

THE PROSPECT IN THE NEW FIELDS

Two Barks Laden With Miners to Leave for Kotzebue Sound.

Everything Now in Readiness for the Start Early Next May.

Over Two Thousand Miners Will Leave Here for Dyea and Skagway Next Week.

Although a start will not be made until the latter part of next April, the gold-hunting expedition to Kotzebue Sound, on the barks Alaska and Northern Light, will be ready long before...

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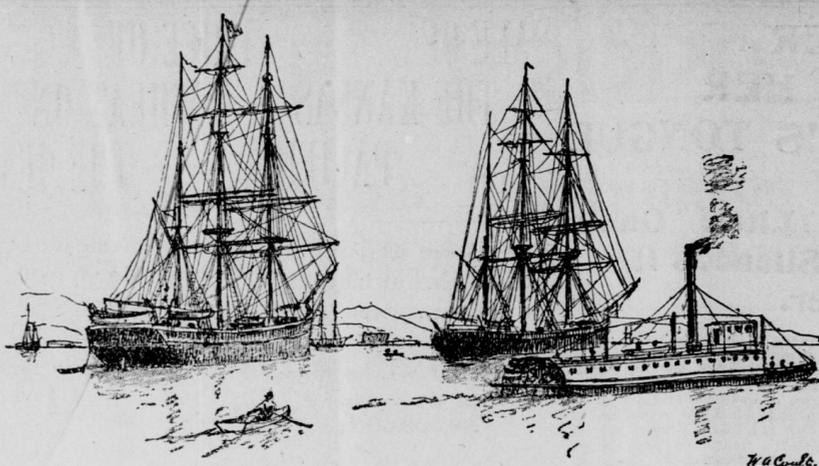
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The Humboldt, scheduled to sail next Sunday, should have left a couple of days ago. She has not been reported from Seattle, but may be coming from Dyea and Skagway to San Francisco direct.

The Umatilla arrived from Puget Sound yesterday morning with one of the cabin passengers in a straitjacket. Walter G. Sawlsbury got on board at Tacoma and was rational enough to pay his fare and get away.

Beside His Brothers. The Veteran Firemen, at the last meeting, decided to reinter the remains of the late Frank E. R. Whitney in the chief's plot of the Exempt Firemen.

The British ship Powya Castle, lying at the Union Iron Works, was on fire last Saturday. The cargo of coal heated, and the vessel's hold had to be half filled with water before all danger was past.



READY TO LEAVE FOR KOTZEBUE SOUND.

The barks Alaska and Northern Light and the stern-wheel steamer John Riley will get away for the Arctic next April. Both will be filled with enthusiastic gold-hunters who expect to discover another Klondike on the Kowak River.

TO CONTEST THE BLYTHE DECISION

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The point that the attorneys of the plaintiff will endeavor to prove is the invalidity of the judgment granted to Florence Blythe to the effect that she was of alien birth and consequently non-eligible to take possession or claim any property in this State or country.

Although this agreement of nations in favor of granting to the heirs of relatives living in foreign countries does not exist at present between this country and England there is, however, a treaty existing between the United States and Great Britain which provides for the transfer of property of native born or naturalized citizens at their death to alien heirs.

This constitutes the main and principal judicial technicality upon which the present complaint is based, and is an embodiment of sections 613 and 672 of the Civil Code. These sections of the code are to the effect that any person, whether citizen or alien, may take hold and dispose of property, real and personal, within the State, provided that the country within which they live has a treaty with this country.

Boswell Blythe stated yesterday that as long as a Kentucky Blythe is in existence the present suit will be prosecuted against Florence Blythe-Hinckley for the possession of the fortune granted to her by the judgment of California courts.

PROSECUTION RESTS ITS CASE

Theodore Figel Will Now Bring Forth His Witnesses.

Theodore Figel, who is being tried for the murder of Isaac Hoffman in Judge Cook's court, admitted before Judge and jury yesterday, through counsel, that he had received over \$18,000 which had not been accounted for upon the books of the firm. The statement was made voluntarily with the object in view of hurrying

up matters in the murder trial. It was not admitted, however, that the money was embezzled, but on the contrary, the defense stated that no crime had been committed and that at the proper time it would be clearly shown that although accounts were made of the transactions no money had been embezzled.

Judge Murphy, for the prosecution, was not willing to accept the admissions, but he was instructed by Judge Cook to receive the admission and place it before the jury, as considerable time would be saved thereby and it would take at least six weeks to secure and examine witnesses for the purpose of proving the alleged embezzlements.

From a memorandum furnished by General Barnes, of the defense, Judge Murphy announced to the jury that Figel had received amounts which had not been accounted for, aggregating \$2646.46. The amount of \$2677.33, which was stated in the preliminary examination to have been embezzled by the defendant, was included in the admission, which made a total of \$5323.79. Although it was admitted in the admission that the sums had been received and not accounted for by Figel; the charge of embezzlement was strenuously denied. It was distinctly pointed out by the defense that the receipt of the receipt of the money should be only in the present case and not to be credited to the defendant's charges, should they ever be brought before the attention of the court.

After the receipt of the moneys had been placed in evidence, Bernard Joseph, who is in the office of Hoffman, Rothchild & Co., was called, and testified that Figel had frequently borrowed money from him during the years of 1896 and 1897. Isaac Gellert was called and testified as to the \$2500 receipt, but no new points were brought out by the testimony of the witness.

Charles F. Hunt of the Paris, London and American Express Co., was called at the opening of the afternoon session to identify the account of Hoffman, Rothchild & Co. The defense admitted the account from May 18, 1896, up to June 18, 1897. The witness was followed by Edward S. Rothchild, who stated, under examination, that the signature of Isaac Hoffman on the \$2500 receipt was not genuine. Daniel T. Ames, another expert, was called, but did not make his appearance. While he was being called Judge Murphy for the prosecution stated that he had been told by the witness that the signature of Ames had been given him, but that he had not read the testimony given by the various witnesses examined.

George W. Russell stated that the hole in the wall in the office of Hoffman, Rothchild & Co., alleged to be a bullet hole, has been made larger and considerably changed in size. He stated that on the afternoon of June 2, under cross-examination, he stated that the hole had been made by a bullet and longer, but he was not aware of the means by which it was made.

An adjournment was then taken until 10 o'clock this morning, when it is probable that the case will be heard and testimony introduced by the defense. From statements made by the counsel for the defense it will be attempted to show that Isaac Hoffman committed suicide and that the same condition after it had been taken to the morgue was on arrival at the Receiving Hospital. It is expected that the defense will attempt to show the face of the deceased was easily seen on the face of the witness, but through operations all marks of self-destruction brought forth tending to show that the defendant was the victim of circumstances and that Isaac Hoffman destroyed himself after he had embezzled the funds of the firm.

GROCERS AND TRAVELERS.

Officers Elected and Arrangements Made for a Big Annual Picnic.

The Retail Grocers' Association held its annual meeting of officers last evening in the association room at 415 Clay street. Joseph A. Stulz was nominated for president, but refused to serve until John C. Nobmann, who has served in that capacity for the last six years, declined to act longer. Stulz was then elected unanimously and a vote of thanks was tendered Nobmann for his long and valuable service. Supervisor Lockman was elected vice-president and E. L. Flieger was re-elected secretary.

The Retail Grocers will hold their annual picnic about May 18, probably at the shore. The time and place will not be definitely decided upon until a meeting is held between committees of Commercial Travelers and the California Retail Grocers, who will hold a picnic jointly. The committees will confer next Monday evening.

A BURGLARY THAT FAILED

The Accidental Return of a Clerk Put the Robbers to Flight.

The latest burglary to occupy the attention of the police was that committed in the store of S. H. Nicholson, a manufacturer of flavoring extracts at 705 1/2 Market street, a week ago. The burglar gained admittance by prying open a window in the rear, and was busy engaged in ransacking the place when the accidental return of George Young, a clerk employed there, means they discovered that Mr. Nicholson was in the habit of hiding money behind the bottles on the shelves. In their hurry for the money they moved nearly a hundred bottles, but without success.

DRUGGED AND ROBBED BY A STRANGER

Experience of Thomas Cunningham of San Mateo.

Drank a Glass of Whisky and Became Unconscious.

Met His Despoiler While He Was Walking Along Market Street.

SEEKS SHELTER IN PRISON

The Unfortunate Man Was Left Penniless in a Strange City.

Thomas D. Cunningham, a recent arrival from San Mateo, reported to the police last night that he had been drugged and robbed in some lodging-house on Mission street, near Fourth. According to his story he arrived here with a hundred and fifty dollars, and while walking along Market street he met a stranger who claimed he had been introduced to him in San Mateo.

Cunningham invited the stranger to have a drink and they visited a saloon which, he claims, was in the vicinity of Third and Mission streets. After a short conversation his new-found friend volunteered to accompany him to his room. While there Cunningham claims the stranger went outside, but returned in a few minutes with a drink of whisky, which he claimed he had purchased in a neighboring saloon. After drinking the whisky Cunningham became unconscious and remained in that condition for some time. When he awoke he found that his money had been taken, as well as a valise containing his clothing.

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Rev. Dr. Rader Will Lecture. Rev. William Rader of the Third Congregational Church, San Francisco, will deliver his interesting and instructive lecture, "Love, Courtship and Marriage," in Park Church, Lorin, Thursday evening, February 24, 1898.

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THEY FEAR FOUL PLAY

Strange Disappearance of a New York Book-keeper.

A. L. Sykes, a Recent Arrival, Drops Out of Sight.

His Friends Fear That He Has Been Murdered for His Money.

A. L. Sykes, bookkeeper for the Instantaneous Heating Company of New York, is among the missing, and his friends fear that he has been murdered.

Sykes arrived here last Thursday night from New York, intending to sail on the Alice Blanchard for the Klondike, where he was to represent the Instantaneous Gas Heating Company. He took a room in the Baldwin Hotel and made arrangements for his passage on the vessel. He had a letter of recommendation to General Malonalsky of 1920 Pine street, and to him he delivered the letter and told of his intended trip to Alaska.

Last Sunday afternoon he was to go to the general's house to get the money to buy the necessary provisions and also to pay his fare to the gold regions. He failed to show up, however, and General Malonalsky suspecting something wrong sent a friend to the Baldwin to see what had become of him. He was not in his room and the clerk professed to know nothing as to his whereabouts. An examination of the room showed that his effects were still there, but there was no trace of the missing man.

Last night S. Rosendorf, a friend of General Malonalsky, visited police headquarters and invoked the aid of the Chief of Police in finding the missing bookkeeper. He described Sykes as being about five feet ten inches in height and weighing about 160 pounds. He has a black mustache, and wore a blue sack coat and dark trousers. Rosendorf is firmly convinced that Sykes has been foully dealt with.

After listening to his story Chief Lees at once detailed a detective to find the missing man.

When last seen Sykes was walking along the water front, evidently in search of the vessel on which he intended to sail. Subsequently he met a longshoreman, who volunteered to escort him to the steamer. After reaching the vessel he inquired of one of the officers when it would sail. He told him that the steamer was to leave Monday afternoon. Sykes said he had already procured his ticket and would have his baggage ready before sailing time. He informed the officer that he was staying at the Baldwin Hotel, and was anxious to see a friend before leaving the city. He then boarded a Market street car, since which time he has not been seen.

Visited by Scholars. A class from the Lick School of Mechanical Arts, piloted by Professor Raymond, made a tour of the various departments at the City Hall yesterday and expressed their interest in the workings of municipal government.

Advances made on furniture and pianos, with or without removal. J. Noonan, 1017-1022 Mission.

A Steamer Libeled. James G. Barron and William Olson filed a libel yesterday in the United States District Court against the steamer Mount Eden to recover \$367 alleged to be due them as seamen's wages.

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