widers of 16,500 Steamship Company Shares Refuse to Stand \$2 Assessment.

SPRECKELS FACTION PAYS

nterest on Overdraft of \$2,-000,000 Yields Big Revenue to the Latter.

LEVIES AMOUNT TO \$52

nancial affairs are in the limelight once Holders of 16,500 shares of the mpany's stock have refused to pay the assessment per share levied February ith, and the Spreckels management has dvertised these shares for sale at aucnday, April 23d. As the company's ock has ranged in market value be ween a cent and \$2 a share since Febill be no demand for the delinquent which will enable the manageent to acquire them for the face of

It appears that outside the Spreckels ally and some of the employees, hold only 3,500 shares have thought it pay the \$2 assessment. reckels family holds 26,000 of the total 000 shares, while its employees own 00 shares. The latter have paid their and the Spreckels faction ave paid theirs. The company owes hem an overdraft of about \$2,000,000, on

COSTLY FOR OUTSIDERS. ring the past four or five years

The bonds have fallen from to \$62. Luckily the bondholda first lien on the company's Were it not for that fact, the is that the Spreckels people the stock and taken the propholders can only hold what they

They still can be assessed for bove par to practically nothing in the ast few years.

LOSS LAID TO CROP FAILURE. deanwhile the Spreckels people, the owners, as agents of the company drawing \$100,000 a year as interest the \$2,000,000 they have advanced the The reason the company has one behind to this extent is said by esident Spreckels to be the failure of ops in Australia for a number of sucessive years. He has said constantly "things will be all right as soon business picks up in Australia." recent annual report he said that strallan business conditions promise il for the immediate future. pe proves groundless the belief is exused in financial circles that another essment will be forthcoming. In that ent it will not be surprising if the naining outside holders of 3,500 shares

REFUSE TO BE ASSESSED. Those who have refused to pay the asment on the 16,500 shares of stock include Herman Althof. rthington Ames, John Ashman, B. A. cker as trustee, A. Bower as trus-Boyd, F. A. Bowersmith, Calrnia Title and Insurance Company as istee, Mary Commins, J. M. Campbell, id Cruden, California Safe Deposit Trust Company as trustee, Mrs. M. Churchill, G. W. Coffee, C. E. Dugan trustee, P. C. Drescher, E. Durbrow trustee, W. D. K. Gibson as trustee, H. Thomas as trustee, M. Ehrenberg, H. Falkenstein, J. W. Garthwaite, E. oldsack, Albert Joseph, Albert Isson, cht Bros. & Co. and thirty-six oth-

ARM COMMISSION WILL INSPECT RODGERS RANCH

I Look Over Advantages of Sonoma

County Place for University Farm Site. ERKELEY, March 30 .- The University Commission has made arrangements visit the Rodgers farm in Sonoma county orrow for the purpose of looking into advantages as a site for the University fartment of agriculture at the University a member of the commission, has al-

visited it. Although he does not di-

thinks it advisable that it should be exined by the commission. ckersham heirs in Petaluma, contains o acres, 400 of which are equal to the land in the county and the remainder grazing land. Of the entire site 400 are now under cultivation and the reher devoted to dairying. The entire

perty with improvements is offered for A tract of 600 acres, including the of the land, the improvements and er right, has been offered for \$60,000. SHES BOGUS CHECKS

IN POINT RICHMOND

Crothers Represents Himself to Be Proprietor of Oakland "Tribune."

OINT RICHMOND, March 30 .- F. representing himself to be an loyee of the Oakland Tribune, cashed

BLACK HAND' NOTE FOR MR. WILKINS

ACSIMILE of the letter sent to James M. Wilkins of the Cliffhouse, with the warning that is now accepted as a joke.

& Wilking bliff house Jour doom is set,

you will be kiled efore a month. Tou should have red 1 st april ! The Black hand

Orepare)

\$2,000,000 overdraft might have But the Fine Italian Hand of a Practical Joker Is Detected Behind Dreaded Emblem of the Mafia.

a letter that the postman had brought to can find you."

ured Italy.

'Povero me!" "Sono perduto!"

"Per la vita mia!"

The letter was a warning that Mr. Wilkins must stop blaming the Italian fishermen for killing seals. It was signed "The corsi in aria? But the Black Hand---Black Hand."

"Your doom is set. You will be killed be fore a month," read the recipient, as with astonishment he gazed on the missive.

doomed. To sono perduto. I am lost." Again he read: "You should have mind your own business

and instead of writing about Italian killing seals you are a dead man with your head off before 1st April. The Black Hand." (Prepare.) them go by the board and allow the

reckels faction to get all the stock.

chief of the detectives. "Io sono perduto! I am lost!" said the man from the Cliff House.

"Clelo!" exclaimed James M. Wilkins, | "Non lo credo, signore," replied the the Cliff House man, as he opened and read Chief, "but if you are-do not fear. My men

ean find you.

Mr. Nicell talks them out, so that when Mr. Nicell opens his mouth what issues "Misericordia!" he added, still speaking going to kill me! Look at this!" And Mr. therefrom is only 'His Master's Voice. himself in the beautiful language of cul- Wilkins handed his warning letter to the

> "Sono discorsi in aria," explained Captain Burnett, as he smiled and reread the note. "It's just a little early April foolish-

"Che avete detto? Foolishness? Dis-

"E buono per ridere. It's a josh." "And the Mafia!" "E la medisima cosa. The whole busi

ness is a bugaboo, sul mio onore. Some of "Certo," Mr. Wilkins commented. "I am your friends have written this letter merely for a joke, and you'll have to put up a dinner for the whole crowd of them one of these nights. Buon giorno, Signore." Thus spake the Captain of Detectives. 'Maledetto!" said Mr. Wilkins.

> Now Mr. Wilkins and his friends all agree paper. that the theory of "discorsi in aria," which

Hurriedly Mr. Wilkins went to the police is the soft Italian for "talking through tation and called on Captain Burnett, the your hat," is the correct one, and that neither the Mafia nor any individual has House proprietor.

TENNY'S FATHER EXPLAIN RAILWAY FILES CIVIL SUIT

Men Connected With the Colma Fight.

ishment meted out to the parties responsi-Coffroth, Morris Levy, Edward Graney, Willus Britt, Frank J. Neil, Frank Connolly, Timothy McGrath, William Roche, and the Associated Athletic Clubs as defendants in the suit, and demanded \$100,000

damages, Frank Connolly is known around town as James Curtin d the famous "Spider" Kelly. The complaint contains the names of the members of the Associated Athletic Clubs or "fight trust," whom the Coroner's jury years or any shorter period that might be of Tenny. This trust is composed of James | ate the same itself, the terms of the transseconds, who was a defendant in the crimi- were not entered into, but it was promised nal suit brought by Mrs. Tennebaum, is not mentioned in the damage suit, but James Neil, the father of Frankie, who has hither-

ARGONAUT DRAMA NUMBER. To-day's Argonaut is a handsomely illustrated drams number of twenty-four pages. Among the special features are: "Bornhardt's Barnstormin; cheeks here yesterday for \$75 and \$35 to the Point Richmond Bank and Lewis ms. proprietor of a local hotel, and disappeared. The checks were signed to send to the signature purporting to hat of the proprietor of the "Tribung," Some Early Day Artists and War Skirks, "Some Early Day Artists and War Rockhagh."

PLANS TO MAYOR

Asks \$100,000 Damages of Claus and Rudolph Spreckels Declare Earnestness in Building Competitive System.

That the family of Harry Tennebaum, or " Claus Spreckels and Rudolph Spreckels. Tenny, the little prizefighter who died the his son, called together yesterday on Mayor than Mr. Belmont was. morning after his defeat at the hands of Schmitz to assure the latter that they were Frankie Neil, is determined to have pun-fully in earnest in regard to the proposition to establish a competitive system of street ble for his death was further evinced yester- railroads in this city and county, to be day when papers were filed by I. Tenne- equipped with all possible and approved baum, the boy's father, against everybody modern appliances and appraius, including, of a special privileged class, n. Professor E. J. Wickson, head of the connected with the tragedy. He lists James, first, and foremost, underground electric conduits. Claus Spreckels was the chief spokesman, and assured the Mayor that he intended to carry the project forward with Thomas Hyland, James Curtin, James Neil the least possible delay, his son adding that he also was deeply interested in the project. All that was wanted, it was explained, was

> tem. An important feature was that the city should have the right at the end of ten found "indirectly responsible" for the death | preferred to take over the system and oper-Coffroth, Edward Graney, Morris Levy and | fer to be such as would be just both to the Willus Britt. Johnny Frayne, one of Nell's builders and the municipality. Details

> that they would be available shortly. Mayor Schmitz received the proposition of his visitors very warmly, stating that on to been left out of the complaints, is now its face it struck him decidedly favorable. At the same time he would be better able to give his views, he said, after he should have inspected the detailed plans. The conference concluded in the most pleasant

> > PENNSYLVANIA PASSENGER OFFICE. At the Sign of the Red Keystone, 30 New Montgomery street, under the Palace Hotel, San Francinco, intending travelers will find the new Pas-senger Office and Information Bureau of the Penn-sylvania Ratirond System. Please call upon or address H. A. Buck, General Agent.

Congressman Shows That Nicoll Is Only the Banker's Mouthpiece.

WAS NEVER A DEMOCRAT

Editor Supported Parker, but Is Not Proud of Having Done So.

PAPERS' WORK IN CAUSE

CHICAGO, March 30 .- The Chicago Pribune to-day printed the following: William Randolph Hearst in an interview in Chicago last evening gave his personal opinion of DeLancey Nicoll of New York. This evened up matters, for Mr. Nicholl expressed his own personal opinion of Mr. Hearst Tuesday night. In a speech to the Democratic Club in New York DeLancey Nicoll said in so many words that Mr. Hearst was a traitor to the Democratic party. He was so violent in his denunciation of Mr. Hearst that August Belmont felt it incumbent upon himself to arise and declare that Nicoll spoke only for Nicoll and for no one else.

Mr. Hearst does not take the same selfdeprecatory view of Mr. Belmont's disinterestedness in Nicoll's opinion. In denouncing DeLancey Nicoll in Chicago last evening Mr. Hearst spoke two words against Belmont for one against Nicoll. He said

"When Mr. Nicoll accuses me of party treachery he, of course, is not telling the truth. But he is so exceedingly unimportant personally that that does not much matter.

WHERE WAS BELMONT IN 1896! "Privately Mr. Nicoll is Mr. August Belmont's paid attorney in a suit now pending against me in the courts. Politically Mr. Nicoll is a sort of phonograph for Mr. Belmont. Mr. Belmont talks certain things into Mr. Nicoll and "Mr. Nicoll is owned by Mr. Belmont, body and boots, hair and hide, heart and soul. He is not much to own; he is a kind of punched Nicoll. But he is Mr. Belmont's Nicoll quite as much as any

pocket as a subway fare. So you see the question is not what Mr. Nicoll says, but what Mr. Belmont says. "Mr. Belmont says I am not a good Demo-

nickel that comes into Mr. Belmont's

rat. That is sad. Since when has Mr. Belmont become a good Democrat or a good judge of a good Democrat? Was he a good Democrat in 1896? Or in 1900? "In 1896 I had started the New York

Journal' and had just begun to make it pay During that first Bryan campaign, when was advocating the Democracy of the plat form, the advertisers waited on me and asked me to stop preaching 'anarchy,' as they called it-and as Mr. Belmont then called it-or they would all go out of the

"I told them that the more they went out the more room I would have to preach 'an-archy' in, and that I was a little cramped for editorial space just then, anyhow. They the desire or intention to injure the Cliff and the losses on the 'Journal' frequently exceeded \$100,000 a month during that campaign and thereafter. "How was Mr. Belmont displaying his

sacrifices for the party as entitle him to con sideration now as the supreme judge of De-

COMES TO PARTY'S REILEF.

"In 1900 Chairman Jones came to me and said the Democracy needed a paper in the niddle West for that campaign. He said distribute literature. I promised to help him in both respects, and on July 4, 1900 the day the Democratic Convention assem bled in Kansas City, I started the 'American' in Chicago to disseminate the principles of true Democracy and to advantage a welfare of the plain people.

"I was not a free silver man any

"I neven had been a free silver man. But I stood by the party because I believed it was really trying in the main to represent the best interests of the Reagan. Reagan said that every person get a piece of paper for the purpose indiwhole people, while the Republican party

"I duplicated all the contributions that came in to the National Committee ing persons to arrest for vagrancy. through my papers. I did not hear of Belmont contributing even his Mr. punched Nicoll to those campaigns. WHEN BELMONT IS A DEMOCRAT.

unless there is something in it for him. I assume, has not properly read the law. the approval of the city authorities, and this He was a Democrat when he could get Commissioner Drinkhouse opened the additional \$300, according to contract. Mark Shaugnessy, Thomas Hyland meets his they hoped to deserve by the terms on which a hundred million dollar bond steal as he discussion by stating that a number of friends under the title of Thomas Burke and it was proposed to establish the new sys- qid under Cleveland. He was a Democrat saloons and eigar stores in the wholesale when he hoped to get further favors of district were selling pools, "Frank Lopas, witnesses. After the noon adjournment the the same kind through the success of one of my clerks," said he, "yesterday; jury was taken to the scene of the attack his private Presidential candidate.

> him, but never patriotically nor unsellish- also accepted a bet on the races." ly is Belmont a Democrat. "Mr. Belmont is consistent, politically,

ship of public officials. He not only owns public franchises, but he owns a fair an- done. The Board of Police Commissioners Judges. "His ambition to own a President was

there. The penalty in case of a collar the fallure at any door but his own. Mr. Belmont finally says in a frenzy of phonographic eloquence that I am dishon- into your shoes. It rests the feet. Cures Corns, half an hour,

7USTIFIES HIS SON BY ACCUSING OLSENGIRL

ESTER M'NULTY, the defendant, and his father and brother, J. M. McNulty and Dr. H. J. McNulty, as they listened to the testimony during the trial yesterday.



Ciellans, his Murphys and his Pat McCar-

"Mr. Belmont knows one thing better than he knows anything else, and that is that not all his millions will buy one little editorial paragraph in the smalles of my newspapers. SORRY HE SUPPORTED PARKER.

"The burden of Mr. Belmont's whole complaint is that I did not support Judge Parker, his private candidate for the Presidency in 1904. Even that is not true. "I did, as a matter of fact, shut my eyes and hold my nose and support Judge Parker as the Democratic nominee. But posed,

am not proud of having done so. "Party loyalty is all very well in its way, but there is a higher loyalty a man of the case with the last important witness owes to his country and to his fellow one heard, that the defense considers its citizens. I do not think that I was serve other strength to lie rather in the ambiguity ing well the interests of my country or was advocating the election of the tame prove Lester McNuity blameless. candidate of a political speculator to the

It is the one act of my political career 181 I will Beatrill Mr. Parker I shall be extremely proud of it.

POOL SELLING ON STREETS

Dinan to Detail Extra Men in Various Districts Where the Hand-Book Men Do Business.

The edict went forth from the Board of Police Commissioners last night that handbook pool sellers who are said to be operat-Democracy in 1896? Was he making such ing upon the streets of San Francisco in she said that, and I said to her, You are open violation of the law, must cease their only a little blackmailer and you will never illegal practices at once. Chief of Police set another penny of my money. Give me back what I have already given you and Dinan was instructed to detail extra men then go shead and prosecute, or anything in all down-town districts where curbstone else you like." pool sellers operate. The Commissioners they had not any paper or any money to forts to enforce the law by the ususual method of police surveilance. Should his some other way.

Commissioners Poheim and O'Grady were party that I believed would promote the in favor of allowing the Chief of Police to take his own initiative in the matter. Commissioners Drinkhouse and Reagan pro-posed more drastic methods of punishing the offenders. Upon the legal interpreta-

During the heat of the technical discus-

placed three bets upon horse races, "He was a Democrat during the last cigar store on Leidsdorff street accepted New York City campaign, when he had a bet, and a poolroom in a cellar on Leids- and a view taken from the window from McClellan and pledges to deliver fran- dorff street took a bet and issued a ticket. chises if he would buy the election for A saloon at Stockton and Pacific streets Forbes saw Dorothy Oisen struggling with

O'Grady suggested that the person alleged to have placed the bets should make ably go to the jury next Wednesday. He believes not only in private ownership complaint against the offenders and proseof public utilities, but in private owner- cute them in the courts. Commissioner Drinkhouse promised that this should be soriment of Mayors, Legislators and agreed to investigate the saloons and cigar store mentioned by Commissioner Drinkhouse to ascertain if gambling existed there. The penalty in case of a conviction

Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to shake esi. That, too, is very sad.

"Well, if I am for sale why does not be buy his Nicolls, his Parkers, his Mo
Alleu S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. K.

Busions, lugrowing Nails, Swollen and Sweating Afterward the A scrept any substitute. Sample free. Address, Alleu S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. K.

Bishop McGolrick

Lester McNulty's Father Testifies That Complaining Witness Demanded Money.

Once more the charge that Dorothy Olsen attempted to blackmail the McNultys was brought forth in the trial of Lester McNulty yesterday, the accusation this time being made by J. M. McNulty, father of the defendant. It is supfrom the insistence which Attorney Frick dwelt upon this phase

of the complainant's attitude when she took the welfare of my fellow citizens when I the McNulty money than inlan attempt to The witness began his testimony with the

statement that Dorothy Olsen had demand-Attorney Frick, he said:

"My first call upon Miss Olsen was made on November 7th. My son, Dr. McNulty, went with me to see her at the Marshalls. She came into the parlor and we talked for a little while to convince her that she was mistaken in identifying Lester as her assailant. She said that she didn't see why she should help to keep his name out of the paper, when hers had been printed every-

DEMANDS MONEY FOR SILENCE. "We talked some more, and then she moved her chair close up to mine and said, 'Mr. McNulty, I need \$100, and if you don't Commissioners Instruct Chief give it to me I shall prosecute this case. Dr. McNulty and I finally scraped together the amount she had asked for and gave it to flood sufferers and for use in a yellow fever ber. We then went away, but a couple of epidemic in New Orleans. days later I received a telephone message from Miss Olsen, saying that she wanted to see me at once. I started for the Marshalls at once. Miss Olsen met me at the door and again we went into the parlor. She said 'Mr. McNulty, I have got to have \$1,000. My brother says I am a fool if I let you off for less. If you think that is too much, though I will compromise for \$500.' I got mad when

"The doctor was with me on this ocwill await the results of Chief Dinan's ef. casion, too, and he thought we ought to come to terms with Miss Olsen, if we posstbly could. He said that if I didn't want to give her any more money he would give her vigilance prove fruitless to stamp out the \$200 of his own. When she stuck out for evil, the Police Commissioners will propose \$500 I decided to pay it myself, rather than to let my son pay it. So we gave her another hundred and promised her the rest if she would give us some assurance that we

should be pestered no further. MONEY DELIVERED.

"She promised to sign a paper which would make it impossible for her to accuse tion of "vagrant" hinged the an my son afterward, and when we agreed to acrimonious debate between O'Grady and that, as the best way out of it, she started to who sold pools upon the streets of the city cated. I told her, though, that I could not seemed to be more devoted to the interests for a period of ten days or more should be give her the rest of the \$500 on that day, and arrested as a common vagrant. O'Grady then she said that she would not give us the refused to consent to the issue of subject- paper until the money was in her hand. I asked her if she would be satisfied with Mr Marshall's assurance that we would pay her sion, Commissioner O'Grady, commenting She said she would; and then I went into upon Langdon's purported interpretation the living-room, where I told Marshall what of the vagrancy law, said: "I care nothing we wanted, to which he agreed. Dr. Me-for the views of the District Attorney upon Nulty then drew up the statement exoner-"No. Mr. Belmont is never a Democrat the vagrancy daw. The District Attorney, ating Lester, which Dorothy Olsen signed. and the next day the doctor took her the Several residents of Berkeley were called

to the stand by Attorney Frick as character where a careful inspection was made of the premises surrounding the Stoddard house which Miss Janet Forbes and Mrs. Edith the defendant. The trial will be resumed Monday morning, and the case will prob-

ARCHBISHOP IRELAND IS

The Pope to-day received Archbishop Ireland in his own private library, greet- Described in the Wasp this week in the story of the ing him most affably and offering him a famous beauties who have dazzled great men. The sent at the next desk. His Holiness conversed with the American prelate for

Afterward the Archbishop acted as in-terpreter during the Pope's audience to

District Attorney Argues on Legality of Arrest of Former Insurance Official.

DEFENSE DENIES FELONY

Claims That Perkins Advanced His Own Money and Was Later Repaid by Bliss.

ARE TO SUBMIT BRIEFS

NEW YORK, March 30 .- "This is very ar from being a case where there is ar absence of moral guilt or turpitude. Shall the officers of a corporation or a single officer say take the money of the policy holders, take your and my money, give it to a political party! I say that such an act is inherently wrong, whether it is prohibited by law or not. I say that it is contrary to public policy, contrary to public morality and contrary as well to private morality and common decency. Half of the policyholders may have been Democrats, and to take their money to assist the Republican party certainly goes to the establishment of felonious intent Such was the contention to-day of District Attorney Jerome in the arguments on he habeas corpus proceedings in the case of George W. Perkins, former vice-president of the New York Life Insurance Company, who is charged with the larceny of \$48,701 belonging to the policyholders of the New York Life, which he advanced to Cornelius N. Bliss, treasurer of the Republican National Committee. The arguments were made before Justice Greenbaum in the State Supreme Court. Decision was reserved. Briefs will be filed Monday by contending counsel, and then Justice Greenbaum will take the matter of the legality of Mr. Perkins' arrest under advisement.

JUDGE SHOWS INTEREST

District Attorney Jerome argued for the propecution and former Judge William N. Cohen and Lewis Delaffeld appeared for the liveliest interest in the argument and constantly interrupted the lawyers with pointed questions. Jerome said that criminal in-Belmont can prove that I did not support lng from \$100 up to \$1,000, as the price of tention, according to legal authorities, was her silence. Replying to the questions of to appear from all the circumstances of the

Justice Greenbaum asked: "If you maintain that this was an illegal act, in what classification do you put it?"

Jerome replied: "I think that the payment was both illegal and immoral. I claim that it was both, and that it was criminal."

Drawing a parallel in justification of the payment of money to the Republican Campaign Committee, Judge Cohen said that Prezident John A. McCall of the New York Life Insurance Company had at different times directed the payment of large sums of money for the relief of the Johnstown

"These payments have been outside the vested authority of the president," he said, "but surely not illegal; certainly very far

from criminal. USED FOR PUBLIC GOOD.

"McCall," he said, "held great funds in his possession and he used them for public benefits. He believed sincerely that when he directed the payment of this money to Perkins he was acting for the best interests of the policyholders of the company." It was then explained to the court that

Perkins had advanced his personal funds

to Bliss and had been repaid months afterward by the New York Life. "Is it common sense," asked Judge Cohen, "to charge a man with having stolen from another when he is repaid his own? Perkins believed he was doing the best thing for his company and it is at his rethat I make this further statement that he acted throughout under the direction of McCall. Perkins has not the slightest idea of attributing to McCall any ex-

cept the highest motives or any wish or idea except to protect the interests of the Judge Cohen argued that none of the code of the definitions of larceny applied to Per-

Justice Dowling, in the Supreme Court to-day, granted the application made yesby District Attorney Jerome for a special Grand Jury to investigate insurance matters. Justice Dowling said he had con-sulted his associates and that they agreed as to the advisability of granting Mr.

Jerome's request. The special Grand Jury will be called about May 1st.

MARYSVILLE MERCHANT CHARGED WITH LARCENY

A. Harvey Declares His Arrest Is an Outrage and Grows Out of a Note.

OAKLAND, March 30 .- J. A. Harvey, & nerchant of Maryaville, arrived here in custody of Detective George Kyte and was booked at the city prison on a charge of petty larceny, preferred by George E. Faw. Harvey states that he befriended Faw and lent him \$48, which is the amount of the money alleged to have been taken. To secure the loan Faw is alleged to have given Harvey a note which the latter cashed RECEIVED BY THE POPE with other parties. Harvey says his arrest is an outrage.

> MADAME DU BARRY'S GIRLHOOD Wasp's gossip of society, engagements, weddings, divorces, etc., this week is full and interesting.

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