



FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1896

AMUSEMENTS. CALIFORNIA THEATRE—"Carmen." BALDWIN THEATRE—"Bohemia," next Monday evening.

AUCTION SALES. BY CHAS. LEVY & CO.—This day (Friday), Furniture at salesroom, 1135 Market street, at 10 o'clock.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

The registration of voters yesterday aggregated 2221. Fair weather with fresh westerly wind is forecasted for to-day.

The Supreme Court has affirmed the decision in the case of the Union Iron Works.

An unusually large number of cases of cruelty to horses were reported yesterday.

The Pacific Coast Gas Association members closed their fourth annual meeting yesterday near the summit of Mount Tamalpais.

On appeal to the Supreme Court the judgment in the case of S. G. Murphy and the Pacific Bank vs. Columbus Waterhouse has been reversed.

The Fire Commissioners yesterday imposed a number of fines upon members, accepted resignations and made several appointments and promotions.

Dr. R. S. Law, a prominent and wealthy single-taxer who has been taking a prominent part in the Delta campaign, is soon to arrive in this city.

James Coffin of the Alameda Sugar Company says that the appropriation for sugar manufacturing is held by the treasury and some official is culpable.

Isaac C. Schaff has brought suit to foreclose a chattel mortgage on the property of Rudolf Schmitt at 2084 Powell street.

Commander Booth-Tucker of the Salvation Army has arrived from the East. He proposes to establish homes for discharged convicts and others on the Pacific Coast.

Attorneys at Washington are contesting the recent ruling of the Postoffice authorities requiring railroads to pay postage on all mail matter of their own districts.

Judge Coffey yesterday appointed Frank J. Kane of the S. P. C. C. guardian of two minor children of Mrs. Bessie Lang because of Mrs. Lang's alleged insanity.

There is a mystery surrounding the discovery near travel over Kentucky street in consequence of the railroad company having instructed its conductors to ignore the signs.

Frank Meade, a carpenter, was sent to the County Jail for four months by Judge Joachimsen yesterday for stealing indecently from the Ferratt building, on Market street.

The Merchants' Association will have a big float in the city's parade to-morrow evening. The members will parade in the parade increased by the addition of forty-six new names.

Fred Lawrence, 514 Hayes street, applied for a warrant yesterday for the arrest of Thomas Callahan, an ex-policeman, for getting \$250 from him last October by trick and device.

The retail dry-goods and clothing clerks yesterday effected a temporary organization for the purpose of persuading such merchants as refuse to open their stores at 6 o'clock to close at that hour.

The preliminary examination of Sol Lazar, dry-goods merchant, Grass Valley, on charges of robbing and eight Japanese mechanics was commenced before Judge Campbell yesterday afternoon.

John Mattson was yesterday held by Judge Coffey on answer to a writ of habeas corpus in \$3000 bonds on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon upon M. Sommer, 517 Pacific street, on July 15.

The Young Men's Republican League held a meeting last night, when it was announced that President Spencer had been authorized to call conventions in the Fourth and Fifth Congressional districts.

Charles Nelson, arrested under the new transfer ordinance for offering to exchange a transfer ticket for a newspaper, appeared in Judge Joachimsen's court yesterday and the case was continued till Monday.

The woolen-making machinery in the old North Beach mills has been sold to a Japanese syndicate and eight Japanese mechanics are at work in the mills removing the looms, etc., for transportation to Osaka, Japan.

Dr. A. P. McKay, who arrived here from Chicago yesterday, will remain in the State for five months in order to investigate and report on the climatic advantages offered by California to invalids seeking health and homes.

The estate of Phillips Langfield, Blantyre, the victim, was sued yesterday by Dr. G. Kleinberg, the physician in whose house she lived at the time of the murder. The claim is for \$750 for alleged medical attendance.

Charles McCarthy, accused of throwing Charlie Sing, a Chinese, from a stepladder in front of the Auditorium saloon early last Saturday morning, was booked at the City Prison yesterday on the charge of assault to murder.

The committee of fifty met yesterday in Mayor Suto's office, appointed a committee to prepare an address to the Government against the funding bill and asked the committee to secure endorsement from Congressional non-commissioned officers.

Mrs. W. Marquis, formerly Alice H. Metcalf, a teacher in the Haight Primary School, who was married just after the adoption of the anti-marrriage law, wishes to resign her position just yet and may enter into a contest with the Board of Education.

The Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors yesterday listened to representations of the Board of Health, Board of School Directors, Merchants' Association, Mission High School Club and other bodies in reference to appropriations to be included in the estimates.

NEW TO-DAY.

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RECORD-BREAKING MAIL STEAMERS.

The City of Sydney Two Days Ahead of Schedule Time.

SO WAS THE COLOMBIA.

Fastest Trip on Record From Honolulu Made by the Steamer China.

RUMORS ABOUT THE SAN JUAN

Another Overdue Ship on Which Reinsurance Was Paid Has Reached Port.

The Pacific Mail Company's steamers are all making time nowadays. New instructions have been issued, and in consequence the China and Panama steamers

are all coming in ahead of schedule. The Colombia was two days ahead when she ran on the rocks at Pigeon Point. The China beat the record between Yokohama and San Francisco, making the final run from Honolulu in two hours' better time than her own record. The City of Sydney arrived from Panama two days ahead, and Captain Johnston says that his vessel was not pushed.

The Sydney is one of the handsomest steamers that comes into port. She has been a lucky vessel for the Mail Company, as few if any accidents have happened on her, and she has always more than paid expenses.

Captain Frank Johnston, commander of the Sydney, is one of the ablest masters on the Pacific and is a universal favorite. When she went on the rocks at Point Bonita, but at the inquiry held by Inspectors of Hulls and Boilers it was shown that the pilot who was in charge insisted upon holding his course in spite of the protests of the master. When the vessel struck Johnston felt like throwing the pilot overboard.

There was a rumor current on the water front yesterday to the effect that the Mail Company's San Juan had gone ashore in the fog near Manzanillo. It was near this port that the Colima capsized and went down. The telegraphic communication is very poor and on the occasion of the Colima disaster it was five days before the news reached San Francisco. The Mail Company has received no advice, but then they got the first news of the loss of the Colima from the newspapers.

The San Juan left Panama five days after the City of Sydney, and would therefore be in the vicinity of Manzanillo last Tuesday. The Mail Company's officials put no faith in the story, however, and say that had the vessel gone ashore they would have heard of it.

The steamer Mariposa sailed for Sydney, N. S. W., via Honolulu, Apia and Auckland, last night. The English mail was late, and in consequence the vessel was delayed by her ten-year-old son. She not only carried over a thousand bicycles and large consignments of onions and flour. The former are a drug in this market, but are a luxury at the Antipodes at this time.

The schooner Annie has been chartered by the North American Commercial Company and will load provisions and general merchandise for Alaska at Steuart-street wharf. The Annie has been in Oakland Creek for quite a long time, but to-day she will come from her retirement, and after being overhauled and loaded will start for the Alaskan mining camps.

Another overdue ship reached port last Wednesday. It was the British ship Bedfordshire, on which 12 per cent reinsurance was paid. The Bedfordshire was from Astoria for Liverpool, and reached Queens-town in company with the German ship Arthur Piger. The latter was from San Francisco, and made the run in 101 days. This is far and away the best passage made this season.

The magnificent battle-ship Oregon will be open for inspection next Sunday. This is the first time that the man-of-war has been thrown open to the public, so there is bound to be a rush to see her. Henry Peterson will run the launch Amy from Folsom-street wharf, and other steamers will make excursions to the ship.

The Harbor Commissioners held a short session yesterday. The monthly bills were passed and a few matters of minor importance were attended to.

The brig Juan L. Ramirez arrived from Hawaii yesterday with a load of sugar, and went direct to the refinery. Captain

Christiansen reports light and baffling winds during the entire trip, so it is no wonder that the brief twenty-five days to make the run. The Spreckels holds the record, having come from Kahului to San Francisco in a little over ten days.

San Francisco will be well supplied with tramp steamers in a few weeks. One is now loading at Port Costa and two more are on the way from Yokohama to the Agordat, 1728 tons, from Santos; Lonsburgh, 2843 tons, from Singapore, and the Cedar Branch, 1542 tons, from Yokohama. All six vessels will load wheat, and in consequence the vessels at Sausalito will remain idle for some time to come.

John and Cesar Cummings, the Riverside murderers, and Charles Marshall, the San Jacinto murderer, were taken across the bay on the steamer Tiburon yesterday. The two brothers are to be hanged at San Quentin on September 25, while Marshall is to serve sixty years at hard labor. The Cummings murdered a farmer named Murrain on the Riverside ranch, and Marshall killed Frank Hamilton in April, 1894. He was convicted, but secured a new trial on a technicality, and was found guilty of murder in the second degree.

THE CITY'S ASSESSMENT.

Clerks in the Auditor's Department at Work Figuring Up the Totals in the Books.

Auditor Broderick has a big force of clerks at work footing up the Assessor's books since they were sent down to him by the Board of Equalization after the many changes made had been entered. Within a short time the amount of taxable property in the City will be known, and the Board of Supervisors will be able to figure, after hearing the various departments on the subject of the appropriations they will expect, the amount of the tax levy for the next year.

Though no accurate figures are obtainable at the present time it is known to the

board that the aggregate reduction will not reach \$4,000,000 and that in consequence the tax levy is in no great danger of being placed at a high figure or of the State board making a general raise. Outside of a few of the big corporations and a limited number of property-owners who appealed the reductions amounted to practically nothing.

MRS. LANG'S CHILDREN.

Two Taken From Her Because of Her Alleged Indulgence in Intoxicants.

Frank J. Kane of the Society for the Suppression of Vice was yesterday appointed as guardian of two infant children of Mrs. Bessie Lang of 917 Greenwain street. Kane is already the guardian of her 10-year-old son, having been so appointed several months ago.

It is alleged that Mrs. Lang is habitually intemperate and therefore not a fit person to have charge of her babies. She is suing her husband, Charles Lang, who formerly conducted a cigar-stand at 328 Pine street, for divorce, and she says that a few weeks ago he deserted her and is now on his way East. She recently received a letter from him dated at Ogden, Utah, in which he stated she would never see him again.

There was quite a miscellaneous lot of swearing in Judge Coffey's court during the hearing of Kane's application for letters of guardianship. Mrs. Lang does not seem to have got along amicably with some of her neighbors, and more than one of them swore that she neglected her offspring and devoted herself to the bottle.

This amiable argument was in all seriousness that she never once during that four hours took her eyes off the wallowing babe.

Other neighbors corroborated this testimony, but Mrs. Lang denied that she drank to excess, which statement was also made by her ten-year-old son. She acknowledged occasionally taking a glass of beer, but said one glass was her limit. Judge Coffey interposed, saying:

There has never been a woman in this court who acknowledged she was drunk one many times.

Mrs. Lang made quite a scene in the corridor outside the courtroom when she was separated from her boy and declared she would work faithfully and that her future if necessary, to support her offspring if the court would only allow her to keep them.

A Democratic Rally.

The Democrats of the Twenty-first Senatorial District will hold a grand rally at Mowry's Hall, corner Laguna and Grove streets, on Friday evening, July 24, to ratify the action of the National and Fifth Congressional District Democratic conventions.

Will of a Chinese Woman.

The will of Hong Leen, a Chinese woman, has been filed for probate. She leaves her property in equal shares to her two children, Henry and Margaret. Margaret's husband, Donald Cameron, is named as executor.

A German statistician makes the assertion that there are in San Francisco 1,880 tenement houses, and one to every 13.5 inhabitants.

Horrer's School for Boys, Burlingame, Sixth year begins Aug. 4. Ira G. Heit, Ph.D., Master

DEMANDS MADE FOR CITY FUNDS.

Large Increase Asked by the Board of Health.

NEEDS OF THE SCHOOLS.

Improvement Clubs Want More School Buildings Erected.

FINANCES ARE DISCUSSED.

Hearing Given A's to the Representatives of the Merchants' Association.

The Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors met last evening to hear from improvement clubs, the Board of Health, Board of Education, the Merchants' Association or any other body that might wish to be heard.

Dr. Clinton of the Board of Education said that he came to second the movement of the people of the Mission to secure high school facilities for the Mission, which section represents one-third of the wealth and one-third of the school children of the City. He considered that the Mission has a right to ask for this.

Ex-Tax Collector Grady, the present president of the Mission High School Club, appeared to advocate a high school for the Mission. Mr. Grady told how other sections have high schools, while the Mission has none. There are in the district south of O'Farrell street certainly enough children to fill a high school. He was aware that there is a cry for economy this year, but he believes that there are other ways of cutting down expenses. He thought that the funds asked for in the interests of the Golden Gate Park can be cut down. There are police enough for the present and there is no necessity for an immediate increase.

J. F. Cresset, chairman of the executive committee of the Mission High School Club, seconded the remarks of Mr. Grady. He believed that the people of the Mission are entitled to a high school not only as taxpayers but also as heads of families. Young men annoy the young girls going from a distance to attend the high school in the Western city. They are annoyed on the cars and on the streets. Mr. Cresset cited the Durant case as an instance. There are 50,000 young people in the area which is represented in the request for a high school. This portion of the City is a great deal better than is deprived of facilities which other sections have. The request was made for an appropriation of \$200,000 to provide a lot and school. We will keep at it until we get a high school for the Mission.

P. Van Duzer spoke also in favor of the proposed high school. He believed the taxpayers would stand a tax rate of \$1.75 this year, or even 2 per cent. Last year the rate was \$2.25. This year the State tax levy will be 3 or 10 cents less than it was last year. He asked that the Mission be credited with the \$200,000 now in the treasury. He believed that the amount cannot be legally claimed by the associated creditors. He believed that the expenses this year of the City and County will be \$550,000 less than last year if the Supervisors will cut down the park appropriation and other acts which he considered a great deal better than the cost of providing janitors for the City Hall could be lessened. The Mission people object to the heavy expense incurred in carriages sending their children to school. A high school in the Mission would be a monument to the Finance Committee.

Chairman Taylor said that if there was nothing to add of importance the committee would take the matter under consideration.

Judge Van Reynegon said that the Mission is losing citizens who are going elsewhere to get school facilities. If the board cannot cut down somewhere to provide for the high school for the Mission, an additional tax shall be made. He also said, in response to a question by Chairman Taylor, that he had no suggestion as to where a cut can be made. He did not believe that the \$200,000 in the treasury can be legally appropriated to the associated creditors.

School Director Knox said that the Presidio Improvement Club was here in reference to the school facilities in that section.

B. Sbarboro spoke in favor of providing a better school and said that the children in the Presidio are now attending school in a mere box, which is a temporary structure.

Ex-School Director Woodward described the Presidio school as inadequate and spoke of the rapid growth of the district.

Henry H. Hart, of the Board of Health proposed that the Supervisors should be mentioned among the needs of the board, the following: One veterinary surgeon, one chemist, one assistant chemist, eight food and milk inspectors, three sewer and three sanitary inspectors, two bakery and two inspectors, a typhoid fever and a janitor. There are other desires.

One of these is a permanent investment for horse and ambulance; another is the permanent establishment of a chemical and bacteriological laboratory. The board, in brief, asks for \$40,643 in addition to what it already has. Last year the department had \$49,700, including the quarantine department.

School Director Mardock submitted the wishes of the School Board, and said that the board expects to get what it asks for, because only the actual needs of the department have been considered. The total amount is \$1,963,000. This includes permanent improvements, these being the school buildings proposed, which have been already mentioned. The total salary list amounts to \$62,000, of which \$365,000 is for the teachers. Mr. Mardock said that the salaries are reasonable, and that the bids for supplies are low. The amount of \$1,015,000 is needed without counting anything for repairs. High schools are needed, but primary schools are also needed. The sanitary condition of some schools is very poor. One new schoolhouse should be built every year from the rent of the Lincoln school property. The item of general repairs is placed at \$60,000. "The board," Mr. Mardock said, "would, under the estimates made, be \$75,000 worse off than last year." The actual needs of the department, if no new schools are built, will be \$1,200,000