

THE EMPORIUM'S HOUSEWARMING.

A Big Battalion of Police Kept the Crowd on the Move.

BABIES WERE CHECKED JUST FOR FUN.

A Newsy Struck a Windfall by Being the First to Enter the Store.

PRESENTED WITH AN ENTIRE NEW OUTFIT.

To-morrow the Business Career Begins and San Francisco Possesses the First Store in the Land.

For an hour before they were opened yesterday afternoon the crowd gathered and increased about the doors of the Emporium, until it became a crush not a little alarming.

But on the contrary, as the first of the invited public to enter the big store Manager Harper saw in the lad his especial guest of honor.

Two hours after that a free delivery carriage, wearing the coat of arms of the Emporium, drove up to the door of Mrs. Donovan's humble home.

Mrs. Donovan held up her two hands in amazement and then turned him round and round, almost refusing to believe.

The boy had been rigged out up and down and through new underclothes, new shirt, new socks and collars



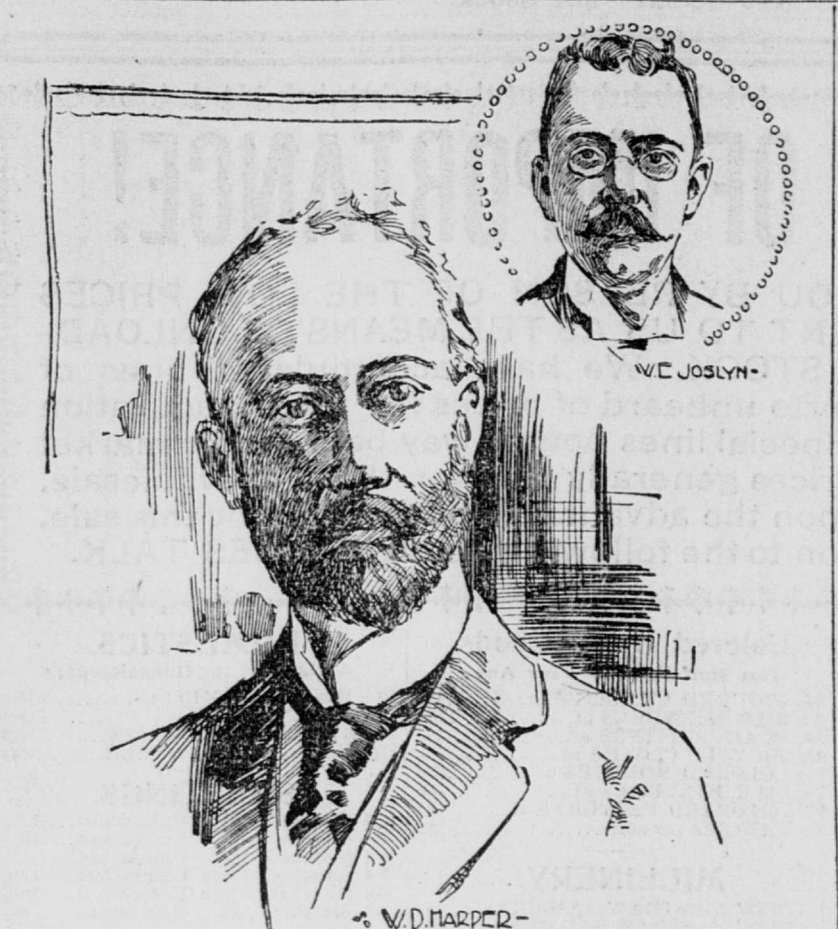
The Man for Whom the Emergency Hospital Was Provided and Who Disappointed the Doctors.

and cuffs and cap and shoes and pants and roundabout. The big barber-shop on the mezzanine floor, the razors and scissors of which were not to know employment until to-morrow, had been opened for the rehabilitation of the mascot and he was now presented to his mother enjoying with all these other things the changed conditions of a new haircut and shampoo.

All this took some hours longer than it takes to relate it, and in the meantime the populace, released, had been trooping through the streets and avenues of the great building; the Emporium orchestra, responding to the wave of John Marquardt's baton, had been filling the place with music; department clerks had been answering 1,000,000 or 8,000,000 questions; Chief McCarthy, with a company of twenty policemen, had been directing the multitude how to find its way without confusion from department to department.



Chief McCarthy Stood in the Breach and Restrained the Throng.



W. D. Harper, General Manager, and W. E. Joslyn, Advertising Manager and Secretary to the Board of Directors of the Emporium.

lyn, "we won't do a thing." In other words, it is with such that dream of the woman shopper, the bargain counter, is to be inaugurated in the big store on the very first day.

To-morrow, then, will be put in actual operation all the resources of the finest store on earth. To-morrow women may go here, leaving their babies meanwhile in the care of experienced nurses in the nursery, taking a check that will enable them to be singled out in a crowd upon an instant's notice, no matter how much they may resemble the other babies.

In a word San Francisco will find itself in possession to-morrow of a department store that is in advance of anything in the world in that line. Under this roof every want may be supplied. There are sixty-one great stores in one, all arranged with the greatest accommodations for writing.

The pneumatic-tubes had been firing its empty boxes to and from all parts of the building for the mere entertainment of the people, women had been checking their babies in the nursery for the novelty of the thing, and the doctor and his assistants had been waiting in the emergency hospital for the maimed and battered victims of the great crush that, happily, did not put in an appearance.

At 5 o'clock the stream of people was checked at the doors and began to flow backward until the big place was empty of guests. For it was arranged that it should be closed, and the clerks and managers and all hands should have a rest and appear timely to make ready for the evening reception.

At 7 o'clock somebody touched a button and 10,000 lamps of the big building ablaze, bringing in the broad light every remote corner. The band began to play again and the throng to fill up the aisles. It is estimated that 50,000 people passed through the building last night. No time could be allowed to stop and examine. The only way the streets were kept free was to keep the crowd moving.

During the evening a number of flashlight photographs were taken of the crowds in the rotunda and the different departments.

It was not the intention of the management, as any business should be done yesterday, but it was decided later that the refreshment department about the bandstand should be opened for the refreshment of the visitors, and a big run was made upon them.

ing display are the great show-windows, containing to-day between \$40,000 and \$50,000 worth of choice merchandise. The feature which attracts the most attention is the reproduction, with appropriate scenery and carefully modeled wax figures, of the famous painting, "The Duel of the Amazons."

"To these," says Secretary Jos-

This style of boiler is recognized by experts as the most economical yet designed. The economy is further increased by the use of the Hoeden system of forced combustion whereby superheated air is used instead of the cold air as is customary.

The electric plant was installed in accordance with designs made by A. E. Brooke Ridley, who is the Pacific Coast agency of the Siemens-Halske Electric Company of Chicago. This plant consists of six direct connected units of 100 kilowatts capacity and two of 35-kilowatts capacity.

The entire building is heated by steam by the "overhead" method, which is the most approved method. The steam is carried from the basement directly to the top story, and thence flows down through the several radiators in the various rooms to the boiler, thus noiselessly and certainly heating the whole building.

Between ten and twelve acres of glass of all kinds is in use in The Emporium building. This quantity is nearly or quite three times as much as is in use in any other building in San Francisco.

The foundation for the building is of necessity massive and substantial. In addition to the retaining walls, which are constructed of concrete, there are a large number of concrete piers which sustain the weight of the body of the building.

The Emporium orchestra will give three concerts a week—Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings—the year round. It will be assisted by Mrs. Alexandra Breitshuck-Marquardt, harp soloist.

The affairs of the Emporium are under the direction of a board of managers composed of Messrs. Cole, M. S. Feder, M. Greenbaum, A. Gruninger, with W. E. Joslyn, an energetic young newspaper man, its secretary. Mr. Joslyn is also the advertising manager.

The first contract closed by Mr. Forest with the Parrott estate called for an expenditure of \$35,000. There are nearly eighty miles of wire all accessible and run through brass and iron armored conduits.

Stand Against Free Silver. COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 23.—In the primary election held this afternoon for a candidate for Congress, the Democrats of this city and county took a decided stand against free silver.

Two Views of the Cherub in the Basement That Turned On the Lights. engine drives two Siemens-Halske dynamos, which latter supply the electric energy for the lights as well as all other machinery used throughout the entire building.

ELOPERS CAUGHT AT LOS ANGELES.

Rev. Henry M. Covert of Brooklyn Surprised by His Wife.

RECLAIMS HER HUSBAND Compels Him to Leave the Rich Woman With Whom He Had Fleed.

PURSUIT ACROSS A CONTINENT She Finds the Couple About to Begin Life Anew in a Costly Mansion.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 23.—A surprising sequel to the elopement of Rev. Henry M. Covert and Mrs. Emma Springer, a wealthy woman of Brooklyn, N. Y., which occurred in March, came to light here to-day. Covert and his wife are now living together again in this city.

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MAY ANCHOR AT SANTA CRUZ. Warships Likely to Be Present During the Venetian Fete. SANTA CRUZ, Cal., May 23.—Director-General Bowman presided over a meeting of citizens who went to the carnival pavilion to-night to hear of the progress of the arrangements for the Venetian Water Carnival, to open in this city on June 17, with a celebration of the anniversary of the battle-ship Oregon.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 23.—The billiard tournament came to an end to-night, Ives winning second money by defeating Schaefer in the final game. The standing of the players was as follows: Garner won three and lost one; Ives won two and lost two; Schaefer won one and lost three. The attendance was smaller than on previous occasions when Ives and Schaefer have crossed cues. The spectators noisily applauded the wizard in different work and hissed while Ives was playing a sure finish. The billiards were below the average for the week. Score: Schaefer, 297, high run 51, average 8.27-30. Ives 500 high run 62, average 16.2-30.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 23.—The secretary of the Navy to-day appointed a court of inquiry to meet at Mare Island Navy-yard, Cal., May 29, to inquire into an allegation that Assistant Paymaster Edwin D. Webster had not made restitution of \$2500 alleged to have been obtained by him as security for his clerk, William J. Tobin.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 23.—Representative Scranton, chairman of the Committee on Territories, to-day favorably reported to the House the bill granting statehood to Oklahoma.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 23.—Colonel Dangerfield Parker, commanding the Eighteenth Regiment of Infantry, U. S. A., was placed on the retired list on account of age to-day.

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NEW TO-DAY.

At Auction! At Auction!

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IMPORTANT REAL ESTATE AUCTION OF Miscellaneous Properties AS PER CATALOGUE, AT SALESROOM, MONDAY, MONDAY, - - - June 8, 1896, AT 12 O'CLOCK M.

Natoma-S. Houses. Nos. 922, 923 1/2 and 924 Natoma street, between Tenth and Eleventh—Three-story frame houses, 6 rooms and bath each, in good condition; rents \$600 per month; lot 10x75; concrete stone sidewalk and coping; iron fencing; street fronted; title insured. California Title Insurance and Trust Company.

Dolores-S. Lot. Vacant lot 25x125, east side of Dolores street; 160 feet north of Twenty-fifth; ready for building; half block from electric cars; fine view.

Refere. Estate of Daniel Mullin, deceased. Golden Gate Ave.—Down Town. Nos. 315-317 Golden Gate avenue, between Hyde and Leavenworth—Two houses of 8 rooms, etc. each; rents \$70; lot 30x125.

Investment on Stevenson St. 457-459 Stevenson st., between Fifth and Sixth—Double house of 6 rooms each, etc.; rents \$34; lot 20x30-70.

French Hospital Property. By order of Board of Directors, S. E. Bryant St., Bet. 5th and 6th. As an Entirety. Improvements consist of 3-story brick building and several smaller buildings; lot 275x275 feet; 100-vara lot; will cut up into 25 large building lots; all other details to be given in the report of manufacturing district.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE FIDELITY AND CASUALTY COMPANY OF NEW YORK, IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK, for the day of December, A. D. 1895, and for the year ending on that day, as made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California, pursuant to the provisions of sections 610 and 611 of the Political Code, condensed as per blank furnished by the Commissioner.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include cash, real estate, and other assets. Liabilities include losses in process of adjustment and other liabilities.

TESTIMONIAL. The Edwin W. Joy Company—GENTLEMEN: I have just completed the second bottle of your Vegetable Sarsaparilla. I have had catarrh for years, which affected my eyes, hearing and stomach. Frequently would have dull headache for days at a time.

BANKRUPTCY A. D. AYRE'S STOCK. Liberty Bicycles. WHEELER & WILSON MFG. CO. 933 Market, Opp. Mason. OPEN EVENINGS.