

SICK AND IN DISTRESS.

John Williams Has No Means With Which to Give His Dead Wife Burial.

The Passing of the Mother Leave Eight Little Children in a Destitute Home.

A WORTHY FAMILY SORTLY AFFLICTED.

An Honest Mechanic Unable to Work Finds Himself in a Plight Which Calls for the Helping Hand of Charity.

Hard luck has overtaken John P. Williams, an industrious mechanic living at 17 Howard court, a small street opening off Howard, near Fourth. Thursday night, as published in "The Examiner" yesterday, the sick died in childbirth, leaving the husband sick and despondent and with eight motherless children to care for. He had been out of employment nearly a year, but got work again a couple of weeks ago. But he fell sick in a few days, and before gaining strength sufficient to return Mrs. Williams sickened and died. This culmination of misfortune nearly prostrated the unfortunate man, who knew not which way to turn in his distress.

The almost distracted father sat in his desolate home yesterday afternoon surrounded by the children. In a room overhead lay the uncoffined form of the dead woman, watched over by sympathetic neighbors. From the dingy front door hung two streams of crepe, one within the other, announcing the double death and the affliction that had befallen the Williams family. The children of the court played in front of the house, waiting for their mates who did not come. Though the majority of them were too young to realize the import of death, the little Williams brooded along to the father, awed by the unusual scenes being enacted in their poverty-stricken home. The eldest, a slender girl of sixteen years, carried a small baby in her arms, while the rest of the little boys and girls, in tattered garments, huddled close to their father. He and the girl looked thin and wretched and tired out with grief and care, but they bore up bravely.

A number of charitable disposed persons, who had read in "The Examiner" of the death of Mrs. Williams, called and relieved the immediate needs of the poor family. But the funeral, which takes place today, has yet to be paid for out of a pocket that has held little coin of late. Mr. Williams gave the undertaker \$15 towards a cheap coffin yesterday morning, and the money had to come from him. Where there is to be taken from he does not know. There is not a cent in the house or anything of value on which money can be raised, so the only thing to be done is for the generous to step forward and relieve the stricken ones.

The family have lived in their present abode for the past two years, and while the father had work he managed to keep his children in comparatively comfortable circumstances. But there came a long period of enforced idleness, the little folks grew pale and haggard and the rent fell behind. The neighbors helped what little they could, the Fruit and Flower Mission contributed something each week, and some assistance was rendered by members of the Howard-street Methodist Church. The church people paid part of the rent, but Williams is still three months in arrears. He struggled hard to keep the family going and hide his misery from the world, but misfortune overwhelmed him at last.



The destitute home which poverty and sickness robbed of the wife and mother.

pay his divorced wife \$25 as monthly alimony. Mrs. O'Brien claims that her husband is not the poverty-stricken mortal he represents himself to be, and declares that he transferred all of his property to his sister for the sole purpose of getting out of his hands to pay alimony. But O'Brien took the stand and said he simply transferred his possessions in order to secure payment of his debts.

CHANGES IN THEIR PULPITS.

Methodist Conference Held at Pacific Grove. Several new appointments made by the conference. The Rev. F. W. Colburn will be ultimately chosen as a successor to the Rev. W. S. Colburn.

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SAYS HE IS A PAUPER. Michael O'Brien, the land operator, endeavoring to Avoid Paying Alimony to his Divorced Wife.

PLEADING FOR MILLIONS.

Loads of Bonds That Were Given by the Government to the Corporation.

Ex-Judge McKisick Makes His Closing Statement in the Stanford Case.

RAILROAD MAGNATES SCOTCHED.

The Central Pacific Road Wrecked Financially for the Purpose of Building Private Palaces.

The arguments in the suit of the Government against the Stanford estate for \$15,000,000 were closed yesterday by the concluding statement of ex-Judge McKisick, special counsel for the United States. During the morning session he gave a brief review of his previous arguments. In the afternoon he spoke for half an hour, devoting his attention to a summary of facts and deprecating of the railroad corporations.



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THE NEW COLLEGE SITE.

Change in the Committee Engaged in Drawing Up the Deed to be Signed by Mayor Dutton.

The attorneys chosen by the Board of Regents of the State University and the Board of Trustees of the Affiliated Colleges met with Mayor Sutro at Judge Wallace's residence yesterday morning to draw up the deed for Mayor Sutro for the site for the affiliated college.

The Cook Was Angry. William Pratt, formerly employed as a cook in a restaurant on Market street, a couple years ago, is under arrest on a charge of malicious mischief.



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NEW DIOCESE PROBABLE.

The Convention of the Episcopal Church at Minneapolis May Create One in California. His Duties Now So Onerous That Local Clergymen Think It is Time to Divide the Work.

Bishop Nichols of the Protestant Episcopal Church leaves this morning for Louisville to attend an important conference of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood, a very strong subordinate organization of the church.

The Disbarred Attorney Obtains Appointment as Administrator of the Levinson Estate, and Says He Can Now Proceed.

\$1,500,000 for twenty years, and other roads \$1,800,000. When you came to pile it up together you would have seen \$60,000,000 given or loaned to these corporations with which to build the road.

In 1869, in Congress, you would have heard in the atmosphere something clamoring to look after this money that the United States had loaned these people, and you would have passed the Act of 1871, by which the Government of the United States was attempting to secure the money it loaned them. And in 1873 you would have passed another Act looking to better security to get this money back.

"In a few years you would have found men like Leland Stanford, C. P. Huntington, Mark Hopkins and Charles Crocker coming to Washington in their private palaces cars, marching into the halls of Congress and whining there. 'We are ruined. The Central Pacific is insolvent! You must give us 100 years within which to pay this debt, and reduce the interest.' Already wrecked! Ten years ago already wrecked! And they whined for time. That is what you would have seen there. And when you left California and came West you would have found when you reached the Central Pacific a genuine wreck. All along the line strewn with wreck and ruin.

"What caused the wreck? With \$55,000,000 from the first mortgage and from the Government, and with more than \$3,000,000 from the people of California, what did they do with it? This bill tells you that Leland Stanford, C. P. Huntington, Mark Hopkins and Charles Crocker, having the Central Pacific in their clutches and by the throat, made it contract with Leland Stanford, C. P. Huntington, Mark Hopkins and Charles Crocker, under the name of Charles Crocker, Charles Crocker & Co. and the Contract and Finance Company, for the Central Pacific to pay them what they chose to charge. And the only link missing in the whole transaction is the books of Charles Crocker, Charles Crocker & Co. and the Contract and Finance Company.

UNDER THE GREENWOOD.

The Humors of a Shakespearean Rehearsal Out-of-Doors at Sutro Heights. Rosalind Had Bouffant Sleeves and Orlando Chewed Gum With Uttering Industry.

Everything Ready for the Performance of "As You Like It" This Afternoon—A Strong Company.

"Just like the forest of Arden," said Manager Friedlander, as with one fine, comprehensive sweep of the hand he indicated the trees and the sward and the stone grottoes at Sutro Heights. The player folk from the Columbia Theatre had gathered for a rehearsal of "As You Like It" yesterday afternoon under the greenwood tree.

DISEASED MEAT SOLD.

Supervisor King and the Health Officer Have Seen It.

The Law to Be So Amended That Animals Dying in Transit May Not Be Offered for Sale.

The Treasury of the Central Pacific Railroad Company was depleted. And what in its place? Magnificent private palaces, great fortunes beyond even the hope or dream of Crocker. There is where it went, as we all know, and as this record shows in the estate of Leland Stanford.

"Was there no wrong in that? It was argued here that these bonds, when issued and granted to these railroad corporations, were done under the laws and under the statute of 1862 without wrong. Does not the law condemn in the most fierce and energetic manner the contracts which Leland Stanford made with Leland Stanford to wreck and ruin this corporation? And yet, forsooth, the Government has no claim against it; the Government ought not to be allowed in a court of justice to set up any liability upon these stockholders, because it was not within the contemplation of Congress ever to collect this money.

"Under the tenth section of the Act of May 7, 1878, the Attorney-General, on behalf of the Government, has come into a court of justice and asked the court to compel restoration, at least to the extent of the contract which Leland Stanford entered into. As his humble representative, I am here representing the United States. What has the appellation brought here? A demurrer supported by rhetoric so sparkling, so scintillating, so brilliant that it would illumine the darkest continent. You will consider whether or not these complainants are entitled to any relief, and if they are entitled to any relief under the laws of the United States and the laws of California the demurrer must be overruled.

WILL BEARD THE LION.

Horace W. Philbrook to Address the Supreme Court. The Disbarred Attorney Obtains Appointment as Administrator of the Levinson Estate, and Says He Can Now Proceed.

The case of Horace W. Philbrook has taken a new turn. The gentleman recently put in an application to be appointed administrator of the estate of John Levinson, deceased—the estate over which he was debarred the other day.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. A duds in Philadelphia was turned out of the club by his fall he once again he got the club his tailer's bill two days after he got the clothes.