

**The San Francisco Call**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 1895

AMUSEMENTS.

BALDWIN THEATRE.—"That Imprudent Young Couple."

COLUMBIA THEATRE.—"Mask and Process; or, Before and Behind the Curtain."

MOROSCO'S OPERA-HOUSE.—"The Coast Guard."

TIVOLI OPERA-HOUSE.—"The Hussar."

ORPHEUM.—High-Class Vaudeville.

BUSH-STREET THEATRE.—"Capt. Cook," comedy of Monday, September 2.

MECHANICS' FAIR.—Larkin street, near Market. Bay District Track.—Races.

STATE BOARD OF TRADE EXHIBIT.—575 Market street, Sunday, September 1.—Admission free.

CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR.—Sacramento, September 2 to 14.

EXCURSION TO LOS GATOS.—Saturday, August 31, by Southern Pacific R. R.

EXCURSION TO SUNDAY, September 1.—Music, Dancing, Boating, etc.

AUCTION SALES.

By J. D. HORN.—Monday, August 31.—Horses at saleyard, corner Tenth and Bryant streets, at 11 o'clock.

**CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.**

Isaac Hecht, a pioneer merchant of this City, died yesterday morning.

The sealer was arrested from the north last night with 750 skins.

Marie Burroughs obtained her divorce from Actor Louis F. Massen yesterday.

The evidence for the plaintiff was concluded yesterday in the McLean divorce case.

Mrs. Angela McKay and Miss Anstus Johansen have been appointed by the Insane Commissioners.

The distribution of prizes won at the California State Fair prize-shoot was held in Elmhurst Hall yesterday.

Marie Stuber, who died last Friday, bequeathed a \$40,000 estate to seven brothers and sisters in Switzerland.

The contract for building the experimental road on the Pacific coast has been let to R. H. Bierce of Red Bluff.

The scow Yosemite, loaded with basalt blocks, sprang a leak at Third-street wharf yesterday and sailed for San Francisco.

Messrs. Jones and Knight, of the Fairmount Hotel, won the suit for damages brought against them by Mrs. Jane Brenner.

Hezekiah Dow was yesterday appointed special administrator of the Estate of Waters estate, over which a contest is pending.

W. B. Curtis, tariff expert of the Southern Pacific Company, was elected traffic manager of the Traffic Association of California.

Dr. David R. Todd will make another effort to have Railroad avenue extended from Eighteenth avenue to the San Bruno road.

William Evans, convicted of murdering Expert Assessor John H. Jones in Amador County, is denied relief in the Supreme Court.

The option to the proposed purchasers of the Bay District track has been extended six weeks, and the course will remain open this winter.

The missionary launch Northern Light was dedicated yesterday at the Union Iron Works. It will be taken to Alaska by the steamer Bertha.

The commencement exercises of Hahnemann Hospital College were held at Odd Fellows' Hall last evening. Thirteen graduates received their diplomas.

But two favorites managed to struggle in at the track yesterday. The lucky horses were El Rayo, Mainstay, Bloomsbury, Imp. Ivy and Main Earth.

The weather forecast for to-day in San Francisco is "fair, except cloudy in the morning; nearly stationary temperature and fresh southerly wind."

The police have received numerous complaints from storekeepers against Albert Getz, a bill collector, who has been systematically swindling them.

The preliminary examination of James Brennan, an ex-convict, for stealing a purse from Mrs. M. A. Arnold, was commenced before Judge Low yesterday.

The San Mateo site for the big bicycle track will cost too much, and as a consequence the course will probably be built further up the road, near Burlingame.

Walter Hodge's \$25,000 damage suit against the Market-street Railway Company, for injuries sustained while driving on Ellis street, the jury decided yesterday.

The San Francisco Theological Seminary is to have a new choir, that of the New Testament and exegesis. Professor John H. Kerr has been called to occupy it.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the unification of Italy, which fell on September 22 next, will be observed by the local Italian colony. A grand celebration is being prepared.

J. C. Davis, charged with passing forged checks, was released on \$400 bonds yesterday, but was immediately rearrested as some of his bondsmen were declared not good.

Frederick Husing, tailor, of 317 Hayes street, died suddenly of a heart attack yesterday morning. The death was caused by despondency through business troubles.

The Point Lobos Improvement Club has invited all similar organizations to attend a mass-meeting next Wednesday, the object of which is to protest against the blue-rock ordinance.

The schooner Etna sprang a leak yesterday in San Pablo Bay, and, filling with water, was abandoned by her crew. She was found by the sunken floating on her beam ends and towed to town.

Thirty exhibitors refused to open their booths at the Mechanics' Fair last evening because they were not permitted to enter the building before 7:15 o'clock. The trouble was quickly settled.

Thomas McDonough, an employe of the Wieland Brewery, on Second street, stopped into a saloon yesterday evening and was severely assaulted. He was taken to the Receiving Hospital.

Richard Hutchinson, 713A Union street, searched for escaping gas, and the directors, who had been notified, and as a result there was an explosion and he was severely burned and the building damaged.

E. T. McLean, a custom-house searcher on the Mail dock, was discharged from the service by Collector Wise yesterday. He was accused of pilfering from Chinese baggage that came over on the steamer.

Andrew Berg, the tobacconist who was arrested for selling cigarettes to a minor, was yesterday held to answer before the Superior Court under a bond in \$3000 bonds on the charge of perjury.

Property-owners of the San Miguel Rancho, at a meeting at Twenty-fourth and Church streets last night, chose a committee with full power to act in the matter of the victims' suit threatened against them by the Noe heirs.

Mrs. Elizabeth Haskins yesterday asked Judge Coffey to grant her a monthly allowance of \$100 from the estate of her late husband, J. S. Haskins, whose will was recently a subject of contest. A hearing will be given to-day.

Mrs. Sophia Alexander is suing her former husband, Sofre L. Alexander, to have her divorce annulled. She says that the divorce was obtained by collusion and that Alexander has failed to adhere to his property agreement.

James Sargent, a former clerk with H. L. Middleton of Boulder Creek, forged his name to a check for \$300 on the Kelly-Dunthorn bank, which was paid on Wednesday, and yesterday morning he was arrested by Detective Ross Whitaker.

At the session of the Railroad Commission yesterday Assistant General Manager Danmore and Chief Engineer J. M. Murr appeared to present facts on behalf of the Southern Pacific Company to show why the 15 per cent resolution should not be adopted.

The Supreme Court is expected to hand down a decision on the famous Winkley case within the next two or three days. Should the decree of Judge Greene be reversed, attorneys for the plaintiff would have to sue on the trust clause of the Fair will.

James Cohn, a peddler of lottery tickets in the residence prison of the City, was arrested last evening by Policeman Quade and locked up in the City Prison. When searched fifty-five tickets were found in his pockets, and about half of them were bogus.

Frederick Smith, a boarding-master on Pacific street, has not himself into trouble with the United States authorities. Contrary to the provisions of the Marine act, he detained Mrs. J. M. Adams on Wednesday, and was called upon by the United States District Attorney to pay a fine of \$100 for the offense. Smith pleads ignorance, but that will not save him.

The flagpole for the new Native Sons' building on Mason street, near Geary, was put in place yesterday afternoon and the directors, Messrs. W. Mainland, Louis M. Bannon, Lewis E. Bryncton, Frank W. Marston, climbed upon a roof and christened the pole by the bottle champagne used by the club. Sequoia Parlor No. 169 has presented to the building association an American flag twenty feet long and a best flag of the same length.

**TROUBLE ON THE FLINT.**

**Warrants Out for the Arrest of the Captain and First Mate.**

The American ship May Flint arrived from Baltimore on the 29th inst. and the men had a tale of cruelty to tell as soon as they were paid off by the United States Shipping Commissioner.

Kicking and beating the sailors began before the ship was fairly out of the river and continued up to within a few days of the arrival in San Francisco. According to the story told to the United States District Attorney, they were kicked and cuffed on the slightest provocation. They were compelled to steal a barrel of bread from the store locker.

As a result of their testimony warrants are now in the hands of United States Marshal Baldwin for the arrest of Captain E. D. P. Nickels and Chief Officer Knight. The latter is out of town and the skipper could not be found, but Captain James F. Chapman promised that both shall appear to answer the charges to-morrow.

The complaining witnesses are Ernest Stack, Edward Williams, Adolph Lassen, James A. Brien and Charles Svensen.

"We sailed from Baltimore on March 29 last, and going down the river the trouble began," said Seaman Williams. "O'Brien was kicked and abused horribly in the port and the clothes he then wore were still saturated with his blood. He is ruptured for life. Charlie Svensen had his head cut and his eyes blacked, and was then knocked down with a belaying-pin and sent to the store locker. He went forward and asked the old man (the captain) to anchor the ship and hoist the protest flag in order to stop the brutality. He did bring the vessel to an anchor, but I attempted to hoist the flag, he stopped me. That evening he brought a gang of shipping-masters and runners aboard with guns and clubs, and we all got a most awful beating.

"At 8 p. m. we asked something to eat, but the old man told us to wait until the steward was ready to help us. When our turn finally came all we got was one biscuit and a cup of coffee each. We were allowed no molasses with our coffee. When we complained about the food, we were all taken to the store locker and kept there until the next morning. A matter in San Francisco we were laughed at and told our troubles had only just begun, and that they didn't care a snap about San Francisco, as there was no law for sailors in that port.

"We got out on the high seas and the ship being now steered very badly. In consequence many a one of the men got a punching from the captain and mate because they would not leave the May Flint on her course. One day Charlie Svensen was hoisting the protest flag on the wheel-house. He accidentally knocked off a bit of paint with the stone and Captain Nickels saw him. He called Svensen to him and said: 'Let me have your stone and I'll show you the proper way to do it.' Svensen gave him the stone and he grabbed the poor fellow by the throat and rubbed his face until the skin was rubbed off in several places.

"Ernest Stack was the next man in trouble. He incurred the anger of the mate and that man seized him by the throat and threw him on the deck. He then kicked and cuffed him and hit him across a spar almost choked him to death.

"Lassen was tarring the main backstays, and Captain Nickels was walking on the weather side of the ship. Lassen was chewing tobacco, and in attempting to spit overboard a few drops of saliva fell on the captain's hat. When Lassen came from aloft Captain Nickels rushed at him and knocked him down and hit him repeatedly in the stomach. Lassen was laid up for eight days.

"There were plenty of stores aboard, but we were fed so poorly that some of the boys were driven to eat a barrel of bread. 'Anything is good enough for those hounds,' was what the captain would say. When we were within a few days' sail there was a sudden change and nothing was to be had for us because the old man said, 'We'll feed them up now and they'll be in a good humor when we reach Frisco.'

"Peter Miller kept a daily journal of the practices on the May Flint. He is well versed in English, but wrote the horrible accounts in Danish for fear the captain or mates would see the book. A few extracts will give some idea of the contents of the journal:

"Stack one day split a little salt water on deck, and was kicked and beaten while mopping it up.

"The water was choked until he was almost strangled.

"Mate Knight often beat Williams, saying, 'You'll get it yet.' In fact, both mate and officer would strike the vessel's wake with dead sailors. The second mate had no other name for any of the crew but one and for punishment.

"N. G. Lundgren at the wheel failed to hear the captain's order from the forward part of the deck, and was beaten by the captain as he stood grasping the wheel-spokes. He was knocked down and the ship, unsteered, yawed off her course while Nickels was kicking and pounding the prostrate helmsman. First Mate Knight told second Mate Clark that there was plenty of law in Frisco for an officer, but none for a sailor, and he need not be afraid of trouble.

"The captain went ashore in Baltimore after the police at the crew, and when they saw what was in store for them in the way of treatment, he returned with a crowd of boarding-masters and a number of lawyers in a day and a half beating the crew into submission with their revolvers.

"Mrs. May Flint, the wife of the former member of the firm, for whom the horrible ship is named, is a prominent member of the Seamen's Friend Society of New York. She is noted for her good works among the seafaring men of her city, and the sailors aboard of the ship that bears her name are beaten and bruised and starved for pasture.

**WHITE'S DEPOSITIONS.**

**His Memory Is Defective, but the Sun Insurance Company Has His Wife's Testimony.**

Another deposition of Cattle King White was taken in the office of Linforth & McKee yesterday.

The Sun Insurance Company, which desires to foreclose its \$75,000 mortgage, got very little satisfaction from the cattle king. His answers were evasive, and in several instances absolutely twitting.

When Receiver Smith went up to the big Mendocino County ranch to sell the property under order of court, he found that the cattle king's convenient nephew, heretofore spoken of, had a continuous lease on the land.

The Sun Insurance Company and all other creditors of the Mendocino cattle king viewed this lease in the light of a collusive effort to keep the payment of certain moneys ordered paid by the Superior Court.

**DEMAND BETTER SERVICE.**

**Ashbury Heights People Are Not Satisfied With Half-Hour Cars.**

They Declare That the Railroad People Are Evading the Franchise.

An adjourned meeting of property-holders of Ashbury Heights was held Wednesday evening at the residence of F. W. M. Lang, 137 Carl street, for the purpose of devising methods for inducing the Market-street Railway Company to re-establish a fifteen-minute car service along Carl, Clayton, Waller and Cole streets, according to the terms of the franchise under which the road was constructed. George W. Hansborough presided.

R. T. Harding reported the result of an interview with General Manager Vining, in which he (Vining) had absolutely refused to consider the proposition of running cars every fifteen minutes.

Mr. Harding also stated that in the office of the railway company he had come upon a petition signed by many property-owners asking for half-hour service. This in his opinion, had induced Mr. Vining to grant the prayer of the counter petition and resume the running of cars every thirty minutes.

Some of the members present told how this after petition had been got up. A man named W. H. Jones who had been appointed on the committee had deserted his colors and gone over to the enemy.

George T. Gaden presented resolutions condemning the railway company, which occasioned a long discussion.

It was finally decided to postpone the adoption of the resolution until the next meeting, and in the meantime to send the weather side of the road to E. Huntington or Vice-President Crocker.

The chairman appointed the following to serve on this committee: R. T. Harding, J. W. Westover, W. T. Growel, E. J. Coster and A. J. Friz.

On motion it was decided to go into temporary organization under the name of the Ashbury Heights and Stanyan-street Improvement Club, and the following committee on committee was appointed: R. T. Harding, F. W. M. Lang, E. N. Friz and D. L. Westover.

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- FORMOSA, THE STORY OF A CALIFORNIA MEDICAL GRADUATE IN FOO CHOW, BY MADGE MORRIS WAGNER
- WITH A LITTLE OLD WOMAN ON THE SANDS, BY W. C. MORROW
- "BERTINE," BY ADELINE KNAPP
- THE DEFENSE OF JOLON, BY DANIEL O'CONNELL
- THE COMING LUNAR ECLIPSE, BY ROSE O'HALLORAN
- WILLIAM KEITH IN THE REDWOODS, BY J. O. DENNY
- "HOW WHITMAN SAVED OREGON, VS. MRS. VICTOR," BY DR. OLIVER NIXON
- SOCIETY NEWS, THE DRAMA, FASHIONS, CHILDHOOD'S REALM, BOOKS AND BOOKMAKERS, AND MANY OTHER INTERESTING ARTICLES.

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**THREE POSITIONS ABOLISHED.**

**An Offer of Free Marble to the Harbor Commissioners.**

At a meeting of the Board of Harbor Commissioners yesterday it was decided that the positions of Wharfinger B. Rideout at Lombard street, and O. E. Bailey at the Tiburon ferry, which expire September 1, and of J. T. McMahon of Berry street, which expires next year, would be abolished at the end of their respective terms.

The appointment of Captain Blithen to the tug Governor Irwin was made by Commissioner Chadbourne at the recommendation of the Board of Trade and a number of prominent Republicans of the City.

"His credentials are the best I ever saw," said Mr. Chadbourne, "and he was appointed solely on that account."

A. J. Westlake, an attaché of the secretary's office, was appointed storekeeper and purchasing agent of the commission.

A communication was received from N. S. Misener of Valley Springs, Calaveras County, offering to give the free marble from his quarry. The offer was placed on file.

The Paraffine Paint Company was offered to paint the piles along the wharves at from 27 to 30 cents a lineal foot, and all building roofs at \$3 a square foot, painting to last five years.

**A NOON BREAKFAST.**

**The Newspaper Women of the City Will Meet Fraternally.**

The newspaper women of San Francisco are a fraternal class of individuals. Their ambition in the past to excel each other in the art of telling stories on paper will not preclude them from the pleasurable pastime of chatting over a noon breakfast once a week in the future. The ladies will meet at 11 o'clock on Wednesday at their first community breakfast.

It is whispered that this meeting will result in the formation of a club within which none of the other sex will be admitted, except perhaps to an occasional high jinks in honor of some noted guest.

**JUSTIFIED THEIR ACTION.**

**Jones & Knight Won the Damage Suit Brought Against Them.**

Mrs. Jane Brenner lost her suit for damages yesterday against Jones & Knight, proprietors of the Fairmount Hotel. Justice of the Peace Judge Knight held that they had a perfect right to eject her from the hotel because she did not pay her rent. Mrs. Brenner claimed that the relation of landlord and tenant existed between them, but the court decided that as she rented a furnished room there was a contract and the proprietors had a perfect right to recover possession of their room by locking the door when she failed to pay her rent. Messrs. Jones & Knight presented a number of ladies, who testified that they had treated Mrs. Brenner with perfect fairness. When the door was locked they offered her another room to sleep in as well as other consideration. They ejected her from her own room simply to protect themselves on the lien they held on her baggage. Had she been allowed to enter the room there would have been all sorts of trouble with the baggage held as security for the rent.

On the showing made by Messrs. Jones & Knight Justice of the Peace Groezinger promptly gave judgment in their favor.

**EX-SUPERVISOR GOODWIN'S ESTATE.**

Ex-Supervisor Goodwin left an estate of about \$50,000 to his two sisters, Susan A. Goodwin and Mrs. Mollie Gray of Rhode Island, except that \$100 is bequeathed to Daniel H. Goodwin, a brother. The schedule of the property is as follows: \$20,000; five lots of land in Oakland; valued at \$30,000; five lots of land in Oakland;

**SWEET MAHE'S DIVORCE.**

**Miss Burroughs Is No Longer the Wife of Actor Massen.**

A DECREE ISSUED YESTERDAY.

The Supreme Court will not interfere in the Torrey Murder Case. The Supreme Court has refused to interfere in the case of William Evans, who was convicted of killing Michael Torrey, a Wells-Fargo messenger, in Amador County.

Torrey was on the stage running from Ione to Jackson, and was shot and killed on June 15, 1895. A girl named Rudosini, traveling as a passenger, was also killed.

Evans was suspected of the murder, and though there was a sharp conflict of evidence as to where he was at about the time of the murder, he was convicted.

**WANTS A HUSBAND BACK.**

**Mrs. Alexander's Suit to Have Her Divorce Decree Annulled.**

She Tells a Story in Court of How She Was Erupted Out of Property.

Mrs. Sophia Alexander filed a complaint in the Superior Court yesterday in which she indicated that her former husband, Sofre L. Alexander, was one of the meanest men on record. She asked the court to set aside her divorce of April 3, 1893, stating that her husband had not adhered to the agreement under which she obtained it. M. M. Foote conducted her suit.

The woman declared that her husband left her destitute here, and that she had to support the children while he resided in New Mexico, a man of wealth. Alexander made several attempts to get a divorce in New Mexico, but failed.

Then he tried to get his wife to sue, so that she would release her claim on his property. He offered her \$7000 in Albuquerque real estate, \$6000 in cash and agreed to collect the rents for her. Being destitute, Mrs. Alexander was compelled to accept the proposition and the divorce, it was alleged, was obtained by collusion.

After that the husband failed to adhere to his agreement, and Mrs. Alexander declared that the \$500 was not paid and no rents were collected for the woman, though a deed of some real estate was given. Then Mrs. Alexander, who had released her husband from all other property claims, went to New Mexico, and when she urged her rights under the agreement the husband got the tenants to move away from the property he had decided to her. Mrs. Alexander found that this property was not worth over \$4000, and that there was a \$3000 mortgage on it.

The husband's final stroke was to get the mortgage foreclosed and then buy back the property for himself.

Mrs. Alexander said that the husband had an estate valued at \$100,000, though he used to make her think he was poor. She wanted her divorce set aside, and asked the court to restore her former claim in the Alexander estate.

**THE ACQUSED INSPECTOR.**

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