

IN THE WAKE OF THE FERCE NORTH WIND

All Classes of Vessels Moved Quarters.

A SILLY STORY EXPLODED

THE SEAWALL WAS NOT BUILT WITH CONCRETE.

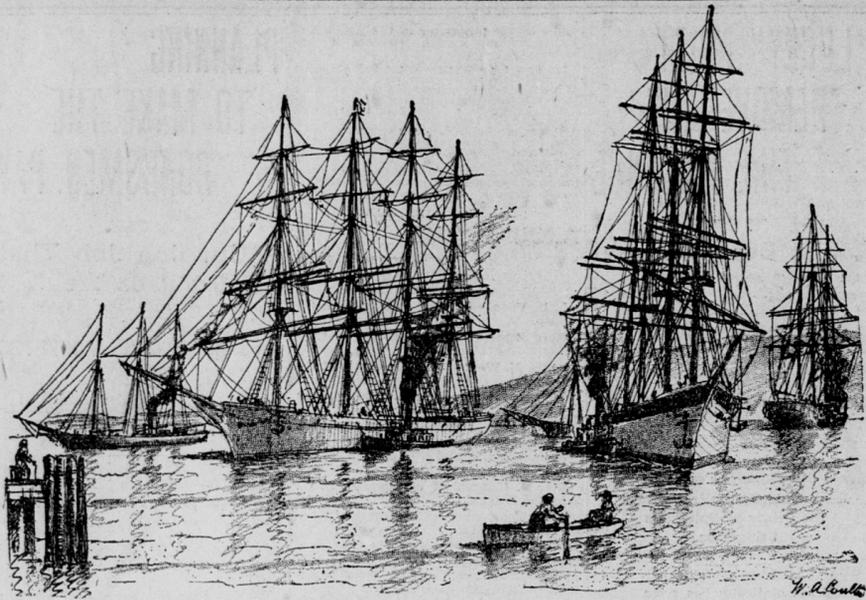
Repairs to the Seawall, Grain Sheds and the Spear-Street Shed Will Begin Early To-Morrow.

It was moving day on the water front yesterday. Owing to the norther that raged all Friday vessels that were going to Oakland and from one berth to another could not be handled, so the work was done yesterday. Those that were damaged during the storm were busy repairing, and the Harbor Commissioners had a gang of men at work on the seawall and the Spear street sheds.

During the day the wind veered completely around. Point Reyes and went half way around the compass at Point Lobos. At 8:30 a. m. it was still blowing fifty-seven miles an hour from the northeast at Point Lobos, and at 3 p. m. it was blowing four miles an hour from the west. During the night it is expected to veer around to the southeast and the gale is expected to work its way down this far.

The following vessels that had to remain at their wharves on account of the storm moved yesterday: The British ship Bothwell went into the stream, the American bark Haydn, Brown, British ships Falls of Clyde and Aon Alaw and the schooner Jennie Thelan went to Oakland Creek; the steamer Walla Walla went to the seawall, the Union Iron Works. She will have her preliminary trials on the bay next week, and will then go to Santa Barbara channel for her official test. It will thus be seen that all classes of vessels from the man-of-war and ocean-going steamer down to the humble coaster were on the move yesterday and getting into snug quarters.

The Harbor Commissioners are anxious to get Spear-street wharf roofed over again before the rain comes. In consequence a full force of carpenters will be put to work to-morrow morning and the work completed as rapidly as possible. Incidentally the employees of the commission had a good laugh over the Examiner's story about the seawall yesterday. According to the yellow sheet the "concrete" front of the wall from Meigs wharf to Clay street has been washed away by the storm. To follow up its scoop the paper had an artist and a staff of reporters to take the scene yesterday, but it is doubtful whether or not the



BOUND FOR SNUG QUARTERS.

A number of vessels were to be moved to Oakland Creek and berths south of the ferry last Friday, but owing to the norther they could not be handled. Early yesterday morning the tugs got to work and foran hour or so it looked as though every ship in the bay was changing quarters. All sorts were on the move, from the man-of-war and ocean-going steamer down to the humble little coaster.

pictures will appear. There was not an ounce of concrete used in the construction of the seawall from Meigs wharf to the foot of Clay street. Every inch of it was built with rock from Telegraph Hill, and the facing is in practically the same condition now as it was when built. The only portion of the front built of concrete block was from the foot of Clay street to about where the Harbor Receiving Hospital now stands. Needless to say that the foundation of the ferry building is still there, and it forms part of the concrete seawall.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer Curacao arrived from Mexican ports yesterday with fourteen cabin and ten steerage passengers. She was behind time, but was detained at Ensenada. Captain von Helms says that the storm had nothing at all to do with his vessel being behind time, as he did not know there had been a norther until he reached port. John Edin and Dr. Humphries, of Hawaii, made the round trip on the Curacao and had a very enjoyable time. They will return to Honolulu on the Australia.

The river steamer Napa City had a peculiar experience in Friday's norther. Her captain would not face the gale, so he anchored as close in to the Marin shore as possible. While the wind was still blowing the tide went out and left the steamer high and dry on the mud. Both passengers and crew had to wait until the tide came in again and released the vessel from her bed of mud. It was this incident that gave rise to the rumor that the H. J. Corcoran was ashore. This vessel proved a surprise to both crew and passengers. During the heaviest part of the storm she stood up against the wind like a mountain going steamer, and came down at almost her usual speed. She was very steady and there was no vibration to speak of. Agent Clark is more than pleased over the showing made by the new steamer.

The steamer City of Peking, from China, Japan and Hawaii, will be delayed. She was delayed at Honolulu to take aboard 300 members of the New York Regiment.

The transport Tacoma will be delayed.

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A DRAMA OF REAL LIFE. DRAMATIS PERSONE: MR. FEWCHER POPINLAW. MR. AD-VISES STRAIGHT.

POPINLAW—Oh, my! Straight, you should have seen the crowd of young couples going to commit it that I saw last Monday. STRAIGHT—Going to commit what? POPINLAW—Marriage. STRAIGHT—Where? POPINLAW—Why, at Pottosien's Great Two-Acre store in the Mission. STRAIGHT—You are talking through your hat. The foolish crowd wasn't going to Pottosien's to get married. POPINLAW—No, but they were going there for the furniture. STRAIGHT—It isn't much of a ride out there, is it? POPINLAW—It didn't seem more than ten minutes before the conductor said, conductor fashion, "Hereyear; PATTOSIEN'S, SIXTEENTH STREET AND MISSION."

MRS. FENNELL IS BECOMING IMPATIENT Would Hurry Up Her Divorce Suit.

Next Wednesday evening there will be a meeting at 121 Eddy street of those members of the paid fire department who served during the first ten years—December 3, 1886, to December 3, 1896—for the purpose of organizing an association of veterans of the paid department. At a previous meeting a temporary organization was effected with the following named as temporary officers: S. McDowell, president; Richard W. Kennard, vice-president; Thomas Sawyer, second vice-president; George W. Kennard, treasurer, and G. C. Curran, secretary. That meeting it was decided that an old boys' ball was to be held on January 7, and for the purpose of making arrangements to that end P. H. Fleming, George W. Kennard and J. B. Bonfield were named a committee of arrangements.

WHEAT MARKET IN A SLUGGISH CONDITION ALL WATCHING FOR A CHANGE IN THE WEATHER.

Sluggishness and disinterestedness of the outside public has characterized the grain markets for the past week. Reports from the Argentine during the early part of the week gave glowing accounts of the crop. Later on, when Argentine wheat prices fell, the Argentine, things were less encouraging. This, together with a fair demand for spot wheat at the seaboard and Northwestern millers also reporting a brisk demand for flour, has caused the market to be rather dull. Eastern interests, together with Armour, sold December wheat freely. This pressure caused December to sell 2 cents under May, as against 1 cent premium two weeks ago. At 1 1/2 to 2 cents spread Armour's brokers were good buyers of December and sellers of May.

The market acts purely professional. Large outside traders are doing nothing and will probably not enter the market again until after New Year's. The marketing of Argentine wheat will begin within a few days and may cause further depression in prices temporarily. January generally brings about conditions which control speculation to a large extent. The local conditions, while not extremely bright, are not without cheerfulness. The drought prevailing, if it continues, must affect prices. The stocks of wheat posted on December 1 are much larger than the stocks of the previous year. The change makes the stock of wheat in California more than pleased over the fact that about one-third of which represents Washington, Oregon and Utah production. The little wheat being exported from the State, should grow. There is no doubt a large amount now in store would go for shipment.

DRINK AND THE NOOSE. Timothy McQuaid, an Intoxicated Hostler, Hanged Himself With a Hay Rope.

Timothy McQuaid, a hostler until recently employed in Joost's stables at 505 Gough street, was found hanging by a bale rope to a beam in the rear of the stable yesterday afternoon at a quarter to 2 o'clock.

WINE IMPORTERS HERE. Two Prominent Germans Who Want to Introduce Local Wines into Germany.

Wilhelm and Paul Lehment of Berlin and Kell, Germany, wholesale importers of wine, are at the Palace. They have come to the State for the purpose of making observations concerning the quantity, quality and price of California wines. The main object of their visit is to look into the business of importing native wines to Germany. Paul Lehment is of the opinion that if the wines of this State can be imported to Germany at such a reasonable price that a great business can be built up Germany will become one of the largest importers of California wines.

Annual Class Dinner. The dinner given last Wednesday evening at Marchand's by the class of '77 of the Boys' High School of this city to their old classmate, Dr. Washington Dodge, was probably the one to be best remembered of the many reunions held by this coterie of schoolboys. For years they have kept alive the associations and friendships of their boyhood, and when they assemble to meet to celebrate their twenty-first regular annual reunion it is not only to exchange personal friendly greetings, but to extend to Dr. Dodge their congratulations and affectionate regards to the office of Assessor of this city. While it required the earnest efforts of those assembled to do full justice to the excellent repast set before them, they still found time to revive old schoolboy tricks and stories and to maintain a continued run of hilarity until early morn.

A Woman's Xmas Gift. Sensible people will not buy knickknacks for Xmas presents. A handsome tailor suit is a jacket is the thing to buy. A good place to leave orders is E. Messager's, corner Post street and Grant avenue.

DEFAULT NOT YET ENTERED PLAINTIFF APPEARS BEFORE JUDGE HUNT.

Mrs. Marceau-Fennell will be entered, the plaintiff appears before Judge Hunt. The case of the People's Home Savings Bank against R. H. McDonald, to recover payment of \$66 64 a share on 385 shares of the capital stock of the bank was ordered dismissed yesterday.

OCEAN VIEW'S TROUBLES. The Burg by the Sea Complains of Official Neglect.

Ocean View, that little "burg" by the big sea, is in the dumps, so to speak. In other words, and so far as property owners are not overpleased with the conduct of the municipal authorities, particularly the Supervisors. It is set up as a cause of grievance that the streets are neglected, there is a lack of sewerage, scarcity of water, and last, but by no means least, a woeful scarcity of water for domestic purposes. Between the inattention of the Supervisors and the Spring Valley Water Company there are no main lines in the streets of Ocean View, and the consequence is that similar neglect is apparent in the lack of hydrants along the streets most inhabited. The case is a typical one of those cities where nothing can be done by the Fire Department because there are no hydrants available. The consequence of this condition of affairs is that the poor people can afford to protect their homes by insurance.

Attachments Filed. The First National Bank of Oakland yesterday filed thirteen attachments in the Sheriff's office against George P. Morrow & Company, hay and grain commission merchants, doing business on Clay street. The attachments cover an indebtedness to the bank of \$240 advanced on overdrafts.

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