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Office: Third Street, between J and K. Weather Report. Northern California—Rain Friday, although the weather will be temporarily fair in the northern portion; fresh northerly, changing to southeasterly, winds.

AIR FANCIES. Considerable amusement and no little speculation has pervaded the community for the last three days concerning a supposed flying machine, which it is alleged passed over the city on Tuesday night, operated by four men, whose voices, say several witnesses, could be heard. Hundreds of people agree that a strange, strong light was seen floating in the heavens for half an hour, rising and falling, and moving slowly. But there appears to be but two or three who hold that they saw the machine, and but one of these gives any rational description of it.

The story goes that the machine was built near the city, and broke from its moorings while being experimented with, and that the riders were unable to control the direction of its movements. We take no stock in any of these stories for two sufficient reasons, namely, that no such machine could be built here or near here, and the matter be kept a profound secret; secondly, if any such machine came from anywhere else the news-gatherers would have learned of it; besides there is no reason why any inventor should be particularly secretive about such a thing. The truth certainly is that a strange light was seen slowly floating above the city and pursuing a rather erratic course. Beyond that there is nothing definite, and a light in the sky as described is to be accounted for in several rational ways, disassociated from any flying machine. People are very apt to, by the repetition of tales, to permit them to grow out of all proportion to the truth.

There was, we believe, no flying machine in the business. The most skilled enthusiasts in aerial transportation have been at work upon flying machines and navigable balloons for a century. In 1884 a flight of eight miles was successfully made by a machine carrying several people who had it under perfect control, and made it rise and fall at will. Many other tests of ability to navigate the air have been made, and some of them with fair success, but mostly with ill and sometimes fatal results to the experimenters.

In later days the experimenters have nearly all settled down upon the principle of the aeroplane, abandoning the use of inflated spheres to sustain the weight of the navigators. They are nearly all agreed that if man is to be floated in the air it will be done on the principle upon which the birds proceed to mount.

It will not do to laugh at the idea of aerial navigation. It has been accomplished in a small way; it may be made practical in a large way. In this day and age we should smile at scarce any of the efforts of man to overcome the laws of gravitation. But that there has been anything new invented and operated for aerial navigation in or near this city and the people kept in profound ignorance of it is absurd. Balloon flights we have had in plenty, and in them there is nothing novel.

No one went flying through the air on Tuesday night on a machine with a powerful electric light. Nor were the voices of the navigators heard. Those who think they heard them were deceived. Viewing the light above them as it passed along they might very easily associate sounds of the human voice heard near the locality of the floating light, whether it was that of a hot-air balloon, or was indeed a gas balloon sent up by some one, and which is not uncommon as an amusement.

On the basis of what is known, the practical joker has probably built the fanciful stories which filled the air of rumor and have led one San Francisco paper to give a picture of what the so-called air ship looked like, and of the means used to propel. The light was seen; all else is fancy or a joke, or imagination and a joke combined.

PUBLISHING ORDINANCES.

The charter revisers have receded from their first position regarding the publicity of ordinances, and have agreed that all ordinances shall be published at least once, and that there shall be no posting. This is a step in advance and is to be commended, though one day of publication is very little of publicity. But it is better far than the system now in vogue.

It has been added to the proposed amendment that failure to publish shall not affect the validity of the enactment. This leaves the matter of publication merely directory, which is to be regretted. It was insisted in the committees that to make publication an essential to validity would result in possible inability, after some lapse of time, to prove publication when it should be challenged in court. We cannot look upon it in that light. It is just as easy for a clerk to keep a book of proofs of publication as to keep the book of the ordinances themselves. It ought to be as easy to prove the publication as to prove the necessary vote of passage and the fact of approval.

THE BALLOT MACHINE.

That the press of the country is favorably discussing the proposition to introduce ballot machines into the California electoral system is a good sign. Thus far we have seen but one paper that raises objection to the machine, and that is that it prevents a voter from writing in the name of any candidate not on the printed slips. But there are machines in which a name not on the voting list can be written in. However, this objection is not a serious one.

The machine used in Massachusetts in the recent election is faulty in one respect in our opinion—it does not count the vote. The vote of the elector is registered by a perforation in paper, and these perforations have to be counted precisely as tallies are now aggregated, so that there is no gain in footing up. There is a great gain, how-

ever, in tallying; all that process is avoided, and it is always a tedious and annoying one.

Other machines tally and count the votes, and, all other things being equal, they are the preferable devices. We agree fully with the San Francisco "Chronicle," which advocates the early test of all the machines in the market, since the tests will cost the State nothing, the inventors being only too anxious to have them made. Our contemporary says:

The State of California having now granted itself the right to use automatic voting machines, we trust that they will come into general use at the election two years hence. Aside from the question of a free ballot and a fair count, which is all important, that of comparative expense is to be considered. Ten men can vote by a machine while one is preparing his blanket ballot in a booth. This means that at least half and possibly two-thirds of the city polling-places now required could be abandoned, and the pay of their clerks and watchers saved. The great printing bill would also be eliminated and whatever the cost of the machines might be the difference in the expense of voting method would soon balance the account and thereafter make the cost of elections very much less.

A Mobile man complains that though the appointment of the present Secretary of the Navy was regarded as "recognition of the South," yet the only Southern town after which he has named a warship is Montgomery, "a place away up the creek and for eleven months out of the twelve to be reached only on stilts." When critics of this kind is indulged in, how delightful it is to fill official positions, says the New York "Times." That is true; and, by the way, there is a great deal of just such criticism indulged in along the whole line of the public service. We doubt if there ever yet was a public official who wholly escaped it. If he did he was a goody-goody sort of fellow, with not enough of independence and originality to be worthy of the place he filled.

The news of yesterday was that General Weyler is to be called home. This is not improbable. Want of success is the most serious of crimes in a commander of a Spanish force. In older times the Latin nations were wont to take the heads off of the bodies of the unsuccessful captains, literally.

The wires report that Osagood, the famous American football player who went out to Cuba a short time ago, and was reported as having had his head amputated by the Spanish, is in fact alive and well and in the service of the Cuban commander. Of course; did anyone really believe that an American football player could be killed outside of a gridiron field?

UNIQUE HOSPITAL VAN.

Chicago has the honor of constructing the first contagious fever van in this country. The Health Department and the employees of the smallpox hospital are exceedingly proud of the handsome new vehicle, which, from a sanitary and artistic standpoint, is absolutely unrivaled, says the Chicago "Times-Herald."

It is built of mahogany with an elaborate trim of second growth ash, and the contrast between the warm red and vivid yellow is singularly effective. The big rubber tire pneumatic wheels are of second growth hickory, thus emphasizing the color scheme. "The Department of Health" is its sole inscription, but the scarlet crosses indicate the character of its service.

Inside the ambulance every modern appliance for moving contagious cases has been provided. There is not a scrap of upholstery nor an article that cannot be thoroughly fumigated. A rubber mat covers the floor and a basket stroller, with a mattress lined with hair assures comfort and perfect sanitary conditions. For extreme cases there is a swinging stretcher suspended from the roof. The ventilation is perfect, with screen for the summer and solid shutter for the winter. At night it is lit by bull's-eye lanterns securely swung from the driver's seat, the light being admitted through small ground windows near the roof; drop seats for the attendants and a perfectly contrived medicine chest complete the simple yet effective arrangements for conveying contagious cases to the hospital. Japanese warmers will be used in the cold weather. The running gear excites the admiration of experts; strong, light and perfectly adjusted, it carries the ambulance like a crane and runs as smooth on cobble stones as asphalt. Two handsome gray horses have been purchased for the exclusive use of the ambulance and the harness is a miracle of the saddler's art, being beaded in scarlet and the red crosses burned into the silver ornaments by electricity.

The ambulance is the gift of the Columbian Ambulance Association to the city of Chicago. This organization was formed during the fair to instruct policemen and firemen in the "first aid to the injured," as not only the life, but what is quite as important, the limbs, of accident's victims, are endangered by ignorance in caring for the injured. For three years they worked, but failing to receive the co-operation of officials, they adjourned sine die last spring. A committee was appointed to purchase an ambulance with the \$365 in the treasury and donate it where most needed. They decided in favor of the health department, but were dismayed to learn that contagious fever vans were not manufactured in the United States, but were a product of Scottish industry and genius. Miss Ada Sweet, who gave Chicago its first police ambulance, determined to encourage home talent and urged the committee, of which she was the only woman, to have it built here, if possible, and, accordingly, the contract was left to Studebaker Bros., who have fully

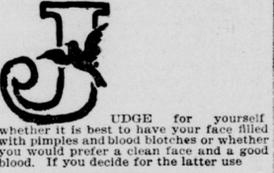
justified the confidence reposed in them. The smallpox hospital is now well supplied with conveyances for contagious diseases. There is a swell \$8000 carriage for diphtheria cases, and it is duplicated by one equally easy and luxurious for those suffering with scarlet fever. The rich upholstery was replaced with rubber cloth, which insures perfect sanitary conditions. Then there are three vehicles for smallpox, a carriage, ambulance and hearse, the latter a big, gloomy conveyance, with a capacity for half a dozen bodies. For the present the new ambulance will be used for scarlet fever.

A MEDICINE CRAZE.

An Englishman Who Swallowed Over 250,000 Pills.

A man in Vienna has developed a mania for medicine, of which he swallows large doses daily, although suffering from no illness. This is a form of lunacy not altogether unknown, according to the New York "Journal." To Heckington, in England, belongs the honor of being the birthplace of the largest consumer of medicine the world has ever known. This was Samuel Jessup, a rich grazier who died in 1817. He was in many ways eccentric, but in none so much as in pill-taking, or what a chronicler of the period describes as "a most inordinate craving for physic."

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garded as incredible, but there seems to be no reason to doubt their accuracy. In the twenty-one years, from 1795 to 1816, Mr. Jessup consumed 226,934 pills, which is at the rate of 10,806 a year, or twenty-nine a day.

Many more of these were taken in the later than in the earlier years. From 1811 to 1816, a period of five years, the rate of consumption averaged seventy-eight a day, while in one single year, 1814, Mr. Jessup swallowed as many as 51,590 pills.

These astounding figures came out in the course of an action tried in the Lincoln assizes in 1817, when an apothecary of Botesford, who had supplied the whole of the medicine, sued Mr. Jessup for the amount of his bill. In spite of taking all these pills, with the addition of 40,000 bottles of mixtures and juleps and electuaries, Mr. Jessup who was unmarried, lived to the age of 65. The apothecary's bill, for the amount of which he was sued, covered no less than fifty-five long and closely written columns.

At Saranac Lake, N. Y., a monument has been placed at the grave of John Brown, who was hanged in 1857. It is of granite ten feet high and five feet square. The farm has been given to the State, to be kept as a public park. There was an address on John Brown and a eulogy on Kate Field, who was one of the prime movers in the purchase of the farm.

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