The San Francisco Call

TUESDAY.....MAY 14, 1895

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

A big batch of Japanese immigrants arrived on the City of Peking.

A false alarm was sounded from box 47 at 8:30 o'clock last evening.

Professor George D. Herron addressed a large audience in Metropolitan Hall last night.

The matter of the missing estate of Louis Corriveau will come up to-day in the Probate Court.

Ciprico and the others accused of forging Chinese certificates pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The programme of the Woman's Congress meeting to take place next week has been made public.

Sixteen young men are going to Alaska on the schooner Golden Gate in quest of the golden fleece.

The Folsom Improvement Club decided to meet again next Monday night for the purpose of permanent organization.

Colonel Graham explained yesterday why General Ruger was ordered to duty in the War Department at Washington.

The winning horses at the Bay District track yesterday were Robin Hood, Perhaps, Circe, Sir Richard and Tar and Feather.

The Southern Pacific Company's system earned in 1895 over all expenditures, $1,474,788 45, a shrinkage of 5.61 per cent.

James W. Waldie of 3007 Fillmore street committed suicide early yesterday morning. He was out of employment and despondent.

Plaintiff Loomis, in his suit against Calvin Somers, yesterday charged the latter with conspiring with his sister to murder their mother.

S. H. Perkins was appointed local ticket agent of the Santa Fe system yesterday, in place of Peter D. McCarthy, who will go to El Paso.

Mrs. Kate Schultz of Twenty-eighth street and California avenue was found dead in bed yesterday morning. Liver complaint was the cause.

Professors Soule and Marx are going to tunnel one of the piers of the ferry foundation to its center to ascertain the quality of concrete therein.

Miss Kate P. Oliver of 2340 Pine street died yesterday from a fractured skull caused by falling from a second-story window on Sunday afternoon.

J. F. Turner, the real estate dealer, was yesterday held by Judge Low to answer before the Superior Court on the charge of forgery in $5000 bonds.

The weather forecast for San Francisco today is fair with nearly stationary temperature and fresh westerly winds, becoming brisk in the afternoon.

A small fire in Head & Hinton's stationery store at 142 Eddy street, at 12:05 o'clock this morning, did slight damage. The alarm was sent in from box 96.

The Harbor Commissioners, Governor, Mayor and board of directors of the Valley road will meet next Monday morning to confer on the lease of China Basin.

The Southern Pacific Company has been cut out of an immense freight business in and about Phœnix, Ariz., by the Santa Fe's new branch line to Arizona.

The case against Fred Warner for attempting to administer poison to the Ledette filly at the racetrack was dismissed by Judge Low yesterday on technical grounds.

The Supervisors yesterday passed a resolution fixing the water rates according to the schedule presented by the Water Committee and previously published.

Robert Vincent, alias James Wilson, was arrested yesterday for breaking into the house of W. H. Davis, 921 Capp street, and stealing a quantity of carpenters' tools.

Judge Coffey yesterday fixed the collateral inheritance tax on the Montgomery estate at $6371 06. County Clerk Curry at once served notices on the parties interested.

The defense for Mrs. Louise A. Worthington, on trial for the murder of Harry Baddeley, opened yesterday. The deposition of Annie Kelly will not be used according to the present ruling.

Katie L. Keller sued the Market-street Railroad Company in the Justice Court yesterday for $299 damages for refusing her a transfer from the Cliff House line to Powell and Market streets.

The tale about Rudolph Schnaubelt, the Chicago socialist, and his recent alleged sojourn in Vallejo, has been brought down to a matter of fact, and the fact is that he has not been in California at all.

Officers of the Hotel del Mar Association were elected by ladies of Oakland and San Francisco at the Young Men's Institute Hall last night. Some of the bonds were taken up by members of the association.

The police want to locate Mary Gordon, who left Woburn, Mass., thirty years ago and came to this city, where she married a bookbinder named Bowen, and on his death seventeen years ago married again.

Lottery Agent Julius L. Franklin is unable to get his letters from the Postoffice on account of an order from the department prohibiting the delivery of all letters to persons known to be lottery dealers or agents.

Susan B. Anthony and Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, who will be the leading attractions at the second annual meeting of the Woman's Congress of this State, will lecture throughout California after the meeting adjourns.

George W. Rumble, the put-and-call operator who was arrested for obtaining $500 from Miss Maggie Kane by fraud, trick and device, paid the money back to her, and the case against him was dismissed by Judge Low yesterday.

Hendrick Hendrickson, alias "Hoodlum Harry," was yesterday held to answer before the Superior Court by Judge Campbell in $10,000 bonds for assault to murder upon First Officer Nicholson of the ship Tillie E. Starbuck.

The personal property of Mrs. Sarah Althea Hill-Sharon-Terry, consisting of jewels, silverware and clothing, was formally turned over to Thomas H. Williams by Porter Ashe yesterday. The ex-guardian and the new guardian did not meet.

Attorney Ricketts, who was sent to Washington by the California Miners' Association to lay the facts concerning the patenting by the railroad of mineral lands, has returned from the National capital and reports complete success in his mission.

The Methodist preachers were addressed yesterday by W. G. Hubbard, president of the Peace Association. Dr. Chapman addressed the Presbyterian Association on "Evangelists" and A. A. Chipron told the Congregationalists about the Young Men's Christian Association.

The Supervisors yesterday passed a resolution directing the Electric Light and Gas companies to discontinue furnishing the City streets with light from May 15 to June 30. The saving of $23,000 by this means is found to be necessary to buy supplies for the City institutions.

Phenes Mish, a pioneer merchant, who for twenty years prior to 1870, when he retired, was in the millinery business, died at his home, 407 Devisadero street, last Sunday morning, after a brief illness. For many years he was president of the congregation Sherith Israel. He was a native of Posen, 70 years of age. He leaves a widow and several children.

Joseph Harris, a jockey at the racetrack, was booked at the City Prison last night on the charge of misdemeanor embezzlement. He got $40 to lay on a horse at 3 to 1. The odds rose to 8½ to 1 and Harris gave the lady a bogus pool ticket at 3 to 1, retaining the real ticket with the intention of pocketing the difference if the horse won. The horse did not get a place, but Harris' action became known and he was arrested.

Katie L. Keller brought suit in the Justices' Court yesterday against the Market-street Railway Company to recover damages, which she estimates at $299, for the refusal of the company to give her a transfer ticket. She was one day in March coming from the Cliff House to Powell and Market streets. She asked for a transfer at Central avenue and California street and it was refused, and she was compelled to pay an additional fare to reach her destination, for which she entered suit for damages.

Hans Hansen, the condemned conspirator of the bark Hesper, was brought from the Santa Clara County jail yesterday to hear the date that Judge McKenna would fix for his execution. The matter was postponed because the writ of mandate had not been returned from the United States Supreme Court. St. Clair, the leader, is to be hanged on the 21st, but Hansen expects to escape the death penalty, as his companion, Henry Sparf, was acquitted, and it is claimed that Hansen is no more guilty of murder than Sparf.

Policeman L. B. Gordon, stationed in the North End district, was booked at the City Prison yesterday morning on a charge of battery. The complaining witness is Frank O'Brien, a son of the ex-Tax Collector, and a member of the firm of Haley & O'Brien, hay and grain merchants. Gordon arrested a boy named James McCall for vagrancy on Sunday night at Devisadero and Sutter streets. O'Brien wanted to know why the boy was arrested and he and the officer got into an altercation. Gordon, so the complainant says, struck him and pushed him through the window of a butcher's shop and then arrested him for disturbing the peace. The case against O'Brien was called in Judge Joachimsen's court yesterday and was continued till to-morrow.

TO CONFER ON THE LEASE

Commissioners and Valley Road Directors Will Meet on Monday.

MAYOR SUTRO IS DEFENDED.

A Denial of the Language Attributed to His Honor—The Retaining Wall.

Governor Budd, Mayor Sutro and the Harbor Commissioners met yesterday morning to discuss the communication of the Valley road committee regarding the lease of China Basin as a terminal for the road. The communication was from the committee which had been appointed by the directors of the competing road to formulate objections to the document drafted by the Harbor Commissioners, the Governor and Mayor. The letter, a copy of which was published in the CALL of Saturday, was signed by Thomas Magee, Leon Sloss, Rolla Watt and E. F. Preston, who comprised the committee.

It was decided on Saturday afternoon to hold the meeting yesterday, the Governor and Mayor having assented to the proposition.

As soon as the meeting was called to order Governor Budd suggested taking up the objections of the directors seriatim. He said that as there seemed to have been considerable misunderstanding as to what had passed in previous meetings he deemed it advisable to have everything taken down by a stenographer. It was so ordered and the business of the meeting proceeded.

"Now, as to the first clause," said the Governor, "which forbids the assignment of the lease. I don't think that can be knocked out for the reason that the law clearly states that the lease shall not be assignable."

The act of the Legislature, which empowered the commissioners to grant the lease was then read, and it was admitted that the text of the statute had not been followed, but it was argued that its import had been embodied in the lease.

"Well, perhaps the Valley road directors can suggest something better," said the chief executive; "if they can I have no objections."

Everybody concurred in the Governor's sentiments, and the second objection was read. This referred to the promise that "if the railroad company should fall under the control or dominion of any person, company or corporation having railway facilities on the bay of San Francisco, the lease shall terminate forthwith."

"I am willing to concede to the Valley road anything within the law," said Mayor Sutro, "but four good attorneys have told me that the terminal could be turned over to any other company as it stood, even if I were called an ass by some one. The men are all right who have this project in charge, but the lease is for fifty years, and they will all be dead before its expiration. We have no fear of the men, but it is their stock of which we are afraid."

"You have nothing personal against any of these men, Mr. Sutro, have you?" queried President Colnon.

"No, sir," answered the Mayor warmly. "I am their friend. I have no feeling for them except for their success. I am a better friend of theirs than they think, and am unmindful of the sarcasm which has been directed against me. But I do take exception to this language in the communication."

And the Mayor read as follows:

Suppositions of fraudulent combination with existing railroad lines, and charges of a possibility that those engaged in this enterprise can be induced in any way to surrender the rights of the stockholders of this road, scattered as they are throughout the length and breadth of the State, to the dominion of any institution inimical to the best prosperity and advancement of the entire community, is certainly not a pleasing encouragement to men engaged in the discharge of a public duty; and we are impelled to these remarks because it has been reported that at certain meetings of your honorable board such suppositions and remarks have been indulged in by one of the members of the board.

"I do not think that I have uttered any such language," said the Mayor, and the board fully agreed with him.

"I think we ought to confer with the directors," said Commissioner Chadbourne.

"I move," said the Governor, "that the president be instructed to invite the directors to meet us on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, and that in his letter be incorporated our regrets at the language directed against one of our members."

This was carried, and later in the day Mr. Colnon dictated the following letter:

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13, 1895.

Messrs. Thomas Magee, Leon Sloss, Robert Watt and E. F. Preston—GENTLEMEN: Your communication to the Board of State Harbor Commissioners, dated May 10, has been received.

At a special meeting of the board held this day to consider the same Thursday, May 16, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the office of the board, 10 California street, were fixed as the time and place for a conference with the board of directors of the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railroad Company, as recommended in your letter.

The president of the Board of Harbor Commissioners was requsted to inform you that no language was ever used at any meeting of this board by any member thereof, as constituted by law for the purpose under consideration, reflecting upon the motives or integrity of any person connected in a responsible way with your enterprise, and that any impression or information which you may have obtained to the contrary is erroneous and untrue and involves an unnecessary injustice to the particular member of the board to whom you had reference in your communication. Very truly yours, E. L. COLNON,

President Board of Harbor Commissioners.

In regard to the objection to the retaining-wall clause the Governor stated that he was sure that it had been inserted at the suggestion of the representatives of the Valley road, but he for one would not object to having it stricken out.

Regarding the character of the improvements, the number of miles of road to be built in five years and the location of the terminal, the Governor said: "They cannot expect us to give them a lease and have the terminal at Stockton or somewhere else, and my recollection is that when the directors were talking over the matter in Sacramento Colonel Preston said something about building 200 miles in five years. However, we can talk better over these matters when all the directors are present."

The meeting then adjourned until Thursday morning, but later in the day it was decided to hold the conference at 10 o'clock next Monday morning.

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HE COMMITTED SUICIDE.

James W. Waldie Ends His Life by Turning on the Gas.

James W. Waldie, formerly a salesman for the American Biscuit Company, committed suicide early yesterday morning in his room at 3007 Fillmore street, by turning on the gas.

It was a third attempt to end his life by the same means. Mrs. Waldie, who is afflicted with heart disease, went into an adjoining room and fell asleep in a chair, as she was unable to sleep while lying down.

About two o'clock she was awakened by the odor of gas, and on entering the bedroom she found both jets turned on full and her husband unconscious. She called a physician, but when he arrived Waldie was dead.

Waldie was 40 years of age and a native of Scotland. He had been employed for the past twenty years by the American Biscuit Company. Several months ago he lost his position. Since then he has appeared to be despondent and drank heavily, as he was unable to secure another place. Twice before the gas in his room was found turned on, but Waldie stated that it was accidental. However, he had been heard to say that he would commit suicide.

Death of John Cuthbert.

John Cuthbert died at Fruitvale Saturday evening at the age of 75 years. He came to California first as a captain of a sailing vessel in 1853 from Boston and returned here a few years later, since which time he has resided in San Francisco and Fruitvale, where for the last sixteen years he has been engaged in horticulture. He leaves one daughter and three sons: William W. Cuthbert, formerly Assemblyman from the old Ninth District in this City, but for some years a resident of Sacramento; John W. Cuthbert of this City and Thomas W. Cuthbert of Portland, Or.

YSAYE AT THE BALDWIN.

A Brilliant Audience Assembles to Hear the Master.

Morosco's New Melodrama—"Heart and Hand" at the Tivoli. The Orpheum.

Ysaye made his first appearance before a San Francisco audience yesterday evening at the Baldwin Theater. His enthusiastic reception was owing to his great reputation, for few of those present had previously heard him, but before the end of the concert had been reached the great artist had captured his hearers completely. In fact, he had almost hypnotized them, so that he was able to sway their emotions—almost their very wills.

At the beginning of the concert there were frequent bursts of applause which interrupted the music, but Ysaye evidently chafed under these tributes of admiration. His last number on the programme was the "Faust Fantasie" by Wieniawski, a medley of airs from Gounod's "Faust." About half way through the composition when the violinist had just played Mephistopheles' aria from the second act in a magnificently dramatic manner, the audience was preparing for an outburst of enthusiasm, when Ysaye threw back his head and looked forbiddingly at the people. No one lifted a hand till the end of the piece. Then the pent-up enthusiasm broke out in a storm of applause.

In great musical centers, where the public is used to hear frequently such artists as the great and classical Dr. Joachim and the brilliant Spaniard Sarasate, Ysaye appears as a Titan among other Titans, but here he towers above the surrounding mediocrity like a giant surrounded by men of ordinary size.

Ysaye's first number last night was a Saint-Saens concerto, Op. 61. The orchestra, under the direction of August Hinrichs, played after him, somewhat laboriously and heavily. Apparently Mr. Hinrichs was too busily engaged in reading the score, and when he did glance up from it, he directed his attention solely and wholly to the gentlemen of his orchestra. In the Mendelssohn concerto, and in the Weber pianoforte concerto, the orchestra was heard to better advantage than in the Saint-Saens music.

No laborious accompaniment, however, could spoil the beauty of Ysaye's playing, but mere technical expressions fail to convey the notes which fell like rounded pearls from his violin. Marvelous virtuosity he undoubtedly has, but Ysaye is also possessed of an exquisite cantabile, which is equal to the human voice in its process of expression, its depth of feeling, but which, like the cantabile of all great violinists, has a degree of mechanical perfection, which the most ideal human voice has never attained.

The Mendelssohn concerto made pleasanter hearing than the Saint-Saens one, because one had not the irritating consciousness of the orchestra. It was played by Ysaye with breadth and brilliancy, in fact in a manner that had to be heard to be appreciated. And until the last few bars, when the musicians stumbled, the orchestra did not second him unsatisfactorily. In response to tumultuous applause he played as an encore a Sarasate Gipsy dance in a manner almost, but not quite, as brilliant and dashing as Sarasate himself.

Ysaye's magnificent rendering of the "Faust" fantasie was ably seconded by M. Lachaume, who is an excellent accompanist. M. Lachaume also played a "concert stuck" by Weber and a Chopin encore with a clearness and breadth which proved him to be a good artist. The final number was so persistently encored that Ysaye responded with a composition by Paganini.

There was a brilliant audience present.

The Columbia Theater.

There was a crowded house at the Columbia Theater last night, it being the opening night under the new management. The foyer has been entirely renovated and presents the appearance of an elegant drawing-room. The interior of the theater, which was in the hands of painters, upholsterers and decorators for some time, was a transformation that attracted a great deal of attention and much favorable comment. The drop-curtain, a new one, is a gem, being a painting entitled "The Merry Quartette," illustrative of child-life. As one of the ladies in the audience remarked, "This theater is a perfect bijou."

"Sweet Lavender," the domestic drama presented, was well received and the members of the company sustained in a capital manner the parts assigned them. Miss Hope Ross as Lavender acted her part so true to life and carried out the character as the author would have it so well that she was the recipient of frequent and generous applause. The ladies' dresses worn in the drama were remarkably handsome and envied by many before the footlights.

The orchestra, under the leadership of E. E. Schmitz, until recently leader at the New California, came in for a share of the well deserved praise. "Sweet Lavender" will hold the boards during the week.

"Heart and Hand."

The three-act comic opera by Charles Lecocq, "Heart and Hand," occupied the boards at the Tivoli for the first time last evening. The story is of the erratic love of a princeling, who, not content to fall in love with his princess in the ordinary way, meets her and falls in love with her in the belief that she is some one else. John J. Raffael is the prince, but the part, however suited to his acting, does not give his voice the chance it deserves. Tillie Salinger, the princess, has more to do in the vocal line, and she does it well. Ferris Hartman plays the king and he gets in some good jokes, some of which are new.

The Water Carnival.

The water carnival has four brand-new attractions. Zanfarellis, who climbs to dizzy heights and executes what seem to be impossible somersaults, is one of the attractions, and "Arnold and Caswell" form the other. In the aquatic portion the Dolphin float, a vision of sea novelties and ocean shells, and the Mikado float, something essentially Japanese, form the other new numbers.

The Orpheum.

The Orpheum programme presented several new features last evening, prominent among them being Meyer Cohen, known here for some time as an amateur singer of considerable merit. His first appearance was made last evening, and he received a hearty welcome. W. M. H. Fox, who under the name of "Padewhiskie" played the piano in masterful style, was also well received. George H. Wood, a comedian of considerable ability, billed for last evening, did not appear on account of sickness. He will come on for the first time to-night.

"The Fire Patrol."

"The Fire Patrol," a new melodrama, was presented at Morosco's last evening, and it passed off amid great applause and without a hitch, which speaks well for the management, in view of the important part which the scenery and stage setting form.

The play is a tale of intrigues and villainy in the mining regions, and this brings in a stamp mill as a principal feature in the second act. For a climax the superintendent of the mine is put under the stamps, but is saved by the boss. In the fourth act the great fire-patrol scene, which gives name to the piece, appears. Jack Dallas, tied to a chair and about to be murdered, is saved by the patrolmen, who dash on the stage in answer to a call for help.

Fred J. Butler, under whose direction the play is produced, has the leading part, Jack Dallas, and he plays it well. Harry Benrimo makes a rather matter-of-fact villain, and W. L. Gleason, as Lushington Staggeract, an actor gone wrong, infuses some good comedy into the production. The soubrette part, Kitty Dallas, is played by Helen Kenny, who looks and acts well.

"Arrah Na Pogue."

The old Irish melodrama "Arrah Na Pogue" was produced at the Alcazar Theater last evening before a full house. James M. Ward played the leading character, and his support was, in the main, good. "Fin Macoul" will be presented on Thursday for the first time in the city, and "Arrah Na Pogue" will remain until then.

TALKED WITH CLEVELAND.

Lawyer Ricketts' Mission in Behalf of the Miners' Association.

CONCERNING MINERAL LANDS.

The President Surprised and Interested—Immediate Inquiry Follows.

Attorney A. H. Ricketts has returned from Washington, whither he was sent by the California Miners' Association to call to the personal attention of President Cleveland the fact that patents to mineral lands were being unlawfully issued to the railroad by the Department of the Interior and to request special executive action in the matter of the adjustment of railroad grants in this State. He reports entire success in his mission and is correspondingly jubilant.

Mr. Ricketts left this city for the capital on the 7th ult. bearing credentials from President Neff of the Miners' Association addressed to the Secretary of the Interior. Arrived in Washington he spent nearly three weeks in studying the situation, for his mission was an extraordinary one—being nothing less than the arguing of a case before the President as before a court, and it required delicate handling. He succeeded luckily in securing as his sponsor J. F. Chamberlain, the Washington hotel man, who is very close to the President, and Richard Watson Gilder, editor of the Century magazine, who is known in the East as "Cleveland's chum." With this influential backing he was certain of an attentive hearing and, as he himself remarked, "I do not think the time I spent in acquiring a 'pull' was wasted."

The audience with the Chief Executive was had on Friday, the 3d inst. For half an hour the President listened to arguments on behalf of the miners. Then a brief on the subject was tendered, which Mr. Cleveland accepted with the query, "Shall I have the whole case before me so that I shall thoroughly understand it when I have read this?"

"The difficulty has been to select not what I should put in but what I should leave out," replied the Californian, "and it is possible that in my efforts to be brief I have been obscure."

"Then please do not leave the city till you have heard from me," said the President. "I shall take this with me to Woodley (his country seat near Washington) and read it to-night."

It is very unusual for the President to visit the Capitol on Saturdays, but the day after Mr. Ricketts' audience Mr. Cleveland held a conference at the departmental building with the Secretary of the Interior. A small commotion was the result, and inquiries were set on foot regarding the mode of procedure in railroad land patents. Late in the afternoon there came to the hotel for Mr. Ricketts a letter addressed in the President's own hand and borne by his private messenger. It was an unusual honor, and when Mr. Ricketts, who chanced to be out at the time, returned he found an inquisitive crowd eager to learn the purport of the communication and realized that for the time being at any rate he had become a very distinguished personage. The envelope contained an autograph letter from the President, which is now a most cherished possession. It reads as follows:

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4, 1895.

A. H. Ricketts, Esq.—DEAR SIR: I have had an interview with the Secretary of the Interior and your statement has been referred to him.

Of course I do not know what action we can or ought to take in the premises. I merely write this to say that there seems to be no necessity of your remaining here to make further personal presentation of the matter.

I do not know how far the patenting process has progressed. It may be that it has reached such a stage as to preclude interruption, irrespective of the other considerations involved.

Yours truly, GROVER CLEVELAND.

Before Mr. Ricketts left Washington the President assured him that he would give his personal attention to the issuing of the patents, and if it became necessary he would give orders that all issuance should be suspended until proper safeguards could be devised for the protection of mineral lands.

"What was the impression made upon you personally by the President?" was asked. In reply Mr. Ricketts said:

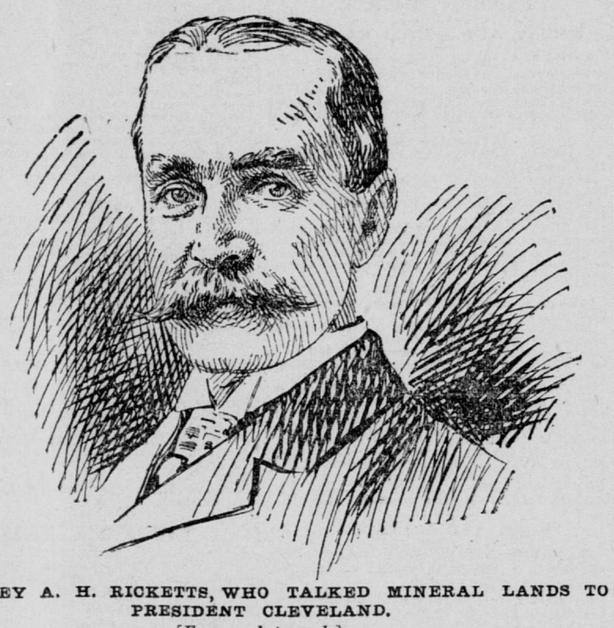
"Of course I am a black Republican and always have been, but as a man Mr. Cleveland completely captivated me. He has an impressive dignity. He is bright, clever and intellectual, and has a good memory. Of course he is physically a very large man, but there is about him none of that gross animalism so noticeable in his caricatures. In fact none of his pictures do him justice, for he has to a large degree the attractive quality known as personal magnetism.

"At the White House there is very little of 'Democratic simplicity.' To reach the President one has to pass a multitude of doorkeepers and a perfect horde of policemen, but when the antechamber is reached there is a noticeable difference. There Secretary Thurber sits and he announces you to the President. The arrangement is very similar to the outer and private offices of any lawyer, though on a larger scale. When one is announced he finds himself alone with the President as with any other business man.

"I was announced as 'Mr. Ricketts of California.' I had thought I might feel somewhat in awe of the great man—in awe I mean of his position not of his personality—but before I had traversed the length of the room to his desk I was perfectly at ease. Mr. Cleveland's manners are unexceptional.

"As I stated my mission and presented my arguments the President appeared both interested and surprised at the facts stated. He listened attentively and asked questions which showed that he grasped instantly the meaning of what I said.

"The most pleasant thing to me in the whole incident was the special honor shown me as a representative of California. I was admitted to an audience upon 'Cabinet day.' I was requested not to leave the city until I heard from the executive. Mr. Cleveland gave my mission immediate attention, and even devoted to it a Saturday, making also a special trip from his home for that purpose. These all were deviations from the usual course of events, and as such were marks of special consideration shown a Californian. Then, too, it is most unusual for one to receive from the President an autograph letter carried by his private messenger."



ATTORNEY A. H. RICKETTS, WHO TALKED MINERAL LANDS TO PRESIDENT CLEVELAND.
[*From a photograph.*]

CURRY AT WORK.

The County Clerk Does Not Neglect to Collect the Collateral Inheritance Tax.

The County Clerk has filed a notice on the executors of the Montgomery estate and the San Francisco Theological Seminary; James H. Widber, Treasurer; W. S. Barnes, District Attorney, and Mrs. Elizabeth Montgomery, that the Superior Court has fixed the collateral inheritance tax on the estate at $6371 06.

This is based on an appraisement by Elliott McAllister, appointed under the newly amended "act to establish a tax on collateral inheritances, bequests and devises, to provide for its collection and to direct the disposition of the proceeds."

Appraiser McAllister reports that the only bequest subject to the tax is that giving to the trustees of the San Francisco Seminary in trust the remainder of his estate. This comprises the following:

Land in Coleman's Addition to San Rafael, $2000; land in Sonoma County, comprising lots in Sonoma and others near that town, $5525; note of Thomas P. Hughes to A. Montgomery, dated February 17, 1893, due February 17, 1896, for $73,000, secured by mortgage, $80,447 93; and the note and mortgage of William Lichtenberg and Charlotte Ludolfino Lichtenberg to A. Montgomery, $19,448 34. Total appraised value, $127,421 27.

The Montgomery estate is among the first to be directly taxed under the new law. McAllister was appointed appraiser by Judge Coffey, as having drawn up the law and thoroughly understanding it. He received as compensation for his task the sum of $15, having in the bill fixed the compensation at $5 a day.

In a previous estate case, that of Fred Wiese, the question of the construction of the act was decided. It was held that it was to be assessed on the estate after the deduction of costs of administration and debts. The amount of the tax is $5 on every $100 of market value.

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TO SANDBAG A MOTHER.

One of Several Charges Brought Against Calvin Somers by Loomis.

The Old Lady Was Supposed to Be in the Way of Her Children.

The case of C. A. Loomis against Calvin Somers for $100,000 for malicious prosecution developed some more serious charges yesterday against Calvin Somers, the defendant. The charges were made by the defendant Loomis, and involved the "intent to commit murder" on the part of his adversary Somers, upon the person of Mrs. Steiger, who was the mother of Somers and his sister, Mrs. Mabel Treadwell.

Loomis resumed his testimony in the morning and was soon asked by Attorneys Watt and Mhoon to explain to the jury why Somers had endeavored to have him convicted of assault to murder, knowing his innocence.

In reply Loomis said: "I knew too much."

"What do you mean by that?"

"Well, I had been closely associated with Somers and knew too much about his past. He wanted to get me out of the way.

"I knew about some of his transactions with his sister, Mrs. Mabel Treadwell, to make away with their mother."

"Do you mean to murder their mother?" was asked, amid strenuous objections on the part of Somers' counsel.

"Yes," said Loomis. "They wanted me to help to get her out of the way. She also knew too much. She had seen a great deal of Mrs. Treadwell and was acquainted with several dangerous secrets. So they decided to put her out of harm's way."

"On one occasion," said the witness, "it was proposed to sandbag Mrs. Steiger as she came home from church. That fell through.

"Then there was a conversation between myself, Mrs. Treadwell and Somers as to Mrs. Treadwell giving $5000 to have her put in a home either for the insane or for people afflicted with some other degree of infirmity. The object was to get her out of the way.

"On another occasion Somers came to me and asked me to go into a scheme for drowning the woman. There was to be quite an elaborate programme. We were to invite Mrs. Steiger to go round the bay in a whitehall. We were to have another boat handy with confederates aboard.

"At a given signal I was to pull out a plug from the bottom of the boat and let it fill. But the old lady was not to drown in that way.

"We were to shout for aid and our confederates were to row to our assistance. Then I was to figure again, I was supposed at this juncture to assist Mrs. Steiger from the sinking boat into the rescuing one and as I did so I was to drop her quietly overboard and let her drown. This was to be off Channel street. I declined all these propositions."

THERE is an article on this market seldom equaled and never excelled—Jesse Moore Whisky. Moore, Hunt & Co. guarantee its purity. *

Printer Bacon's Estate.

Letters testamentary were yesterday issued to Maria Bacon over the estate of Jacob Bacon. No contest has been made to the will of the deceased printer.

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SPURIOUS coin has no ring. Observe the ring of the Almighty Dollar (Cigar). *

TO GO AROUND THE GLOBE

Captain J. W. Morris and His Wife to Make the Voyage in a Small Boat.

THEY WILL DEPART TO-DAY.

Two Seamen and a Cabin-Boy Go With Them, to Be Gone Four Years.

"They call me a crank and an ungodly man for courting death and disaster," said Captain J. W. Morris as he stood on the deck of his small vessel yesterday and surveyed her broad beam and trim rig, "but I'm going to circumnavigate the globe in her if it takes the next five years."

The little vessel destined for this long and doubtful voyage is that nautical freak built by Captain E. A. von Schmidt. She was originally designed for a fast-sailing yacht, being constructed with a view to carrying an immense spread of canvas. Her model may be said to be without a prototype. At any rate, no vessel of her length and draught was ever seen in these waters with such a breadth of beam. She is equally as unique in the shape of her build below the water line, being entirely on straight angles, without a curve, and resembling the peeked roof of a house inverted, only steeper in the slant.

Captain von Schmidt was disappointed in the speed qualities of his craft, though the fact was demonstrated that she is absolutely non-capsizable. This feature, combined with her breadth of beam and draught, render her safe for deep water, and Captain Morris, who has long had in contemplation a voyage such as he is to begin to-day, bought the Cyclone at a bargain and has spent several hundred dollars in improvements and provisioning her for the globe's circumnavigation.

The Cyclone is not such an ungainly looking craft as one might suppose from her out-of-proportioned dimensions, but one must board her to fully realize the oddity of her nautical architecture and the unusual room she has below decks. When boarded for inspection yesterday, Captain Morris had everything in readiness for weighing anchor when the time to start should arrive. Mrs. Morris, two seamen and the cabin-boy were aboard. The remains of a savory repast had just been cleared away and the captain showed the visitors the fine points of his boat with smiling pride.

"You see," he said, "it has always been an ideal ambition of mine to go around the world in a small boat—one that should not be too diminutive for safety or too large to sap the chief pleasures of the venture. But never until I struck this craft did I see anything that approached my ideas, and I had begun to seriously consider the feasibility of constructing one according to the model I had in my mind. We are forty-five feet in length and sharp at both ends. The beam is twenty feet and we set eleven feet below the water line. Amidships we are four feet above the water. The great width of the boat and her tons of iron and cement ballast enable us to carry an immense sail though we do sport but the one mast. Everything is in the hold, and having a flush deck and hardly any bulwark, we can ship no water in heavy seas, and I have not the slightest doubt that she will prove a mighty fine sea boat, riding in the roughest weather like a cork. I shall sail for Australia first and then make for the South African coast. From there on my plans are not definitely matured. A neat and trim cabin? Well, I should say. We'll be as snug and comfortable as though in the prettiest cottage sitting-room with all the conveniences of home."

The captain had not overdrawn the inviting interior of his little ship. The cabin is large enough to accommodate eight persons and is separated from the forecastle, which serves also as the galley, by a bulkhead, in the middle of which is a door. The sailors and the cabin-boy will live in the forward compartment, which is provided with four berths, tables, kitchen furniture, etc. In the hold forward of the forecastle and back of the cabin are the provisions, water and two tons of coal.

Mrs. Morris expresses complete confidence in the safety of the vessel, which is to be her only home for the next three or four years, and is looking forward to the voyage with pleasant anticipation. They will start this afternoon.

Chinese Launday Combine.

Proprietors of Chinese washhouses have combined and the status of each family and individual who deals with a Mongolian is known after the first wash. When the clothes are returned after, say the fourth week, the owner of the washhouse places a mark upon certain articles, setting forth the owner's standing. This mark is changed from time to time as occasion requires and when the owner makes a change his new laundryman knows in an instant what kind of pay he or she is.

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