

REAL ESTATE.

the Half Year Just Ended.

County Properties-Notes of General Interest.

The Omnibus Railroad Company is building a branch down Twenty-fourth street to Potrero avenue, and this fact has already cre-

ated a flutter among Potrero property-owners. Contracts for the Huntington-Hopkins building, on Fremont street, and for the First

National Bank building, on the northwest

corner of Bush and Sansome streets, will be

Extensive and expensive alterations are to e made to the building immediately west of

the Palace Hotel and occupied now as a carpet store. Contracts will be awarded in a few

From a decree of distribution lately filed for

record in the estate of the late Chief Justice

Morrison, it appears that he was an owner in Western Addition blocks 261, 326, 248, 186.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., MONDAY, JULY 2, 1888.

WHOLE NO. 14,183.

REV. DR. MACKENZIE

Welcomed Home from His Vacation

by a Large Congregation.

A BREATH OF COUNTRY AIR.

The Book of Nature and the Book of the

Gospel Twin Sisters, and Meet Us

Hand in Hand Everywhere.

The Rev. Dr. Mackenzie, pastor of the First

Presbyterian Church, returned from his vaca-tion last week and was welcomed by very

large congregations yesterday, both in the morning and evening. For his evening ad-

dress, as he chose to call it, instead of a ser-

mon he took as the text for his remarks Ex-odus xxx. 34, " And the Lord said unto Moses,

take unto thee sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum. These sweet spices with pure frankincense of each shall there be

a like weight, and thou shalt make it a per-

fume, a confection after the art of the ape cary, tempered together pure and holy."

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AMUSEMENTS BUSH-STREET THEATRE. M. B. LEAVITT......Proprietor CHAB. P. HALL......Manager

Commencing This (Monday) Evening July 2d Grand Holiday Matinee, July 4th.

BARRY & FAY The Foremost Exponents of Genteel Irish Comedy. in their Latest and Greatest Success,

McKENNA'S

FLIRTATION!

Popular Prices ! Popular Prices ! ALCAZAR THEATRE.

WALLENROD, OSBOURNE & STOCKWELL GEO. WALLENBOD. Managers This (Monday) Evening July 2d HATE HEREGULAR MATINEE SATURDAY. Extra Matinee, Wednesday......July 4th The Greatest Fun-Makers in the World,

SALSBURY'S

TROUBADOURS MELLIE MCHENRY!

The HUMMING BIRD EVENING 25, 50, 75c. | MATINEE 25, 50c. Next Week- 3 OF A KIND !

NEW BALDWIN THEATRE. Handsomest Theatre in America—Absolutely Safe. Lessee and Proprietor......MR. AL. HAYMAN Acting Manager......MR. ALFRED BOUVIER Last Matinee Saturday.....At Boliday Matinee Wednesday, July 4th. LAST 6 NIGHTS! LAST 6 NIGHTS Denman Thompson's LAST 6 NIGHTS! GREAT SUCCESS, The Old Homestead ! Presented for the past 3 weeks nightly to CROWDED HOUSES! SFECIAL.-Mr. Thompson will not visit any of the INTERIOR TOWNS (except Los Angeles). Next Monday, July 9th......One Week Only. FANNY DAVENPORT IN FEDORA. RENTZ-SANTLEY NOVELTY AND BURLESQUE CO. Newest and Latest Parisian Sensational

ADAM AND EVE Replete with Sensational Features. Hand Costumes, Lovely Women, Beautiful Scene

TOE-BOGGANING! Grand Olio of European and AminG!

EVERYBODY CATCHES THE IDEA."

"WHY ?" -BECAUSE -

Said Pasha! The Most Wonderful Success on Record.

Magnificent Scenery ! Gorgeous Costumes ! Great Star Cast ! Augmented Orchestra and Chorus. Over One Hundred People on the Stage!

PANORAMA OF THE

The Local Market Reviewed for THE BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS. Two Successful Auction Sales Last Week of

<text><text><text><text><text> Land block 847, besides other property in Al-ameda and Fresno counties. The Court has confirmed the sale of the Green property on Market street, known as the "Arcade," opposite the old St. Ignatius College. The French church on Bush street, near Stockton, is to be remodeled. Some ten thous-and or more dollars will be expended on the work

work. The auction sale of Roberts Island lands by Easton, Eldridge & Co. last Saturday was a great success, netting \$101,000. Two thous-and and sixty-eight acres were sold at an average of \$49 per acre. An excursion train of four cars arrived from San Francisco in the morning and the crowd were carried to the Island in a steamboat, where a barbecue and fine lunch had been prepared. In two public sales Easton, Eldridge & Co. have sold \$195,-000 worth of Roberts Island property. The El Verano sale, conducted by Briggs, Fergusson & Co., Saturday last was very largely attended, over \$18.000 worth of lots were sold, many of the purchasers being resi-

largely attended, over \$18.000 worth of lots were sold, many of the purchasers being resi-dents of the Sonoma valley. Acreage property advanced in value from \$100 to \$525, and twenty-five-foot lots from \$65 to \$70. The first choice, block 51, sold at the rate of \$8000. The first lot sold was a corner one. with 61 feet frontage, and brought \$525. An inside lot, 25x140, sold for \$200. Another corner lot, 50x140, sold for \$525. Mrs. Abbie M. Parrott has bought a lot 90x130 on the southwest corner of Davis and Sacramento streets. The price was not made public.

such lots was made along the McAllister, Hayes and Haight-street cables, between Devisadero and Lot street. Land on Mission and Valencia streets has ad-vanced a little, but not very much, during the half year, for the reason that prices there were al-ready high. There is not much property for sale on either street in the Mission district. Lots along or near the Castro-street cable line have been steadily in demand and at good prices. Lots between Folsom and Potrero avenue, and Twentieth and Twenty-sixth—in which region stagmation has ruled since 1868 and 1869—have been sought after lately, and prices are beginning to show some signs, neither excited nor extensive as yet, it is true, of moving upward. Lots in the various homestead tracts be-tween Thirtieth strees and the county line, and near the Mission road are also waking up. They too, for twenty years have been uterly stagnant. The homestead association craze raged there in '68, and '69, and now prices rule at about one-half of the rates which prevailed then. analyset scheet, just east of Rearry, 25x56 feet, for \$80,000.
Among some of the transfers recorded last week were the following:
Brannan, southeast line, 206.3 northeast of Ninth, northeast 103.1¹₂x325, in 100-varas 338 and 341; James Duncan, by executor, to Simon Anspacher et al., for \$12,500.
Haight, north line, 110 east of Octavia, east 27.6x120, in Western Addition 145; Ladoe W. Moore and wife to William P. Harrison for \$14,000.
Jackson, north line, 175 east of Baker, east 25x127.8¹₄, in Western Addition 545; William F. Lewis to William Floyd, for \$6000.

FROM THE ISLANDS.

Fight With a Party of Armed Lepors South Sea Notes.

South Sea Notes. Advices from Honolulu to June 12th were received yesterday by the boat S. G. Wilder. The Act to promote the construction of steam railroads on the Island of Oahu will come before the House for discussion soon.

There is news of a serious encounter be-tween Captain Larsen, Health Officer Rey-nolds and the two police officers with them, on the one hand, and lepers in the mountains of Kauai on the other. Shots were exchanged

A STRANCE DISAPPEARANCE.

The Story of an Eccentric Man Who Died Alone and Unknown.

FOR TWENTY YEARS AN EXILE.

How a New York Merchant Forsook Home and Family and Fortune to Live a Wretched Life in This City.

A LOXELY DEATH. Yesterday morning an aged man, whose name can-not be learned, was found dead in a wretched hovel in the rear of No. ______ Street. The man was of eccentric and solitary habits and had occu-pied the shanty in which he died for a number of years. Nothing of any value nor anything tending to reveal his identity or antecedents was found among the dead man's few personal effects. The body, which is in an advanced stage of decomposi-tion, awaits identification at the Morgue. Prompted by a curiosity to learn. if possible.

Prompted by a curiosity to learn, if possible, something more of the attendant circumstances of an affair behind which there might possibly be a "story," and wondering how a man, the very fact of whose isolation would naturally have made him the more noticeable, naturally have made him the more noticeable, could have sunk his identity and covered up his past so completely, an ALTA reporter visited the spot a day or two later. An in-spection of the barely furnished room, which was the sole apartment of the shanty, dis-closed nothing except that the unspeakable odor of decaying flesh was still heavy in the air. This, probably, was all that had kept the urchins of the densely settled neighbor-

with anyone or to give himself a hame, hethitous or real.
So far the case seemed to be that of a harmless monomaniac, whose hobby was merely the common one of a desire for solitude. The reporter was about to abandon his quest, fully satisfied that there was nothing of interest in the matter, when the merest and most trivial occurrence, as is often the case, revealed what careful and painstaking search had failed to discover. It was a warm afternoon, and the news seeker casually strolled into a little grocery discover. It was a warm afternoon, and the news seeker casually strolled into a little grocery discover. Just as the reporter turned to go the groceryman remarked:
"You was equeer ting apout der olt man's vot vas chust died up on der hill de oder day, an't it?"
"Yes. Do you know anything about him?" was the eager reply.
The groceryman shrugged his ample shoulders, and never known anything of the eccentric man, save that he came in at galar intervals and made a few trifing purchases. One evening, however, just before the shutters had been put up, the old man walked in and sat down in the "sample-room" without a word, burying his face in his hands and sitting perfectly motionless thus for some time. When the saloonkeeper, knowing that he was a mild sort of "crank," asked him what ailed him, the old man's only response was to produce a twinewrapped packet and to say: "Keep this until tome for it. I think I'm going to die. If I do, burn this."
With these words the "crank" walked maked is even the shead been with the old man's only response the the trank dead body was discovered.

was discovered. It does not matter for the purpose of this article how the reporter persuaded the honest German to lay aside his scruples, to dissuade him from his firm intention of burning the

man. As to his family relations, owing to the death of his wife many years ago, and the removal of the children to parts unknown, I can say but little. The manner of Barnard's disappearance as devel-oped by my research is not materially different from that contained in the newspaper elippings, except perhaps in one peculiar feature, which I here give: On Sunday morning, August 17, 1868, Barnard was lying on a sofa in his house at No. 1424 West — th street (of which the second photograph is an excel-lent representation), suffering from what he said was a nervous headache. The weather was already hot, and his wife was bathing his forehead and fianning him. "About 11 o'clock the street door bell rang, and a strange man, who declined to give his name, asked for a private interview with Barnard. Mrs. Barnard withdrew. For some minutes she heard a conversation which was carried on in ordinar; tones. Finally the sound ceased, and a few minutes later Mrs. Barnard entered the room to find it empty. Her husband had left the house, taking with him neither coat nor hat. She never saw or heard of him again. "As to the mysterions writer of the letters at

again. "As to the mysterious writer of the letters ad-dressed M. R. B., I am entirely at a loss what to

think. "The only other circumstances are that I suc-ceeded in ferreting out an old man who was Bar-nard's head clerk at the time of the disappearance. He is in full possession of all his faculties, though a very old man, but when questioned about the affair would only say, 'It wasn't business trouble, and I can't and won't say any more about it.' He, as did several other 'old timers,' recognized the photograph of the corpse. * My investigations, you see, have not added much to the information already in your possession."

RIFLE AND TARGET.

California Schuetzen Club-Hovey and Kuhnle-Shell Mound.

The weather was beautiful at Shell Mound yesterday, and the shooting men seemed to have appreciated it, for they turned out in large numbers. Battery A of the Second Ar-tillery, held their regular monthly medal con-test, the following being the lucky members: Sergeant Darcy 46, Corporal Heller 42, Rus-sell 41, Corporal Wickenhauser 41, Moore 41, Hickey 40, McCauley 40, Folkers 39, Butt

Company B (the City Guards) of the First Infantry also held their monthly shoot, with the following result :

THIRD CLASS. H. Morris......200 yards-4 3 0 3 4 3 3 4 4 3-31

Harbor View was the scene of great activity as the different marksmen rushed to and fro

Italian Church.

The Feast of the Holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, which fell on the 29th ult., was solemnly celebrated yesterday at the Italian Church, on

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NEW RAILROAD TO THE CLIFF.

Thousands of Sight-Seers Ride Over the

Picturesque Ronte. Although the new steam railroad to the Cliff House by the way of California street is not yet in perfect order and the trains were not running on schedule time yesterday, nevertheless, crowds of Sunday pleasure-seekers availed themselves of the chance to ride over the new road and admire the magnificent ma-rine views to be seen from the cars in rounding the curves that lie on the bluffs skirting the ocean from a point on a line with the Golden Gate to the entrance to Sutro Heights above the Cliff House. The day was a beautiful one, but not as clear and free from haze as some that have been had recently. The sky was treached with survey cloud that more a hist of streaked with cirrus clouds that gave a hint of rain. The trains for the park ran regularly every twelve minutes and were crowded all day. Many of those who went out to the Cliff enjoyed a stroll through the beautifully ornamented and well kept grounds of Mr. Sutro, which were thrown open by that gentleman for the pleasure of everyone. Others con-tinued down the hill to the Cliff House, and tinued down the hill to the Cliff House, and amused themselves watching the antics of the seals as they disported near by on the rocks, or drove through the waves and swirling ed-dies in search of their prey, the thousands of small fish on which they fatten. The fisher-men say it is no uncommon thing for them to take salmon and other species of fish in their nets from which a piece has been snapped by the voracious seals. In fact it ap-pears to be the habit of the seal to sample the fish market as he passes along it, much as a thrifty house wife does the fruit market, by taking a nibble here and there. Apropos of the mark made by the seal, how few people notice a monogram over the entrance of the Cliff House, or if they do notice it, stop to think what it means. The seal, how few people notice a monogram over the entrance of the Cliff House, or if they do notice it, stop to think what it means. The letters are L. S., and stand for *Locus Sigilli*, the place of the seal, and are usually to be seen on blank deeds to indicate the proper place to affix the seal. For the sake of variety most of the people continue their walk down to the beach and return to the city by the way of the Park and Ocean Road, and thus get a view of the park on the way home. Thus for one may start from the Oakland ferries, or will be able to in a few days, and make the circuit over the hills, by the handsomest resi-dences, skirting the Presidio Reservation, along the cliffs, through the Sutro Heights, rest awhile at the Cliff House, back through the principal thoroughfares of the city, and by the most important buildings, to the starting point, a distance of at least fiteen miles. The cars are elegant and commodious, and the en-tire service is such as the residents of the city may well feel proud. Who can doubt that the ride and change of scene thus placed within the reach of even the hardest worked and poorest paid of the laboring classes, is a bless-ing that will be appreciated and enjoyed more and more, and will have a beneficial effect on the health and spirits of a very large portion of the community. of the community.

Not many weeks ago there appeared in the daily papers of this city the following local A LONELY DEATH.

air. This, probably, was all that had kept the urchins of the densely settled neighbor-hood from ransacking the place and from carry-ing off everything movable. A tour of the stores and saloons in the vicinity was almost as fruitless of result. Everyone had known who the old man was, by sight, at least, and all agreed that he was not addicted to drink nor any form of dissipation. His peculiarity lay, so far as has neighbors knew, in the fact that he had never been known to venture outside his shanty during daylight, and in his positive refusals to engage in needless conversation with anyone or to give himself a name, ficti-tious or real. So far the case seemed to be that of a harm-less monomaniac, whose hobby was merely the

FIRST CLASS. A. F. Ramm 200 yards-4 5 4 4 5 4 4 4 4 4-42

SECOND CLASS. E. C. Lundquist.200 yards—3 4 3 3 3 3 4 4 3 3—33

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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL.

Solemn Observance of the Feast at the

Dupont street, which is placed under the pat-ronage of these two great champions of Chris-

BATTLES OF VICKSBURG HOURLY LECTURES BY COLONEL J. J. AIKEN, Of the 58th Illinois Corner Mason and Eddy streets. Open daily, from 9 A. M. to 11 P. M.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

Mrs. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used for CHILDREN TEETHING. It SOOTHES THE CHILD. SOFTENS THE GUMS, allays all pain, CURES WIND COLIC, and is the cest remedy for DIARRHGEA. TWENTY-FIVE CENTS A BOTTLE.

Teachers' Reception Concert,

Singers intending to take part in the con cert, which promises to be one of the musical features of the year, are reminded that an extra rehearsal is to be held to night in the extra renearsal is to be held to night in the large hall of the Metropolitan Temple. Those who have not yet been present are requested to attend at 7:30, and to bring a slip of paper with their names, addresses and class of voice, to facilitate the Secretary's work in giving out tickets. It is the desire of the Music Com-mittee that all charms sincere shuld attend uckets. It is the desire of the Music Com-mittee that all chorus singers should attend at least three rehearals, and it is hoped all will make a point of doing so in view of the exceptional privileges granted in the matter of complimentary tackets. In answer to sev-eral inquiries, Mr. McBurney desires it stated that no other complimentary tickets will be issued, as the concert will be confined entirely to members of the Association, admission be-ing by hadre only. ing by badge only.

Paint in the Prison.

The march of improvement in the City Prison has advanced from the reporter's box to the "hole in the wall." In two cells of this delectable suite, the benches have been painted a brilliant green, and the boarded portion in the rear a deep chocolate color. The remain-ing cell is filled with Chinese tan-players, who appear to be perfectly resigned to its present condition.

Sidney Johnson Post.

Not more than a dozen members of Sidney Johnson Post of Confederate Veterans met at their headquarters yesterday to consider the question of parading on the Fourth of July. In view of the small attendance of the mem-bers, and the fact that many of them were too old and infirm to march over the pavements, it was decided not to turn out as a body.

Result of a Bad Sidewalk.

Miguel Lopez, a boy about sixteen years of age, stumbled yesterday afternoon on the socalled sidewalk on Vallejo street, near Stock-ton, and fell, breaking the ulna and radius of his right arm. His family intend to sue the city for not keeping the sidewalk in a passable condition

Hints for Housekeepers.

If you want new, stylish, well-made furniture, be sure and go to the California Furniture Company, Nos. 220-226 Bush street, while the removal sale is taking place. You can get great bargains in every-thing, before removal to Starr King Building, Geary street.

M. Meussdorffer's

Fine assortment of fine and stylish hats can only be appreciated by calling at northeast corner Mont-gomery and Bush streets; Branch, 404 Kearny st.

\$6000. Dupont, west side, 104.6 south of Jackson, south 21x100; east side Dupont, 129 north of Washington, north 29x90; north line Filbert, 137.6 east of Dupont, east 17.24x137.6; Mary J. Chase et al., by referee, to George B. Keane, for \$58,900. During June there were ninety buildings erected, costing \$456,700. For the first six erected, costing \$456,700. For the first six months of the year the number of buildings erected was 491, valued at \$2,867,687. In 1885 for the first six months the record stood: Buildings 754, value \$4,267,375; correspond-ing period in 1886—buildings 691, value \$3,576,583; in 1887—buildings 587, value \$3,783,650. The record for last week shows 20 improvements valued at \$175,200 as 20 improvements, valued at \$175,200, follows

A lot on the southerly line of Market street.

A lot on the southerly line of Market street, between Tenth and Eleventh, has been sold to John R. Hight for, it is reported, \$63,000. The property has a frontage of fifty-two feet and one inch, running back 165 feet to Stevenson street. The purchaser recently sold a lot on Market street, just east of Kearny, 25x56 feet, for \$80,000.

Prospect avenue, junction with Lundy's lane— Five one-story frames, cost \$6000. Prospect avenue, near California avenue—One-story frame; cost \$1500. Scott street, near Waller—Two-story frame; owner, H. H. Stroecker; cost, \$5500. Sutter street, corner Lyon—Two-story frame; owner, Catherine Brady; cost, \$4000. Sccond street, corner Stevenson—Five-story brick building; owner, T. E. Cunningham; cost, \$100,-000. Thirteenth street, near Folsom—Two-story frame;

building; owner, T. E. Cunningham; cost, \$100,-000.
Thirteenth street, near Folsom—Two-story frame; owner, Mary T. Campbell; cost, \$2800.
Broderick, between Eddy and Turk—Frame build-ing: owner, G. Dagenais; cost, \$2400.
Clay, near Montgomery—Additions; cost, \$800.
Jessie, corner of Ecker—Four-story brick; owner, 0. D. Baldwin; cost, \$20,000.
Lyon, between Sutter and Post—One-story frame; owner, C. H. Hildebrand; cost, \$2000.
McAllister, near Gough—Alterations; owner, A.
Gorfinkel; cost, \$3500.
Matoma, between First and Second—Alterations; owner, J. McEnoy; cost, \$1300.
Eighteenth, near Dolores—Two-story frame; owner, Thereas Flood; cost, \$3600.
Grove, corner Taylor—Two-story frame; owner, Frank Deckelmann; cost, \$2300.
Howard, near Eleventh—Two-story frame; owner, E. Hughes; cost, \$5500.
Howard, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth— Threestory frame; owner, Kev. D. C. Crowley; cost, \$14,000.
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In the Real Estate Criterion for June, Mc-Afee Brothers say:

Afee Brothers say: The total recorded sales from May 25th to June 23d, inclusive, number 406 and foot up \$2,081,838, as against 454 sales for the same period in May, which aggregated \$2,879,691. The large apparent decrease in the June business is easily accounted for, however, and is no surprise to those familiar with the market and its usual condition at this time of the year. It so happened that a number of large sales, which were made early in the year, were closed in May, thus swelling the business for a larger amount than was actually involved in that month. During June we, of our own knowledge, can count up nearly \$500,000 in sales made which have not yet been closed; and there are unquestion-holy many more which have been negotiated by the owners of property themselves, and which will only come to light when the deeds pass. June, July and August are always dull months; and it will not be come to light when the deeds pass. June, July and August are always dull months; and it will not be surprising if they are duller this year than usual be-cause of the political excitement attendant upon the coming Presidential contest. The multitudes of people who have already engaged passage for Cali-fornia the coming Fall and Winter, a large portion of whom are bound directly for this city, will un-doubtedly create a healthy demand for real property, both here and throughout the interior; and in fact every indication points to a season of great pros-perity and activity in all lines of business. There is a good demand for residences and residence sites in all parts of the Western Addition. A row of seven houses on Scott street near Waller, which were commenced aboutfive months ago, have been sold within that time, and as many more could have been disposed of if they were forthcom-ing.

The following is from the *Real Estate Circu-*lar of Thomas Magee, reviewing the market for June and the first half of the year.

The real estate sales made in the city during the first half of 1888 were about equal in number and value to those of the previous half year. There were 2752 sales in the last half of 1887, of the value of \$11,512,009, and 2734 sales during the first six months of this year, amounting to \$11,816,800

between the posse and a leper man and woman, after which, fortunately, the pair were captured by strategy. The force had started in pursuit of a party of armed lepers, and news from the expedition will be anxiously awaited. This intelligence is verbal, no writte. account being received.

South Sea Items.

Captain Holland brought news from Jaluit of a report received there, that a white trader of a report received there, that a white trader had been murdered by natives at Mille. Marshall Islands. The place had been all burned up, only a few bones being found in the ashes. There was much excitement over the tragedy at Jaluit, where the supposed victim was known and esteemed, and the Ger-mans were anxiously waiting for the arrival of a warship to go to Mille to investigate the matter.

A Roman Catholic mission is going to be started on the Gilbert Islands. Nuonite is to be its headquarters. Three priests were ex-pected from the Colonies on the first oppor-tunity.

JUMPED THE TRACK.

Accident on the Ferries and Cliff Hou Railroad.

The first serious accident since it has been in operation occurred yesterday on the new Ferries and Cliff House Railroad. Engine 3, with an open car, left at 4 P. M. from the California-street terminus for the Park, the car being crowded with people. On rounding the curve at Seventh avenue the brakes refused curve at Seventh avenue the track, the car duty and the train jumped the track, the car turning over on the bank on the curve at Seventh avenue the brakes retused duty and the train jumped the track, the car-and engine turning over on the bank on the right hand side of the line. The cow-catcher was buried in the bank, as the engine turned over, and the cab was broken. It seems miraculous that the engineer and fireman were not killed. As it was, Engineer George Aldrich and Fireman Joseph Warden had to crawl out through the cab window and re-ceived a few cuts and scratches. There was a scene of wild confusion on the car when it turned over. A rush was made to jump off, and, by doing so, many persons sustained bruises, which, by remaining still, they might have avoided. Further than some slight wounds from flying glass and bruises from the shock, however, no one was injured. The front rail of the car was smashed and also the footboard. Owing to the sudden shock the backs of nine of the rear seats were broken off and all the glass in the car was shattered. The obstruction prevented all travel on the road. Men were at once pus to work to right the engine and car, but up to a late hour last evening this had not been accomplished.

A Picnic Frand.

A bogus society named the German Verien advertised a picnic during last week to be held yesterday at the Seaside Gardens. Among other attractions a number of prizes were offered for the best runner, jumper, etc. Quite a crowd of people were deluded into at tending the picnic and got nothing for their trouble, for the gatekeeper, after taking in all the money that he could get, skipped out and left the picnickers to enjoy themselves as they best could. advertised a picnic during last week to be

First come, first served; the rule at Muller's op tical depot, 135 Montgomery street.

package and to open it then and there. The old newspaper wrapping was speedily torn off. A bundle of letters, two old photographs and a number of clippings from New York paand a number of chippings from New York pa-pers comprised the contents. The letters were without envelopes with the exception of two, which were addressed to "M. R. B., San Fran-cisco, California." These two were post-marked "New York, June S, 1880," and contained messages exactly similar, reading, without date or signature, thus: "Whatevor has been your crime (for you have not said without date or signature, thus: "Whatever has been your crime (for you have not said what it was) you may rest easy in the assur-ance that it is not known here. Why not come back?" The other letters were evidently from a wife to her husband, and were signed only with the pet name "Mysie," and were touching in the devotion and affection breathed in every line. They were mostly undated, bearing only the day of the week, but such of them as were dated covered the year and a half between May 1865 and De-cember 1866. All were evidently written while the parties were only a few miles apart and were together at brief intervals. The pho-tographs provided more of a clue. One was the full-length portrait of a well-dressed, mid-dle-aged man, apparently in perfect health the full-length portrait of a well-dressed, mid-dle-aged man, apparently in perfect health and in comfortable circumstances. The feat-ures were at a glance to be recognized as those of the now swollen and blackened body lying at the moment on the slab in the Morgue. The other photograph was the picture of what looked like a suburban home, well kept and cosy. Both bore the imprint "Dorman Bros.. Photographers, New York." The clippings were yellow and almost worn to pieces where they had been folded, and were simple records of the fact that a well-to-do commission mer-chant of New York had suddenly and unac-countably disappeared, leaving a lucrative count of New York had suddenly and unac-countably disappeared, leaving a lucrative business and a family, consisting of a wife and three children, without a word of explanation. Strangest of all was it that the name of the man who disappeared and his residence had been cut out.

man who disappeared and his residence had been cut out. Letters containing copies of all the letters, of the photographs and the clippings, were im-mediately forwarded to the Inspector of Police in New York City and to "Dorman Brothers, photographers." The former com-munication evoked the brief answer:

In view of the fact that within the past twenty years many hundreds of persons have disappeared from this city without a trace as to their where abouts, it is impossible to learn anything from the vague clues you have forwarded.

The letter to "Dorman Brothers" was re The letter to "Dorman Brothers" was re-turned unopened, with the words "Not known" and "Uncalled for" stamped upon it. A third letter, containing all the information collected, was mailed to a retired journalist, who for many years was the able police re-porter of a leading New York daily, with a personal request to follow the matter up at his leisure. Yesterday, after several weeks of waiting, an answer was received which briefly tells the story of the "hermit's" past, but which leaves in profound mystery that which would be of the most interest. After a pre-face in which the veteran newspaper detective details in brief his experiences and his meth-ods in working up the story, the letter reads substantially as tollows:

substantially as follows: ¹¹² * * * * * The first photograph, then, we may safely conclude, is that of Morton Kaleigh Bar-nard, familiarly known in commercial circles twenty years age as 'Mort' Earnard or 'Barney.' He was for twenty years the leading partner in the commis-sion firm of Barnard & Ramsay (a full description of which house I enclose) and was universally known as a shrewd, theroughly upright business

tianity. The handso ne new altar was almost concealed from view by a bewilderingly beau tiful profusion of lights and flowers, the re mainder of the church being decorat festoons and wreaths of flowers. H High mas was celebrated at 11 in the morning by Rev. Carlo Franchi, rector of the church, who, during the sacrifice was attired in an alb of

Carlo Franchi, rector of the ehurch, who, during the sacrifice was attired in an alb of point duchesse lace and a chasuble of crimson Lyonesse velvet, richly embroidered with gold in a tasteful floral design. The music, always fine at this popular church, was yesterday a veritable treat. The "Kyrie Eleison" was from Giorza's first mass; and the "Gloria in Excelsis" from the third mass of the same composer, with the excep-tion of the tenor solo, "Qui Tollis," sung with great taste by Jose T. Gil, which was taken from the first mass. The bass solo "Domine Deus" by G. Napoleone, and the bass and tenor duet "Qui Sedes ad Dexteram Patris" by Messrs. Gil and Napoleone, were both ex-cellently rendered. In the creed, the solo "Et Incarnatus Eet" was sung by Miss M. Walsh and a semi-chorus, and the difficult but bril-liant tenor solo, "Et Iterum Venturus Est." was admirably given by Mr. Gil, as was also the soprano solo "Et Unum Sanctam" by Miss Sophie Koppitz. During the offertory Spadina's well-known "Ave Maria" was sung by Miss Walsh, and after the elevation the "O' Salutaris" was seng to the music of Wallace's "Holy Mother, Guide His Foot-stegs" by Miss Walsh and Madame Maria Spadina. The beautiful opening duet of the "Agnus Dei" was rendered with charming effect by the Misses Sophie Koppitz and Emilia Brizzolara. The music was under the direction of Professor Angelo Spadina, choir-master of the church. After mass the clergy of the church received the choir and a number of the parishioners in

After mass the clergy of the church received the choir and a number of the parishioners in the pastoral residence, where a sumptuous repast was served.

A LIVELY BLAZE.

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and Valencia Streets. At 10:45 o'clock yesterday morning a lively laze in the two-story frame building on the northeast corner of Eighteenth and Valencia streets caused an alarm to be turned in from box 276. The lower story of the building was occupied by John P. Lysette as a saloon and grocery. The upper story was occupied as a dwelling by C. H. Sweeney and Mrs. Dr. Mc-Ray. The loss is about \$3000. Carelessness with matches and kerosene is said to have been the motive. James L. Ward, a member of Engine Company No. 9. was severely burned on the left side of his face by the ex-plosion of a can of coal oil, necessitating his removal to the City and County Hospital for treatment. Mrs. C. N. Sweeney, who resides overhead the grocery store. in an en-deavor to save her three-year old child, threw a mattress into the street and then threw the baby on top of it. The alarm from Box 56 at 9:50 o'clock was for a \$25 fire in the Cold Ladies' Honne on Bryant street, the cause of which is unknown. occupied by John P. Lysette as a saloon and

A Sailor Drowned.

Ole Olsen, a sailor on the scow schooner Theresay lying at Vallejo street wharf, fell overboard yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and was drowned before he could be reseued. The deceased was a native of Norway, forty years of age and unmarried.

A Plucky Watchman

Last evening a watchman who had been sta-tioned at the corner of Washington and Powtioned at the corner of Washington and Pow-ell streets, where the street is torn up to put in a new pulley for the Powell-street cable, was attacked by three drunken ruffans and quite badly beaten about the face and head. He fought them off bravely, and, as they are known in that neighborhood, they will prob-ably be arrested some time to-day. The mat-ter was reported the police, and warrants will be issued at once for their arrest.

The Pond Club Pienie.

The Pond Democratic Club held its first annual pienie at Redwood City Grove yesterannual picnic at Redwood City Grove yester-day. The occasion was purely a social one. Excellent music, dancing and a variety of games and racing contests, together with a perfect weather and a general spirit of good nature, resulted in making the event one to be pleasantly remembered by all who attended. "Shouting the Battle Cry of Cleveland" was sung with a will as the party marched to the train on returning.