

The San Francisco Call
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1916
 AMUSEMENTS.
FALDWIN THEATRE—Grand Opera—"Carmen."
CALIFORNIA THEATRE—"Hedrick Hudson Jr."
COLUMBIA THEATRE—"The Gentle Savage."
MOROSCO'S OPERA HOUSE—"Sins of the Night."
TYVOLI OPERA HOUSE—"The Gentle Savage."
ORPHEUM—High-Class Vaudeville.
GREY'S PALACE—"Arabian Nights" and "Joe's Girls."
NEW BUSH-ST. THEATRE—"Uncle Tom's Cabin."
GOLDEN GATE HALL—Symphony and Popular Concerts, Friday afternoon, Feb. 7, at 8:15 o'clock.
MACDONOUGH THEATRE (OAKLAND)—"In Old Kentucky."
STROY THE CHUTES—Dally at Haight street, one block east of the Park.
BAY DISTRICT TRACK—Races.

AUCTION SALES.
BARNETT & SHERWOOD—Today (Tuesday), Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry, etc., at 7 Kearny street, at 11 A. M.
 By S. L. DANIELS—Today (Tuesday), Horses, at 1605 Harrison street, at 11 A. M.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

The estate of Thomas Mootry has been appraised at \$74,318.94.
 Ashbury Heights residents declare themselves against the proposed extension of the street.
 Pietro Gori, an eloquent Italian orator and anarchist, arrived in this city on Sunday.
 The Columbia Pistol and Rifle Club will hold a midsummer distribution of special prizes.
 A. A. Watkins, president of the Board of Trade, predicts a bright commercial outlook for 1916.
 A number of witnesses gave some interesting testimony at the Healy investigation yesterday.
 Mrs. Bruner did not explain her report on the "Living Hospital to the Woman's Federation" yesterday.
 The hearing of the Zante curant case was begun before acting United States Circuit Judge Morrow yesterday.
 Rev. George Gibson severely criticized the English of California ministers at a meeting of the Baptist Union yesterday.
 Realization, Summertime, Thornhill, Percus, Highland and Comrade were winners at the Bay District track yesterday.
 The meeting of the Election Commissioners yesterday almost broke up in a row, owing to statements made by Mayor Sutro.
 Counsel for Louis Sternberg, convicted of procuring false registration, has petitioned for a rehearing in the Supreme Court.
 In a letter sent out by the Traffic Association yesterday it is shown how trade may be extended in Oregon and Washington.
 Jerry Brugger, from Santa Barbara, has been landed at San Quentin by Deputy Sheriff Walsh, to serve a twelve years' sentence.
 The bird of Edward G. Koenig won the second prize in Sunday's race of homing pigeons and not that of George T. Marsh.
 The existence of the reported lumber trust recently organized on Puget Sound has both denied and confirmed by lumber dealers here yesterday.
 The Non-Partisan campaign committee may be called together by Vice-President F. J. Sullivan upon the declaration to act of Chairman Thomas Magee.
 The Board of Supervisors decided yesterday to locate a police station on Washington street, west of Polk, in spite of the protests of the property-owners.
 Professor Joseph Le Conte delivered a scholarly and eloquent memoir on the late Professor Dana of New Haven, Conn., at the Academy of Sciences last evening.
 The Castro Land Company has offered a fine block of land near the end of the Castro-street car line, to the Board of Regents as a site for the Wilmerding school.
 Edward Murphy, a butcher, living at 521 Minna street, a sober and industrious young man, fell from his wagon on Sunday morning and fractured his ankle.
 The agreement as to the disposition of property which James Simpson made prior to his divorce, has been annulled by Judge Sewall as being contrary to public policy.
 "Fair Tuesday, light frosts in the vicinity Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, fresh northerly wind" was predicted by the weather by Forecast Official W. H. Hammond.
 Mrs. R. H. Hickman, as administratrix of the estate of John F. Alexander, is suing Peter N. Marker for \$5000 as attorney's fees and disbursements rendered by Alexander to the defendant.
 The Alaska Improvement Company, formed for the development of various Alaskan industries, has incorporated. It has a capital stock of \$250,000, all of which has been subscribed.
 John Kreiss, bartender for James Gibbs, was arrested yesterday morning on the charge of assault to murder Thomas Barnes, blacksmith, in St. Mary's saloon, Hyde and Broadway, Sunday night.
 The garbage eromatory franchise was not awarded to L. V. Merie yesterday by the Board of Supervisors as recommended by the Health and Police Committee, but was laid over for one week for investigation.
 The belting of the Del Monte Mills at Second and Brannan streets was put and hatched by some miscreant after the fire in the building, and the crime was discovered only when the machinery started running.
 The United States Circuit Court of Appeals handed down nine decisions yesterday. Various important questions affecting land titles, mining rights, life insurance and a State's taxing power were determined.
 Frank Bazzouri, a member of the Swiss-Italian colony at Asti, Sonoma County, was robbed of \$100 in a saloon on Broadway Saturday night, and yesterday swore to the police for the arrest of "John Doe" Martini on the charge of robbery.
 Elaborate preparations are being made by the Irish-American societies for the reception of John H. Finerty, who will deliver the oration on the occasion of the celebration of the 15th anniversary of the birth of Robert Emmet, on March 4.
 Special United States Attorney Benjamin F. Bergen began suit for the Government in the Federal court yesterday to recover \$1,000,000 of redwood timber lands, patented by him in 1882 and 1883 by Charles H. King, David Evans, and others, in Humboldt County.
 Various authorities said that Chinatown is passing away and that the population is 10,000 less than it was eleven years ago. A financial man recommended the rejection of any loans on the part of Chinatown, and that the Chinese want to mortgage their property and then forfeit it.
 Stetler Sues Chetwood.
 Agent Thomas K. Stetler brought suit in the United States Circuit court yesterday against John Chetwood Jr., special trustee of the California National Bank, to recover \$10,560.16, alleged to have been obtained by Mr. Chetwood on orders of the San Francisco Superior Court as attorney's fees and costs in connection with litigation against ex-President Thomas and Directors Wilson and Thompson. The object of Mr. Stetler's suit is evidently to retortiate upon Mr. Chetwood for the latter's injunction suit against Stetler in the same court. Mr. Stetler has another suit to have himself declared the bank's agent and to have the bank's affairs wound up.

Sergeant Lyons Not a Beat.

It was reported that Sergeant Lyons of Company B, First United States Infantry, who is at present in the hospital at Angel Island, met with his injuries while beating his way on the cars while on furlough. This turns out to be incorrect. Nurse Patrick Mullins of the Angel Island Hospital Corps states that the injury was sustained by Lyons when jumping from a car in motion. Lyons had plenty of money at the time and had been sent to the City. The injured soldier is doing well and probably will be offered a place in the Soldiers' Home.

Mrs. Mary Vary's Death.

Coroner Hawkins had Mrs. Mary Vary's body disinterred yesterday. Mrs. Vary resided at 206 Fifth street. On January 3 she was run over by an express-wagon driven by a man named Moran, and she died at the City and County Hospital January 29. The cause of exhuming the body was to ascertain whether death had been due to negligence, and the disinterment was made at the instance of the husband and relatives. An autopsy and probably an inquest will be held.

Body Found in the Bay.

The body of George Smith, a sailor, was found in the bay off the Presidio reservation by P. Cordolano yesterday morning. Smith was 33 years of age, a native of New York, and was formerly of the bark Olympic of New Bedford.

The Grand Army.

The annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held this year in Santa Cruz on the 22d, 23d and 24th of April. There are 120 posts in the Department of California, which includes California and Nevada, entitled to send representatives to the encampment.

TUGBOATS AND TOWAGE BILLS.

A Serious Squabble Over the Docking of the Roanoke.

THE STATE IS INVOLVED.

At One Time the Governor Markham Is Said to Have Lent Assistance.

CHIEF WHARFINGER CENSURED.

Captains of the Two Towboat Lines Say He Had No Right to Interfere.

The most sensational incident on the water front for years happened yesterday.

Captain Hamilton signaled for a tug. The Fearless of the Spreckels line was close at hand, but Captain Dan Haskell, knowing she was a "contract ship," did not attempt to go near her. A few minutes later the shipowners' tug Monarch hove in sight and took the big vessel in tow. This was nearly two weeks ago, and as space at the wharves was very hard to get she was unable to dock until yesterday.
 When Chief Wharfinger Root notified Captain Hamilton that there was a vacant berth at Howard No. 2, the latter went to Williams, Dimond & Co. and informed them of the fact. In view of the fact that the Towboat Company was in the courts asking damages in the case of the Packard, it was decided not to employ that company's tugs. An attempt was made to secure one of the Spreckels tugs, but Superintendent Hawley in conformance with his agreement refused to do the work.
 Then it was that Williams, Dimond & Co. and the captain of the Roanoke found themselves in deep water. The only other tug in the bay that could handle the ship outside of the two regular companies was the Millen Griffiths, owned by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. Overtures were made to Agent Center and after a great deal of backing and filling an agreement was reached by which the Millen Griffiths will handle all the Sewell line of clippers for some time to come.
 It was when the docking of the Roanoke began that the excitement started. The Griffiths was not powerful enough to handle the heavily laden Roanoke, so the Elizabeth was called in to assist her. Chief Wharfinger Root anticipated some damage to the State property and he ordered out the Governor Markham. The towboat men assert that the State tug assisted in docking the vessel, but the men on the Markham and the State employes protest that she never turned a wheel. Nevertheless the matter is brought to the attention of the inspectors of hulls and boilers and somebody on the Markham will have to suffer. "The law says that the State must

not enter into competition with private individuals or corporations," said Captain Hawley yesterday, "and the fact that the State tug Governor Markham was alongside the Roanoke when she was docking is a breach of the law."
 The actual work of getting the big ship into her berth was one of great labor and narrow escapes. By a strange coincidence the Seafarer was being moved from Howard No. 2 by the Ship-owners' and Merchants' tug Rescue and the ship Dundonald was being docked at Mission No. 2 by the Ship-owners' and Merchants' tug Sea King just as the Millen Griffiths and Elizabeth were attempting to get the Roanoke in on the south side of Howard No. 1. The ship John McDonald, which had occupied that berth was removed early in the morning by the tug Active of the Spreckels Company so that once the vessel was into the dock the way was clear. Twice, however, she had to be stopped—once in order to avoid running into the Seafarer and the other time to allow the Dundonald to cross her bow.
 Among those who witnessed the docking of the biggest American merchantman afloat were Captain Hawley, superintendent of the Spreckels towboat line; Captain Gray, superintendent, and Captain Groper, assistant superintendent, of the Ship-owners' and Merchants' Towboat Company; Captain George Harvey of the tug Monarch; Captain Clem Randall of the tug Vigilant; Captain Ike Smith of the tug Sea Queen; Captain J. Sivovich of the tug Active and Captain Dan Haskell of the big tug Fearless. They all agreed in saying that the Griffiths had done remarkably well in the circumstances, and praised him for the manner in which he had handled a very difficult job.
 "The towboat company seems to have boycotted us," said A. Chesbrovich of Williams, Dimond & Co. yesterday. "Spreckels says we are under contract to the Ship-owners' and Merchants' Towboat Company, and that therefore he cannot handle our vessels. Of course an agreement is an agreement and I respect a man who will keep his end of it. In the case of the Shipowners' line, however, they damaged one of our vessels to the extent of over \$20,000, and now they seek to limit

WANTS A REHEARING.

Sternberg Thinks Another Argument Will Clear Him.

Counsel for Louis Sternberg has applied for a rehearing, the petition being based upon purely technical points. Sternberg was granted a new trial upon one of his convictions and was held on the other by the Supreme Court.
 The principal point of the petition for a rehearing is the misconstruction by the lower court, by the jury and by the Supreme Court of the charge against the petitioner. It is argued that the charge against Sternberg is that he did "cause, procure and allow" A. Gutman to be registered as a voter. The question which counsel wishes to bring out is, Did the jury convict him of causing, procuring or allowing Gutman to falsify registers? This is considered a strong point.
 Other points are that the court misdirected the jury in matter of law, and that

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 "Take it all in all I think we can attribute to the contraction of 1885 the fact that the Chinese population of this city. No one knows it better than the Chinaman and he is preparing to move himself and his effects to other parts of the country. The exodus has really begun and is destined to last until most of them are gone."
 This opinion by one of the best authorities in San Francisco would seem to bear out the general impression and give strength to added information supplied by Wendell Easton, who says:
 "Chinese real estate is falling in value all over the section of the City occupied by them. I have given the realty question in the quarter a great deal of attention of late and find that while people are gradually crowding the Chinese out of their old precincts. The putting in of electric-cars has facilitated travel at that end of town and people who might have been ultimately driven out by the Chinaman have concluded to stay. They see, as does everybody else, who has paid any attention to the question, that the Chinese are preparing to go, and the result is that white tenants are dictating prices in the realty market. It is only a question of time before all of that property will be occupied by white people, and during the interval the Chinese are concentrating themselves near the center of what is known as Chinatown. There are a good many influences that will work to the detriment of the Chinese in the long run, and I think we will see very few of them here in a few years from now. They are becoming scarcer all over the City, and I am told that Chinese cooks are not nearly so plentiful to-day as they were three or four years ago. This state of affairs has resulted in a decided raise in salaries for Chinese domestics, and those who remain reap the benefit of the market.
 "Another thing that will have considerable weight in driving them off their old streets is the fact of the new City Prison being prepared for the spot where the old hall stood. That will bring considerable business down to that end of town, and it must necessarily follow that real estate will pick up in the meantime there is nothing particular to keep the Chinese here, as their support—principally of their own people—is dwindling away. It is bound to come, and nothing can stop it. While people are gradually spreading over the territory, and the Celestials will in time depart."
 Another significant thing is the fact that many Chinese land-holders are mortgaging their property at high rates possible with the intention of forfeiting the mortgage when it falls due. A financial man of this City was recently called upon to investigate the financial condition of Chinatown for the purpose of reporting to certain banking-houses. He recommended the rejection of all loans on the ground that property-owners there were seeking to secure good mortgages, and then give the property up to the mortgagees and job the rest of the tribe who are seeking new fields.

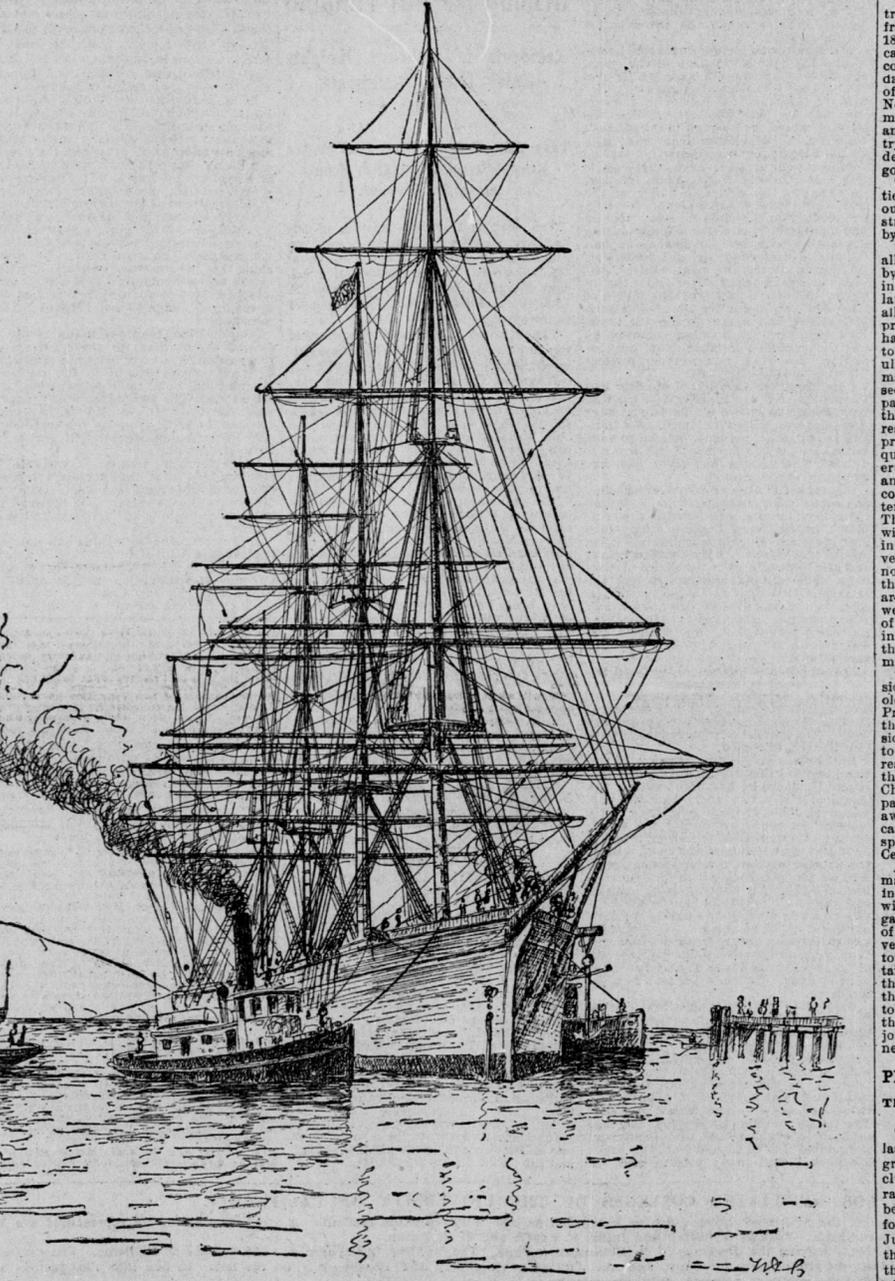
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The American Ship Roanoke, Over the Docking of which the Ship-Owners' and Merchants' Towboat Company, the J. D. Spreckels Towboat Company, Williams, Dimond & Co. and the Pacific Mail Steamship Company Are at Outs.
 (Sketched yesterday by a "Call" artist.)

THE WILMERDING SCHOOL.

A Fine Site Offered at the End of Castro Street.

At the meeting of the Board of Regents this afternoon the matter of selecting a site for the Wilmerding School will be one of the principal subjects discussed. Mayor Sutro has offered three desirable lots for the college, but so far he has failed to give the regents descriptions of the properties. The fact that the regents have requested descriptions is taken by many as an indication that they are favorably disposed toward locating the school in San Francisco.
 Among those who have been in hard at work to accomplish this are the Merchants' Association, the Mechanics' Institute and the Half-million Club, Oakland. The Castro Land Company has offered a fine lot in its tract near the terminus of the Castro-street cable-car line. The offer comes from A. S. Baldwin, the secretary of the land company, who states that the proffered site is suitably located upon rising ground on the lower slope of the Twin Peaks hills. It commands a fine view of a large portion of the City.
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There is no longer any possible doubt about the rapid depopulation of the Chinese quarter. If the exodus keeps up and the exclusion act prevails it will be but a few short years before the terrible minor music of the Chinese theaters, the wails of professional mourners and the sharp bark of highbinders' sixshooters will be stilled forever.
 People who are in a position to observe the rapidity with which Chinatown is falling under the pressure of restriction and exclusion laws see all the signs that come with the dismemberment of a section of the City which has been the scene of many incidents that mark its growth. It has been a scene of murder, intrigue, depravity and vice. If any goodness ever lived there it was driven out by the failure on the part of the inhabitants to comply with the provisions of the cubic-air law.
 To-day, however, the population is dwindling away and the actors in the drama are only when first came among them. At that time the streets were crowded night and day, but at present they are becoming thinned out, and notwithstanding the fact that they are a people who live in very close quarters one can easily see that they are not so plentiful.
 "Estimating the number of people roughly I should say that there are 10,000 less Chinamen here to-day than there were eleven years ago when first came among them. At that time the streets were crowded night and day, but at present they are becoming thinned out, and notwithstanding the fact that they are a people who live in very close quarters one can easily see that they are not so plentiful.
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