

The Call
 MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 1895
 AMUSEMENTS.
 BALDWIN THEATRE.—"That Imprudent Young Man."
 COLUMBIA THEATRE.—"Masks and Faces; or, Before and Behind the Curtain."
 MOROSCO'S OPERA-HOUSE.—"The Coast Guard."
 TIVOLI OPERA-HOUSE.—"The Black Hussar."
 MACDONOUGH THEATRE (OAKLAND).—"Too Much Johnson," this evening.
 MECHANIC'S FAIR.—Larkin street, near Market. Open daily from 10 o'clock to 5 p. m. Admission free.
 CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR.—Sacramento, September 2 to 14.

AUCTION SALES.
 WILLIAM J. DUNNE.—The Real Estate Auctioneer, 480 Broadway, will sell at public auction Saturday, September 1st, several beautiful subdivisions of business property on San Pablo avenue and Twenty-third street.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

An unusually large number of engagements are being announced in the city.
 A number of weddings are announced to take place in September.
 The Call Bicycle Club was organized yesterday with a large membership.
 The cruiser Olympia sailed for Honolulu yesterday. She is expected to make the run within six days.
 A great many people have gone down to Monterey for the sports, which begin with the regatta on the 29th.
 The new synagogue of Tiferas Israel congregation was dedicated yesterday with impressive ceremonies.
 Rev. Arthur M. Clark, C. S. P., preached yesterday at St. Mary's church on the great principles of human nature.
 Time-tables of the railroad companies are published free of charge in the CALL for the accommodation of readers.
 Little Tom won the forty-day coursing stake at Berkeley's Park yesterday, while Flosslight was successful at Caserly's.
 G. W. Smith of Illinois and D. W. Mercer of Nebraska, both members of Congress, returned here from their trip to the West yesterday.
 The Relief Society held its ninth annual picnic at Schuetzen Park yesterday, and over 1500 people were present.
 A. Strecker, the sharpshooter, won the title of shooting king at the California Schuetzen Verein's annual festival yesterday.
 The annual reunion of the League of the Cross was held at Eintracht Hall yesterday. Nearly 2000 members were present.
 The wedding of Miss Alice Hobart and Winthrop E. Lester, a nephew of Senator John P. Jones, will take place September 10.
 The police have arrested John Connelly for kicking Alexander Bannan in the head, causing injuries from which he may die.
 The Durrant trial will be resumed in Judge Murphy's court this morning at 10 o'clock and the search for jurors will be taken up.
 Ex-Supervisor Michael Goodwin of the First Ward died at the French Hospital yesterday morning of Bright's disease of the kidneys.
 The Bohemian Cricket Club won in their match against the Pacific yesterday, and the Mill Valley club was defeated by the Alameda B. division.
 Forecast Official W. H. Hammon predicts fair weather for to-day, with stationary temperature and fresh westerly winds, becoming brisk in the afternoon.
 Jack Gilbert, alias Tom O'Neill, alias Tom Kelly was arrested for burglary last night by Detective Cody, who saw him enter two California street houses.
 J. Jones, the Australian champion, defeated J. Harlow, the coast champion, and J. Lawless in the San Francisco Handball Court yesterday after a close and exciting struggle.
 A mission was opened yesterday at St. Anthony's Church, Army and Folsom streets, by Benedictine fathers, for the German and Swiss Catholics who live west of Twentieth and Mission streets.
 The wholesale and retail grocery of Levy Brothers, 1324-26 Market street, was visited by professional crackmen at an early hour yesterday morning, who tried unsuccessfully to open the safe.
 H. D. Beards, who lives on the corner of Mission and Broadway, was thrown from his horse at Sunnyside yesterday, and his leg broken. He was taken to the City and County Hospital.
 Dr. K. McLean, D.D., formally retired from the pulpit of the First Congregational Church, Oakland, yesterday. He will devote himself to the Pacific Theological Seminary, of which he is president.
 News reached the City yesterday that in the first rub for the world's handball championship played in Tiale, Ireland, on August 15, between Fitzgerald and Lawlor, the former won eight games out of ten.
 The Norwegian Society of San Francisco had a very successful and enjoyable picnic yesterday at Plittsville Park, Fruitvale. There were gate prizes of value and contests, beside target-shooting for cash prizes.
 Rev. J. George Gibson spoke at Emmanuel Church last night on "Broken Plens" to an overcrowded audience. His discourse was an effort to find satisfaction in his reasoning for the congregation and himself.
 Congressman James G. Maguire delivered an interesting lecture on "The Single Tax" to a large and intelligent audience last evening at the Single Tax Society's headquarters, Forester's Hall, 102 O'Farrell street.
 The boy, Charles Kane, who had lost a piece of his skull and some brain matter on August 18 will now recover, but the doctors at the City and County Hospital are of the opinion that he will never be able to walk again.
 The team shoot held yesterday at Shell Mound for military purposes, was a success. Six of the batteries here and one from Napa, and an additional team made up from the 102 O'Farrell street officers, resulted in a victory for Battery E.
 H. D. Bernard, living on Silver avenue, near the Mission road, was taken to the City and County Hospital yesterday suffering with a broken leg. He had been walking with a crutch, and was thrown violently to the ground with the result mentioned.
 Henry Berches, a young boatman, nearly killed a life crew yesterday morning. His boat upset off Harbor View, and he clung to the overturned craft for several hours. At last he was rescued by a life crew, and his boat having drifted to the Marin County shore.
 When the nature of the offense is considered, the charge booked against James Manning, aged 19, at the Folsom-street police station, yesterday, is a very serious one. It is a violation from a vendor's wagon on Townsend street, and was charged with burglary.
 The first midsummer interclub regatta took place on the bay yesterday, a large fleet of vessels taking part. The day was pleasant, the breeze strong, and the races were well sailed. A mistake in the time of the regatta, and an accident to the Ramona gave the schooner race to the Jessie.
 During a free fight in a saloon on Howard street, near Third, yesterday morning, George McKinley, a young man of West Oakland, was severely injured about the head. John Dolan, an ex-police man, was arrested, and will be held pending the result of Dier's injuries.
 Sam Wing, while going to his laundry at 1315 Pine street yesterday afternoon with a basket full of clothes, was pelted with rocks by three boys on Pine and Powell streets. One of the rocks struck him on the right leg, inflicting a deep wound, which was dressed at the Regatta Hospital.
 Another reason for Mrs. Dodge's despondency is found in an adverse action of the California Supreme Court last December, in a will case which involved the entitlement to a great grandchild of \$12,000 worth of State of Maine bonds left by her father, Jones Dyer of Philadelphia, thirty years ago.
 F. Wagner, a cigar maker and member of the Cigar-makers' Union, was found dead in a lodging-house at 26 Sacramento street, yesterday afternoon. In his pocket was found a slip of paper bearing the name of a woman, 1208 Fifth avenue, Butchertown. The death was apparently due to natural causes.
 Club Hubertus of the Order of American Foresters held an enjoyable picnic at Genoa Gardens yesterday. Dancing to excellent music was enjoyed. The success of the affair was largely due to the efforts of the committee, consisting of E. Lampe, J. Lievert and J. Messersmith.

The California Camera Club is preparing for an outing to Russian River on the 7th, 8th and 9th prox. The whole party will be at Dunsmuir, Austin, Creek, Russian River and vicinity, for pleasure, recreation and "take-taking." Captain McGlade, the "maker" last night, is going to this neighborhood a success, has offered the club his locomotive, "The Tyrone," for a run up Austin Creek and Russian River. The committee in charge consists of W. J. Street (chairman), C. S. Close, Miss J. F. Banks and J. J. B. Argenti.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT.

The U. S. Cruiser Olympia Has Started on Her Race to Honolulu.

A RECORD IS NOW IN DANGER.
 The cruiser Olympia sailed for Hongkong via Honolulu at 6 A. M. yesterday. She was taken out under an easy head of steam, and Captain Miller, the pilot, said she was in splendid order for a fast run. Her bunkers are filled with hard coal, and the crack cruiser is trimmer than a yacht. It is expected that she will make the run to Honolulu in five and a half days, and if that is accomplished she will have beaten all previous records. In order to do it the record established on her trial trip will have to be almost equaled. Henry T. Scott of the Union Iron Works is confident, however, and says the Olympia will easily make the time of six days.

Lombard-street pier is the only busy section of the seawall outside of the ferries yesterday. The big steamer City of Everett was lying there and a full gang of longshoremen has been at work on her to get the cargo out and the Panama freight in.

The Washienau is expected on the first of next month and the City of Everett has to be got out of the way to make room for her. In order to do this men have been kept going in gangs night and day, and a number of electric lights have been rigged up in order to facilitate operations at night. Captain Herriman, who is in charge of the loading of the steamer, says that the offerings of through freight for New York are very heavy, and that he will be enough left over from the City of Everett to more than load the Washienau.

The little steamer Weocat, that went ashore a few days ago near Eureka, is going to sail to San Francisco, and her engines have been injured to such an extent that she will have to go on the drydock for repairs. Her owners will not go to the expense of hiring a tug, as her skipper is confident that she will be able to make good time. Captain Hawley of the Spreckels towboat line and Captain Grey of the Ship-owners' and Merchants' line do not think she will get there without assistance, and in consequence they will keep a close watch on her movements.

The steamer Kahului, which was ashore on Trial Island, arrived in port yesterday and went direct to Oakland. She has a cargo of coal from the Department of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. The captain says the vessel was not injured, but that after her cargo is discharged she will go on the drydock for an examination. It had been intimated that the Harbor Commissioners' tug, Governor Markham, was of no use as a fireboat. Chief Sullivan evidently came to the same conclusion, because the firemen stationed on her were removed a few weeks ago and sent out to the Mission. The captain of the fireboat was not satisfied with the summary manner in which the Markham was dealt with and yesterday morning a thorough test of the vessel and her appliances were made. When the engines were working fifty strokes to the minute the entire crew could not control the hose, which had an inch and a half nozzle. It wriggled all over the tug and finally threw the men in a heap a few feet. Two lines with one and three-quarter inch nozzles attached were then affixed to the pumps and for an hour two continuous streams were thrown 250 feet across East street. All the members of the crew were in full uniform and they presented a very natty appearance.

The old ferry steamer El Capitán has been relegated to the "boneyard," and her place on the freight route has been taken by the Garden City. The old vessel was built here in 1858, and many a time during the past six or seven years has she been anathematized by the residents of Oakland. Up to a couple of years ago she was on the narrow-gauge route, and her subscriptions, Edward Yroom, the young American actor who played in the Booth-Barrett Company, is the leading spirit of this enterprise.

Walter Damrosch is highly elated over his success in securing leading German singers for his Wagner Opera Company next season.

The Orpheum management has met with disappointment in this, that several new people, who were expected in time to appear at this week, have not arrived, owing to non-connection of trains, but a splendid programme has been arranged for this evening and the rest of the week.

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DEN NORSKE FORENING.

First Annual Picnic of the Norwegian Society of San Francisco.

THE FESTIVITIES AT FRUITVALE.
 Target Shooting and Games, Dancing and Foot-Racing Among the Pine Trees.

Under the pine trees of Plittsville Park, Fruitvale, the members of the Norwegian Benevolent Society, their friends and their wives and their sweethearts and babes departed themselves from an hour that is early for Sunday morning until an hour that is late enough for any day—even a picnic day.

It was the first annual picnic of what is known as the Norwegian Society of San Francisco, or in the tongue of their mother country, Den Norske Forening of San Francisco. It might have been the tenth or the twentieth annual event of its kind of the society, judging from the smoothness with which things were conducted and the success that attended the whole affair. Possibly the Norwegian Society will not become rich from the net proceeds, yet there must have been a neat little balance on the right side of the treasurer's books, considering the number of two-bit pieces that passed over the box-office counter and the large amount of small coin that was gathered up by the privileges inside the park.

But the financial side of the picnic was the one least thought of yesterday. Folks went there to have a pleasant time—and they had it. The children revelled in the green and sunshine. They stuffed themselves from the contents of the big picnic baskets, they got their feet wet, they ate green peas from the trees, they tore their frocks and trousers, they romped and ran races, swung till they were giddy, then scratched their hands and faces tearing through the underbrush in the gully. Oh, they had a glorious time—these babes. Their faces were red when they went home in the evening, and how soundly they slept last night. To-day the sharp angles of the houses and the narrow limits of paved streets will make the city seem like a prison to them for awhile.

And the older folks, the guardians of the hampers and dispensers of picnic sweetmeats from groaning baskets. They enjoyed the shade of the pine trees, the fresh air, and the music, and all the glad frolic of the day in their own quiet way.

And then the dances—well, now! Cold type cannot tell the pleasures of dancing in a smooth pavilion in the woods to the spirited hand music of "Her Golden Hair Was Hanging Down Her Back." It may modestly intimate, however, that the enjoyment on this particular occasion was keen and prolonged, for the last waltz was not over till past 10 o'clock in the evening.

All the officers of the society were present. There was President M. S. Moe, Vice-President H. Grottschier and Treasurer D. Hirschowitz, approached the door of the edifice, bearing the scrolls of the law and repeating the following verse from the 118th psalm:

"Open unto me the gates of righteousness that I may enter and praise thee, O Lord. This was responded to on the inside by the reading of the subsequent verse of the same psalm:

"This is the gate of the Lord. Let all the righteous enter here."
 The procession then entered the synagogue and made three circuits of the building, repeating the white psalms 30, 100 and 24. As the procession stopped at the altar the ark was opened, the cantor chanting the edifice in Hebrew. "Hear, O Israel, the Lord thy God is one." After this ceremony the scrolls were placed in the ark.

THE CONGRESSMAN EXPLAINS THE DOCTRINE OF NATURAL TAXATION.

Report of the Ohio Commission on the Unfairness of the Present System.

Quite a large audience greeted Congressman James G. Maguire at the quarters of the Single-Tax Society in Forester's Hall, 102 O'Farrell street, last evening.

The subject chosen for the lecture was "Natural Taxation." In discussing it, Judge Maguire declared there had never yet been either a satisfactory or a scientific system of taxation.

Many different systems had been invoked, but none of them had accomplished the desired end of adjusting the burdens of taxation equally and fairly, either in relation to the amount of taxable property

possessed by the citizen, the ability of the citizen to pay the tax, or the amount of protection demanded by the citizen in return for his taxes. The reason for this was, the lecturer argued, that none of the systems had been scientific. In 1893, when the Taxation Commission in Ohio, appointed by Governor McKinley, and composed of men not at all favorably disposed toward the single-tax doctrine—when this commission made its report on the present system of taxation even single-tax men were surprised, for the report went even beyond the contentions made by the single-tax men.

In substance the commission reported that it was impossible to fairly and equally collect a tax levied on property other than land, and that if all taxes were removed on personal and intangible property the farmers would only be taxed from 25 per cent to 40 per cent as heavily as they are now. The report showed that under the present system the farmer and the man of moderate means paid by far the greater proportion of taxes.

The scientific and the natural system of taxation was the single tax on land values, Congressman Maguire declared. This system would impose on every citizen only the amount of tax equal to the benefits he received from the community and equal to the net gain or community advantages he withheld from the community.

AN OLD-TIME HOSE CART.
 One That Was in Use in the Days of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Within the past few days there has been placed in the hall of Exempt Firemen on Brenham place a relic of the Volunteer Fire Department. It is the hose cart that was at one time the property of Broderick Engine Company No. 1, that had its house on the south side of Sacramento street, west of Kearny, and occupied it until the volunteer department was superseded by the paid one.

Shortly after the destruction of the Gerday man Hospital by what was known as the Brannan-street fire, which also destroyed a great number of buildings, people doing a business in that part of the City offered to the president of the Exempt Fire Department would place such a quantity of hose formerly used by the volunteers in their keeping. The Chief Engineer distributed a number of these carts and some of the old-time leather copper-tired hose that the old boys in their struggles with the fiery monster had reeled off and on time and again.

THE LEAGUE CELEBRATES.

Two Thousand Young Temperance Workers Meet in Reunion.

AN ADDRESS BY FATHER YORK.
 The Cadets, Five Hundred Strong, Are Reviewed by Colonel Mahoney and Staff.

The annual reunion of the League of the Cross was held at Eintracht Hall, on Twelfth street, near Howard, yesterday. In many respects it was the most remarkable gathering in the history of the league in this City, and from the amount of enthusiasm and earnestness displayed it is likely to be a memorable one.

One reason why this auspicious occasion should prove gratifying to the young temperance workers and those who have been instrumental in bringing the organization to its present state of perfection was found in the attendance. There were exactly 1904 League of the Cross members present, which is the greatest number ever collected under one roof. By 2 o'clock the hall was fairly well filled, and half an hour later, when the exercises commenced, there was not a vacant seat to be found, hundreds being compelled to stand up. Altogether it was estimated that fully 3000 people were in the hall, every parish in the City being well represented.

The exercises consisted of songs, recitations and an address by Father York, in which he outlined the growth of the league and the excellent work accomplished by them. In his opening remarks Father York said:

"I was glad to see the American flag at the head of the cadets as they marched into this hall. We all love it and honor it and I want my young friends to understand that they must always respect it. It is as essentially the flag of freedom as America is the home of free speech and unhampered action."

The following is the entire programme as rendered yesterday:

Following the literary exercises a general review of the twelve cadet companies present, forming the First Regiment League of the Cross, was held in front of the hall. The first and second battalions, under the command of Major McElroy and Major Brouhard, executed the saber drill with precision and effect, after which Colonel W. C. Mahoney and his staff made a formal review and inspection of the regiment.

CASE OF CHARLES KANE.
 The Boy Who Lost a Piece of His Skull and Some Brain Matter.

He is Slowly Recovering but Will Have to Learn His Alphabet Again.

THE THEATERS TO-NIGHT.

Attractions That Will Be Offered at Places of Amusement.

To-night John Drew will appear at the Baldwin Theater in the character of John Annesly in Henry Guy Carleton's new comedy, "That Imprudent Young Couple." He will be supported by Miss Maud Adams and the rest of the company.

"Masks and Faces" will be presented at the Columbia Theater this evening with Miss Rose Coghlan in the character of Peg Woffington, the leading role. It is a comedy in five acts and will be put on with new scenery and new stage effects.

At Morosco's Opera-house there will be presented, "The Coast Guard," an American play with a very strong plot. Some very unusual scenic effects are promised, one of them being a river of running water, which, it is said, will be quite realistic.

At the Tivoli Opera-house "The Royal Middy," which has held the boards for two weeks, will be followed by "The Black Hussar," who will make his appearance to-night. Pache and Raffael will alternate in the title role.

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At Macdonough's Theater in Oakland this evening William Gillette and his company will present the famous comedy, "Too Much Johnson," that was so well received in this City. Those of us who were in the audience last night will now have an opportunity to laugh.

Amusement Notes.
 "I Went to Paris With Papa." Lottie Collins' new London sensation, is being sung in this country for the first time by Virginia Earle in the "Merry World."

Charles Hoyt's new baseball play, in which Captain Anson of the Chicago Club will appear, has been christened. It is called "A Runaway Colt."

NEW TO-DAY AMUSEMENTS.

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 TO-NIGHT JOHN DREW
 2nd Week of

THAT IMPRUDENT YOUNG COUPLE.
 AND FIRST TIME HERE OF HENRY GUY CARLETON'S NEW COMEDY
 ONLY MATINEE SATURDAY!

Columbia Theatre.
 BACK BYGONE TO DAYS
 "PEG WOFFINGTON"

MOROSCO'S GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.
 EVERY EVENING AT EIGHT, MITCHELL AND VINCENT'S Great American Drama,
 "THE COAST GUARD!"

TIVOLI OPERA-HOUSE.
 THIS WEEK ONLY!
 Millocker's Martial Opera,
 "THE BLACK HUSSAR!"

ORPHEUM.
 TO-NIGHT (MONDAY), AUGUST 26, THE GREAT COMEDY!
 A New, Entertaining Programme!
 SIG. TOMASSO DE GROFF,
 The Celebrated Tenor.
 Return Engagement of the Popular Favorites,
 LES FRERES MARINETTI

MACDONOUGH THEATRE (OAKLAND).
 Three Nights Beginning TO-NIGHT, William Gillette's Comedy
 TOO MUCH JOHNSON.
 Secure Your Seats in Advance.

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 OF THE
MECHANICS' INSTITUTE
 NOW OPEN.

GRAND CONCERT
 Each Afternoon and Evening by an Orchestra of Forty Musicians.
PROF. FRITZ SCHEEL, CONDUCTOR.

CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR AT SACRAMENTO.
 SEP 25 TO 14TH
 ATTRACTIVE PAVILION EXHIBITS EMBRACING DISPLAY OF ELECTRICAL POWER TRANSMITTED FROM FOLSOM.
 TWELVE DAYS HIGH CLASS RACING.
 THE GREAT AMERICAN CONCERT BAND FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR EXHIBITS, EXCITING RACES, FOR VISITORS.
 EDWIN F. SMITH, CHASE PRES.



SCENES AT THE NORWEGIAN PICNIC YESTERDAY AT PLITTSVILLE PARK, FRUITVALE. [From a sketch made by a "Call" artist.]