



JUST ABOUT THE WEATHER. There is hope for warmer weather, if the signal service experts are to be trusted.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

The week's building contracts of San Francisco were \$240,000. The old pilot boat George Peabody was recently lost on the Japan coast.

YOUNG ARTISTS AT THEIR WORK.

WHAT IS BEING DONE BY THE BOYS' LIFE CLASS AT HOPKINS ART SCHOOL.

REPRESENTATIVE STUDIES.

THERE WAS NEVER A TIME WHEN CALIFORNIA PROMISED SO MUCH IN ART.

There was never before in the history of the art schools of California so large or so promising an attendance as at present.



A COMPOSITION CLASS STUDY. [From an original sketch made for the "Call" by R. Edgren.]

Whether or not they will receive any adequate encouragement from Californians is to be seen. That they deserve it is admitted by the most competent authorities on the subject.

The board of managers of the California Society Sons of the American Revolution met yesterday and elected members and officers.

Fire Marshal Towse and Detective Handley are investigating an effort made to set fire to Donnelly's lodging-house at 140 Minna street.

Mrs. J. C. Allen of 120 Eighth street has sworn out a warrant for the arrest of Harry Moore, for failing to support his minor child.

Walter R. Lambert, the missing clerk of the California police, left for Honolulu on the Mariposa, which sailed a week ago yesterday.

The florists and flower-peddlers continued their fight before the committee of the Board of Supervisors last night. Decision reserved.

W. R. Anderson jumped into the bay yesterday afternoon, but being the water too cold helped himself, when a relief party appeared.

Health Officer Keene has recommended that several schools be immediately severed, on account of their present sanitary condition.

The manufacturers will open reception rooms at the Grand Hotel Monday morning for the use of those attending the convention on Tuesday.

The fire of Buckingham & Hecht will see the city for \$10,000 damages because of a faulty sewer which flooded their warehouses last December.

The hearing in the case of Henry McDonald to secure his legacy was postponed by Judge Coffey yesterday and will probably be settled out of court.

Captain Hawley, superintendent of Spreckels' line of towboats, was run into by an electric car yesterday while driving along Stewart street and was badly hurt.

The Supreme Court has ordered the administrator of the estate of Henry Welch to pay to the widow the accrued family allowance of \$125 a month since 1889.

On St. Patrick's day at St. Joseph's Church, Tenth street, a choir of sixteen boys will sing with a select choir. The sermon will be appropriate to the occasion.

R. Porter Ashe has filed his answer to the demand from Thomas H. Williams that he turn over property belonging to Mrs. Terry, which Williams charges he had concealed.

The Supreme Court has ordered the executors of the will of Solomon O. Heydenfeldt to pay the mortgage on the property left to the testator's children from the general estate.

Two immigrants arrived from Texas yesterday, misled by a newspaper statement, claiming that California was offering inducements for American immigration.

Look on the thirteenth page if you wish to find out how the railroad trains run. The CALL publishes tables showing times of change—Fare for the accommodation of the public.

Judge Wallace has sentenced John McDonald, convicted of grand larceny, to seven years and six months imprisonment, and Evelyn Allen, convicted of the same offense, to a similar term.

The sureties on the forfeited bond of Robert Rutledge, who was arrested for felony embezzlement last September, have been released on account of a misunderstanding of the facts.

Relatives of Mrs. Benker, who disappeared several days ago, were taken to the morgue yesterday and found that the body, after lying at the morgue several days, was buried in the potter's field.

John Kincaid was thrown from the filly Lamero in the first race at the track yesterday, and received injuries that will probably result fatally. Hy. By and Ferrer were the only winners.

Edwin Kent of Oakland has brought suit against the Southern Pacific Company for \$1,000 damages. He shows that during the last July he was for nine days refused passage upon his commutation ticket.

The project of painting the lamp-posts contiguous to fire-alarm boxes a bright vermilion and indicating the location of the box on the street was adopted by the Street Light Committee of the Board of Supervisors yesterday.

The estate of Jane White has been finally settled by Judge Coffey. Her estate, valued at \$50,000 was left mostly to her brother, William H. White.

Barney Schreiber, a horseman, has been appointed guardian of the person and estate of Felix Carr, a jockey. Carr is 17 years old and has an estate worth \$60,000, which is increasing at the rate of \$10,000 a year from his earnings on the track.

The San Jose Mercury is on sale at the following named places in San Francisco: Palace Hotel newsstand; Occidental Hotel newsstand; Baldwin Hotel newsstand; J. K. Cooper, 742 Market street; J. S. Albro, 1000 Market street; Pierce Bros., 222 Kearny street.

The case of M. J. O'Connor, who was convicted of felony for refusing to sign election returns, was continued yesterday by Judge Wallace. In the defendant came up for sentence. The court did not think the offense such a one as demanded a penalty of imprisonment, but was rather a case for a fine. He wishes counsel to argue the point and so put the case over.

P. Zamale, charged with passing a counterfeit dollar, was dismissed from custody by United States Commissioner Heacock yesterday morning. The evidence showed that there was no intent to defraud. Zamale keeps the Boston restaurant, at 151 Sixth street, and unwittingly passed a counterfeit dollar in change to one of his customers. When Secret Service Agent of the Treasury Harris went to inquire into the matter Zamale refused to say anything and pushed Harris into the street. His arrest followed.

Harry Summers, a man of uncertain occupation and 52 years old, was taken to the hospital last night at a late hour because he had too many water-buckets in his possession. He was seen by a special officer carrying a large number of buckets, and was taken to the city and questioned as to where he got them. He could give no satisfactory account of the property, and himself was taken to the city Prison and charged with petty larceny. The buckets are at the police station in evidence and for identification.

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It appears that a still alarm was turned in to engine 4, and when the firemen arrived on the scene the beds in two rooms were smoldering, filling the house with smoke. The place is a cheap lodging-house, where beds are let out for 10 and 15 cents a night.

In one room, where the fire was discovered, were five beds and three of them were burning. The smoke which arose was filled with the scent of kerosene. The fire was extinguished and it was then found that a bed in another room twenty-five feet away was burning also. It, too, had been saturated with oil. The fact of the only too evident attempt at arson was reported to the Fire Marshal, who paid a visit to the premises.

Donnelly openly accuses James Meehan and his son Joseph, lodgers in the house, with the crime. The elder Meehan was found, but he strenuously denied that he knew anything about the fire. His son was missing, and late last night the police had failed to locate him. Meehan and his wife Annie told conflicting stories when questioned about their family affairs and also about the son. The Fire Marshal is inclined to think that the father had the boy secreted himself. The elder Meehan stated that his son had left the house long before the fire, but those in the house say that he was around after the fire.

Pending further examination Meehan was taken to the City Prison and there detained. The Fire Marshal and Detective Handley state that the Meehans have an unenviable record. They have on several occasions been the recipients of public charity and have abused it to the extent of selling the necessities, such as flour, groceries and clothes, which they received. Some of the roomers have also on occasions missed things, and one of them named Edwards found his missing articles in Meehan's room. They are in arrears for rent with Donnelly and he has tried to get them to move. He says that Meehan tried to set fire to the house for spite, knowing that there was no insurance. Within the past three or four weeks there have been no less than three attempts to set fire to the premises.

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