

**AMUSEMENTS.**

**BALDWIN THEATRE.**—"Zuel Wappen."

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**NORCOSA OPERA HOUSE.**—"The Great Metropolitan."

**TIPOLO OPERA HOUSE.**—"Lucia di Lammermoor."

**CHIFFINUM.**—High-Class Vaudeville.

**GRACE'S ALCAZAR.**—"Everybody's Friend" and "A Hinger."

**GOLDEN GATE PARK.**—Golden Gate Park Band.

**STATE BOARD OF TRADE EXHIBIT.**—575 Market Street, below second. Open daily. Admission free.

**PICNICS AND EXCURSIONS.**

**OCEAN EXCURSIONS.**—Steamship Santa Cruz and Golden Gate Excursions, 4 P. M. dock Mondays, 5 A. M. Ticket office, 4 New Montgomery street.

**AUCTION SALES.**

**WILLIAM J. DINGER.**—The Real Estate Auctioneer, 430 and 462 Eighth street, will sell at public auction on Monday, Sept. 23, the following:

**THE BOULEVARD TRACT.**

**CITY ITEMS IN BRIEF.**

Theodore Blodes bequeathed a \$9000 estate to his wife.

Bishop Warren will preach at Stanford University to-day.

Ex-Governor Markham is given a dinner at the Palace by members of his old staff.

The first report by the special administrators of the Fair estate was filed yesterday.

Burglars broke into the residence of Mrs. Mary J. Morrison, 212 Twelfth street, and stole a lot of valuable jewelry.

Bishop Nichols left yesterday for Minneapolis, where he will attend the general convention of the Episcopal church.

A conference of the San Francisco and Sacramento Mormon churches will be held at Pythian Castle next Sunday.

A fair for the assistance of distressed families was given yesterday at the residence of Mrs. Wolff, 1314 Washington street.

The Solid Eight, in order to reward friends and punish foes, are figuring on a number of changes in municipal government.

Forecast Oct. 1st: Fair; probably still warmer; fresh northerly to easterly winds.

Charles L. Fair's new gasoline yacht, being built in Seattle, Wash., by the name of Charley Fair, is expected to arrive in San Francisco Bay in a very short time.

The cautiousness of the attorneys for Durrant not to reveal any part of their case has been the belief that a surprise is in store for the public.

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Certain property-owners on Sunnyside avenue have filed a protest with the Board of Supervisors against the acceptance of the grading plan that they proposed.

Warren Webster, the artist who was convicted in Judge Belcher's court of feloniously assaulting young girls, has been sentenced to San Quentin for a term of six months.

James F. Sheehan, postmaster, 27 years of age, was yesterday sworn in as a member of the police force, to fill the vacancy caused by the dismissal of Edward Bellingham.

The winter baseball season is to open October 16, the All-American and All-California playing at San Jose and the Los Angeles and San Francisco teams at Central Park.

Thousands of people visited Washington square, which was illuminated last evening, to listen to the grand concert given by Cassa's band as a feature of the Italian celebration.

George W. Hendy assigned to his wife a \$5000 legacy from the estate of his uncle, Joshua Hendy. He complains that his wife's love grew cold and he is suing to get the money back.

Mrs. Emily Lowell talks about the money she has spent with the Board of Supervisors and the Southern Pacific to retain the present grade on Twenty-first and Sanchez streets.

Richmond School has been ordered closed by the Board of Health till the sewer connections are properly made. The pupils and teachers were distributed among the neighboring schools.

Sergeant Shea and a posse of the Chinatown squad raided a fan tan game in the basement of a building on Washington street, last night, and arrested over forty Chinese.

The Board of Health has created the offices of vaccinating physician, milk inspector, and messenger to the quarantine office. Dr. Edward F. Ferraromo has been elected vaccinating physician.

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Cyrus Baldridge, who has obtained subscriptions amounting to half a million dollars for a railroad from Eureka to Red Bluff, arrived yesterday on his way East to arrange for capital.

Mary Gribben, 429 1/2 Tehama street, swore out a warrant in Judge Joachimsen's court yesterday for the arrest of Charles Casper, a freeman, on the charge of betrayal under promise of marriage.

From figures obtained from the clerks of Sacramento and Stockton, John M. Reynolds of the Union for the Pacific states that water and lights will cost much less under municipal ownership.

Three card-sharps—E. R. Heber, alias Savage, E. Kelly, alias Sullivan, and E. G. Hudson—were arrested on Bush street yesterday morning and booked for vagrancy and carrying concealed weapons.

Through the breaking of one of the couplings seven cars and the caboose of a Southern Pacific freight train became detached at Valenciano yesterday, and dashed down the grade to Sixteenth street.

Charles Otterson, who broke into the residence of P. D. Code, 940 Valencia street, about a week ago, was yesterday held in Judge Lowell's court for the return of \$3000 bonds on the charge of burglary.

The Baddeley brothers, Benjamin and Reuben, were each sentenced by Judge Low yesterday to pay a fine of \$200 and to be confined in the County Jail for battery upon W. Worthington, at Bakers Beach, two weeks ago.

Arthur McKenna was yesterday fined \$75 or seven days in the County Jail for having Judge Joachimsen for having embezzled \$40, which he had collected for William Norman, proprietor of a cyclery at 324 McAllister street.

Mrs. Laura de Force Gordon, who has been in trouble in the Co-operative Commonwealth camp of hop-pickers at Pleasanton and she asserts that she has always acted in good faith in the management of the same.

George H. Gallagher, an ex-convict, was yesterday held to answer before the Superior Court by Judge Low in \$3000 bonds for passing a forged order in the name of R. Pecht upon The Bank of California.

The charges of burglary against George Cool and Morris Durbin, preferred by G. Metzger, a bartender, 11 Eddy street, were dismissed by Judge Joachimsen yesterday, as the evidence did not think they were the guilty parties.

Miss Lottie Heggarty, the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Beatty, on a Monday evening, was reported to have been kidnapped by a man who married against her will two months ago, and it is thought she is in hiding from her husband.

The suit of Sarah E. Burlingame against M. J. Lyons has been appealed to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. A considerable amount of land in the Pioneer School District is involved, and Lyons secured a verdict in the lower court.

Unknown parties mailed a lot of Italian flags and medals upon the Italian Roman Catholic Church on Hill street yesterday morning. The undesired decorations were torn down by Father de Crois, who called upon the police for protection.

Attorney T. I. Berghin has reported to the presidents of the savings banks that after investigating the statutes, he concludes that the banks have no power to veto the tax levy. Some legal method of blocking the operation of the high levy will be sought.

The fall running meeting of the California Jockey Club opened yesterday with a light attendance. It was a hard day for the favorites, but one crossing the wire in front. Duchess of Devon, Sir Richard, Bell, Boyd, Claudius and Mainstay were the winning horses.

The charge of assault to murder against W. N. Briggs, grocer, Twenty-third and Sanchez streets, was dismissed by Judge Joachimsen yesterday, as no complaint had been filed by his stepson, W. H. Thomas, at whom he fired the shot, and who is keeping out of the way, as he was kept out for his arrest on the charge of robbery.

The Civic Federation instructed its attorneys, Morris Williams and Charles Wesley, yesterday to report on the proper legal course respecting the Solid Eight's award of the Sunnyside franchise to the Market-Street Railway Company. Its two lottery ordinances were also recommended for a further review of a recent Supreme Court decision.

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grapes excepted, have quite disappeared. J. Posey & Co., on Pacific-street wharf, yet receive several thousand melons daily from Lodi, the melon garden of the State. They are handled over 150,000 this season, a larger number than last year, but at lower prices.

**HER HOUSE WAS LOOTED.**

**Burglars Visit the Residence of Mrs. Morrison, Twelfth Street.**

**Albert Uiberal Arrested and Suspected of Being Implicated in the Job.**

Reports of burglaries have not been so frequent of late at police headquarters, but although the police have arrested several men in the business there are still others in the field.

Yesterday morning Mrs. Mary J. Morrison, 212 Twelfth street, reported that on Friday night, between 7 and 9 o'clock, her house had been entered and several valuable articles of jewelry stolen. She left the house at 7 o'clock to make a call, and when she returned shortly after 9 o'clock she found that every room had been visited during her absence. Bureau drawers in the bedrooms had been thoroughly searched and their contents thrown upon the floor. The bedclothes had been carefully searched, apparently for money, and every nook and corner ransacked.

A rear window entering upon a porch was open, which showed that the burglar had climbed up the porch and forced the window open. In his hurry to get away he did not close it.

Yesterday morning Detectives Graham and Anthony arrested Albert Uiberal, of Harrison street, between Seventh and Eighth streets. They had been looking for him for several days. About a week ago he broke into the ladies' tailoring establishment of Stein & Co. in the Murphy building and stole a lady's dress, waist and cape. The detectives recovered the dress from a woman to whom Uiberal had given it. He admitted committing the burglary. When searched at the City Prison a lady's watch and fob chain were found in his pocket, which the detectives think may belong to Mrs. Morrison on Twelfth street. They also recovered from the woman three pairs of gold earrings, two gold rings and other jewelry which she had received from Uiberal, and which they believe are the proceeds of burglaries committed by Uiberal.

**A DEADLY BURGLAR TRAP.**

An Amador County Rancher Accidentally Kills His Mother-in-Law.

Gottlieb Merz was taken to the City Prison last night by Sheriff Gregory of Amador County. The Sheriff is on his way to San Quentin with Merz, who has been sentenced to eighteen months for manslaughter.

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**WHETTING THE AX.**

The Solid Eight Contemplate Changes in Municipal Appointments.

The Solid Eight of the Board of Supervisors, in order to reward some of their friends and punish some of their enemies who would not bow down to them, have resolved on a number of changes in the offices of the new City Hall. Something like a score of heads may fall; if so, the same number of appointments will follow.

The matter has been under discussion for a week, but nothing definite has been determined on as yet because no agreement has as yet been reached over the apportionment of the offices. Nothing, of course, can be done in the way of making the present sub-officials and clerks until the places have been divided and men have been selected to fill them.

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**THE EX-GOVERNOR IS ENTERTAINED AT THE PALACE BY MEMBERS OF HIS OLD STAFF.**

When ex-Governor Markham came down for dinner last evening at the Palace he found a surprise in store for him. The members of his staff residing here had invited a few of the ex-Governor's old political friends to meet him at a dinner. There were present in the ladies' grillroom, where the banquet was held, the following members of the staff: Colonel F. S. Chadbourne, who presided; Colonels W. D. Sanborn, J. E. Doolittle, J. F. Bergio, F. W. Sumner and J. S. Young. The guests invited were: Ex-Harbor Commissioner C. F. Bassett, Harbor Commissioner Dan T. Cole, Bank Commissioners Kilbourn and Fuller, General John F. Sheehan, Justice W. C. Van Vleet, S. K. Thornton, W. W. Montague, Jacob Neff and Edward Donnelly. Although there were no speeches, a pleasant time was spent by the ex-Governor and his old friends.

**RESIDENTS OF "BATTLE MOUNTAIN" SEEKING TO LOWER SANCHEZ STREET.**

Residents of "Battle Mountain" Seeking to Lower Sanchez Street.

ONE WOMAN'S THOUSANDS.

Mrs. Lowell Tells How She Defeated Mayor Sutro and the Southern Pacific.

Mrs. Hagerty, who owns a house and lot on the corner of Sanchez and Liberty streets, instituted suit against the City last Wednesday for \$1500 damages alleged to have been sustained by reason of the unofficial grading of the Sanchez and Twenty-first streets crossing.

**CHARLEY FAIR'S YACHT.**

Reputed to Be the Finest Private Yacht Ever Built on the Coast.

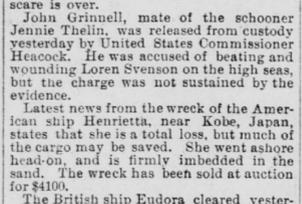
She is Expected to Arrive in San Francisco Bay in a Very Short Time.

Charley Fair's new gasoline yacht is about finished and very soon now will drop anchor in San Francisco Bay. True, Mr. Fair's yacht is not one of magnificent proportions, but what it lacks in size is more than made up in the excellence of its workmanship, its elegance and its general convenience.

The yacht was designed and built at Seattle, where she is now undergoing the finishing touches. The dimensions of the Lucero, as the new pleasure boat has been christened, are as follows: Length of 100 feet over all, with 87 feet on the water line; breadth 16 feet, depth 9 and a mean draft of 7 feet when ready for sea. She is built of oak, with a deck of Oregon pine, and has an overhanging bow like the trans-Atlantic steamer City of Paris. The Lucero is schooner rigged.

The main cabin is 12 feet in length, with four elegant staterooms, with lavatories attached to each. There are also four staterooms forward of the engine-room, with closet and messroom for the crew. Forward of the cabin is a gasoline tank of 2000 gallons capacity, and ahead of this a store-room and chain-locker. The interior finish is of brazilette, a Mexican hardwood, specially designed and finished by Messrs. Rolph & Schroder. Two immense skylights and twenty deadlights on the outside afford plenty of light during the day, and at night incandescent electric lamps will be employed. The upper deck will also be lighted by electricity, and the signal and masthead lights will be furnished by the same power, with a searchlight of 140 candle-power on the pilot-house.

The pilot-house skylights and companion ways are all made of brazilette, all related to the highest degree. There will be two boats amidships—one a rowboat, and the other propelled by a four-horse-power gasoline engine, of the same style and pattern as the yacht engine. The main engine is capable of developing 120 horsepower, which is expected to cause the 4-foot 8-inch flywheel to make 200 revolutions per minute. The bronze propeller has four blades, with a diameter of five



RESIDENCE OF MRS. EMILY LOWELL, CORNER TWENTY-FIRST AND SANCHEZ STREETS.

first streets crossing. There are now pending against the City damage suits aggregating \$7500, all on account of the grading running 200 feet each way on the last-named streets. So persistent has been the warfare among the residents of that somewhat remote section that it has come to be better known as "Battle Mountain." The original grade of the property in dispute was 940 feet, but by resolution of the Board of Supervisors in 1887 was raised twenty feet. This has in turn raised the grade between Twenty-first and Liberty streets and between the last-named thoroughfares and Twentieth street.

From the best evidence obtainable at the present time the cause of Mrs. Hagerty, which is set for a hearing the first week in November, will be productive of many facts of interest to the public at large. The present grade on Twenty-first and Sanchez streets is particularly championed by Mrs. Emily Lowell, who, according to her own statement, has succeeded in having the grade raised on the private citizen, the Market-street Railway Company, and now holds the whip-hand over the other protesting property-holders.

John H. Moore and Charles Lampe, who own property between Twenty-first and Liberty streets, openly affirm that Mrs. Lowell has used money with the last three Boards of Supervisors to retain Twenty-first street at its present grade.

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**COMMONWEALTH HOP-PICKERS.**

Mrs. Gordon Denies That There is Any Trouble in Camp.

Mrs. Laura de Force Gordon, leader of the Co-operative Commonwealth hop-pickers at Pleasanton, denies that there is any serious trouble in the Commonwealth camp. She says that the society is holding together and that all are satisfied with their experience in the hop-picking. She denies the truth of the statements made by her own party who were not satisfied with their dealings with her. They said that Mrs. Gordon "held out" a part of the money due them on the grounds that they were owing her money for having made statements that the food was poor in quality and scarce in quantity. These statements Mrs. Gordon denies and she also claims that she was defrauded out of several hundred meals by her own party who were not satisfied with their dealings with her. They said that Mrs. Gordon "held out" a part of the money due them on the grounds that they were owing her money for having made statements that the food was poor in quality and scarce in quantity. These statements Mrs. Gordon denies and she also claims that she was defrauded out of several hundred meals by her own party who were not satisfied with their dealings with her.

**A DEFENSE FOR DURRANT.**

Belief Current That His Case is Stronger Than Has Been Supposed.

Defendant's Attorneys Are Exceedingly Cautious, but Are Just as Confident.

The Durrant trial has progressed to that stage at which public interest centers chiefly in conjecture as to what the line of defense will be.

Those most firmly convinced of Durrant's guiltiness assert the belief that he has no case, but these are not joined by the general public in their belief. This fact is mainly due to the prominence of his legal representation and that of the detective who has directed the accumulation of his evidence. Comparatively few people are willing to believe that such attorneys as Eugene Duprey, General Dickinson and Judge Thompson, and a detective of the standing of Harry Morse, would undertake an utterly hopeless case, but so careful have these guardians been of their client's interests that only the slightest and most indefinite indications of what the line of defense will be have been allowed to be made public.

The defense claims this exceeding caution has been exercised for the reason that the characters of the two witnesses whose names they did expose were blackened with malicious disregard for the truth, and that it has been to protect their witnesses that the defense has declined to reveal anything concerning its case.

Be that as it may, it is certain that the most scrupulous reticence has been maintained by all persons interested in the defense's affairs. The facts have led to the belief that the defense has a surprise in store which will be sprung upon the public when Mr. Duprey makes his opening statement, probably Wednesday.

Gradually this belief has grown as the trial has proceeded, without any real hint as to the nature of the defendant's case being dropped, until now the public stands surprised in advance and only awaits the actual denotement in detail. Expectancy, therefore, will fill the air until the middle of the week, by which time it is tolerably certain to be known whether the anticipation of a surprise calculated to roll back the cloud of evidence of Durrant's guilt is well founded, or whether the prosecution's case is as overwhelming as it now appears.

The attorneys on both sides took advantage of the opportunity yesterday to get a rest and some fresh air, and were not visible at their offices during the day. Both detectives were not thus privileged. On both sides they worked as diligently as ever, running down rumors and perfecting details to strengthen their respective causes.

On the Eastern War.

The first of the season's course of lectures to be given under the auspices of the Geographical Society of California will be given at Golden Gate Hall next Tuesday evening, when Walter Gifford Smith will give an illustrated lecture on "The War Between Japan and China."

For a Free Scholarship.

The Musical Advancement Society will give a concert for the benefit of the free-scholarship fund on Thursday evening next at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium.

**SAVING THE SAILORS.**

What the Christian Endeavorers are Doing on Ships.

The annual reunion of the Christian Endeavor Floating Societies of California was held last night in the rooms of the Floating Society of West Oakland. The rooms were thronged with enthusiastic endeavorers and sailors from the ships in port.

After a praise service, led by Mr. Perry

**HOW EZETA WAS TRICKED.**

Two Forged Dispatches Upset the San Salvador Government.

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Residents of "Battle Mountain" Seeking to Lower Sanchez Street.

ONE WOMAN'S THOUSANDS.

Mrs. Lowell Tells How She Defeated Mayor Sutro and the Southern Pacific.

Mrs. Hagerty, who owns a house and lot on the corner of Sanchez and Liberty streets, instituted suit against the City last Wednesday for \$1500 damages alleged to have been sustained by reason of the unofficial grading of the Sanchez and Twenty-first streets crossing.

**CHARLEY FAIR'S YACHT.**

Reputed to Be the Finest Private Yacht Ever Built on the Coast.

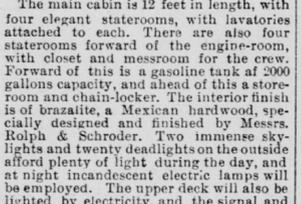
She is Expected to Arrive in San Francisco Bay in a Very Short Time.

Charley Fair's new gasoline yacht is about finished and very soon now will drop anchor in San Francisco Bay. True, Mr. Fair's yacht is not one of magnificent proportions, but what it lacks in size is more than made up in the excellence of its workmanship, its elegance and its general convenience.

The yacht was designed and built at Seattle, where she is now undergoing the finishing touches. The dimensions of the Lucero, as the new pleasure boat has been christened, are as follows: Length of 100 feet over all, with 87 feet on the water line; breadth 16 feet, depth 9 and a mean draft of 7 feet when ready for sea. She is built of oak, with a deck of Oregon pine, and has an overhanging bow like the trans-Atlantic steamer City of Paris. The Lucero is schooner rigged.

The main cabin is 12 feet in length, with four elegant staterooms, with lavatories attached to each. There are also four staterooms forward of the engine-room, with closet and messroom for the crew. Forward of the cabin is a gasoline tank of 2000 gallons capacity, and ahead of this a store-room and chain-locker. The interior finish is of brazilette, a Mexican hardwood, specially designed and finished by Messrs. Rolph & Schroder. Two immense skylights and twenty deadlights on the outside afford plenty of light during the day, and at night incandescent electric lamps will be employed. The upper deck will also be lighted by electricity, and the signal and masthead lights will be furnished by the same power, with a searchlight of 140 candle-power on the pilot-house.

The pilot-house skylights and companion ways are all made of brazilette, all related to the highest degree. There will be two boats amidships—one a rowboat, and the other propelled by a four-horse-power gasoline engine, of the same style and pattern as the yacht engine. The main engine is capable of developing 120 horsepower, which is expected to cause the 4-foot 8-inch flywheel to make 200 revolutions per minute. The bronze propeller has four blades, with a diameter of five



RESIDENCE OF MRS. EMILY LOWELL, CORNER TWENTY-FIRST AND SANCHEZ STREETS.

first streets crossing. There are now pending against the City damage suits aggregating \$7500, all on account of the grading running 200 feet each way on the last-named streets. So persistent has been the warfare among the residents of that somewhat remote section that it has come to be better known as "Battle Mountain." The original grade of the property in dispute was 940 feet, but by resolution of the Board of Supervisors in 1887 was raised twenty feet. This has in turn raised the grade between Twenty-first and Liberty streets and between the last-named thoroughfares and Twentieth street.

From the best evidence obtainable at the present time the cause of Mrs. Hagerty, which is set for a hearing the first week in November, will be productive of many facts of interest to the public at large. The present grade on Twenty-first and Sanchez streets is particularly championed by Mrs. Emily Lowell, who, according to her own statement, has succeeded in having the grade raised on the private citizen, the Market-street Railway Company, and now holds the whip-hand over the other protesting property-holders.

John H. Moore and Charles Lampe, who own property between Twenty-first and Liberty streets, openly affirm that Mrs. Lowell has used money with the last three Boards of Supervisors to retain Twenty-first street at its present grade.

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**COMMONWEALTH HOP-PICKERS.**

Mrs. Gordon Denies That There is Any Trouble in Camp.

Mrs. Laura de Force Gordon, leader of the Co-operative Commonwealth hop-pickers at Pleasanton, denies that there is any serious trouble in the Commonwealth camp. She says that the society is holding together and that all are satisfied with their experience in the hop-picking. She denies the truth of the statements made by her own party who were not satisfied with their dealings with her. They said that Mrs. Gordon "held out" a part of the money due them on the grounds that they were owing her money for having made statements that the food was poor in quality and scarce in quantity. These statements Mrs. Gordon denies and she also claims that she was defrauded out of several hundred meals by her own party who were not satisfied with their dealings with her.

"It was not until General Ezeta reached San Francisco that he learned how he had been deceived, and then his remarks in Spanish would have shocked Sancho Panza."

**A DEFENSE FOR DURRANT.**

Belief Current That His Case is Stronger Than Has Been Supposed.

Defendant's Attorneys Are Exceedingly Cautious, but Are Just as Confident.

The Durrant trial has progressed to that stage at which public interest centers chiefly in conjecture as to what the line of defense will be.

Those most firmly convinced of Durrant's guiltiness assert the belief that he has no case, but these are not joined by the general public in their belief. This fact is mainly due to the prominence of his legal representation and that of the detective who has directed the accumulation of his evidence. Comparatively few people are willing to believe that such attorneys as Eugene Duprey, General Dickinson and Judge Thompson, and a detective of the standing of Harry Morse, would undertake an utterly hopeless case, but so careful have these guardians been of their client's interests that only the slightest and most indefinite indications of what the line of defense will be have been allowed to be made public.

The defense claims this exceeding caution has been exercised for the reason that the characters of the two witnesses whose names they did expose were blackened with malicious disregard for the truth, and that it has been to protect their witnesses that the defense has declined to reveal anything concerning its case.

Be that as it may, it is certain that the most scrupulous reticence has been maintained by all persons interested in the defense's affairs. The facts have led to the belief that the defense has a surprise in store which will be sprung upon the public when Mr. Duprey makes his opening statement, probably Wednesday.

Gradually this belief has grown as the trial has proceeded, without any real hint as to the nature of the defendant's case being dropped, until now the public stands surprised in advance and only awaits the actual denotement in detail. Expectancy, therefore, will fill the air until the middle of the week, by which time it is tolerably certain to be known whether the anticipation of a surprise calculated to roll back the cloud of evidence of Durrant's guilt is well founded, or whether the prosecution's case is as overwhelming as it now appears.

The attorneys on both sides took advantage of the opportunity yesterday to get a rest and some fresh air, and were not visible at their offices during the day. Both detectives were not thus privileged. On both sides they worked as diligently as ever, running down rumors and perfecting details to strengthen their respective causes.

On the Eastern War.

The first of the season's course of lectures to be given under the auspices of the Geographical Society of California will be given at Golden Gate Hall next Tuesday evening, when Walter Gifford Smith will give an illustrated lecture on "The War Between Japan and China."

For a Free Scholarship.

The Musical Advancement Society will give a concert for the benefit of the free-scholarship fund on Thursday evening next at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium.

**SAVING THE SAILORS.**

What the Christian Endeavorers are Doing on Ships.

The annual reunion of the Christian Endeavor Floating Societies of California was held last night in the rooms of the Floating Society of West Oakland. The rooms were thronged with enthusiastic endeavorers and sailors from the ships in port.

After a praise service, led by Mr. Perry

**HOW EZETA WAS TRICKED.**

Two Forged Dispatches Upset the San Salvador Government.

Friends of liberty as well as dealers in powder and shot are waiting anxiously to hear from General Ezeta, who has gone south to overthrow the present San