DARK LANTERN SESSION.

The Charges Against President Loofbourow Being Secretly Ventilated.

Quietly and secretly the special committee appointed by the City Council a little more than a week ago to investigate the charges made against President Loofbourow by Mayor Baskin, gathered in the council chamber at the city hall last night and went into executive session. A News reporter attempted to enter the room and take his seat at his desk but found the door locked and watched by a stalwart policeman. An effort made to obtain in detail an account of the inquisition resulted in a failure as each member is pledged to secrecy and the particulars will not be made public until the findings of the investigation are reported to the Council. It was learned, however, that City Auditor Raybould, City Treasurer Duke, Ex-Councilman Ewing and George T. Peshale were placed on the witness stand and closely questioned.

The committee failed to complete its labors and adjourned until tonight, when the hearing will be resumed.

Brownell Held.

E. H. Brownell, the would-be suicide, forger and morphine consumer, was held by Justice Gee in $400 bonds to await the action of the grand jury for forging the name of Business Manager George Blair of the *Herald*.

Brownell was unable to obtain bondsmen and was sent to the county jail.

THE UNION MEETING.

The Theater Cannot be Secured Before the 19th Inst.

Heber M. Wells, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce committee appointed to confer with the Business Mens' committee in relation to holding a Union meeting of the two organizations in the Theater at an early date last evening sent the following to President Donnellan of the Chamber of Commerce:

"I beg to inform you that the committee appointed by the Business Men's association and the Chamber of Commerce to arrange for a meeting to be held under the joint auspices of the two organizations at Salt Lake Theater, met last evening and discussed the matter.

"While it was the sense of the meeting that the contemplated affair would be beneficial, the chamber of commerce portion of the committee came to the conclusion, inasmuch as an election of officers of the chamber of commerce would occur on Thursday evening of this week, that it was scarcely consistent for them to be engaged in arranging an event which would post date the election at least one week—the Theater being not obtainable before the 19th inst. The committee, therefore, adjourned without action, but with the understanding that the matter be brought to the attention of the new board immediately after its election, not later than Friday the 20th inst. Your committee therefore recommend that the subject of the appointment of a committee to confer with the business men's committee be brought to the attention of the new board as soon as possible."

It Has Been Served.

An attachment has been issued and served from the Third District court in the case of the Driver Mercantile company vs. Thomas McCoy, the livery stable keeper, for the sum of $893.69, on account of goods sold and delivered between October 21st and December 9th, 1892.

A confession of judgment was entered just before noon in the suit of the People's Forwarding company (R. E. Rich) vs. Thos. McCoy, for the sum of $1052.21 and costs.

A CALIFORNIAN ROMANCE.

How a Young Lady Graduated from the Cook's Kitchen to a Higher Plane.

Miss Cora Coombs, who during the days of her girlhood romped through the forests of Calaveras county as free and as happy as one could wish to be, but who since reaching maturity has devoted several years of her life to the less poetic occupation of preparing free lunch and washing dishes in Charles Engelke's saloon, at San Francisco, has been dabbling more in law of late than the ordinary woman is wont to.

Miss Coombs first met Engelke in Stockton several years ago, according to the *Chronicle's* statement, and after some sort of a mock marriage ceremony had been gone through with, came to this city and lived with him, supposing that she was his wife.

Three months ago the appearance of another wife with a longer and stronger claim to the saloon-keeper's affections completely upset Miss Coombs in her calculations, and while she was deperately engaged in a wonder to discover just whom she was, Engelke, as she claims, soundly thrashing her and then deserted her. Of course, this treatment was more than any woman could stand, and it immediately created in Miss Coombs a burst for vengeance. Seeking out an attorney, one Jenkins, she, with his assistance, forthwith proceeded to use her recalcitrant lover for $50,000, an amount which would, as the counsel in the case could, inadequately repay her for the anguish which she had suffered through Engelke's failure to marry her.

The suit has not as yet been heard, but in the meantime Cora seems to have concluded that, even if she did win it, many years would pass before Engelke would have accumulated enough money through the sale of liquors to the inhabitants of Tar Flat to permit of his paying the amount sued for, so she naturally abandoned the idea of a jury case and brought suit in the justice's court to recover $299 due her as wages as cook for Engelke for one year. The case was heard before Justice Gray, and resulted in a verdict for the defendant, who when placed upon the stand told the court of what a bad girl Cora had been, and of how she had, at different times while laboring under the influences of part of his stock in trade, stolen his watch, chain and money, broken his furniture, kissed a policeman, and done numerous other naughty things. In rendering his decision Justice Gray stated that while Engelke might have been at one time indebted to some extent to Miss Coombs, he felt that she had in the end fully balanced the account.

Ordinarily things of this kind end in court, but not so with this one. Engelke, not satisfied with winning a verdict from Miss Coombs, has preferred charges before the police commissioners against Officer Conlier, whom he declares alienated the affections of the Calaveras belle from him, and now Miss Coombs is trying to learn just where she stands in the matter. Engelke swore in the justices' court that he never loved her, never married her and never even engaged her as a cook, and yet he petitioned the police commissioners to discharge an officer for winning her love from him. The charge against the officer was dismissed.

EX-SALT LAKE REPORTERS.

Three of Them Now Writing for Denver Papers.

Mr. Barley, general passenger agent of the Union Pacific, stated to a News representative today that while in Denver he met and chatted pleasantly with several ex-Salt Lake newspaper men.

Mr. B. J. Jessup who served in different capacities as a writer on the *Tribune* or this city for several years, is now engaged on the reportorial staff of the Denver Evening *Times*. Richard Wells, formerly a member of the local forces of the Salt Lake Evening *Times* and *Herald* is now writing for the Republican. "Oscarora" Edwards, at one time mining reporter on the *Times* is also in Denver and is doing "special" work but is not steadily employed.

Joe Jenkins, the sensational story writer of the new defunct *Times*, is city editor of R. Clark Wheeler's paper at Aspen, Colorado.

The Cholera Scare in Finland.

Advertisements were advertised for a cholera doctor, and offered a good salary. Not a single application was received, although the place swarms with medical students. Helsingfors advertised in a similar way and had two applicants. Wherever you turn you hear advice to undergo no risk. One assures you that fruit must be avoided; another that you must keep your body well protected by flannels, and a third advises only boiled water as both drink and food! As a matter of fact, most families have adopted strict measures in regard to eating, although I can never think that the universal summer dish here, consisting of sour milk, with ginger and sugar, can be wholesome. We are all very careful not to catch a cold and to frequent baths.

Outside Helsingfors are two large hospitals, with beds, nurses, medicine, ambulances, etc., in perfect readiness, and there are besides to be disinfectant stations, and a central medical depot in the middle of the town, where doctors are in attendance day and night. The railway officials have fitted up special hospital cars, which have a weird look, all in white, with a big red cross outside.—Helsingfors Cor. London News.

Cost of Cabling.

The navy department has issued a new table of cable rates of the world. A chart of the world is published, on which the submarine cables are indicated, with the principal communicating land lines and the nearest stations. Detailed maps are also given of the telegraphic accommodations in Central America and the West Indies, in eastern Europe and in the Mediterranean countries. The tables of cable rates include the Atlantic cables, Cuba, Bahamas, Bermuda, African, European, Asiatic and South American.

It appears that it costs more to send messages to the West Indies than it does to places in Africa. All the important places in Africa are now reached by telegraph, and you can sit in Gila Bend, A. T., and communicate with business men at Assab for $1.31 per word. If you want to reach anybody in Venezuela from New York, it will cost $5.91 per word, and then the message must go by mail from Quayaquil.

The islands in the Pacific are now about the only places with which immediate communication by telegraph cannot be had.—Washington Letter.

Mexican Excavations.

The Mexican government has recently been making some excavations in the plaza of Tlaltelolco, which have resulted in uncovering some very interesting remains of the ancient Aztecs. Three feet below the surface a white floor of cement was found. Three feet farther down was another. Below that strips of terrace work painted blue were uncovered, forming a low pyramid; beneath this were crypts, containing human bones and stone coffins. Among the latter were whistles of glazed pottery, a stone mushroom and a pottery stamp, in which appears the cross of Quetzalcoatl.

In another part of the excavation over 400 small idols or household gods were found, some representing the goddess of water and others the moon. One thousand arrowheads of obsidian and serpentine were unearthed. Many articles used in the game of ball were also excavated. A great many other interesting relics of the ancient Nahuatl civilization were brought to light.—Boston Transcript.

Why Fast Records Have Been Made.

A breeder of fine horses had this to say of the recent record smashing: "In addition to the pneumatic tired wheels, sulkies, the trotters and pacers this season have had the best tracks to go on that I ever saw. The weather has been absolutely perfect, and as a result I have never seen tracks so fast as they are this fall." There is no doubt from three to five seconds faster per mile than old style time, and under lighting fast, have smashed fast naps like Nancy Hanks and Maude to match the old time records.—New York Advertiser.

A Hearty Old Man.

On the farm of George Hatter, near Yuba City, Cal., there is a little field some across the plains in 1864 and still is able to do considerable work and is fat and healthy. The man is an eight well seems the firing rule to go in the historical exhibition.—Shasta Farmer.

Mr. Robert W. Dewsir

An Express Foreman at Jackson Engine Co., Long Island City, N. Y., says that for Christmas, 1890, he could only take a small of dinner, as he was in a painful condition from Dyspepsia. The next morning he went to Kinney for his breakfast, but could have none of it. In the act he received upon a thorough trial of

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