

PLACES UNFIT FOR THE SICK

San Francisco's Hospital and Pesthouse Are Condemned.

State Health Board Says They Should Be Removed as Disgraceful.

Woodland Physician Found Responsible for a Recent Diphtheria Epidemic.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 15.—The State Board of Health held a meeting here this evening. The board resolved that the City Hospital and Pesthouse in San Francisco are unsanitary, and in every respect unfit for the retention of the sick, and should be condemned and removed as disgraceful.

The action of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in authorizing a garbage incineration plant was commended.

A communication was read from Dr. M. Gardner, medical director of the Southern Pacific Company, announcing that cars were now disinfected on entering the State from the South. The quarantine on vessels coming from Mexican ports was raised, there being no infectious diseases at these ports.

A report had been made that the Stockton Asylum, with 1500 patients, had only fourteen cases of consumption, while the Southern California asylum, with less than 500 patients, reported fifty cases, besides several doubtful ones.

Dr. Henderson, who had been investigating reports of diphtheria at Woodland, reported that at least one physician there had failed to report diphtheria cases, and had in a number of pronounced cases reported them to be tonsillitis and membranous croup.

As the cases had not been quarantined the disease had spread. He ordered that tonsillitis cases be quarantined, and the spread of the disease was checked.

Dr. Crowley was authorized to attend the meeting and quarterly centennial of the National Board of Health at Detroit and then go to Washington and confer with the Secretary of Agriculture in regard to quarantining against splenic fever in cattle.

Many cases of leprosy having appeared recently in this State Dr. Morse was authorized to go to the Hawaiian Islands and study the disease and the best methods of treating it and report thereon.

The next meeting of the board will be held the second Saturday in February in San Francisco.

NEW FRENCH EMBASSADOR IS DULY PRESENTED.

Diplomats Arrayed in Full Uniform Present an Impressive Spectacle at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The new French Ambassador, Jules Cambon, was presented to President McKinley to-day.

The ceremony of presentation was performed by Secretary Taft, who did not receive the Ambassador at the State Department, according to the usual custom, but met him at the White House.

M. Cambon was accompanied by Paul Leclercq, who has been the Charge of the Embassy since the departure of M. Patenotre, and also three other members of the embassy staff, all arrayed in full uniform and making an impressive spectacle on the broad portico of the White House.

The party was received in the red parlor by the President. The speeches were a little out of the ordinary run of commonplace, from the fact that they were made on the occasion of the growing out of the ancient alliance of the United States and France.

TERRIBLE SUICIDE OF BOOKKEEPER GREENLEAF.

Jumps From the Sixteenth Floor of the Masonic Temple and His Body Is Mangled to a Pulp.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—Alfred C. Greenleaf, bookkeeper, committed suicide to-day by jumping from the sixteenth floor of the Masonic Temple. Greenleaf had been out of employment for some time, and, becoming despondent, decided to make way with himself. His body was made in the Chamber of Commerce building, where he was caught in the act of jumping over the railing from the twelfth floor to the rotunda, and ejected from the building. The body was struck a marble landing on the third floor, shattered a slab two inches thick, and landed on the balcony of the second floor. The body was found mangled to a pulp. Greenleaf's fall was witnessed by scores of people in the rotunda.

STANDARD OF TEA.

Work of the Board of Experts in Session at New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The United States Board of Tea Experts, which has been holding executive sessions in this city for the purpose of considering and adopting standards to govern the importation of teas for the ensuing year, announced to-day that four of the eighteen standards to be adopted had been decided upon. The standards adopted are practically those of last year, and govern the importation of Japanese teas. In the schedule of standards they are known as No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18.

PRESIDENT CHANDLER LAUGHED AT THE RUMOR.

Declares That the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company Will Not Be Absorbed by the Western Union.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—A report was circulated in this and other cities last night to the effect that the Western Union Telegraph Company had absorbed the Commercial Cable and Postal Telegraph Company. Albert C. Chandler, president of the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company, laughed when he heard the rumor. He said that there was absolutely no truth in it and it had no foundation whatever.

Better Than Klondike. Wanted—Parties with from \$500 to \$10,000 to control sale or manufacture of patent to hitch and un hitch horses without getting out of the vehicle. Proven. Profit on sales, \$50,000 yearly. No canvassing. New York and Illinois sold. Call at once and get choice of territory. I. B. Snell, rm. 137, Lick House, Montgomery, near Market, San Francisco, Cal.

RELIEF GOES TO THE YUKON

No Movement Yet to Stop the Proposed Government Expedition.

Uncle Sam Wants Official Advice as to the Condition of Miners.

Canadian Officials Say They Will Keep Food Trains Moving Until Spring Opens.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The Herald's Washington correspondent telegraphs: "The Government relief expedition will be sent to the Yukon region unless official advice direct from Dawson should be received announcing that the miners are amply supplied with food."

This statement was made to me tonight by Acting Secretary Miekielehn. Mr. Miekielehn states that there is no truth in the report that the Government will postpone the date of the departure of the expedition.

"We have only hearsay information from Dawson City in regard to the situation," he said. "Major Rucker of the Fourth Cavalry telegraphed yesterday that miners coming from Dawson City had reported that there was ample food there, and this information is in line with the statements those miners have made upon their arrival at cities on the Pacific Coast."

Mr. Miekielehn is making an earnest effort to get an official statement in regard to the condition of miners in the Yukon region. He telegraphed today to the Canadian authorities asking them if they had any official information, receiving this reply from Minister Sifton to-night:

"My reports indicate no immediate danger in the new campaign, but there is a great necessity for provisions being distributed between Port Selkirk and Skaguay at various posts. I believe the ice has formed all the way through now. My formations are being pushed down by horses and dogs. I intend to keep supplies moving until the water opens in the spring, to avoid any possibility of disaster."

Another of the old New York pilots in line with a new campaign, and lies in an expedition to the Klondike. Her name is the Actala, of ninety-two tons, which has just been purchased by C. C. McCarthy, recently first officer of the steamer Starbuck of San Francisco. He is starting out for a voyage to the Klondike around the Horn. She will be commanded by her owner, and will have a crew of six men. Ten passengers are also to be taken along, among whom are three women. Captain McCarthy expects to sail about January 20. The Actala was originally built for a pleasure craft, and was first owned by W. F. Weld of Boston, in whose possession she remained for some years. She became a pilot-boat of the Sandy Hook fleet.

IS OUT OF WORK.

Sorry Plight of a Young Californian Stranded at Dawson City.

SAN RAFAEL, Jan. 15.—Word has at last been received from the party of large young men who left here last year during the Klondike excitement to search for gold in the frozen north. The expedition was composed of R. C. Kirk, L. Emerson and C. Bergesen, all well known here. Their object was to establish a paper in Dawson City, but the press and type were deserted and left on the trail while the party pressed on.

Backing the young men were some of the best-known people in San Rafael. Rumors that the party had perished in the snow were current, but a letter received by James H. Wilkins of San Rafael yesterday, although telling of hardship and suffering, is encouraging to the extent of informing their friends that they are still alive. Following is the letter in part:

DAWSON CITY, N. W. T., Nov. 21, 1897. Mr. Wilkins: I wrote you some days ago about our arrival here—how the boys abandoned the printing outfit at Dyea, and how we were unable to procure provisions here. Kirk and Bergesen are working on the trail. The Klondike is being practised the most rigid economy I can pull through until the first boat arrives. I hope, but I want to get out of this country before our party dies, for unless I can raise the money to come out on the first boat I really believe I shall never get upon it. I have been up and down the gulch looking for work and can get none—absolutely none. There is not employment for one-fourth of the people here, and will be none; it's a case of eat your grub and starve unless you can get out. Over a thousand men will have to risk their lives in getting out this winter or starve. Not a pound of salt is to be stored. The country is all right if you have plenty of provisions and money. If you have not it would be better if you were in Hades. I feel that I am in great peril and I ask you for God's sake to help me out. I'll be the most contented kid in California when I get home, and I'll repay every cent you have put on me. I wish I had taken your advice and went to the Klondike. I'll be glad to help me out of this city of famine. I'll work my trip to the bone in your service. My hands has benefited me and I am a perfect bear of a fellow. I advise all you know to stay out of here, unless they have a thousand dollars and a hundred pounds of grub. I remain yours, L. EMERSON.

HIS RETURNED WANTS IN VAIN

Strange Disappearance of John Sweetnam, Late of Novato.

Departed Without Having Occupied a House Which He Had Just Purchased.

SAN RAFAEL, Jan. 15.—In a little home in Boston, Mass., there is a heartbroken maiden who is anxiously awaiting tidings of John Sweetnam of Novato, a dairy town thirteen miles from here. In Bedford, Mass., there is a brother, George J. Sweetnam, who is anxious to gain knowledge of whether his brother is living or not. Sweetnam's disappearance is one of the mysteries of the little town of Novato, and interest has been revived by developments which leaked out to-day.

In August of last year John Sweetnam purchased some land in Novato with the purpose of making the place his home. Sweetnam then drove to Petaluma, where he mortgaged his property for \$400 and proceeded with the money to buy lumber for a house. The lumber was paid for and delivered and Sweetnam had money left—about \$100. It is said, soon after he returned he hitched his horse to his car and without a word to any one drove away. From that day the people of Novato have not set eyes upon him.

Constable Devoto took the case in charge, and has been energetic in his efforts to trace Sweetnam. Devoto has failed to the discovery of his sweetheart and brother in the East. Sweetnam had left Novato in the fall of 1896, and it is possible that he may have become deranged and was sent to an asylum. Constable Devoto will ascertain by inquiry if such is the case, but the prospects of finding him in any of the States is slight.

George H. Sweetnam, the brother of the missing man, has written to Devoto asking for information and appealing to the authorities to locate his brother, if he still lives. His address is Bedford, Mass., or 246 Devonshire street, Boston.

In the letter from the young woman she pleads that something may be done on the part of the authorities or others to learn the whereabouts of her betrothed.

ESTATE OF H. F. WINDL.

The estate of Henri Frederick Windl has been appraised at \$58,589.49. The estate consists of personal property solely.

The last will of George Schartz was filed for probate yesterday. The estate, consisting of personal property, the value of which is unknown, is bequeathed to the widow of the decedent.

ADDITIONAL BILLS

Two Hours' Debate on the Bill by Members of the House.

An Increase in the Amount Asked Due to the Improved Service.

Eulogies on the Life and Public Service of the Late Representative Milliken.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15. The House devoted two hours to general debate on the appropriation bill and the remainder of the day to eulogizing the life and public service of the late Representative Seth W. Milliken of Maine, who served for fourteen years in the lower branch of Congress.

Immediately after the reading of the Journal Star (P.) of Nebraska rose to a question of privilege to deny a publication in a local paper that he had acted as attorney in the pension case of Jackson W. Cheney. As a Representative he said he had interested himself in the case, but he had never acted as an attorney in his life.

On motion of Lanham (D.) of Texas, a bill was passed authorizing the President to appoint an additional District Judge for the northern district of Texas. It was explained that Judge Reeder, now Judge of the district, was utterly incapacitated from his duties.

The House then went into committee of the whole and took up the army appropriation bill. The bill, as Chairman Hull of the Military Committee explained, carried \$2,185,000, or \$1,029,701 less than the estimates and \$56,746 in excess of the law for the current year. The increase in the pay of the army was due to the fact that the army was nearer its maximum strength than heretofore. A new provision in the bill required the payment of troops by the paymaster in person.

The general debate on the bill was desultory and not connected with the subject matter dealt with by the bill. Henry (D.) of Texas took occasion to denounce Secretary Gage's funding scheme.

Terry (D.) of Arkansas made some remarks about the protective tariff, and Gainer (D.) of Tennessee some on the claim of the publishing house of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

At 2 o'clock the House was called to give the members an opportunity to pay tribute to the memory of the late Representative Milliken of Maine. Speaker Reed occupied the chair during the delivering of the eulogies.

Those who spoke were: Burlingame (R.) of Maine, who succeeded Milliken; Dingley (R.) of Maine, Boutelle (R.) of Maine, Dinsmore (D.) of Arkansas, Skinner (D.) of North Carolina, Mercer (R.) of Nebraska, Hillborn (R.) of California, Hicks (R.) of Pennsylvania and Little (D.) of Arkansas.

At 3:25 p. m., as a further mark of respect, the House adjourned.

FUNDS WERE LOOTED BY MANAGER REINECKE.

Career of Dishonesty Revealed by the Failure of the Kentucky Trust Company, an Old Corporation.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 15.—The assignment of the Kentucky Trust Company to the Columbia Finance and Trust Company was filed this morning. The liabilities are \$25,000; assets about \$50,000. The concern has been looted by Reinecke, who was allowed to manage all its affairs. Reinecke was here thirty-five years and had the confidence of all his countrymen. He spoke six languages and was a splendid musician. He was the manager of the Kentucky Trust Company for a number of years. He has a musical composition and is married and has relatives in Cincinnati.

INTERESTS OF THE PACIFIC COAST.

Senator Perkins Interested in the Transportation of Goods in Bond Through British and American Territory to Dawson.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Senator Perkins was at the Treasury Department this morning and saw Commissioner of Navigation Chamberlain relative to the transportation of goods in bond through British territory to Dawson City, Yukon Territory. This is not only to include the transportation of relief supplies for the Klondike, but is intended to apply to the transportation of all goods into the territory. The visit of the Canadian Minister of the Interior, Sifton, was given to understand at the Treasury Department that there would be no difficulty about the transportation of goods in bond to Dawson and that the regulations of the Klondike during the first part of next week, probably on Monday. As the goods are to be shipped from Vancouver (British territory) through American territory into Dawson City, inspectors or surveyors of customs will be appointed to supervise this transportation of goods in bond from St. Michaels up the Yukon, the Porcupine and Stickeen rivers.

Pensions have been granted as follows: Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint, Morrison, San Diego, \$10; James N. Gettys, Stockton, \$8; Original widows, etc.—Portland, \$8; Patrick Murphy Colles Valley, \$8; Increase—Arthur Bridges, Marshfield, \$8; Original widows, etc.—Washington, Original widows, etc.—Sciota Cabanski, Seattle, \$12.

Superintendent of the Mint Leach was at the Treasury Department to-day and made a protest against any reduction of wages of San Francisco Mint employees.

Mrs. McKenna and Miss Marie McKenna have issued cards for a reception for the late Senator McKenna. When Miss Marie will make her debut.

Senator Perkins and Representative Barham have recommended the reappointment of E. J. Thompson as receiver of the land office at Eureka, Cal.

ROBBER IRWIN ISSUED.

SAN JOSE, Jan. 14.—Issac Irwin, alias Marvin, who robbed and nearly killed E. A. Brown last Saturday morning, was arraigned before Justice Gass to-day on a charge of grand larceny. His examination was set for January 18, with bail fixed at \$500. An additional charge of assault with intent to commit murder will be placed against Irwin. The whole of the \$200 taken was recovered.

SAILORS WELCOMED

Light Showers Fall in Several Sections of the State.

More Are Needed to Give an Impetus to Grain and Fruit Crops.

Extent of the Damage by the Recent Frosts in Los Angeles County.

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SAN JOSE, Jan. 15.—Rain began falling in San Jose and vicinity this morning and continued at intervals until evening. In all 1.0 of an inch fell. The farmers are pleased because the indications point to another down-pour. Several inches more of rain is needed to meet the demands of the soil. A few more rains, and the Santa Clara Valley will be assured of large crops, both of fruit and grain.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 15.—There was a short shower of light rain here this afternoon, which probably pleased the farmers. The continued frosts and cold weather, it is said, are keeping back the grain, which will not make much headway until a warmer spell comes on. No complaints of a lack of moisture are heard here. The crops are in a state of stasis, so to speak. The grain is all in the ground, awaiting the warm weather, with occasional rains, to show rapid growth. There are no reports of injury to crops in this section from drought or other causes, but they are retarded and held back by cold weather. Some of the conditions change, the growing crops will come right along.

The County Horticultural Commissioners report the chief damage of the frosts to have occurred in the neighborhood of Downey and Riverbank. Many of the orchards there suffered severely, fruit and young trees being frozen in many instances. The damage done in streaks, and in some of the extreme lowlands and gulches. Lemons were also injured. Fruit inspectors have condemned a quantity of frosted oranges offered in open market in this city. The damage to trees and fruit occurred in the county will be larger than for many years, and from the present outlook the crops will be abundant.

A HOME RULE CHARTER ONLY

Dr. J. H. Stallard Gives His Views on Organic Law Making.

No One Man Power, No Civil Service System, but Constructive Non-Administrative Document.

Dr. J. H. Stallard lectured in the Mechanics Institute last night in a "Home Rule Charter." He prefaced his remarks by giving his experience of twenty-five years in London, where he had been connected with the great problem of municipal government. The English system of conducting city affairs was contrasted with that of the American as he found it. Statistics from the various leading American cities were referred to, which went to show that we are far behind our English cousins in the manner of conducting city affairs.

In 1889 and 1890 the total in salaries alone was \$2,741,233. This was increased during the seven following years until in 1896 and 1897 it had grown to \$3,123,291—a difference of \$382,058, or at the rate of \$128,444 a year. The various Commissioners' reports were shown up to be nothing but places especially created for political time-servers who owe their salaries to the political bosses. The greatest of all of the many evils was pointed out to be the License Office, which advanced the salaries of its employees \$87,728 in 1889 and \$40,721 in 1896 and 1897, without any perceptible increase in the revenues; yet there was \$11,962 expected for salaries alone. Other offices were cited also to show the rottenness of our present system of city government.

He advocated the idea of a charter for the people should be framed and adopted upon the principle of a railroad board of directors.

WHEAT MEN ARE RATHER ANXIOUS

Watching for the Storm Which Is Traveling Interiorward.

More Rain Will Fall Throughout the Coast According to Predictions.

The wheat men are watching anxiously for the storm which is traveling in most cases for the reports of Forecast Official Hammon. It will mean considerable to the growers there if a heavy rain should fall within the next few days. The storm is slowly advancing toward the interior, and in the mean time more rain is expected to fall along the coast during the next twenty-four hours. The forecast during to-day states that Southern California will have rain as well as the northern portion, and that the storm that the storm that was hovering over Vancouver Island has divided, a portion advancing eastward and the other traveling toward Oregon, thence south through Nevada.

Cloudy weather still continues in San Luis Obispo County, accompanied by southerly winds, as far south as Eureka field. The Sacramento Valley has been visited by the recent down-pour, and snow has been reported at Dunsmuir. It is reported that the temperature has risen all over the coast, especially noticeable in portions of Nevada.

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15.—Custer McKay, the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. McKay of Oakland, came within fifteen minutes of being frozen to death at Tehachapi on Thursday morning.

The young man is subject to somnambulism and while en route to the City of Mexico with his mother he left the train at Tehachapi, clad only in his undershorts. The train proceeded on its way and after young McKay had, while sound asleep, wandered about in the snow for some time and started on his slumber of death. A railway man on his way stumbled over his snow-covered body and took the young fellow to the depot, where medical aid was summoned. It took hard work to bring the boy to consciousness.

PARADISE FOR THE POOR MAN

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