

THE EMPORIUM'S HOUSEWARMING.

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

BABIES WERE CHECKED JUST FOR FUN.

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

PRESENTED WITH AN ENTIRE NEW OUTFIT.

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

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

Manager Harper was standing at attention in the rotunda when the boy came forward, leading the charge. He recognized the arab as an omen—symbol of good luck that was being thrust upon him.

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

Two hours after that a free delivery carriage, wearing the coat of arms of the Emporium, drove up to the door of Mrs. Donovan's humble home, at 202 Fifth street.

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

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



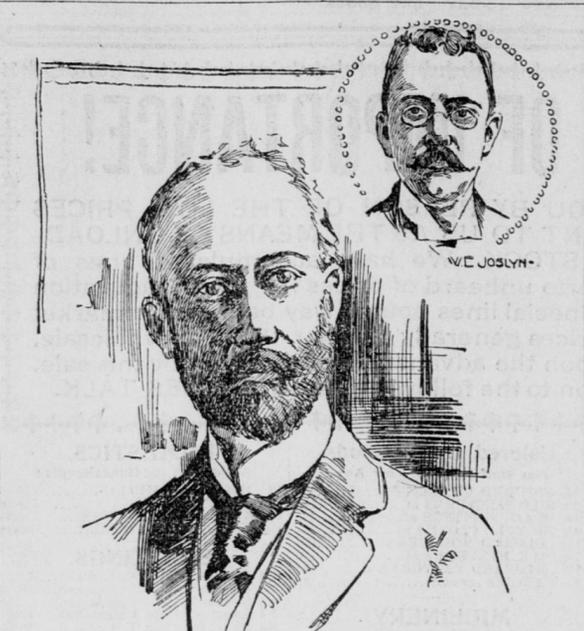
The Man for Whom the Emergency Hospital Was Provided and Who Disappointed the Doctors.

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

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



Chief McCarthy Stood in the Breach and Restrained the Throng.



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

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

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

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

The president of the company is A. Feist and the general manager is W. D. Harper.

In his speech at the private reception of the press Mr. A. Feist, the president of the Emporium Company, said:

THE EMPORIUM BUILDING.

THE ELECTRIC AND MACHINERY PLANT THE LARGEST WEST OF CHICAGO.

One of the most interesting features about the building is the machinery plant. The magnitude of the building makes it necessary for a vast amount of machinery to be used, and in consequence an immense space is devoted to this particular feature.

The machinery of the building was all built from special designs made by the Union Iron Works of this city, the well-known builders of warships, and the climax of whose success in this line was reached in the record recently made by the Oregon, the fastest ship of its class in the world.

The boiler plant consists of four 300-horsepower boilers, each internally fired, engine drives two Siemens-Halske dynamos, which latter supply the electric energy for the lights as well as all other machinery used throughout the entire building.

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

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

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

The George H. Brown Company were selected to execute this important work by the several radiators in the various rooms to the boiler, thus noiselessly and certainly heating the whole building.

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

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

Some of these piers are twenty-four feet square. First-class work was imperative in this portion of the structure, and George Gooding, of 377 Montgomery street, had the contract for all the concrete work about the building, executed a splendid job in every respect.

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

The president of the company is A. Feist and the general manager is W. D. Harper.

In his speech at the private reception of the press Mr. A. Feist, the president of the Emporium Company, said:

The machinery of the building was all built from special designs made by the Union Iron Works of this city, the well-known builders of warships, and the climax of whose success in this line was reached in the record recently made by the Oregon, the fastest ship of its class in the world.

THOUSANDS OF LIGHTS.

Magnificent Illuminating System Installed by E. H. Forst.

The new Emporium building is equipped with as fine an electrical plant as exists in any building in the world. It was put in by E. H. Forst of the California Electric Supply and Construction Company.

Not only is the system a big one, but it works to perfection, and the lighting is a delight not only to those having store room in the great structure but to the throng of visitors who enter it.

The first contract closed by Mr. Forst with the Parrott estate called for an expenditure of \$35,000.

There are nearly eighty miles of wire all accessible and run through brass and iron armored conduits. There are eighty-nine marble switchboards, controlling 370 Bergman incandescent arc lamps and 6000 incandescent lights, 3000 of the latter being used in the dome. The entire equipment is of the latest and most approved pattern.

ELOPERS CAUGHT AT LOS ANGELES.

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

RECLAIMS HER HUSBAND

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

PURSUIT ACROSS A CONTINENT

She Finds the Couple About to Begin Life Anew in a Costly Mansion.

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

Covert and Mrs. Springer had come directly to Los Angeles from Brooklyn, he passing here as the woman's brother. Mrs. Springer had formerly lived in Los Angeles and had friends here, but for good reasons did not hunt them up.

The plates in the front windows are among the largest in the city. The firm supplied glass for the windows, the show cases, mirrors, etc., and the glass in the dome.

Mrs. Springer had hoped to begin life anew in company with the man she hoped to marry as soon as certain legal obstacles were swept away. She sent for a lot of elegant furniture, which had adorned her aristocratic home in Brooklyn.

Last Monday a cloud spread over the horizon and in the twinkling of an eye Mrs. Springer's hopes had vanished. She and Mr. Covert drove out in a carriage to the Lovelace-avenue mansion. They sat in the carriage for a few minutes, looking at the building and discussing plans, and then went to the house and stepped onto the porch.

The ship unloaded all but about 1000 tons in San Francisco and was towed over this morning. She was drawing sixteen feet forward and all went well until turning into the wharf, when she went fast on a mud bar. Two tugs and the donkey engine could not move her, and as it was ebb tide every moment only made it worse.

"You miserable wretch!" she exclaimed. "You hussy!" she cried out as she glared at Mrs. Springer. "This is a fine mansion, isn't it? But you shall not be happy in it. You will steal my husband, will you? You will desert wife and children, will you? You know I love you," continued Mrs. Covert, "and your conduct has been shameful, but as for you—" and the injured wife glared at Mrs. Springer, who started toward her carriage.

"There, now, Josephine," said Mr. Covert, "do not become so excited; we will arrange all this. I will drive Mrs. Springer home and then I will come wherever you say."

"You will do no such thing," replied Mrs. Covert. "You go with that woman—"

"But, Josephine, the horse is nervous and I am afraid to let her go alone."

"I will drive Mrs. Springer home," declared the pastor.

"You will not," insisted Mrs. Covert. Covert's reply was to get into the buggy, when Mrs. Covert sprang to the horse's head, seized it by the bit and said they would go only over her dead body, and she was re-enforced by a young man of 20, who had been there all along, but so far had been somewhat of a lay figure.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., May 23.—E. J. McNamara was arrested at Redondo Beach to-day on a warrant charging him with having attempted to defraud the Hotel Lille, on South Hill street, of a board bill. A short time ago McNamara stopped at the hotel under the name of E. J. Hainin. He gradually found his funds running low, so one evening he anticipated the landlord by packing his effects and leaving the city. The latter went to the District Attorney and swore to the complaint. After a short search, Deputy Constable Mugnemi learned that McNamara was stopping at Redondo as E. Russ and arrested him to-day.

MAY ANCHOR AT SANTA CRUZ.

Warships Likely to Be Present During the Venetian Fete.

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

The audience was informed that, besides the attractions prepared by the committee, there was good prospect of the cruiser Philadelphia and the battleship Oregon paying these waters a visit during the carnival. A letter from Rear-Admiral Beardslee was to-day received, stating that, while he could not say positively, he believed that one or perhaps more vessels under his command would be here. The news was enthusiastically received and the audience was well pleased with the meeting.

CHICAGO, ILL., May 23.—The billiard tournament came to an end to-night, Ives winning second money by defeating Schaefer in the final game. The standing of the players was as follows: Garner won three and lost one; Ives won two and lost two; Schaefer won one and lost three.

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

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

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

OAKLAND, CAL., May 23.—The American ship Columbia, Captain Nelson, coal laden, was grounded at the Franklin-street wharf all day to-day, and it was close noon midnight when she was hauled off the bar and safely docked. The vessel is 205.9 feet over all, 40 feet breadth, and draws 24 feet of water when loaded with a full cargo of 2450 tons. She has a gross tonnage of 1425 tons.

The ship unloaded all but about 1000 tons in San Francisco and was towed over this morning. She was drawing sixteen feet forward and all went well until turning into the wharf, when she went fast on a mud bar. Two tugs and the donkey engine could not move her, and as it was ebb tide every moment only made it worse.

BERKELEY, CAL., May 23.—Five parties of university students left Berkeley and Oakland to-day for Yosemite. Some of them will go by way of Stockton, while others propose going by rail to Sonoma and Milton and then tramp into the valley. Several other parties of college men will leave in a few days.

OF NEW YORK, IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK, this 23rd day of December, A. D. 1895, and for the year ending on that day, as made and filed in compliance with the provisions of section 610 and 611 of the Political Code, condensed as per blank furnished by the Commissioner.

Table with financial data including assets, liabilities, and income. Total assets: \$2,341,085.73. Total liabilities: \$1,772,090.48.

TESTIMONIAL.

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

Mr. FREDERICK DE RICHMOND, Seattle, Wash.

BANKRUPTCY

A. D. AYRE'S STOCK. Liberty Bicycles. No Reasonable Cash Offer Refused. WHEELER & WILSON MFG. CO. 933 Market, Opp. Mason. OPEN EVENINGS.

NEW TO-DAY.

At Auction!

G. H. UMSEN & CO. REAL ESTATE AGENTS. House Brokers, Rent Collectors and Auctioneers. OFFICE AND SALESROOM: 14 Montgomery St., Near Market.

IMPORTANT REAL ESTATE AUCTION

MONDAY, MONDAY, - - - - June 8, 1896, AT 12 O'CLOCK M.

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

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

Noe-St. Residence. No. 59 Noe street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth—Two-story residence, 8 rooms and bath; bay-windows; brick foundation; lovely sunny home; size 30x145.

Eighteenth-St. Building Lots. Two level lots, south line of Eighteenth street, 125 feet west of Clover alley, one block west of Douglas street; ready to build on; street work done; 25x125 feet each; electric cars pass.

Cottage on Clinton Park. No. 285 Clinton Park, near Market and Dolores streets—Substantial bay window cottage of 5 rooms and bath; brick foundation, etc.; lot 25x75 feet.

Golden Gate Ave.—Down Town. Nos. 315-317 Golden Gate avenue, between Hyde and Leavenworth—Two houses of 9 rooms, etc.; each, rents \$70; lot 30x125 feet.

Investment on Stevenson St. 457-459 Stevenson st., between Fifth and Sixth—Double house of 6 rooms each, etc.; rents \$34; lot 20x87-70.

Oak-St. Lot. South line of Oak st., 278-6 1/2 feet west of Devisadero; 25x137-8.

Ocean View Lot. West line of Bright st., 150 feet south of Randolph; 25x100; near electric cars.

Corner Lot. Southeast corner of Turk and Lyon sts.; 50x137-8; Turk st. is 100 feet wide.

FRENCH HOSPITAL PROPERTY

By order of Board of Directors, S. E. Bryant St., Bet. 5th and 6th. As an Entirety.

Improvements consist of 3-story brick building and several smaller buildings; lot 275x275 feet; 100-vara lot; will cut up into 25 large building lots, and corner lots in the heart of manufacturing district.

For further particulars inquire at office G. H. UMSEN & CO., Auctioneers, 14 MONTGOMERY ST.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE FIDELITY AND CASUALTY COMPANY

Table with financial data for Fidelity and Casualty Company. Total assets: \$2,341,085.73. Total liabilities: \$1,772,090.48.