

The Call
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1897

AMUSEMENTS.
BALDWIN THEATRE—Julius Caesar.
CALIFORNIA THEATRE—Cinderella.
COLUMBIA THEATRE—William Tell.
MOROSCO OPERA HOUSE—Out in the Street.
ALCAZAR THEATRE—A Scrap of Paper.
TIVOLI OPERA HOUSE—Aladdin; or, The Wonderful Lamp.
MECHANICS' PAVILION—Verrein Eintracht Masquerade Ball.
SUTRO BATHS—Bathing and Performances.
THE CHUTES AND SKATING RINK—Daily at 12 o'clock.
CABARET RACE TRACK—Races to-day.

AUCTION SALES.
BY VON REBIN & CO.—Thursday, February 25, Pearl Estate, at Salesroom, 513 California street, at 12 o'clock.
BY MADISON & BURKE—Wednesday, February 24, Pearl Estate, at Salesroom, 526 Market street, at 12 o'clock.

WAS THE MASCOT OF "THE RIVALS" OF "THE RIVALS"

Her Birthday Was Remembered With Precious Stones.

The Baby Who Brought Good Luck to the Famous All-Star Company.

Fanny Rice's Little Daughter Loaded With Gifts From the Members of the Memorable Cast.

Fanny Rice has come to town, and this time her three-year-old daughter is with her. This little girl is quite a famous personage, who calls Joe Jefferson "Uncle Doc" and is familiar with all the great "actor folks" as a great many people would give their eyes to be. For little Edith Munday Purdy was the mascot of the "all-star cast" of "The Rivals," of which her charming mother was a principal. Contrary to the usual result with a child who has traveled about and been so much made of, she is a modest, unassuming baby, who has a large family of dolls to attend to, and the grave responsibility of bringing them all up in the way they should go quite upsets her.

Like her mother, she is a jolly little body, and when you have made friends with her she can entertain you by the hour with what she calls "playing lady." In other words, she stands up on a chair, and after bowing once or twice, smilingly recites "yards and yards" of "Mother Goose" in a most miked-up way. It seems that having once had her horoscope cast, and the decision having been in favor of a literary career, she has commenced upon it already by finding flaws in the construction of the old childhood stand-bys, insisting, for instance, that:

Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet
Eating her jam
And pulled out a pump
And said "I'm a good girl, ain't I?"

She is an affectionate little creature, who loves her mamma, papa and her nurse, "Catie," almost to distraction, and it might be added without departing from the truth at all that her affection is as strongly returned. Her soft baby curls have been cut off. "Uncle Doc" had that done 'cause it made my head too hot," she said when questioned about it. Then, climbing into "Catie's" lap, she demanded a look at her watch, and after hearing it tick away announced with a sigh, "I guess it's time for Eddie to go to sleep."

On her last birthday she was traveling with "The Rivals," and after the merriment of a birthday dinner was given in her honor. The special car was decorated beautifully with ribbons and loads of flowers and presents galore poured in to celebrate the day.

Joseph Jefferson gave the child a gold necklace with a diamond pendant; Nat Goodwin, a set of baby pins, pearls and diamonds; Francis Wilson a beautifully bound book of child lore; the Holland brothers, a whole farmyard of mechanical toys; William Crane, a silver talking doll; Mrs. John Drew, jeweled box of candy and a turquoise ring; Mr. and Mrs. Tabor, a bracelet of emeralds and diamonds; Mr. Jefferson's sons, Tommy and Charles, a birthday cake and a large imported music-box.

"Glad to get back here? Oh, my, yes," said Mrs. Purdy. "You know we've always played here round the holidays, and this year we missed it some way, and, oh, you don't know how awfully lonely it seemed way in Ohio. Something seemed wrong. I always look forward to my time in 'Frisco, and I know I shall enjoy my stay here."

ALL MUST REMAIN IN QUARANTINE

The Cabin Passengers on the Steamer China Held.

Will Have to Spend the Next Seven Days on Angel Island.

Coal Ships Kept in the Stream to Avoid the Next Annual Assessment.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's China is still in quarantine. The case of varioloid reported to the quarantine officers has proved to be more dangerous than was first thought possible, and now everybody will have to remain in quarantine until at least the 25th inst. Should the schooner Vine and Aida are still keeping the water front guessing. The former sailed from Corinto on September 12 last and should have been here long ago, while the Aida left San Francisco for Shanghai for Port Townsend. The chances are that unusually heavy weather has been encountered and the subsequent calms that follow in the tropics have delayed both vessels and they may arrive at their destination any day.

Yesterday's storm caused a great deal of trouble on the bay. The ferry-boats were all late and the river boats got the whole of the heavy swell. The Monticello rolled over until the passengers thought she was going to sink. The Herald and the Herald were both swept by the waves that broke aboard.

The new steamer Helene did not get away from Pacific street wharf yesterday. She has a very big cargo aboard, among which are twenty-five mules and ten horses, all of which are intended for the plantations in the Hawaiian Islands. She is more than anxious to get away on the homeward journey and expects to make the trip in ten days or less.

H. Johnson, head steward for the Piper-Aden-Godall Company, has recovered from a severe attack of illness. He was in the German Hospital for weeks, but is now able to be out and about. He and Al Pryor, the genial business manager of the concern, is more than pleased in consequence.

The steam schooner Cleone got in from Crescent City yesterday in one of the squalls that swept the bay. Where she went the Merchants' Exchange could not tell, but the chances are that she is at her dock in Mission Creek. The captain reports that near Crescent City there was a water-logged schooner (supposed to be the Lottie Carson) adrift. The mast had gone by the board, and no living soul was on the vessel. Whether any lives were lost, or not could not be ascertained. The Lottie Carson was lumberladen, and on her way to San Francisco.

MEYER MAY GET TIME.

The Groceryman's Assets Are About Equal to His Liabilities.

A Committee of Creditors Now Working on the Books and Taking Account of Stock.

The assignment of Emmanuel Meyer, the wholesale and retail grocery dealer, who for several years has conducted a business in this city under the name of Emmanuel Meyer & Co., was the occasion of much comment, as he was commonly reported to be doing a large business.

As a matter of fact he was, but he carried a large amount on his books that could not be collected on short notice and a sudden call for a large amount of money caused him to call his creditors together and have his assets over to them. A strong factor in the matter is the fact that a number of small dealers who were indebted to Meyer have failed and their accounts are gone to the wall.

A committee consisting of Daniel Meyer, A. Vignier, J. H. Wheeler and J. Caffery is now at work on the stock and books and will have a report at a meeting of the creditors which will be held on Wednesday next.

The investigations of the committee have been satisfactory, as the stock has been found to be large and in good condition, and many of the accounts that were at first thought to be doubtful will be realized on. The assets about equal the liabilities.

Mr. Meyer is said to have the confidence of the majority of the creditors, and it is within the range of possibility that the business will be resumed as soon as the affairs of the house are straightened out.

A. Ruel, the attorney for Mr. Meyer, on whose advice the assignment was made, said yesterday that he had no doubt but that all would be satisfactorily arranged and that business would go on.

EXPERTS' OPINION OF LITTLE VALUE

Ames and Carvalho Ruled Against in the Abbott Case.

A Decision by Judge Seawell That Will Figure in Fair Matters.

Both Sides Confident of Victory in the Conroy Perjury Case This Morning.

The attorneys for Mrs. Craven in her suit against the Fair estate on the pencil deeds have found a peg on which to hang a good deal of law in the decision of Judge Seawell in the suit brought by Mrs. Nancy A. Abbott to have herself declared the wife of Capitalist Thomas M. Quackenbush.

Mrs. Abbott, in part, based her claim upon a marriage contract, and although the decision of the court was in favor of the aged capitalist, it has a peculiar bearing on the pencil-deeds litigation, inasmuch as Judge Seawell decided that the testimony of experts that the marriage contract had been forged was of no value.

It happens that the experts employed by Quackenbush's attorneys were Ames and Carvalho of New York, who were brought here at a cost of \$200 a day to examine the pencil deeds under the microscope and give an opinion on their genuineness. The marriage contract under which Mrs. Abbott claimed to be Quackenbush's wife bears date of November 15, 1888.

At the time of the arrival of the famous New York experts the pencil deeds were submitted to them by Attorney E. J. Pringle for examination. Ames and Carvalho submitted the writing to the microscope, and afterwards made a chemical examination of the ink and the paper. Their opinion, which was rendered after their return to New York in the way of a deposition taken before a notary in Quackenbush's behalf, was that there had been erasures and changes by the use of chemicals in the handwriting in the document.

The experts so the experts declared, had been robbed by similar means of its "mill" or finish in order to account for the apparent appearance of ink in many of the letters. For Mrs. Abbott a member of the firm of S. P. Taylor & Co. was put on the stand to say that as the paper was of a poor quality of book work it had been impossible to remove the "mill" without destroying the fabric altogether. This same witness also testified that ink on this brand of paper is sure to blur and run.

Judge Seawell, while refusing Mrs. Abbott's claim on the ground that there had been "no such assumption of the rights, obligations and duties of husband and wife as the statute requires" between herself and Quackenbush, says that he believed the marriage contract was genuine by the capitalist and that there were no chemical erasures on it of previous writing, as were declared to exist by Ames and Carvalho.

Judge Seawell's decision on this point is likely to have an important bearing in Mrs. Craven's suit. Ames and Carvalho, in addition to declaring the pencil deeds forgeries, have said that there are evidences in them of frequent chemical erasures and changes by the use of chemicals. The Fair administrators in a great measure rest upon the opinion of these experts on the documents.

Emmanuel Meyer & Co. will be decided at 10 o'clock this morning, when Magistrate Carroll Cook has promised to render a decision in the famous perjury charges. The Fair people are confident that the young notary will be held for trial for the reason, they urge, that as a committing magistrate Judge Cook is not required to decide upon the guilt or innocence of Conroy, but simply if there was probable cause for believing that he is guilty of perjury. The notary's attorneys, on the other hand, are actually confident that the young man will be acquitted on the same grounds.

Blood Pure?

Is it? Then take Ayer's Sarsaparilla and keep it so. Isn't it? Then take Ayer's Sarsaparilla and make it so.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

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They recounted, and on the summit of the Sierra Nevada snows three feet deep and yet coming down here.

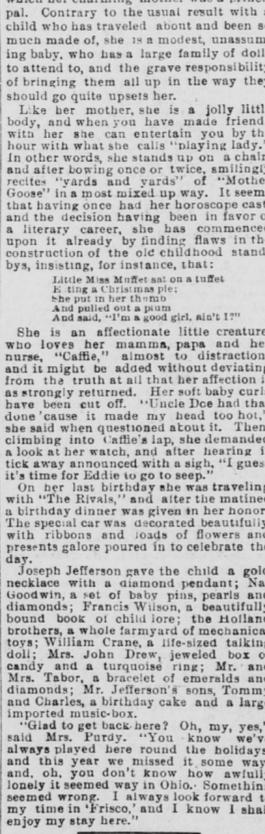
The experts have come to testify in regard to the deeds for the Craven property, one of which is on an Mission street and the other on Pine and Sansome.

"The case is set for February 23," said Mr. Carvalho, "and we are here on behalf of the executor, and we are ready to fight, against Nettie R. Craven. These deeds give the property to Mrs. Craven, and this suit is to quiet the title."

"Of course I do not feel at liberty to go into the details of the case now, to outline our testimony, but that is what we have come to do on the 23d inst. We hope the case will not be long protracted, but if it is we will stay as long as it may require."

Coat buttons are from 3/4 to 1 inch in diameter. The large-sized ornamental buttons used on ladies' dresses are from 1 1/2 to 2 inches.

LITTLE EDITH MUNDAY PURDY, the Mascot of "The Rivals" Company, in the Arms of Joe Jefferson, the Veteran Actor.



AN OLDE-TYME RECEPTION

To Be Held at Howard Church Washington's Birthday.

An original entertainment will be given on Washington's Birthday in accordance with the following quaint invitation:

General and Lady Washington will hold a grand reception at the Howard Presbyterian meeting-house, corner of Oak and Baker streets, on the 22d of February, in the year of our Lord, 1897. Ye guests will be entertained with tea and an old folks' concert. Ye doors will be open at early candle light, and ye concert will begin at 8 o'clock.

Receiving Hospital Will Not Close.

The City Receiving Hospital will not be closed for lack of surgical instruments. The needed instruments will be supplied by Samuel Waller by Monday, and a somewhat irregular episode will then close.

A NOTABLE ARMY ENGAGEMENT.

An interesting engagement to announce is that of Miss Minnie Burton, daughter of Colonel Burton, Inspector-General of the Department of California, and Lieutenant Thomas Pierce, at present stationed at Fort Logan, Colorado.

Miss Burton is a belle in local society, and also well and popularly known in Washington, D. C., where she made her debut three seasons ago.

Lieutenant Pierce graduated from West Point in '95, and has since been stationed at Fort Logan.

The wedding of this fortunate young couple will probably be celebrated early in June.

JENNINGS' DISBARMENT

Judges Seawell, Slack and Hunt Heard Argument in the Case Yesterday.

Judges Seawell, Slack and Hunt sat in bank yesterday for the purpose of hearing argument in the proceedings for the disbarment of C. M. Jennings, an attorney-at-law.

Jennings is accused by Byron Waters of clandestinely securing the secrets of the claim department of the Southern Pacific Railway Company, conspiring with and aiding James H. Allison, a clerk employed by the corporation.

The case was assigned to Judge Seawell's department of the Superior Court and he invited Judges Hunt and Slack to sit with him.

Jennings interposed a demurrer and appeared in court yesterday accompanied by his attorneys, Henry Bigelow & Casatiello. An argument in support of the demurrer was made by Ex-Judge Bigelow, after which further argument was continued until the 27th inst.

FUNERAL CARRIAGES.

Judge Coffey Says Too Much Expense Is Incurred for Free Rides.

"I think six carriages at a funeral like that are too many," said Judge Coffey in objecting to an item in the undertaker's bill against the estate of the late Mrs. Frances Julia Pracy. Her estate is estimated to be worth \$600.

The attorney suggested that a similar number of carriages had been supplied for the funeral of Mrs. Pracy's husband, Geo. T. Pracy, who died a short time before she departed to the other world.

"That is no criterion," responded the court. "I do not wish to incur the enmity of the heckens, but I really think that six carriages are too many to charge against an estate of this kind. I understand that some of the undertakers have already expressed disapproval of my views in regard to expensive funerals. Of course, I'm sorry, but differences of opinion are liable to occur. As a matter of fact I don't believe in big funerals; though some funerals would probably benefit the community."

"Shall we cut the allowance of carriages to four?" asked the lawyer.

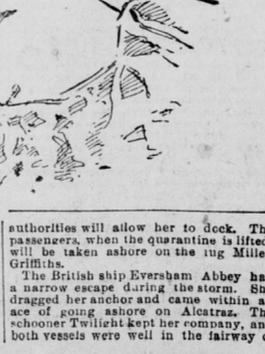
"Four might be nearer right," replied the court, "but I cannot approve this claim until I hear more of the matter. The other day there was a charge for fifteen funeral carriages against an estate, and finally it was developed that the deceased had no family. It seemed to be a case of some people who 'wait for the wagon and all take a ride.'"

EL DORADO'S ANNIVERSARY.

A Parlor of the Native Sons Observes the Twelfth Year of Organization.

The fact that it was stormy and disagreeable during the early part of last evening did not prevent the many friends of El Dorado Parlor, Native Sons of the Golden West, from attending in large numbers in Native Sons' Hall to take part in the twelfth anniversary entertainment arranged by the parlor.

There was a great deal of taste displayed in the decoration, particularly the stage. The outer edge was fringed with living plants and shrubs, and from between them were shown the letters N. S. G. W. In the background was stretched across a large American flag, and after the grand march led by C. G. Gunther and Miss Charlotte Kompf, had been started the flag was raised from the lower center until it formed graceful folds and exposed another background of cerise blue, studded with gold stars and illumined with numerous tiny incandescent lights. There was a novel effect and much admired. There were many handsome ladies richly



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THE LABOR COUNCIL

Words of Encouragement Received from California's Representatives.

Secretary Rosenberg of the San Francisco Labor Council is in receipt of a stack of letters from California Representatives in Washington pledging their support to laws and resolutions beneficial to the cause of labor. Among them particular emphasis is placed on the proposed bill now before the Senate committee abolishing imprisonment for debt. The bill is seen for a breach of their contract when made with ship-owners.

There have been no concessions made as yet between M. A. Grant and the cigar-makers' union. Alameda County Federation has promised to aid the San Francisco Council in this fight.

The Musicians' Union is displeased with the proprietor of the People's Palace for his failure to pay the band men who had been employed at that place, and as a consequence they have quit the job.

THE CHUTES.

THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

PRIZE MASQUERADE BALL!

VEREIN EINTRACHT.

SUTRO BATHS.

THE CHUTES.

ALCAZAR

RACING!

ALCAZAR MATINEE TO-DAY at 2. SARDON'S GREAT COMEDY. A SCRAP OF PAPER! An Elegant Performance! Every One Says So! HUGO TOLAND, J. B. POLK and the Entire Co. Our Popular Prices! Telephone for seats—Black 991.

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