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Sent to Honolulu.

THEIR SILENCE HAS NOT

Dr. Jordan Expresses Confi

dence in Miss Berner—A

Controversy Between the

HONOLULU. March 13.—David

Starr Jordan, president of the Stan-

ford University, expressed his confi-

dence to-day in the innocence of Miss

Berner in connection with the death

iff Henry, and declared that the Cor oner's jury wanted to state in the

verdict that Miss Berner was exon-

erated from suspicion, but the jurors

were prevented from taking such ac-

tion on the ground that it was not

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is regarded by certain people connect-

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This statement by President Jordan

such opinion.

Details From the Officers

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TREACHEROUS: **UNBROTHERLY**

C. B. Perkins, in Bitter Terms. Calls Those Who Made Sale of Book Concern Traitors.

"The most infamous outrage over perpetrated on Methodism in Califorwas the way C. B. Perkins desed the sale of the Book Conproperty, 1667 Market street, at preachers' meeting yesterday ming. The speaker is a prominent sember of the denomination and was indignant at the transaction, which has aroused nearly the entire church. Yesterday's meeting was the last that will ever be held by the Methdist ministers in their old quarters. The building, which has stood as a bulwark on the Coast, has been sold out from under them, and a spirit of sadness as well as righteous indigna-tion pervaded the meeting.

There were also present Rev. H. C.
Jennings and E. R. Graham, the Cin-cinnati agents, in whose hands the book interests now rest, and W. F.
Boyd, Cincinnati

Boyd, a Cincinnati attorney.

When the privileges of the floor
were granted him, Mr. Perkins said:
I feel, brethren, like quoting two or
three lines of one of Wesley's hymns:

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What trials have we seen,
What conflicts have we passed.
Fightings without see freer within Since we assembled last.
Now our troubles are almost over. We should be admonished by Paul to "forget these things which are behind and reach forth unte those things which are before," but before the fumes of beer and whisky have been scented; before we hear the children's cry and widows groans from the saloon, and we move to our new temporary quarters farther out Market street, permit me to say that, although the smoke of battle is clearing away, the most infamous outrage ever perpetrated on the Methodism of California was the selling of this property. The diabolical manner in which the scheme was concected, how it was conceived in sin, brought forth in iniquity, and nurtured in the lap of spite and revenge, cannot soon be forgotten. It would not take many such transactions of this character to destroy the confidence of our people in the entire administration of the church. From information I have received since returning from New York, the proceedings tire administration of the church. From information I have received since returning from New York, the proceedings were absolutely illegal, and the letter as well as the spirit of the discipline was violated, and an annulment could have been secured from the courts. Who's responsible? Let the men who signed the deed and the Judas Iscarlot who betrayed his brethren for a few pieces of silver, answer; their names will always be held in contempt and the severest condemnation by all fairminded men in this city. A JUDAS ISCARIOT.

The cause of Christ in this city and in this State has received a blow from which it cannot easily recover. We have charged these men with unfairness, unbrotherliness, treachery, disloyalty and treason in permitting the church to be robbed of about \$50,000. The book committee, composed of some of the best men of Methodism, after mature deliberation found them guilty as charged; the local committees of New York and Cincinnati found them guilty as charged; the local commission at

charged; the local committees or New York and Chrimanti found them guilty as charged; the local commission at San Francisco found them guilty as charged; ninety-eight per cent of the California Conference will find them guilty as charged. Conference will find them guilty as charged. The Methodist church has been wrouged by the men elected to protect her interests. Was it not enough that for twelve years prior to 1200 the Depository in this city, through criminal carelessness, if not something worse, was plundered of between \$100.000 and \$200.000? Has there not been sufficient scandal for the past two years without the doors being again opened by this high-handed outrage?

I have had my last say and want to see the past blotted out, if it is at all possible.

WENTERES GO ON RECORD.

MINISTERS GO ON RECORD. Rev. J. H. N. Williams offered reso-

lutions, which were adopted, express-ing confidence in the action of the General Conference in transferring the interests of the Book Concern to Jennings & Graham. agents, taking the business out of Eaton & Mains' control, who sold the building. Disapproval was expressed of the methods by which the New York agents had effected the sale of the property.

Judge Boyd, in referring after the meeting to the renting of the lower floor of the building for a saloon, said: "I cannot bear seeing a saloon in this building, sanctified by years' association of Christ's work in the Methodist interests of the Book Concern to Jention of Christ's work in the Methodist church." The Book Concern is busy moving

and will be out by next Monday. The new location temporarily selected at 1428 Market street has been rented at

SOMETIMES A BLOCK MAY BE MORE THAN A BLOCK.

Puzzle Solved by Judge Hebbard in an Illustrated De-

A block and a half is sometimes two blocks, and may be three blocks, if you look at the problem in a certain way. Thomas Palisi and A. Trains took the question about blocks to Judge Hel-bard, the puzzle being in their complaint against Joseph Palisi, who, when they bought a stand on California and Leidesdorff streets from him, agreed that he would not engage in the same business within two blocks from their corner. A year later he opened on California street east of Wattery, and the plaintiffs asked for an injunction to close his place, alleging truthfully that it was within the distance of two ordinary blocks from their stand. As the defendant had takes a five-year leuse and invested considerable money, however, Judge Hebbard concluded that he should not the put to loss without clear and good cause. A block and a half is sometimes two

the put to loss without clear and good cause.

The Judge decided in his favor yeaterday, reasoning that it was a block from Leidesdorff to Sansome street and another block to Buttery, and that to go beyond Battery would bring one into at icast the third block. He further observed that, as the original stand was on the south side of Callfornia street, and as the defendant located his new place on the north side, it might be even held that Palisi, having crossed the atreet, had gone to the fourth block away. The Judge, who studied several chicken-and-ahalf and brick-and-a-half theses while ruminating over the case, drew a diagram like a section of a chessboard to illustrate his views, as set forth in a written opision.

SAYS HE WAS SANDBAGGED. William Hall, a laborer who lives at 79 Bay street, claims that he was struck over the head by August Pagosch with a sandbag at Bay and Stockton streets at it o'clock Sunday night. Policeman Hing came up in time to catch the men fighting, and, on complaint of Hall, placed Pagosch under arrest for an assembt with intent to commit murder. The wounded man was treated at the



Prominent Business Men Teil of the Deposed Officer's Ability and of His Record.

DEFENSE BEGINS CASE BEFORE COMMISSIONERS

Evidence Shows That Chinese Society Which Opposes Him Is Composed of the Worst Element of Oriental Quarter

George W. Wittman, the suspended Chief of Police, began putting in his defense before the Commissioners last night. A number of witnesses were called to testify to their belief that of Mrs. Jane L. Stanford. He said he Wittman was a competent and efficient believed her statements to High Sher-Wittman was a competent and efficient

Former Police Commissioner Joseph R. Howell was called by Julius Kahn. His opinion of Wittman was that he was a competent, faithful and honest Howell said that Wittman did his duty faithfully at all times that he had known him.

M. A. Gunst, ex-Police Commissioner and tobacco merchant, challenged any one to produce in the United ed with the case as a confirmation of States a chief of police the equal of the reports that the police exerted an

George A. Newhall, president of the Police Commission for a term, con-sidered George W. Wittman the most capable Chief San Francisco had ever had. Charles L. Fleid, grand marshal of the Masonic parade in 1994, said many flattering things about Wittman's management of the crowds during

that affair.

Achilles Roos, the clothing merchant; W. Frank Pierce, farmer and breeder and presiding officer of the Masonic orders during the conclave; W. H. Barnes, grand scribe of the Odd Fellows; H. S. Loveland, manager of the Pacific Trap and Commercial Company; Jesse P. Fuller, United States pension pay agent, and grand marshal of the Grand Army Encampment held in this city; Colonel Frank marshal of the Grand Army Encamp-ment held in this city; Colonel Frank W. Sumner, hide and leather mer-chant, and chairman of the parade committee of the Knights Templar conclave; Rufus P. Jennings, com-mission merchant and executive officer of the California Promotion Committee: George B. Clark, former grand president of the Native Sons and chief of staff during the Templar conclave; J. W. Harris, superintendent of the California-street Railroad and chairman of the general committee during the Odd Fellows' celebration in 1904; E. H. Black, contractor and builder and grand marshal of Odd Fellows parade, gave testimony in respect to Wittman being a competent officer and one that did not neglect his duty.

GIVE IT BAD NAME. Charles Mechan, inspector in charge of the United States Chinese Immigra-tion Bureau in this city, testified that the so-called Chinese Educational Soby had been engaged in trying to Chinese into this country unlaw-y. This was a matter known in fully. This was a matter known in official circles. One case in which the society was engaged was the landing of a woman for immoral purposes. They were generally a bad lot.

Hart H. North, United States Commissioner of Immigration, said that the reputation of the members of the so-called Chinese Educational Society

such collections were blackmail.

Edward L. Gibson, a detective sergeant, testified that he had been in Chinatown a great deal, but had not seen any gambling except at times of raids. The witness said that the arrival of a Chief of Police in Chinatown was quickly reported throughout the guarter. the quarter. COULD STOP GAMBLING.

Sergeant Christiansen, who preceded Sergeant Ellis in command of the Chinatown raiding squad, testified arriving yesterday, forty-eight hours from Eureka, was in the southeaster all the way, and the steamer Brooklyn. Captain Carlson, thirty-eight hours from Mendocino, had the same story to tell. The captains of these vessels, following the custom in vogue, made light of the sea's fury, but the passengers spoke otherwise of the hard trip, and the time occupied in coming from the northern ports confirmed their stories.

The big steamer Olympia, Captain Weaver, four days and twenty-two hours from Puget sound, was rolling in a high sea and battling with the southeast gale passing Mendocino, and the British steamer Dakotah, Captain Ross, twenty-one days from Moji, Japan, reports having experienced severe southeast gales for the last two days before making not. Neither of the seaking down of doors and the breaking down of doors and the days in his own hands he meant the breaking down of doors and the days in the breaking down of doors and the days in the breaking down of doors and the days in the breaking down of doors and the days in the breaking down of doors and the days for the southeast gales for the last two days before making north Neither of the street of all testified that wittens and that Wittman sent for him the day following the night Commissioner Prinkhouse walked into a fan-tan game on Ross alley. The Chief "growled at him," and said that if Christiansen could not attend to his duties he would find some one who would. Assistant District Attorney to the issuing of the injunction, not to use too much force in making raids, as it was work of that kind that the Chief "weaver, four days and twenty-two much force in making raids, as it was work of that kind that the Chief "weaver, four days and twenty-two much force in making raids, as it was work of the injunction, christiansen asid that the Chief "weaver, four days and twenty-two much force in making raids, as it was work of the injunction, the could stamp of the injunction of the could stamp of the injunction of the could stamp of the injunction of the could the breaking down of doors and the driving out into the street of all its inmates, whether they were gambling

cr not.
Corporal William M. Ross of the present Chinatown raiding squad told of raiding a fan-tan game in the room of the Chinese Educational Society.
Sergeant Jesse Cook, now in command of the Chinatown raiding squad, contradicted the testimony of General

SUNDAY IS BUSY DAY FOR RECORDS TO POISONER

DDY street, between Lar kin and Hyde streets, has , been nicknamed "Phonethoroughfare there are nine phonographs, and as yet no end has gone to the trouble of counthas gone to the treuble of counting the number on the other side. And they are all big ones. Sunday is the busy day for the phonographs. On that day one may hear anything, from the latest ragtime piece to the most popular and difficult grand operasongs rendered with ease. Last Sunday two men, one with a slide trembone and the other with a cornet, attempted to drown out the machines, but they were not long-winded enough and the phonographs won. The police have neverbeen called in the matter, and it is not likely that they will, but it is said that they are looking up the records of the phonographs. YET BEEN EXPLAINED

> lowing this custom he had been dismissed on March 1st under instructions given when Mrs. Stanford left, and had gone to Menlo Park to stop with friends. On hearning that he was wanted at police headquarters he returned and gave the detectives word of his whereabouts. In his statement he corroborated in nearly every point. he corroborated in nearly every point the testimony of Ah Wing, the Chinese housekeeper.

Yeng stated that he was employed entirely in the kitchen and never handled Mrs. Stanford's Poland water or visited her room. He had not seen Ah Wing go there on January 14th. He, however, contradicted other members of the household as to Mrs. Stan-ford suffering no ill effects from the first poisoning, as he said that he was told to prepare a light breakfast on the following morning, as Mrs. Stanford was ill.

He verified Ah Wing's story of the He verified An Wings story of the latter's quarrel with Miss Berner because of the latter demanding coffee between meal times. He said, however, that he had no suspicion on any member of the household as to poisoning the Poland water. His evidence was not regarded of sufficient importance to have a police photograph taken, as was done with other witnesses in the case. nesses in the case.

Apart from Yeng, the police inter-

viewed no witnesses yesterday. They have, however, secured a list of people supposed to know something of affairs in Mrs. Stanford's house who will be questioned later. No word was received yesterday from Detective Reynolds. In police parlance, the case is at present "in the air." Yesterday it rested as a case of mur-der suspected strongly, but with evi-dence pointing to a motive or a suspect sadly lacking.

REES NOT ANXIOUS TO MEET HIS RELATIVES.

lice Judge Mogan yesterday and was confronted with a telegram from New York signed Rees & Rees, which read

"Does Rees consent to return nome with brother? If so, will arrive Saturday. Answer."

He announced that the wire was not from the firm, nor from his father, but from his brother personally. He had no objection to returning to New York in convoy of his father, but drew the line at his brother. He wanted until to-day to think the matter over.

MANY PEOPLE BEING EJECTED

Busy Confiscating Scalped Colonist Tickets in Nevada.

The low-rate colonist tickets on which the Southern Pacific is now bringing many thousands of settlers to California are causing the company no end of difficulty by reason of the opportunity afforded holders of such tickets to scalp the coupons for the California end of the trip. A vast amount of scalping is being done at Rene by people who are coming from the East to Tonopah and other Ne-vada mining campe on California colonist tickets. While the tickets are not intended for the use and advantage of persons bound for Tonopah, there is nothing to prevent a person in Chicago or any other Eastern city from buying a colonist ticket to California and then getting off the train at Reno and disposing of the unused portion of the ticket to some one bound from Reno to California. Manager Agier of the Southern Pacific, who is just back from Reno, says he was in a bar-ber shop there the other evening when a passenger en route to Tonopah of-fered to sell him a ticket from Rene to Los Angeles for \$4. Agler did not buy the ticket. This wholesale scalping of tickets,

however, is apparently not yielding much advantage to the persons who buy the tickets. The company has a force of train agents at work on every train coming out of Reno, and passengers who are seeking to get from Reno to Los Angeles for \$4 are being ejected from the train by the score, according to information that is com-ing from Peter R. Lund, chief train agent of the company in this city. "It is a strange fact, but neverthe-less true," said Lund yesterday, "that every passenger on the train that left Reno for San Francisco last evening was attempting to get through on a scalped colonist ticket. The train agent lifted every ticket presented for passage, and every passenger was in turn ejected from the train. By the time the train agent concluded his labors there were no more passengers on the train and the train was can-

of the company yesterday show that since the colonist rates went into ef-fect on March 1st over 4000 passengers traveling on colonist tickets have passed through Ogden. Scores of these have left the train at Reno and made their way to the mining camps at To-nopah and Goldfield after disposing of the unused portion of their tickets. It is the belief of the Southern Pacific officials, however, that few if any of the tickets so manipulated have estrain agents.

DISLIKES THE GRAPHOPHONE John Bedecarrats, who has a laundry with brother? If so, will arrive Saturday. Answer."

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The defendant was insistent on seeing ex-Senator Frank A. McGowan before the matter proceeded further, and the case was continued until this morning. His motion to nave the bonds of \$2000 reduced was denied.

John Bedecarrats, who has a laundry as laundry as the laundry and tho was shields who was sued for damages by Thomas Shields, on account of the smoke, soot and noises emanting from the washing establishment, any in an answer, which was filed yesteday in court, that Shields keeps a graphophone at work, and that "its strident and raucous sound makes the night hideous in the whole neighbors.

The Teachers' Club, at its meeting the Turke.

The Teachers' Club, at its meeting on the position of Turkey in European politics of the Shields keeps a graphophone at work, and that "its strident and raucous sound makes the night hideous in the whole neighbors that the occupants of Shields' premises stay uping. His motion to nave the bonds of \$2000 reduced was denied.

ISSUES ORDER AGAINST FUMES

Southern Pacific Agents Are Mountain Copper Company is Forbidden to Continue Its Keswick Smelting Plant

> The United States yesterday of tained an injunction from the United States Circuit Court against the Mountain Copper Company's operation of the smelting plant at Keswick. This order during the litigation is asserted by United States Assistant District Attorney C. M. Fickert to be in reality the death blow of the town of Keswick and a great victory for the Government, which has been fighting the case for seven years.

> The Government's claims were that the operation of the smelting works at Keswick did irreparable injury to the vegetation on various lands owned by it in the neighborhood. The Moun-tain Copper Company contended that the damage done was slight and that the granting of the injunction prayed for would ruin its Business.

Incidentally to the pleading of the case it was brought out that the fumes complained of by the Government would, if condensed, make 700 tons of sulphuric acid a day—three times the amount used in San Francisco in the amount used in San Francisco in the same period. The contention that the fumes should be condensed and vegetation saved was opposed by the defendant company on the ground of impracticability. It was asserted that if the acid were made at great expensions the only way of disposing of it would be by dumping it out at sea at still further expense.

The Mountain Copper Company has

ten days in which to get a stay of the injunction, and will likely do so by putting up bonds to cover all damage. The company has now started a plant at Port Costa on the bay shore, however, and this is taken by the Govern-ment to be a confession of the weak-ness of its case as applied to Keswick.

RED BRANCH KNIGHTS' THIRTY-SIXTH BALL

Extensive preparations have been made for the thirty-sixth annual ball of the Knights of the Red Branch, which will be held in Native Sons' Hall, 414 Mason street, on Friday evening next. The programme includes a vanext. The programme includes a variety of Irish and American dances, and the orchestra which will furnish the music is one of the best that can be secured. The committees in charges embrace: Arrangements—Michael Duff, chairman; Thomas McNaboe, secretary; Michael O'Neill, T. L. Mahoney and Joseph P. Kelleher, director; T. L. Mahoney, assistant: Patrick Donohoe, Patrick Crow, William Hudson, Thomas McNaboe, John J. Burke, T. L. O'Shea, C. J. Collins, Henry Bugler and J. J. O'Connell. Reception — Thomas Degman, Thomas Desmond, Joseph Gaughran, Daniel Harnedy, J. J. Caniffe, John McCann, J. J. O'Connor, William Murphy, James P. Moriarty and T. J. Mellett.

TALKS OF THE TURKS.

Brellner' Clearance

Our first Clearance Sale since we opened our new Geary-Street store. Substantial reductions, 25 to 50 per cent, on Furniture, Carpets, Curtains and Drapery Goods. Nearly every piece of goods on our seven floors, which has been here over one year, is reduced. For instance:

\$5.00 Golden Oak Dining Chairs, reduced to \$3.00 \$50.00 Mahogany China Closets, reduced to \$30.00 \$14.00 Oak Dining Tables, reduced to....\$10.00 \$85.00 Oak Buffets, reduced to......\$51.00 \$55.00 Oak Bookcases, reduced to\$33.00

\$70.00 Leather Easy Chairs, reduced to...\$35.00 \$115.00 Oak Library Tables, reduced to ... \$60.00

SALE NOW IN PROGRESS

261 Geary St., Union Square

SOUTHEASTER CAUSES DAMAGE

Portion of the Olympic Pier on Ocean Beach Carried Away and the Sutro Baths Injured.

Although the velocity of the south erly and southeasterly winds that blew with such violence on Sunday had preceptibly decreased yesterday, the wind was still high and the bay was The only damage reported yesterday was the destruction of about 100 feet of iron pier on the ocean beach south of the Cliff House, owned by the Olympic Salt-water Company The pier gives support to pipes that run out into the ocean and through which water for the Olympic and Lurline baths is pumped. The destruction of the pier and piping caused a loss of nearly \$6000, but this damage will be repaired immediately. The bulkhead at the base of Sutro baths was also at the base of Butro baths was also damaged by the fury of the pounding breakers. A large crowd of sightseers was on the ocean beach yesterday witnessing the damage done by the storm Sunday night and watching the curling breakers on the bar. Few of the incoming vessels took the usual course over the bar, but came in by way of the north channel, which hugs the shore north of the Golden Gate for a "Educational Society" a bad reputa-

distance of nearly two miles. The red-stack tug Sea Rover, Captain Dan Thomson, arrived during the day from San Pedro, towing the dispersion of the di ran ashore on Point Duma a few days ago and damaged her rudder, besides springing a leak. This leakage caused some trouble during the trip up the Coast, the Cascade's pumps being in operation from the time San Pedro was left until the vessel was finally landed at the Sixteenth-street dry dock yesterday. A stream five inches in diameter was being pumped from the Cascade all the way up the Coast. The steamer and tug were brought along in good time by the southeast wind. day from San Pedro, towing the dis-abled steam schooner Cascade, which ran ashore on Point Duma a few days

The steamer M. F. Plant, Captain Nelson, was sixty-four hours coming to port from Coos bay, and had gales all the way. Huge waves washed clear over the vessel at times. The steamer Eureka, Captain Jessen, also arriving yesterday, forty-eight hours from Eureka, was in the southeaster all the way, and the steamer Brooklyn.

Ross, twenty-one days from Moji,
Japan, reports having experienced severe southeast gales for the last two
days before making port. Neither of
the steamers suffered damage.

The steamer Arctic, Captain Nelson,
of the Hammond Lumber Company,
weeked her dock at the foot of Mis-

reached her dock at the foot of Mis-sion street last evening. She weath-ered the gale well and did not lose a stick of her large cargo of lumber. WIND AND RAIN PLAY

Speaking of the vagaries of the weather during the past two days. Forecaster McAdie of the Weather Bureau said last McAdie of the Weather Bureau said last evening: "The wind in this city has subsided, the velocity falling from eighteen to eight miles an hour within the day. In the great valleys of Callfornia there is still considerable wind, and it has been blowing at some places at the rate of thirty miles an hour, but it is shifting around to the southwest and gradually dying out. The rainfall in this city for the season is 17.73, the heaviest seasonal rainfall to the same date since 1897. The most peculiar feature of the weather to-day is the thunder-storm at Los Angeles, Ban Diego and eastward through the desert, as far as Phoenix. Los Angeles has had 15.44 inches of rain this season and 2 inches for the last twenty-four hours, while Ban Diego has 11.83 for the season, and 1.08 for the last twenty-four hours. Arisonal has had more rain this season than in its history as far as the rain record reaches; in fact, more rain than Eureka and Tatoosh, in the rain belt."

In the absence of further discoveries the case of the death of Mra Stanford is resolving itself into a scientific controversy between chemist

Chemists and the Physicians &.....

Some prominent physicians here, who do not desire to be quoted, are against the poisoning theory and believe that Mrs. Stanford died from natural causes. On the other hand, the autopsy physicians and Dr. F. Humphris, who attended Mrs. Stanford on the night of her death, as well as other doctors who have been prominent here for many years, are abso-lutely positive that death was caused by strychnine poisoning.

R. A. Duncan, Food Commissioner and chemical analyst of the Board of Health, and Edmund Shorey, chemist of the United States Agricultural States

tion, formerly chemist of the Board of Health, who made the chemical tests. have prepared a statement of their ex-periments, and the physicians have prepared a detailed account of the autopsy.

The Advertiser will to-morrow print

an interview with Dr. Wood, who per-formed the autopsy on the body of Mrs. Stanford. He says that the presence of strychnine in the bottle of bicarbonate of soda refutes all the theories of natural death. The strych-nine was a foreign substance there and it did not belong to the prepara-tion of bicarbonate. Dr. Wood de-clares that the poison was thoroughly mixed with the bicarbonate of soda by some one who was thoroughly fa-miliar with the strength and effect of strychnine, but he does not say that the strychnine was placed in the bot-tle with murderous intent. Regarding the efforts to account for symptoms on the theory of natural death, he says that he can make the antemortem symptoms or post-mortem signs apply to prove that death was due to a number of causes.

HOPE THE TRAIL WILL BE FOUND IN HOMOLULU.

Local Investigation Into Mrs. Stanford's Death Is at a Standstill.

word from the detectives sent on to Honolulu to investigate the death of Stanford, local investigators have about reached the conclusion that the detectives are having some difficulty in reconciling the facts with the findings of the Coroner's jury—that a murder had been committed. Under instructions given, if the detectives found convincing evidence of murder, they were to calle the fact murder, they were to catle the fact at once. Such advice has not been received, and the detectives have now been on the ground four days. Attorney George Crothers, secretary of the board of trustees of Stanford University, has no hesitancy in expressing the opinion that Mrs. Stanford was poisoned. He says:

"Now that Mrs. Stanford is taken from us. I presume there is none but

from us, I presume there is none but would prefer to believe and hope that she died a natural death. Facts, however, are stubborn things. I believe that Mrs. Stanford was poisoned, and by the same hand that poisoned the bottle of Poland water from which she drank on January 14th. We know that drank on January 14th. We know that water was poisoned and that she went to Honolulu in the hope of escaping a second attempt. There, in her death agony, she declared she had been poisoned; the autopsy physicians say that her death was due to strychnine poisoning; strychnine was found in the bottle of bicarbonate of soda, and the Coroner's tury found that she was the Coroner's jury found that she was poisoned. The only possible link that is missing is the failure of the chemis missing is the failure of the chemists to find strychnine in appreciable quantities in the organs they examined. It is only within recent years that science has made possible these chemical tests. For centuries the pronounced and positive symptoms of poison were sufficient for trial jurors. I know that Mrs. Stanford desired the apprehension of the culprit and I believe that every effort will be made to carry out her wish."

There is no disguising the fact, however, that the detectives have lost the

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PECULIAR PRAYS.

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