KEPT FROM HER DYING HUSBAND

Sensational Story Told by the Daughter-in-Law of John T. Wright.

TOOK HIM AWAY AT NIGHT.

The Capitalist Calls It a Sequel to a Speed That Was Too Fast.

SAW THINGS THAT HE DISLIKED.

He Does Not Have Any Fear About Paying Twenty-five Thousand Dollars for Damages.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Dec. 12.

A very sensational complaint has been drawn up and will be filed to-morrow by ex-Judge H. D. Talcott on behalf of Mrs. Emily B. Wright against her father-in-law, the well known and wealthy capitalist of Oakland and San Francisco.

The plaintiff says her rich father-in-law and his second wife have conspired to keep her from the bedside of her dying husband. The sick man is said to be near the grave with only a few days to live. John T. Wright has supported his son all his life and has always behaved generously, and is rather amused than otherwise at the lady's story.

The complaint, which reads like a romonce, tells the following story: Mrs. Emily B. Wright was married to George T. Wright, son of the defendant, on Christmas eve, 1882. The wedding was the talk of Oakland society for weeks. There is but one child, Catherine H., who is now 13 years old. After the marriage the young people resided at Fifth and Market streets, and during the whole of their married life the plaintiff has enjoyed the society and companionship of her husband.

For over a year George T. Wright has been ill and unable to do any work whatever, and his wife believes he is afflicted with a fatal disease. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have been without means for some months, but the plaintiff's father-in-law is believed to be a man of great wealth, and has property valued at many hundreds of thousands of dollars, which yields an income of at least $15,000 annually, and he also holds the estate of the plaintiff's husband's mother. It is alleged that she left all her property to her only son, and that he has not had the use of it.

The complaint alleges that John T. Wright now lives with his wife in a large, luxurious and perfectly appointed home in the aristocratic part of Oakland. Mrs. Wright Jr. says her father-in-law knew the situation of his son, and that her counsel advised him of his duty on November 1. When he received the letter John T. Wright called on his sick son, but declined to advance funds or to secure a nurse and servant. At this time Mrs. Wright says her husband was dying and she was too sick to attend to the household duties, while her father-in-law was able to give his son at least $300 per month.

It was finally agreed that the dying man should go to the sanitarium of Mrs. Sarah Reeves on Broadway, and while there his wife attended to his wants and enjoyed his society.

Mrs. Wright Jr. then alleges that a conspiracy was formed between John T. Wright and his wife to separate her from her husband. The sick man was without cause or reason and without consent of plaintiff removed at night from Mrs. Reeves to the home of a Miss Eva Lewis and detained for some days, and plaintiff was willfully and illegally prevented from seeing or caring for her husband. The sick man was later removed to the East Bay sanitarium and placed in a small and sunless room, where he still remains.

Since his last removal Mrs. Wright Jr. says she has been deprived from seeing her husband, and has been informed by attendants at the sanitarium that she must be kept away from her husband.

The sensational complaint concludes, "plaintiff is informed and believes her said husband lies in the East Bay Sanitarium, neglected and alone, and has but a few days to live and that he earnestly wishes and needs the care, society and companionship of plaintiff and to die in his own home with his wife and children near him, from all of which he is prevented from doing by the willful, malicious, improper and illegal acts of the defendants. That neither the father nor step-mother of said George T. Wright go near him, and the said defendant Mueller only at long intervals, and he is kept to the cold charity and attention of said sanitarium and its manager and with only alien hands to smooth his pathway to the grave, all of which is unbearable to plaintiff and inflicts upon her great bodily harm and acute and grievous mental suffering and great loss, damage and expense."

Mrs. Wright Jr. asks the court to award her $25,000 damages because of her anguish.

Drs. Mueller and Kron are also made defendants.

John T. Wright was seen at his house to-night and said the trouble is the end of a life that has been wasted, so far as his son is concerned. He spoke very plainly about both his son and his daughter-in-law, and ridiculed the idea that he would ever be called upon to pay $25,000 to anybody.

DR. J. K. McLEAN RETURNS

The Brown Conference at Chicago Not Altogether Satisfactory.

OAKLAND, Dec. 12.—Rev. J. K. McLean, who went to Chicago to present the Bay Conference side of the C. O. Brown affair, has reached home and is resting quietly at the Pacific Seminary, trying to get rid of a bad cold before venturing out. Otherwise he is as well as when he left home two months ago and greatly pleased with his trip.

"Considering everything we did very well at the mutual conference," said Dr. McLean to-night. "We did not do what we expected, and therefore did not accomplish all we hoped. I have been studying seminaries and have had a very pleasant time altogether.

"While in Chicago I attended the great Baptist conference. I never saw a finer set of men anywhere. I liked their radicalism, the out-and-out way they talk and work. I was glad to learn that they did not believe in the Lord's Supper as a church ordinance, but as one for the believers in Christ. My opinion of the Baptist denomination was raised greatly by that meeting.

"Then, further on East I heard Rev. Dr. Berry of England on such subjects as 'International Arbitration' and 'Free Church Federation.' The latter is an organization of all nonconformists in England. He is a very bright man and a pleasant speaker."

Dr. McLean visited New York City and Philadelphia, and comes home imbued with new plans and fresh energy to push the Pacific Theological Seminary to the front on this coast. He expressed regret at the news of the deaths of Dr. Morse, Dr. Abbott, Mr. Burnham, Mr. Smilie and Dr. Knox, all of which have occurred since his departure.

ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS.

DRANK CARBOLIC ACID.

Little Octavus Dunne Dies in Agony After Suffering Nearly All Night.

OAKLAND, Dec. 12.—Little Octavus T. Dunne, only 2½ years of age, drank from a bottle of carbolic acid last night and died in great agony early this morning in spite of all Drs. Stark and Huntington could do to relieve him. He is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dunne, 1053 Center street.

Octavus wanted to go to bed last night down stairs in his mother's bed, but she tried to force him to go upstairs to his own. He finally went to sleep on his mother's bed and awoke wanting a drink. Instead of asking for it he got up and drank out of a bottle he found handy, which contained carbolic acid. His cries aroused the family, and everything possible was done for the little sufferer, but all of no avail.

His mother is prostrated over the accident and his father, who is a railroad man, is unable to account for the deadly acid being where it was found.

Smilie's Funeral.

OAKLAND, Dec. 12.—The remains of Robert Smilie, who was killed at Crockett last evening, were brought to this city today. Immediately upon hearing of the accident members of the Knights Templar left for Crockett. Last Monday, before leaving for his work, he took a $5000 accident policy in a local association. He had just received a jugment in Fresno County for $8795 for the new courthouse. The Board of Supervisors had passed the bill and the Treasurer was holding the money for him.

The Knights Templar will attend his funeral from the Berkeley residence Tuesday afternoon, as will many of the Builders' Exchange. He was one of three nominees of the San Francisco exchange for president. The election is to take place soon.

DEATH OF DR. H. E. KNOX

Succumbs to the Third Stroke of Paralysis After Suffering Two Days.

Pioneer Dentist, and Popular in Professional as Well as Religious Circles.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Dec. 12.

Dr. Henry E. Knox, a pioneer dentist of San Francisco and this city, died at his residence, 460 Merrimac street, this city, this afternoon shortly after 4 o'clock. He was attacked Friday evening at the dinner table with a stroke of paralysis and never recovered. Although he was conscious all of the time, he was unable to speak or eat and breathed with difficulty. His suffering was severe and grew worse until death relieved him.

Dr. Knox was a native of Blandford, Mass., 66 years of age last month. He began the practice of his profession in Washington, D. C., and came to Oakland in the sixties. He opened an office in San Francisco and was very successful. He acquired considerable means, but was such a whole-souled, jovial, good-natured fellow that he was often imposed upon and defrauded. He was an active member of the First Congregational Church and beloved by a host of sincere friends.

The first stroke of paralysis occurred between five and six years ago. His deafness increased as the years rolled on, until it was nearly impossible to make him hear at all. A little over a year ago he had a second stroke, which confined him to the house for a month or more.

His family, consisting of a wife and son, Harry, have realized from the first that this last attack was a fatal one. They have been with him constantly and have the sympathy of a large circle of acquaintances in their bereavement.

Dr. Knox was a brother of the late Isreal Knox, who owned the Knox place on Telegraph avenue, and of William B. Knox of Healdsburg.

The deceased had four children—three daughters and one son, Harry. Two of the girls are dead, one dying in infancy, one about twenty years ago and the third is married and lives in Southern California.

Collided With an Electric Car.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 12.—This forenoon while a wagon belonging to the Mandler bakery was crossing San Jose avenue at Willow street it came into collision with an electric car, with the result that one of the horses, a valuable animal, was so badly injured that it will have to be killed. The driver of the wagon, which is a closed vehicle, claims that he did not see the car coming and that the bell was not rung, or, if rung, not sufficiently to give him warning. The owner of the vehicle claims that it was a case of negligence on the part of the motorman and proposes to demand damages, while the employees running the car claim that due diligence was used.

Football on Tuesday Next.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 12.—The middle and high juniors and the senior and low juniors of the high school will meet on the football field in this city on Tuesday morning of this week. The line-up will be as follows:

Seniors and low juniors—C. Nahl, center; C. Hague, right guard; E. Sullivan, left guard; B. Larkin, right tackle; W. Orr, left tackle; E. Hall, right end; Stewart, left end; J. Bovard, quarter; Norris Stark, right half; C. Weymouth, left half; E. Nielson, full.

Middle and high juniors—J. Guislain, center; G. McKean, right guard; Darneal, right tackle; E. Porter, left tackle; S. Babson, right end; O. Bordwell, left end; E. Jones, quarter; P. Alexander, right half; B. Colburn, left half; E. Thomas, full.

Baseball.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 12.—The game of baseball this afternoon at the West Alameda Grounds between the City Employes and the Bay Citys was a very warm one, and was won by the last named club by a score of 14 to 8. The Bay Citys had six players from the Heeseman Club of Oakland, viz.: Feeney, Watren, Borlen, Smith, Mulvey and Westphal. The old Monarch pitcher, Feigo of Oakland, was in the box. The Alameda nine was as follows: Hammond, catcher; McKee, pitcher; Dunlevy, third base; Anderson, right field; Stackler, short stop; Goldsworthy, second base; Finley, first base; Peterson, left field.

Alameda Notes.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Mack of 883 Cedar street will celebrate their silver wedding anniversary to-morrow night at Eureka hall, Masonic Temple, by giving a party.

The Alameda branch of the Union Reform League will hold a public meeting at the parlors of the Congregational Church on Thursday evening next.

There has been a great run of smelt in the tidal canal during the past few days, and some big catches have been made.

Sergeant E. M. Whalley of Company G will leave for Seattle in a few days en route for Dawson City, which place he will endeavor to reach over the Chilcoot Pass during the winter.

WERE ALMOST SUFFOCATED

Narrow Escape of Four Children at a Blaze in Berkeley.

Two Simultaneous Midnight Alarms in the College Town.

Fire Companies Loudly Denounced for Their Delay in Responding to the Call.

BERKELEY, Dec. 12.—A fire in North Berkeley early this morning caused between $2000 and $3000 worth of damage and nearly resulted in the death of four small children, who were carried from the burning house unconscious from the effects of smoke.

The burned house, which is 2019 College way, is owned by A. G. Mitchell of San Francisco and was occupied by L. C. Ryan, a life insurance writer. Shortly after 1 o'clock this morning Mr. Ryan was awakened by the presence of smoke and noise from the fire in the rear part of the house. An alarm was given and neighbors soon arrived and began fighting the blaze. Mr. Ryan hastened back into the house after his children. He found them overcome by the smoke, but he quickly carried them out of doors where they soon recovered consciousness.

In his haste to rescue the four little ones the father was compelled to roll them or push them before him down the stairs. Town Marshal Lloyd, who lives near by, at the risk of great danger to himself, succeeded in saving much valuable property from the flames.

The fire, so far as can be ascertained, originated in the kitchen and was caused by a defective flue. Nearly the whole second story was burned, and the damage to the building will probably amount to $1200. Mr. Ryan's loss was about $1500, with $700 insurance to offset it.

The cry of fire was given about 1:10. Two young men hastened to Berkeley and obtained the hosecart from the Addison-street fire-house and pulled it up the hill to the burning house. The neighbors declare that none of the local fire companies got a stream on the building for more than an hour after the alarm, and they are loud in their denunciation of the North Berkeley fire company, which they aver did not get any water on the building until after 2:30 o'clock.

"The result of such slowness and inadequacy of fire protection," said one of the neighbors, "will be that all the insurance companies will double or treble the rate in Berkeley."

There was a considerable blaze in West Berkeley also shortly before the fire on College way broke out. The two-story building belonging to Richard Monterichard and occupied by August Mirge on Ninth street and University avenue was damaged to the extent of $1000 or more, the whole interior of the building being gutted.

THE SLEEP OF DEATH.

Heber S. Martin, a Conductor, Found Dead in Bed With the Gas Cocks Turned On.

OAKLAND, Dec. 12.—Heber S. Martin, a Southern Pacific railway conductor, was found dead in bed this morning at 1373 Ninth street, with the gas cock turned three-quarters of the way on. The room was full of gas and death resulted from asphyxiation, whether intentional or accidental the coroner's jury must determine.

The deceased was a prominent member of the O. R. C., and had been in the employ of the company for a long time. He came from Lafayette, Or., where he has two brothers, W. J. and G. S. Martin, and a mother.

Martin came home on Saturday evening about 11:30 o'clock, after everyone in the house had retired. This morning gas was discovered to be leaking somewhere, and an investigation led to Martin's room. He was found in bed as if asleep. Physicians were called, but life had became extinct before they reached him. The coroner will hold an inquest to-morrow.

LON AGNEW'S MATCH.

It Has Been Made With McConnell for Tuesday Night.

OAKLAND, Dec. 12.—The Acme Club has arranged some good events for its gentlemen's night on Tuesday evening. The main event will be the eight-round contest between Frank McConnell of San Francisco and Lon Agnew of this city for a purse of $500 at 150 pounds weight. Agnew has a record of over 100 victories and but three defeats and McConnell is as yet undefeated. McConnell's best victory is that over the actor-pugilist, Billy Elmer, at the Acme Club two months ago.

Agnew is in training at Croll's Garden, Alameda, and McConnell at Sargent, Santa Clara County.

The seating capacity of the gymnasium has been increased by 200 chairs and will now accommodate over 1200.

The preliminaries are between McAvin and Stanley, Hodgkins and Smith, Ingersoll and Sparrow, Dirks and Tiret, Schuler and Conway, Granfield and Young Snarkey, Jimmy Lawler and George Simpson.

Death From Malpractice.

OAKLAND, Dec. 12.—Muirel Pedrezzine, an Italian woman living on Peralta avenue, corner of Hyde street, died at midnight from the effects of a criminal operation. She was 35 years of age and lived with her husband and a large family of children. Two doctors were called in on last Wednesday, but they were unable to save her. They reported the case to Coroner Baldwin this morning, and he will hold an inquest to-morrow.

Writes of "California Vegetables."

BERKELEY, Dec. 12.—Professor E. J. Wickson of the agricultural department of the State University has presented to the university library a copy of his book on "California Vegetables." The book is a companion volume to his earlier work on "California Fruits," which has already gone through two editions. Professor Wickson has incorporated into the book a number of illustrations of various California vegetables, the size to which they may attain and the methods of their cultivation.

Berkeley News Notes.

BERKELEY, Dec. 12.—Rev. H. C. Minton preached this morning at the First Presbyterian Church on "The Church and the Young." In the course of his sermon he declared that the public schools lose much of their efficiency as moral factors by the absence of any religious teaching.

The funeral of Mrs. Teresa Marsicano of West Berkeley was held this morning from her late residence on Fifth street, near Bancroft way.

Rev. John Coyle of Trinity Methodist Church of Berkeley led a rally of all the Berkeley Christian Endeavorers this evening at the First Presbyterian Church.

NO HARMONY FOR THE DEMOCRATS

Maguire and Lane Already Sever the Alameda Camp.

President Williams Has Not Set a Racing Day for the Christians.

Republicans Do Not Like to Eat Crow Served With a Populist Relish.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Dec. 12.

The little Maguire boom started in this county by a section of the remnant of the Fusionists of 1896 had barely been born when a strong opposition developed, and already C. D. Lane is more mentioned in Democratic and Populist circles than the little Congressman. Maguire so far is the choice of Alameda County Populists, at least of those of them who do the talking, but there is no hope that this county will send a Democratic delegation to the State Convention solid for any one candidate for Governor. Robert M. Fitzgerald, the leader of one wing of the Democracy, has so far been non-committal, except to deny that he wants the job himself, but his section is clamoring for Maguire, and he will probably lead the Congressman's cause.

On the other hand, with the leadership of George W. Baker, a silver Republican with Democratic tendencies, has started the campaign for Charles D. Lane, and many other local leaders are rapidly falling in line. Ex-Sheriff McKillican, a stalwart Democrat, has already stated that he is a supporter of Mr. Lane and considers him the stronger man. He also fears that Maguire has too many fads to be elected even if nominated. With McKillican can be reckoned the English Democrats, and this draws in the party almost the same as they were before ex-Senator Moffitt quit politics for private life. It seems certain that so far as Alameda's delegation is concerned the Murphy-Budd scenes of three years ago will be repeated in the State convention.

There are ten nice positions on the police force to be filled as soon as Mayor Thomas shall sign the ordinance creating them. This is, of course, quite a feast of political pie, and naturally everybody with a pull is trying to exercise it. The positions pay $100 a month and are practically life jobs. There is just a doubt regarding the Mayor's position. The ordinance contains the clause that the men are to be appointed "on the recommendation of the Chief of Police." This practically gives the power of appointment to Chief Lloyd.

As he is Populist, and the majority of the commission, including the Mayor, is Republican, it is like forcing the Republicans to eat crow served on a Populistic platter. Considering that Mayor Thomas was Chief of Police before Populism was born in this county, there is certainly no need to tell him what requirements are necessary for a police officer. It is true that the Mayor recently voted to reelect Chief Lloyd, and did this because of the Chief's good record, but, other things being equal, it does seem reasonable that the choice of men should be left with those who were successful at the polls, especially when it is borne in mind that two years ago, when the Populists had a majority of the board, the Republicans were cleaned out as fast as resolutions could do it. The clause may have been inserted in the ordinance merely as an act of courtesy to the chief, but it is there and the Mayor is quite justified in taking a few days to think.

When the Rev. Edwards Davis pleaded with Mr. Williams for a "Christians' day at the track" to be set aside for Christian people who wished to indulge in the pleasure of witnessing a genuine horserace without coming in contact with the usual attendant betting and gambling feature he placed himself on record as a careful and conscientious shepherd.

"I have seen many Christians riding on the San Pablo cars lately, and I believe it would be a great economy in conscience for them to have such a day," said Mr. Davis in his letter to Mr. Williams. Mr. Davis evidently believes that he is in a measure responsible for his brother's keeping, and if any of his flock are inclined to stray toward the path that is trod by fast horses he wants to make the way as smooth as a loving and watchful shepherd might be expected to do.

To ride in a San Pablo avenue car is a suspicious circumstance to Mr. Davis' mind, apparently, but as yet the pastor has not explained whether he has discarded that route when traveling or whether his actions are open to suspicion as to his journey being one of mercy or of pleasure.

Then again, Mr. Davis has not, evidently, taken into consideration which element goes farthest toward making horse-racing on enjoyable pastime. Perhaps on Christians' day it would be the concensus of opinion at the track that in order to make the sport interesting one must have favorites, and, to prove one's sincerity in his praises, it would be necessary to put up something more tangible than mere words. Gambling, of course, would be out of the question on Christians' day, and, robbed of one element that goes to make horse-racing a fascination, even Christians might consider the sport too tame and decline to support their pastor in his efforts to set aside a day on which horse-racing might be made a fit and proper pastime for holy and righteous people.

Anyhow, President Williams has not answered the pastor's letter, and the question of how far Christians would patronize horse-racing without gambling may never be solved.

When Judge Hall scored the so-called French restaurants of this city from the bench yesterday he touched on a subject that will bear investigation, and the Civic League could not do a better service to the community than by taking the matter up. The work of the Children's Society, of the Rescue Home people and the unpublished records of the police show very clearly that there must be some cause for the great number of cases of immorality that are daily being brought to light. The cause is the "all-night" restaurant.

In most of the places liquor is sold in the boxes to well-dressed noodlums and young girls and women at all hours of the night. There is never a night that the midnight ordinance is not broken in this class of restaurants, and conditions exist that are unknown to respectable citizens whose day closes at midnight. A few months ago the City Council, in a spasmodic moment, refused to renew a lease to the Louvre under the Macdonough Theatre unless all the private boxes were removed. This was done and the license granted and virtue sneered. There are a dozen places near the heart of the city with private boxes where liquor is sold and not a word has been said when they seek the renewal of licenses. The action regarding the Louvre was one of the funniest pieces of discrimination in this discriminating city.

STUART W. BOOTH.

CLASH OF AUTHORITIES.

Disagreement as to Who Shall Make Arrangements for Debates at Berkeley.

BERKELEY, Dec. 12.—Trouble is brewing among the university debaters in regard to the question of who shall have charge of the arrangements of the Carnot and intercollegiate debates with Stanford. The Student Congress, the only debating society at the university, at a recent meeting resolved to ask the executive committee of the associated students to place the jurisdiction over both debates in the hands of a committee composed of a representative of the faculty of the Law College and of the Student Congress. The executive committee did not take the action requested, but have taken the matter under advisement until next term.

In the meantime Professors Bacon and Lange, who constitute the Carnot debate committee, have begun arrangements for the debate. They have appointed as the date for the Carnot preliminaries, the first Friday of next term, the date which the Student Congress had already chosen for its debate will be Hastings Law College. Many of the Student Congress debaters are indignant and declare that the Carnot preliminaries ought to be postponed. The outcome of the disagreement between the two parties is awaited with considerable interest.

Religious Services.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 12.—Rev. Mr. Brandes of the German Evangelical Church delivered a lecture this evening on the subject, "Luther and the Wartburg."

Rev. Mr. Dodson of the Unitarian Church preached this morning on the subject, "How the Good Life Grows."

At the Free Methodist Church Rev. G. W. Griffith preached this morning on the subject, "Breaking the Fallow Ground," and in the evening on "Practical Holiness."

"Christ, Our Burden-bearer," was the subject of the morning's discourse of Rev. C. E. Rich at the Santa Clara-avenue M.E. Church, and in the evening he preached on "The Laborers in the Vineyard."

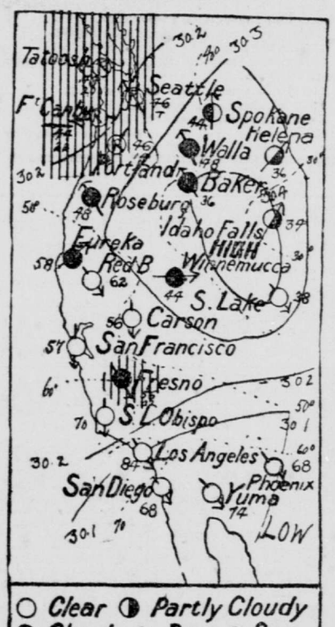
This evening Rev. Dr. Bovard of the Park-street M. E. Church preached on "World-wide Vices."

The anniversary of the Sunday-school of the Congregational Church was held this evening. A feature of the exercises was five-minute papers on the Bible, as follows: "Its Growth and Function," Dr. H. M. Pond; "Its Distribution," H. P. Dexter; "Its Moral Influence," H. F. Whitman; "Its Educational Importance," Professor W. W. Anderson; "Its Instructiveness," Mrs. Julia B. Foster; "The Bible as the Word of God," W. W. Scudder Jr.

Two Burglaries.

OAKLAND, Dec. 12.—Burglars broke into the residence of ex-Coroner W. T. Hamilton to-night about 7 o'clock and made away with fully $500 worth of plunder. They secured an entrance to the house in the absence of the family by cutting out a piece of the plate glass door and reaching through to the lock. Mrs. Hamilton's gold watch and chain and opera-glasses, her daughter's gold watch and chain, $35 in coin, Mr. Hamilton's gold-headed cane, Masonic emblem and diamond pin and a silver watch of the servant's, were taken. Two blocks away the house of Henry Van Winkle was attempted, but skeleton keys were broken in the door.

Another house was entered on Albion street shortly afterwards, and bloodstains were left on the premises. As the glass door at Hamilton's had bloodstains on it, the officers believe that the same parties did both.



Explanation.

The arrow flies with the wind. The top figures at station indicate maximum temperature for the days; those underneath it, if any, the amount of rainfall, of melted snow in inches and hundredths during the past twelve hours. Isobars, or solid lines, connect points of equal air pressure; isotherms, or dotted lines, equal temperature. The word "high" means high barometric pressure and is usually accompanied by fair weather; "low" refers to low pressure, and is usually preceded and accompanied by cloudy weather and rains. "Lows" usually first appear on the Washington coast. When the pressure is high in the interior and low along the coast, and the isobars extend north and south along the coast, rain is probable; but when the "low" is inclosed with isobars of marked curvature, rain south of Oregon is improbable. With a "high" in the vicinity of Idaho, and the pressure falling to the California coast, warmer weather may be expected in summer and colder weather in winter. The reverse of these conditions will produce an opposite result.

THE WEATHER BUREAU.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. WEATHER BUREAU, SAN FRANCISCO, December 12, 1897, 5 P. M.

Weather Conditions and General Forecasts.

The following are the seasonal rainfalls to date as compared with those of the same date last season and the rainfall during the past twenty-four hours: Eureka —— this season, 15.00 last season, past 24 hours .00; Red Bluff 5.66 this season, 6.28 last season, .00 past 24 hours; Sacramento 3.90 this season, 4.97 last season, trace past 24 hours; San Francisco 3.95 this season, 7.04 last season, .00 past 24 hours; Fresno 1.81 this season, 3.03 last season, .02 past 24 hours; San Luis Obispo 1.41 this season, 4.71 last season, .00 past 24 hours; Los Angeles 2.48 this season, 2.99 last season, .00 past 24 hours; San Diego 1.19 this season, 2.68 last season, .00 past 24 hours; Yuma 0.81 this season, 1.20 last season, .00 past 24 hours.

San Francisco data: Maximum temperature 57, minimum 48, mean 54.

An area of high pressure lies over Utah, Idaho, Eastern Oregon and Nevada. The pressure has risen rapidly over the country except along the immediate Pacific Coast where it has fallen.

The temperature has remained nearly stationary, except at Los Angeles, where there has been a rapid rise.

Much colder weather will probably prevail over Southern California and Arizona Monday.

Rain is falling over Washington and Vancouver Island.

The following maximum wind velocity is reported: Fort Canby, 36 miles per hour from the east.

Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, December 13, 1897:

Northern California—Fair Monday; colder in the central and southern portions, light northerly wind.

Southern California—Cloudy Monday; much colder; northerly wind.

Nevada—Fair Monday; colder.

Utah—Fair Monday; continued cold.

Arizona—Fair Monday; colder; probably frosts in the Salt River Valley.

San Francisco and vicinity—Fair Monday; continued cold; light northerly wind.

ALEXANDER MCADIE,
Local Forecast Official.

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THE CALL CALENDAR.

December 1 1897.

Su.	Mo.	Tu.	W.	Th.	Fr.	Sa.	Moon's Phases.
			1	2	3	4	Full Moon. Dec. 8.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Last Quarter Dec. 16.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	New Moon. Dec. 23.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31		First Quarter Dec. 30

STEAMERS TO SAIL.

STEAMER	DESTINATION.	SAILS.	PIER.
Arcata	Coos Bay	Dec 14, 10 AM	Pier 9
Weecott	Humboldt Bay	Dec 14, 9 AM	Pier 13
Queen	San Diego	Dec 14, 11 AM	Pier 11
State of Cal	Portland	Dec 14, 10 AM	Pier 4
Czarina	Coos Bay	Dec 14, 5 PM	Pier 13
Del Norte	Grays Harbor	Dec 15, 12 M	Pier 2
Alliance	Alaska	Dec 15, 12 M	.....
Pomona	Humboldt Bay	Dec 15, 2 PM	Pier 9
Chilkat	Eel River	Dec 16, 9 AM	Pier 13
Walla Walla	Vic & Puz Sno	Dec 17, 9 AM	Pier 9
Humboldt	Humboldt Bay	Dec 17, 1 PM	Pier 3
Santa Rosa	San Diego	Dec 18, 11 AM	Pier 11
City Para	Panama	Dec 18, 12 M	P M S S
City Peking	China & Japan	Dec 18, 1 PM	P M S S
Columbia	Portland	Dec 19, 10 AM	Pier 24
Cleveland	Puget Sound	Dec 20	.....

STEAMERS TO ARRIVE.

STEAMER	FROM	DUE
Weecott	Humboldt Bay	Dec 13
Arcata	Coos Bay	Dec 13
Walla Walla	Victoria & Puget Sound	Dec 13
Bristol	Comox	Dec 13
Empire	Coos Bay	Dec 13
Homer	Coos Bay	Dec 13
Czarina	Coos Bay	Dec 13
Del Norte	Grays Harbor	Dec 13
Eureka	Newport	Dec 14
Crescent City	Crescent City	Dec 14
Pomona	Humboldt Bay	Dec 14
Humboldt	Humboldt	Dec 15
Mackinaw	Tacoma	Dec 15
Chilkat	Portland	Dec 15
Columbia	Portland	Dec 16
Santa Rosa	San Diego	Dec 16
Moana	Sydney	Dec 16
Cleveland	Puget Sound	Dec 16
Doric	China and Japan	Dec 17
Coos Bay	Newport	Dec 18
Umatilla	Victoria & Puget Sound	Dec 18
San Jose	Panama	Dec 18
North Fork	Humboldt	Dec 19
State of Cal	Portland	Dec 21

SUN, MOON AND TIDE.

UNITED STATES COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY. TIMES AND HEIGHTS OF HIGH AND LOW WATERS AT FORT POINT, ENTRANCE TO SAN FRANCISCO BAY. PUBLISHED BY OFFICIAL AUTHORITY OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

NOTE—The high and low waters occur at the City Front (Mission-street Wharf) about twenty-five minutes later than at Fort Point; the height of tide is the same at both places.

December—1897.

Monday, December 13.

Sun rises.....7.18 Moon rises.....9.01 PM
Sun sets.....4.52 Moon sets.....

Day	Time	Feet	Time	Feet	Time	Feet	Time	Feet
	H W		L W		H W		L W	
13	3.15	4.4	7.22	3.4	12.43	4.6	8.5	0.2
14	3.57	4.6	8.30	3.2	1.45	4.2	8.47	0.6
15	4.08	4.9	9.41	3.0	3.00	3.9	9.37	1.0
16	4.41	5.0	10.52	2.7	4.6	3.7	10.25	1.6
17	5.16	5.2	11.53	1.8	6.00	3.5	11.15	2.1
18	5.55	5.5	12.53	1.1	7.38	3.5	.....	.....
	L W		H W		L W		H W	
19	0.06	2.7	6.38	5.8	1.52	0.2	8.57	3.6

NOTE—In the above exposition of the tides the early morning tides are given in the left hand column, and the successive tides of the day in the order of occurrence as to time. The second time column gives the second tide of the day, the third time column the third tide, and the last or right hand column gives the last tide of the day, except when there are but three tides, as sometimes occurs. The heights given are additions to the soundings on the United States Coast Survey charts, except when a minus sign (—) precedes the height, and then the number given is subtractive from the depth given by the charts.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

A branch of the United States Hydrographic Office located in the Merchants' Exchange is maintained in San Francisco for the benefit of mariners without regard to nationality and free of expense.

Navigators are cordially invited to visit the office, where complete sets of charts and sailing directions of the world are kept on hand for comparison and reference, and the latest information can always be obtained regarding lights, dangers to navigation and all matters of interest to ocean commerce.

The time ball on top of the building on Telegraph Hill is hoisted about ten minutes before noon, and is dropped at noon, 120th meridian, by telegraphic signal received each day from the United States Naval Observatory, at Mare Island, Cal.

A notice stating whether the time ball was dropped on time, or giving the error, if any, is published the same day by the afternoon papers and by the morning papers the following day.

W. S. HUGHES,
Lieutenant, U. S. N., in charge.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

U. S. BRANCH HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, December 12, 1897.

A telegram from the United States Inspector of the Thirteenth Lighthouse District at Portland, Or., dated December 11, 1897, states that the Columbia River light ship has broken adrift from her moorings and that she will be replaced in her position as soon as practicable.

W. S. HUGHES, Lieutenant U. S. N.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

Arrived.

SUNDAY, December 12.

Stmr Queen, Jepsen, 58 hours from San Diego, etc.; pass and mdse, to Goodall, Perkins & Co.

Stmr Rival, Johnson, 16 hours from Fort Bragg; lumber, to Gray & Mitchell.

Stmr Bonita, Nicholson, 72 hours from San Diego, etc; produce, to Goodall, Perkins & Co.

Sailed.

SUNDAY, December 12.

Stmr South Coast, Zaddart.

Stmr Washtenaw, Crosscup, Tacoma.

Stmr Coos Bay, Hall, San Pedro.

Stmr City of Puebla, Debney, Victoria.

Stmr Geo Loomis, Bridgett, Ventura.

Stmr Coquille River, Johnson, Fort Bragg.

U S stmr Patterson, Moore.

Nor stmr Peter Jebsen, Klausen, Nanaimo.

Br ship Annie Maud, Locke, Hul.

Ger ship Chile, Dreves, Queenstown.

Bark Martha Davis, Soule, Honolulu.

Brig Lurline, MacLeod, Kahului.

Brig W G Irwin, Williams, Honolulu.

Schr C A Thayer, Lilyquist, New Whatcom.

Schr Mary E Russ, Asmussen, Port Gamble.

Schr Melanchton, Bellesen, Willapa Harbor.

Schr Eliza Miller, Christiansen.

Schr La Gironde, Smith, Grays Harbor.

Schr Vega, Rasmussen, Port Blakeley.

Schr Glendale, Johnson, New Whatcom.

Schr Laura May, Hansen, Astoria.

Schr Gem, Olsen, Coos Bay.

Schr Gen Banning, Thomas, Mazatlan.

Telegraphic.

POINT LOBOS, December 12—10 PM—Weather clear; wind N; velocity 6 miles.

Miscellaneous.

The ferry steamer Bay City, while making a landing early this morning at the ferry slip, collided with the bktn Mary Winkelman, lying on the north side of Mission-street wharf No 1. The stmr struck the bktn on the starboard quarter. Damage to the bktn nominal.

Domestic Ports.

SEATTLE—Arrived Dec 12—Bark Ceylon, from Honolulu; schooner Challenger, from Newport.

EUREKA—Arrived Dec 11—Stmr Pomona, hence Dec 11; stmr Alice Blanchard, hence Dec 9; schr Sparrow, hence Dec 9; stmr Humboldt, hence Dec 11.

TACOMA—Sailed Dec 11—Stmr Lakme, for San Pedro.

MENDOCINO—Arrived Dec 12—Stmr Point Arena, hence Dec 11.

PORT ANGELES—Arrived Dec 12—Ship America, hence Dec 5, for Comox; ship John A Briggs, hence Dec 3, for Nanaimo; ship Occidental, from Nagasaki, for Seattle.

TATOOSH—Passed out Dec 12—Stmr Mackinaw, from Tacoma, for San Francisco.

CLALLAM BAY—In port Dec 11—Br ship Lord Rosebery, from Tacoma, for Queenstown.

Movements of Trans-Atlantic Steamers.

NEW YORK—Arrived Dec 12—Stmr La Gascogne, from Havre; stmr Persia, from Hamburg.

QUEENSTOWN—Sailed Dec 12—Stmr Lucania, from Liverpool, for New York.

LIVERPOOL—Arrived Dec 12—