

SHIPS CROWDING THE FAIRWAY

Four of Them Had to Be Moved by the Chief Wharfinger.

VESSELS IN DEMAND.

Freight Rates Going Up and Ship-Owners Again Happy.

ARE A DRUG IN THE MARKET.

Potatoes Being Shipped to San Francisco and Then Back to Stockton.

The demand for deep-water tonnage is on the increase, and in consequence quite a number of vessels are on their way to this port in ballast. Tramp steamers have relieved the glut in a measure, but still the shippers of wheat and barley are anxious to secure more vessels. Rates have advanced to \$1 1/2 8d, but disengaged vessels are asking \$1 1/8, and the chances are that the end of the week will see an advance on even that figure.

The new arrivals expect to go direct to the grain sheds, and in consequence anchor in the most convenient spot. Many of them get in the fairway and yesterday the State tug Governor Markham had to be called into requisition four times in order to notify the captains to move their vessels. Chief Wharfinger Root and Assistant Chief Wharfinger Scott were kept on the jump all day in order to keep the way clear for the ferry-boats.

Among the arrivals was the ship Merioneth from Swansea. Captain Rowland reports a long passage of 130 days from Swansea. He has the usual tale of head winds and heavy weather off the Horn and calms in the Pacific to tell, but nevertheless the vessel made better time than she did last year. The Merioneth carries the champion fish, having made the run from England to this port in the fastest time on record. Captain Thomas, now of the Alon Alaw, was in command, but he was never able to get the same speed out of the ship. The Merioneth will load for the fairway.

On Friday, July 17, the ship was hoisted under fore and main lower-topgalls. Thomas Paul was on watch and a heavy sea that broke aboard carried him away. A life buoy was thrown to him but he failed to reach it. An attempt was made to lower a boat, but the seas were breaking so heavily that it had to be given up. Nothing could be done for the unfortunate man and his shipmates had to stand on the forecastle and watch him drown.

The Oceanic Steamship Company's Alameda is going out with one of the biggest cargoes ever sent to the southern seas on a passenger steamer. Hundreds of tons of goods have been loaded on to the vessel, and when sailing day comes there will be many disappointed shippers. The lower hold and 'tween decks are full of vegetables and fruit now being stowed on deck. The passenger accommodation is also fully engaged, so the steamer will be one of the best-filled vessels that has ever sailed from San Francisco for Australasia.

People are wondering what has become of the vessel that was wrecked in the bay. It is reported that the vessel was wrecked on August 26 from Eureka for San Jose de Guatemala. This is an unusually long passage, but then the light winds and calms that have prevailed on the coast have delayed her. Captain Harris was in command and the schooner carried a crew of seven men. In view of the fact that one of the Italian fishermen saw a schooner bottom up, or on her beam ends, off the Golden Gate, some anxiety is felt on account of the schooner.

A horse and buggy belonging to the Fulton Iron Works backed off Bryant street pier yesterday. The driver escaped, but the horse was drowned. Another horse had been added to the lumber fleet, says the Coos Bay News. The Echo was successfully launched at North Bend last week. She is a splendid vessel, one of the largest ever built on the coast, and when completed will load a cargo of 1,000,000 feet of lumber at North Bend for Australasia.

Potatoes are a drug on Jackson-street wharf. Like the recent glut in the pear market, no one seems to want them, and shippers are actually sending them to Stockton. The growers ship them to San Francisco and the commission men send them up the river again in order to get rid of them. The tubers do not pay expenses, and the farmer is out and injured.

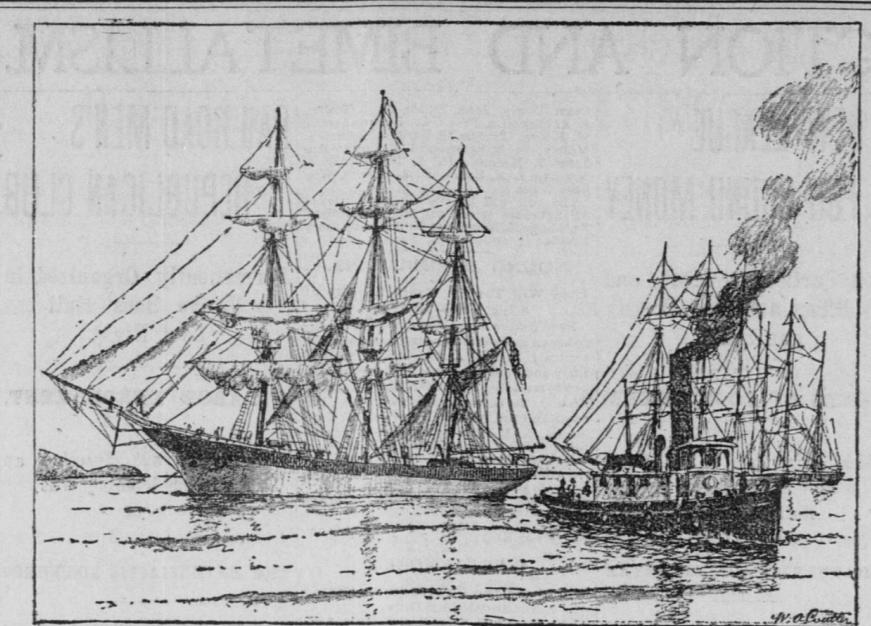
No word has been received from the British steamer Linnithgow, that left here July 31st. She was bound for Leith and when she was last seen when last heard from was drifting about off Acapulco. No assistance was sent to her and insurance men are now wondering what has become of her. She was fully manned and well equipped, but still she may drift for weeks before being picked up.

The sailing schooner Jane Gray is under surveillance by Uncle Sam's Custom-house inspectors. She was seized in Bering Sea by the revenue cutter Corwin, and as soon as Captain Hooper got back to port criminal proceedings will be begun against the captain and officers of the schooner.

ONE MILLION DOLLARS. A Large Shipment of Gold to the Local Sub-Treasury. A week on two ago there was much comment upon the fact that many of the bankers and large financiers of this city were presenting greenbacks and other currency at the sub-treasury and taking out gold in large quantities in exchange. It was feared that this run was for no good purpose.

Yesterday the local sub-treasury received \$1,000,000 in gold from the sub-treasury in Chicago. This large amount was made to keep up the supply of gold on this coast and to partly offset the recent redemption of currency, which amounted to about \$5,000,000 taken out in August. In July about \$3,000,000 in gold was shipped to the sub-treasury in New York. It is believed that yesterday's consignment from Chicago will be all that is necessary to meet the demands of the near future, as all of the large payments in currency made in the East to California fruit and produce dealers have been exchanged for gold at the local sub-treasury. At present there is about \$40,000,000 in gold silver and currency in the sub-treasury, and enough of each to meet the demands of all local and Pacific Coast business.

Williams' Divorce Case Shelved. Judge Hunt yesterday ordered the divorce case of Isabelle M. Williams against convicted ex-Chinese Inspector Dick Williams off the calendar until Williams is released from jail. A Woman Insolvent. N. Nelson has filed a petition in insolvency. She owes \$2372 and has no available assets. Files' Pile: Mae's Infallible Pile Cure. Cures all cases of blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles. Price 50c. McBoyle & Co., druggists, 504 Washington street.



The State Tugs Markham and Irwin Were Kept Busy Yesterday Moving Deep-Water Ships From the Fairway. Among the Arrivals Was the Crack Ship Merioneth That Flies the Champion Flag.

PLAYS SEEN AT LOCAL THEATERS

"A Matrimonial Maze" Arouses Mirth at the Columbia.

SANS GENE'S LAST WEEK

"Ours," a Robertsonian Comedy, Is Revived at the Alcazar Theater.

DANGER SIGNAL AT THE GRAND Humperdinck's Beautiful Music Would Be Improved by Better Principals.

The Frawley company has found a treasure-trove of laughter in "A Matrimonial Maze," which was produced for the first time in this city at the Columbia Theater last night. From the time the curtain first went up till it fell at the end of the last act the audience was kept in a continual flow of mirth by the humorous developments of the farcical comedy.

Walter S. Craven has well named his piece "A Matrimonial Maze." The whole action of the play hinges on a system of marriages, and the development of the story is as winding and unexpected as a good, old-fashioned maze. At every turn the dramatist personae seem to be coming to a situation out of which there is no possible outlet, except by a general confession and explanation, when lo! and behold! by some ingenious device, another turn is given to events and the action of the piece pursues its mazy way as briskly as ever, till the climax is finally reached, at a point when continuation in matrimonial deception has become impossible, except by making out both the youthful heroes to be bigamists and giving both their fathers breach of promise suits with elderly housekeepers.

The whole piece is full of comical situations and a cold synopsis of its many story could give no idea of the fun it contains. The impression left on the mind is that the comedy is a masterpiece of the kind that has been written by M. A. of Oxford, one of the best of all modern farce writers. The plot is a masterpiece of the kind that has been written by M. A. of Oxford, one of the best of all modern farce writers. The plot is a masterpiece of the kind that has been written by M. A. of Oxford, one of the best of all modern farce writers.

THE LETTER-CARRIERS. Ratification Meeting in Connection With the National Convention Coming Here in 1897. The San Francisco Letter-carriers' Convention Association held its first meeting for the ratification of having received the next National convention for this City in 1897. Secretary Triebler reported that he had received word from the delegates at Grand Rapids, Mich., that San Francisco had been voted the convention on the first ballot; that New York City had voted in a body, casting several votes for this city, and other Eastern cities had done the same thing. The delegates from this city had been serenaded by the New York Letter-carriers' band of fifty pieces and right royally treated.

At the Baldwin. "Mrs. Sans Gene" is still interesting Baldwin audiences. Miss Kathryn Kidder wins plenty of applause tonight, and several other members of the large cast have become popular with playgoers. This is the last week of "Mrs. Sans Gene." At the Tirolli. A second hearing only confirms the impression of the great beauty of Humperdinck's music, which was given on Sunday night. Some changes in the cast of "Hansel and Gretel" might yet make the opera a local hit, and the Tirolli, in its grand opera company, has excellent artists at its disposition. The mistake has been made by imagining that any singer were good enough for a fair opera, but if a new and better soprano and mezzo-soprano were on the fallacy of this belief, the house would be a different place.

At the Chutes. There are a number of new features at the Chutes' Casino this week. The lady who walks on the ladder of swords commands quiet but universal attention. Queens De Rein, the young singer from Koster & Bial's, has some new songs which she sings well, and the Japanese acrobats and John Garbutt, a clever juggler, help out the programme. There is still the mile bicycle race between two young diles on the stage and Antonio

DR. RAGAN IS ON RAINEY'S SLATE

The Chairmanship of the Junta Convention Decided.

A MERRY ROW TO-NIGHT Rainey and Lanigan Completely Control the Small End of the Party.

COLIN M. BOYD FOR MAYOR. Some of the Defeated Anti-Rainey Minority Talk of Bolting, and Trouble Nears.

Dr. D. F. Ragan is to be the permanent chairman of Sam Rainey's municipal convention, which will convene in Odd Fellows' Hall to-night. This and other features of the slate were fixed up last night at a late caucus of the leading lieutenants of Rainey and Lanigan and some of the "anarchists" of the Junta campaign committee who have gone into a deal to support the Rainey-Lanigan programme.

The fact that the convention has been won "hands down" by Rainey and Lanigan was generally conceded by the frightened and despairing anti-Raineyites about headquarters last night. Rainey will run the convention. For the first time close friends of W. P. Sullivan conceded last night that Mr. Sullivan was in danger of going down in the wreck of anti-Raineyite factions. He will be the anti-Rainey candidate for chairman and the vote on chairman will to a large degree measure the strength of the Rainey and the anti-Rainey factions. The Raineyites are generally conceded that the nomination of Rainey will be checked off the political stage.

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speech, in which he accused Chairman Mann of having attempted to take an unfair advantage of his side of the controversy by the "rawest kind of work."

FOR PALMER AND BUCKNER

Sound-Money Democrats Out With Their Petitions. Having decided to put a Palmer and Buckner electoral ticket in the field in this State the Sound Money Democratic League is pushing its campaign for the National Democracy with speed and vigor. Yesterday blank petitions were ordered printed and to-day will be the streets of this City and on their way to patriotic sound-money Democrats throughout the State who are actively interested in the cause.

To get the electors on the ticket requires filing with the Secretary of State a petition bearing nearly 900 names, or 3 per cent of the vote of the State. The blank petitions are made up in book form and are of three sizes. Some have room for 100 names, some for 200 and some for 500. These will be busily circulated to-day and during the next two weeks. The petition must be filed in Sacramento on October 3 at the latest, and all petitions will be ordered returned by the 28th inst.

Secretary Elliott McAllister is over ears in the work and is enthusiastically interested. "It will be little trouble to get the names," said McAllister yesterday, "as a majority of the citizens would readily sign the petition whether they are interested in Palmer and Buckner or not. To-morrow will start out six or eight paid canvassers here in the City, and the members of the league will carry petitions with them and get signatures. We expect that about 2000 signatures will be secured by our correspondents throughout the State.

"We will not have an extensive co-operation in Los Angeles as we expected, as the Sound Money League there has joined the Business Men's Sound Money Club, and will actively support McKinley, thus firing both barrels at the common enemy, as it has been expressed. "We, of course, do not care whether a sound-money Democrat votes for McKinley and Hobart or Palmer and Buckner, our object being to defeat Bryan and the Populist element that has gained temporary control of the party.

"Our electoral ticket was decided upon because there was a great demand from the people that the movement be carried through in union with the National movement, and also because it was found that a great many Democrats who would not support McKinley wanted a ticket that would conscientiously support McKinley. Then four years ago when the Populists are out of it the National Democracy of this campaign will be the central party organization and control the National Convention and the delegation from our organization will be recognized as the legitimate one."

Populist Convention. The Populist Municipal Convention will meet this evening in the County Committee's tent on Market street, near Larkin, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the principal offices to be defeated by the Republican candidates. Jerome Anderson and J. Taylor Rogers are mentioned for the mayoralty, Dr. Daywalt for Coroner, J. W. Reay for County Clerk, J. D. Thompson for Superintendent of Streets, A. W. Thompson, William T. Baggett and Judges Hunt and Hebbard, Republicans, for Superior Judges.

Chinese Woodchoppers Fight. Wah Loung, a Chinese woodchopper employed in a wood-yard at 714 Dupont street, was seriously cut on the head last evening by another Chinese, whose name is unknown. The fellow-countryman had an argument on the street.

NEW TO-DAY. There was an open-air meeting last night at the corner of Pine and Kearny streets, under the auspices of the Forty-fifth District Club of the Socialist Labor party. George Barnum presided and made an address dealing with the moral and legal phases of socialism. T. M. Anthony and James Appel also spoke. There was no attempt at interference on the part of the police, though the roadway on Pine street just east of Kearny was well filled with auditors.

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the merits of a gambler's life, Loung being a gambler as well as a laborer, which culminated in Loung getting struck on the head with an ax. Loung was taken to the Receiving Hospital, where his wound was dressed. His assailant escaped.

Socialists' Meeting. The Forty-fifth District Socialist Club conducted a meeting at the corner of Pine and Kearny streets last night which was opened by G. Barnum with a picturesque description of the condition of the rural population, in which he has been moving for the past three months in the counties of Contra Costa, M. Anthony followed, comparing China and the East Indies with the United States. J. Oliver finished the evening with a plea that the workingman should study the tenets of business.

Sued for an Accounting. A. R. Waller, who claims to own the lodgings at 425 Kearny street and 506 California street, has sued Mrs. A. C. Wayne, who has had charge of the place for an accounting, alleging that over \$5000 profit is due the plaintiff. The appointment of a receiver is also asked.

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AL HAYMAN & CO.'S THEATERS. AT THE BALDWIN LAST 5 NIGHTS. LAST MATINEE SATURDAY. THE ENGLISH VERSION OF SAUND'S GREAT NAPOLEONIC PLAY, "MADAME ANNE CAENE" (MADAME DON'T CARE). With KATHRYN KIDDER in the Title Role. Last Matinee at 2 o'clock. Next Saturday Evening Sept. 19. Monday, September 21. Theatres Closed for Two Weeks. Monday, October 5. "THE PRISONER OF ZENDA."

AT THE CALIFORNIA LAST WEEK. LAST PERFORMANCES! A TRUE PICTURE OF LIFE IN GREATER NEW YORK. "ON THE BOWERY!" WITH STEVE BRODIE. SEE THE FUNNY BOWERY SCENES AND SPECIALTIES. CALIFORNIA POPULAR PRICES. Evenings—25c to \$1. Matinees—25c, 50c and 75c.

TIVOLI OPERA-HOUSE. A BREVET SINGING ADELINA, PROPRIETOR & MANAGER. The Grand Opera Season. THIS EVENING Humperdinck's Fairy Opera, in Three Acts, HANSEL AND GRETTEL! A story dear to the hearts of both young and old. The poetry of melody admirably illustrated by A SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF THIRTY. Great Cast. Beautiful Scenery. Characteristic Costumes. Brilliant Light Effects. Popular Prices—25c and 50c.

MOROSCO'S GRAND OPERA-HOUSE. WALTER MOROSCO, Solo Lessee and Manager. WON IMMEDIATE SUCCESS! "THE DANGER SIGNAL" by Henry C. de Mille, author of "The White," "The Charley Ball," "The Men and Women." A Play of Entrancing Interest. Wonderful Scenery and Grand Effects—A Cannon—Ball Express Train—Great Royal Snow Show. FOURTH WEEK OF LOTTIE WILLIAMS—ED J. HERON in New Songs and Specialties. Evening Prices—10c, 25c and 50c.

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