

particular branch of the service is increased so that it will be sufficient to meet the expenses. The chiefs of other departments have registered protests for similar reasons and unless something is done the city will have to abolish many modern methods and conveniences and go back to the old ways practiced years ago.

Police Commissioner "Mose" Gunst has returned from Europe and the East after an absence of six months. He has blood in his eye and expresses himself as greatly astonished at the conduct of Chief of Police Lees in regard to the protection he extended to Theodore Fiegel, who is accused of the murder of Isaac Hoffman. It will be remembered that Chief Lees refused to acknowledge the murder theory and refused to arrest Fiegel to whom suspicion pointed unless someone would swear to a warrant. Commissioner Gunst thinks the actions of the chief were outrageous and unwarranted, and it is his intention to see to it that they are properly investigated by the police commissioners.

Mrs. Hettie R. Craven, who met with defeat in her last attempt, will make another attack upon the stronghold of the Fair millions. This suit will be filed in accordance with the statement made public some two years ago that she was the lawful wife of Jas. G. Fair and as such is entitled to share in the distribution of his estate. The complaint alleges that the plaintiff and James G. Fair were married in May, 1892, by contract, but the marriage was not made public for reasons of the senator's, though it is claimed he acknowledged the existence of the same to a notary public and also to personal friends. He also introduced and lived with the plaintiff as his wife.

The nature of the foregoing case is almost identical with the attempt of Sarah Althea Sharon to gain a portion of the Sharon estate some years ago, and in which she was unsuccessful.

For stealing a board from a neighbor's yard, with which to make a saw, little 13-year-old Alma Fallmer of Alameda was sentenced to the Whittier reform school for one year. If it is the intention of the parties responsible for the child's commitment to reform by imprisonment in such an institution where her associates at the best will be bad, they will be sadly disappointed, for it is a recognized fact that such places, and Whittier in particular, are nothing better than preparatory schools of crime, and a child placed at the mercy of such surroundings can hardly be held responsible if its future be not in the narrow path of virtue and morality.

O. M. Welburn, the ex-internal revenue collector, is on trial in the United States district court for the alleged embezzlement of public money. He is accused of converting to his own use part of the salaries due from the government to his deputies and assistants. The indictments against him are, as numerous as flies on a warm day and if he is convicted on every charge the chances are favorable for his spending his remaining years behind prison bars.

The internal revenue officers have been busy the last few days seizing goods manufactured in this city and packed in bottles bearing labels of well known foreign brands. This practice has been carried on doing a land-office business in this line for, by resorting to these unlawful methods they were enabled to undersell the dealers who handled the genuine article, owing to the fact that they avoided the payment of the revenue tax.

Postmaster Montague has completed arrangements with the street railway companies whereby in future letter-carriers will be carrier on all street cars in the course of collection and de-

livery of mail. Heretofore carriers were compelled to either walk or pay their own car fare but now owing to the government appropriation for transportation of letter-carriers, they will be provided with tickets that will be accepted as fare by the street car companies and redeemed at the end of each month by the postmaster.

The Chinese of San Francisco are celebrating the triennial feast to their Idol Kwan Di, a festival on which they spend thousands of dollars, and which is supposed affords their god as much pleasure as it does his worshippers, for all the height of Chinatown, and the luxuries most dear to the Mongolian palate, are placed at the disposal of Chinese god and man like. The festivities last for five days and conclude with a prayer, on the public street in front of the Joss house, in which they ask the great idol to banish the evil spirit that they fear are lurking in the Chinese quarters.

A collision that came near adding another chapter to the long list of disasters on the bay occurred last Saturday when the schooner Five Brothers crashed into the big Pacific liner China that was laying in the stream for quarantine inspection. The schooner became unmanageable and banging into the China struck her full amidships, carrying away the jibboom and wrecking the bow, then glancing off along the steamer's side freed herself and escaped being wrecked.

Some time ago an English syndicate purchased all the breweries in San Francisco and vicinity, and has since continued to operate them through an association. The last report shows the investment was a poor one as the syndicate has been losing money and a reorganization is in progress. If there is no money in manufacturing beer in a city where there is a saloon to every one hundred of the population, where would one hope to find a profitable location?

Kleptomania has become the popular plea with shop-lifters since Mrs. Castle's experience in London, but fortunately for the storekeepers of this city the kleptomaniacs that have been detected here were not as successful as that distinguished lady in gaining the public's sympathy, and many of them have been given opportunities for a lingering cure by being placed beyond temptation. The last one before the public was Elsie de Vere, a local actress who was caught in one of the large department stores while trying to get away with some articles that no one but a kleptomaniac would be guilty of taking.

The school directors of Alameda county have adopted a resolution against the wearing of mourning apparel by teachers in the public schools owing to the gloomy and depressing effect it has upon the minds of the children by reminding them too much of death. The directors believe that the surroundings of the class room should be bright and pleasant and free from all depressing influences, consequently mourning has been tabooed in the Alameda schools.

Col. A. E. Bates, deputy paymaster in the United States army, startled his audience in a lecture to Berkeley students by predicting that within the next fifty years a great class war will rage in this country, and that the army which is now held in less esteem than any other profession, would be called upon to protect the lives and property of the people of the United States from the destruction of war. He seemed to wish to convey the idea that the people did not consider the profession of arms on an equal footing with other professions and took this way of expressing his sentiments.

San Francisco is beginning to feel the approach of winter; the rainy sea-

son has begun and all out-door sports and pastimes have been brought to a sudden close.

There is a great deal of anxiety entertained by employees of the customs house at this port owing to the unexpected arrival of orders from headquarters at Washington dismissing men from the service who had come to be regarded as permanent fixtures, and everyone is wondering whose head will fall next.

The following Salt Laker's are registered at the leading hotels: C. M. Hunter, L. J. Ruth, Miss R. Ruth at the Baldwin; Richard McIntosh at the Palace, and A. C. Travis at the Grand.

## IDAHO'S FAIR.

Nampa, Idaho, Oct. 16.—The most successful effort ever made by the Idaho people in the way of a fair is now closing at their capital, Boise City. About a half mile out from the business center, at the race track new buildings have been erected and commodious quarters made. Outside the vegetable and fruit display, the children's work from schools and ladies' fancy work, the races seem to be the chief attraction. From five to seven thousand people thronged the grounds, and you may understand that a small city like Boise must have had her hands full in trying to entertain so many hungry and tired people; but she did it and everybody seemed well satisfied. Among the sports were the various horse and other races, trotting, running, etc.; but the most interesting and the one giving the best satisfaction was the cowboy race. Five entries were made, but only three came in. Each rider had four horses saddled with which to ride twenty miles. This feat was accomplished by the winner in 48 minutes and only ended as darkness came on. Of course there was not time enough, nor ample rewards possibly, to bring out a good display of domestic stock. Outside the race course, a few Hereford cattle were about all on the grounds. The poultry show was very creditable, the kennel showed some splendid dogs, a few fat hogs were in the pen, and a few sheep were seen.

In the general exhibition building were the artists' work, the school children's display, and nature's product from the orchard and the field and minerals from the mountains. There is no department in the fair more gorgeous, more beautiful, and of greater interest to the writer than the fruit display. I have witnessed many choice displays of fruit; as I passed through Weber county not long since I thought I never saw the equal of the great and beautiful fruit of all kinds as seen on the grocery stands and on exhibition; I witnessed the splendid display at Provo in the Utah county fair; but as badly as I dislike to give up, we must concede to Idaho the largest and in some varieties the best fruit. It is with the more hardy varieties of fruit as it is with the health of people in the rural districts, the new country in these mountains under irrigation produce the largest, purest and best-flavored apples I presume in the world. Idaho excels in apples, pears and prunes. In the vegetable display, grains and alfalfa take the lead. This line, judging both from the stalk and kernel, cannot be beat. Corn and squash and the more delicate varieties of vegetables were not so good; corn stalk and cob are scrubby.

Before passing the fruit display, let me say something about cured fruits. Though but a small display, and but little being done of it, we may safely say Idaho can equal anything in our country at least. In cured prunes I never saw a finer variety, also splen-