SAN FRANCISCO, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1902.

DEATH SITS

Lurking Ptomaines Bring Police Chief Wittman Stops People to Their Graves.

Many Inmates of Boarding House Are Affected by the Poison.

Mrs. Eva Pearl Cass, Wife of Proprietor, Everett F. Goodyear and William Clisby Are Killed by Alkaloid.

ered over the fashionable boarding-house ime and five others who were taken 'll

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the short space of two weeks. In the interim five other guests have been ill from poisoning and their lives have been saved by medical assistance. Dr. and Mrs. Hupfeld were ill for some time, also C. D. Thurston and Mr. and Mrs. William Correction

am Carpenter.
When sickness came in the first days the gayety of the house was somewhat subdued, it being supposed that slight ailments, easily remedied, could be held to account, but it was not until the doctors pronounced the cases of some of their patients hopeless that the serious phase presented itself. An investigation now in progress was immediately instituted. No definite report has yet been submitted and none can be presented with all the and none can be prepared until all the autopsies have been completed and samof the food and water consumed at

HEALTH OFFICE NOTIFIED. The cause of the deaths is much of a vistery. Just when the poison was par-

ken of, if at all, is only a matter of injecture and may remain so.
William Seth Clisby was taken sick on riday, November 28. Dr. D. R. Smith was called and did everything possible to clieve the sufferer. When death ensued the following day the physician gave as as cause pulmonary edema. At that time here was no suspicion of poisoning. The ilment, it is said, could be easily produc-

by a slow working poison. Later in the day on which Clisby be-me ill Mrs. Cass complained and Dr. F. W. Lux was summoned. Mrs. Cass' con-dution did not become alarming until the following week. She lingered until De-cember 9, when death relieved her misery. Death was said to have resulted from mitral insufficiency.

On Sunday, November 30, Goodyear wa obliged to seek medical attendance. His gradually became worse and nesday Dr. Jellineck was called last Wednesday Dr. Jellineck was called and at once found indications of poison

When the physician learned of the fact that several other boarders in the house had become ill about that time and that two of them had died he lost time in notifying the health authorities. When the inquiry was commenced City Chemist Green dispatched food experts to the house to secure samples of the food This was done according to the instructions given. Not only was a portion of the solid food carried to the portion of the solid food carried to the City Hall, but water, milk and wines went for inspection. No official statement can yet be given by the chemist. His work is in progress and results will not be arrived at for several days. The proprietor of the house, when he ascertained the probable cause of the wholesale illness and leath, changed the source of food supply death, changed the source of food supply. The meat dealer was replaced by another, a new dairy was patronized and the old groceryman was given the overlook.

LAID TO THE MEAT.

C. D. Thurston, who is in the employ of Tillmann, Bendel & Co., was treated by Dr. Jellineck on December 12. He manifested all the symptoms of poisoning, principally those of nervousness and dizziness. Dr. and Mrs. Hupfeld comziness. Dr. and Mrs. Hupfeld com-plained immediately after the first death, and about that time Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carpenter became sick. As in the case of Thurston, poisoning was evident in the diagnosis of the other four. All the last patients are out of danger, and thus far no one else has announced indisposition

Just when the fatal food was eaten and what it was will be subjects for inquiry. As near as can be ascertained, meat served at dinner on the day preceding Thanksgiving caused all the trouble. Re-

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MAKES ATTACK

WITH GUESTS Edgar Painter Tries to Draw Pistol on the Supervisor.

> Trouble at Committee Meeting.

During the meeting of the Supervisors' Public Utilities Committee yesterday Supervisor Braunhart and Edgar Painter, secretary of the North Central Improve ment Association, engaged in a wordy altercation, which nearly resulted seriously for Braunhart. There has been bad blood between the two men for some time and it culminated yesterday when Painter at-

tempted to draw a pistol on Braunhart.
Painter and Braunhart began to discuss the defeat of the Geary-street road acquisition at the recent election, when For the last two weeks death has hov- Painter asserted that it might have been successful had Braunhart pursued differkept by J. Cass at 1600 McAllister street. ent tactics in the campaign of education. Three of the guests have expired in that The discussion finally came to a head

were saved by prompt medical aid.

It is supposed that ptomaine taken in some article of food produced the fatalities and illness.

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Braunhart, who in the the deadly substance was William Seth Clisby, connected with one of the local warehouses. He expired on the day following his first sign of iliness. Then Mrs. Eva Pearl Cass, the beautiful young wife of the proprietor, fell ill and died. Everett F. Goodyear, local agent for the Macmillan Publishing Company, lingered in the throes of pain until yesterday, when he passed away at the German Hospital.

All of the fatalities have occurred within UNWILLING TO CREATE A LARGE BONDED DEBT

Supervisors' Utilities Committee Deems Submission of Too Many Improvements Inadvisable.

In the absence of a quorum of the Public Utilities Committee yesterday the general question of bonding the city and county for public improvements was dis-It was the opinion of the committee that it would be advisable to sub-mit too many propositions to the people for fear of beating them all at the polls. It was estimated that if the following questions were submitted the aggregate bonded indebtedness to be incurred will be between \$12,000,000 and \$13,000,000, sub-

ry's square, \$215,000; park and Presidio on, \$168,000.

Supervisor Loughery favored submitting the questions of sewers, streets, school-houses and hospital only, providing the special levy for the last two is declared invalid. This would cost about \$9,000,000. No recommendation, however, was made to the board by the committee.

DRINKS ACID WHILE ATTENDING THEATER

Young Maggie Daly Selects Novel Place to Make Attempt on Her Life.

Maggie Daly, aged 16 years, and residing at 5 Shipley street, while sitting in a front seat at the matinee in the Unique Theater yesterday, swallowed carbolic acid. Her screams attracted the attention of the audience. O. S. Mish, an employe of the Health Department, who seated immediately behind rushed out and notified the police officer on duty, who rang in for the ambulance and had the woman removed to the Emergency Hospital, where Dr. James Murphy administered the usual antidotes. Late last night it was announced that the girl would recover.

Camera Club Holds Sale.

A large number of people attended the exhibition and sale of photographs by the California Camera Club at its rooms in the Academy of Sciences building, 819 Market street. The sale of pictures by the Camera Club opened Wednesday, Dethe Camera Club opened Wednesday, December 10, and will continue until luesday, December 16, when the remaining pletures will be sold by auction. A number of beautiful pictures, many of which have won honors in the different salons, are on exhibition and will be sold. The club is making arrangements to furnish more suitable apartments and the sale is being held for the purpose of assisting in raising the necessary funds. in raising the necessary funds.

der to make certain the blood and stomach of the deceased will be analyzed.

SYMPTOMS OF POISON. Dr. E. O. Jellinek, who attended Good year and also several other of the guests who became ill, was positive that the young business man died from having been poisoned by eating impure food. Regarding Goodyear's illness, he made the following statement last night:

"I was called to attend Mr. Goodyear last Wednesday night at the Homeopathic Sanatorium After discussing his care."

Thanksgiving caused all the trouble. Recently the guests have discussed the matter among themselves and recall certain incidents that may lead to valuable clews. The idea that the poison accompanied the Thanksgiving dinner has been abandoned because Goodyear, one of the victims, did not dine in the house that day.

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SHORE END OF THE NEW PACIFIC CABLE WILL BE LAID TO-DAY BY SPECIAL STEAMER NEWSBOY

First Six Miles of the Deep-Sea Wire Turned Over to American Engineers, Who Are More Familiar With the Coast.



PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING PREPARATIONS THAT WERE BEING MADE YESTERDAY FOR A SECOND AT-TEMPT TO LAND THE SHORE END OF THE GREAT PACIFIC CABLE ON THE OCEAN BEACH BELOW THE CLIFF HOUSE.

day. Early yesterday morning it was decided to adopt a different method than that used on the first attempt Friday. The coast steamer Newsfeet, was warped alongside the Silvertown about 9 a. m., and six miles of the American end of the cable were slowly and laboriously coiled up on her forward

This morning at daybreak the Silvertown will proceed about five miles out to sea, while the Newsboy will look after the landing of the shore end of the cable and then join the Silvertown, paying out the cable as she goes. After splicing severed ends the big cable ship will begin her long voyage to the Southern seas and the Newsboy will return to port. It will be necessary to tow the cable

ARRING some unforeseen accident the shore end of the trans-Pacific cable to Honolulu will be laid tobeach and consequently lessen the hazard. The same programme of ceremonies that was planned for Friday will be carried out to-day, beginning about 10 o'clock. Governor Gage's little daughter Lucille will christen the mighty talking wire by breaking a bottle of California champagne over the shore end as soon as it reaches the beach. Then the will be made and the spinning of the long thread to the heart of the Pacific will

gratuations on the price.

I earnestly hope that the cable may in every way be successful, and in the proposal to join it to the British cable from Vancouver to Australia by the Samoan link I see an evidence of the friendship and community interests which exist between this great republic and the empire which I have the honor to represent

in California.

My sincere wish is that the laying of the Pacific cable may lead to an even further and closer friendship between our two nations. I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servent. A. BENNETT. British Consul General.

thread to the heart of the Pacific will begin.

The following letters are self-explanatory:

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12, 1902.

Sir: It has been a cause of great regret to me that I have been unable to accept either of the two invitations you kindly sent me in connection with the opening of the Pacific cable, owing to previous important engagements.

I wish, however, to be permitted to express to you how much interest I take in this question and to ask you to be so kind as to con-

would not survive the night. She is in a very fable condition and the severe drain that the bronchitis has made upon her system has precipitated an old trouble with the heart. Mrs. Grant spent last with the heart. Mrs. Grant spent last summer at Coburg, Canada, but her condition at that time was far from good. She was taken quite ill in October and on the advice of her physicians there was hurriedly brought to Washington in a special car, arriving here on the 17th of that month. She has been confined to her bed most of the time since then, although on several cocasions she has succeeded in walking about the house and has been out of doors once or twice. Mrs. Grant is about 75 years of age. NEAR TO DEATH

Sudden Change for the Worse Causes Grave Apprehension.

Benefit for St. Agnes' Church Is Great Success.

MEETS DEATH BENEATH CAR

Down While Coming From Church.

Until It Was Too

Mary Weir, an aged woman, was run down and killed shortly after 6 o'clock night near the corner of Sixteenth and Dolores streets by car No. 756 of the from death by gas asphyxiation yesterday Sixteentn and Fillmore streets line, which was in charge of Motorman John Fulalove and Conductor C. J. Bashford.

The aged woman was crossing the track, evidently coming from a church, as a prayer book was found in her hand. There were no witnesses other than those on the dummy of the car.

The motorman's statement, made to Deputy Coroner Brown at the Morgue last night, was as follows:

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was very dark and the tracks were wet and muddy, so that I was unable to stop before we were upon the object. Just before we struck the object it sidestepped as though to cross the track. I could not stop until we were three car lengths past the scene. The conductor and I got off and found that we had hit a woman. We blaced her on the front platform and rank the scene is the first platform and rank the scene. placed her on the front platform and ran to Valencia and Sixteenth streets and took her into Coffin's drugstore, where Officer C. B. Kissing telephoned for the

The injured woman was hurried to the hospital, but died en route. Prior to her removal to the Morgue her name was un-When her clothing was searched a bank-book and some receipts were found bearing the name of Mary Weir. In the bank-book were entries amo

Later in the evening her son-in-law, Thomas Tighe, identified her remains and gave her address as 204B Valencia street. He says Mrs. Weir was coming from church and in all likelihood did not see the approaching car. She was 85 years of

age.
There were three persons riding on the dummy of the car, J. O'Brien, 51 Sherman street, and A. C. Hall of 144 Eighth street. The third party refused to give his name, None of them were eye witnesses to the accident. The motorman was arrested by Officer Mignola and booked at the City Prison for manslaughter, but was released on ball.

Repairs of Unaccepted Streets. City Attorney Lane advised the Mayor yesterday that the proper legal course to compel owners to maintain in proper condition sidewalks and roadways of un-accepted streets is for the Board of Works to notify the owners of lots front-ing on streets to be repaired, and if the repairs are not begun within five days and diligently prosecuted to completion make the repairs at the expense of the owner. The Supervisors have the power to prescribe a penalty which shall be incurred by any one neglecting to make repairs when required.

Schemers at Work.

Colonel George French of the Salvation Army has had many complaints recently of unscrupulous persons who are solicit-ing money from the charitable under the guise that the funds will be used to feed the poor on Christmas day. Colonel French is much wrought up over the in-justice and requests all those who give money for the Salvation Army's Christ-mas dinner to be sure and not be deceived the swindlers who are at work throughout the city.

Wagon Drivers Return to Work. The delivery wagon drivers of the Em-orium returned to work yesterday after being on a strike for twenty-four hours. Representatives of both sides met Mayor Representatives of both sides met Mayor Schmitz in his office and after a discussion of the controversy agreed to submit the question to the Mayor for arbitration. The men will continue to work pending the arrangements of the terms to be subscribed to by employer and employes.

Death of a Veteran Soldier. Gustav Marck died at the Presidio general hospital last Friday. He was a veteran of the Civil War and served in the regular army of the United States for more than thirty years. He was senior vice commander of James A. Garfield Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at the time of his death. He will be buried with military honors to-day at 2 o'clock at the National Cemetery, Presidio.

Lectures on Monuments. Frederick I. Monsen delivered an in-teresting lecture on "The Monuments of a Prehistoric Race" before a large au-dience at the Mechanics' Institute last evening. Splendid views were thrown on a screen to illustrate the lecture.

Twenty Years for an Incendiary. PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 13.—Private Ernest Thompson of the Ninety-third Company of Coast Artillery, who was tried at Fort Stevens, Wash., recently by a courtfort Stevens, Wash., recently by a court-martial board on charges of complicity in attempts to burn Fort Stevens and for desertion, has been sentenced to twenty years in the United States penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Thompson left Vancouver Barracks to-day for the penitentiary in Kansas under guard of four men.

Working to Full Capacity.

READING, Pa., Dec. 13.—The Reading Company is taxed to its utmost to keep the coal traffic moving. Up to to-night the company transported about 10,500 cars of coal for the past week, or nearly 325,000 tons. All the collieries are working to their full capacity. Never before in the history of the anthracite regions has there been such activity. ment arrives at San Francisco en route to Philippines, when he will join it.

tion of Miss Alice Martin and Emanuel tion of Miss Alice Martin and Emanuel Hromada, while Carro True Boardman acted as stage manager. The ushers were William Martin, Walter Lynch, Frank Griffin, Edward Whelan, Joseph Riordon and Raymond Armendariz.

Altogether it was a most successful affair and a source of much pride to Rev. William Kirby and Rev. Richard Collins, pastor and assistant priest respectively.

pastor and assistant priest respectively of St. Agnes' Church.

Lettered in Gold. Remember that we stamp your name in gold letters free of charge on pocket-books, traveling bags, cameras and all fine leather goods purchased at our store. Sanborn, Vall & Co., 741 Market street.

NARROW ESCAPE OF TWO WOMEN

Aged Mary Weir Is Run Mrs. Etta Levy and Her Sister Nearly Asphyxiated.

Evidently Did Not See Vehicle Neighbors Save Both From Death From Carbon Monoxide.

> Mrs. Etta Levy, who lives at 1412 Buchanan street, and her invalid sister, who is staying with her, had a narrow escape morning. But for the timely assistance given them by neighbors both women would have succumbed. Mrs. Levy was unconscious when help came and her sister was nearly so.

The invalid has been suffering from an attack of pneumonia and Mrs. Levy has attended her night and day. A gas stove has been used to heat the room and without the knowledge of the women one of last night, was as follows:

"We were proceeding eastward down Sixteenth street at about 6 o'clock and as the car approached the corner of Dolores street I noticed an object on the track ahead, just within the range of our headlight. I thought it was a dog. It was very dark and the tracks were wet was very dark and the tracks were wet ministrations. She complained of a head-only middly so that I was unable to ston heart was beating rapidly. The invalid also complained, but neither could assign a reason for the change. Mrs. Levy thought she was suffering from a lack of sleep and fatigue, whereas the invalid attributed her weakness to her long ill-

ness.

The deadly fumes at last overpowered Mrs. Levy and she fell back on the bed beside her sister. The latter became frightened, and, although her strength was failing her, she managed to reach the door and call for assistance. Two men were passing the house at the time. Seeing a woman in her nightdress and making an outery, they paid no heed to making an outcry, they paid no heed to her calls for assistance. The invalid con-tinued crying for help and neighbors re-sponded. Two women ran into the house and immediately smelled escaping gas. They found Mrs. Levy lying unconscious on the bed. They turned off the gas and opened the doors and windows. Then they began to work over the unfortunate woman. She was frothing at the mouth and her face bore signs of approaching death. Dr. Lighthead was called and after heroic measures succeeded in bringing Mrs. Levy to consciousness. The doctor also had to give medical aid to the invalid. The latter's escape from death was little short of a miracle.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. I. Baldwin of St. Paul is at the Lick House.

W. H. Clary, a capitalist of Stockton, is at the Lick House. Senator A. R. Jeffrys, from Reno, Nev.,

is at the Russ Hou J. C. Bowman, a merchant from Cres-cent City, is at the Grand.

R. H. McKaig and family, from Sac-ramento, are at the California. William Riefenburg, a lumber man of Bay City, Or., is at the Russ House,

A: Braidon, a well-known cattleman from San Ardo, is at the Russ House. J. M. Gardner, a well-known railroad contractor from Santa Cruz, is at the

D. J. Kungie, who is doing some work on the fortifications at Fort Baker, is at at Russ House. George Murphy, a well-known miner of

Nome, arrived in the city yesterday and is at the California. Senator E. C. Voorhies of Sutter Creek, president fo the Mining Associat

stopping at the Palace. Ernest Peixotto, the well-known artist and illustrator for magazines, who has been visiting Parls and New York for the

last two years, has returned to the city, accompanied by his wife.

George W. Helntz has been appointed general freight and passenger agent of the North Shore road, to succeed r'. B. Latham, who has resigned. Mr. Heintz was for several years general passenger agent of the Denver and Rio Grando Railroad, with headquarters at Denver, and is considered one of the bright young railroad men of the West.

OF INTEREST TO PEOPLE OF THE PACIFIC COAST

Number of Fourth-Class Postmasters Are Appointed and New Pensions Granted.

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E. Fiscus, Annapolis Sonoma County, vice Henry D. Whetmore, resigned; H. B. Field, Ross, Marin County, vice Albert Marbach, resigned.
Oregon—Laura M. Watson, Woodlawn, Multnomah County, vice Sannie L. Davis,

resigned.
Washington-DewittlC. Whiting, Huntsville, Columbia County, vice William Gladden, resigned; Axel E. Larsen, Le-moco, Whatcom County, vice C. M. Lar-son, resigned; Anna C. Sholund, Marble, ns County, vice August Alstrom, re-

Pensions granted-California-Originals -Martin Dignan, Sierra City, \$12. Increase, reissue, etc.—Martin J. Collins, San Francisco, \$8; Franklyn Livenborg,

Sunnyale, \$8.

Oregon—Original—Thaddeus Hillman,
Manford, \$8. Mantord, 38.

Increase, reissue, etc.—Asa R. Cramer,
Portland, \$10; Otto Adams, Grant's Pass,

Navy orders—Mussipmen John T. Bur-well and John H. Welsh, detached from battleship Wisconsin and ordered to Mar-blehead and Ranger respectively. Army orders—Lieutenant Colonel George Leron Brown, Fourteenth Infantry, to Department of California until his regi-ment arrives at San Francisco expense.

COAL OUTPUT INCREASES. Prospect Brightens for Relief From Present Stringency.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.-Reports to the Reading Railway offices show that the mines of the company on Thursday reached the high-water mark of producreached the high-water mark of production since the resumption of mining, with an output of 1305 cars. This is practically the normal output of the company. With a continuance of this production and the probability of its being considerably increased when the company gets its remaining collieries in operation, coupled with a gradual increase from other sections of the anthracite region, there is a fair prospect of relief from the present coal stringency and a more hopeful view of the future is being taken by the trade,