

SIERRA CLUB TO BE RESCUED FROM THE FORESTS

Miners' Association to Co-operate

SAVING TIMBER FROM FIRE

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ASKED TO LEND ITS AID.

Urgent Need for Berkeley and Palo Alto Universities to Establish a Course of Instruction on Forestry.

An important conference of representatives from the Miners' Association and the Sierra Club will be held next Saturday at the Chamber of Commerce.

A committee consisting of J. M. Le Conte and Elliott McAllister of the Sierra Club has been making an exhaustive inquiry into the subject, and in a report which they have submitted declare that something should be done to protect California's forests from the destructive fires that run through them during the summer months.

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The action has been taken by the Miners' Association in regard to the best method of preserving the watersheds of the Sierra Nevada, and in fact, all the forest protection. There is a desire to take up the subject common to the agricultural and the mining interests of the State, and the two great resources, the water sources and the timber, should be properly cared for.

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The time, therefore, is fast approaching when the United States Government and private corporations will be asking technical advice on the subject of forestry, and the reproduction of a first quality of timber. A properly educated forester should be able to find a market for the lumber which he produces, and the practical man who is also a technical forester. At present in this State there are no persons who are qualified to give such instruction to their students. Such lectures would be eagerly sought, not only by the foresters, but also by many who desire the knowledge as a matter of general culture.

"Until recently, if any person wanted an education in forestry, he was compelled to go to Europe. Cornell University and the State of Michigan will receive more front and have prepared themselves to meet this growing demand for trained foresters. A large appropriation was made by the Legislature for the purchase of land from the Adirondack reservation was set apart for the use of the university, and the State of Michigan has been most ready to take their place as educators, not only of their students, on this vital subject, but also of the public at large. We therefore recommend that the Sierra Club should use all proper efforts to have established a course of instruction on forestry at Berkeley and Palo Alto."

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WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Professor Hammon Says Conditions Are Favorable for More Rain.

Professor Hammon of the weather bureau late last night said: "The rain which has deserted us during the last twelve hours will return, and the State north of Tehama will receive more of the welcome precipitation. The local conditions are as they generally are before the coming of rain, and the pressure has been falling rapidly all along the coast north of San Francisco. The wind is blowing at the rate of fifty miles an hour at the mouth of the Columbia River on this coast, and will probably be blowing in the Sacramento valley. The conditions have materially changed from what they were this afternoon and rain is assured for Sunday, according to the observations."

"The last rainfall was about half an inch on the average for Northern California. There was a trace of rain at San Luis Obispo and a third of the way up the San Joaquin Valley. About half an inch fell in the Sacramento valley. The water cannot deny the benefits that will accrue from this last precipitation, it is certain that a part of the State has been sufficiently moistened and as much again will have to fall before it matures a crop, and the State will be able to grow more water and that quickly and decidedly, in amounts necessary to grow a crop."

At Eureka yesterday afternoon the wind was northwesterly and was blowing, but no rain was falling. The snow now stored in the mountains is a guarantee of plenty of water for mining purposes, and many mines which have been closed down for months have now resumed operations.

MARIA KIP ORPHANAGE IS FREE FROM DEBT

A WELCOME REPORT MADE BY THE TREASURER.

The Institution Has Profited by the Requests of Charitable People. Officers Elected.

At the annual meeting of the directors of the Maria Kip Orphanage, held in the Diocesan Home on California street, the report of the treasurer conveyed the welcome news that the institution is free from debt, and that the year had been entirely paid off. In her report the secretary, Mrs. T. Woodward, says:

"When, less than a decade ago, this work, which is now the home of 12 children, opened its doors with thirteen girls, a generous gift from the late George W. Gibbs was its only capital."

"To be in the possession of a beautiful home, surrounded by some kind and artful etc., which represents a paid up capital of \$60,000, is truly enough happiness for one year. How glad we are to be able to say that we are indebted for a legacy of \$3000. Through the settlement of the Fair estate our share of a generous gift to the orphanage amounting to \$1700, and by a like gift from the late James A. McAllister \$1500 more has been added to our treasury."

"It may be remembered that at the inception of the orphanage the directors were unable to the good it would do the State at large, subscribed for 500 shares of its stock. Under the rules of the institution it was unable to retain the stock, so it was generally divided between several of the ladies who had brought in the shares. The report of the directors, and the report of the directors, and we received as our portion seventy-five shares of stock, which last month was sold for the handsome sum of \$700, enabling us to make the last payment on our debt—thus leaving our home free from all incumbrance."

The report closed with the warmest appeal to the friends of the orphanage to assist the managers in their endeavor to establish an endowment fund, which in the future might be used for the purchase of the institution self-supporting. The following officers were elected: Trustees—Right Rev. W. F. Nichols, president; E. H. Rixford, secretary; W. H. Crocker, treasurer; Elliott McAllister, board of managers—Miss Mrs. M. B. St. John, president; Mrs. George H. Buckingham, Mrs. P. I. Asbury, Mrs. Edw. Field, Miss Eva Maynard, Mrs. G. W. Woodward, secretary; Mrs. J. M. Wood, treasurer; Sister Anna, physician—Sidney Worth, M. D.

WANTED TO SURPRISE MOTHER Mrs. Schrader Has Lost Confidence in Good Young Men Who Want Hats.

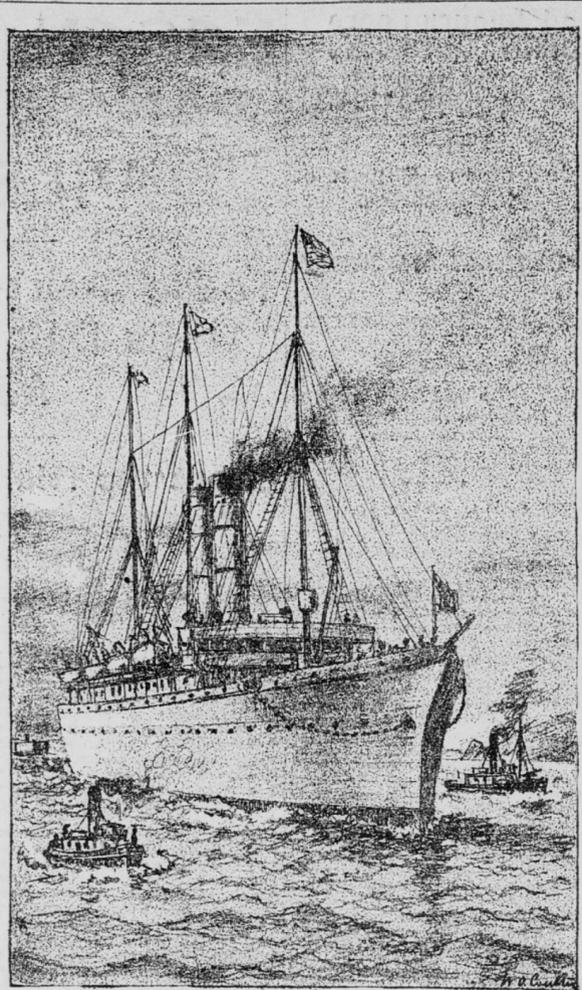
Mrs. A. Schrader, the proprietress of a millinery store at 1915 Howard street, was cheated out of two brand new hats last night by two young men who entered her store on the pretense of purchasing a hat. The milliner was surprised to find one of them put it on. The obliging milliner showed the "good" young man one of the hats, and such an article as would completely surprise and gratify mother. The companion of the "good" young man, who was dressed in a hat and a brown one, was suggested that the "good" young man who gave the name of the milliner, taking an easy victim, handed out the two hats. The "good" young man, who gave the name of the milliner, taking an easy victim, handed out the two hats. The "good" young man, who gave the name of the milliner, taking an easy victim, handed out the two hats.

CHINA AND ITS GOVERNMENT.

One of the most interesting lectures in the regular Mechanics' Institute course was delivered in the upper room of the library last night by Professor John Fryer, LL.D., on "The Government and Laws of China." Professor Fryer has spent the greater portion of the last thirty years in the study of the government of the complicated Chinese system of government in such a manner that a child could understand him as thoroughly as the best educated man in the audience. In his conclusion he said that China must become a fully developed nation. It has much that is good and much that is bad in its laws, but an attempt to completely overthrow the old system and inject a new one, at this time, must end in failure. China will some day be on an equal footing with the rest of the world, but the process must be a slow one.

KEARNEY DIED AT HOME.

Mrs. Bernard Kearney, the widow of the late Senator, died at her home with a bottle on New Year's evening. She died on last Sunday from the effects of the blow, desires it to be known that she was not in any time an inmate of the County Hospital. On the contrary, he was taken to his home, at 1 Essex place, and there nursed and cared for by his wife until he died.



JAPANESE STEAMER NIPPON MARU.

She arrived here from Yokohama via Honolulu yesterday and is one of a line of vessels heavily subsidized by the Japanese Government to run between San Francisco and the Orient. She was built in England, and has a list of English and a list of Japanese officers aboard. The Nippon Maru and her sister ships are to run in conjunction with the vessels of the Pacific Mail and O. and O. companies.

NEW JAPANESE STEAMER NIPPON MARU IN PORT

Will Alternate With the Mail Boats.

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“TERM OF HIS NATURAL LIFE”

SENTENCE GIVEN AN AMERICAN CAPTAIN IN CHINA.

British Ship Troop Set on Fire in Yokohama Harbor—Narrow Escape of the Coquille River.

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The Nippon Maru is not a very handsome boat, but her officers say she is fast and very comfortable. As told exclusively in The Call last month, she has two sets of officers. Captain E. H. Evans is in supreme command, but under him are three European and three Japanese officers, while a similar state of affairs exists in the engine room. Captain Evans holds a Japanese as well as an English certificate, but the engineers and other white officers do not. When the Nippon Maru went into commission in England her crew was shipped for a year. Now the Japanese law provides that a vessel flying the Japanese flag must be officered by men having Japanese certificates. The Englishmen would not pass the Japanese examination, the company could not discharge them and so in order to comply with the law officers with Japanese licenses had to be added to the crew. And that is how the Nippon Maru came to be composed of officers on deck and two in the engine room.

The Nippon Maru brought up 60 cabin and 11 second-class passengers, besides 19 Japs and 17 Chinese in the steerage. After leaving Yokohama, a northeast storm was run into that tested the sea-going qualities of the vessel to the utmost. For thirty-six hours it blew a hurricane and the ship was hoisted to the cargo shifted, and when the gale was over the crew was called upon to work that day. Finally the officers persuaded them to trim the cargo on a promise of extra pay. It took the Nippon Maru 11 days to return to San Francisco. The vessel arrived here on the 14th. For fourteen days Pursur W. Magee was down with a fever, and the passengers for the Nippon Maru were Messrs. Lorcado, Luna and Marte, agents of Aquinaldo, who are on their way to Washington. They were on passage on the steamer at Yokohama, and are in a hurry. A Secret Service Agent of the Treasury took considerable interest in their arrival yesterday.

The Nippon Maru brings the news of the firing of the British ship crews in Yokohama harbor. The vessel arrived from New York early in December and on the night of the 14th she was found on fire. As her cargo consisted of coal oil there was a wild scramble among the shipping to get out of the way. Several of the English ships sent assistance, and crews from the men-of-war in port rendered valuable aid. After the fire had been put out an examination showed that some of the cans of oil had been opened with a knife and a lot of sails in the lazarette saturated with oil and fired. Emil Goring, who had been shipped in New York as an able seaman but had been promoted to boatswain during the passage, was suspected. He was seen going down the ventilator into the hold, and the blade of his jackknife just fitted the holes in the oil cans. He was arrested, and on a preliminary trial held to appear before a civil court.

Captain Richard Toumlin has been sentenced to imprisonment "for the term of his natural life" by a United States Consular Court sitting at Shanghai. Toumlin is an American citizen and was in command of the American river steamer Toulmin on July 20, 1898, when he was charged to carry 200 Chinese soldiers from Wuchow to Tung Yuen, where a rebellion was in progress. On that date a rebellion was in progress. On that date a rebellion was in progress. On that date a rebellion was in progress.

Captain Jim Curley of the steamer Herald was arrested by the British authorities and got married. His wife was a Miss Maggie Carr, and she returned to San Francisco with her husband. The Herald is a British steamer and is now in the service of the British mail.

Judge Treadwell waxed indignant yesterday morning when he learned that the bailiff of another court had been trying to "fix" a case in his court. The cause was that of Minnie Morris, a young girl arrested for vagrancy by Policemen Gillen and Hook on McAllister street January 3. She was convicted by Judge Treadwell and ordered to appear for sentence yesterday morning. She was out on \$1000 bail.

When the case was called the girl failed to appear, and the court learned that Bailiff O'Connor of Judge Grant's court told her she need not appear, as he could "square" the case with the Judge. Then the judge spoke his mind. He said he intended to brook no interference in his court, and would not for a moment permit an officer of another court or any other person to interfere with the law. He years past, to talk to him about "fixing" cases. He ordered a bench warrant issued for the girl's arrest and fixed her bonds in \$1000.

Death of Sister Theresa Fox. News has been received of the death of Sister Theresa Fox, who died on the night of January 6, 1899, at St. Vincent's Academy in St. Louis, Mo. Sister Theresa was an only sister of Mrs. Henry George of New York, and both ladies have many friends and acquaintances in San Francisco.

Ladies' tailor-made suits. Fur wraps, coats, credit. M. Rothschild, 211 Sutter st., r. 6 and 7.

Mad From Melancholia. The coroner's jury yesterday in the case of the death of Mrs. J. E. Slinkey, who hanged herself last Thursday night, returned a verdict that the deceased had committed suicide while laboring under an attack of melancholia. The jury was composed of members of the Old Friends, of which Mr. Slinkey was the secretary.

In the Divorce Courts. Mrs. C. L. Goodwin was granted a divorce from her husband, Thaddeus A. Goodwin, yesterday on the ground of willful desertion. Charles W. Hall has sued Catherine T. Hall for a divorce, alleging infidelity as a cause of complaint.

Advances made on furniture and pianos, with or without removal. J. Noonan, 1015-1025 Mission.

TO OBJECT TO THE PUBLIC FROM GRAD An Effort to Supervise Institutions.

A BILL TO BE PRESENTED

IT PROVIDES FOR THE CREATION OF A STATE BOARD.

The Act Would Give Authority to Make an Investigation of Prisons and Public Charities.

A number of charitably inclined people in the State have started a movement which will result in a bill being presented at the present session of the Legislature for the creation of a State Board of Charities, similar to those now in existence in Rhode Island, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Arkansas, Illinois and other States.

The board, as provided for in the draft of the bill, is to consist of six persons, to be appointed by the Governor, to serve without compensation. It will be known as the State Board of Charities and Corrections, and its duties are "to investigate and report on the condition of the whole system of public charities and correctional institutions of the State and counties and cities of the State. To examine into the condition and management of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, reformatories, workhouses, almshouses, jails, hospitals and children's homes and the officers in charge of such institutions."

All plans for new jails, workhouses, hospitals, children's homes or State institutions are to be submitted to the board for their adoption, and they are also to be given the privilege of visiting any one of the institutions and making a thorough investigation.

Other sections of the bill provide for an appropriation of \$3000 and the privilege of appointing a secretary at a salary not to exceed \$1800 per year.

PREFERRED DEATH TO A PRISON CELL

ROBERT EGAN TRIED TO HANG HIMSELF.

Arrested for Being Drunk, He Sought to Commit Suicide at the California-Street Station.

Robert Egan, a sailor, was arrested for being drunk yesterday afternoon, and felt the disgrace so keenly that he attempted to hang himself by jumping into the bay. He was locked up in a cell at the California-station. He was discovered by the officers on duty and cut down before he had lost consciousness.

Egan was arrested by Officer McGravan about 2 o'clock and sent to the station where he was placed in a cell by Officer Nick Bakulich. When locked up he threatened that he would hang himself, but it was thought that as everything had been taken from him by which he could do himself any harm no attention was paid to his threats. Bakulich, who was on duty, started upstairs, when his attention was attracted by a sound in Egan's cell. He turned, and found that Egan had fastened a piece of leather to the door and had fastened himself to the door of his cell. Bakulich speedily unlocked the door, and taking the sailor in his arms like a baby, cut the strap before Egan had lost consciousness. The choking sobered the man, and after being cut down he had no further desire to do himself any harm.

NATIONAL PARLOR OFFICERS.

A Subordinate of the Order of Native Sons Has a Banquet After the Installation.

Last Thursday night the following named officers of National Parlor, N. S. O., were installed by District Deputy Grand President A. C. Hewston of Woodland: E. W. Hall, past president; Fred P. Wehe, president; A. R. Vaughn, first vice-president; D. F. Numan, second vice-president; and E. H. Slivity, third vice-president; G. M. Huffschmidt, marshal; W. V. Doughty, recording secretary; W. B. Larkins, financial secretary; P. G. Du Pu, treasurer; E. E. Bellmer, inside sentinel; G. Vaughn, outside sentinel; W. G. Barr, W. Brown and W. E. Clark, trustees; W. Koch, organist.

The installation was an adjournment to an adjoining hall, where an excellent menu was served to the members and invited guests. The program of the evening was a musical one, and after the black coffee had been served there was a programme, which included addresses by the new president, Grand Secretary Lunstedt, Deputy Grand Secretary, and the retiring past president; the reading of letters from members at Manila by J. Dispaux, funny stories by Palm, and vocal and instrumental selections.

The officers of Benicia Council were installed in public on the 10th inst. by District Deputy Mrs. Kate Flynn, assisted by F. P. Bann. The ceremony was followed by a banquet at the Benicia Hotel. The officers of Angel Council, at Angels, were also installed in public by Past Councilor William Moyle and Deputy Mrs. M. L. Dooling. There was a large number of persons present, who were deeply interested in the work, which was done without ritual. There were, after the ceremony, a dance and supper.

The officers of Eveline Council at Chico were installed by District Deputy Ida Morton. Every member of the council came to the installation.

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Nourished by the Air. Careful experiments by M. Bouchard, communicated to the Academie des Sciences, demonstrate that the human body takes some substance from the air which adds to its weight. Subjects were found to gain from 150 to 200 grains in breathing air for an hour. The absorbed substance is carbonic acid. It is not a little of this gas in the atmosphere, and it cannot be nitrogen. Oxygen is, however, absorbed by the lungs, and it enters the blood or oxidizes the hemoglobin is very slight. The excess of oxygen is exhaled. The weight of the body is not affected, such as the reactions of albumen, some of which cause a reduction of weight. The main augmentation of weight arises from the transformation of fat into glycogen. A dog which was found to gain 90 grains' weight in addition through breathing or ten or twelve hours, London Globe.

London Pavements in the Olden Time. Occasionally a side pavement added to the comfort of the foot passengers are spotted with them. The necessity of floundering through the deep mire of the roadway. These pavements, however, are very objectionable. The passengers made use of the highway, soft with mud and filth thrown from the wheels of the carriages, and the mud and filth were so deep that it was necessary to wade through it. The pavement was expected to pass along the narrow roadway, dogs and pigs were driven indoors and gravel was thrown down to make the road passable. Usually, however, the streets were left in their primitive noisome state. From England in the Fifteenth Century, Denton.

Glasses and Congeniality. He is one of those enthusiastic men whose hobby is his friends. His chief aim in life seems to be getting those he meets acquainted together in his home or at the club, and then leaving them to get acquainted with each other. He is not content to attend to some equally unimportant business.

Young Men's Institute. American Council of Oakland will give a banquet on the 16th inst. The grand officers will be present.

Volta Grove is again coming to the fore for the purpose of installing six candidates. St. Helena Grove recently held public memorial services in memory of departed members.

Consumption Cured. An old physician, retired from practice, had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all Throat and Lung Affections; also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints. Having tested it with wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who wish it. This remedy is German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper, N. A. Noyes, 520 Powers block, Rochester, N. Y.

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yer began a story of the day, but it fell flat. Then he told a better one, but the agriculturist merely smiled a faint, far-away smile. The lawyer talked of a difficult case, but the agriculturist merely smiled a faint, far-away smile. The lawyer talked of a difficult case, but the agriculturist merely smiled a faint, far-away smile.

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