

AROUND THE WATER FRONT

Story of a Seal-Hunter Who Refused to Paint His Boat Green.

THREAT OF JAMES WILLIAMS

The Big Pacific Mail Freight Steamer Aztec is Shipping Her Tons of Cargo.

A foolish fellow pretending to be James Williams tried to get up a little excitement yesterday by dropping the following note on the deck of an Oakland ferry-boat:

Steamer El Capitan, 10:30. To whom it may concern. This is to certify that I am tired of life, and am going to end it all. Life is not worth living after all. Please notify Mrs. James Williams, 2331 California street, that her husband has made good his threat.

Inquiry at the number mentioned proved

Following were the winning horses at the track yesterday: Santa Maria, Heartsease, Melanic, Hueneame and Instillator.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the outing of the Commercial Travelers at San Francisco, from June 29 to July 3.

An exhibition of paintings was opened at the Art Institute yesterday.

Supervisor Taylor declares that the expenses of the School Department increase year by year, but that the number of pupils does not.

Theodore Growney has brought suit to have Unity Lodge No. 27 prevented from preventing from legislating in a manner obnoxious to him.

Julius Meyer, who was being examined on a charge of perjury before Judge Murphy, has been held to answer with bond at \$10,000.

The case of Police Sergeant Jesse R. Cook, charged with cruelty to Chinese, was partly heard last night and continued for three weeks.

The Association of Applied Religion has been denied an abiding in the new A. A. building. No reason for the denial was vouchsafed.

C. P. Reynolds, charged with selling fake Spanish-American bonds, has been transferred to Boston. He will be replaced by B. L. Cronwell.

Immigration Commissioner W. P. Stradley has sent a report on the recent Japanese coolie investigation to the Immigration Department at Washington.

The Manufacturers' Association has sent letters to the school officials requesting that school supplies be purchased from California manufacturers.

Governor Budd has set July 15 for the opening of the convention of county Supervisors, who are to raise the funds for the California exhibit at Atlanta.

The commission merchants of San Francisco who are dealing largely in fruit talk of opening their stores later this morning than the present custom prescribes.

The Southern Pacific Company is putting automatic couplings on its freight cars to comply with a report of the Interstate Commerce Commission to the purpose of which it is to save trainmen's lives.

Miss Florence Howard, who took carbolic acid last Friday, tried again to commit suicide last evening by drinking whisky. She is now charged with being insane.

Work on the Fourth of July arch on Market street commenced yesterday. The structure will probably be ready by Saturday. Collections are coming in fairly well.

The Spanish Consul at this port has addressed a letter to Chief of Police Crowley, declaring that the so-called American Lottery or Guarantee Company to be an imposture.

Flinn & Treacy have rented the house taken on judgment from the Uszynski family at Columbia square, San Francisco, for a monthly rental of \$100. The house is in a very desirable location and is well fitted for a family.

The estate of Jacob Reicher, who was drowned in the Colima disaster, has appeared in the County Court for letters. It amounts to \$1700.

James J. Robbins has proposed a scheme to the trustees of the Mercantile Library Association, by the adoption of which the association will be placed on a sound financial footing.

Members of the Third Infantry Regiment, N. G. C., are taking part in a contest of discussion of who will be selected to succeed Colonel Thomas F. Barry as commander of the regiment.

The California Debris Commission has determined to prosecute in the Federal courts L. V. Teft, owner of the County mine in Plumas County, who operated without the sanction of the commission.

The First Infantry Regiment, N. G. C., has organized a bicycle corps of thirty men with a distinctive uniform. Through the courtesy of the commission, they have been admitted into the service it is attached to the regiment.

The local police have arrested Ivan Kovalyev on the charge of murdering Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Weber at Sacramento on the night of December 23, and point to a strong chain of circumstantial evidence against him.

Transportation of building materials for the Valley road was given yesterday by P. A. Buell by the construction committee. Mr. Buell will carry the ties, planks, etc., from this City to Stockton on river boats.

Walter Sanford, author of "My Jack" had a judgment entered against him in the Justice's Court for \$100 yesterday in favor of John M. Chretien for attorney's fees in connection of a year ago in which the play was involved.

The removal of Professor George Davidson from the Coast and Geodetic Survey was published in yesterday's Call, was a great surprise to everybody who knew him. He will be succeeded by A. F. Rogers, his chief assistant.

The home of Charles Smith on Edinburgh street was burned at 10 A. M. yesterday. The place is in the vicinity of the Five-mile House the Fire department could lend very little assistance. The loss is estimated at \$1000.

The police believe they have captured the murderers of the Webers at Sacramento, which crime created so much horror at the time of its perpetration. It is said that some of the dealers are jobbers and commission merchants, while others simply do a commission business.

The jobbers go early to the boats and buy fruit in lots and sell to customers who would not buy the fruit if they knew that it was not consigned directly to the seller.

Again, some customers want to come for their fruit supplies as early as 3 o'clock and all along the hours until 5 A. M.

MIDWINTER FAIR CHINESE

Collector Wise is determined to see that at least thirty of the Chinese who came here to populate the Chinese village in the Midwinter Fair grounds shall go back to China. Their time expires on the 30th

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At the first meeting of the board, held on the 15th of last January, Supervisor C. L. Taylor, chairman of the Finance Committee stated that there was a noticeable increase in the expenditures of the various departments, notably in the School Department. He then stated that an examination from 1885 to 1893 inclusive showed an increase of about 20 per cent per capita in the matter of expenses.

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