

AMUSEMENTS. BALDWIN THEATRE—"The Masked Ball." COLUMBIA THEATRE—"A Woman of No Importance."

PICNICS AND EXCURSIONS. OCEAN EXCURSIONS.—Steamship Pomona, to San Diego and Monterey, 4 P. M. due back Mondays, 5 A. M. Ticket office, 4 N. Montgomery street.

CITY ITEMS IN BRIEF. F. H. Rosewald managed a concert last night for the benefit of the San Francisco Soldiers' Home.

The weather forecast for to-day is fair with higher temperature and fresh winds. All sealers will be seized upon arrival at this port for sealing without valid licenses.

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The twenty-eighth annual conference of the African M. E. Church of California is in session at Bethel Church.

Frank M. Pikel's will was filed for probate yesterday. Nearly all of the property was bequeathed to Mrs. Pikel.

Time-tables of the railroad companies are published free of charge in the CALL for the accommodation of travelers.

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ALONG THE WATER FRONT.

Harbor Commissioners Appoint George W. Root Chief Wharfinger.

ALL SEALERS TO BE SEIZED. Flames Have Finished the Bawnmore—The Shenandoah's Crew In Court.

At the meeting of the Harbor Commission yesterday afternoon George W. Root was elected to the office of chief wharfinger to succeed James Boobar, whose term has expired.

Mr. Chadbourn nominated George Root, the assistant chief wharfinger, stating that as he had been in the office two years no better man could be found for the position.

Commissioner Cole started in with the nomination of James Boobar, the retiring chief, stating that no appointment could be nearly so perfect as that of his candidate.

A vote was taken, and each commissioner stood by the idea of a perfect man. After a discussion Mr. Colborn withdrew his candidate in favor of Mr. Root, and Mr. Cole, seeing himself outvoted, moved to adjourn the election until next week.

George W. Root, who will take his new place October 1, is a Native Son, 33 years of age, and came to this City from San Benito County. He has always been an earnest republican, taking an active part in politics, and during his two years on the water front has shown himself to be an able official.

No assistant chief wharfinger was appointed, and it was known that Mr. Short, wharfinger at Mission street, will be chosen.

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Colonel James will have charge of the battalion until an election for a commander has taken place among the Naval Reserve officers.

Yesterday the crew of the ship Shenandoah swore to a complaint before the United States District Attorney against Captain Murphy and Third Mate Spier of the vessel, charging them with assault upon seaman Joseph Johnson.

The man was beaten and kicked while on his hands and knees scrubbing the deck during the voyage to this port.

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AGAINST FAST DRIVING.

Patrols of Mounted Officers Enforce the Sidewalk Ordinance.

RECKLESS DRIVERS ARRESTED. There is a New State of Affairs for Pedestrians in Downtown Streets Now.

The heads of the Police Department have determined to rigidly enforce the ordinance against reckless driving and to impress on the minds of those fortunate enough to hold the lines over speedy and other horses that fact that pedestrians have at crossings rights which must be respected.

With this object in view mounted officers have been detailed to patrol the principal thoroughfares of the retail district, notably Market, Kearny and Montgomery streets, and see that the regulations concerning fast driving are respected.

The City ordinance provides that all teams must pass crossings in the business part of the City at a walk, but in making arrests the officers are allowed a certain amount of discretion.

The man who drives an animal whose fastest pace is a slow trot enjoys immunity from police interference even though his horse, urged to his utmost speed, crosses a street intersection at an angle.

The spirited rooster or headstrong team horse which, chafing at the restraining curb, trots across the pavement is pounced on at once, the theory being that the first animal being ever ready to halt would stop easily in time to prevent an impending collision with a pedestrian.

The latter being not so easily managed could not be halted till the damage was done.

"It is about a week since I was assigned to this duty," said a member of the mounted force during a lull in the passing traffic, yesterday, "and the drivers are getting to know me and to understand what I am here for, but at first it was pretty hard work. And yet, it is just as easy for these fellows to do right as to do wrong. You see I can take one of them in it means \$25 bail and."

"Here, you boy, walk that horse over crossings."

"As I was saying, the bail is \$25, and, if it is a flagrant case, the Judge always fines 'em that much, too. The fine is never less than \$5, anyway, and that's pretty expensive, to say nothing of the trouble and bother."

The worst street for fast driving? Oh, Kearny is the worst by far. You see most of the teams come up Bush and Pine streets, where it's easy hauling, and then shoot out Kearny like all possessed.

The worst of all are the buggies and the vegetable and fish peddlers. You see these last get through their day's work and then hurry home along Kearny street. I have made thirteen arrests so far, and they were all buggies or peddler's wagons. An unlucky number? Oh, I guess not. But there is my meat now."

The mounted police on patrol duty do not wear regulation uniforms, nor do they carry their "stars" in sight. They are attired in blue trousers, dark-colored "reefer" jackets and hard hats, and except for their superior horsemanship present much the appearance of private individuals out for a ride.

The Army's Rescue League. Mrs. McFee is Enthusiastic About Appearing to Native Daughters.

Mrs. McFee of the Salvation Army is enthusiastic about her plan of securing cooperation from the Native Daughters in managing the army's Rescue Home at Beulah.

"Our plans are scarcely formulated at present," she said yesterday, "but we expect in a short time to call a meeting either across the bay or at our headquarters here. We shall invite the Native Daughters to attend and see in what way they are willing to lend a hand."

She has several individual offers of help already from Native Daughters who have heard of the scheme, and the last two were from broad-minded Catholic ladies.

In the meantime Mrs. Captain McFee and Captain Wagner have written a joint "Rescue" letter to the Native Daughters, which will be published in a forthcoming number of the War Cry. In its course it says:

"As yet our plans for the formation of the Pacific Coast Rescue League are in embryo. We wish in this letter to ask you to co-operate with us in bringing them to completion by sending us your names and addresses. We are of course we are taking it for granted that you will each be glad of the chance to help by becoming a member of the league."

We have agreed to put the membership fee down to the small sum of 50 cents per year to start with. The object of this league will be to push the work of soul-saving among our Pacific Coast women.

In speaking yesterday of the appeal contained in the above letter, Mrs. McFee stated that it is the custom in the East and Europe to organize auxiliary leagues, com-

TRAFFIC ON THE RIVER.

Steamers Enjoy a Marked Increase in Passenger Travel and Shipments.

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The increased traffic on the Stockton steamers within the past ninety days has been most satisfactory to the management of those lines.

Maie E. P. Taylor of the steamer T. C. Walker, in speaking of the matter yesterday, said:

"The revival of traffic in the past three months has been very remarkable. To-day, as you see, we are going to have a very large cargo, and tomorrow this line will have two boats leaving at the same time. For three months or more the J. D. Peters and the Mary Garratt have been making the same trip, these two steamers alternating daily with the T. C. Walker."

In addition to these three steamers this line has a freight boat which is continuously engaged in towing heavy barges, having a carrying capacity of from 800 to 1200 tons each.

The rails, ties and supplies for the Valley railroad have become an important factor in the freight line.

"The passenger traffic also has increased in a very perceptible degree recently. You can safely say that the traffic on the river lines is better to-day than it has been for years."

The mate of the steamer Captain Weber of the new line also stated that the amount of freight carried by that line was much larger than formerly.

PRESIDIO RESERVATION.

The New Pumping Plant Supplies All the Water Needed.

Progress of Work on the New Brick Barracks and the Steel Wharf.

The United States Government, through the War Department, is spending money freely for permanent improvements at the Presidio reservation.

Under the direction of Amos S. Kimball, director of the reservation, work is progressing on the double brick barracks and the new steel wharf. One of the barracks buildings is now completed, the second is under roof and the foundations of the third are completed to the water table.

The entire work will be finished in December. Each double barracks will contain accommodation for two companies. The expense of the three will approximate \$100,000.

The duplicate pumping plant is working to the satisfaction of all concerned. The supply of water is ample as the twelve wells yield 200,000 gallons a day. It is proposed, however, to bore additional wells so as to reduce the hours of pumping and thus diminish the cost of fuel.

The quantity of water now furnished, if it were supplied and distributed by the Spring Valley system, would cost the Government \$10,000 a year.

A contract for constructing the new wharf has been awarded to a San Francisco contractor. Work has been somewhat delayed because some of the material ordered in the admission day has not yet arrived.

It is expected that the wharf will be completed by the end of November.

Officers and enlisted men who attended the summer outing at Monterey speak of the expedition as a great success from a military point of view.

Two troops of cavalry on duty, one in Yosemite Valley and the other in Sequoia Grove, are having active service. These troops are under the command of Captain Gregory of the Interior. It is their duty to guard against timber cutting and forest fires and to keep irresponsible herders of stock away from the reservations.

There is considerable territory for the troops to patrol. Campers and herders are careless about fires, and if constant vigilance was not maintained by the guards destructive fires would frequently occur.

On the route of the money of garrison life is the rule at the harbor posts. Few changes of importance have been made recently, and no "inside tips" have come from Washington of contemplated changes.

Colonel Mendell, chief engineer, is progressing very well with the work of fortifying the approaches to San Francisco from the ocean. The rule is observed which prevents foreigners from making reproductions of the local photographers manage somehow to get views for reproduction in magazines and other publications.

His Life Saved. Samuel G. Palmer Nearly Killed While Assisting in Tearing Down the Old City Hall.

Another accident occurred at the old City Hall yesterday. One of the rotten walls fell and buried Samuel G. Palmer, and came near being his grave.

When his fellow workmen dug him out, one of Palmer's ears had been torn away, his ribs were broken and his scalp torn. Although he presented a pitiable appearance, the ambulance was summoned, and he was at once taken to the Receiving Hospital. Dr. Fitzgibbon dressed his wounds and said he believed that the injured man would live.

Palmer, with several other men, was engaged in tearing down a brick wall twenty-five feet high. It would not budge and the men began to undermine it. This they proceeded to do and while the gang was at work the wall fell. Deputy coroner McCormick called out a warning to the men and all escaped save Palmer.

Had to Pay His Tailor. I. R. Burns, a Retired Merchant, Brought to Time in Court.

I. R. Burns, a retired wholesale dealer in crockery, lost a suit before Justice of the Peace Barry yesterday on a \$200 tailor bill. Burns would have paid Tailor Holland willingly enough, but he disputed several of the items, where he claimed he had never received the clothes. For the past four years Burns has spent most of his time knocking about the world. Periodically he visited California. He took advantage of these trips to plead the statute of limitations against Tailor Holland. On looking over his figures the court found he was several months short of the statutory time of being absent from the State. The cost of the clothes that he had not received was deducted from the bill and judgment was entered against him for \$200.

Wilkins' Explanation. J. H. Wilkins, in whose place Thomas Nelson was arrested last week for dealing in lottery tickets, wishes it understood that the part he is said to have played at the time of the arrest of Nelson is an error. He states that he was absent from the place at the time the raid made by the officers and that he is in no way connected with Nelson and has nothing to do with the lottery business in any manner.

Opening week at Deavey's, 1382 Market street. Magnificent display of imported goods in the fall millinery—wholesale and retail.

RECEPTION TO A PASTOR.

Grace M. E. Congregation Bids Dr. McClish Farewell.

A touching farewell reception was tendered on Wednesday evening to Rev. Eli McClish by the congregation of Grace M. E. Church, assisted by the congregations of Emmanuel Baptist Church and Bethany Congregational Church.

The reception took place in Grace M. E. Church on Twenty-first street, of which Dr. McClish has been pastor during the last five years. It was Grace M. E. Church that offered hospitality to the congregation of Emmanuel Baptist Church after its own edifice had been profaned, and Rev. George Gibson's flock showed that it appreciated this act of kindness by attending the farewell reception to Dr. McClish almost in a body.

Robert Wilson, a prominent member of the Sunday-school, was chairman of the entertainment committee. He presided at the speech-making when a number of addresses was made by gentlemen and ladies of the congregation expressing regret at the loss of Dr. McClish. C. W. Marks spoke especially of all that the pastor had done for the Sunday-school and J. Renwick of the official board of Grace M. E. Church testified to the large increase in membership which had taken place during the last five years.

The flourishing financial condition of the church was described by Isaac Tru-

man, and Miss Kate Dornin, voicing the sentiment of the Epworth League, spoke of the affection of the young people for their pastor and their regret that he was to be taken from their midst.

At this point in the proceedings Dr. and Mrs. McClish, who had seats among the audience, were requested to step upon the platform, and when they did so were presented by Mrs. McLellan in the name of the congregation with a beautiful basket, containing an entire table of solid silver.

In presenting this gift Mrs. McLellan made an address in which she described Dr. McClish's coming from the East to take the pastorate of Grace M. E. Church, and dwell upon the happy way in which he had won the goodwill and affection of his California congregation.

Rev. J. George Gibson voiced the gratitude of the Emmanuel Baptist Church congregation toward Dr. McClish, and Dr. Ford spoke on behalf of the Bethany Congregational Church. It was midnight before the reception came to an end by the whole congregation shaking hands with the pastor and wishing him Godspeed.

A MISSIONARY WEEK.

Preparations by the Cephas and Good Will Societies—Woman's Board.

The annual meeting of the Cephas and Good Will societies will be held to-morrow at the First Congregational Church. The Cephas Society has been in existence for twenty-two years. Many ladies interested in mission work desire to institute a day of woman's work for women in this City and it is desired to make to-morrow the inaugural day.

Mrs. Frank J. French will give an address, and another speaker will be Mrs. Peoples of Siam, sister of Rev. Royal Wirt. Miss Stroud-Smith, the noted Bible reader, a magnetic speaker, will also be heard, and Mrs. Carrie Judd Montgomery will speak. The music will be an attractive feature.

This meeting will be a fitting forerunner of the Woman's Home Missionary Board meeting at Plymouth Church and the Congregational rally at the First Church on Tuesday.

The Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Pacific will hold its annual meeting at the First Church on Wednesday.

A MEMBERS' CONCERT.

J. H. Rosewald Manages a Musicales for the Y. M. C. A.

A pleasant concert was given last night in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. building under the direction of J. H. Rosewald. The entertainment was intended for members and their friends, and was the eleventh in the course since the opening of the new building.

The instrumentalists were Miss Ida E. Weigel and J. H. Rosewald. The latter played a waltz song with considerable fluency, and Miss R. Gallagher, who has improved considerably by discarding her deep artificial low notes, sang Cantor's setting of "Thou'rt Like a Flower."

Her father-in-law gave a pleasing rendering of "The Yeoman's Wedding Song," and the concert concluded with a trio by Campana, sung by the three vocalists of the evening.

Four inquests were held at the Morgue yesterday. The cause of death in the case of Fred Husing, who shot himself in the Odd Fellows' cemetery, was given as "suicide." In the case of Andrew Hazard and an unknown man, who were picked up in an bay, no decision was arrived at, as the jurors could not decide whether death was accidental or intentional. In the case of Patrick Heaney, who was kicked to death by a horse, the verdict was accidental death.

THREE MEN IN A BUGGY.

They Hold Up Mrs. Momm, Janitress of the Edison Public School.

THE WRONG PACKAGE STOLEN. She Had Drawn From the City Treasurer the Teachers' Monthly Salaries.

Mrs. Momm, 1313 Nebraska street, is the janitress of the Edison School on Hill and Church streets, and by the presence of mind yesterday she saved the monthly salaries of teachers of that school, amounting to nearly \$800.

The teachers have been in the habit of giving Mrs. Momm their salary warrants and letting her take them to the City Treasurer to be cashed. Yesterday morning she went as usual with the warrants to the Treasurer's office, and when she got the money she put it in a little bag, which she placed for safety in the bosom of her dress.

After leaving the Treasurer's office she went to the office of the Board of Education and obtained from the secretary a package of tickets for the admission of the school children to the Mechanics' Fair. She carried this package in her hand.

She took a Larkin-street car and transferred to Mission street to the electric cars. At Twenty-second street she got another transfer and left the Twenty-second-street car at Chattanooga street, where the car turns. This was about 1 o'clock.

She had noticed that three men in a buggy had followed the car on which she was riding, but her suspicions were not aroused till she saw them stop at Chattanooga street, when she left the car. She walked briskly toward Church street, and when near the corner she saw the men in the buggy jumped out and ran toward her. Before she had time to scream one of them grasped her around the waist, placed his other hand over her mouth and threw her head against the wall of a house.

"Keep quiet," said the robber, menacingly, "or we will blow your head off." The other robber grabbed hold of the package containing the fair tickets. Mrs. Momm did not instantly know that they were after the money and imagined it was in the package, so to carry out the impression she clung desperately to the package. The robber tugged at it and finally she let go her hold. The robbers promptly jumped into the buggy and drove away at a break-neck speed down Twenty-second street to Dolores, where the buggy was lost to sight.

Mrs. Momm, although almost exhausted from her struggle with the robbers, ran toward the school and breathlessly told the principal of her experience, at the same time pulling the bag with the money out of her bosom. The reaction was almost too much for her, and she sank into a chair and nearly went off in a faint.

As soon as she recovered she notified police headquarters of the robbery, and Detectives Dillon and Crockett were detailed on the case. They found that the money was not in the package, but that Mrs. Momm was to draw the money yesterday, as they were seen haunting the corner of Church and Twenty-second streets for two or three hours, till Mrs. Momm made her appearance to go to the City Hall. They followed her in the buggy to the hall and back to where the robbery was committed.

The detectives have not been able to get an accurate description of the three men. Mrs. Momm was so excited that she could not give any description of them. Several people who saw them agree that they were all young men, about 24 years of age, but they differ in other things. Some say that one of them had a moustache, but others do not recall any such feature. The effort will be made to find them, as it was one of the boldest daylight robberies known to the police.

LADY WRITERS AT BELVEDERE.

They Are Entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Adams.

The members of the Pacific Coast Women's Press Association enjoyed the day as guests of the Belvedere Land Company yesterday.

They left the City at 11 o'clock and were met at Tiburon by Mr. and Mrs. Adams. Luncheon was served under the trees, and toasts, contortions and extemporaneous rhapsodies in verse or the beauties of Belvedere were the order of the hour. Luncheon was followed by a drive around the island and a sail around the bay, the party returning to the City at 5 o'clock.

This morning at 9:30 the ladies of the association will leave on the McDowell for a trip round the bay.

FUNCTIONS OF SPECIAL OFFICERS.

J. J. Phillips, a bicyclist, was arrested on Divisadero street a few days ago by Special Officer Truman on the charges of battery and resisting an officer. Truman was driving in a buggy, and Phillips' machine collided with it. The battery was in the hands of Judge Low yesterday dismissed the charge of resisting an officer, on the ground that a special officer's functions are strictly limited to the territory to which he is assigned, and that the territory he has no authority to make arrests other than the authority conferred by law.

The battery case was continued till to-day.

NEW TO-DAY-AMUSEMENTS.

TIVOLI OPERA-HOUSE. MRS. ERNESTINE KRELLING Proprietor & Manager. SEASON OF GRAND ITALIAN OPERA!

TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT! Superb Scenic Production of Gounod's Immortal Opera.

"FAUST!" Special Science!—Correct Costumes! Elaborate Accessories!

MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 9—ADMISSION DAY. SOUVENIR NIGHT! Popular Prices—25c and 50c.

BUSH-STREET THEATER.

CAPT. COOK OPERA! BY BRANDT AND FORMAN. IMMENSE SUCCESS. Last Performances Friday and Saturday Evenings. Saturday Matinee.

POPULAR PRICES: \$1, 75c, 50c, 35c, 25c.

THE MOST STUPENDOUS EVENT.

In the Amusement Annals of the Pacific Coast is the Advent of the