

PICKPOCKETS WERE OUT IN FULL FORCE

They Had a Gala Day at the Chutes on Tuesday.

Numerous People Robbed of Their Money and Valuables.

J. H. Hynes of Oakland Loses His Purse Containing His Savings of Years.

PAPER-CARRIER A VICTIM.

The Assistance of Four Detectives Procured Without Finding Any of the Criminals.

There was a hot time at the Chutes on Washington's birthday, and Manager Riley was driven almost crazy by the numerous complaints made to him by people who had been the victims of pickpockets.

The first man to make a complaint to Manager Riley was J. H. Hynes, who lives at 618 Chestnut street, Oakland. He went to the Chutes with his two children, and, being afraid of burglars, he took \$350 in gold with him.

C. Gray, a carrier for the Examiner, complained that he had been robbed of a diamond pin valued at \$350. He and his family had decided to spend the day at the Chutes, and a few minutes after he had left the ticket office his wife drew his attention to the fact that his diamond pin was gone.

When the detectives arrived they made a hasty tour of the grounds and arrested two men whom they thought were suspicious characters, but as nothing was found on them when searched they were told to make themselves scarce.

Manager Riley complains bitterly that when he has asked for the presence of a detective at the Chutes when a crowd is expected the "upper office" has paid no attention to his request. Pickpockets have operated at the Chutes on former occasions, but Washington's birthday will stand out as far ahead of any other occasion.

Hynes' case is a particularly sad one. He had saved the \$350 after years of hard work, and the loss to him is almost irreparable. He told Detective Denny Holland of the Oakland force of his loss, and Holland visited police headquarters yesterday to see if he could be of any assistance in finding out the man who robbed Hynes.

Eureka to Incorporate.

The Eureka Society for the Protection of Children will hold a meeting this evening for the purpose of taking steps to incorporate the association. This movement has been contemplated for a long time, in order that the fines accruing on the cases in the Police Court may be turned over to the society.

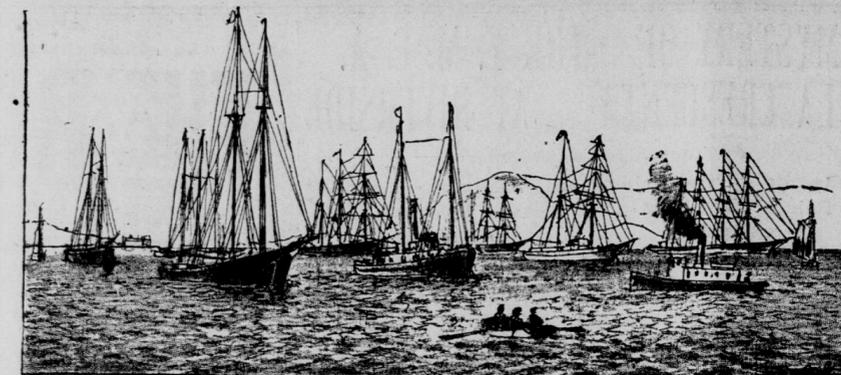
Libel for Wet Sugar.

A libel suit was brought in the United States District Court yesterday by Williams, Dimond & Co., against the barkentine Encore to recover \$750, the alleged damage to a cargo of sugar taken from Honolulu to San Francisco on the Encore. The damage is charged to have been due to a wetting by salt water by reason of the unseaworthy condition of the deck of the vessel.

RED ROUGH HANDS

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AWAITING A CHANGE IN THE WEATHER.

A number of vessels could not get to sea on account of the heavy weather yesterday and quite a number of steamers are overdue on the same account. Several schooners went as far as the heads, but when their captains got a good look at the bar they put about and returned to an anchorage off Meiggs wharf.

A SOUTHEASTER MAKES TROUBLE

Coasters Could Not Get Out and Steamers Overdue.

The Klondike Craze Has Struck the Employes of the Mail Company.

Nearly a Score of Them Throw Up Their Jobs and Are Going to Dawson.

The storm along the coast raised considerable trouble among the shipping yesterday. The wheat laden ship Royal North was to have gone to sea, but Captain Cooper did not like the looks of the weather and remained in port. The schooner Emma Utter was taken outside by the tug Active, but when the captain got a look at the bar he changed his mind and returned to the harbor.

The steamer Mariposa is to sail today for Australia, calling at Honolulu, Apia and Auckland. At the last minute accommodation was secured in the steership for fifty marines, who will arrive from Mare Island on the Unadilla this morning.

Police Corporal Cockrill had an exciting chase with a Japanese on the Mall dock yesterday. The Jap was placed under arrest for carrying a concealed weapon, and while the police officer was calling up the patrol wagon the Jap made a break for liberty.

Yesterday he came down armed with a big navy pistol, and his arrest followed. To prevent another attempt at escape the Jap was taken to the City Prison in irons.

There is going to be an exodus of employes of the Mail Company to the Klondike. Third Officer Thompson of the City of Peking has resigned and his place has been taken by J. Marino, late chief officer of the Aztec. Second Assistant Engineer Venker, also of the City of Peking, and W. B. Swears, shipping agent of the Mail Company, are all going to try their fortunes on the Yukon.

The Union Oil Company's tank bay steamer Oleum broke down again yesterday. She is used in carrying crude petroleum to the gas works, and this is the third time she has broken down since she was turned from a stern wheel steamer into a gasoline boat.

The following graduates of the McNevin Brothers' Navigation School have been granted licenses by the United States Inspectors of Hulls and Boilers: As masters—Emile C. Genereaux, Daniel McClean, Charles Evans, C. M. Wilson, William Kendall, Charles Madeison and George Wester. As mates—E. Behrsing, E. Thompson, C. O. Sodardahl, Christopher Olsen, S. S. Pedersen, L. Gustafson, W. H. Davis and Hermann G. Hansen.

A Mortgage Is Not a Title. A point of law of interest to all incorporated bodies was made in a decision of a case in the Supreme Court yesterday. The Savings and Loan Society of the city brought action against Fannie McKoon, executrix, to foreclose a mortgage on land in San Diego County. It received judgment and an appeal was taken, the appellants making the point that the society failed to comply with the law in not filing with the Recorder of San Diego County a copy of its articles of incorporation, as required by section 280 of the Civil Code.

DODGED THE CONTRACT LAW

One Way of President Colton to Give Work to His Friends.

Harbor Commissioners Divide Orders to Keep Under the Limit.

Split Big Contracts and Gave Out Jobs Without Asking for Competition.

The plaintiffs in the action of the Paraffine Paint Company against the State Board of Harbor Commissioners announced to the court yesterday morning that they had submitted their case. Then the defense began. There were no lurid arguments on either side. The attorney for the plaintiffs simply said on the opening of the court: "We rest our case." Attorney Stratton, who represented the defense, said that he would not at this time ask for a non-suit, but he would show to the court out of justice to his clients that the statements contained in the complaint of the plaintiffs were without foundation in fact.

H. C. Holmes, the chief engineer of the Harbor Board, was called to the stand. In answer to questions of Attorney Stratton he said he knew of no spruce piles being used in construction work on the water front since Commissioner Colton was appointed to the board. He explained that piles of different lengths were purchased from forty feet up, according to the uses that were required of them. Piles under forty feet in length were usually cut from the sixty feet lengths, and it was shown from that that the piles used that were not of the required size specified in the specifications were short ones cut from the smaller ends of the long timbers.

To the plaintiff's attorneys he said he inspected the work of creosoting the piles, and those he examined were perfectly treated with the preserving preparation. The immediate work of inspection was done by inspectors hired by the board, and, though they came under his supervision, he had to accept their reports as correct and that the work was properly performed. He had rejected some piles that were passed by them because the work of creosoting was improperly done. In the specifications for the repair of the Green-street wharf twenty creosoted piles a day are called for. The engineer said the company to creosote 287 piles for the job. The cost of preserving these piles will amount to about \$4000. The order was cut in two pieces, and the first job given to the creosoters was for 100 piles, and a week or ten days later P. F. Dunston and his friends were told to prepare 187 more piles for use on the job. It is claimed that the job was cut in two and separate orders given for the work of preserving the piles so as to avoid the law which requires work on State structures that amounts to over \$3000 to be awarded only by contract on competitive bids.

Holmes was asked further about the reports of the creosote inspectors, and as he did not like the way the court recess was taken till the afternoon, when he promised to have the written reports in court.

Engineer Holmes had the reports of the inspectors with him when the court opened in the afternoon. They, however, contained nothing that was of importance to either side, and the reports were read in a perfunctory manner.

"Do you know," asked Attorney Cope, "why the order for preserving the piles for use in the repairs to Mission-street wharf was not given for 287 piles at one time instead of giving two distinct orders for the piles?"

Attorney Stratton, the counsel for the defense, objected to this question, but the court allowed it, and Holmes replied: "The only reason I can give is that the orders were given that way so that each order would be for amounts less than \$3000, and according to law the orders could be given without advertising for bids." The witness said the orders for the preservation of the piles in two orders instead of one were given at the direction of Commissioner Colton, and it was done to defeat the limit law.

ASK THAT LOW BE REMOVED

Attorneys Campbell and Koch File a Sensational Motion.

They Claim He Had No Right to Hold a Japanese Murderer to Answer.

Superior Judge Cook to Hear Arguments of Counsel on the Subject To-Day.

The attorneys for the Japanese, who some time ago shot and killed Mary Costello, a white woman, with whom he had been living, have decided to test the right of Police Judge Low in holding the defendant to answer before the Superior Court and incidentally to have the department over which he presides abolished.

Yesterday afternoon they filed a motion to set aside the information against the Japanese in Judge Cook's department of the Superior Court. The legal facts upon which the motion was based were that prior to the filing of their information the defendant had not been legally committed before a qualified or duly elected magistrate, because Justice Low has not at any time whatever been a Justice of the Superior Court, or a Justice of the Peace, or a Police Magistrate in any town or city.

That under the act of February 23, 1893, which supplemented the act approved March 5, 1893, providing for a Justice of the Peace for the city, Low was appointed, and that said act of February 23 is in violation of section 24 of article IV of the constitution of the State of California in that said act embraces more than one subject; that the subject of said act is not expressed in its title; that said act was enacted with the intent and for the purpose of revising or amending another act, and that the Legislature of this State in passing said act of 1893 for said purpose did so by simple reference to the title of the act sought to be amended and without re-enacting and publishing at length the act sought to be revised or amended, as prescribed and provided by section 24 of article IV of said constitution.

On this ground the defendants claim that the Police Court is null and void, and that Judge Low having been elected thereafter is not a committing magistrate. The defendants further claim that at the preliminary examination the depositions of the witnesses were not taken according to law and that the defendant was not instructed as to his rights.

The motion will be argued to-day and the attorneys are confident of winning their point.

The Pinta for San Diego. Captain Turner of the Naval Militia has been notified that the Pinta, assigned by the Navy Department to the division of the militia stationed at San Diego, will be turned over to the State within ten days by John T. McMillan of the hydrographic office, instructor of navigation to the officers of the Naval Militia stationed at this port.

Argued and Submitted. The case of Pederson vs. John D. Spreckels was argued and submitted yesterday afternoon before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. S. M. Shortridge appeared for the defendant and H. W. Hutton for the plaintiff. On the trial of the case judgment was given for the defendant with costs, and the plaintiff took an appeal.

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