto Feldman; sergeant-at-arms, M. E. Walters.

The main contest was for the office of secretary, although after several ballots Mr. Gordon was elected. Of the entire ticket the president, M. Kaufman, was the only one re-elected.

A collation was then set out by the president, to which due justice was done. Among the guests of the club, all of whom made short speeches, were: Thomas Meagher, Peter W. McGlade, Dr. James I. Stanton and John T. Greany.

A ROOKERY BLAZE.

Fire on the Water Front Last Night.

The Dwelling and General Store of G. Sanguinnetti Pretty Well Gutted.

A fire broke out shortly before 11 o'clock last night in the upper portion of the frame building on the southwest corner of Davis and Vallejo streets. The flames burst suddenly out of the roof of the frail rookery and illumined the heavens with a ruddy glare before the alarm had been turned in. No time was lost by those in the vicinity who saw the sudden outburst of flame in sending in an alarm from box 354, on the corner of Broadway and Front street.

As the engines sped toward the scene of the fire the blaze was so bright that people uptown thought that a conflagration was raging on the water front, and hundreds hastened to the lower part of the city.

With the first stream of water, though, the flames were subdued, and within ten minutes the sky was once more dark. The house in which the flames broke out is the property of James G. Fair and is occupied by G. Sanguinnetti. On the lower floor the latter conducts a general merchandise store and saloon, while the rooms on the upper floor are rented out to Italian fishermen. It was in one of these rooms that the fire started. Its origin is unknown, although the impression was that some one of the roomers had been smoking and carelessly allowed some sparks to fall among loose papers or bunches of oakum which they kept in their rooms.

Sanguinnetti's stock and furniture were considerably damaged. He valued both at $3000 and has them insured for $2090.

A small cigar-store at 731 Davis street and owned by George Farmer was damaged by smoke and water. At 729 Davis the saloon and lodging-house of Ernest Miller was damaged by water. Considering the light and flimsy material of which the adjoining rookeries are built it is a wonder that the fire did not spread and sweep away half the block at least.

The entire loss will not amount to more than $1000, of which about half consists in damage to the building.

The alarm from box 58 at 8 o'clock last evening was for a fire in the basement of the shot-tower on the corner of First and Howard streets. Some straw in a barrel had in some manner become ignited and had it not been for the prompt action of some of the employes in using a fire-extinguisher a serious fire would have resulted. As it was the damage was trifling.

"Religion in Politics."

Great interest centers in the address on "Religion in Politics," to be delivered by Bishop Montgomery this evening at Metropolitan Hall. The right reverend gentleman is acknowledged to be one of the most popular speakers in the State. He is announced as intending to speak plainly on the political duty of the citizen.

AT THE THEATERS.

Sully Interests a Large Audience.

"Good Old Times" at Morosco's. Bullet-Proof Coat at the Orpheum. Sword-Eater at the Wigwam.

Daniel Sully, in "The Millionaire," opened his engagement at the New California with an attendance that filled every seat in the auditorium. This is all the more remarkable because Leander Richardson's play in the same hands is not new here. It proves evidently that the work has innate merit, and that recent events—the great railroad strike, especially—have given an interest to its different episodes that otherwise would have been lacking. It was well played throughout. Discounting the sentimentality of the first act and the third, we had the eminent practicality of the "Rocky Gorge" in the second, the railroad building scene, where the contractor, James O'Brien (Daniel Sully), is fighting for his financial life, and this seemed to catch the audience as something that affected the serious business of existence. Not that the scenes in the Lenox mansion—acts first and third—were devoid of merit. On the contrary, they were full of interest, and the introduction of the infantile element in the person of Flossie Van Buren (Baby Ethel) gave a softening and agreeable influence to the surroundings. It was a haven of rest after a hard-won battle—the battle where the contractor fought against the combined wealth to protect his own rights. It is a play that ought to strike close home to the public heart at the present time.

The living pictures that followed were beautiful presentations, per se; the defect is that the orchestra does not give music to fill up the gaps. The quiet waits are tedious. The music ought not to cease till little Mabel Bowman comes to the footlights and announces the picture, and then it should die out in a pianissimo cadenza. This would be much more effective.

"Good Old Times" was presented for the first time at the Grand Opera-house last night to a packed audience. The piece is highly melodramatic and abounds in opportunities for the leading characters. The opening scene is in a lovely rural spot in England, where a series of crimes results in the transportation of the three leading male characters to the penal settlement at Tasmania. One of these, John Langley, however, is convicted upon the confession of a crime committed by his wife. In her love for him she follows her husband across the seas, and after three years succeeds in getting him assigned to her household as servant. From this on the situations are interesting enough. There is an outbreak of convicts, and the devoted wife and her two female domestics are captured and carried off to the woods, to be rescued in the last act by John Langley and his trusted friend Coldbath Joe.

H. Coulter Brinker, in the leading role, sustained his part with ability throughout, and was well supported by Lucille La Verne as Mrs. John Langley. Mina Gleason as Lucy Granger and Julia Blanc as the Irish cook at Big Tree farm deserve mention, and the entire cast is carefully selected. The piece is well mounted, and deserves good patronage.

The Kendals have that delightful little piece "A Scrap of Paper" in their repertoire for this engagement at the Baldwin. Their opening will be "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," Pinero's ri-que society play that everybody is anxious to see, especially as Mrs. Kendal takes the leading character. The sale of seats and boxes for this engagement will commence at the Baldwin on Thursday, October 18. There will be no advance in prices.

A very general public interest has followed the announcement for the reopening of the Stockwell Theater by the Grovers and their comedy company. A remarkably good bill, "The Private Secretary" and "Joe's Girls," with the extreme of moderate prices, promises a large audience. Seats will be placed on sale this morning at the Stockwell Theater for the opening Saturday night of the Leonard Grover Company in "The Private Secretary" and "Joe's Girls." The double bill will be presented for one week, after which "My Son-in-Law" and other comedy dramas will be put on.

"Church and Stage," Theodore Kremer's new society drama, to be produced at the Bush-street Theater on Monday next, the 15th inst., with the author and Miss Jeffreys Lewis in the leading parts, has been generally talked about, and the applications for seats bespeak a crowded attendance. Curiosity has been aroused and must be satisfied.

Notwithstanding the Philharmonic musicale elsewhere, Scheel's grand popular concert at the Auditorium was fully attended, although many of the people came late. This seems to be the fashion in our city. Art must courtesy to social custom. The ensemble music of the programme was deliciously rendered, especially the andante contabile of Tschaikowsky and Reinecke's prelude to "King Manfred." There were three solos during the evening, however, that call for especial mention—Mr. Nathan Landberger's violin rendering of Wieniawsky's "Legende," followed by an encore, in which this brilliant young violinist gave us "Reminiscences of Posen"—not Sam'l of Posen," it may be added, but some heroic remembrances of the land of Kosciusko and Poniatowski, namesake of the young Pole, who has just become matrimonially allied to Beth Sperry. Mr. K. Griebauer was most deservedly applauded for a Wagner violoncello "Albumblatt," and Mr. Otto Lenhart for the Hauptman cornet solo. We do not think the gentleman is equal to Levy, Liberati or Arbuckle in his embouchure, but his solo was above the average. Scheel did not conduct on this occasion; he was at the Philharmonics. His place was taken by Marguardt, who acquitted himself remarkably well. A grand gala night will be given at the Auditorium on the fifteenth anniversary of the conductorship of Johann Strauss.

A pocket edition of Colonel H. I. Kowalsky stepped on the stage at the Orpheum last evening, and after an attendant had invited any gentleman to step up on the stage and get shot at and no one responded, the four-foot reduction of our well-known attorney came forward and remarked, "Ich bien ein pleatzengeanbletz," or something that sounded like that, and the packed house yelled. For Herr Zeitung was only about four feet high and had an avoirdupois, natural or artificial, that must have made him weigh at least 200 pounds. How he held it up was a marvel, but he did it. Then he produced a black covering that looked like a large chest-protector, and not particularly thick, and fastened it around him. He pinned a circular card about the size of a dollar in front of his heart, the attendant fired at him with a regulation rifle, the card was pierced and Herr Zeitung still lived. Six times he was fired at, and six times he laughed at the deadly bullet. And the audience also laughed at and applauded the rest of the bill, which was up to the standard established by Manager Walters.

If Byron could send up "Childe Harold" to see how he was being regarded in this latter day, and that wanderer were to drop into the Tivoli and then report to his master, he would then say: "Ah, Don Juan; I knew you would get there some day." Last night the house was nearly as well filled as on the opening evening, and the new songs were rapturously received. There is no reason why Don Juan (ad lib.) should not run weeks longer.

The Chevalier Cliquot, at the Wigwam last evening, in a calm and deliberate manner, dropped eighteen-inch swords down his throat as though they were coughdrops. He is certainly one of the most marvelous men in his line that have ever exhibited here, and, in conjunction with a very clever company, attracted a large audience.

WEBSTER AT STOCKTON.

The Populist Candidate Explains the Farm-Hand Story.

STOCKTON, Oct. 8.—J. V. Webster, Populist candidate for Governor, spoke to a large audience at Hunter square this evening. The meeting was preceded by a short parade participated in by about 200 members of Populist clubs in and about the city.

Mr. Webster while denying all ability as an orator spoke for some minutes, almost entirely upon the issue of State expenses, repeatedly promising that the Populist plank of reduction of 25 per cent could and would be carried through. Answering the recent assertion that he had made a statement that a laborer was not worth $1 a day, Webster said: "It is unqualifiedly false. What I said was that at the present price of grain no farmer could afford to pay more than $30 a month and board."

He was willing to stand by his assertion and was very sorry it was true. Mr. Webster was followed by Burdett Cornell, M. McGlynn and W. M. Wilkins.

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Sutro to the People's Party.

Adolph Sutro will address the voters of the Thirtieth District to-night at Academy Hall, 927 Mission street. Mr. Rock, Farmers' Alliance lecturer from Oregon, will also speak. Mr. Sutro will also speak the same evening in Garibaldi Hall, on Broadway, in the Forty-fifth District.

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