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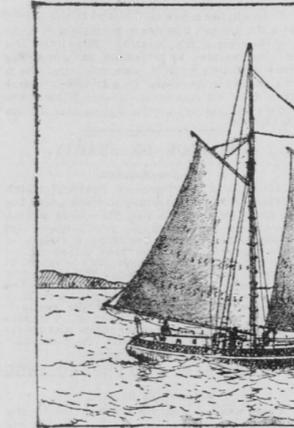
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STARTED FOR ALASKAN MINES.

All the Miners Were From Oakland and They Had a Bad Attack of Gold Fever.

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Inlet and nothing has been heard from her since. As vessels that left here after have made the run to Alaska and are again back in port, it is no wonder that the little craft is given up as lost.

When the Alaskan gold fever was at its height last March a party of men banded themselves together for a trip to the new El Dorado. They were all Oaklanders and each one thought he would make a successful miner.

A pool was formed into which each man put \$100 and the schooner Prosper was bought. She was only 25 tons net burden, 45 feet long, 14 feet 6 inches broad and 6 feet deep.

Nevertheless the miners thought her plenty big enough to carry them to Alaska. No thought was given to possible storms and preparations went on apace.

On April 8 all the provisions necessary for a year's stay in the Arctic and every man's kit was aboard. At noon Captain Nels Holm took command and a start was made. All went well for a time and then the schooner sprang a leak. She was run into a sheltered cove 800 miles from San Francisco and an attempt was made to repair her. It was a failure, and as Captain Holm refused to go any farther a start was made for San Francisco.

On arriving in port the schooner was taken to Oakland Creek, arriving on April 20. She was docked and repaired and Captain Holm was again offered the command. He positively declined and wanted the men against attempting to reach Cooks Inlet in such a frail craft. They persisted, however, and secured Captain Quentin to navigate their vessel. They sailed on April 28 and nothing has been heard of them since. Dozens of vessels have been to Cooks Inlet, and some of them are there still, but not one of them has ever reported having seen the schooner Prosper.

When the Swan of the Theobald sailed almost the same time as the schooner and he reports very heavy weather on the way up. Sails were blown out of the bolt ropes, everything movable on deck was washed overboard, and the bark had an exceedingly rough time of it. If the Prosper encountered the same weather as the Theobald the impression on the front is that the heavily laden craft would not live an hour.

The young owner of the Prosper was C. F. Bender and the men who purchased and started for Alaska in her were:

MCCOY'S ANNIVERSARY.

He Has Been Fifteen Years With the Y. M. C. A.—Money Pledged for the Debt.

In June, 1885, the Young Men's Christian Association of this City found itself in a predicament. The money necessary to carry on the work of the building was fast running out. The situation was called to order by General Secretary McCoy and J. A. Percy was elected permanent chairman and W. D. Deley secretary. A statement was made as to the situation and the necessary steps were adopted. Several hundred dollars were raised among the members present and it was resolved to take immediate steps to assist in raising a subscription as soon as possible among their own members and to reach others on the outside who would be likely to contribute.

The meeting was one of the most enthusiastic held in the building in many months, and from the interest manifested last evening it is evident the young men mean business and will accomplish good work in the way of helping to raise the balance of the debt, as the building cannot and will not be dedicated until every cent of indebtedness is paid.

A special committee was also appointed to confer with the directors at their next meeting, Monday evening, August 17. The occasion marked the fifteenth anniversary of Mr. McCoy's connection with the San Francisco association as general secretary. The following music was presented during the evening: Music by the Columbian orchestra, Fenton P. Foster, director; fancy Indian-club swinging, by H. L. Dietz, M. D., physical director of the institution; readings, by Dr. Thomas L. Hill; songs, by Professor Crepaux, member of the Paris Grand Opera, and character duet by J. J. Morris and C. L. Ebert, Jr. Remarks were also made by Samuel Foster, treasurer of the association.

MCKINLEY VETERANS.

Another Rousing Gathering in the Fifth Congressional District.

At a large and enthusiastic meeting of veterans and their sons held last evening at Swiss Hall, corner of Mission and Fourteenth streets, the McKinley Veterans' League of the Fifth Congressional District was organized, with the following officers: Colonel, B. McCormick; lieutenant-colonel, L. B. Marks; major, Frank Clark; captain of Company A, Henry Barrett; captain of Company B, John Ryan; captain of Company C, F. A. Blanchard; captain of Company D, William Bowlin; orderly sergeant, Thomas Regan; quartermaster, I. A. Beasey. Colonel McCormick stated that it is the intention of the league to canvass every precinct in the district, enroll the veterans and their sons and organize companies in every city and town in the district. He urged everybody present to constitute

STRANGE DISCOVERY OF VETERINARY SURGEON

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A new problem presents itself to the board, which is to prevent infection to human beings through the poultry that is sold in large quantities in the markets. Dr. Neif has a friend who keeps ducks for both pleasure and profit, and he recently advised the veterinarian to examine the ducks to ascertain the cause of their backwardness, and yesterday morning the fate of all edible ducks was meted out to them.

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down, stopped her, and, as the San Rafael went by, I gave her two turns back.

Captain White subsequently testified that the San Rafael crossed his bow on a 1 1/2 to 2 point, but on being asked to explain the main tribble, "Did I change my course any?" answered "I do not know." Later on Captain White testified that he saw the San Rafael right up and crossed our bow as soon as I slowed down." Of course she did, the way I bowed was the way she bowed.

Charles Gustafson, mate of the Tiburon, for the prosecution, testified that he was in the pilot-house with Captain White. His testimony was so contradictory as to be of little value one way or the other.

H. C. Langrehr, for the prosecution, testified that he was in the pilot-house with Captain White, and when somewhere 200 feet off Lombard street Captain White suddenly crossed behind him. Beyond his paddle-wheel from the pilot-house, there was a steamer by the name of San Rafael going along. Captain White took his wheel, pulled the bell and gave a very solemn, dignified manner, "Let her go by."

Captain Tribble when asked by the court if he had changed his course, answered "No, not one hair, sir," George J. O'Connell, mate of the San Rafael, who was in the pilot-house with Captain White, testified that her course was not changed. The testimony of these two officers was strengthened by the testimony of W. W. Kidd, an English shipmaster, who was on the Tiburon at the time, as he stated, beside Mr. Doane, who remarked, "I wonder where she (meaning the Tiburon) is going to, but she is going to the Tiburon. I looked over and saw the wake of the San Rafael was straight, indicating that she made no change in her course, and when he noticed the boat when she came within the range of a few feet from the San Rafael back her engines and stop. He was positive the wake of the San Rafael was straight."

Captain McKenley of the Sausalito testified that he was coming over from Sausalito and saw the San Rafael about 1/2 mile from the pier, distant, the latter, as it appeared to him, lapping on the quarter of the San Rafael, about her wheel. As soon as he saw the Tiburon sheer off to the northeast he turned around the San Rafael's stern, which she did. The testimony of the witnesses as to the relative positions of the two steamers at the time they left their slips until the stoppage of the engine of the Tiburon is somewhat conflicting.

Their courses were nearly parallel, converging from the distance between them off Lombard street wharf, say, to 500 feet, about 150 yards off the northeast corner of the island, distant about one and a half miles. There was little or no difference in the speed of the two vessels. The Tiburon was not racing—the opinion of the boatback on the San Rafael (who, a witness stated, "There is a race on") to the contrary notwithstanding.

The officers in charge of these respective steamers on the occasion should be reliable witnesses as to what transpired. The evidence of Captain White, it will be noted, is very contradictory in itself, while that of Captain Tribble is straightforward, especially as to the fact that at no time before the stoppage of the Tiburon did he change his course. Captain Kidd testified to that effect. The Tiburon did not stop until she was within 100 feet of the San Rafael, and it is not clear that she did not attempt to cross his bow; to the contrary, he said that she was fitted with steam-steering gear, he could not meet her with her beam, and finding that he was getting too close on the San Rafael he immediately rang the engine bell to slow, stop and back her engine. The ringing of the bells is usually assumed many of his passengers to have heard, and he got around to the east of north thus bringing the San Rafael three to four points across her bow, and not very far, naturally concluded that it was the San Rafael that had changed her course in order to cross the bow of the Tiburon. They were of course struck by the Tiburon's bow, and the Tiburon did not stop until she was within 100 feet of the San Rafael. They were of course struck by the Tiburon's bow, and the Tiburon did not stop until she was within 100 feet of the San Rafael.

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Captain W. G. Gage of the Hettie B Again in Demand.

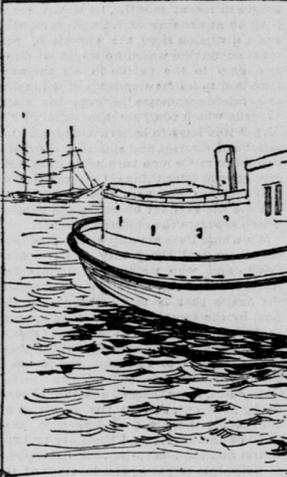
THE BRIDE UNDER AGE.

An Angry Brother Stood in the Way of a Quiet Church Wedding.

A SHORT HONEYMOON FOLLOWS

Then Will Come the Reconciliation and All Will Be Peace and Happiness Again.

The little steamer Hettie B is now the popular boat with runaway couples. At one time it was the tug Millie, then there was a run on the Ida W, and next the



The little Gasoline Steamer Hettie B, on Which Lizzie McDonald and John P. Bonham, a Young Runaway Couple, Were Married on the High Seas Yesterday.

Belvedere had her turn. Now the rush is for the handsome little craft that used to run between San Pedro and the Catalina with excursionists. Captain Gage is an adept at tying the knot, and perhaps that has something to do with it. Then, again, he is young and handsome, and that also may be in his favor. Be that as it may, three runaway couples have been made happy by matrimony on board the Hettie B, and two more weddings are to come.

Late last Monday afternoon a bashful young man approached Captain Gage and asked him if he would perform the marriage ceremony on the high seas for him. He frankly admitted that the young lady he was about to marry was under age, but said the parents consented.

The girl's brother was the stumbling block, and he had sworn to shoot the groom on sight if he ever married his sister.

After some persuasion the captain agreed and a start was arranged for 8 A. M. yesterday. Promptly at that hour the bride, Miss Lizzie McDonald, and the groom, John P. Bonham, put in an appearance. They were accompanied by Mrs. D. L. Maxwell, Mrs. E. G. Streeter and C. F. Faber, and once the party was aboard the steamer was got under way.

It was a beautiful day and the sea was as smooth as glass, so no one was seasick. After steaming out to sea for four hours the Hettie B was stopped and Captain Gage proceeded to perform the marriage ceremony. He followed the ritual of the Church of England, and after placing a handsome diamond ring on the bride's finger he called her Mrs. Bonham and gave her the first kiss, much to the chagrin of her husband.

The marriage certificate furnished by Captain Gage is as follows:

ON NEUTRAL WATERS OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN. I hereby certify that I believe the facts stated to me to be true and that upon due inquiry I have no legal impediment to the marriage of John Perry Bonham and Lizzie McDonald, and that the same parties were joined by me in marriage on the 11th day of August, 1896, in the neutral waters of the Pacific Ocean.

Then followed the signatures of the witnesses and finally that of Captain W. G. Gage. The return trip was as pleasant as the outward one and the bride's health was drunk in sparkling champagne. Early to-day the young couple will start on a short honeymoon trip and will return home. They both come from Dutch Flat. Had it not been for Miss McDonald's brother they would have been married at home and thus the expense of a sea voyage would have been saved. All's well that ends well, however, and Mr. and Mrs. Bonham certainly had a most enjoyable trip to sea yesterday.

NEWSBOYS TO COMBINE.

They Will Test the Constitutionality of the Transfer Ordinance.

Frankie Degner Found Guilty Yesterday, but His Case Will Be App'd

The newsboys have entered into a combination to test the constitutionality of the transfer ordinance and have engaged A. L. O'Grady, a young attorney, to look after their interests.

The case fixed upon for the test is that of Frankie Degner, who was arrested about two weeks ago for exchanging his papers for transfer tickets at Market and Powell streets.

When the case was called before Judge Jochimsen yesterday morning Attorney O'Grady was present for the defendant and Attorney Kelly represented the Market-Powell company. It was shown that Degner dealt in transfers the day he was arrested and the court found him guilty and ordered him to appear for sentence this morning.

The judge remarked that the newsboys were not the only persons who violated

the ordinance. The passenger who offered his ticket for sale was quite as amenable to the law, in fact, more so, for he allured the newsboy into an unlawful business. The newsboy, of course, renders himself liable for taking the transfer, and the individual who purchased it also violated the ordinance.

While the Judge hinted that he did not think highly of the transfer ordinance, he held to formulate his opinion in accordance with his provisions, and he therefore found the defendant guilty.

Attorney O'Grady said he would give notice of appeal to-day and also make a motion for arrest of judgment.

When the case comes up for argument in the Superior Court Attorney O'Grady will contend that the issuing of transfers is a mere privilege, and while the company has the power of hedging around this privilege certain regulations, no ordinance is constitutional, which makes the breaking of these regulations a misdemeanor.

GIBBS SUED FOR DENTAL WORK.

Judson D. Gibbs, the well-known promoter of pugilistic encounters, who has managed the affairs of the National Club on a number of occasions, was sued in the Justice's Court yesterday for \$25, for dental work performed by Clyde Payne, an expert on molars, incisors, etc. The complaint recites that within two years past the defendant has had a large amount of dental work done at the Clyde establishment, for which he refused to pay though frequently asked to do so. The claim was assigned to Edward W. Gunther, who brings the suit.

GRAND JURY AT WORK.

The new United States Grand Jury held its first session yesterday, every member being present. Assistant United States Attorney Schlessinger filed twenty-nine bills of information, sixteen of which were on cases reported by Collector Wise and relating to the bringing of lottery tickets into this country. The case of Charles S. Favor, accused of impersonating a Federal officer, was among the remaining informations furnished. The Grand Jury took no definite action in any of the matters presented to them. It is not probable they will get down to actual work before next week.

LOWER RATES ON POTATOES.

Texas may soon be enjoying the benefit of California-grown potatoes. On the 15th inst., the present rate of 75 cents per 100 pounds on potatoes from California to Texas points will be reduced to 50 cents. This rate will continue in force until the 30th of September. It will be put in operation for this purpose in order to relieve the present glut in the home market. Texas produces very little in the shape of apples of the earth, and imports a large quantity from the States bordering the great lakes.

Forty-one Years Old.

Ophir Lodge No. 21, I. O. B. B., will to-night celebrate the forty-first anniversary of its organization at B. B. Hall, at 421 Eddy street. After the lodge meeting there will be a banquet, at which it is expected a large number will be seated. The committee of arrangements consists of Wm. H. Young, Secretary, Miss G. E. W. Young, Treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Miller, Mrs. S. H. Simon, L. Levy, M. Kalmuk and M. Kollman.

Another Will Contest.

Frances A. O'Connor, widow of Jeremiah O'Connor, who died recently, leaving property valued at \$6000, has entered a contest to the probate of the will of the deceased. The widow was practically cut off in the will, which provided liberally for several children of the testator by a former wife. Mrs. O'Connor claims that her husband died of apoplexy, and shortly after being stricken by the disease was subject to undue influence on the part of her stepchildren.