

POOLROOM MEN ROUGHLY HANDLED.

Dr. Dille Says San Francisco Is a Botany Bay of Vice.

STIRRING RESOLUTIONS.

Mass-Meeting Called by the Civic Federation Is Largely Attended.

WESLEY REID'S ABLE EFFORT.

Dr. Carlos Martyn of Chicago Tells How Many Evils Can Be Corrected.

WHEREAS, Our City has been disgraced by the existence of gambling dens known as poolrooms, carrying on openly their nefarious

evils of to-day is the present condition of affairs, that to the victor belongs the spoils."

The speaker then discussed the new charter at considerable length, urging all good people to work and vote for its adoption. One feature, he said, which should commend it to the people, was the civil service reform clause. He urged all good men to sustain it, because it was better than the present siphon affair.

Mr. Truman was followed by Charles Wesley Reid, one of the attorneys for the federation. He declared that people who favor a good general government look first for the annihilation of municipal evils. "This kind of corruption," he said, "interests every law-abiding citizen. It was not until 1850 that this kind of corruption became popular. Boss Tweed got his clutches on New York, and his example has been followed by some greater or lesser rasal in every American city of any size."

Mr. Reid then spoke of local evils, dwelling particularly on the fact that it was impossible to locate a wrong, even though it was shown to exist. "It should be so," he continued, "that you could go to the Mayor and say so and so exists, and it would be corrected. The new charter embodies all this. Vote for that and you get what you want. It is no one-man-power affair, as has been claimed. It is based on the constitution of the United States. If that is wrong then this charter is also faulty. It gives the Supervisors power to make the laws and the Mayor power to enforce them."

Rev. Dr. Dille was the next speaker, and followed the line for which everybody was patiently waiting. Without any waste of time he pitched into the poolrooms and gambling in general, and for half an hour

POLICE AS DUCK-HUNTERS

They Clear the Marshes in the Mission of Reckless Sportsmen.

A RUSE THAT WAS SUCCESSFUL.

Residents Who Appreciate the Great Good Done By the Mounted Policemen.

The residents on Bernal Heights, along the San Bruno and Mission roads, and in other outlying districts of the Mission are congratulating themselves upon the eradication of numerous evils since the advent of the mounted policemen.

It was impossible with the limited number of men in the Mission to properly keep a check upon the lawlessness of the "tough" element in certain portions, although creditable work was done, but now that the six mounted policemen and a number of extra patrolmen have been assigned to that district, all under the efficient leadership of Captain Gillin and his able assistant, Lieutenant Burke, there is a marked change for good, which the residents have been quick to appreciate.

One of the greatest evils that has been entirely done away with was from duck

He is willing to allow his wife to depart in peace if she will leave the child.

Waddill is making a still hunt for his wife about the City. He says that she is either in hiding in San Francisco or has gone to Portland, Or.

There is a possibility that the young wife has returned to her parents in Montreal. As stated in yesterday's CALL, Mrs. Waddill is a white woman, and the fact that she is a colored man for her husband rather displeased the family. Lately a truce has been raised between herself and parents.

Waddill is an industrious fellow and has several hundred dollars to his credit in the bank.

AT PARK AND BEACH.

But Little Damage Done by the Storm. The Work of Improvement Going On.

The sky being hung with heavy clouds yesterday and there being no certainty that the storm was over, notwithstanding the "fair" flag that floated from the staff on the top of the Mills building, many people were kept away from the park. The small number who did go went to the conservatory, where there are now a great number of very rare parasites in bloom, displaying many colored blossoms, and to the museum to look at the curios.

A few venturesome male and female cyclists appeared on the drives, but the way their wheels picked up moist real estate and threw it on their backs made cycling decidedly unpleasant.

The fallen tower is being removed by a gang of men who are in the employ of G. Goodman, who had a lien on the tower for \$750 for the laying of the concrete foundation on which it rests.

Work on the brick addition to the museum is progressing rapidly. The walls of the first story are already up, and as soon as the storm abates the workmen will be directed to hasten the work.

The new lodge has so far advanced that the workmen are now putting in the doors and windows. The interior plastering is all on. The walls of the Commissioners' office will be covered with embossed paper in imitation of leather; the dining-room walls will be covered with curliap, and several of them will be hard-finished in white, while others will be finished in natural wood.

The storm of Friday night did but little damage in the park. There were a few washouts, but none that cannot be filled with a few loads of soil. At Buena Vista Park, which is under control of the Commissioners, there was a slide on the east bank that carried away nearly a hundred tons of earth.

Thousands of people visited the beach in the hope of seeing the angry waves of the ocean chasing one another and raising their crests in racing for the shore, but in this they were disappointed, for the ocean was comparatively calm. The recent storm did considerable damage to glass on the south side of the new Cliff House, many panes being smashed. Nearly all by yesterday noon had been replaced.

FELL FROM A BALLOON.

Millie Viola's Accident in Getting Ready for a Parachute Jump.

The Young Woman Had Gone Upward Only Fifteen Feet When the Rope Broke.

The balloon ascension at the Haigh-street grounds yesterday was a failure, and Miss Millie Viola, who started on a voyage to the clouds, fell fifteen feet and hurt her back and spine.

The announcement was that Miss Viola, sister of the young woman who a few weeks ago made a successful ascent from the same place, would go up on a trapeze hung to the balloons, and that when in midair she would give a performance on the swinging bar.

During the afternoon the work of inflating the balloon was commenced and several thousand people watched the op-



Millie Viola. [From a photograph.]

eration, but before the balloon was half inflated the rain began and the majority of the crowd deserted the grounds.

Miss Viola was asked if the inflating of the balloon should be stopped. She replied that she would go up, rain or no rain. The work of filling the immense bag with gas and smoke continued, and at 4:30 o'clock it was nearly full.

The parachute was attached to the mouth of the bag, the lines were stretched and the trapeze was held in position for the aeronaut. The latter appeared accompanied by her sister and a curly-haired little boy.

The word "ready" was given and Miss Viola, throwing off a coat, stood in parachute costume. She kissed the boy and her sister, took her seat on the bar and grasped the side ropes. The order "let go" was given. All holds were released, the shattering of the windows in the morning that during the night a horse or cow had been slaughtered.

Another evil from which ranchers were sufferers has been checked. Men would drive out to the ranches in a wagon, seize a calf or sheep and throw it quickly into the wagon and drive off to Butcher-town and dispose of the animal. The loss sustained by the ranchers from this practice has been very great, but the mounted policemen have put an end to these depredations.

The "tough" element on Bernal Heights has been overawed by the presence of the mounted men. Formerly they could easily get away from a patrolman, but they find it impossible to outstrip a horse, and the use of a good club has had a beneficial effect in checking their turbulence, and the public is a gainer. In many things the public is an ass, but it does not exercise the privilege of the ass—that is, to kick.

The way out of all this is to discard party politics in municipal affairs—be simply citizens of San Francisco. Vote when the time comes and vote right. The man who will not take the time to go to the ballot-box, let him go to Russia, where the Czar rules. The man who is not interested enough in good government to vote, disfranchise him. Just here I want to say a word of the man who comes to America to be naturalized. We expect him to be an American, and not an Irish-American, a German-American or a Scandinavian-American.

HILL TELLS HIS STORY.

Declares He Has Not Seen His First Wife in Over Six Years.

ANXIOUS FOR THE DIVORCE.

The Former Druggist Says His Financial Troubles Are Due to His Erring Wife.

If the story told by H. W. Hill is true, the account of his recent escapades as related by his wife are untrue.

Mr. Hill denies that he has ever been East or anywhere else with his first wife, from whom he was divorced five years ago. He says he has not seen Mrs. Hill No. 1 in six years, and has no desire to see her now.

"The whole story is a neat little scheme got up by my wife and her attorney to give the former some little prestige in the theatrical world. I have been right here in San Francisco at 1091 Market street, and she knows it. As for going East with my former wife, that is sheer nonsense. True, this lady is now beyond the Mississippi, but I have not seen her. "I notice that this woman says I have

of the meeting halls are engaged for every night in the week, and we are receiving offers from Western Addition social and dancing clubs, society cotillions and many fraternal societies."

With one exception the meeting halls are finished. They are elegantly furnished, officers chairs and desks having been specially designed on massive lines and in solid carved oak, ornamented with emblems of the order and of California. The canopies are all exquisite efforts in drapings with rich silks and velvets. With the addition of costly carpets and ample electric lights these halls are attractive and have already become very popular as meeting places.

The assembly hall and ball room is the largest of the kind in town and quite effective, and the Natives are very proud of it. The new library and reading rooms are handsomely furnished and better patronized than were the old ones. Already the new building is a favorite rendezvous of Native Sons, and when it will have been dedicated, as rental contracts now indicate, it is certain to be a grand success financially as well as in every other feature.

HE ROBBED HIS FRIEND.

An Oregon Youth Broke Into the Rooms of the Man Who Helped Him.

Harry Allbright, cashier and night clerk at the Palace restaurant, on Market street, near Fifth, took in Harry Donohue, a young man who came from Ashland, Or., five days ago, fed him and let him occupy part of his room. Last night he had Donohue arrested for burglary.

Allbright knew Donohue's people in Ashland, and so he was kind to the young fellow. He told Donohue a few days ago that he expected \$500 from friends in the East. He also told him that only a short

time when the gospel would again be restored, and when the kingdom would again be set up in the last days (Rev. xiv, 6-7; Daniel ii, 44-5). And we the Latter Day Saints testify that that angel has come (Rev. xi, 6-7) and that Joseph Smith was the instrument in the hands of the Lord in restoring the gospel in this day with all its glorious gifts and blessings as of old.

Rev. Mr. Martyn to Speak. Rev. Carlos Martyn, D.D., known as the "Park Bishop of Chicago," will deliver an address to the Presbyterian Ministerial Union at its meeting at 10:30 o'clock this morning, in the Home of the Occidental Board, 920 Sacramento street, on the subject of "Christian Citizenship."

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A MORMON DISCOURSE.

Elder Scowcroft of Utah Talks to a Sunday Evening Congregation.

Elder Willard Scowcroft of Ogden addressed a congregation at Friendship Hall, 909 Market street, last evening on the restoration of the Gospel and its object. He said that in the days of our Lord and Savior and His Apostles there were many great privileges and blessings that followed the believers. Those blessings were not only promised to the people at the time, but to all that would accept the gospel at any time or in any way. The apostles were persecuted by the people, however, and put to death, and many of the early Christians suffered. The pagans accused them of atheism because they had no temples, no incense, no sacrifice, pomp or ceremony in their worship. The Christians in order to cast off this reproach gradually introduced many ceremonies from paganism and thought by so doing they would gain pagan converts and thereby strengthen the cause, but instead of spreading the plain and precious truths of the gospel they eventually subverted them.

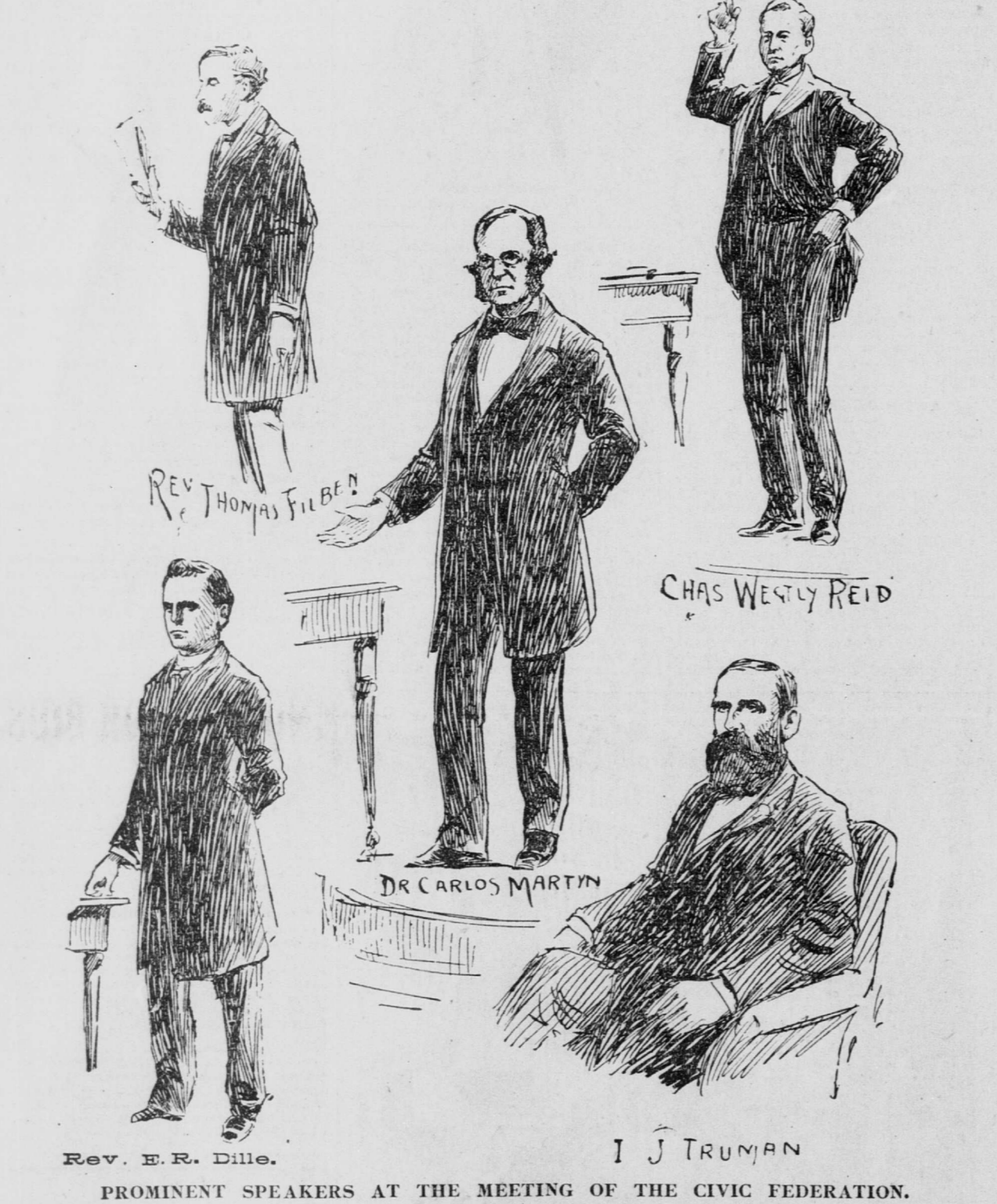
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PROMINENT SPEAKERS AT THE MEETING OF THE CIVIC FEDERATION. [Sketched from life by a "Call" artist.]

business of debauching our young men and boys, preparing a corps of embezzlers, defalcators and petty thieves; and whereas, the existing ordinance against this species of gambling has been found ineffective to handle this evil; and whereas there is pending an ordinance before the Board of Supervisors to prohibit the existence of these dens of infamy.

Resolved, That as citizens of San Francisco, in mass-meeting assembled, we demand the utter extermination of poolrooms, whether carried on under pretense of doing business on commission or whether they do an open business of book-making; and to this end we favor the passage of the ordinance now pending, and we insist that when the ordinance shall be passed no poolroom shall be allowed to open its doors in our fair City.

Resolved, further, That President C. B. Perkins and Rev. Dr. Dille be authorized to present these resolutions to the Board of Supervisors.

The above resolutions were unanimously adopted at the monster mass-meeting held at Odd Fellows' Hall yesterday under the auspices of the Civic Federation to protest against municipal evils, not the least of which are the iniquitous poolrooms. Incidentally the new charter received its share of attention, Wesley Reid and Dr. Dille urging on the people assembled to fight for its passage as the one way to secure pure municipal government.

As early as 2:30 o'clock people began to drift into the auditorium of Odd Fellows' Hall, and half an hour later, when the time for opening arrived, the lower floor and gallery were taxed to their utmost. The stage, however, save for the brightly-colored American flags and several large vases of flowers, was quite deserted. The minutes rolled swiftly by until half an hour had elapsed, and still the Civic Federation as a body did not appear. It began to be whispered around the hall that the poolroom men were responsible for this. They were present in force, it was said, for the single purpose of breaking up the meeting.

Just as confusion seemed on the eve of asserting itself, L. J. Truman, followed by some twenty members of the federation, marched on the stage. Tremendous applause, probably the result of long pent-up enthusiasm, greeted their appearance, only to be repeated with renewed vigor when to the master of ceremonies, in the person of Mr. Truman, arose to formally declare the meeting open. "We are here to-day," he said, "to better our civic affairs. All are interested in good government, good streets, good officers, and, in fact, everything pertaining to a pure municipality. One of the greatest