CONSUMMATION OF LOVE MATCH

Theodora Shonts and the Duc De Chaulnes Are Married.

HOW DUKE WINS BRIDE

His Playing on the Violin Reminds Girl's Father of Days When He Won Her Mother and His Heart Is Softened.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—What is said to be an international love match was consummated this noon, when Miss Theodora Shonts became the bride of Manuel Theodoric Bernard d'Albert de Luynes, Duc de Chaulnes, of Paris. The prominence of the bride, who is the daughter of Theodore Shonts, the Isthmian Canal Commissioner, has made the affair one of National interest.

The wedding took place at the home of the bride's father at 132 East Fifth avenue, the ceremony being performed by Monsignor M. J. Lavelle, rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Although considerable interest has been aroused because of its international phase, it was planned to be an unostentatious home wedding without unusual display or exceptional gathering of guests.

Notable Guests Present.

Notable among the guests, however, was the Duchess D'Uzes, a sister of the Duke and a member of one of the most aristocratic families of Paris; the Baron Louis de Conde, of Paris, a friend of the Duke, and several members of the French Embassy in Washington, including the counsellor of the Embassy, M. Des Portes de la Fosse, Mme. Des Portes and their daughter, the latter a personal friend of the bride, and Lieutenant-Commander De Blampre, the French Naval Attache, and Mme. Blampre.

Miss Marguerite Shonts, sister of the bride, was her only attendant, and the Prince Andre Galitzine, the Duke's uncle, was best man. The Shonts home was decorated with American beauty roses, lilies of the valley and smilax.

The bride wore a gown of Duchess satin with court train, bordered with orange blossoms.

The Duc de Chaulnes is 26 years old and a member of one of the most aristocratic families of the French nobility. He has a home in Paris and an hereditary castle in one of the French provinces.

Theodore P. Shonts, the bride's father, is now president of the Interborough-Metropolitan Company, which operates the New York elevated railroads and subway.

Because of the fact that it has come to be believed that the marriage is the result of a genuine love match, it has attracted much attention in New York. The Duc is of the Roman Catholic faith, and obtained a dispensation for his marriage. The young couple will spend their honeymoon in Florida.

How the Duke Won His Bride.

Duc de Chaulnes is another case of a man finding his way to fortune. His personality and titles won Miss Shonts, but it was his expert handling of the violin that finally made a hit with Papa Shonts and broke down what seemed an insuperable barrier to the match. The Duke plays very well and one evening when he had managed to get into the house, he brought his violin and played some choice selections with unusual skill, which awakened a memory.

Twenty-one years ago Mr. Shonts, then an attorney in the railroad offices of General Francis M. Drake, at Centerville, Ia., won Mr. Drake's daughter by his skill as a violinist. As the Duke rippled up and down the strings Papa Shonts sat back and recalled the domestic scenes of years ago filter through his memory and it softened him mightily.

"Well, he's a pretty nice sort of cuss," he said, grudgingly, after the guest had departed. "One can't help liking him."

Then Mrs. Shonts and Theodora knew the battle had been won.

SAID TO BE FORTUNE HUNTER

Story of the Duke's Wild Life and Attempts to Marry Heiress.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Emanuel Theodoric Bernard d'Albert de Luynes, Duc de Chaulnes et de Picquigny, is a descendant of one of the oldest and proudest families of France, and, indeed of the continent. Unfortunately, scandal has touched the family of recent years and the Duke's mother, the beautiful Princess Sophie Galitzin, a Russian noblewoman, frivolous, brilliant and petted, was the center of an unpleasant affair with the Comte de Dion 25 years ago. For this the Duke's grandmother, the severe Duchess de Chevreuse, literally closed the door in her face and she died in penury at an obscure part of Paris, deserted by all save a faithful maid. As for the Duc de Chaulnes, society has looked rather leniently upon his wildness.

Brought up by his sister, Therese, now Duchess d'Uzes, in surroundings that were almost cloisteral in the gloomy ancient palace, he inherited the fun-loving nature of his mother and found his every instinct rigorously repressed. Family restrictions once removed, however, he entered upon the life of the gay world with a zest that soon made him notorious throughout Europe. Handsome and gracious in manner, he quickly dissipated two small fortunes, and his name began to be associated with wealthy American girls as a fortune-hunter. His really fine estate in the Department of La Sarthe early began to feel the burden of debt, and his town house in the Parc Monceau quarter of Paris to groan for additional funds with which to support its state.

The eagerness of the young Duke to repair these losses and his unfeigned desire to fit himself out with a fresh fortune by selling his title and his family name for as high a figure as possible, brought him some notoriety a few years ago. One of his former fiancees was Miss Gebhard, niece of Frederick Gebhard and of Mrs. Frederick Neilson, of New York. This engagement is said to have been broken because of the Duke's financial exactions.

A still more notorious instance, however, was that if his engagement to Princess Katherine Yurievska, the youngest of the natural children of Emperor Alexander II of Russia by Princess Dolgorouka, whom the Emperor married morganatically a few months before his assassination, and a number of years after the birth of their three children.

The Princess Dolgorouka is, in spite of her great fortune, reputed to be extremely niggardly, and she was so shocked at the Duke's pecuniary demands at the time of the engagement to her daughter that she let all Europe know the reasons which prompted her to reject him as a son-in-law. He then resumed his quest throughout Europe.

DIVES INTO BURNING MINE

Man Makes Seven Trips to Rescue Companions From Flames.

GRASS VALLEY, Cal., Feb. 15.—Twenty-five men narrowly escaped being sufocated to death this morning in the Brunswick mine several miles from this city. Harrison Eastus is still in a dangerous condition. A number were hoisted to the surface unconscious from the effect of smoke and bad air. The cause of the fire is not yet determined, as it is impossible to get to the point where the fire started. It is believed that it was due to the motors burning out at the 700-foot level. Eastus, a pumpman of that station, was startled by a loud explosion, and the next minute the pump station burst into flames. He attempted to check the fire with a hose, but was unsuccessful. Then he started to the surface. He climbed 200 feet and was found half an hour later clinging to a ladder. The mine belched smoke all day.

William Bawden is the hero of the camp. He made seven trips through the heavy smoke and assisted in bringing every man out. Several times he came up with an unconscious man on a truck. The fire will not do great damage, as the woodwork outside the pump station is too wet to burn.

STRUCK DUMB BY MRS. HETTY GREEN

Vanderbilt Family Do Not Reply to Allegations of the Woman Financier.

SIDE LIGHTS ON THE PANIC

Banker Says Story of Refusal to Loan Money on Jewels Is True, However, and Incident Caused a Slump in Smelters.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Members of the Vanderbilt family who were mentioned in the interview with Mrs. Hetty Green as having been turned down when they begged loans from the great woman financier on their jewels refused today to discuss the allegations of the richest woman in the world. Mrs. Vanderbilt, the mother of the Countess Szechenyi, against whom Mrs. Green turned her most biting comments, declined to have anything to say on the statement of Mrs. Green that if Mrs. Vanderbilt married this foreigner the control of the Vanderbilt system of railroads will pass out of the family's hands.

Harry Payne Whitney, the son-in-law of Mrs. Vanderbilt, who, Mrs. Green declared, obtained from her a loan of $1,000,000, giving as security a first mortgage on his mansion at the southwest corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-seventh street, said, through his secretary:

"I have nothing whatever to say. I have not made a statement to any one, and I shall not."

Family Cannot Believe Her.

Mrs. Elliott F. Shepard, a sister-in-law of Mrs. Vanderbilt, and who was not mentioned in the interview with Mrs. Green, said:

"I cannot believe the utterances credited to Mrs. Green. Those which have to do with the Vanderbilt estate are absurd, I am sure. Mrs. Vanderbilt would scarcely seek such means of raising money as Mrs. Green is quoted as telling of. The statements are surprising and incredible to me."

E. V. W. Rossiter, vice-president of the New York Central and executor under the will of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, consented to talk as to the allegations of Mrs. Green that the New York Central had appealed to her for financial assistance.

"It is both absurd and ridiculous," he said. "The New York Central's directors have never, to my knowledge, either appealed to Mrs. Green or the Chemical National Bank, which she owns, for a loan. I am pretty sure I would have known it if such were the case. Neither has the Vanderbilt estate appealed to her for financial aid. The statements seem so absurd I can hardly believe that Mrs. Green has been correctly quoted."

Troubles of Rich to Get Money.

A banker of some prominence, however, said:

"Mrs. Green's remarks may appear somewhat severe to some people, but they were true, nevertheless. There was a close connection, for instance, between her talk of refusing to lend money on Vanderbilt diamonds and the big slump in Smelters. It was the failure of one man to raise a large sum of money that caused 50,000 shares of Smelters to be thrown on the market and precipitated the big decline in that stock. It was sad, but nevertheless true, that many people worth millions had to descend to all sorts of shifts to raise money to protect their own interests."

RECEIVERS ARE APPOINTED

Mutual Reserve Insurance Company's Affairs to Be Settled.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Judge Ward, in the United States Circuit Court, today appointed the following receivers for the Mutual Reserve Insurance Company:

Charles J. Gould, of the law firm of Gould & Wilkie; William H. Russel, of the law firm of Russell & Winslow, and Archibald C. Haynes, president of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company. Each receiver was put under a bond of $100,000.

Insolvency and inability to meet its obligations are given in the court's order as the reason for the appointment of the receivers. The report made by examiners to the Superintendent of Insurance, on November 10, 1907, and which explained the condition of the company down to the last day of August, last, showed total liabilities of $5,418,717, and admitted assets of $3,701,602.

PASS THE HAT IN THEATERS

Unique Scheme at Wallace to Evade Sunday Rest Law.

WALLACE, Idaho, Feb. 15. — (Special.)—The Star Theater will begin tomorrow giving Sunday evening performances, which were discontinued when the Sunday rest law went into effect. No admittance will be charged, but it is said that the management will imitate the churches and pass the collection box during the performance.

"Parsifal" will be given in moving pictures, it being claimed that this will be a sacred concert.

"The Holy City" will be sung.

PLEA OF TIMBER BARONS

Will Ask Assessors' Convention Not to Increase Taxation.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Timber land owners in Western Washington, including some of the largest lumbering and logging concerns in the West, will ask the County assessors' Convention, to be held in Seattle on February 21, that no discrimination be practiced against them, and that before a radical increase in the assessment be made in the timber counties of the state they be given a chance to present a comprehensive statement of existing conditions.

Anticipating a redhot discussion of timber land values by the Assessors who have been asked by Assessor T. A. Parish to convene in this city, the timber land owners met this afternoon in the offices of the continental timber company in the Empire building. This company is a subsidiary corporation of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company, owning thousands of acres of the most valuable timber lands in Western Washington. A general invitation was sent out to permit loggers and timber owners, as well as lumber manufacturers to be present at the meeting.

E. B. Palmer and Timothy Jerome, the latter an officer of the Merrill & Ring Lumber Company, advocated the appointment of a committee to represent the timber land owners and loggers of Western Washington at the coming meeting the Assessors. E. E. Brehm, former general manager of the Washington Logging and Brokerage Company, will also be active in making the case for the timber land owners.

PLAYS NO POLITICS

Mayor Taylor Joins Issue With Supervisors.

VETOES THEIR PET LAWS

Defends City From Franchise Grab and Relaxation of Liquor Laws. Refuses to Appoint "Mere Politicians" to Office.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The harmonious relations which have existed between Mayor Taylor and the reform Board of Supervisors have been seriously threatened and some members of the Board are already talking open revolt. The Mayor's action yesterday in vetoing the amended liquor ordinance has brought about a climax which the most astute political leaders are endeavoring to keep from breaking into an open rupture.

Since January 9, when the new administration went into office, two pieces of legislation have divided the city into hostile camps, and in both of these cases the Mayor has run counter to the wishes of the Supervisors. The first case involved the rights of the railroad corporations to the use of the streets for spur tracks. The question arose on an application of the Santa Fe. The Supervisors granted the company a franchise for a track running from the company's line to the bay. After a public hearing on the question, the Mayor vetoed it. No attempt was made to carry it over his veto, as public opinion was with the Mayor.

Insists on Liquor License.

The latest legislation to divide the city was the amended liquor ordinance exempting wholesalers and groceries from the $500 yearly license. The Supervisors passed the ordinance by a vote of 14 to 4. At once a protest went up from all the church, civic and improvement societies in the city. Again the Mayor called a public meeting for a general discussion. Yesterday he returned the ordinance to the Supervisors with his veto upon it.

Supervisor Hocks, who fathered the ordinance, has been talking of fighting the issue with the Mayor. He believes he could pass it over the Mayor's veto, but some of his friends are averse to any split at this time.

Gives Up No Patronage.

Another grievance which the Supervisors appear to cherish against the Mayor is his refusal to allot them any share of the city patronage. The Mayor is very outspoken with the Supervisors. One Supervisor who asked the Mayor, to place a friend on the Fire Commission was met with:

"Certainly not. The man you recommend is a mere politician, entirely unfit for the place, and he can have no position under this administration."

SLOWED DOWN NOT ONCE

FLEET CAME THROUGH STRAITS AT TEN-KNOT SPEED.

Flotilla Arrives at Talcahuano With Story of Most Difficult Part of the Voyage.

TALCAHUNANO, Chile., Feb. 15.—The American torpedo-boat flotilla arrived here today from Puerto Montt, taking in all about six and a half days from Punta Arenas through the Magellan Strait, Smith Channel and the inner channels to this port. The battleship fleet passed out from Cape Pillar about 7:30 on the evening of February 8, making the voyage from Punta Arenas in 30½ hours.

Commander Rosas, of the Chilean navy, was aboard the torpedo-boat destroyer Whipple, the flagship of the flotilla, and the little vessel kept along with the battleships, which steamed at 10 knots an hour. Not once did the vessels slow down, and the navigation of the English and Crooked reaches was completed without difficulty. Strong west winds were experienced to the English reach and light winds and rain to Smith Channel, at the entrance of which the destroyers parted company with their big brothers.

A slight accident to the destroyer Lawrence happened off Cape Holland, but this soon was remedied and the Lawrence overhauled the others of the fleet and passed Cape Tamar into Smith Channel in company with the flotilla. In the voyage through the inner passage anchorages were found in Mayne Channel, Molineux Sound, Port Quellin and Laguna Bay.

WOMEN WILL CAPTURE FLEET

Fair Oarswomen of San Diego Plan Naval Victory.

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 15.—All committees preparing for the reception of the battleship fleet and Rear-Admiral Evans when they call at this port are working hard. The finance committee reports that funds will not be lacking. The present plan is to capture the 16 battleships and their consorts at the mouth of the harbor. The young ladies' rowing crews, of which there are seven or eight, will be detailed to do the capturing and Rear-Admiral Evans is expected to surrender to their 50 or 60 oarswomen.

As Rear-Admiral Evans' wife will come to the Coast, the key to the city presented to him will be a golden brooch set with San Diego gems.

SENDS WIRELESS TO CHILE

Evans Exchanges Courtesies With South American Republic.

VALPARAISO, Feb. 15.—Two wireless dispatches have been received here from the American battleship fleet under Rear-Admiral Evans, which was reviewed off Valparaiso yesterday, after which it continued on its way to Callao. One is addressed to Rear-Admiral Simpson, of the Chilean Navy, and says:

"The Commander of the Atlantic fleet begs you to convey to President Montt, in the name of himself, his officers and men, the appreciation of the honor he has done them by reviewing the fleet off Valparaiso. To this I add expressions of my personal regard and I hope I will have the pleasure of meeting you again. I send you my good wishes. "EVANS."

The other message is addressed to John Hicks, the American Minister, and says:

"I beg you to express to President Montt the thanks of the officers and men of my fleet for the many graceful acts of courtesy received at the hands of the Chilean government. I am sure the American people fully appreciate them and that they will go far toward cementing the friendship between the two nations. EVANS."

Admiral Simpson replied to his communication as follows:

"Thank you. I am instructed to convey to you the personal thanks of President Montt for your good wishes. I and my officers all join in wishing Admiral Evans and the officers of the American fleet a hearty farewell and a successful and prosperous voyage."

Mr. Hicks made the following answer: "I will deliver to President Montt your kind message. The whole review was all that any one could have asked for, and I am proud of our fleet. Good-by and God bless you."

The American cruiser Chicago, which left here three days ago for the Atlantic station, passed the battleship fleet of Constitucion. She saluted both Admirals, the American Commander and Rear-Admiral Simpson.

DESTINATION OF BATTLESHIPS

Where Fleet Will Go for Overhauling and Repairs on Coast.

VALLEJO, Cal., Feb. 15.—Following is the substance of an official order received at Mare Island from the Navy Department in Washington regarding the destination and repairing of ships of the Pacific fleet:

The Colorado and Pennsylvania will proceed to the Bremerton Navy-Yard immediately for docking and extensive repairs, remaining there until May 1, when the first division of the fleet, including the Maryland and West Virginia, will reassemble in Northern waters. New eight-inch guns will be installed aboard the Colorado at Bremerton. The Maryland and West Virginia will go North upon completion of the repairs at Mare Island and will be docked before the reassembling of the fleet. The Washington and Tennessee will proceed North early in April for docking and minor repairs, remaining at the yard only a short time.

The Albany, on duty in Central America since September 1, will proceed to Magdalena Bay and upon the completion of target practice will go to a suitable port to give the crew shore liberty. The Albany will not visit the yard until May 1, unless repairs are urgently needed. The torpedoboat-destroyers Perry and Preble will come here in the Spring, the former to be given repairs and be docked; the Preble to be placed out of commission, as her boilers need retubing. Her place will be taken by the Paul Jones, now being overhauled here. The Charleston, Milwaukee and St. Louis will complete target practice between February 15 and March 14.

Nebraska Sails From Magdalena.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 15.—A wireless message from Magdalena Bay states that the battleship Nebraska, Captain Nicholson, left there last evening, and that Admiral Dayton's squadron was getting ready to start this noon. The Nebraska should pass here tomorrow afternoon or later on her way north.

Mississippi Sails for Cruise.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15.—The new battleship Mississippi, in command of Captain John C. Fremont, sailed from the League Island Navy Yard today for a six-weeks' cruise to the West Indies.

STEP TO CRUSH FINLAND

Governor-General Removed and Military Authority Named.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 15.—Nicholas N. Gerhard, the Governor-General of Finland, has been removed, and M. Von Boeckman, the Governor-General of Courland and commander of the Twenty-second Division, has been appointed to that office. It is understood that M. Boeckman's duties will be chiefly military.

AFTER PNEUMONIA, TYPHOID FEVER, SCARLET FEVER, DIPHTHERIA, GRIP, ETC., ETC.

Blood-Poisoning, Prostrating Diseases from which it is Hard to Recover.

The Best Course to Pursue is to Take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Convalescence from the grip and all other diseases that poison the blood and weaken the whole system should be promoted by every means at one's command. Careful attention has been found to be as important after these diseases, which have been so prevalent this winter, as during them.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is of great service in convalescence, because it rids the blood of any lingering poison, restores the appetite, aids the digestion.

Renews the Strength, and builds up the whole system. In cases where a cathartic is needed, Hood's Sarsaparilla is greatly aided by Hood's Pills, the tonic cathartic, peculiarly well adapted to the weak and run down.

Sick Two Months—"Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured me of the grip. I was sick for two months and was tired and weak and could not do any work. Finally I sent for a bottle of this medicine, and when I had taken half of it I could do the housework. I recommend Hood's to all who have the grip." Miss Carrie Irby, Jenkins, Mo.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is sold everywhere. In the usual liquid, or in tablet form called **Sarsatabs**—One hundred doses one dollar.

Big task—little time to do it in—the men who help us will be well repaid

During the next two weeks we must do some strenuous hustling. We still have a round ten thousand dollars' worth of stock which must be moved—turned into suits—to make room for new goods. There's not a moment to lose; a couple of warm days, a few robins, a few buds—and we'll wake up to the fact that Spring is right in our laps!

Order your New Suit at once

The big reductions and other concessions now in force make it well worth while to replenish your wardrobe immediately—don't wait for the rush.

Any of our regular $25, $28 or $30 fabrics, now cut to

$22.50

Including an Extra Pair of Trousers Free

FREE EXTRA TROUSERS

Also included with every Suit or Overcoat ordered while the Clearance Sale continues.

But don't forget—only a little while longer will these special inducements prevail. Highest-class tailoring on a basis so much in your favor as we offer you now, is too good to pass—profit while you can.

Columbia Woolen Mill Co. TAILORS

GRANT PHEGLEY, Manager

ELKS BUILDING SEVENTH & STARK

MERIDETH'S

BIG DISCOUNTS ON UMBRELLAS

Our entire stock is now included in a Clearance Sale, during which we offer the following special discounts:

All Colored Umbrellas at 25 Per Cent Discount

All Black Umbrellas From $7 Up, 20 Per Cent Discount

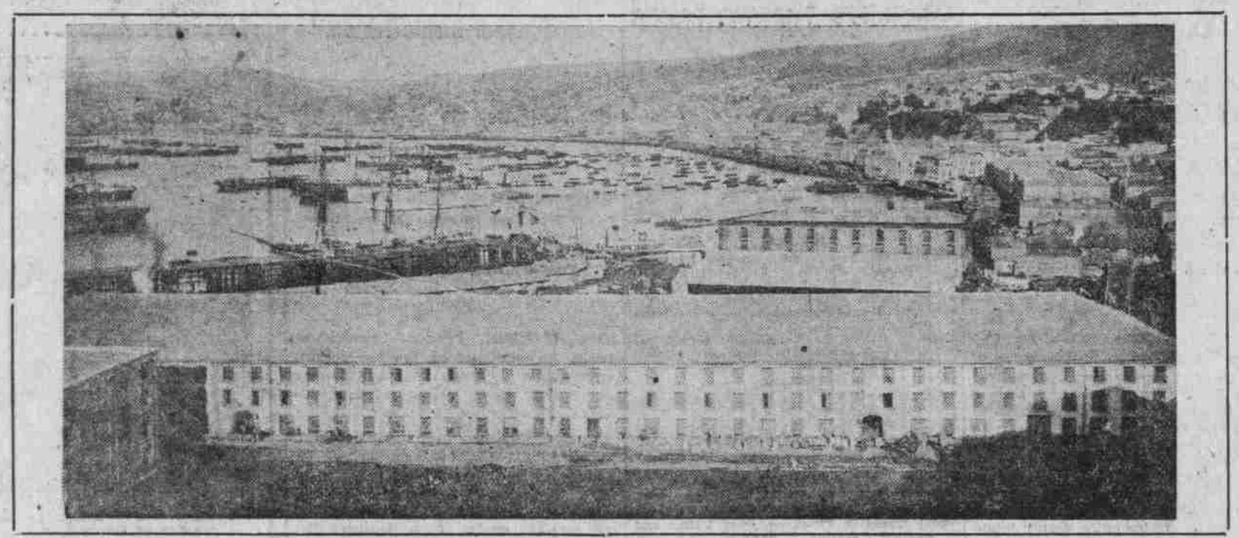
All Other Umbrellas at 10 Per Cent Discount

This is an unusual opportunity to secure high-class goods at low prices. Do not neglect it. Get your Summer umbrella now. Our colored stock is complete and you can save 25 cents on every dollar. We have black umbrellas from 75c up. Twenty years in Portland. Repairing and recovering. Fine work at popular prices.

MERIDETH'S

TWO STORES.

312 Washington St., near 6th, and 293 Morrison St., near 5th.



BIRDSEYE VIEW OF VALPARAISO, CHILE, WHICH THE AMERICAN BATTLESHIP FLEET PASSED FRIDAY.

MAY TEST PRIMARY LAW

Friends of Measure Urged to Secure Immediate Court Decision.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The suggestion is made here that if the Direct Primary League is wise it will hasten a decision on the new law in the courts so in case flaws are found in the act a new bill can be passed in case the Governor should call a special session to submit a constitutional amendment to enable the Railroad Commission to make rates.

A prominent judge who was here today said:

"If the charge were true that a deliberate attempt is made by enemies of the direct primary bill to prevent an early decision, so as to block a special session that could amend the act before the next election, the friends of the bill are very foolish to permit themselves to be 'jobbed.' Subdivision 4 of rule 9 of the State Supreme Court provides 'cases ready for hearing may be submitted on briefs by stipulation at any time and when so submitted shall be entitled to as prompt consideration as other charges then before the court.'"

In other words, if the friends of the bill think there is an effort to play unfairly with the pending litigation, it would be a simple matter to have a test suit brought to raise all the constitutional points, say at Tacoma; submit it to the court there and an early decision could be rendered and then by stipulation the case could be brought at once to the Supreme Court.

WILL FIGHT FOR HARBOR

Oakland to Make Southern Pacific Give Up Stolen Land.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—A battle for waterfront property valued at $20,000,000 will be begun next Tuesday when the authorities of the city of Oakland organize to fight the Southern Pacific. For half a century the Southern Pacific has dominated the front of Oakland's harbor, grabbing, step by step, strips of land, until it had laid its hands upon the greater part of the harbor entrance. A recent decision of the Federal Court of Appeals has opened the way by which the city of Oakland may regain the land.

Mayor Mott, of Oakland, has called a meeting for next Tuesday, at which will be present City Attorney McElroy, ex-Governor Pardee and ex-Mayor W. R. Davis. These men will plan the battle to be waged against the railroad. Under the court's decision the Southern Pacific, it is maintained, can be forced to give back what it has appropriated.

As a preliminary step private parties have seized the entrance to Broadway wharf, the most important section of the front. This may be made a test case.

MEDFORD TAKES AN OUTING

Forty Business Men Leave Today on Excursion to California.

MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Forty excursionists will leave here tomorrow for a 30-days' trip, which is to be extended as far south as Los Angeles. No other town of equal population has sent a similar excursion into California, and this fact makes prominent the continued reign of prosperity here.

Gets No Damages.

REDDING, Cal., Feb. 15.—Mrs. Pauline Foley sued the Northern California Power Company in Red Bluff for $25,000 damages on account of the death of her husband, James F. Foley, who was killed in Red Bluff in January last year by a live wire. After a trial lasting all week, the jury today rendered a verdict allowing her nothing, holding that she had no claim because of her husband's contributory negligence.

Metzger, jeweler, optician, 242 Wash.

RULINGS UNDER RATE LAW

Commission Decides About Personally Conducted Railroad Tours.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today in formal rulings announced that a carrier in arranging personally conducted tours must keep separate charges for transportation and for meals and hotel accommodations, leaving to the patron the right to accept the transportation without the other accommodations. The carriers are permitted to stimulate travel by providing entertainments at points on their lines to which it may contribute, but such contribution must be in a definite sum and be in no way dependent upon the number of tickets sold.

A passenger traveling on a special limited excursion ticket with stop-over privileges, missing connections through successive delays of trains, is entitled to have his ticket made good if out of date when he makes the return trip. The Commission also ruled that passes granted to State Railroad Commissioners cannot be used in interstate journeys.

CLOSE OLD RAYMOND ROUTE

Railroads Reach Agreement Regarding Yosemite Valley.

MERCED, Cal., Feb. 15.—O. W. Lehmer, superintendent of the Yosemite Valley Railroad Company, returned from San Francisco today and gave out the announcement that a traffic agreement was entered into yesterday by the Southern Pacific, the Santa Fe and the Yosemite Valley Railroads, whereby the old Raymond route to Yosemite will be closed hereafter and all passenger travel will go via the Merced route.

The men who have heretofore maintained a stage line between Raymond and Yosemite, via Wawona, will hereafter operate a similar line between Yosemite and Wawona only, thus making Wawona and the big trees a side trip from Yosemite. Last year the visitors to Yosemite numbered about 8000, while this year, under improved conditions at least 15,000 people are expected to make the Yosemite trip via Merced.

END OF THE DRUCE CASE

Robert Caldwell Committed to Asylum for Insane.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Robert Caldwell, the American witness in the famous Druce case in London, will be taken to the Manhattan State Hospital for the Insane, on Ward's Island, tomorrow. He was committed to that institution today by Judge Lester W. Clark, of the Supreme Court of Richmond County. In obtaining the commitment of Caldwell his lawyer stole a march on the British government, which is endeavoring to have Caldwell extradited to answer to the charge of perjury.

Caldwell's commitment was obtained on the petition of his daughter, Miss Georgina M. Caldwell, supported by the certificates of two examiners in lunacy who declared him a hopeless paranoiac.

New Orleans Plumbers Indicted.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 15.—Fifty-four master plumbers of this city and three plumbing firms were today indicted by the Federal grand jury on charges of violating the Sherman anti-trust law.