TELEGRAPHIC.

TRIAL OF DURRANT

For the Murder of Miss Marion Williams in a Church.

THOUSANDS SURROUND THE COURT

A New Witness Found by the Detectives —Durrant Will Seek to Prove an Alibi.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—When the preliminary examination of W. H. T. Durrant, the student charged with the murder of fourteen-year-old Minnie Williams in Emanuel Baptist church on the night of April 3rd, is resumed this morning, there will be a new witness who will give some damaging evidence against him.

It will be remembered that Durrant has persistently denied having met Miss Williams at any time after three weeks prior to her death. There has been evidence that he was seen in the vicinity of the church that night by several persons, three girls and a woman, but each one of these, a young girl, has since been positively identified by a companion who was with her at the time and failed to recognize the prisoner in court.

Hall James H. Morgan, a citizen who lives within a few doors of the church, who has been intimately associated with the case from the first, will testify positively to this point. Morgan did not go to bed on the night in question, as was his custom, but remained up reading and otherwise engaged in the sitting room of his house. He says that about 9:30 o'clock he heard a woman's voice in the church say, "Will you please let me go?" Then followed a struggle, and the voice was heard to say, "Please don't." The woman was subsequently identified as Lewis Lang, to whom Durrant is said to be engaged. Morgan says that he was positive that the voice was that of Miss Williams, and not that she would be the one to help Durrant as a witness for the defense. The police have been informed that Morgan will be put on the stand by the defense, and they are confident that he will identify Durrant as the man who was with Miss Williams in the church. Morgan says that he did not go to the door, as he supposed that it was only a courting couple, and that he did not think it worth while to investigate.

Mr. H. W. Hill has identified the gaiter button found in Durrant's closet as one that he gave to Miss Williams.

The witness has also identified a bunch of keys found in the pocket of Durrant's overcoat, with the exception of one, which he says he had been given him by George King and Jay Gould. Burrie Hoyt gave a list of acquaintances, which has not come out before today. He said that Wood was in company with other young men, on Sunday, the 29th of March, in the back part of the church, just to the rear of the pulpit, as was demonstrated on the 5th by the Examining Board of Physicians, in charge of the coroner's squad, had called his attention to these marks.

The first witness for the day was Mary M. Phelps, a boarder, who testified that she knew a man and a young woman and Emanuel church on the 2nd and 3rd of April. On April 12 he was engaged by Durrant to go to Napa, to prevent, and the girl escaped as he was coming him and he ended. The man, Wm. Stendel, is a long resident and a man, and his wife.

California Iron Works.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—The Union Iron Works company has decided to close down indefinitely on account of the dull time in iron work. Joseph Peyser, Chairman of the executive committee of the State Board of Trade, has issued a call for a meeting to be held on Thursday next, at which the matter will be discussed. It is believed that the Union Iron Works will be the only one to remain open.

Negroes on a Rampage.

BEAUMONT, S. C., April 28.—News has reached here that a large mob of negroes are marching to the county seat for the purpose of lynching a white man named Hall, who is charged with murdering a negro. Hall was in the employ of Whitehead, and had the name of Whitehead, and said that he would be the one to help Durrant and others to lynch him. The police who had been informed of the affair were not there, but Hall was taken by the land violently with some words, and handled an unmerciful amount while in the hands of the mob. He was sent by the to Judge Durrant.

The witness has also identified a knife found in Durrant's closet