



EIGHT HOURS IN AN OPEN BOAT

Two Women and Two Men at the Mercy of the Waves.

From Off Sausalito the Tide Carried Them Down to Lime Point.

The Women Were Rescued by the Steamer Scotia, but the Men Stayed by the Boat.

Two men and two women had a lively time of it yesterday last Monday night. The wind died out and the tide taking command carried the boat down to Lime Point. There the anchor was dropped, and luckily it held. Night began to fall and the boatmen were in a predicament. Just how to get their female companions back to Sausalito they did not know. Finally one of the men suggested rowing the women ashore in a little dingy that was towing behind the plunger, and then they could walk home or stay all night at the fog station. The attempt was made, but it only ended in the women getting thoroughly drenched in the breakers and the boat almost capsizing. The return to the boat was made without any mishap, and then all four began watching for an incoming vessel. Several were hailed but did not heed the signals. About 6 P. M. the Scotia from Alhambra came in sight and Captain Johnson at once stopped his vessel in answer to the frantic cries of the terror-stricken women. The little dingy was again put into requisition and the women were rescued. The plunger and schooner. The man went back to the plunger and the women were landed at Mission-street wharf in time to catch the last boat for Sausalito. The plunger remained at anchor off Lime Point until the tide turned and then she was sailed back to her regular anchorage.

"All I could gather from the two ladies," said Captain Johnson, "was that they were beguiled into an attempt at sailing from Sausalito to San Francisco instead of taking the regular boat. When I picked them up they were half dead with the cold and both were in tears. The men preferred to remain by their boat and would not accept a tow."

Sausalito, Jan. 5.—Mrs. Mary Wilbur and Miss Annie Tarsnea were taken out for a sail in a small sloop by a couple of men yesterday. The intention was to finally reach San Francisco, but when the tide turned the boat was carried by the current down to Lime Point, where the anchor was dropped. After eight hours of misery the women were finally rescued by the steamer Scotia, which was taken to San Francisco. The young men brought the sloop back to Sausalito early this morning, wet, hungry, tired and disgraced. The sloop was towed to the wharf and the men cannot be located to-night.

The many friends of Captain George Cummings were more than pleased to see him around town again yesterday. He is now past the threescore and ten limit, but he is still as active as a young man. He is now past the threescore and ten limit, but he is still as active as a young man. He is now past the threescore and ten limit, but he is still as active as a young man.

W. H. Britton, trial for killing Phillip A. Bell, is attracting considerable attention. Judge Wiley's court. It will be submitted to the jury this afternoon.

J. J. Reiser, Carl Nixon and others have organized a corporation to control the aerial cable invention, over which there has been considerable litigation.

California Chapter Royal Arch Masons installed officers last evening, made several well-merited presentations and afterward banqueted. The attendance was large.

A San Francisco Farmers' Club was organized in the Mills building yesterday. Its purpose is to perfect the new Agricultural Institute for this City in the near future.

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The Chinese Merchants' Exchange has been burnt open by fire. The fire started in the breach. It is likely to be followed soon by bloody highlander factional war in Chinatown.

Cogswell College is building a furnace and making other improvements looking to the establishment of an ironworking department, free instruction in which will begin a month hence.

Evangelist Marshall is making a profound impression upon the congregation of the Howland Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Dr. Case pastor. He preaches nightly in that church.

Judge Sick has appointed R. Emmett Doyle, T. P. Beech and T. O. Smith as appraisers of the estate of the late Mrs. Ann Donahue, who left property estimated to be worth about \$1,000,000.

The Supreme Court decided yesterday that the State Board of Examiners have power to examine an expert. This is the first time that Thomas A. Lewis will be examined, which he claims to be due.

The Merchants' Association has received highly favorable replies to its letter addressed to the senators and Congressmen from this State requesting their efforts in behalf of the Nicaragua canal bill.

Rev. D. W. Leitch, head of the Christian Alliance missionary work in China, will deliver two free addresses here to-day before returning to the Orient, where he has been at work for many years.

Nicholas Brennan, a young man charged with criminal assault on Theresa Tarpey, has applied to be released on habeas corpus because the complaint does not aver that the young woman is not his wife.

The report of the military commission concerning the financial management of the First Division of the Naval Battalion by its late commander, Lieut. George P. Douglas, was filed with District Attorney Barnes.

Captain Harry N. Morse has petitioned the Probate Court for letters of administration on the estate of the late George P. Coffey, a half brother of the petitioner. It is stated that the estate will not exceed \$200 in value.

Special Officer Brown is incarcerated in a padded cell at the Receiving Hospital on a charge of insanity. Brown attained considerable notoriety some time ago by assaulting James V. Coleman at the Orpheum Theater.

Louise Polsky has sued the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of California for \$2000, said to be due on account of life insurance on behalf of her late husband, Alfred Polsky, a former resident of Stockton, Cal.

Articles of incorporation have been filed for \$3000, Buckley & Co., with capital fixed at \$100,000, all of which has been subscribed. The directors are A. S. Buckley, J. Buckley, F. Bartelme, George E. Whitaker and Walter H. Lincoln.

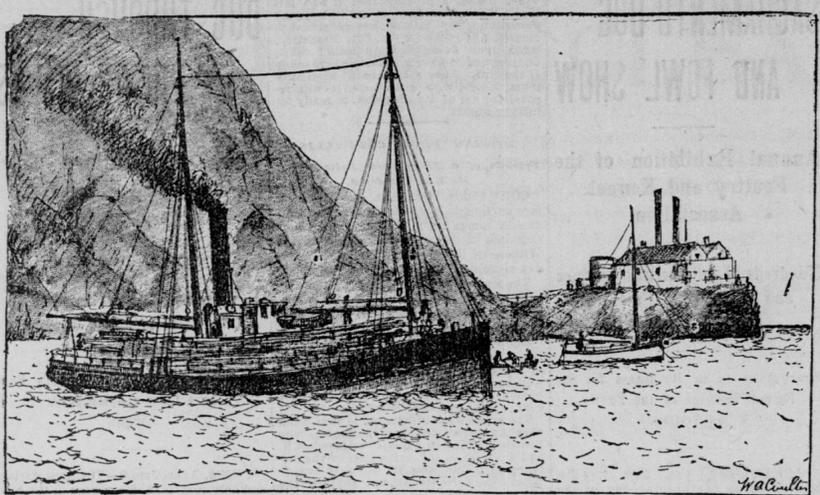
The new Grand Jury has been looking into the matter of unsanitary schools and find the complaint of the Board of Health well-founded. The report will be made to the Board of Education on Friday. Clean schools are to be insisted upon.

Thomas H. Williams Jr. has come into possession of his \$1,000,000 inheritance, as Judge Coffey signed the decree of distribution yesterday. The other million of the Williams estate goes to Frank Hamilton Johnson, minor son of Frank S. Johnson.

Judge Seawell yesterday gave judgment in favor of the Pacific Bank against Bell, Grand & Co. and Charles Montgomery for \$2148.15, and against Montgomery for the further sum of \$2128.98, with interest at 8 percent a year from May 24, 1893.

Dr. Safford, president of the Panhandle Improvement Club, declines his ability to supply that section of the State with water from artesian wells, if the Supervisors insist on locating the Pesthouse on the Alamo street.

A chance specimen rock showing 99 percent metallic copper has recently been found in a new Nevada silver mine owned partly by Dr. McLaughlin of this City, and he is going up to see it there in a ledge, or if there it is the richest copper mine in the world.



The Steam Schooner Scotia Hove-To Off Lime Point to Take Two Benighted Females Off a Small Yawl That was Carried Down by the Tide and Had to Anchor Last Monday Night. Had Captain Johnson Not Noticed Their Signals of Distress the Chances are the Four People in the Yawl Would Have Had to Spend the Night in Her.

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Paul has engaged Attorney Kelly to defend him and says he will make it interesting for Perini before he is done with him.

Ryan and O'Dea found the messenger-boy last night. His name is Max Cohen of the San Francisco District Telegraph Company. He says he answered a call from the Louvre, 12 O'Farrell street, and when he reached there a young man who was seated at a table drinking beer gave him a parcel to take to Perini's house, paying him the usual fee. He gave a description of the young man, and Ryan and O'Dea think they know him.

It now turns out that it was not the stolen box that was returned, but a paper one, and that besides the \$45 five bank books and deeds to property owned by Perini were also stolen. Perini is more worried about the loss of the deeds than the money.

OUT HIS THROAT.

James Nicoll, a longshoreman, Attempts to Commit Suicide.

James Nicoll, a longshoreman, 57 years of age, living at First and Howard streets, attempted to commit suicide last night by cutting his throat with a knife.

He has been out of work for three months and his wife has been sick, which made him desperate. He took a knife from the table last night and in the presence of his wife drew it across his throat. It was so blunt that it only made a superficial wound. He made a second attempt with the same result, and before he could try again his wife appeared with a policeman and the knife was taken from him. He was sent to the Receiving Hospital.

A Serious Charge.

James Sefons, a colored barber, 63 years of age, living at 1221 Steiner street, was arrested last night by Policeman Flynn and booked at the City Prison on a charge of criminal assault upon Augusta Pucci, a half-witted girl, 16 years of age, who lives with her parents in the adjoining house. The complaining witness is C. P. Waze, a carpenter, who lives with the girl's parents. The girl was some time in the Agnews insane asylum.

Hott's School, at Burlingame, will reopen January 5. Address Ira G. Holt, Ph.D.

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EXAMINERS CAN HAVE AN EXPERT Important Decision Rendered by the Supreme Court.

Controller Colgan Must Pay Thomas A. Lewis His Salary as Claimed.

While the Law Does Not Provide for an Expert the Board of Examiners May Appoint.

A very important matter was determined yesterday by the Supreme Court, sitting in bank. The issue was whether the State Board of Examiners was justified in appointing an expert and providing for paying him a salary when there was no express provision in the law for such an appointment.

The board appointed Thomas A. Lewis as such expert, at a salary of \$2000 per annum. Controller Colgan refused to draw a warrant in payment for his services for the month of July, 1895. Mandamus proceedings were instituted. Once a decision was given by Department 1 of the Supreme Court against Lewis. Yesterday the court, in bank, reversed the decision of the department in bank and found for Lewis, sustaining the Superior Court.

There never was any question whether Lewis performed the duties of the position during the month for which he claimed \$1000 as salary due. The Supreme Court found that the duty of Controller Colgan to draw a warrant in favor of Lewis depended upon the question whether the Board of Examiners had the authority to appoint the expert.

There was no law, so the court found, that in express terms created the office of expert to the board, but the act making appropriations for the board, and the provision for the payment of his salary and expenses.

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NEW TO-DAY. Blood... Bubbles. These pimples or blotches that disfigure your skin, are blood bubbles. They mark the unhealthy condition of the blood-current that throws them up. You must get down to the blood, before you can be rid of them. Local treatment is useless. It suppresses, but does not heal. The best remedy for eruptions, scrofula, sores, and all blood diseases, is Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

will be a long-distance one person will be able to talk from any point in the State to another. Take, for instance, this City and Oakland. The charge for a switch will not exceed 10 cents, and the time allowance will be increased, and to other points rates will be at least 20 percent less than at present."

Miss Doud Will Start To-Day. Miss Daisy Doud, the schoolteacher for the Farallon Islands, will start at 6 o'clock this morning on the tug Vigilant, and will be accompanied by Mr. Wood and Mr. Carlisle, the latter carrying the only homing pigeon, with which to establish a line of communication between the islands and the shore.

Mrs. Vallau Gets the Homestead. In the matter of the estate of Samuel Vallau, deceased, an order was made yesterday by Judge Coffey setting aside the family homestead to the widow, Mrs. Nellie J. Vallau, the property to be irrevocably her own in fee simple.

NEW TO-DAY. Queer way to sell tea? Your grocer sells you a package of Schilling's Best. If you don't like it he returns your money. Makes quick business and plenty of it. A Schilling & Company San Francisco.

NEW TO-DAY-AMUSEMENTS. BALDWIN THEATER. ALHAMBRA & Co. (Incorporated). Proprietors. TO-NIGHT EVERY NIGHT THIS WEEK. A PERFECT PRODUCTION OF DENNY'S THE WIDOW'S GARMENTS. THE OLD HOMESTEAD. The Original Old Homestead Double Act. Select Company of 23 Players. Wonderful Electrical Feats. Regular Prices 25c to \$1.50. Matinee—popular prices—entire Dress Circle, \$1; entire Balcony, 50c and 75c.

Columbia Theatre. THE LEGITIMATE IRISH COMEDIAN. JOSEPH MURPHY. Supported by His New York Stock Company, in SHALUN REUPE. "Kerry Coo."

TIVOLI OPERA-HOUSE. THIS EVENING. "That's What We'd Ask of the Fairies." OUR HOLIDAY SPECTACLE. JACK AND THE BEANSTALK. JACK AND THE BEANSTALK. 3 GRAND BALLETS—3 4 SUPERB TRANSFORMATIONS—4 Saturday Afternoon—Special Charity Matinee. A TREAT FOR YOUNG AND OLD! Next Week. "THE SECOND EDITION." New Songs! New Dances! New Skits! Popular Prices—25c and 50c. Matinee Saturday and Sunday.

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