

PROTEST AGAINST BLASTING.

Residents South of **Castro** Street Are Greatly Alarmed.

The Castro-street Improvement Club claims that since the passage of the ordinance requiring that blue rock be used on the pavements of the city, dangerous blasts have been constantly exploded in the quarry at the southwest corner of Douglass and **Twenty-ninth** streets in Noe valley. Houses in the vicinity are being shaken to their foundations. At a meeting of the club held last evening at Judson's Hall a report was received that the crusher was now being operated during the night, as well as in daytime, and the noise of the steam and of falling rocks had become a nuisance to the residents. It was suggested that the opinion rendered by Judge Hebbard in the Telegraph Hill quarry suit could probably be applied to the almost similar state of affairs existing in Noe valley. As a preliminary move, a committee was appointed to visit the Grand Jury and call its attention to section 370 of the Penal Code, which has a direct bearing on the nuisance complained of.

The executive committee reported that the Street Department had simply patched the Elizabeth-street sewer, and predicted that the first heavy rainfall would make the building of a new sewer a necessity. The Board of Education having promised the sum of \$5500 for the erection of a new schoolhouse, it was decided to again call the attention of that body to its promise. Manager Vining of the street-railway combine will also be requested to fulfill his pledge made about three weeks ago to place additional cars on the **Twenty-second-street** branch line, which terminates at **Twenty-fourth** and Hoffman.