

MORNING CALL. SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 1895.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

Warden Hale believes he will be re-elected by his position. The San Francisco Schwaben Verein gives a masquerade ball. The Rothmanner Schutzen Verein give a masquerade ball. There were 151 deaths in the city during the week ending Saturday night.

The members of the Fortia Law Club will have their regular course of study. The steeplechase was taken at the race-track by Ed Kellidg, Monday night. Western Addition residents complain that carriers throw their letters away.

Professor Chrich lectures on the Kimberly mine before the Mechanics' Institute. Ladies will remove their hats at the Fortia Law Club entertainment on Monday night. Teachers' salary warrants will be signed by the Board of Education on the 9th inst.

California and Stanford University Association adopt rules for college athletic contests. The Health Office officials found a leper in Chinatown yesterday and took him to the Pest-house. The Fire Commissioners held their first meeting last night in their new quarters at the City Hall.

The will of Jane Matheny, disposing of an estate valued at \$15,000, was filed for probate yesterday. Mrs. Grace A. Benjamin, who died at 406 Sutter street last Friday night, was asphyxiated. Directors of the new railroad say that there was no significance in the recent voyage around the bay.

F. E. Deltz, who keeps a saloon at 310 Montgomery street, has been forced into insolvency by his creditors. His Excellency Nawab Imad Nawaz Jung and his concert party from the Orient yesterday on the City of Peking. The San Francisco and San Joaquin Coal Company, recently organized, proposes to sell coal in this city for \$4 a ton.

The police are searching for a man who has been personating a deputy license collector and obtaining money for licenses. Buyer & Reich were awarded \$110,000 insurance and interest by the arbitrators in the case. It was a decided victory for the firm. George Buchanan, alias Sanderson, arrested for grand larceny, has left the city and his bond of \$2000 has been declared forfeited.

On the authority of the case of the People vs. Hammond Judge Sanderson has ruled that Mose Gunst is the legal Police Commissioner. The steamer Santa Cruz, which sailed yesterday for San Pedro and way ports, broke down off Bigon Point and will be towed back to port. A silver watch belonging to one of the seven men drowned in Austin Creek by the railroad accident a year ago has been found in Russian River.

Thomas H. Gray, 134 Twelfth street, caught Edward Brown, a burglar, in his room yesterday morning and held him till a policeman arrived. Steve Vulocovich, well known around the police courts, was released from the House of Correction on Friday and is now wanted for petty larceny. Charles O'Brien is wanted by the police for obtaining money by false pretenses by representing himself as an agent for M. Siegel, a merchant tailor.

FUN, MUSIC AND THE TRICOLOR.

SUCCESSFUL ENDING OF THE BENEFIT FOR THE FRENCH HOSPITAL.

SIX VERY BEAUTIFUL WOMEN

THE CLOSING SCENES AT THE BALL GIVEN FOR CHARITY'S SWEET SAKE.

There were loud sounds of revelry last night issuing from the Mechanics' Pavilion, where the five days' fete for the benefit of the French Hospital died in a blaze of glory.



Hardly Touched the Floor. [Sketches by a "Call" artist.]

financial and social glory to the tender tones of a Strauss waltz, rendered by a hundred skilled musicians. If Belgium's capital was not gathered in the premises there was neither lack of fair women nor brave men, and of a certainty many eyes looked love to eyes that spoke again.

The cause was charity, and in that young woman's name flowers and candy were sold at strong advances on the market values. When it was admitted that the prettiest French women in San Francisco were there it is the beginning of a description of the scene that was opened by a grand march.



An Object Lesson in Skirt-Dancing. [Sketches by a "Call" artist.]

The tricolor was everywhere. In black buttonholes and on low-decked shoulders the blue and white glowed with the strong brilliancy of temporal prominence. They were directorate gown empire gowns, the proud simplicity of the citizeness and the haughty decoration of the aristocrat, but no matter what the type evidenced by the dress there was fun enough for all. Every one laughed, danced and was happy.

The girls who, for the past five days, have looked anticipatory thanks at possible purchasers of tickets, flowers or sweetmeats, last night practically gave up work, and repaid their individual admirers with smiles and dances. Over it all there was the plainly but politely expressed feeling best described by the old policeman at the door by the phrase: "It's the last French night, and we are in it."

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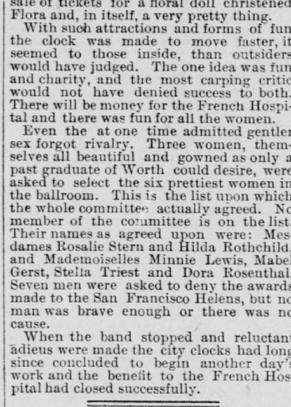
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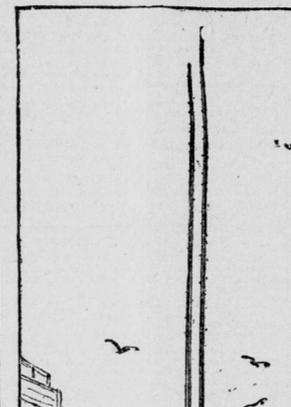
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END OF THE NOTED CASE CAUSED BY THE BIG BUSH-STREET FIRE.

The Buyer & Reich insurance differences have been settled at last and on terms very satisfactory to the firm. The arbitration committee made its award yesterday, placing the amount of the firm's loss at \$110,000 in round numbers, which is but \$200 less than the firm claimed after the preliminary skirmish between Buyer & Reich and the insurance companies was over. The firm will also get about \$10,000 interest besides the \$110,000.

The Buyer & Reich fire took place in July, 1893. The firm at first claimed a total loss of \$137,000. In September, 1893, a loss of \$112,000 was fixed by the insurance companies' adjusters, Peter Outcalt and E. P. Farnsworth. On October 12 the companies refused to pay the insurance. After appraisers had placed a valuation of \$37,800 on the partially destroyed property this sum was agreed upon by both parties. Buyer & Reich brought down their claim to \$112,000. The companies made an offer of \$80,000 and later rose to \$96,000, after a report had been made on the losses by William H. Lowndes.

It was then agreed among the opposing interests to submit the matter to arbitration. Buyer & Reich selected S. Nickelsburg and W. T. Y. Schenck was chosen by the insurance companies. On January 10 last H. McCutcheon was agreed upon as referee. The hearing of testimony was begun a month ago by the arbitration board. The law firm of Reinstein & Eisner appeared in behalf of Buyer & Reich and won for them the substantial victory. Van Ness & Redman represented the insurance companies. The award virtually fixes the losses as follows: On goods partially destroyed, \$37,800; on goods totally destroyed, \$74,200.

There were originally twenty-nine companies interested, but the Guardian, the Prussian National, the Hamburg-Magdeburg, the Imperial, the North German and the Alliance paid the losses in full promptly. The other companies will now pay their losses immediately.

T. C. Van Ness made the following statement of the case from the insurance companies' views. He said: "Immediately after the fire Buyer & Reich claimed that their loss was \$137,000. Satisfied that their claim was exorbitant, the underwriters refused to recognize it, and thereupon appraisers were appointed, who determined that the loss upon goods partially damaged by smoke and water was \$38,000 in round numbers. Buyer & Reich claimed a further damage of \$74,000 because of totally destroyed goods.

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