CITY SUPPLIES MAY BE CHEAPER.

Must Now Be Subjected to Competition.

MAYOR EXERCISES THE VETO.

NUMEROUS PRINTING BILLS ARE DISAPPROVED.

The "Chronicle's" Expose of Street Contracts Causes an Investigation.

The expose of Street Superintendent Ambrose's violation of the law prohibiting the letting of contracts for public bids without competition, published exclusively in the "Chronicle," has not only prevented the payment of the $2500 worth of bills illegally contracted by Ambrose, but has evidently aroused Mayor Phelan to the necessity of being more careful in his official acts and to disapprove bills which he knows have been improperly created.

The Mayor has commenced this work of reform by vetoing a number of printing bills for supplies furnished without bids or competition of any kind. This is followed up with another veto of a resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors authorizing the Street Superintendent to enter into a private contract for doing certain street work in front of a school lot.

The Mayor promises to continue his investigation and the bills of every department in excess of $100 in amount that are for goods purchased without bids or competition he will reject. This means that the supplies for the city will be purchased cheaper hereafter, the business going to the lowest bidder and not to favored friends of the various committees of the Board of Supervisors.

Mayor Phelan's veto in connection with the printing bills, addressed to the Board, is as follows:

Gentlemen—I herewith return to you demand on the treasury in favor of Phillips & Smyth for printing, amounting to $287, without my approval. The bill is as follows:

150 copies schedules for Fire Department supplies, consisting of 22 pages and cover and binding	$154
Resetting and reprinting 14 pages after work was completed	91
Extra changes from original copy after proofs were submitted, 84 hours at 50 cents	42
Total	$287

This is clearly a bill for printing. I also hold that all requisitions for books, blanks and stationery must be considered as printing within the meaning of the law. The only authority the Board has for ordering such work is contained in section 9 of an act of the Legislature approved May 17, 1861, and section 69 of the consolidation act. Section 9 of the act of May 17, 1861, requires that all requisitions for stationery, etc., be made by the city officers upon the Supervisors, who shall order the cost of the same paid out of the special fee fund; and section 69 of the consolidation act says that all contracts for printing to be done for the said city and county must be given by the Board of Supervisors to the lowest bidder offering adequate security, after due public notice. Therefore the Board, having failed to invite proposals for public printing, as required by law, the demands do not constitute a valid claim against the city and county, and hence cannot be allowed.

I recommend that the clerk classify the printing for the fiscal year according to the requirements of the several departments, and that proposals be invited for the same.

I have not been unmindful of the equitable rights of the contractors, but my public duty requires that this stand be taken. It can be done now, at the beginning of the fiscal year, with less hardship to the printers, who might be unwittingly led into large and illegal contracts, and also with less inconvenience to public officers than at any other time.

The principal regret in taking this necessary course, as pointed out by the law, is that the Supervisors are obliged to advertise in three daily papers, which constitutes a considerable item of expense and is entirely unnecessary. The official paper which does the advertising of the city free should be alone sufficient. As there are six daily papers, however, I recommend that proposals for the printing of the advertisement for these supplies be also invited, which would seem to be the logical requirement of the law.

The Mayor also returns without his approval and for the same reasons the following demands on the Treasury, all representing printing supplies:

Phillips & Smyth	$149 00
Phillips & Smyth	103 70
Phillips & Smyth	205 50
Phillips & Smyth	420 00
H. S. Crocker Company	209 20
H. S. Crocker Company	140 20
J. B. McIntyre	136 50
J. B. McIntyre	216 35
J. B. McIntyre	475 25

The Mayor accompanies his veto of a resolution to do street work without open competition with the following message:

Gentlemen: I herewith return to you without my approval resolution 16,914, providing for street work in front of a school lot. The reasons for my objection are as follows:

The case of the Santa Cruz Rock Pavement Company vs. William Broderick, 112 Cal., holds that the Board of Supervisors have no power to do street work without first having invited bids or proposals and awarded the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, as provided in the so-called Vrooman act.

This is a resolution directing the Superintendent of Streets to enter into a contract on behalf of the city of San Francisco, without inviting such competition as required by law. The object of the statute is clear—to protect the city as well as the property-owner, by giving it the benefit of open competition. It is true that this practice of letting private contracts has been sanctioned by custom, and that there is a tradition in the Street Department that such contracts, when not in excess of $500, are authorized by law, but I believe it is in the interest of business methods and economy, as well as the enforcement of the law, to change the custom.

You may judge the importance of this action by perusing the report of the Superintendent of Streets, as published in the daily press, which shows that the amount

Expended for contract work in front of city property in the last fiscal year was	$13,230
Contract work in front of parks and squares	26,771
Contract work improving parks and squares	7,395
Contract work let by Superintendent of Streets	15,230
Total	$67,655

The contract work let by the Board of Supervisors in accordance with law, according to this report, amounts to $27,501.

These figures are subject to revision and correction by the Superintendent of Streets. His report is not yet ready, nor can he advise me now what part of the above work is strictly public contract.

The result of strict compliance with the law will be a reduction of cost to the city and the opening of new work to competitive bidders, now excluded. The new policy, if pursued from the beginning of the fiscal year, will not deprive any contractor of his equitable rights.

In vetoing the resolution of the Board appointing Joseph J. Dunne assistant counsel to the District Attorney at a salary of $250 a month, the Mayor says:

Gentlemen: I herewith return to you, without my approval, resolution 16,922, providing for the appointment of assistant counsel to the District Attorney, at a compensation of $250 per month. The reasons for my objection to the creation of this office, from which it will appear that there is no authority in the Board to make the appointment, are as follows:

First, in the case of Modoc county vs. Spencer & Raker, 103 Cal., page 498, decided in 1894, the Supreme Court held that "boards of supervisors are creatures of the statute, and the authority for any act on their part must be sought in the statute"; that "under the county government act, boards of supervisors have no power to employ counsel on behalf of the county to prosecute or assist in the prosecution of criminal cases, prosecuted in the name and on behalf of the people of the State"; and that the "allowance by the Board of Supervisors to attorneys for assisting in the prosecution of criminal cases is void, and creates no legal claim against the county." The Court also says that the county has no concern in the prosecution of criminal cases, and that if the District Attorney needs assistance he must call on the Attorney-General, under Section 470 of the Political Code.

Second, there is no necessity for the appointment. My previous communications to the Board on this subject, under dates of March 6th, April 9th and April 24, 1897, showed that the District Attorney is entitled, under the act of March 2, 1891, to three deputies, a chief clerk and two assistant clerks, which now compose his statutory staff, and are sufficient for the work of his office; and further, that there are four prosecuting attorneys, with as many assistants, in the police courts, which force is sufficient, according to the facts already laid before you, to attend to criminal prosecutions in both the Superior and the Police courts.

STOLE THE FERRIS WHEEL MACHINERY.

Two Youthful Burglars Perpetrate a Daring Daylight Robbery.

James and Richard Richardson, aged 20 and 17 years respectively, were yesterday arrested by Officer C. P. Schaefer and charged with burglary. They are said to have stolen over $300 worth of the machinery used to drive the Ferris wheel at the Cliff House, and are supposed to be responsible for a number of petty thefts in the same neighborhood.

The boys are professional junk peddlers and not unknown to the police. About ten days ago they drove out in their wagon to the Cliff House and, under cover of darkness, managed to strip the engine-house of the Ferris wheel of nearly everything in the way of machinery that was loose or could be loosened and was not too heavy for the pair to handle. The bolts and bars and rods and taps were all placed in sacks and loaded on to the wagon. Since then they have been busy disposing of their booty among the junk shops along the water front.

When the robbery was discovered and reported to the police Officer Schaefer was detailed to make an investigation. Yesterday a small boy approached him and told him that if he was looking for the boys who had stolen the machinery from the Cliff House he could point them out. After considerable hunting around this was done and the two youthful burglars were lodged in the City Prison.

Much of the stolen property was disposed of, but enough remained in the possession of the pair to make a conviction very probable. The police have most of the stuff located and hope to be able to restore all of it to its rightful owner in a few days.

REDUCED RATES TO TEXAS.

Canned Goods, Beans and California Wine Are Affected.

The Southern Pacific Company announced a reduction yesterday in its rates on canned goods, beans and wine from California to points in Texas. The reduction, it is explained, is made necessary by reason of the rate war now in progress between the Mallory line of steamships, plying between Galveston and New York, and the Lone Star line, plying between the same ports. It has been possible lately with a rate of 50 cents per 100 pounds between California and New York over the Southern Pacific for shippers to send goods destined to Galveston and Houston all the way to New York via the Southern Pacific and reship to Texas via the steamers of the rival lines for less than the 75 cents, the rate now in effect between here and the points named in Texas.

To prevent this the Southern Pacific Company has found it necessary to reduce its rates to Texas. Canned goods, beans and California wine in wood will hereafter take a rate of 55 cents per 100 pounds to Galveston and 58 cents to Houston. These rates apply only to carloads. The reductions are published to take effect on the 12th inst.

New Mining Companies.

The El Paso Mining and Exploration Company filed articles of incorporation with the County Clerk yesterday. The capital stock is $500,000, of which $300,000 has been subscribed by the following directors: Edward Bind, L. Scheuch, A. O. Thulin, Henning Berg and Fred T. Larsen.

The Gambetta Mining and Milling Company has been incorporated by John J. Meyers, E. J. Leonard, H. W. Mathews, Walter Mills and A. B. Bennison. The capital stock is $300,000, of which $25 has been subscribed.

The Indian Creek Mining Company was incorporated yesterday by Robert C. Hall, George W. Hall, Hippolyte Dunergey, William H. Radford and Henry M. Hall. The capital stock is $60,000, of which $19,500 has been subscribed.

Ward Case Continued.

The case of W. Russell Ward, charged with adultery, was on the calendar of Judge Cook's court yesterday for arraignment. Ward was not present and a clerk from Attorney McEnerney's office requested that the case be continued one week. Judge Cook granted the continuance after announcing that Ward must be present at all future proceedings.

Sarah Farwell's Will.

The will of Sarah K. Farwell, filed for probate yesterday, disposed of an estate valued at $10,000. She bequeathed real estate in Stellacoom, Wash., valued at $2000, to her sons, Daniel M. Gove and Joseph A. Farwell. The residue is left in equal shares to her daughters, Laura and Susie C. Farwell.

Be sure and read the announcement of the "Chronicle" California Reference Contest in this issue. Besides a handsomely bound set of The Century Dictionary and Cyclopedia, $250 in gold are offered as prizes.

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CHALMERS CAPTURES THE BILL OF HEALTH.

BESTS HIS FEDERAL RIVAL.

BOARDS THE CASTLE AND THE GALATEA.

He Asserts State Quarantine Authority and Opens the Battle.

The first brush between the State and Federal quarantine authorities since the order of the Treasury Department requiring masters of vessels to deliver both copies of their ship's bill of health to the customs officials occurred late Friday afternoon.

Dr. Chalmers, the State quarantine officer, met the British ship Galatea, 140 days out from Hamburg, Captain Kianfouth, and the American barkentine S. N. Castle, twenty days out from Honolulu, Captain Hubbard, ahead of the Federal quarantine officer, Dr. Rosenau. Of course the masters of the vessels had not heard of the new order of things, and each delivered a copy of his bill of health to Dr. Chalmers, according to the old custom.

When the Federal quarantine officer came aboard later and informed them of the new order, the masters were filled with consternation. Having parted with one copy of their bill of health, they could not comply with the order requiring both to be delivered to the customs officials. Dr. Rosenau would not let them bring their vessels to the dock until they did comply with it, and the two vessels were anchored in the stream for several hours. The consignees of the vessels tried to get Dr. Rosenau to waive the strict enforcement of the order in this case or to allow them to dock and give them until Monday to negotiate with Dr. Chalmers for the return of the copy given him. After consulting with the Collector, Dr. Rosenau decided to let the vessels dock.

"A master of a vessel," said Collector Jackson, "cannot be charged with notice, while on the high seas, of what occurs on the land. As the captains could not possibly know about this order, there is no reason why it should be enforced against them unreasonably. Dr. Chalmers got to the vessels first and secured their papers. He is welcome to any advantage such a temporary victory can give him. But it will not prevent the Federal authorities from assuming complete control of quarantine matters. I should think the State would be willing to be relieved of the expense of maintaining quarantine at this port."

Dr. Chalmers and the members of the Board of Health by no means think that this action of the Treasury Department puts an end to their quarantine jurisdiction. A consultation was held yesterday afternoon at the office of the Board of Health between Drs. Williamson, Morse and Chalmers. It was decided that there was no other course for the Board and the quarantine officer to take under the statutes of California and their oaths of office than to enforce the law. This requires an inspection of the bill of health by the State Quarantine Officer. If masters of vessels refuse to deliver to the State Quarantine Officer the bill of health for inspection, or otherwise decline to comply with the law, a permit to land will be refused. A regular meeting of the Board of Health will be held Wednesday evening, at which this matter will be discussed. The attorney of the Board, Garrett McEnerney, has been asked for an opinion in the matter.

Dr. Chalmers says this quarantine question has been fought out at nearly every one of the principal ports of the country, and has been won by the State every time. The quarantine regulations at New York and New Orleans are under the control of the States of New York and Louisiana. The State, he claims, in the exercise of its functions for the preservation of the public health, cannot turn over the important matter of quarantine to any other jurisdiction. The city of San Francisco and the State of California are more directly and vitally interested than any one else, and the protection of their interests is united in the present organization of the Board of Health, by whom quarantine matters are conducted.

BISHOP SCANNELL OF OMAHA.

He Is in San Francisco on a Pleasure Outing.

Among the guests at the Palace is Right Rev. Richard Scannell, Catholic Bishop of Omaha, who is here on a pleasure trip, accompanied by Rev. Father E. W. Fowler of Sioux City. Bishop Scannell has come West, he says, to enjoy a brief respite from the torrid heat now prevailing throughout Nebraska, but expects to limit his stay in San Francisco. He will leave in a few days for Portland and the other cities of the Pacific Northwest, and after spending some days there will return to Omaha. He said yesterday he is more than delighted with what he has seen thus far of California scenery and climate, particularly in view of the fact that he has just emerged from an extremely hot and necessarily disagreeable section of the country.

Bishop Scannell has had charge of the Omaha diocese, which includes all of Nebraska north of the Platte, for the past seven years. He is strikingly handsome and intellectual looking, and has a manner of address that is winning and attractive to all with whom he comes in contact. It is said of him that every member of the church within his diocese regards him as a personal friend.

Fairmount Improvement Club.

Resolutions in favor of a park and zoo for the Mission were adopted at the meeting of the Fairmount Improvement Club last evening. It was decided to hold a mass meeting next Saturday evening to arouse the people of the Mission to the importance of having a large park in that district. Action on the grading of Chenery street was postponed until the electric road shall have laid its new rails. The committee appointed to secure a bridge at the crossing of Miguel and Thirty-fourth streets reported that the Supervisors favored the improvement.

John L. McLaughlin spoke in favor of securing improvemnts for the Mission, even if the dollar limit had to be exceeded.

He Knows the Holy Land.

Selah Merrill, LL. D., of Andover, Mass., is visiting his sisters, Mrs. Henry Wetherbee and Mrs. Farnham of Fruitvale, Alameda county. Mr. Merrill is the highest living authority on Palestine. For two years he was chief officer of the American Palestine Exploration Society and he has made Palestine the study of his life. He was for eight years United States Consul at Jerusalem, and has done much exploring in the country east of the Jordan. His archaeological discoveries have made him famous in England and Germany, as well as in this country. He has made the largest collection of birds, animals, coins, costumes, farming implements, weapons and household utensils belonging to the Holy Land that has ever yet been made. He has taken several thousand photographs, and few men are his equal in a knowledge of all that pertains to the history, resources and present conditions of that land.

Mr. Merrill has given no lectures during his present visit except a popular one before the Ebell Society in Oakland. In 1898, in the spring, he will personally conduct a small party through the land with which he is so familiar.

EMPLOYMENT AGENCY IN TROUBLE

Adele Schwark Claims to Have Been Swindled.

A warrant was issued yesterday by Judge Joachimsen for the arrest of W. C. Martin, an employment agent doing business as Martin & Co. at 749 Market street, on a charge of petit larceny by trick, fraud and device. The complaining witness, Miss Adele Schwark, alleges that on August 4th she went to the agency in search of a position. Upon the representation that a position as waitress with the California Bakery, Oakland, had been secured for her, she says she paid the defendant $2.

She crossed the bay only to find that there was no such vacancy, and, she further alleges, that the bakery people stated that they had no business whatever with the employment agency of Martin. Martin was arrested and immediately released on his own recognizance.

OUTLOOK FOR THE FISTIC INDUSTRY.

These Are Worrisome Days for the Followers of Pugilism.

With that Sharkey-Maher mythical purse of $20,000 in the air, the probability that the Choynski-Jeffries contest will have to be postponed, the presence of the Supervisorial finger in the pugilistic pie, and the imminence of the Green-Walcott match, the sporting brain has plenty to consider. How it will all end remains to be seen, just like the proposed Nevada carnival. Apropos that event, Tom O'Rourke and "Parson" Davies have practically formed a partnership and may have a fistic revel that will dazzle the Brady person. They control the men Brady needs, unless he has secured Corbett and Fitzsimmons for another contest. O'Rourke has Dixon, Everhardt and Walcott, and Davies has Choynski and Barry. O'Rourke said yesterday that Davies wired him a request to join the "Parson" in getting up a carnival, and O'Rourke has replied that he was willing to act with Davies in the proposition. Dan Stuart says he will not do anything toward giving a carnival in Nevada until next spring.

The next local fight will take place between Tom Ball, the sailor, who has a record of thirty-four battles in this country, England and Australia, of which he lost but three, and Henry Baker, the Chicago heavy-weight, who has pleased the San Francisco audiences with his slugging powers on two or three occasions. A heavy-hitting match is expected. The fight will come off next Wednesday night at Woodward's Pavilion. Lon Agnew, another Chicago man, who is a local favorite, will meet Dick Case, who has made a fine record throughout the North as a heavy hitter for his class. He has put out several men in short order recently. Billy Armstrong and Jimmy Whelan will slug for fifteen rounds, and three lively fights, with heavy, continuous work, is expected to be the style of the entertainment the St. George Club will offer.

Tom O'Rourke has cabled Felix, the big colored fighter, who has become champion of Australia, that he will be given a good chance to meet Bob Armstrong in this city or in the East.

"Scaldy" Bill Quinn, the colored fighter, of Philadelphia, has arrived from the East.

Opened Another's Letter.

F. W. Spencer, a music dealer at 933 Market street, was charged yesterday, in a complaint filed with Commissioner Heacock, with opening a letter addressed to G. T. Ross. Spencer and Ross are both directors in a corporation, and differences as to policy arose between them, it is said. According to the complaint, which was sworn to by Ross, Spencer saw a letter on Ross' desk, and, picking it up, was about to open it when a clerk called his attention to the fact that it was addressed to Ross. Spencer said that made no difference; he would open it any way.

Held for Grand Larceny.

Anile Conor was yesterday held by Judge Joachimsen to answer before the Superior Court to a charge of grand larceny. His bail was fixed at $2000. On the afternoon of August 3d he snatched a pocketbook containing $90 from Mrs. Ellen Key Messersmith, on the corner of Stockton and Ellis streets.

PERSONAL NOTES.

W. R. Harris of the Navy is a guest at the Occidental.

R. J. Davis of Hawthorne, Neb., is registered at the Palace.

Rev. Daniel G. MacKinnon of Stockton is at the Occidental.

Dr. A. B. Talbot of Philadelphia is registered at the Palace.

Superior Judge N. O. Bradley of Visalia is a guest at the Lick.

Edwin Dinkelspiel, a newspaper man of Suisun, is at the Grand.

Dr. E. G. Case of Ukiah is spending a few days at the Baldwin.

J. C. Steele, a prominent dairyman of Pescadero, is at the Russ.

J. J. Cronan of Denver is here on a business trip and is at the Palace.

Dr. C. E. Reed of Petaluma has apartments at the Grand with his wife.

State Senator E. C. Hart of Sacramento is making a brief stay at the Grand.

J. Haslacher, a leading merchant of Oakdale, is at the Palace for a brief stay.

Garrison Turner, president of the Modesto Grange Company, is at the Grand.

Miles Wallace is down from the Yosemite valley and is staying at the Grand.

Dr. A. M. Gall of Jackson, Amador county, has apartments at the Grand with his wife.

James F. Dennis, a lawyer of Reno, is in town for a few days and is a guest at the Palace.

George S. Nixon, president of the First National Bank of Reno, is at the Palace for a few days.

G. S. McNeill and W. H. Barry, prominent business men of Chicago, are guests at the Palace.

Charles C. Derby, who is connected with the quicksilver mines at New Almaden, is at the Occidental.

E. B. Wood, a business man of Modesto, is here en route to the Klondyke. He is a guest at the Russ.

William Stephen, a business man of Redding, is registered at the Russ. He is here on a business trip.

John T. Sullivan, proprietor of the Sea Beach Hotel at Santa Cruz, is among the arrivals at the Baldwin.

Rev. William H. Stoy, an Episcopal clergyman of Marysville, registered yesterday at the Occidental.

J. D. Ludwig, a mining man of Mount Bullion, Mariposa county, is in the city for a few days and is at the Grand.

J. F. Chiles, who is extensively interested in the cattle business at Davis, is here for a brief stay and is a guest at the Lick.

J. A. Muir, superintendent of the Southern Pacific Company at Los Angeles, is here for a brief stay and is a guest at the Palace.

A party of Humboldt county people are here en route to Dawson. The party includes Ray Davidson, E. A. Hamner, G. L. McCoy, H. Lyter, T. E. Woolbridge, W. E. McDonough, A. A. McNulty and J. W. Hamner. They expect to leave here to-morrow. All are guests at the Russ.

Have you seen her? Don't miss her. Go get her, "De Nigger Wid de Golden Hair," at all music stores or at publisher's, 516 Geary. •

SAYS HE WAS ROBBED AT THE "SPIDER'S."

MILLER'S STRANGE STORY.

CLAIMS HE WAS HELD UP BY THREE MEN.

The Pugilistic Proprietors Deny the Story to the Police.

M. A. Miller, a recent arrival from the East, complained to the police last night that he was held up and robbed in a saloon at Mason and Eddy streets early yesterday morning. The saloon is conducted by "Spider" Kelly and "Dal" Hawkins, the prize-fighters.

According to Miller's story, he arrived here last Friday afternoon from the East, and with several friends started out to "see the sights." Shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday morning he separated from his friends and went to the saloon kept by Kelly and Hawkins. There were four men in the place, he claims, and after introducing himself he asked the strangers to have a drink.

Miller says that he displayed his purse containing $30. After paying for the drinks he started to leave. As he reached the door, he alleges, three of the men seized him, and while two of them pinioned his arms to his sides the third stole his purse and a valuable penknife. He was then thrown into the street and told not to report the occurrence to the police, under penalty of being made a subject for the Coroner.

As Miller is positive that he can identify the men Captain Bohen detailed Policemen Gibson and Graham to investigate his story, and, if found to be true, to arrest the alleged robbers.

The proprietors of the saloon emphatically deny that Miller was robbed. They say he visited their saloon much the worse for liquor and after having a drink, left.

Charles F. Larabee, a young man, has also complained to the police of being robbed in the Dome saloon at Market street and Park avenue. He says he visited the saloon last Friday night and fell asleep in a chair. When he awoke several hours later he missed a valuable diamond ring which he had on his finger and $8 in silver. Before falling asleep he claims he saw two men standing near him, and he believes that they stole his valuables.

Larabee has furnished the police with a description of the men and efforts are being made to apprehend them.

THEIR FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

Commercial Travelers Make Merry With Wine and Song.

The San Francisco Commercial Travelers' Association celebrated the first anniversary of its birthday last night in the Alcazar building, a large number of members and their friends being in attendance. A literary and musical programme was rendered by some talented performers, during which the travelers and their guests were gathered at banquet, and for several hours speech and song and feast and wine held full sway.

President Emmett Dunn was master of ceremonies. The toasts and those responding to them were: "The Association," J. Mosserop; "The Ladies," George Savage; "Future Prosperity," H. Raesler; "The Bacchanalian Deity," James Merschand.

When the good things of the table had been devastated the party adjourned to the large hall, where dancing was had until a late hour. The following committee had charge of the arrangements of the night of festivity: F. A. Griffing (chairman), J. P. Scheele, I. Carcass, James Merschand, J. Evarts and C. Tarrant.

THE PEOPLE'S PARTY.

County Committee Preparing for the Coming Campaign.

A meeting of the County Committee of the People's party was held last night at 915½ Market street, U. A. Lewis presiding. Amendments to the by-laws of the committee were discussed. An amendment to make the County Committee consist of not more than 140 members from the fifteen districts of the city, this committee to choose 100 additional men to constitute the delegates at large, who were to have in charge the supervision of work in the various districts, was lost.

The report of Secretary Carlton Johnson mentioned the flourishing condition of the committee's finances, and spoke hopefully of the outlook of the party for the future campaign.

All Are Easily Developed.

It matters not how complicated the "Chronicle's" patterns may seem in the cuts, they are as easily handled as the most unpretentious garment. Each one is furnished with complete directions for putting together. Notches are so frequent along the seams that the greenest novice in dressmaking could not if she tried get one of those ugly bulges that stamp a home-made garment, and badly at that.

There is not the slightest need for any one to look anything but trim and well dressed. In addition to that, all sorts of suggestions are made to facilitate the selection of materials and the combinations of stuffs that will be the most becoming and best suited to the particular style. In this way the "Chronicle's" patrons have the benefit of the knowledge of the greatest modistes.

The pattern presented to-day of the jacket cape is one of those that looks mysterious because of elaborate trimming. The general rule for the "Chronicle" pattern holds good in this case. It is a mode easily developed and one that combines style and comfort. A nightgown as pretty as it is easy to handle is given in No. 7099. As it is for misses as well as for ladies, the sizes run from twenty-eight inches breast measurement to forty inches. There are no troublesome insertions to handle, no fussy tucks to make, no complicated fitting to annoy. The style is simply effective and requires but neck, wrist and jabot ruffles for trimming. In review is given the shirt waist that holds its own in spite of all the season's variations. It is the plain, full front and the yoke back.

All these patterns are to be had at the San Francisco office of the "Chronicle" and at the Oakland branch, corner of Broadway and Ninth street. Send mail orders to the San Francisco office.

"Keely" Murphy Again in Trouble.

A warrant was issued yesterday by Judge Joachimsen for the arrest of Cornelius Murphy on the charge of having threatened to kill Thomas Timmins, a politician with whom he has had trouble before. Murphy, according to Timmins, has been gunning for him for some time, and he is getting afraid that some day, unless restrained by law, he will make up his mind to shoot.

Demands Separate Support.

Artemisa Beban brought suit yesterday to compel her husband, Lewis B. Beban, to contribute $75 a month toward the support of herself and minor child.

The parties intermarried September 11, 1892, and the defendant is said to have abandoned his wife and child on February 15th last. Beban is in the employ of the Government as a deputy customs inspector and receives a salary of $125 a month.

BUSINESS OF J. J. O'BRIEN.

It Will Be Continued by the Brother and the Widow.

At a recent meeting of the creditors of J. J. O'Brien & Co. an agreement was arrived at by which the creditors will allow the firm a discount of 40 per cent on its indebtedness, accepting 60 per cent in settlement of all liabilities, taking the notes of the firm as security. James H. O'Brien, brother of the deceased member of the firm, and the widow will conduct the business in the future. The stock of the firm is in an exceptionally good condition and has been increased in value 15 per cent by the passage of the Dingley bill. But the firm does not propose to take advantage of this, and in order to clear up the indebtedness as quickly as possible will offer the stock for sale at cost price.

The Eastern creditors have already signified their willingness to accept 75 per cent without security, and no doubt will readily accede to the new terms.

PLENTY OF SPORT FOR THE ANGLERS.

Salmon, Mackerel and Bass Are Plentiful in Monterey Bay.

Good fishing reports are at hand from many sections. The salmon fishing at Monterey is just now in its prime. The fishing is good within 200 or 300 feet of the wharf, where the water is quiet and anglers run no danger of becoming seasick.

Mackerel and sea bass are also plentiful in the bay, and sport is given variety from the presence of a goodly number of barracuda and yellowtail. Trout fishing is also good in the vicinity of Monterey.

Fly fishing at Lake Webber is practically over until September. At Lake Tahoe fish are still to be caught by trolling. The Truckee river is good, with room for improvement. The fish seem capricious as to feeding, and anglers meet with varying success.

The Yuba will hardly yield high-class sport during the remainder of this season.

Black bass are still plentiful in Russian river. Quite a number of fish caught during the season have weighed over three pounds.

San Andreas lake yielded several nice baskets of trout last Sunday. The bass in the lake, however, are not biting well. Anglers had resort last Sunday to fly, spoon, minnow and bait, but met with no success.

Present indications point to a splendid fall season on Eel river, in Humboldt county. The run of fish promises to be early.

Smelt are still running in the bay in large numbers. Big catches have been made during the past week.

News of the Bangtails.

On account of not having pedigrees of the length required by the Jockey Club, the California horses Dunboy and Barney Schreiber will be debarred from running.

The Grass Valley meeting opens on August 16th and holds for a week, and there will be over a hundred running horses participate. Harry Lowden will manage the affair. It is said that the attendance reaches 5000 on Miners' Union day, when the mines close down for the occasion.

Old Sandowne was recently bought by W. B. Sink for a fifty-dollar bill, and last week he spread-eagled his field in a race at the Acqueduct track. When Sink bought Sandowne it was thought that the horse was a hopeless cripple, but the clever trainer, Sam Hildreth, has worked wonders with him, in which line he is certainly without a peer.

Eugene Leigh's Arezzo was cut down in a race at Chicago recently.

Ed Corrigan will take all of his horses to the Detroit meeting, which commences on the 10th inst.

Tommy Griffin bought Souffle for $1900 at Saratoga on the opening day from Dan O'Brien, who had just bid in the mare in a selling race.

An Alumni Organization.

The alumni of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, a national college organization residing in San Francisco and vicinity, met last evening and organized the San Francisco Alumni Association. Most of the large colleges of the United States were represented, including Ann Arbor, Cornell, Columbia, Pennsylvania, Ohio State University and Leland Stanford.

Good Samaritan Mission.

At the Cathedral Mission of the Good Samaritan the Rev. Edward Morgan, the new assistant, will preach to-day. The offertory, "Oh, Trust in the Lord," by Spigelli, will be sung by Mrs. Noble, late soprano of Grace Church.

The "Chronicle" California Reference Contest announcement appears elsewhere in this issue. Don't fail to read it, as you are sure to become interested in it.

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