# THE CITY MAY AGAIN BE LEFT IN DARKNESS

Gas Company Dis- Tug Fearless Seeking posed to Retaliate.

BILLS MUST BE PAID OR OUT THEY WANT AN ADVANCE OF GO THE LIGHTS.

Refuses to Reduce July and August An Italian Fisherman Stabbed-Chief Accounts to Bring Them Within the Appropriation as Perrault Suggested.

There is every reason to believe that the city may again he left in darkness if the city may again he left in the city of the

aid as originally presented by the gas sompany.

The matter is now in abeyance, and it is a clear-cut issue between the Supervisors and the gas company. Perrault and its colleagues on the committee have no intention of backing down from their position, and say that unless the bills are educed so as to come within the appropriation they will not be paid. Whether he corporation intends to make good its hreats or whether it is only running a large-sized bluff to coerce the Supervisors and submitting to its dictates remains to be seen.

SOLDIERS' DAY AT THE FAIR. Volunteers Will Be Guests of Honor at the Pavilion To-Night.

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The volunteer soldiers now stationed the volunteer soldiers now stationed the will be entertained this evening at the Mechanics' Fair. The Governors of the Eastern States who have come here to welcome their returning soldiers will be the special guests of honor. Every man in uniform will be admitted free. The management has flooded the Presidio with invitations to the volunteers and andoubtedly the big Pavilion will be filled his evening with the boys in blue. The and has arranged a special programme or the occasion.

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exposition is rapidly getting into and the attendance is on the ine. The Filipino village is one of the est centers of attraction. Vesterday tile brown men and their wives and ren moved into their new quarters, will live in the native huts construct-the Pavilion until the end of the e musical programme for to-day and evening follows:

March, "City Troops"...... ..Valerga

Gavotte, "Eugenia"
Intermission.
Sketch, "Smoky Mokes"
Alice Raymond.
Musical Review
March, "In the Park"
Intermission.
Selection, "Traviata"Verdi
Alice Raymond.
"Serenade" Moszkowski Scenes from "Lucia" Donizetti Calewalk "Whistling Rufus" Mulis

Selection of Alice Raymond.

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To Review the Blythe Case.

George W. Towle, representing the Blythe Case.

Fire Among Dried Lizards.

After in the basement of 722 Dupont street yesterday afternoon did \$560 worth of damage to the stock of dred lizards and other drugs of the Choy Jee Tong Componity of the Care and the Case and the Game Blythe Game Case.

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PERIODICALS, BOOKS AND STATIONERY

## CZARINA MAKES PORT WITHOUT THE LOG RAFT

the Derelict.

CROCKETT MAKES A THREAT LONGSHOREMEN ON STRIKE

TEN CENTS AN HOUR.

Engineer of the Aurora Drops Dead-The Steamer Cleveland Short of Coal.

### CHRIS RYER DIED ON THE SURGEON'S TABLE

HRISTOPHER B. RYER, one of the best known liquor drummers on the coast, died suddenly yes-terday forenoon on the operating table of the Golden Gate Sanitarium. Mr. Ryer returned to this city a week ago last Wednesday and on Sunday morning went to the sanitarium to be treated for a disease of the bladder. He was advised by his physicians, Drs. A. G. Deardorff and J. P. Le Fevre, that a simple surgical presention would that a simple surgical operation would relieve him, and he consented to sur-render to the knife. He did not think it necessary to notify his family that an operation was about to be per-formed, and the news of his death came to them as a sudden and over-whelming shock.

Yesterday morning he was placed upon the operating table and Dr. Le Fevre proceeded to administer an anaesthetic, when Mr. Ryer went into a convulsion and expired. The physi-cians reported to Coroner Hill that they did not believe that Mr. Ryer inhaled much if any of the anaesthetic, and that his death was largely due to



# **DEPOSITORS PAY** NO COMMISSION TO UNCLE SAM ‡

No Tax on a Receipt : Given a Bank.

MUST PRESENT PERSONALLY

IF OFFERED BY THIRD PARTY IT MUST BE STAMPED.

internal Revenue Collector Holds That Non-Negotiable Paper Is Exempt From Operation of War Revenue Law.

It will be of interest to the general public to know that there are some things which the war-revenue tax does not tax. This information will especially interest which the war-revenue tax does not tax.
This information will especially interest those who have small sums on deposit in the savings banks, but are not in the for-tunate position of being able to employ the advice of able counsel to protect their interests. It appears that a man with a bank account may draw upon the same without being compelled to make a forced contribution to Uncle Sam's income, provided he makes a personal visit to the bank to get his money. In other words, the denegator is not obliged to may a comthe depositor is not obliged to pay a com-mission to the Government for the privi-lege of using his own money, as has been

This welcome fact has been brought to light through the attention of Internal Revenue Collector Lynch being called to the action of a bank in Sulsun, which has been for some time past issuing unstamped receipts to depositors, to be signed by them when they desired to draw money from the bank, a practice alleged to be in violation of the war tax law which provided that all checks, drafts, etc., must bear a two-cent revenue stamp. Collector Lynch says the bank in question is acting strictly within the law and he further says that the savings banks of this city are using the same methods and exact a revenue stamp only when the receipt is presented by a third person. This opinion is in accordance with a decision rendered by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue after consultation with the Attorney General. The decision was the result of a communication from the cashier of the Bank of Lancaster, S. C., and is as follows:

of the bank and signed by a depositor on calling for and receiving money, is liable to stamp duty.

In reply you are advised that, in accordance with the advice of the Attorney General, this office holds that a receipt given to a bank by a person to whom the bank is indebted as a depositor or otherwise, or for whom it holds funds, is no more subject to a stamp than a receipt received or given for any other debt or demand.

The purpose of the law is to require stamps upon checks which are commercial, negotiable instruments. A check, however, is not required to be in any particular form. If it is in a form sufficient to constitute an order for the payment of money and assumes the character of a commercial, negotiable instrument, then it is subject to the tax.

There is much banking done, especially in savings banks, without the use of checks at all, the depositor having a book in which the bank denotes the amount drawn out on the other. Of course, the depositor in such case draws the money out of the bank, but he does it in such a way as not to subject it to stamp duty, because he does not give a check. So, if a person does not give a check. So, if a person does not give a check he does not have to pay taxes on it and if he goes to the bank and the bank pays him upon its dues to him and he gives a receipt such receipt does not require a stamp; but if he issues a receipt so that it will be good in the hands of another person to draw upon his deposit for the amount of it then it loses the character of a receipt and becomes a check or draft and is subject to tax. Respectfully yours.

G. W. WILSON, Acting Commissioner.

The commercial banks have not yet adonted the receipt plan, according to Col-

Old Volumes Are in Bad Condition and Must Be Repaired to Avoid Complications.

tition the Supervisors to provide for the preservation of some of the old tax records in his office which have been stored in the basement of the City Hall for many years. Some of the volumes are torn and without bindings and unless they are cared for they will be compeletly ruined. Mr. Sheehan says that unless enough money is appropriated to rebind the records he will be compelled to deny searchers of records the privilege of referring to them. He realizes that this may result in a suit against the city, as the records are public property and all citizens are entitled to see them.

Many pages in the volumes have already been torn out or stolen and the Tax Collector, to prevent further damage, has locked some of the records in the vault. Certain maps in the books are exceedingly valuable, and it would be impossible to replace them should they be destroyed. ords in his office which have been stored

From all accounts, Hon. John Barrett, the late Minister to Siam, will deliver a lecture in this city on the 21st inst. His subject will be one with which he is thoroughly conversant—the trade relations and commercial possibilities of the Pacific Coast States and the Orient. During the Coast States and the Orient. During the time he was a representative of the United States he visited a number of the countries in Asia lying along the Pacific Ocean, and his observations have attracted the attention of the commercial men of the world. Mr. Barrett comes to this city upon the invitation of the local Chamber of Commerce. Secretary Scott yesterday received a dispatch from the ex-Minister saying that he would be at liberty to speak on the date mentioned. At present he is in Portland, Or.

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607,327 64

539,529 78

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Treasury Department,
Office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 21, 1898.
Sir: I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst., in which you request the ruling of this office as to whether a receipt in me following form:
LANCASTER, S. C.,
Received of the Bank of Lancaster, of Lancaster, S. C.,
dollars on account.
filled out in the handwriting of an official of the bank and signed by a depositor on calling for and receiving money, is liable to stamp duty. BOOK SENT FREE With symptoms, addresses and S. R. CHAMLEY, M. D., 25 Third St., S. F.

G. W. WILSON, Acting Commissioner.

The commercial banks have not yet adopted the receipt plan, according to Collector Lynch, but pay out money only on checks or drafts which must be stamped or they will not be accepted. Collector Lynch further says he started to round up the banks in this district that were using these receipts several months ago, but when the decision in the case quoted was promulgated he was obliged to stop proceedings. CONDITION AND AFFAIRS

TAX OFFICE RECORDS.

John Barrett's Lecture.

Arena twice in search of information and have kept circling around the place where the raft went adrift in widening circles, hoping to pick it up. On the 9th inst we spoke the tug Fearless, and as she was going to continue the search I put into San Francisco."

It is a be heard the Fearless picks. OPPOSING COUNSEL INDULGE IN WORDY WARFARE. Eisner Charges Chickering With Unprofessional Conduct-Witnesses Testify in Claimant's Favor. places. A sensation in the trial of the action instituted by Alfred C. Rulofson as the adopted son of the late Captain Winslow

The Crystal Hot Sea Baths.

Physicians recommend the Crystal warm sea water tub and swimming baths. North Beach.

G. Hall, in which the deceased seeks to recover decedent's estate by virtue of his relationship, is in course of development. Yesterday morning Attorney Eisner, who is prosecuting Mr. Rulofson's

The Supreme Court decided vestorday.

CAUGHT IN A HEAVY NORTHEASTER.

THE brig W. G. Irwin had the roughest voyage of any of this month's sugar fleet from Honolulu. For three days she was buffeted by a northeast gale and several of her sails were blown away. The doors of the forecastle were stove in and the sailors were nearly drowned out. A heavy sea carried away the brig's figure-head, while another took everything movable on deck overboard. The Irwin may be delayed a few days in discharging owing to the strike among

IN RULOFSON CASE

made happy yesterday when Auditor Wells signified his intention of signing them. The order came down from Judge Hunt's court in the case of Vaccinating Surgeon McPherson, who brought suit for the amount of his salary and won it. The Auditor holds that the other demands are in the same category and they will be paid out of the general fund.

This decision virtually reinstates all those who lost their positions in the Health office. The board will meet on next Thursday evening to restore some of the decapitated members to their former places. The Crystal Hot Sea Baths.

Eisner, who is prosecuting Mr. Rulofson's claim, accused opposing counsel, Attorney Chickering, before the court convened, of having been guilty of unprofessional conduct, in that he had caused certain witnesses for the claimant to be approached and after deceiving them with the assertion that he, Chickering, was confidential counsel for Rulofson obtained what information they possessed.

Mr. Chickering denied the assertion with warmth, and an argument that threatened to culminate in blows was being indulged in by counsel. When Judge Beicher entered the courtroom the trouble ceased. Eisner got in the last words in the argument and said that he would produce three witnesses to prove his assertion. Judge Beicher then took the bench and the taking of testimony was resumed. M. Hart and Julius Hart,

Tax Collector Sheehan will shortly pe-

Total Liabilities..........\$2,631,543 08
INCOME.
Net Cash actually received for Fire
\$.,818,125 72 Total Income. \$4,023,530 60

EXPENDITURES.

Net amount paid for Fire Losses (the cluding \$610,190 98, losses of previous years) \$2,594,606 78

Dividends to Stockholders. \$12,594,606 78

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Paid or allowed for Commission or Brokerage. 769,774 14

Paid for Salaries, Fees and other charges for officers, clerks, etc. 212,249 66

Paid for State. National and local taxes 75,131 86