The San Francisco Call

THURSDAY.....SEPTEMBER 19, 1895

AMUSEMENTS.

BALDWIN THEATER.—"Dorcas."

COLUMBIA THEATER.—"The District Attorney."

MOROSCO'S OPERA-HOUSE—"The Great Metropolis."

TIVOLI OPERA-HOUSE—"Lucia di Lammermoor."

ORPHEUM—High-Class Vaudeville.

GROVER'S ALCAZAR.—"Everybody's Friend" and "A Ringer."

METROPOLITAN TEMPLE—Grand Choral Concert.

STATE BOARD OF TRADE EXHIBIT.—575 Market street, below Second. Open daily. Admission free.

PICNICS AND EXCURSIONS.

EXCURSION—To the famous Big Trees, by the Southern Pacific Railroad, Sunday, September 22.

OCEAN EXCURSIONS.—Steamship Pomona, to Santa Cruz and Monterey, leaves Saturdays, 4 P. M., due back Mondays, 5 A. M. Ticket office, 4 New Montgomery street.

AUCTION SALES.

BY JOSEPH T. TERRY—Furniture, at 747 Market street, at 10 o'clock, Thursday, September 19.

WILLIAM J. DINGEE—The Real Estate Auctioneer, 460 and 462 Eighth street, will sell at auction Santurday, September 28, the Lake Merritt Boulevard Tract.

BY EASTON, ELDRIDGE & CO.—Tuesday, September 24, Real Estate, at Salesrooms, 638 Market street, at 12 o'clock noon.

BY S. WATKINS—Horses, at Twelfth and Harrison streets, Friday, September 20, at 11 o'clock.

CITY ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Delia Cuneo has begun suit against Frank Cuneo for maintenance.

Ah Leen, a Chinese girl at the Presbyterian Mission, has a romance.

The Baldwin Hotel was leased yesterday to O. B. Stanton's syndicate for ten years.

Director Julian Sonntag of the Half-million Club has resigned from the board of directors.

For to-day's weather acting forecast official G. H. Willson predicts "cloudy and somewhat threatening."

Commander C. H. Stockton arrived from Newport late last night, en route to assume command of the cruiser Yorktown, now at Chefoo, China.

Hon. James Kier Hardie, M.P., the prominent Scotch socialist, is expected to arrive in this City this evening.

The directors of the Benicia Brick Company have petitioned the Superior Court for a dissolution of the partnership.

George Riddle, the famous reader, has been engaged to give a series of readings for the benefit of the Girls' High School.

A small chimney blaze at Montgomery street and Broadway caused an alarm of fire to be sent in from box 351 at 7 P. M. yesterday.

The Police Commissioners will meet to-night, when it is expected that the long-looked-for promotions and appointments will be made.

William Laidlaw and Miss Jessie Reid, sweethearts in early youth, will be married to-morrow morning, after a separation of fourteen years.

Henry Knox, the ex-railroad strike leader, has at last been able to obtain employment. He will be a motorman on the new Sutro electric car line.

The annual meeting of the ladies interested in the Girls' Union, a philanthropic institution, was held yesterday, and officials were chosen for the year.

A special mass will be celebrated to-morrow morning at 9 at the Church of Notre Dame des Victoires for the Pope's return to temporal power in Rome.

George R. King, the organist of Emmanuel Church, was the main witness in the Durrant trial yesterday. The trial has adjourned until Friday morning.

The Supreme Court has decided that the city of Sacramento cannot refuse to pay its gas bills because Mayor Steinman is president of the gas company.

Arthur E. Nathanson is suing Dr. H. G. Young and Dr. E. E. Perry, dentists, for $2500 damages on account of trouble over some work that he had done.

Next week the State Development Club will send three men to the Atlanta Exposition to deliver the illustrated lectures upon California and its resources.

Edward S. Spring's charges against Superintendent D. B. Lyman were dismissed by the Consolidated California and Virginia Mining Company yesterday.

The Manufacturers' and Producers' Association has demanded that the Sutro Railroad Company purchase its big steam boiler in California instead of in the East.

Rev. J. H. Allen will deliver a lecture at Asbury Methodist Church, Oakland, in which he will undertake to prove that "Adamic time" ends with the year 1900.

Lena M. Rasmussen swore out a warrant in Judge Joachimsen's court yesterday for the arrest of C. C. Contreras on the charge of betrayal under promise of marriage.

Reuben E. Raimund, a pioneer of 1849, who had made a record both for successful commercial enterprise and philanthropy, is dead as the result of an old paralytic stroke.

H. D. Free, liquor-dealer, Seventh avenue and D street, fell from his bicycle in Golden Gate Park last night and fractured his left leg. He was taken to the Receiving Hospital.

John J. Hooper, a nephew of C. A. Hooper, the lumber merchant, attempted to commit suicide at his uncle's residence, 733 Ashbury street, by turning on the gas in the garret.

Byron O'Connor, a boy seven years of age, living at 743 Harrison street, was run over by an electric car last night and his left foot had to be amputated at the Receiving Hospital.

The expert sent to the Los Angeles oil wells has reported to the capitalists who sent him that the article is good for heating purposes and that the supply seems to be without limit.

Dr. Stanton says the Railroad Commission will go right on, regardless of the Southern Pacific's protest. He is of the opinion that the protest will have very little weight in any legal fight.

California soap manufacturers will soon hold a meeting for the purpose of regulating prices on the various grades of soap and to regain some of the business that is now going to the Eastern makers.

George C. Bornemann, jeweler, 126 Kearny street, swore out a warrant in Judge Low's court yesterday for the arrest of E. Duhrman on the charge of embezzling, on June 22, a gold watch valued at $30.

George Metzger, bartender, 11 Eddy street, swore out a warrant yesterday for the arrest of George Cool and Morris Durbin on the charge of burglary for having stolen his overcoat from his room on September 16.

James Dowdall, alias Charles Howard, was booked at the City Prison yesterday for breaking into the saloon on Park and City Hall avenues Monday morning and Walter Wilson is being held on the same charge.

The Baddeley brothers, Benjamin and Reuben, who gave W. Worthington an unmerciful beating at Bakers Beach about ten days ago, were convicted by Judge Low yesterday of battery and will be sentenced to-day.

Dorville Libby has been authorized to arrange for supplies for the pulpit of the Second Unitarian Church during the absence of Rev. Leslie W. Sprague. A successor to Mr. Sprague will probably be chosen from among the number.

James Benson, the burly beggar, who was arrested by Mrs. W. T. Hooper, Lyon street, on Tuesday night, was sentenced by Judge Conlan yesterday to four months in the County Jail, after the Judge had given him a lecture upon his impudent conduct.

During the absence of Harry Corbett and wife in Stockton on Monday and Tuesday their house, 522½ Hayes street, was entered by a sneakthief. The drawers of a bureau in one of the bedrooms had been searched for valuables, but nothing was carried off.

The Board of Health yesterday condemned the Richmond District School. It will remain closed until proper sewer connections are made. Kobe, Japan, and Rio de Janeiro were also declared infected ports. Vessels arriving from them will be put in quarantine.

According to a letter received by Chairman La Rue of the Railroad Commission from J. M. Bassett, the salary of C. P. Huntington is $47,500 and not $10,000 per year, as testified by Secretary Lansing during the recent investigation before the Board of Railroad Commissioners.

Arthur Quinn, the young man who obtained money from Hood Winn, clerk at the Occidental Hotel, by representing himself as the son of Peter Pelaez of Cuba, a guest at the hotel, was yesterday sentenced by Judge Conlan to six months in the County Jail on one charge and three months on the other.

Attorney Garber consumed the entire day yesterday before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in arguing on behalf of Mrs. Jane L. Stanford in the appeal case of the United States against the estate of the late Senator Stanford. He will resume his argument this morning at 11 o'clock.

The report that Durrant broke down after Mrs. Crosett's testimony, which has been published, is untrue. Neither side of the Durrant case is likely to profit by the testimony of the students of Cooper Medical College, as none of them are willing to say positively whether or not the accused was present the afternoon of April 3.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT

General Ezeta Sails Away to Deliver His Country From Tyranny.

HE WILL LAND AT ACAPULCO.

Quarantined Passengers Landed. Opium From Victoria—Beats the Cook.

General Antonio Ezeta, ex-Vice-President of Salvador and the self-styled liberator of the country from the Dictator Gutierrez, boarded the steamer City of Sydney and sailed away to Acapulco, Mexico, yesterday. The general, who has been fighting sanguinary battles on paper, stood on the vessel's deck as she pulled out, dressed in a black military jacket, richly ornamented with silk braid. On his head, part of the time, was a gaudy smoking-cap, which was occasionally replaced by a high military cap, profusely covered with gold lace.

Accompanying the returning exile was General Manuel Casin, who, however, was garmented in an ordinary tweed suit in lieu of a blazing uniform. Ezeta was secluded in his stateroom, but Casin rushed everywhere about the deck and dock, telling his friends that he would meet them at the Salvadoran capital.

General Antonio Ezeta as He Appeared Yesterday in His Campaign Uniform on the Eve of His Departure to Recapture San Salvador.

[From a photograph by Taber.]

Ezeta stated that he would land at Acapulco, where he will meet Colocho and others of his commanders. He has no idea of trusting himself in the hands of his enemies, and will only invade the country when he has sufficient following to make his security certain. He believes that the people are ready for him and this is the time to go home.

The passengers of the quarantined bark S. N. Castle came over to the City last evening in the tug Reliance. Among them were George Lycurgus and William Greig, men who have had a taste of the Hawaiian Provincial Government's power. Lycurgus is the proprietor of the Hotel Sans Souci, near Honolulu. He was arrested on thirteen charges of misprision of treason. The specifications are almost identical. He was cleared and discharged from custody after suffering imprisonment for fifty-one days.

William Greig, son of Captain Greig of Fanning Island, was arrested, charged with every treasonable act in the calendar. He was confined from January till June, and was released when the Government thought he was going to die in prison. When he got well he was banished from the country.

Mrs. M. T. Lange, known here as the newspaper writer under the name of Marie Courcelli, is one of the passengers on the Rio Janerio. She complains of the treatment of the quarantine officials who examined the baggage of the passengers.

The Harbor Commissioners yesterday made and signed a new contract with the architect, A. Page Brown. There is no material difference between it and the old contract, except a few slight changes made at the instance of the board.

Captain H. C. Townsend of the bark J. D. Peters was arrested yesterday, charged with beating and maltreating his Chinese cook. On the trip down from Alaska the cook did not get the captain's meals up in shipshape style and was whipped in consequence.

The Customs authorities are confronted with a problem hard to solve. Opium is coming from Victoria through this port for Honolulu, and how to catch it and how to hold it is the question. The W. H. Dimond, on her last trip to the islands, took 250 tins of the drug, and the R. P. Rithet 200 tins. The opium on the Dimond was stowed in an air-tank of the lifeboat, a hole being cut for that purpose. The steamer Mackinaw, on her last arrival here, carried up to Port Costa 300 tins of opium, which was finally seized by the Sheriff of Solano County.

The United States steamer Thetis came down from Mare Island yesterday evening and anchored in the stream. She will remain in this port several weeks and enlist twenty-five men for her crew.

The wreck and cargo of the steamer Bawnmore will be sold at auction in the Merchants' Exchange next Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

[ON THE DEPARTURE OF A PICTURESQUE WARRIOR.]

A SAN SALVADOR ALPHABET.

A is for Antonio,
Who sighs for war's alarms;
Out of the bay he sails away
With ten thousand stands of arms.

B's for Bustamente,
Poor "monkey in a hole";
In boiling oil, on his native soil,
He yielded up his soul.

C's for Cienfuegos,
Who sighs for blood and gore.
With his red knife he waits the strife
That'll shake up Salvador.

D's for the dead and dying
Caused by this comic war;
Evil or just they bite the dust
And dim old Freedom's star.

E's for the old gray eagle,
Emblem of liberty;
It flaps its wings, and shrieks and sings
At this sad travesty.

SEDGWICK AIKEN.

Defaulting Chinese.

Jow Dick appeared in Judge Low's court yesterday and swore out a warrant for the arrest of Ng Chin and eight others, trustees of the Sam Yee Tong, Tailors' and Sewing-machine Workers' Union, on the charge of felony embezzlement. The complainant alleges that the defendants, while acting as trustees of the union, appropriated $4315 to their own uses and purposes on April 11. They fled and were arrested at Sacramento and brought back to the City.

DEATH OF REUBEN E. RAIMUND.

One More of the Pioneers of the Days of '49 Passes Away.

The death of Reuben E. Raimund, an Argonaut, has been recorded. He died Tuesday morning at his home, 1804 Broadway. Some years ago he had a paralytic stroke from which he never fully recovered, and this finally brought about his demise.

At 31 years of age Mr. Raimund came here from New York, his native State, being one of the passengers on the ship Humboldt, on which C. P. Huntington was also a possenger, and which entered the Golden Gate September 1, 1849. Though the gold fever brought him here, he concluded to choose commercial enterprise rather than the uncertain ventures of mining. He subsequently established a line of steamers, running to the Gulf of California and Northern Mexico, which proved very profitable and enabled him to invest largely in real estate.

Later he was noted for his liberal assistance to charitable institutions. He was one of the first trustees of the Protestant Orphan Asylum, and gave to the Children's Hospital on California street its site.

Mr. Raimund was a charter member of the Masonic Association of Mount Moriah Lodge, F. and A. M., and of California Commandery, Knights Templar. His funeral will take place Sunday from King Solomon's Temple under Masonic auspices. A widow survives him. He had reached the ripe age of 77 years.

MIDWEEK THEATER NOTES.

An Electrical Storm Proves Very Effective in "The Great Metropolis."

Pearl Andrews Mimics Celebrated Actresses at the Orpheum.

Pauline Hall and her company are presenting "Dorcas" to good audiences at the Baldwin. The musical part of the comedy has proved the most popular feature with the public, nearly all of the vocal numbers being greeted with encores, while all the dialogue does not always arouse the same amount of enthusiasm.

The artists are very obliging in responding to the demands for a repetition of their songs, duets, etc. and the consequence is that the public hears nearly everything twice over, a strain which the pretty music in "Dorcas" can stand without palling upon the hearers.

"The District Attorney" is still drawing well at the Columbia Theater, though it is nearing the close of the second week's run. This afternoon a professional matinee will be given, at which most of the "stars of light and leading" of the dramatic profession at present in the City will be in the audience, as their engagement at other theaters have hitherto prevented them from paying "The District Attorney" a visit. There will be no matinee at the Columbia on Saturday, as the company will be playing "As You Like It," under the greenwood tree at Sutro's. On Sunday the Dixey matinee will take place.

The revival of "The Great Metropolis" has proved a drawing attraction at the Grand. The electrical storm has proved one of the most popular stage effects that has been seen at Morosco's for some time and the saving of the shipwrecked crew is a splendid piece of realistic acting.

"Lucia di Lammermoor" is nightly packing the Tivoli Opera-house in a way that proves the perennial charm of Donizetti's melodies. Ida Valerga gives a powerfully dramatic interpretation of the role of "Lucy," the conclusion of the sextet and of the mad scene being especial points for an outbreak of enthusiasm on the part of the audience. In spite of Miss Valerga's marked success, however, there are moments when she needs to be reminded that, vocally speaking, "Lucia" is a light and not a dramatic soprano role.

"Everybody's Friend" and "A Ringer" are still going well at the Alcazar. In the last farce Gracie Plaisted's spirited interpretation of a "tough" child is a piece of acting that never fails to arouse the audience and bring the little actress a shower of well-merited applause.

Miss Pearl Andrews, who has now recovered her baggage, is holding the mirror, not up to nature exactly, but to the mimic world itself, at the Orpheum. Her impersonations of famous dramatic artists are proving a source of great amusement and interest. She mimics Ada Rehan, Maggie Cline, Frank Wilson, etc., in such a manner that the audience would immediately recognize their peculiarities without being told who was being imitated. Vesta Tilly, the music-hall star, in her singing of "By the Sad Sea Waves," is an especially good piece of mimicry.

In addition to Miss Andrews there are a number of other good acts at the Orpheum this week.

REV. MR. SPRAGUE'S SUCCESSOR.

Dorville Libby Has Been Authorized to Look for Candidates.

Dorville Libby, president of the board of trustees of the Second Unitarian Church, has been authorized to arrange for supplying the pulpit of that church during the absence of the pastor, Rev. Leslie W. Sprague, who will leave for Denver next week. Mr. Libby said last evening that he had not as yet taken any action in the matter and that he would not do so until he had conferred with Mr. Sprague concerning suitable persons.

"There is not a Unitarian minister on the coast who is without a charge," said he, "and in all probability we will try to secure some one from the East."

The matter of who will supply the pulpit for the next month will be of interest from the fact that they will be considered candidates for the pastorate which Mr. Sprague resigned on Tuesday evening. It is probable that Rev. Mr. Haskell of San Jose will be invited to preach at the Second Unitarian Church on but one or two evenings, as his duties in connection with his own church will require his presence at morning services.

THE BURGLAR INDUSTRY.

Two More Novices Are Placed Under Arrest.

James Dowdall, alias Charles Howard, a young hoodlum, was booked at the City Prison yesterday morning on the charge of attempt to commit burglary. Early Monday morning he and a companion broke into the saloon corner of Park and City Hall avenues.

Special Officer Hussey discovered them, and they ran away. Dowdall ran past the Hall of Records to McAllister street. Policeman Van Kuren, who was standing on the corner of Hyde street, joined in the chase. He called upon Dowdall to stop, and fired a shot over his head to intimidate him. Policeman Brophy heard the shot, and Dowdall ran into his waiting arms.

Walter Wilson, a companion of Frank Comyns, the burglar and robber, was arrested on Tuesday morning by Policeman Wolweber on suspicion of being Dowdall's accomplice. He will probably be charged with vagrancy.

Buckley at Work.

C. A. Buckley has been able to spare considerable time from his farm at Livermore since the rain of last week and it is the gossip in local circles of the Democratic party that he is paying more attention than usual to politics and politicians in San Francisco. It is common talk that his agents have lately interviewed several leading Democrats, setting forth that success in the next election was possible and suggesting that no time be lost in getting into line under the banner of the old boss.

BLOCKADING THE ISTHMUS

Rumors of a Deal Affecting Steamship Trade With New York.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TACTICS.

A Grand Rally for the Nicaragua Canal Will Be Made Before Next Congress.

About the best thing done by the Traffic Association under the regime of Traffic Manager J. S. Leeds was the establishment of an independent steamship line to New York, via Panama. The time-honored cinch contract of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company with the Panama Railroad Company was broken, and the Panama Steamship Company took San Francisco's sea trade with New York into its own hands. It was a body blow to monopoly, and the Traffic Association men felt they had a long feather in their caps.

From New York now comes the story that Mr. Huntington has lately been busy adjusting this state of affairs and that the Pacific Mail will soon be doing business at the old stand and playing at freeze out with other steamers who seek the business. The news as given in the dispatches is to the effect that present agreements with the Panama Railroad are to be canceled and a new deal will be entered into. This will give to the Panama Steamship Company the handling of freight on the Atlantic side only, while Pacific Mail steamers will attend to all the trade in the Pacific.

When questioned about the matter yesterday Southern Pacific officials here declined to express judgment as to the truth or falsity of the statement of the dispatches, saying it was a matter in the hands of Mr. Huntington and his New York assistants.

Frank Johnson of the Johnson-Locke Company, who worked hard for the present independent steamer service, said he had received no advices indicating that the present agreement is off. Said he:

We're doing business just as usual, taking orders ahead for all the trade we can handle. All I can say is that I don't believe there is anything in it.

Traffic Manager Curtis of the Traffic Association expressed great interest in the news, and said the matter would be one for the association's executive committee to take up in event of there being any truth in the published rumor. The committee will meet to-day in special session to consider especially plans for the approaching fiscal year, which begins about October 1.

The association, according to Mr. Curtis, has no idea of resting on its laurels now that the Valley road is under way, but will take up just such problems as that involved in this reported strangling of independent steamers. Coaxing Congress to hurry up and get officially behind the Nicaragua canal will not be apart from its line of duty. Another project that may be taken up is the feasibility of maintaining a coast line of steamers so as to help develop all the Central American trade and divert it from New York to San Francisco so far as possible. It was a venture of this sort that Otis, McAllister & Co. made a gallant struggle with two years ago, but were forced to the wall by Pacific Mail's cut freight rates. If the project is undertaken again it will be with capital enough back of it so that it may withstand all assaults.

If President Diaz can get the $20,000,000 or so necessary to build harbors at the east and the west terminus of the new Tehuantepec Railroad—and he thinks he can—that cross-isthmian road is going to be a big factor in the San Francisco and New York trade. The road is all right, easy grades and all that, but the open roadsteads at Salina Cruz and the other side will never do for deep-water steamers. Freight crossing the isthmus via Tehuantepec would effect a saving of about 1800 miles over the present Panama route and fully 1100 miles over the long-hoped-for route by the Nicaragua canal.

There is going to be a rousing rally for the Nicaragua canal made before the next Congress. Wide-awake men are already making things hum and if Congress don't do something it won't be because the individual members have not been told what is best to do. Our own Chamber of Commerce is early in the field for the season. Just the other day it sent out circular letters to all merchants to this effect:

While the early construction of the Nicaragua canal is of great importance to our whole country, to the Pacific Coast it has become an absolute necessity, controlling, more than anything else, our future prosperity. For this reason you are urgently requested, as a favor which will prove your personal good will and your business appreciation of our mutual interests, to address your Senators and Representatives in the Fifty-fourth Congress, representing the urgent need of this legislation and asking their promise to support any bill that shall be introduced which shall secure the construction of the Nicaragua canal under the control of the United States Government, for the benefit of its citizens and for the commercial and military advantage of our great Republic.

COLONEL T. F. BARRY.

Resolutions to His Honor Passed Upon His Retirement.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted yesterday:

WHEREAS, By order No. 8 Colonel Thomas F. Barry, upon his own application, has been placed upon the retired list of the National Guard of the State of California, and whereas, he has been an officer of the regiment since the 18th day of April, 1884, first as major from that date till April 28, 1888, then as lieutenant-colonel until January 18, 1890, and from the latter date as colonel until his retirement. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the board of officers of the Third Infantry Regiment, N. G. C., that we view the resignation and retirement of Colonel Thomas F. Barry with sincere regret, though we recognize that by his long and faithful service he has well merited relief from the arduous duties that have absorbed so much of his time and attention during the past eleven years.

Resolved, That by his retirement this regiment has lost the services of an able and energetic commanding officer, one whose career was distinguished by unswerving fidelity to every trust, by unsurpassed zeal in the discharge of his offices, by a singularly high sense of duty, and by the ardent enthusiasm with which at a great personal sacrifice he gave his time and labors to promote the efficiency and increase the strength of our regiment.

Resolved, That in the name of the regiment we express to him upon his retirement our profound and grateful appreciation of his eminent and unselfish services in behalf of the regiment and our heartfelt wishes for his further success and prosperity.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the board of officers, and that a copy suitably engrossed be presented to Colonel Thomas F. Barry. Dated San Francisco, September 18, 1895.

INSANITY THE CAUSE.

A. J. Lewis Was Not Involved in Financial Difficulty.

According to those in a position to know there can be no doubt that Albert J. Lewis, senior member of the firm of Shreve & Co., killed himself while suffering from temporary insanity, induced by nervous prostration, for which he had been treated during the past few months by Dr. W. F. McNutt.

George R. Shreve, Dr. McNutt, his family physician for twenty years, and members of the family all agree that no other cause can be assigned for his tragic end.

"He had no business trouble," said Mr. Shreve yesterday, "and was always happy in his home life. For nearly twenty-five years he has been a member of the firm, and was in good circumstances financially. Up to about a year ago he was always rugged enough, but at that time he began to complain frequently of stomach trouble, and we noticed, too, that he was very nervous at times and easily irritated. From that time on his decline was gradual but marked. I am quite sure that it all ended in insanity and that he was out of his head when the awful deed was done. Mr. Lewis was a capable business man, and by a natural genial manner made and held a good many friends."

Deceased leaves a wife and two children—Mabel, 16 years of age, and George, a lad of 14. Arrangements for the funeral will be completed to-day.

An estimate by a man who claims to know something of his business affairs places the value of the estate left by Mr. Lewis at between $75,000 and $100,000.

MUST PAY THE GAS BILL.

A Supreme Court Decision on Official Dealings With the People.

The Supreme Court has affirmed the decision of the Superior Court in the case of the Capital Gas Company against Auditor J. D. Young of Sacramento compelling that official to audit a bill of $25 80 for gas supplied to the city of Sacramento in February, 1894.

Mayor B. U. Steinman of Sacramento is president of the gas company, and as Mayor he approved the bill presented by his corporation. On that account Auditor Young refused to audit the gas bill, making a test under the city ordinance providing that a city officer cannot have an interest in "the performance of any contract, work, or business, or in the sale of any article, the expense, price or consideration of which is payable from the city treasury."

Quoting the law and many decisions bearing on the case, Commissioner Searls, who wrote the opinion, says:

The rule embodied in the foregoing decisions, and which has the support of a host of others which might be mentioned, is not an arbitrary one. In other words, it is founded in reason, and is not to be indiscriminately applied irrespective of the circumstances of the case.

Further, it is stated that the ordinance alluded to in the case was intended to shield the City "against the selfishness and greed of officials," but was not intended to enable the City to obtain property without the consent of the owners and then to refuse payment because a City officer had an interest in the property.

NEW SCHOOL INSTRUCTION

Work of Mrs. Steele, Special Teacher of History and Geography.

San Francisco the First City to Introduce the Department in Schools.

San Francisco is the only City in the United States that employs a special instructor in geography in the public schools. The little woman who so successfully inaugurated it is a native of this City and a graduate of the Girls' High School.

The department of illustrated lectures in history and geography has proved to be a successful experiment. Mrs. Hattie B. Steele lectured on Egypt to 225 pupils at the Horace Mann Grammar School yesterday and it was in marked contrast to the methods in vogue when sleepy pupils drawled in monotone the old geographical songs, whereby an attempt was made to fix essential facts in the erratic memory of childhood. "Atlanta, the capital of Georgia," sung in long meter has given way to topical recitations on salient points by wideawake youth.

Mrs. Steele put life into Egypt and rattled the dry bones at the base of the pyramids in vigorous but pleasing style yesterday. Mrs. Steele held her audience in remarkable control during a lecture of an hour and a quarter. Her running comments on the slides exhibited were terse and forcible and as a principal expressed it, she "has a happy way of tucking in little words of wisdom in matters other than the views under consideration, which is helpful to the teacher."

Mrs. Hattie B. Steele.

[From a photograph.]

She is the possessor of probably the best private collection of stereopticon slides on the coast, the number exceeding 3000. The stereopticon, which develops unruly tendencies under the manipulation of some speakers, was exceedingly tractable in her hands. The teachers are enthusiastic in their indorsement of the innovation. "There is only one improvement possible," said a principal, "and that does not rest with Mrs. Steele. We want her lectures incorporated in the course of study and the subjects to coincide with the work in geography done in the schools at the time the lecture is given."

Mrs. Steele is an energetic woman of pleasing personality, and unites youthful enthusiasm with business methods. She has given successful lectures under the auspices of the Camera Club, the Young Men's Christian Association, Society of Pioneers and Knights of St. Patrick.

Her work in the grammar and high schools, as well as the evening classes, is onerous, but she shows no signs of physical breakdown under the strain, which is no slight one.

She has two bright children, aged respectively nine and five years, and enjoys her home life at 2322 Mission street.

THE CHUNG SHEE CASE.

It Will Be Tried in Los Angeles Next Week.

The Chung Shee case is to be tried in Los Angeles in a few days, and Collector of the Port John H. Wise, Attorney T. D. Riordan and Interpreters Harry Huff and R. Williams will go down on the steamer Santa Rosa next Tuesday in order to be present on that occasion.

Chung Shee is a Chinese beauty who was smuggled into San Francisco on another woman's certificate. When the fraud was discovered she could not be found. During the latter part of July she was located in Los Angeles, and proceedings have now been instituted to deport her. Collector Wise will be one of the principal witnesses in the case, and the documentary evidence he will be able to produce will undoubtedly lead to a conviction.

CONDEMNED THE SCHOOL.

Sharp Action Taken by the Board of Health to Protect Children.

GUARDING AGAINST CHOLERA.

Lively Discussion Over the Treatment of the Bodies of Five Chinese Passengers.

The Board of Health cleared up a lot of miscellaneous business at yesterday's meeting.

The Richmond District School, at the corner of Point Lobos and First avenues, was condemned and ordered closed till it is put in proper sanitary condition. At present the lack of a sewer connection threatens the public health.

Kobe, Japan and Rio de Janeiro were declared infected ports. Hereafter all vessels hailing from there will be thoroughly fumigated in quarantine.

The disposal of the bodies of the five Chinese who died on the voyage of the bark J. D. Peters from Alaska again came up for discussion. According to Dr. McMurdo, who examined into the case, it was a matter calling for more than ordinary attention on the part of the guardians of the public health. The details of their deaths and the subsequent handling of their bodies were ghastly in the extreme. The five Chinese were poisoned from eating black fish. When they realized that they were about to die they ran to their cabin and swallowed all the opium they could lay their hands on. Afterward each man's body was doubled up and thrust into a barrel of brine. The bodies arrived here in that condition.

The captain asked Health Officer Lovelace for the usual burial certificates, but he refused to grant them, as there were no regular death certificates accompanying the bodies. It was officially declared on shipboard that the Chinese died of "diabetes," a stomach trouble. The Coroner was asked to authorize their burial, but he declined.

Dr. McMurdo ascertained the true condition of the bodies by having the heads of the barrels removed. The body of a white man was also found on board the J. D. Peters. He died as the vessel came into port.

The whole matter has been referred to Dennis Spencer, attorney for the Board of Health. In nearly every instance bodies which arrive in the city are accompanied by physicians' certificates stating the cause of death. In the present instance there was simply the word of the captain of the vessel as to the cause of death. The board is trying to ascertain who shall be responsible for ordering the burial of bodies in such cases.

Mayor Sutro thought that the attention of the Grand Jury ought to be called to the way in which the bodies of the five Chinese had been treated.

On the report of Inspector G. H. Stout the candy factory at 114 Minna street was condemned and ordered closed.

Stout said that the place was in such a filthy condition that there was no use trying to clean it up.

Dr. McMurdo, who looks after the Chinese quarter, called the attention of the board to the fact that numbers of sick Chinese are sent here to undertakers direct from the country. Often they are put on cots next the slabs bearing dead bodies and rarely receive proper care.

The board shook its head hopelessly and helplessly at the suggestion of doing anything for the Chinese.

Dr. Fitzgibbon said there was no way to clean Chinatown except to burn it. "On our recent inspection of the place," he continued, "I did not see a single metal ash barrel. There were numbers of wooden ones. I suggest that the Chinese be compelled to use metal ash barrels."

The order will be called to the attention of the police.

So will the order to compel scavengers to put a cloth or rubber cover over their wagons.

School Director Moulder sent a request that the board take some action to compel the proper authorities to fix the roofs of certain schoolhouses and get them in condition to withstand next winter's rains. He claimed that the health of the school children would be in danger unless the matter was attended to. The case was referred to Health Officer Lovelace, who will inspect the worst buildings in company with School Director McElroy, who has been taking notes on the condition of the public-school buildings.

J. D. Spreckels of the Oceanic Steamship Company appeared before the board and asked to be informed on certain points in quarantine restrictions so that there will be no possible hitch between the law and the steamers.

"The steamer Australia will shortly arrive," he explained, "and I wanted to know if I could transfer her passengers to the steamer Zealandia. Then the Australia and her cargo could be thoroughly fumigated and brought over here to have her freight discharged. The passengers and their luggage could be disinfected on the Zealandia. By this method the Australia would not be detained here, and would be able to sail on schedule time.

"Another point I should like to have cleared up: She carries fruit. If you gentlemen think there is too much danger in that I will have it stopped."

Dr. Hart said he thought there might at present be danger lurking in fruit from the islands, and he suggested that the traffic had better be stopped for a short time.

Mr. Spreckels said he would attend to the matter. Then he returned to his first point and asked to have the intentions of the board regarding island steamers made perfectly clear. He added that the steamers usually took 18 days for a round trip, five of the days being spent at the islands.

Mayor Sutro stated that the board had no intention of delaying the steamers in quarantine an hour more than was absolutely necessary.

After some discussion it was decided to wait for the arrival of the Australia before taking any definite action. Every assurance was given that unless great danger threatened she would not be detained more than twenty-four hours at the outside.

Then came a matter that has been hanging fire over the board for a long time—the appointment of a vaccinating physician and a milk inspector.

Dr. Edward B. Paramore was nominated for the position of vaccinating physician by Dr. Hart.

"But we haven't any funds with which to pay these officers," broke in Mayor Sutro. "What's the use of appointing them? If we can appoint this man to office we can appoint twenty others. No man realizes the necessity of having a vaccinating physician and a milk inspector more than myself, but under the circumstances our hands are tied. No money has been given us by the Board of Supervisors with which to pay them. I suggest that the whole matter be referred to our attorney, Mr. Spencer, for advice and that we put it over to a special meeting."

Dr. Hart tried to get some one appointed as clerk to the Quarantine Officer, but like the others there was no money with which to pay him, so the whole matter was put over as Mayor Sutro had suggested.

THE ROSALIE LIBEL.

It Was Dismissed by District Judge Morrow Yesterday.

United States District Judge Morrow decided yesterday that the steamer Rosalie was not responsible for $75 90 worth of paints and oils supplied the Davie Ferry and Transportation Company.

In 1893, when the steamer was running between San Francisco and Oakland, E. J. Ensign and J. R. McGuffich supplied her with the goods in question. When the Davie Company suspended the plaintiffs libeled the steamer.

Judge Morrow holds that the Rosalie never belonged to the Davie Ferry and Transportation Company, and that the goods were supplied to the corporation on its own responsibility. He accordingly dismissed the libel.

The Rosalie is now on Puget Sound, plying between Seattle and Alaskan ports.

HIGH SCHOOL BENEFIT.

George Riddle Will Give a Series of Readings.

Through the enterprise of the teachers of the Girls' High School the services of George Riddle, the celebrated reader, have been secured for a series of dramatic reading at the auditorium of that school. The first, to be given to-morrow evening, will consist of a miscellany of humor and pathos.

On Monday the reader's best effort, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which he has read for 300 audiences, will take up the evening. Scenes from "Macbeth" and "The School for Scandal" and W. D. Howell's "A Likely Story" will be rendered on Wednesday afternoon. On Monday evening, the 30th inst., there will be a programme, including "Carcassonne," by request. Wednesday afternoon, October 2, will be devoted to scenes from Dickens' novels, and on the following Friday, the closing reading will be from "The Tempest."

The Girls' High School will be the beneficiary of the proceeds exceeding the remuneration of Mr. Riddle, which will be $500. The appreciation by the public of the excellence of the institution is already being shown by donations from some of the merchants of decorations and furnishings for the platform. When the building occupied by the institution was burned six years ago the library and piano belonging to it were destroyed. Neither loss has been replaced, and the proceeds of the readings will be applied to a fund for one or both purposes.

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