The San Francisco Call

SUNDAY.....JULY 26, 1896

AMUSEMENTS.

CALIFORNIA THEATER.—"Carmen."
BALDWIN THEATER.—"Bohemia," to-morrow evening.
COLUMBIA THEATER.—"Moths."
MOROSCO'S OPERA-HOUSE.—"Irish Inspiration."
TIVOLI OPERA-HOUSE.—"Mignon."
ORPHEUM—High-Class Vaudeville.
SUTRO BATHS—Bathing and performances.
SHOOT THE CHUTES—Daily at Haight street, one block east of the Park.
PRESIDIO ATHLETIC GROUNDS—Baseball to-day.
BASEBALL—Sixteenth and Folsom streets.
GOLDEN GATE PARK—Golden Gate Park Band.

AUCTION SALES.

BY L. H. BURD—Monday, July 27, Furniture, at 211 Larkin street, at 11 o'clock.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Lottie Cashman, a 15-year-old girl, is running wild at Ocean View.

Tiburon is angry at Sausalito over the gate receipts of a tug-of-war match.

"Repave Market street" was the slogan of the monster parade of wheelmen last night

The transcript on appeal in the Durrant case goes to the Supreme Court next Wednesday.

There is a stir of activity noticeable about the Potrero in new buildings and street work.

The Supreme Court has reversed the decision in the appeal of the San Diego Water Company.

The Californias beat the Oaklands at the Folsom-street ball park yesterday by a score of 11 to 10.

Cloudy and threatening Sunday morning, followed by rain—A. G. McAdie, Local Forecast Official.

Mrs. Naomi Anderson will lecture on woman suffrage to-morrow night in the Third Baptist Church.

Mrs. Laura Cunningham, who was arrested on Thursday last for cruelty to her children, is a woman with a history.

Hannah Marshall has petitioned for letters of administration on the $3000 estate of her deceased husband, Thomas Marshall.

The manager of the State Board of Trade is preparing a circular of general information concerning California for distribution in the East.

H. W. Quitzow says that the suit brought against him by J. E. Clune was previously decided in his favor and that it presents no new issue.

It is estimated that a hundred thousand spectators thronged Van Ness avenue last night upon the occasion of the wheelmen's parade.

Thousands of wheelmen, with bicycles decorated in every conceivable fashion, turned out last night in the monster demonstration of cyclists.

The overdue British ship Wilhelm Tell arrived in port yesterday. Forty per cent reinsurance was paid on her. She was 158 days out from Swansea.

The line-of-battle ship Oregon will not be fully open to visitors to-day. Only a limited number will be allowed aboard. Sunday next she will be open to all.

Daniel Belcher, a laborer, was badly injured by the falling of a wall when he was at work yesterday, raising a house, at the corner of Powell and O'Farrell streets.

News was received yesterday from New York that the American ship City of Philadelphia was a total loss on the Falkland Islands. The entire crew is supposed to be lost.

Thomas R. Bannerman entertained Frank McGlynn at supper last night on the occasion of a farewell to the young attorney, who goes to New York to study for the stage.

Ernest Ringpat, a small boy living with his parents at 351 Jessie street, was bitten by a dog yesterday on Geary street, necessitating his being taken to the Receiving Hospital.

Adeline Gigdenkrantz, living with her parents at 922 Battery street, had her leg broken by falling off a truck in the street yesterday. She was treated at the Receiving Hospital.

Mrs. Charles Mitchell, living in Sweeny's alley, saw her child knocked over by a horse and cart last evening. She rushed to the rescue with a razor and cut the horse's throat.

A. Quade & Co., the grocers of 636 Market street, have assigned to the Crocker-Woolworth Bank, with liabilities at $20,000 and assets presumably amply sufficient to cover the liabilities.

Colonel W. D. Sanborn and wife were made the recipients of a handsome solid silver salad set last evening, a present from the California Republican delegation to the St. Louis Convention.

Louis S. Kast has applied for letters of guardianship over the persons and estate of Agatha, Alice and Lilian Nelson, minor children of Sophie A. Nelson, deceased. The estate is worth about $1500.

The Howard Church will occupy the old chapel on Mission street, near Third, this morning for the last time. Next Sunday they will dedicate the handsome new edifice at Baker and Oak streets.

Lieutenant-Colonel John C. Currier has made a report of his investigation of the reorganized National Guard of California. He states that the guard is in much better condition than a year ago.

The third year of the California School of Mechanical Arts will begin to-morrow. The machine-shop is now fully equipped and Professor William H. Hollis, late of the University of California, has been engaged to teach chemistry and food analysis.

The annual State shoot of the companies of the First Regiment, N. G. C., was held on Friday and yesterday at the Shell Mound range. The attendance was poor and the scores not up to the average, on account of the order prohibiting State contests on other than week-days.

HER DISMAL VOYAGE.

The Ship William Tell Arrived Yesterday After a Hard Struggle Around Cape Horn.

The ship William Tell arrived from Swansea last evening, having sailed from that port February 18. Off the Falkland Islands, April 20, she met a fierce souther which carried away her foresail, foretopmast staysail and a portion of the mainsail blown out of the furling gaskets. Next day the ship was struck by a gigantic wave which threw her on her beamends, shifting the cargo fore and aft.

The vessel lay in this perilous position for four days, while the crew was below reshifting the cargo. Over seventy feet of the port bulwarks were stove in and the stanchions were more or less broken.

The deckhouses were smashed, the gig and cutter stove and the lifeboat platform washed away.

From this point to 50 degrees of south latitude in the Pacific was a continuance of hard westerly gales.

On the night of May 11, while a furious storm from the west-southwest was raging, the darkness was suddenly dispelled by the most brilliant globes of St. Elmo's fire at each yardarm and mastheads. Suddenly a glaring thunderbolt darted through the maintopsail, making a round hole about 10 inches in diameter.

This phenomenon was followed by an increase in the gale, which continued till the equator was crossed, June 22. The ship had much sickness aboard during the last three months, having as many as six men down at the same time, from injuries and exposure in the bad weather. One man of the crew was attended in the cabin for three weeks. The steward was ill with pnuemonia for several months, and often during that time was not expected to live.

Fell From a Truck.

Adeline Gigderskrantz, a little girl living with her parents at 922 Battery street, fell off a truck yesterday near her home and suffered a fracture of her left leg. The dray was one belonging to Case Strauss, and was passing along the street when several children mounted it. In sport one of them pushed Adeline, and she fell off with the result stated. She was taken to the Receiving Hospital, and the fracture reduced, after which she was taken to her home.

A. R. McFarlane's Long Faint.

A. R. McFarlane, who was taken to the Receiving Hospital last Wednesday in an unconscious condition, has been discharged perfectly cured and in a normal state of health. It seems that Mr. McFarlane had been suffering from insomnia superinduced by worry over certain losses of jewelry, to such an extent that he fainted away. His unconscious condition lasted thirty hours, when he was restored to health. His friends are congratulating him on his recovery.

AMY HEAD'S STORY GAINS STRENGTH.

Albert Stetson Probably Fired the Fatal Shot.

NO PROOF OF SUICIDE.

Evidence That the Dead Man Did Not Know His Revolver Was Loaded.

THE FUNERAL WILL BE TO-DAY

Frederick Webster Arrives From the East—Miss Head Tells Her Story to the Police.

It was decided yesterday that the funeral of the late Albert Stetson will take place from the Stetson residence, 1801 Van Ness avenue, at 1 o'clock to-day, and the interment will be at Odd Fellows' Cemetery. Rev. Dr. Robert Mackenzie will conduct the services. The Coroner's inquest will take place at 9 A. M. to-morrow.

Miss Amy Head, sole witness of the tragedy, admits, after thinking the matter over, that Stetson may have believed the revolver was empty when he pulled the trigger that ended his life.

Miss Head, much distressed over the notoriety incident to the tragedy, returned from Oakland yesterday, refusing, however, to talk further on the matter for publication. She said the story of the affair as printed in yesterday's CALL was correct and she had no further statements to make.

Autopsy Surgeon Barrett investigated the case further yesterday, and said: "Dr. Morse was correct in his diagnosis pronouncing cirrhosis of the liver one of Stetson's ailments. I found some evidences of cirrhosis, also evidences of dilatation of the heart. Cirrhosis would probably have produced mental depression. I have concluded, after considerable study and investigation, that the absence of powder marks does not show whether the shot was fired from a distance or close at hand, because the powder was evidently smokeless. I shall make further investigations to-morrow by firing at various distances at human hair and tissue-paper."

The story that Miss Head said she took the cartridges from Stetson's revolver at the Orpheum, published in several newspapers, was denied by her yesterday; also the statement attributed to her that she had not seen any reporter. She was interviewed by THE CALL at 2:30 P. M. Friday, after which she went to Oakland and remained in seclusion from the police until yesterday. She did not yesterday change a single statement of her original story as printed in THE CALL.

Detective R. J. Whittaker spent the entire day yesterday in running down clews in the Stetson tragedy. He found Miss Head and obtained her official statement of the events that occurred in Fred Webster's rooms, 235 Post street. Her statement corroborates every point covered in her prior account given to THE CALL yesterday.

The only new feature in the story told by Miss Head is that she makes it emphatic that she and Mr. Stetson were in the Post-street rooms not to exceed five or ten minutes and that the shooting occurred about 1 o'clock, fully two hours earlier than at first reported. The following is a verbatim copy of Miss Head's report made to Detective Whittaker and submitted to Captain Lees last night:

On Thursday evening, in company with my lady friend, I attended the Orpheum, occupying a box on the right-hand side of the house. While seated there my friend, Mrs. Summerfield, called my attention to Mr. Stetson and Charley Hug, who were seated in the body of the audience. We saw and bowed to the gentlemen, and shortly thereafter Mr. Stetson came over and asked us if we wanted a little bite after the show. Later on Mr. Stetson came over to the box where we were seated. I said, "Mr. Stetson, how are you?" He said, "I am feeling bad." I said, "What's the matter with you? You are looking bad," and he replied that he had been drinking hard for the past week—drinking absinthe.

While talking to us he had his left arm on the box railing and his right hand on his hip, showing his pistol. Seeing that he was very nervous and drinking hard I said, "Mr. Stetson, give me that pistol," and he said, "No, I will not give it to you; you can't have it." I then reached over, however, and took the pistol out of his pants hip pocket, after which he asked us if we would take a little lunch after the theater. We consented, and he told us to meet him at the Columbia Cafe after the show. This we did and Mr. Hug and Mr. Stetson and Mr. Samuels met us there, the latter gentleman remaining but a short time. During our lunch Mr. Stetson ordered several drinks, each time taking absinthe.

Mrs. Summerfield told him that that drink sets Frenchmen crazy and she told him it would have the same effect on him if he drank it. Then he wanted to buy a bottle of wine, but we declined to change our drinks. During our stay in the cafe I gave Al his pistol, saying to him, "What do you want to carry that for?" He did not reply, but took the pistol, which was a five-shooter, and removed four cartridges. I said, "Mr. Stetson, here are only four," and he said, "That's all right," and put the pistol in his coat pocket, after which we left the cafe.

Mr. Hug accompanied Mrs. Summerfield and Mr. Stetson went with me. The former couple took the Geary-street car, corner Geary and Powell, going west. Mr. Stetson and I started down Geary street. I told him I was going to Mr. Webster's rooms to get my dog and then I would ring for a coupe and he could leave me at my home and he then could go home. He said he was not going home, as his folks were all away, and I told him that was just the reason why he should go home. We took the elevator in the building at 235 Post street and went to Mr. Webster's apartments. He, Mr. Stetson, then laid his coat and hat on the table.

I then went into an adjoining room and he came back and stood in the bedroom, facing the Post-street side. I said:

"Mr. Stetson, this is not going home," and he raised his hand to his head, at the same time saying, "This is the way I am going home, Amy," and fired the shot which killed him. He fell face down, and the pistol dropped on the floor. I ran down to Mr. Quay's room, in the same building, got him out of bed and told him that Al Stetson had shot himself. He came upstairs with me, and, looking into the room, saw Mr. Stetson lying there. He said: "This is no place for me. You had better send for some of his personal friends."

I then took a hack at the corner of Post and Grant avenue and rode out to Mr. Hug's house and told him what had happened. He came down to the rooms with me, and on our arrival Al was still alive, and Mr. Hug went down stairs and called Dr. Farrell. The doctor telephoned for Dr. Tyrrell and Mr. Hug telephoned for Dr. Morse, Mr. Stetson's family physician. Before they arrived I went downstairs and laid down on the lounge in Dr. Farrell's room, and later on Dr. Farrell came down and told me that Al was dead and that the undertaker was removing his remains to an undertaking parlor.

Mr. Stetson's condition was very bad. He appeared very nervous and told me he had had some trouble with his railroad; that Mr. Bullock had sold out for $35,000. This, he said, had started him drinking, and he had been drinking absinthe for a week. We arrived at Mr. Webster's rooms at 12:30 o'clock, and Al shot himself only a few minutes later.

"I have seen enough people," said Detective Whittaker last night, "to convince me that Miss Head told the entire truth about most of the main features of her account. I say most of the main features, because no one was there during the shooting but herself. Mrs. Summerfield corroborates Miss Head's story, and says, 'Let no one suppress facts to shield me. Tell it all freely. I was at the Orpheum and at the Columbia Cafe, and I went home, as stated, escorted by Mr. Hug.'

"I have every reason to believe that Stetson never crossed the threshold of Webster's rooms before the time he killed himself there, and that there was nothing improper in his conduct with the young lady at any time. They were not in the room to exceed five minutes. Her story is straightforward, probable and altogether in keeping with the circumstances.

"It is probable that Stetson had many drinks when he was out in the coupe alone, and then he was irresponsible when he pulled the trigger, though there was many things to show that he did not think the revolver was loaded when he pulled the trigger."

Coroner Hawkins yesterday said that he did not see the revolver and other property of the deceased as they lay in the room of death.

"The revolver was handed to me," he said, "and it struck me as a strange thing that there were no papers, letters, books or other data in the dead man's pockets. Of course, I know of no one who could have removed the things, but most men of his standing carry more papers than I found in his pockets."

The more closely the facts in the case are studied by the police the more firmly are they convinced that the fatal shot was fired by Stetson, either suicidally or under the belief that the revolver was not loaded.

Miss Head shuns notoriety. She refuses to allow artists to sketch her or to give her pictures to any one.

"Of course the newspapers will sketch me at the inquest," she said last night, "but I don't care so much for what I cannot help; but they won't get my picture with my consent."

Fred Webster arrived from the East on the 8:45 train last night and evaded all reporters. A rumor gained circulation that he drove directly to the Baldwin Hotel and went in the Arcade entrance. The manager of the hotel positively denied this rumor at midnight. Soon thereafter Captain Lees came down in the elevator. To a CALL reporter he said:

"Webster is in town. He arrived to-night, but I decline to say where he is or whether I have seen him. All I will say is that he is here."

"COME, SAVE US," WAS THEIR CRY.

The Ship City of Philadelphia Lost on Billy Rock.

HER CREW DROWNED.

They Could Be Seen From the Shore, but No Assistance Could Be Given.

HEARTRENDING CRIES FOR AID

After Rounding the Horn the Vessel Was Driven B ck and Went on the Rocks.

All doubt as to the fate of the American ship City of Philadelphia has been set at rest. The vessel was wrecked near Port Stanley and the chances are that all hands were drowned. Yesterday Williams, Dimond & Co. received the following dispatch from Dearborn & Co. of New York: 'Information from Port Stanley confirms the loss of the City of Philadelphia."

The vessel was bound from New York for San Francisco with a general cargo and at one time 90 per cent reinsurance was paid on her. When the British ship Brenda arrived a few days ago Captain Tullock reported having spoken the City of Philadelphia on May 1 in latitude 57 south, longitude 68 west. At that time she was under six lower topsails and making heavy weather of it. The Philadelphia must have been driven back during the storm that came up and finally went on Billy Rock near Port Stanley.

A private letter from Port Stanley, dated May 17, reads as follows:

Four days previously a three-masted ship was seen under topsails making for Port William entrance to Port Stanley, and flying the jack for a pilot.

The pilot-boat Victoria went out and tried to get near the ship, but owing to a heavy sea did not even get near enough to signal her. Darkness came on and the Victoria returned to port, the ship standing offshore.

Next evening a man rode in from the lighthouse at Cape Pembroke with news that the ship was on Billy Rock. We hastened to the scene, but everybody on board had been washed overboard and drowned. Had a powerful tug been available all hands could have been saved.

Willing hands were within a short distance of the doomed ship—so near, in fact, that the crew could be seen clinging to the mizzen rigging. They were heard calling, "Come and save us," but owing to the heavy sea and lack of facilities nothing could be done.

George C. Gordon, British ship St. Enoch; W. Toor, British ship Pass of Balmaka; P. McPherson, bark Bankville; David Reese, bark Thetis; Peter Noble, engineer, Falkland Islands.

The United States Consul at Falkland Islands also wrote, stating that a full-rigged ship had been driven ashore on Billy Rock, and that all hands had been lost. The letters were mailed on board the mail steamer for Montevideo, and from that point came to San Francisco. The captain reported having passed through a large quantity of coal oil and lumber, and as the City of Philadelphia was laden with coal oil and general merchandise, there can be no doubt but what she was the unfortunate ship that went on Billy Rock.

The City of Philadelphia was an old-timer, and was on her first voyage to San Francisco. She was built at Bath, Me., in 1875, and was 1384.45 tons net burden. Her length was 202 feet 3 inches, breadth 40 feet 2 inches and depth 24 feet 3 inches. She was in command of Captain Johnson, who was well known in this port as an able and efficient master.

The American ship Santa Clara from New York for San Francisco, is also overdue, she being now out 162 days. Heavy reinsurance has been paid on her. The British ship Wilhelm Tell, on which 40 per cent reinsurance was paid, reached port last night, however, so there may be a chance for the Santa Clara. The Wilhelm Tell was 158 days making the run from Swansea.

The ferry steamer Bay City is to be laid up for inspection and a thorough overhauling. Her place on the narrow-guage route will be taken by the El Capitan. The latter has had new boilers put in and has been thoroughly renovated. She is now one of the smartest boats belonging to the Southern Pacific.

The ticket agents at the Tiburon ferry will be kept busy to-day. There will be the usual excursions to El Campo, the favorite picnic-grounds, and the '49ers will hold their third annual outing at Schuetzen Park. There will be valuable gate prizes given away, a tug-of-war and music by the Letter-carriers' band.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's Orizaba arrived from Mexican ports yesterday with twenty-three cabin and eleven steerage passengers. It was a fair-weather passage all the way and nothing of interest occurred.

Captain W. Rugg, the well-known master of sailing vessels and more lately of the steam schooner Newsboy, had a stroke of good luck last Friday. A lottery peddler pestered him to buy a ticket, but, as the skipper was down to a dime, he at first refused. Finally he borrowed a quarter from a friend and bought a coupon. Two hours later he picked up a paper and found to his astonishment that he had won $67 50. Rugg is more than pleased over his good fortune.

The steamer Sunol, which got in last night, reports that the schooner Halcyon was close in shore near Point Reyes when last seen. The captain of the Sunol offered assistance, but the proffer was declined. The Halcyon left here last Friday and is becalmed within half a mile of the point. As soon as a wind springs up she will have no difficulty in getting off shore.

Excursion to the Oregon.

The commanding officer of the line-of-battle-ship states that no large body of visitors will be allowed on board to-day. The Oregon is not ready, as there is a large quantity of stores, including torpedoes, about the decks awaiting a chance to get stowed away. It is hoped that by Sunday next the battle-ship will be ready to receive all and sundry and on that occasion everybody will be shown over the fastest vessel of her class in Uncle Sam's navy.

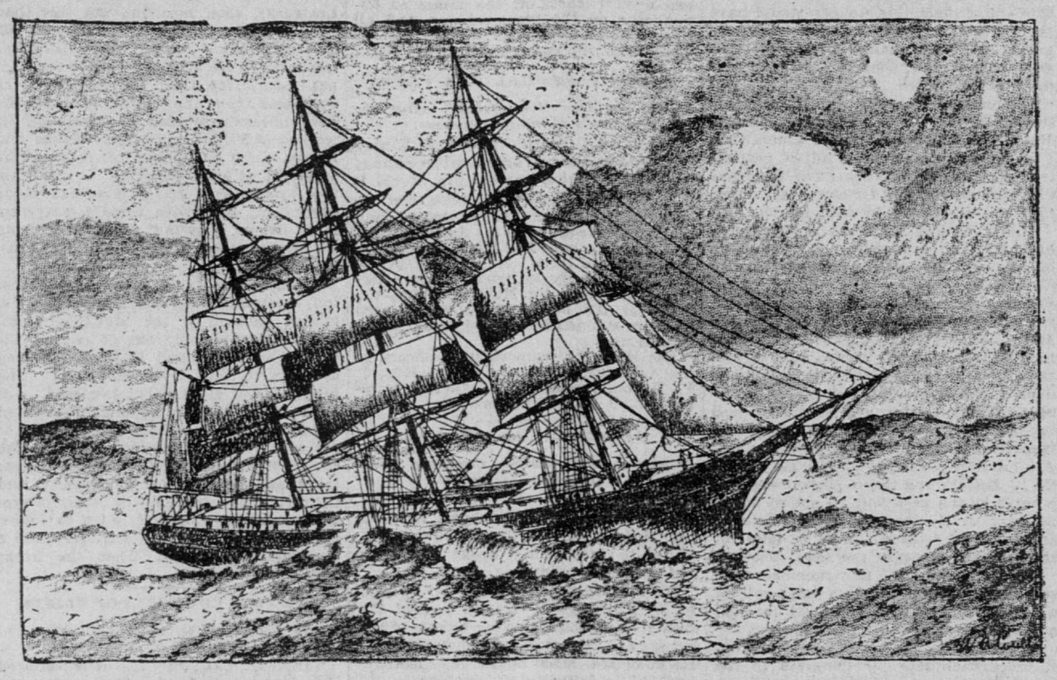
DURRANT'S LONG APPEAL.

It Covers 2421 Pages and Will Go to the Supreme Court Next Wednesday.

The transcript on appeal to the Supreme Court, in the case of W. H. Theodore Durrant, convicted in Judge Murphy's court of murdering Blanche Lamont, in November last, was yesterday completed by the printers and returned to the County Clerk's office. It is the largest transcript on appeal in a criminal case ever filed in the Supreme Court of this State, and consists of 2421 pages.

County Clerk Curry took much interest in the work and detailed two of his deputies most experienced in handling papers pertaining to the criminal counts to superintend the work of preparation. They are Ben F. Jones and Thomas L. Doran. It has taken four weeks to print the transcript, which consists of three bound volumes.

On Wednesday, July 29, the books will be filed in the Supreme Court, after which date the people's interests in the case will be in the hands of Attorney-General W. F. Fitzgerald.



The American Ship City of Philadelphia From New York for San Francisco Is a Total Loss on the Falkland Islands and All Her Crew Are Supposed to Be Drowned. The Above Sketch Is Drawn From a Description Furnished by the Officers of the British Ship Brenda, Which Spoke the Lost Vessel in Latitude 57 South, Longitude 68 West.

JIMMY CARROLL'S JOKE.

At the St. George Club's Jinks He Uses It With Telling Effect.

Excellent Musical and Athletic Entertainment to Aid in Building a Gymnasium.

The members of the St. George Club gave a musical and athletic entertainment in their rooms at 317 Mason street, last evening, the proceeds of which will go toward the erection of the gymnasium planned by the directors.

The programme was carefully arranged to avoid monotony, wrestling and fistic bouts and fencing being interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. From first to last number the large audience was kept in thorough good humor.

The musical selections were a concert solo by George W. Loyde; song, "Gallants of England," by J. F. Fleming; song, "Death of Napoleon," by Alfred Wilkie; vocal duet by J. F. Fleming and Alfred Wilkie.

The first athletic event was a wrestling-match between Joe Acton and Otto Eicholtz. Joe managed to win both falls by climbing upon Eicholtz's shoulders and sitting down. A second wrestling-match between W. Bartlett and C. Kreling resulted in each man scoring one fall.

Several lively boxing bouts were executed by Jack Zelmar and George Purcell, F. Raphael and Al Lawton and Charley Carroll, son of the veteran Jimmy, and Australian Arthur Walker.

Captain J. Martin, late of the Olympic Club, and L. P. Ward, gave an exhibition of fencing. Captain Martin managed to score a few more points than his adversary and ended by breaking Ward's foil.

Jimmy Carroll acted as master of ceremonies and kept his hearers delighted with his funny quips and jokes.

During the interim between one of the fistic contests, a boxer leaned back in his chair and breathed heavily as if nearly exhausted. Jimmy surveyed him quietly for a moment, and then turning to the crowd grimly remarked, "There have been others."

Next Wednesday evening the Sons of St. George will give a literary entertainment and dance to the delegates to the Grand Lodge at the St. George Club rooms.

The committee on last night's entertainment was composed of F. Winterburn, Alfred Wilkie, Archibald Turnbull, Jimmy Carroll, Joe Acton, F. Kemp, H. Rae Brown, E. C. Weatherly, Al Kent, W. Witts.

An Ex-Policeman "Touched."

Nellie Carter was arrested and taken to the Central station last evening on a charge of petty larceny. An ex-policeman, J. Watkins, makes the complaint, alleging that Nellie appropriated $25 belonging to him, and which he had in his trouser's pocket when he met her last Wednesday evening, and which was missing when he left her Thursday morning. Watkins has not been on the force for some five years.

Policeman Daley's Estate.

Mary A. Daley, widow of Policeman John C. Daley, who died November 2, 1894, has filed a petition in probate asking that Alfred Clarke be appointed administrator of the estate of her deceased husband. The appointment of an administrator is desired because of the intention to bring a suit against the police life and health insurance fund for money claimed to be due because of Daley's decease.

Do not fail to read Thomas Slater's advertisement on page 28 for men.

IN THE EVENING SCHOOLS

The Chamber of Commerce Wants a Navigation Class Established.

A Letter Addressed to the Local Board of Education on This Subject.

The Chamber of Commerce has for some time been advocating the establishing of an evening class in navigation in connection with the public evening schools of this City and has formulated a plan by which the scheme may be made feasible.

In order to interest the School Department in the matter Hugh Craig, president of the chamber, addressed the following letter to the Board of Education on Friday:

The Chamber of Commerce of California respectfully calls your attention to the desirability of establishing an evening school of navigation as an adjunct to the public school system of our City. The success that has attended the establishment of the United States Naval School at this port indicates the interest of young men in a sea career.

San Francisco must depend upon her position as a great seaport for her permanent prosperity, and her youth should be given the opportunity to acquire the science of navigation as an encouragement to follow the National ensign afloat, both in the naval and merchant marine.

We are pleased to note that the California Naval Reserve, established through the agency of this chamber, is now the popular branch of the armed forces of our State—a further proof of public interest in maritime affairs. Consequently, we respectfully urge upon your honorable board the establishment of a class in navigation at as early a date as possible.

HUGH CRAIG, President.

The matter will be considered at the next meeting of the board.

Beheaded by the Spaniards.

E. N. Smith, connected with the United States Life-saving Department in this City, received information yesterday that his stepbrother, George B. Rea, had been beheaded by the Spaniards in Cuba. Of the details of the crime Mr. Smith knows nothing, but he is satisfied that Rea was butchered merely to gratify Spanish malice. He does not think that the young man had joined the Cubans, because his business would not admit it. Young Rea went to Mantanzas, Cuba, from New York, about five years ago, to take charge of the city electric plant. He was 28 years old, and is described by Mr. Smith as a quiet, inoffensive fellow.

NEW TO-DAY.

ONE WOMAN'S OPINION

Of the great bargains at the Sheriff's sale of the Dry-Goods stock of Jas. M. Moran & Co., 1009-1015 Market st., is the opinion of every woman. These prices tell why:

50-cent 46-inch Storm Serge....25 cts per yard
$1 00 Velvets.....25 cts per yard
$1 00 Plaid Silk.....25 cts per yard
25-cent Black Figured Alpaca..12½c per yard

NEW TO-DAY.

The Same Old Sarsaparilla.

That's Ayer's. The same old sarsaparilla as it was made and sold *50 years ago.* In the laboratory it is different. There modern appliances lend speed to skill and experience. But the sarsaparilla is the same old sarsaparilla that made the record—*50 years of cures.* Why don't we better it? Well, we're much in the condition of the Bishop and the raspberry: "Doubtless," he said, "God might have made a better berry. But doubtless, also, He never did." Why don't we better the sarsaparilla? We can't. We are using the *same old plant* that cured the Indians and the Spaniards. *It* has not been bettered. And since *we* make sarsaparilla compound out of sarsaparilla plant, we see no way of improvement. Of course, if we were making some secret chemical compound, we might.... But we're not. We're making the same old sarsaparilla to cure the same old diseases. You can tell it's the *same old sarsaparilla* because it works the *same old cures.* It's the sovereign blood purifier, and —*it's Ayer's.*

THE MECHANICAL ARTS.

Opening of the Third Successful Year of the California School.

A Well-Equipped Modern Machine-Shop and Foundry—The Aladdin Oven, Etc.

The third year of the California School (the James Lick) of Mechanical Arts will begin to-morrow. Already there is an enrollment of some 300 students, 200 boys and 100 girls and the sixty students who have completed the two-year preliminary course will enter upon their apprenticeship in the various trades comprised in the course of study. All of the departments are now thoroughly organized and equipped and the faculty has been strengthened by the appointment of William H. Hollis, B. S., a specially trained chemist and food analyst from the University of California.

A leading feature of the school is its machine shop, under the able supervision of Matthew Arnold, formerly of the Union Iron Works. It is equipped with lathes, a Pond planer, a Worcester drill-grinder, an Aurora drill press, a Stow center-grinder, diamond wet and dry grinder, vised, bench tools, lockers, benches, lathe chucks, shafting, belting, etc. The estimated cost of the shop and its equipments is $7000. It is the most complete of anything of its class on the Pacific Coast.

While the machine-shops and the foundry are leading attractions for the boys, the girls are equally interested in the cookery department. This is practically equipped with cupboards, benches, gas ranges, steam pipe facilities, etc. Its chief feature, though, is an Aladdin oven, into which food for a breakfast can be put the night before and taken out and eaten the next morning. The oven consists of a tin box, and the heat is supplied by a lamp. It is one of the latest and most successful of modern culinary inventions.

The furnace-house has lately been finished, and the students of the school are now turning out very creditable bronze castings.

The class of beginners will be admitted next Wednesday, and will be limited to seventy-five boys and fifty girls. Only thirty-eight boys will be admitted from this City, the remaining thirty-seven places being reserved for country boys. During the past year twenty-four counties of the State were represented in the enrollment.

Graduates of manual training schools are admitted directly to the apprentice course, but all other students are required, before entering, to complete a preliminary course of two years or less, depending upon their previous training.

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