The San Francisco Call

MONDAY.....SEPTEMBER 23, 1895

AMUSEMENTS.

BALDWIN THEATER.—"Dorcas."
COLUMBIA THEATER—"Diplomacy."
MOROSCO'S OPERA-HOUSE—"Love and Law.."
TIVOLI OPERA-HOUSE—"Ernani."
ORPHEUM—High-Class Vaudeville.
GROVER'S ALCAZAR.—"Chip of the Old Block,"
BAY DISTRICT TRACK.—Races.
STATE BOARD OF TRADE EXHIBIT.—575 Market street, below Second. Open daily. Admission free.

AUCTION SALES.

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

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

CITY ITEMS IN BRIEF.

The Mayor states definitely that he will veto the tax levy ordinance to-day.

Kier Hardy, an English socialist, will speak at Metropolitan Temple to-night.

The weather forecast for to-day is "Fair; continued warm; fresh northerly winds."

The funeral of Miss Bertha Haake was held from Grace Methodist Church yesterday.

The weather yesterday was ideal and crowds visited Golden Gate Park and the ocean beach.

Battery F cannot say nice things about Troop A any more and the breach is widening.

The Atlantic Baseball Club defeated the Pacifics at the fair grounds yesterday by a score of 8 to 4.

Several interesting and keenly contested games were played in the handball courts yesterday.

The Government ship Marion is fitting out at Mare Island for a cruise to the Hawaiian Islands.

Archbishop Riordan delivered a sermon yesterday at St. Mary's Cathedral upon the observance of Sunday.

The Bohemia-California Cricket match yesterday resulted in a victory for the Californias on the first innings.

S. B. Vincent won first place and H. B. Freeman time prize in the Bay City Wheelman's road race yesterdry.

Battery E of the Second Regiment won the Wieland-Mangels trophy yesterday at the Shell Mound shooting range.

Dr. Brown delivered a sermon on "Ships That Pass in the Night" at the First Congregational Church last night.

The new double brick barrack buildings in course of construction at the Presidio are rapidly nearing completion.

The Olympic Gun Club held its last clay pigeon shoot of the season for club medals yesterday at the Oakland race track.

A unique monument in honor of departed members was unveiled yesterday at Cypress Lawn by the Woodmen of the World.

Numerous foreign Consuls and invited guests were entertained by Andrea Sbarbaro at lunch yesterday in honor of Italy's fete day.

The Single Tax Society discussed Aristocracy vs. Democracy relative to the single-tax question at 102 O'Farrell street last night.

Commander Curtis, United States Navy, will soon replace Commander Nichols of the Twelfth Lighthouse district, San Francisco.

The Government vessel Thetis, now in the bay, will soon sail south on a surveying trip in command of Lieutenant-Commander Knox.

The Indians confined at Alcatraz Island are to be removed. They start to-day for their Southwestern reservation at Fort Defiance, Ariz.

Yesterday the South End Boat Club re-rowed a protested race, and now claim a race which was given to the Pioneers at Sacramonto, September 9.

Frank Ellis, a steamboat cook, either fell or jumped off Washington-street wharf yesterday morning and was drowned. The body was recovered.

Ralph Bliven defeated Smith O'Brien at the Olympic Court yesterday in the annual fall tennis tournament for the Hammersmith diamond trophy.

The card of to-day's races at the Bay District track is a very hard one to guess. The events are well filled and appear to be open betting propositions.

An alarm from box 159 called the department to a small fire at 1020 Folsom street at 4:30 P. M. yesterday. M. Ossosky's restaurant was slightly damaged.

The Italian colony celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the taking of Rome for Italy's capital yesterday. Visitors from all over the Pacific Coast attended the celebration.

Under the auspices of the California Camera Club, on Wednesday evening next, at 8 o'clock, Professor J. J. B. Argenti will give a demonstration on "How to Make Photographs."

Edward R. Swain, the architect, has addressed an interesting open letter to the Supervisors protesting against the law limiting the height of buildings in San Francisco.

Rumors are current that the defense in the Durrant case has two chains of evidence prepared—one to prove an alibi, and another to disqualify the testimony of the witnesses for the prosecution.

Rev. John Simpson, the new pastor of Simpson Memorial Church, made his first appearance yesterday. A large congregation was present at both morning and evening services to bid him welcome.

Andrew Johnson attempted to commit suicide yesterday afternoon by jumping from the ferryboat Oakland. He was rescued by a boat lowered from the steamer in a few minutes after he struck the water.

Jacob Ewald was lost overboard from a whaleboat while on a fishing excursion off Duxbury Reef early yesterday morning. He had a heavy overcoat and rubber boots on, and sank from sight immediately.

Mrs. L. J. Crane of the Columbia Pistol and Rifle Club broke the record for lady sharpshooters yesterday at the Shell Mound range. She made 99 out of a possible 100 points with a small rifle at the fifty-yard range.

Frank Fairfield of 1911 Lexington avenue, while riding a bicycle on Oak street, near Baker last evening, collided with an Oak-street car and dislocated his shoulder. The injury was attended to at the Receiving Hospital.

Two practical jokers, by name, respectively, Robert Clark, a jeweler, and James Robinson, a ship captain, caused the Morgue wagon an unnecessary run to the beach near Black Point yesterday morning for a body that was not there.

A printed proclamation from Yang Yu, the Chinese Minister at Washington, has been received by the consular authorities here and posted about Chinatown. It urges the Lee Yups to cease boycotting the Sam Yups and hints at drastic measures.

While attempting to separate John Willis, a spinner, and Joseph Hunter, a printer, who were fighting on the street at 21 Valparaiso street, last night, Manuel Silva, a longshoreman, received a stab in the right lung from Willis. The wound is not thought fatal.

Arthur G. Fisk, the young attorney, and Kate Wertheimer were married very quietly by Justice of the Peace Kerrigan last night. Mrs. Fisk (nee Wertheimer) is suing her stepfather for some property to which she thinks she has some claim, and young Fisk is her attorney.

David McCarthy, a young stableman, hired a double team from P. Garrity, who keeps a livery stable on Golden Gate avenue. When McCarthy returned with the team last evening, after a drive down to San Mateo, both horses were almost dead from overdriving. McCarthy was arrested for cruelty to animals.

Sales of real estate at present indicate a healthy condition of the market. Real estate men are complaining loudly against the proposed action of the Board of Supervisors to restrict the height to which buildings may be carried in the future. They claim it will be detrimental to the growth of the City.

United States Senators Perkins and White, Congressmen Loud, Hilborn, Barham, State Senator Gleaves and Congressman Clark of Missouri met at the Palace yesterday and arranged an itinerary for a proposed inspection of State waterways. They will start to-day and be joined at Benicia by Governor Budd.

The fall meeting of the Presbytery of San Francisco will begin this evening with religious exercises in Lebanon church, corner of Twenty-third and Sanchez streets. The opening sermon, which will be on a practical subject of interest to all Christians, especially the young people, will be preached by the retiring moderator, the Rev. James Woodworth.

The trip of the Cross-Country Club to Camp Taylor yesterday was a marked success. It took fourteen cars to accommodate those who went. The weather was superb, and all enjoyed the outing immensely. It was announced that on Sunday, October 6, the closing trip of the season would be given by special train to Bohemia Grove, on the Russian River, below Guerneville.

M. Silva of 912 Kearny street was taken to the Receiving Hospital yesterday morning to be treated for a wound in the shoulder and another in the arm. He said he was going up the stairs of the dance hall at 912 Kearny street, when a man met him and stabbed him twice with a knife. He had a quarrel with the man about one of the women in the dance hall shortly before, but he did not know the man's name. The wounds are not serious.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT.

Jacob Ewald Lost Yesterday From a Whaleboat Off Duxbury Reef.

A STEAMER COOK DROWNED.

Attempted Sunday Suicide in the Bay—An Unsettled Rowing Regatta.

Frank Ellis, a steamboat cook, fell off the wharf at the foot of Washington street yesterday and was drowned. He was somewhat under the influence of liquor when he went overboard. It is not believed that he intended to commit suicide, as he was of a cheerful disposition. The body was recovered. He was a native of Wilkesbarre, Pa., and about 35 years of age.

Jacob Ewald, who lived at 1621 Buchanan street, was lost overboard from a whaleboat off Duxbury Reef yesterday morning. He was in charge of the boat, which was towed by the gasoline schooner Nettie Low on a fishing excursion. Five men were in the whaleboat with Ewald, while the rest of the party, about twenty persons, were aboard the schooner.

They left Pacific-street wharf at midnight and most of the party were asleep except the captain and engineer of the vessel and Ewald, who was steering the whaleboat.

It is unknown how the unfortunate man got overboard as he was an experienced sailor and the sea was perfectly smooth. The slumbering men in the boat were awakened by a loud cry that came from the stern and starting up they found Ewald gone. The boat was quickly rowed back through the broken water of the schooner's wake and the vessel herself brought around, but no sign of the lost boat-steerer could be seen. He wore a heavy overcoat and rubber boots and thus incumbered he must have sunk immediately. He was about 50 years of age and left a family.

Andrew Johnson, an old man, jumped into the bay from the ferry-boat Oakland on its 12:30 P. M. trip to the city yesterday. He sprang into the water from the forward part of the boat while it was nearing Goat Island.

A boat was instantly lowered and manned by the second officer and two men who rescued Johnson and rowed back with him to the ferry-boat. He was taken to the Receiving Hospital in the patrol-wagon and Dr. Fitzgibbon by the use of oxygen soon had him out of danger.

Johnson said he was tired of life and wanted to die.

He left a letter addressed "To whom it may concern," which was taken possession of by Sergeant Avon of the Harbor police. It reads as follows:

My name is Andrew Johnson. I intend to commit suicide this day, Sunday, 22nd of September. I am not insane. I know what I am doing. Life is not worth living. In death there is rest. I do not believe in a future life. There is no such thing. I return again back to nature whence I came. I know I have a right to cut this life short. If I don't do it nature will do it before long. My health is not good. Have not been well for years and have nothing to live for. I thank all my friends that have been kind and good to me—Edward E. Potter, Thomas Molloy, Officer George Ely, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. and J. E. Terry and all others. I will now say good-by to you all. If my body should be found I hope it will rest. Let it be put under the soil in the potter's field. I know I have never done any great wrong to any human being. I owe my friend a few dollars, a little dust, and I am not able to pay it. Good-by to all. In nature we will all be united again. In my pocket is a photograph, and if my body is found let it go with my body under the soil.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

My mind wears no priestly shackles. I fear no superstitious doom. I have accepted fully and triumphantly the rational theory of life and death. It is as natural to die as to be born, and for me the future holds no fears. I have unbounded confidence in that eternal power which shines in the star and blooms in the flowers, thunders in the cataract and gently sings in the stream; holds all truth in its grasp, and that in its completeness all is well. I realize that the cry of the child newly born into life will be heard in the cry of grief by those who somewhere further along life's road will say, "Farewell." That the first cry of the child is life's "good morning," and that the last speech of expiring life is life's "good night," and my last word will be then: "I will rest; yes, we will all rest. When the brief episode of life is ended we will again enter as we emerged from that eternal mystery which lies all around the little island we call life.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

1151 New Broadway, Oakland.

A large crowd assembled at Long Bridge yesterday to witness a race between the senior crews of the Pioneer and South End rowing clubs, which was to be the rerowing of a race pulled at Sacramento September 9. The Pioneer crew, however, refused to line up for the contest, and the South Ends went over the mile-and-a-half course in 10:28 and now claim the prizes, which is the championship of the Pacific Coast and several medals. It will be remembered that at Sacramento the race was given to the Pioneers, notwithstanding a protest by the South Enders. The latter crew insisted that the race should be pulled over, which they did yesterday alone, and now both clubs claim the prizes.

The personnel of the crews that consider themselves the Pacific Coast crack rowers are:

Pioneers—Fred Orr, captain and bow; George Collopy, forward waist; Coney Ochs, after waist; John Gifford, stroke; George Fitzsimmons, coxswain.

South Ends—Harry Bode, bow; Bob McArthur, captain and forward waist; Gus Curson, after waist; Frank Duplissan, stroke; George McGrill, coxswain.

TO INSPECT WATERWAYS.

Senators and Congressmen Will Learn What Improvements Are Necessary.

Governor Budd Will Meet the Party at Benicia and Accompany Them Up the Sacramento.

There was an informal meeting at the Palace Hotel yesterday afternoon of Senators and Congressmen to make arrangements for the contemplated tour of the waterways now in need of attention. Present were: United States Senators George C. Perkins and Stephen M. White of Los Angeles and Congressmen E. F. Loud, S. G. Hilborn, J. Barham and State Senator Gleason, secretary of the River and Harbor Commission; also C. N. Clark, Congressman of the First District of Missouri.

It is their purpose to inspect the bay and its tributaries, making a complete tour of the harbor waters, and to personally acquaint themselves with its present condition as a harbor, and also ascertain what manner of improvements will be necessary.

They will form a party and leave at 9:45 this morning via the narrow gauge. They will devote their attention to the Oakland Creek and its training-walls, where the sediment carried by both in and out going currents have occasioned so much trouble in the past. At 7 o'clock Tuesday evening they will leave for Redding to inspect the resources of that country. Wednesday evening they will take the train to Red Bluff. Returning, they will come down the river from Sacramento on the Government snag boat.

Governor Budd wrote his intention of joining them at Benicia.

On their return from Sacramento they will thoroughly examine San Francisco bay, the Alviso slough, Napa Creek and the rocks dangerous to navigation in the open water. The rivers San Joaquin and Sacramento will be examined with regard to dredging from their channels the debris which has accumulated in later years since the decline in steam navigation, making the rivers now wholly inadequate for commercial purposes.

FOLSOM-STREET FIRE.

Three Hundred Dollars' Worth of Damage Done to M. Ossosky's Place.

There was a small fire in M. Ossosky's restaurant, 1020 Folsom street, yesterday afternoon, resulting in a damage of about $300.

Ossosky occupies the first floor of a three-story frame building owned by Nathan Bush. The upper floors are flats. As near as could be ascertained by the firemen the cause was a large kitchen range, fire from which had been communicated to some rubbish near by and burned a hole in the floor. The damage done was mostly in the kitchen and cellar.

The alarm was sent in from box 159, at 4:30 P. M. Ossosky has $700 insurance on his fixtures and chattels.

Mrs. Ossosky says a lady's gold watch, with a chain and fob, and two rings, one of them set with a diamond, disappeared from the restaurant during the excitement. The watch fob had been made from a German ten-mark piece.

DURRANT DEFENSE RUMOR

He Is Said to Have Two Distinct Chains of Evidence Prepared.

One to Prove an Alibi, Another to Disqualify Witnesses Who Have Testified.

New theories developed in the Durrant case yesterday concerning the probable line of defense the attorneys will seek to establish.

Among these an alleged mysterious witness figured whose identity is as problematical as is the likelihood that he will appear for the defense and testify to the story it was alleged he will tell. This mysterious personage is said to be a professional man and to have been passenger on a Powell-street car one day in April on which Theodore Durrant and Blanche Lamont also rode. According to the report he at first believed it was the 3d of April that he observed the young people together on the car, but that he has since changed his mind and is now convinced it was another date. It was said his testimony would be offered by the defense as a link in the chain of evidence by which it expects to show that Minnie Belle Edwards, May Lannigan, Mrs. Dorgan and others who testified to seeing Durrant and Blanche Lamont together, were confused in their dates.

Still another mysterious witness—for those who will testify for the defense are all mysterious as yet—is a man who is alleged to have ridden on the same car with Mrs. Elizabeth Crosett the day she journeyed across the city to the Mission, and, it is alleged, that he, too, remembers that the trip was taken on another day than April 3. Still another rumor had it that the two mysterious gentlemen are one.

These theories of the rumor-mongers are in keeping with another which has gained some currency, and is to the effect that the defense, in establishing its alibi, will bring forth witnesses whose testimony will form a chain of evidence showing that Durrant was not at any of the places on April 3 at which he is alleged to have been by the witnesses who have testified for the prosecution, and that it has a chain of evidence to show that all the witnesses who have testified to seeing Durrant and Blanche Lamont together may have done so, but on another day, and not April 3.

These reports are of course rumor, and though, apparently, they come from an authentic source, only such reliance as rumor is entitled to may be placed in them.

Durrant was not without his enjoyment of the sunny weather yesterday. In the morning he was permitted an airing for a couple of hours on the rear porch of the County Jail, and in the afternoon he had a number of callers, among whom were Signors Jose Schlide and Manuel Robles of Guatemala. They are friends of young Melendez of Salvador, with whom Durrant was at college. He is now traveling in Europe and desird his friends to convey to Durrant his sympathy and an expression of his firm belief in Durrant's innocence.

At the resumption of the trial this morning Adolph Oppenheim will again take his seat on the stand to finish his testimony relative to the alleged visit of Durrant to his place. He will be followed by W. J. Phillips in corroboration, and then the gasfitters who put in the savers at the Emmanuel Church will be called. This will close the State's case unless the District Attorney should decide to place one or two other unimportant witnesses on the stand. It is possible, therefore, that the State may rest to-day, although it is not at all certain.

AT THE PLAYHOUSES.

What the Managers Have Provided for the Audiences This Evening.

At the Baldwin Theater this evening Pauline Hall and her company will continue the opera of "Dorcas." Some new melodies will be introduced, and as they are by some of the most eminent composers they will certainly prove attractive and be a treat to the music-loving public.

The management of the Columbia will present Sardou's standard play, "Diplomacy," in which Rose Coghlan will appear in the role of Countess Zieka in which she made such a hit in New York City. The cast will include Estelle Clayton and J. C. Richman, new members of the Columbia company.

Milton Nobles, the well-known and popular playwright and actor, will open at Morosco's Grand Opera-house in "Love and Law," a comedy-drama from his own pen. It is a cosmopolitan play that is full of interest and one that when recently performed in New York won much praise.

The Alcazar announces for this evening "A Chip of the Old Block," in which Leonard Grover Jr. will appear as the chip and Robert J. Scott will take the part of Major, an old seadog. Gracie Plaisted will also appear in the cast. The comedy is a cure for the blues.

At the Orpheum Music Hall there will be a number of the people who last week delighted the audiences, but they will present new specialties. Pearl Andrews will continue her impersonations which are most clever, and Hines and Remington will offer a new sketch. There is plenty of fun at this place for one night.

The Tivoli Opera-house manager will this evening offer to the audience Verdi's opera "Ernani." In this most dramatic work of the composer Martin Pache will interpret the title role and John J. Raffael will appear as Don Carlos. Ida Valerga will appear as Elvira to-night.

Result of a Fall.

G. Rogers, an engraver at 540 Clay street, was going downstairs yesterday morning with a large glass in his hand, when he stumbled and fell. He struck on his head, sustaining a lacerated wound, and both hands were badly cut with the broken glass. An artery was severed and he lost considerable blood before being taken to the Receiving Hospital.

Kier Hardy Will Speak To-Night.

Kier Hardy, the celebrated lecturer on socialism, will arrive here at 9:45 o'clock this morning and will talk at the Metropolitan Temple this evening under the auspices of the San Francisco section of the London labor bureau. He is accompanied by Secretary Smith of the Coal Miners' Association of England.

GUARD THE GOLDEN GATE.

Three Great Dynamite Guns Are Now About Ready for Action.

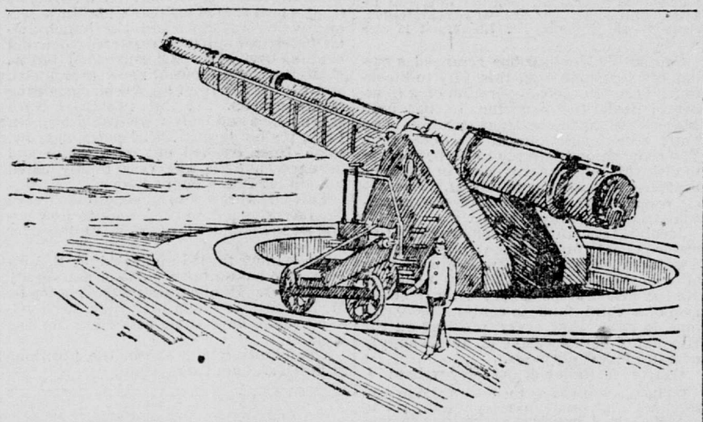
COULD BE FIRED TO-MORROW.

They Could Blow Out of the Water a Whole Hostile Fleet Within Three Miles.

Uncle Sam is now ready and able to blow out of the water at a day's notice a whole hostile fleet that might attempt to enter the Golden Gate.

The battery of big pneumatic dynamite guns ordered for the defense of this port a year or more ago has, within the past few days, been advanced so far toward completion that two of the guns could be effectively fired with only twenty-four hours' preparation. The two guns now set up will be actually fired during the contractor's preliminary tests within ten days, and it is expected that within six weeks some old hulks will have been blown to splinters in official tests and the battery will have been turned over to the Government.

They are grim and impressive engines of war, these immense blow-guns that can with one shot sink any man-of-war afloat within a two-mile range. The great modern twelve-inch rifles that shoot twelve miles are not so imposing, complicated or striking in appearance nor so costly and terribly effective.



ONE OF THE DYNAMITE GUNS NOW ABOUT READY TO GUARD THE GOLDEN GATE.
[*Sketched by a "Call" artist.*]

Three of these guns are to stand close together on the brow of one of the highest bluffs that overlook the Golden Gate and the ocean between Fort Point and Baker's Beach. As stated, two are in position and the third is rapidly being put together.

San Francisco will soon possess three of the eight dynamite guns in the world. Three have been set up at Sandy Hook, one is still on the Nictheroy of the Brazilian navy and the other one was two or three years ago sold to the English Government and set up at Shoreburyness.

These three guns and the air-compressing plant will cost the Government $200,000 when the Pneumatic Torpedo Construction Company of New York turns them over in working order. Protecting parapets and other things will cost many thousands more, so that at least a quarter of a million dollars will be invested within a less space than that covered by the Mills building.

They are the most ponderous looking engines of war ever constructed, and the most ingenious and powerful ones. Each gun as it stands in its revolving base, without its accessories below and behind, weighs 43 tons. They stand on great turntables, sunk four feet into the massive concrete beds about them, and the gun barrels of massive steel, with 15-inch bores, stretch 52 feet through the air. The accompanying cut gives but a general idea of their external appearance, but when one sees and understands the internal machinery, the delicate adjustments of massive things, the ease with which the 43-ton machines are handled, and their surprising accuracy, they seem quite wonderful.

Around each turntable, several feet in diameter, is a finely graduated brass scale by which the gun can be ranged laterally with great precision, and the gun can be pointed in any direction. A telescopic sight and level help to give the elevation. The gun can be depressed one degree below the level and elevated 35 degrees. The gun is entirely handled and fired by one man who stands on a little platform beside the gun's axis, and two little levers and one wheel control the movements and firing of the gun. These movements are effected by an electric motor and finely adjusted machinery inside the queer-looking carriage.

In big concrete-protected cellars and corridors below ground are the compressed-air reservoirs directly connected with the gun. There are eight firing reservoirs below each gun and connected with it. These reservoirs are great tubes, holding altogether, when charged, 360 cubic feet of air after compression to a pressure of 1000 pounds to the square inch. The opening of valves around the chamber of the gun at the base lets this pressure in behind the cartridge, which, with a diameter of 15 inches, receives a pressure of 176,000 pounds as it is ejected.

Even as striking and imposing is the great air-compressing plant which is housed in a brick building about 200 feet behind the three guns. This plant has just been completed by the Fulton Iron Works. Four great boilers give 400 horsepower, and a forced draught arrangement will add 200 horse-power more.

In the engine-room two enormous duplex engines and air-compressors stand ready for operation. The horizontal air-pumps are directly connected with the engine cylinders and the two duplex compressors appear at first to be four great engines about forty feet long. In operation each compressor squeezes the air three times. In one cylinder it gets a pressure of 75 pounds. In the next it is compressed to 400 pounds, and then it is jammed up so hard in the third one that its pressure becomes 2000 pounds. This heats the air so highly that it is taken at once through coils of copper tubing below the floor and immersed in water to be cooled off. It then reaches twenty-four storage reservoirs in another room. These are long tubes about a foot in diameter, and in operation the pressure in them is maintained at 2000 pounds. Through valves and large underground pipes these storage reservoirs supply the firing reservoirs below the guns. There is an electric plant and many other features which make the whole thing appear complicated and costly.

A supply of dynamite cartridges is due, but day before yesterday there were only dummy cartridges ready for use. The projectiles for the use of this costly plant, built to destroy any hostile ships that might be reckless enough to get within two or three miles of the Golden Gate, are very imposing and complicated things themselves. They are several feet long and have vanes on a shaft behind them like the feathers on an arrow. Each shell may be loaded with 500 pounds of dynamite, and what 500 pounds of dynamite might do may be guessed. When so loaded the shell would weigh 1160 pounds. They are ingeniously contrived and contain fuses which would variously be fired by impact against water or a solid body. These shells cost from $500 to $800 each.

The accuracy of fire of these guns has at past tests been a marvel to experts in gunnery. At one test five successive shells were thrown over two miles, and all struck within a space 5x7 yards in size. In one Government test the accuracy was sixteen times that required. One of the guns at Sandy Hook fired a cartridge containing fifty pounds of dynamite three miles, and struck and sent to splinters the old Government cutter Silliman. The process of loading is as ingenious and rapid as any other feature of the guns' operation.

This interesting battery stands near McDowell avenue, about 300 feet back from the brow of a bluff 300 feet high and but a little ways above the new 12-inch rifle that was tested the other day. It commands a complete range of the entrance to the harbor and is calculated to give any citizen of San Francisco a satisfying sense of security.

The manufacturers began operations last February and since that time D. C. Batcheller and Frank Watson have represented the company here and superintended all operations. Once a week Lieutenant Lissak of Benicia comes around as the Government inspector.

While the guns could now be fired in a few hours, it will be a week or so before the first dummy shells are thrown to privately test the operation of the guns. At the official test, not far off, a certain number of loaded shells will be fired at imaginary squares and old hulks towed out to sea. Mr. Batcheller wants the Government officials at this test to fire a shell or two at the solid rocks on the Marin County shore, to see the effect against fortifications. This experiment has never yet been tried.

THE SINGLE-TAX SOCIETY.

It Discusses the Subject of Democracy vs. Aristocracy.

The Single-tax Society held a meeting last night at 102 O'Farrell street. A. H. Sanborn spoke on the subject of Democracy vs. Aristocracy in relation to single-tax. He said that the present condition of things was radically wrong and quoted profusely from Henry George's writings. "The richer a man becomes," said he, "the less is the proportion of tax he pays on his income. A poor man pays 100 per cent of his earnings because he is taxed on all he spends. When taxes are transferred from that which the poor man spends to rents for land then will the poor man's opportunity to rise occur."

H. T. Pleace and A. Granger spoke at length on the same question.

WERE BOUND TO MARRY.

A Lawyer and His Fair Client Wed by Judge Kerrigan Last Night.

Arthur G. Fisk and Kate Wertheimer Made One in a Very Quiet Manner.

Arthur G. Fisk and Kate Wertheimer were married by Justice of the Peace Frank H. Kerrigan last night at the home of the groom's father on Hayes street. Some opposition was expected on the part of the bride's stepfather, but he simply ignored the whole matter and allowed the young people to have their own way.

The groom is the son of Asa Fisk, the well-known money-lender, and the bride is the stepdaughter of Kaufman Wertheimer, president of the wholesale butchering firm of F. Uri & Co.

A brother of the bride keeps a cigar-stand on Pine street, and he made himself famous a few months ago by running away with a daughter of Asa Fisk and marrying her. The father of the girl was very wroth at the time and swore never to speak to his daughter again. He relented, however, and the young couple are now living with him at 700 Hayes street.

When the Wertheimers were quite young their father died. After a time the man who adopted them and gave them his name married the widow. From that time up to the time of the runaway match between young Ike and Miss Fisk he cared for them as if they were his own children. When the couple returned from the honeymoon, they did not know where to take up their abode, so Wertheimer took them into his home and made them comfortable.

Next the daughter went away for a long holiday, and the father, finding himself practically alone, married again. Then the trouble began. Young Mrs. Wertheimer patched up a peace with her father, and she and her husband removed to Fisk's home on Hayes street. Kate came back from the country, but refused to return to her stepfather's house, where she had been chief in authority. She went to live with a friend on O'Farrell street.

After the marriage of their father, the young people began to harass him with all kinds of requests for money and property. They asserted that their mother owned property in her own right when she died, and began suit to eject F. Uri & Co. from a piece of land on Army street, which they claimed was set aside as a homestead by the Probate Court in 1877. In his reply Wertheimer said: "Pay me back the money I expended in raising the mortgage on the property, and you can have it and welcome."

A number of other harassing notes were sent to the stepfather, and the attorney in each instance was Arthur G. Fisk. He fell in love with his fair client, and lately she moved from O'Farrell street to the Fisk residence on Hayes, where the marriage ceremony took place. No one but the Fisk family was present when the Judge tied the knot.

BREAKING CLAY PIGEONS.

Newman and White Win the Olympic Gun Club Medals.

The Olympic Gun Club held its regular monthly shoot at clay pigeons for club medals yesterday at the Oakland race-track. The scores were:

Newman 22, W. Golcher 17, Haight 16, Fanning 20, Liddle 9, Jackson 11, Hughes 7, Street 16, Justins 12, Feudner 20, Carroll 15, H. Golcher 14, Bekeart 13, Allen 14, White 15, Hines 15, Peterson 9, Harrison 3.

This ended the season's shoot, and the scorer announced that Newman had won the first class medal for the season and that White had carried off the second class medal.

At its conclusion several contests for small pools among members took place.

An Enjoyable Day.

The combined branches of St. Patrick's Alliance of America gave a picnic at Schueizen Park, San Rafael, yesterday. The day was all that could be desired, and the morning boats brought large contingents from San Francisco, Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley. The dancing pavilion was well patronized, and the light fantastic toe kept good time to the strains of the Emmet Band until the hour of departure arrived.

ARMY AND NAVY NOTES.

Indians at Alcatraz Island to Be Sent to Their Reservation.

WARSHIPS IN THE HARBOR.

Transfers and Assignments—Daily Duty at the Presidio—Mare Island Items.

Commander C. H. Stockton, U. S. N., passed through San Francisco recently en route to Yokohama. He will take command of the Yorktown, relieving Commander Folger.

Captain F. J. Higginson, who commanded the Monterey on the recent cruise of that vessel to Callao, has gone East in obedience to orders from the Navy Department. He was censured a short time ago by the Secretary of the Navy for reprimanding Engineer James M. Pickerell in the presence of other officers aboard the ship. This censure had nothing to do with the order transferring him from the Monterey for duty on the Atlantic.

It is contrary to the regulations of the navy for an officer to administer a reprimand on the quarterdeck, and when the engineer reported the facts of the recent reprimand to the department there was nothing to be done at Washington but censure the captain. It is all right for the commanding officer to call a subordinate into a private room and there, figuratively speaking, walk up and down the backbone of the offender, but the commander must not lose his presence of mind and give vent to his feelings in public.

Commander Curtis, United States navy, will soon relieve Commander Nichols of the responsibility of administering the affairs of the Twelfth Lighthouse district, San Francisco.

The Thetis is preparing to sail south on a surveying trip under the command of Lieutenant Commander Knox.

The Philadelphia and Thetis are in San Francisco bay. The cruiser Philadelphia is lying off the City. The officers of the vessel have been entertaining and been entertained by the society people of the City. The officers in a body, from the admiral down, have received the privileges of the leading clubs of the town, and are having time to participate in pleasures ashore. The same courtesies have been extended to the officers of Her British Majesty's ship Hyacinth. The Marion is fitting out for sea, and will leave Mare Island in a few days for the Hawaiian Islands, and the Monterey is in the drydock there for repairs.

The bids recently submitted in Washington for building of torpedo boats 6, 7 and 8 were: Moran Brothers' Company, Seattle, Wash., $163,500 for one; Wolff & Zwicker Iron Works, Portland, Or., $168,700 for one; Union Iron Works, San Francisco, $175,000 for one; Herreshoff Manufacturing Company, Bristol, R. I., $144,000 for one or three at the same rate on plans of their own. The limit of cost placed by the department on these boats was $150,000 each. All of the Pacific Coast bids were above this figure. It is expected that competition will be reopened.

The revised army regulations are now in the hands of the public printer at Washington, D. C. The new edition will be ready October 1.

General Schofield's retirement will take place September 29.

Two special military trains for the purpose of conveying troops in case of need from the Atlantic to the Pacific is the latest addition to the equipment of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The subject of rapid transit for United States troops is engaging the attention of the War Department at Washington.

The work of constructing the new double brick barrack buildings at the Presidio is going forward vigorously. The new quarters may be ready for occupancy before the heavy rains of winter set in.

Recent orders from General Forsyth, commanding the Department of California, permit most of the routine duty of the garrison, such as drills, parades, etc., to be performed during the morning hours. Under this regulation an officer whose inclination leads him to the study of some particular branch of military science can have uninterrupted time for his work during the afternoon. Equal advantages in this respect are also extended to the enlisted men.

Fifty-two young officers were graduated at West Point Military Academy this year, and two of the youngsters have been assigned to duty in the Fifth Artillery at the Presidio.

In the choice of posts the Presidio stands well to the front. The preferred places are Washington barracks, New York harbor, San Francisco, Fort Sheridan (Chicago) and Fort Leavenworth.

The Indians that were sent to Alcatraz Island some time ago for purposes of discipline will leave the island for their southwestern reservation to-day. Lieutenant Treat will conduct them to Arizona. Following is the official order relating to the transfer:

Pursuant to instructions from the Secretary of War, the commanding officer of Alcatraz Island, California, will, on Monday, the 23d inst., send the Moqui Indians, now in confinement at his post, to the Navajo Indian Agency, Fort Defiance, Arizona, in charge of an officer with a guard of one non-commissioned officer and three privates. Upon arrival at the agency the Indians will be turned over to the acting Indian agent, and upon completion thereof the officer and guard will return to their station.

The quartermaster's department will furnish transportation by rail between San Francisco, Cal., and Gallup, N. Mex. At the latter place wagons will meet the party for transportation thence to the agency. The subsistence department will furnish travel rations, including funds for the purchase of liquid coffee.

It happens occasionally that an Indian, becoming unruly, refuses to accept the gospel of civilization as taught by the agent and exemplified by the army officer. He manifests his contempt for education by refusing to send his children to school. To remove from his mind the idea that ignorance is bliss and instruction a failure the authorities send him to Alcatraz, where the University of California may be seen every day when there is no fog. After a season of reflection on the "Rock" the savage is returned to his reservation, presumably a wiser man and a better Indian.

Dr. Stevenson has been ordered from Vancouver Barracks to the Presidio. He will leave his Northern post of duty when relieved by Dr. Worthington.

Lieutenant Gatchell, who has been on college duty in Vermont, has been ordered to this department.

Lieutenant Newcomb has been ordered to Alcatraz from the Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Va.

Lieutenant Parker, additional second lieutenant Tenth Cavalry, attached to the Fourth Cavalry, is visiting at the Presidio.

Lieutenant Thomas R. Adams, Fifth Artillery, has been appointed regimental quartermaster, vice Lieutenant Albert C. Blunt, transferred to Battery I of the same regiment.

A sentry on duty at the Fifth Artillery monument in the National Cemetery at the Presidio last Friday night was led to believe that two men were approaching his post. He challenged the comers and they ran away. As they refused to obey the command to halt the sentinel fired, but no one was hit. It was surmised by the Presidio people that some persons were prowling about the monument, hoping to get an opportunity to deface the inscription "Murdered by Strikers."

Every Friday afternoon the Fifth Artillery band discourses music at the Presidio. The concerts are popular and attract the attendance of music-lovers of the City as well as those of the garrison.

Leave of absence for one month has been granted to Major J. B. Girard, surgeon, U. S. A.

Minor Baseball Games.

The Nolan Bros. Baseball Club was defeated by the Will & Finks in a game of ball yesterday, the score standing 10 to 8 in favor of the latter.

The third ball game of the California Cadet League was played Saturday between Company C of St. Patrick's and Company K of St. Paul's, the former winning by a score of 17 to 13.

Company L of Mission Dolores defeated Company B of St. Charles in a game played yesterday, the score standing 12 to 4.

WELCOMED THE PASTOR.

Rev. John Stevens Preaches His First Sermon at Simpson Memorial Church.

The congregation of Simpson Memorial turned out en masse at both morning and evening services yesterday to welcome Rev. John Stevens, the new pastor. The choir rendered several delightful and appropriate selections.

At the evening services Mr. Stevens took for his text Mark iv:31-32, his subject being the "Kingdom of God." The theme presented three aspects, he said, the most important of which was the God within men.

The speaker paid particular attention to this line of thought, comparing the individual soul, and its power for spreading Christ's word, to a single star and its power to shed light on the world. He also spoke of the good laws passed by legislators, claiming they were not due to the name attached to the bill, but to the good, Christian people at their back.

Mr. Stevens is a pleasant, easy speaker, and by his earnest, forcible manner has apparently already endeared himself to his congregation. A reception will be tendered him Friday night in the Simpson Memorial reception room.

Hands Badly Burned.

John Scharff, a cooper, living at 623 Sacramento street, went home drunk yesterday morning. While trying to blow out a coal-oil lamp he let it fall and the burning oil set fire to the carpet. Scharff put the fire out with his hands, and both were terribly burned. He was taken to the Receiving Hospital.

NEW TO-DAY—AMUSEMENTS.

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TO-NIGHT
A GRAND REVIVAL! | SARDOU'S MASTERPIECE!
DIPLOMACY!
BY THE
STOCKWELL GREAT STAR CAST.
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