

WILL BE PUT IN COMMISSION

The Lucero Is to Be Got Ready for the Yachting Season.

A Fleet of Steamers and Sailing Vessels Coming Here With Miners.

The Rush to Klondike Falling Off and That to Kotzebue Only Just Beginning.

The gasoline yacht Lucero is to go into commission again this season she will be seen almost constantly on the waters of the bay and along the coast. Of all the many pleasure craft that have been built for wealthy San Franciscans the Lucero is the one that has done least for her owner's enjoyment. It is not the fault of the launch, however, as a faster and better vessel of her class does not float. She is a splendid sea boat and can make her fourteen knots with the best of them when called upon. Charles L. Fair, her owner, is not very fond of the sea, but Colonel George A. Knight, Mr. Fair's friend, is, and when the Lucero goes into commission she will fly Mr. Knight's flag. The Lucero was built three years ago and in that time Mr. Fair has not had her in commission three months. She made two or three trips to Santa Cruz and Monterey, but on each occasion the crew took the vessel down and Mr. Fair and his wife went overland and joined her there. Her hull was built at Puget Sound and her engines by the Union Gas Engine Company here. Without the knowledge of the engineers a larger wheel than the one now put on and in consequence her trial trip was not a success. The wheel that was originally made for her was then put on and the vessel worked to perfection. An engineer was sent from San Francisco to bring her down, but he got so very seasick that he could not attend to his work, and in consequence the engine bearings got hot and melted away all the babbitt metal. The Lucero was taken into Astoria, where the damage was repaired and an engineer who was not subject to mal-de-mer brought her here in steamboat time. She is a four-cylinder vessel, or rather has four engines, each of which can be worked independently of the other. Ever since she has been here everything has gone like clockwork, and Colonel Knight's friends are figuring on a very pleasant excursion this season. The Lucero is at present in Oakland Creek, but she is now being overhauled and will be ready to go into commission as soon as the latter goes into commission. Nearly thirty vessels are on their way from the East for the gold fields, and that number twenty are coming, first of all, to San Francisco. The brig Harriett is due out of San Francisco on Monday and was last heard from on December 23 in latitude 8 north, longitude 28 west. The bark Agate is out 18 days and the schooner Actaea 47 days from New York. The steamer City of Columbia, out 119 days from New York, has met with several mishaps during her voyage and only left Valparaiso on the 4th inst. From Baltimore the steamers Ellhu Thompson is out 43 days, the Boardwalk 44 days and the Leelanau 43 days, while from Boston the schooners Stowell Sherman is out 43 days, Abbie F. Morris 41 days, Julia E. Whalen 40 days, Richard 64 days and Mildred E 36 days. The Sherman left Santos, Brazil, on February 4, the Boardwalk on March 1, and the Whalen was at Montevideo on December 20 and the Whalen was at Montevideo on January 31. The schooner Frank A. Rackliffe is 110 days out from Gloucester, Mass.; the steamer Professor Morse 37 days from New Orleans; the schooner Concord 125 days from Portsmouth, N. H.; and the schooner Thomas F. Bayard 83 days, steamer Ohio 38 days, Laurinda 25 days and Pennsylvania 43 days from Philadelphia. Of these, only one spoke of the Concord, and she was at Montevideo on January 28 last. Nearly all of them had cargoes of goods on board, and all of them will outfit here. While the rush to the Klondike is waning, that to Kotzebue sound is gaining strength daily. The steamer Australia has been withdrawn from the Dyea-Sitka route, and the Queen and Victoria are soon to follow suit. The trans-ways over the Chilkoot and White passes are almost idle as there is little or no trade to be had. On the other hand, some of the wealthiest mining camps in California are going to Kotzebue. Yesterday C. D. Lane, one of the owners of the Itasca mine, left for the Yukon, and his wife, Louis Lane, and S. H. Howland took passage on the Jane A. Falkenberg. They are to go to the Yukon with their families and are in hopes of reaching the mother lode which supplies both the Yukon and Klondike with their golden sands. Captain Lane is also going to Kotzebue, and he will take a party of four men. A party of five Klondikers, some of whom made their fortunes in placer mining, have taken passage in the Catherine Sudden. They say they are going north more for the hunting than anything else, and the chances are that each and all of them will be at work on the bank of some creek as soon as their destination is reached. The steamers of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company will not dock at Spear-street wharf again until that structure has been repaired. The Oregon, which is due to-day, will go to Folsom-street wharf, and the other steamers of the fleet will also dock there for the present. The ferry-boat Sausalito's steering gear broke down on the 1 p. m. trip yesterday, and the steamer was fifteen minutes late in reaching her slip. The repairs were soon made, and the Sausalito went out on schedule time. The launch Yale, which came out from New York on the deck of the steamer Morgan City, sank at her moorings in the beam-street slip yesterday. All her seams had been opened by the sun, and when she was put in the water she began to leak. No attention was paid to that fact, and the Yale went down in consequence. She was raised by means of a derrick, and the steamer Alert pumped her out. She will be taken to Belvedere and put on the ways to-day. The Pacific Mail Company has put the steamer Aztec on the run to Hongkong, and she will go out with almost a full cargo of flour. Captain Trask, formerly of the City of Peking, will take out the Aztec, and Captain Zeebe, formerly of the Aztec, will take out the City of Peking, vice Captain Brown, who is sick. The ship Indiana and bark Nicholas Thayer and Merion all got away for the canneries yesterday. The Thayer took her crew in the stream, but the others went away from the wharf and had no trouble with either the union or the men.

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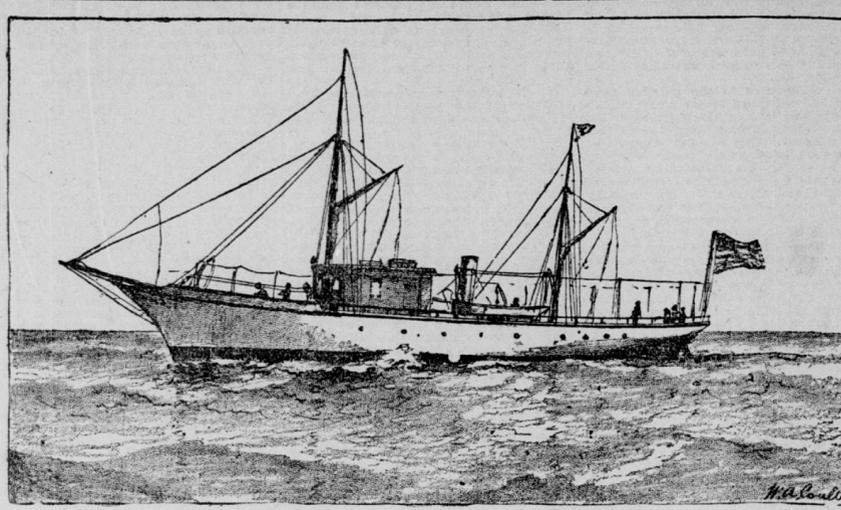
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More Grist for the Divorce Mill.

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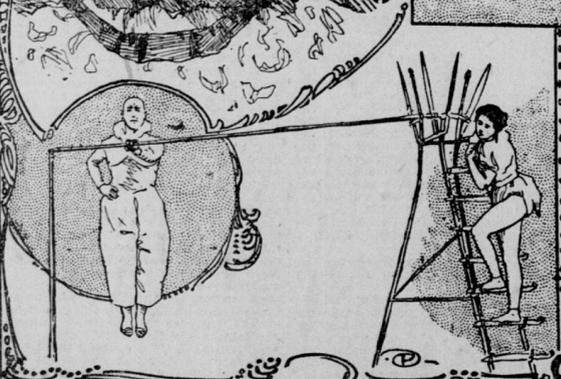
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WILL CLIMB UPON SHARPENED SWORDS.

Another San Francisco girl will climb the perilous path that leads to the heights of fame upon a ladder of sharpened swords. La Belle, the peerless character artist and equilibrist, after an absence of two years from the vaudeville stage, is about to return to the boards in an act of marvelous sword walking, that was originated and performed many years ago by the wife of King Sabro, the great Japanese juggler. For several years past her many friends here as the wife of P. J. Butcher, with which house he has been connected. She was one of the famous Kirbys, and her last appearance here was in a high-wire bicycle act. After her marriage she retired from the stage, but some time ago made up her mind to return to it, and with the assistance of her husband, who is identified with her in the new act, she has been forced to submit her feet to the method of treatment to so soften the flesh and at the same time toughen the skin that when she places her foot upon one of the swords the flesh will gently give beneath the weight of her body and sink to the bone without cutting the skin. So sharp are the swords that she has to balance herself until she has reached the top. To accomplish the act she has been forced to cut open the entire bottom of her foot. She also hangs by her toes from a crossbar and disrobes. The couple have many friends, who will await their appearance here with much pleasant anticipation, and whose best wishes for success go with them in their venture.

HAPPENINGS ON THE DIAMONDS

Henry Krug in Danger of Being Placed on the Blacklist.

Cited to Show Cause for Jumping His Contract With San Francisco.

All the Teams of Both Leagues Getting Down to Hard Work. Stockton a Surprise.

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forward 2 1/2 per cent of the gross receipts for the championship purse to him at once.

The president of the California League has notified the management of the different clubs that they must have at least three dozen bats, five league balls on their grounds two hours before each game.

A direct wire is being run to the ball grounds in the quieter cities of the California League, and reports by innings will be exhibited at the games of this week.

The Oakland Colts are putting up as fine an exhibition of baseball as ever seen on the coast since the old league disbanded. Manager Cal Ewing of the Oakland Colts has just completed arrangements for a piece of land in the center of the city of Oakland for the new ball grounds.

The new grounds at San Jose will be commenced within the next week, and completed in time for the opening game on May 1.

President H. H. McPike of the California League has appointed W. F. Long to fill the vacancy on the staff of umpires caused by the departure of Jim McDonald to fill his engagement with the National League.

The San Francisco California League Club has been ordered by Manager Bunker to appear on the grounds for practice three times a week. Mr. Bunker does not feel satisfied with being in first place. He has an ambition to distance the other clubs before the first month of the season is over.

J. Cal Ewing of Oakland thinks that Mr. Bunker is too ambitious. Ewing claims that his colts will set the pace for all others before another ten days have passed.

The Stockton Club will no doubt be a stumbling block for the would-be champions.

The game to be played at Recreation Park next Sunday will clearly demonstrate the strength of McPlynn's San Francisco Colts. There is some new talent among them, and they promise to



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PLEASURES OF SHOW NIGHT AT THE COUNTY ALMSHOUSE.

The Little Chapel Crowded With an Enthusiastic Audience.

Circus Performances Will Be Given on the Grounds Monday Afternoon.

Out at the Almshouse road, in the dimly lighted chapel, last night was a scene of human character and a study in human nature which, if it could but be thrown on canvas, would produce a picture alike in interest to the moralist, philosopher and the man of ordinary intelligence.

The feelings of the older inmates, whose natures seem dead to all external impression, become so worked upon by the antics of some performer, that self and surroundings seem to be entirely forgotten, and life seems, for the moment, to hang to the limbs and grimaces of the fun-maker.

Quite frequently it happens that some old fellows in the corner will see something funny in a certain twist of the performer and the little chapel echoes with a sudden burst of laughter which spreads contagion among the rest of the audience and in a moment the entire three hundred inmates are laughing at nothing.

The performance last evening was given under the auspices of the Rev. William H. Tubbs. It proved to be unusually attractive and interesting.

One of the greatest events in the history of the institution will take place next Monday afternoon when Jolly, the huge elephant from the Chutes menagerie, will be exhibited.

OLD BELLA UNION TO BE REOPENED

The Historic Vaudeville Theater to Take a Fresh Start.

Carpenters and Refitters Will Have It Ready in About a Month.

After a long siege of idleness, during which rust and general decay have reigned, the notorious old Bella Union is about to be reopened. The contractors decline to say who the new proprietors are.

A score of carpenters and refitters were busy on the old place yesterday, and it is announced that the resort will be opened about the middle of next month as a first-class song and dance house, with refreshments to suit the most fastidious tastes. Many fortunes have been made and lost in the place.

A bit of history not generally known has just come to light concerning the old house. It is the fact that there was for a long time a strong effort to turn the theater into a Chinese resort. Little Pete negotiated with Ned Foster for its purchase, shortly before the war, and the brewery syndicate. The sale would have been consummated but for the fact that the theater and all the property in the block were owned by the Alfred Borel banking house. Other tenants refused to pay their rent in the middle of next month and the house was given up.

Ed Harrigan, the well known Veda stars, Letty Sam Kelsey and many other well known actors got their start at this famous old vaudeville theater.

Alice Loy's Betrayer on Trial. George S. Dugan, a prominent member of the Army of Jesus Christ, who is accused of having terribly ill-treated Alice Loy, an 8-year-old girl, was placed on trial yesterday before a jury in Judge Wallace's court.

The money for the orphans. The Maria Kip Orphanage has come into possession of \$700, as its share of the \$50,000 left by Senator Fair to the Protestant orphan asylums of San Francisco.

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I am acquainted with the case of the wife of a house painter in Brooklyn, who had the grip, and was confined to the house for three months. She was in a listless state and suffered terribly with nausea. It so happened that a friend had given some Ripans Tablets to this lady's sister who had suffered from indigestion, and as they did her so much good she thought she would try them on Mrs. Hill, feeling sure that if they did her no good they would at least do no harm. The patient was then in the hands of her physician, but soon she was so much better that her neighbors noticed the change and asked about it. She then said that she had changed her doctor, and laughingly added, my new doctor is colored—chocolate color. It seems that as soon as she began to take the Tablets, she began to mend. The nausea disappeared and she began to feel that the future still had days of sunshine in store for her.