NEW RACE TRACK EMBROILED WITH THE CARPENTERS

Too Much Wind for the Workmen.

A NUMBER STRIKE WORK

PETTY DEVICES TO SECURE LABOR AT CHEAP RATES.

Though Good Jobs Are Plentiful Elsewhere, the Management Tries to Hoodwink Its Employes.

"Too much wind there," is the verdict. There were all the elements of a strike at the alleged new racetrack in South San Francisco yesterday. The men employed on the new buildings up to Sunday received $3 per day and were satisfactory but not sufficient in number. On Sunday and Monday the racetrack management advertised for more men, as follows:

WANTED—Carpenters at the new racetrack, South San Francisco; take Southern Pacific cars to San Bruno or electric cars to Baden; wages $3 50 per day.

A number of men went down to the new track, determined to endure the cyclones known to be perennial there for the sake of the wages offered. They were informed that $3 was the utmost that could be paid under the circumstances and some of them went to work. The old force of about twenty-five to thirty men were paid off, and so the matter rests.

It seems that two champions of the old force—W. Harman and George Chisel—the former a member of Carpenters' Union No. 22, when they saw the advertisement for more hands in the papers, asked Superintendent Allen for equal wages—i. e., $3 50 (as advertised) in place of the $3 they received. The demand was repulsed, but afterward Allen secretly offered Harman and Chisel the raise asked on condition that they remained with the job. They indignantly refused the offer unless their fellow workmen were admitted to the same justice. As the total number of men, together with those recently obtained, would be in excess of the number which the funds of the management could employ, the men were paid off as stated.

As a matter of fact, the men who quit are not sorry to go. The tales they tell of the region of the new track are heart-rending.

They say that the accommodations for men at the new racetrack are not fit for the decent workingman. They tell of hands being housed from six to twelve deep in one single room; of the close corporation or combination between the management of the work and the hotel-keeper whereby the hotel-keeper is on hand on pay night at the pay office to grab every cent his books show against the unfortunate carpenter. They tell of the ease with which "checks" for drinks, tobacco, etc., may be obtained at the hotel, only to be deducted from the payroll, and of other inconveniences and sharp practices perpetrated on the men so foolhardy as to brave the new racetrack work.

For there is a perpetual cyclone there they say. The men who have labored on the new buildings are assured that the public will never stand what the track itself cannot stay with. For some time the management has been attempting to put down loam on the track, but the wind will not let it stay, and the steam roller is said to have given up the job of crushing the loam down, regarding the project as a hollow mockery.

The wind blows, and blows, and blows. The track is bound to be a slow one if it ever becomes a track, and the people who go to the races do not as a rule care to sit in a windstorm forever. If the workmen who are paid to be there do not relish the scene what will be thought of it by those who may be asked to patronize the new track for motives of pure sport and pleasure?

A BIG DEAL COMPLETED.

The Hellman Syndicate Makes Final Payment on Its Valley Road Bonds.

Yesterday the Hellman syndicate made its final payment on bonds of the Valley road valued at $6,000,000. The condition of the sale was that the payment for the bonds should be made in monthly installments as the progress of construction went along. The payments have been made with a regularity equaled only by the steady progress of the road, and now that the completion of the new line is an assured fact the last dollar has been paid over.

Concerning the progress of work along the line Chief Engineer Storey said yesterday that everything was going along rapidly and in the most satisfactory manner possible. The road out of Antioch was growing day by day, and the work on the five tunnels, the three great bridges and the other ends of the enterprise was being pushed along as quickly as possible. "But," said Mr. Storey, "while the work is going along very quickly it cannot move with great jumps in a matter of such magnitude as the construction of a big railroad."

Bid Her Good-By.

Mrs. Lizzie J. Wheelock, past grand protector of the order of Knights and Ladies of Honor and supreme representative from California to the Supreme Lodge that is to meet next week in Indianapolis, Ind., will leave next Thursday for that city to attend the session. Last evening Grand Protector Z. T. Whitten, Grand Secretary Quitzow and a large number of members from the local lodges called at Mrs. Wheelock's rooms at 1140 Market street to bid her good-by, a pleasant journey and a safe return. An hour was very pleasantly spent in talk on the order and a number of suggestions were offered.

Raleigh, N. C., has the largest pair of oak trees in the United States, when perfect symmetry of trunk and top is taken into consideration.

RAILROAD PUTS NEW BURDENS ON MERCHANTS

First Step Taken in Their Pillage.

FREIGHT RATES TO BE RAISED

TWENTY-TWO COMMODITIES WILL BE AFFECTED.

Serious Increase in Tariff to Be Immediately Imposed on Goods Eastbound From This City.

Having got the merchants of the State wedged in the jamb the Southern Pacific Company is about to close the door and squeeze them to the last cent that can be wrung from them.

The story of the railroad's duplicity in the matter of selling gold brick rate contracts has already been published in The Call, and now all that remains to be done is to inform the public that Thursday next has been decided upon as the proper time to commence the sweating process.

On that date the rates on about twenty-two commodities that are now taxed from 45 to 60 cents per 100 pounds will be raised to 75 cents from all points in California to Houston, Galveston, New Orleans, New York, Boston, and, in fact, to every point where our producers can possibly find a market.

Those goods affected by this first raise are the following: Antimony and antimony ore, asphaltum and bituminous rock, beans, canaigre chips, copper, cement, glue, hay, hemp, infusorial earth, lumber, ore, manganese ore, chrome, rags, borax, canned salmon, rubber junk, canned goods, junk, saponified red oil, hair, cattle, blue vitriol, California wine.

This list, exhaustive as it looks, is merely the forerunner of other and extensive raises. With the shipping tied up as it now is by demands of the Government, it is impossible for the merchants to do anything else but to submit with as good grace as possible to an extortion which they can do nothing to prevent.

BROAD GAUGE BUSINESS MEN.

An Association That Is Not Afraid to Demand Its Rights.

At a meeting of the Mission Business Men's Association last night there was but very little time lost in preliminaries. In the absence of the president, Vice-President Eugene McCoy occupied the chair, and Secretary E. S. Harrison read the call which had been issued to the directors for the meeting, after which it was stated that it was about time for the Mission people to make a concerted movement to secure for themselves a portion of the public funds for improvements. To accomplish this end the following resolutions were read by the secretary and adopted without a dissenting voice:

Whereas—An issue of bonds is contemplated for the purpose of beautifying the city by extending the Park Panhandle to Van Ness avenue and Market street, and

Whereas—This improvement will be wholly for the benefit of the Western Addition, and

Whereas—The Mission has been and is a neglected district of San Francisco, devoid of parks and boulevards and with but few smoothly paved streets; therefore, be it

Resolved—By the Mission Business Men's Association that a demand be made upon the Board of Supervisors by the people of the Mission that a commission be appointed to appraise the Jewish Cemetery lots and that such other steps be taken as to insure that a provision for this purchase will be incorporated in the contemplated bond issue. We demand, also, that Dolores street be converted into a boulevard connecting the proposed park at the Jewish Cemetery lots with the proposed Park Panhandle, thereby establishing a connection between Golden Gate Park and the proposed Mission park. We have petitioned in the past for Mission improvement; we have entreated and been refused. We will no longer amicably request that these things be done which should have been done without the asking, but demand them and give public notice and warning that all efforts to improve and beautify the city without giving the Mission just recognition and its share of money for public improvements will be thwarted by our people. Our progressive people favor the Park Panhandle extension, but it will not get their support unless adequate provision for the district in which are their homes and their property is made. Be it further

Resolved—That this association demands the repavement of Valencia, Mission and Sixteenth streets from Guerrero to Folsom. We want to see the business streets of the city put in the best possible shape. We do not want to see our city like Chicago—with the finest boulevards and vilest streets of any city in the United States. We believe that smooth, well-paved streets have a commercial value far in excess of the cost of construction, and think that a plan to beautify the city without improving the condition of the principal business streets would be like "Hamlet" without the Prince of Denmark. Therefore we earnestly urge, in view of the uncertain quantity that a dollar-limit tax levy will provide for permanent street improvement, that provision be made in the contemplated bond issue for the improvement of the principal business streets of the city, including those designated in these resolutions.

A committee on conversion of the Jewish Cemetery lots into a park, and making Dolores street a boulevard to connect with Golden Gate Park Panhandle was appointed by the chair. It consists of the following well-known progressive minded Mission residents: Judge F. W. Van Reynegom (chairman), Daniel Kelly, A. R. Gunnison, George Walcom, D. A. Hulse, Louis J. Goldman, E. S. Harrison, Eugene McCoy, John A. Helms and F. G. Normann.

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Gamblers Raided.

The Chinatown squad raided the gambling club at 809 Washington street last night and caught twenty-five players with the evidence.

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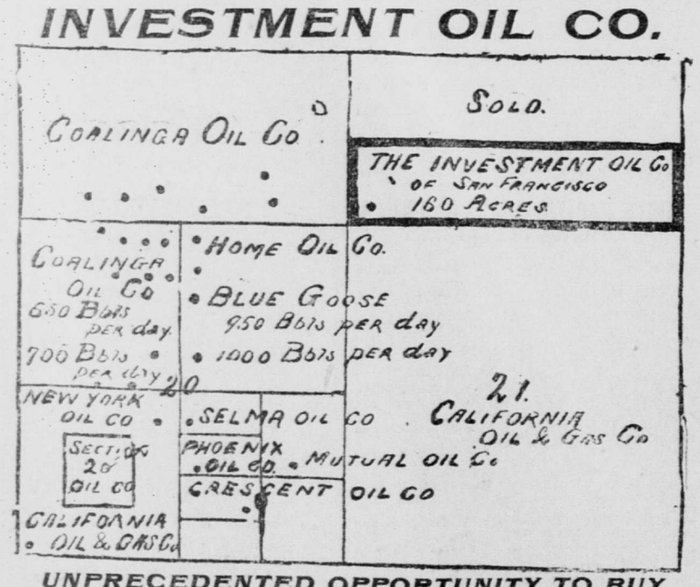

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WANTED TO DIE IF SHE HAD TO LEAVE HER BABY

THE thought of being separated from her baby, coupled with the fact that she had quarreled with her husband, made Mrs. Lillie Williams, a vaudeville artist, desperate, and in a moment of uncontrollable grief she seized a vial containing carbolic acid and drained it of its contents. Fortunately for the woman, the bottle contained but little acid and beyond a burned mouth and chin Mrs. Williams is none the worse for her fiery drink.

Mrs. Williams and her husband arrived a few weeks ago from Victoria, preparatory to going to Alaska, where they were to fill an engagement to do a song and dance act. Tickets for the northern trip were purchased and it was arranged that the couple sail to-day. Mrs. Williams did not look with favor on the northern trip as it meant enforced separation from her baby boy, who has a home with his maternal grandma in West Berkeley.

Yesterday the sorrowing mother went to kiss her boy good-by. On her return to her rooms at 410 Kearny street, she and her husband had some words. Williams had been using some carbolic acid to cauterize an injured finger and after the quarrel put down the flask and left the room.

Mrs. Williams seized the deadly bottle and followed him into the street. When she reached the sidewalk she drained the bottle of its contents and fell howling with pain at her husband's feet.

At the Receiving Hospital, where the actress was treated, she told the matron her sorrowful story. Once out of danger, however, she refused to make any statement. She denied all knowledge of the fact that she or her husband were players; said there was no question of a trip to Alaska, and even declared she had no baby.

"It is all a mistake," is the statement she gave out for publication. "I did not know what the bottle contained. I had a pain in my stomach and thought I was drinking medicine. My husband and I have never quarreled. If he is an actor I don't know it. He did belong to an Eastern dramatic company. We were not going to Alaska and I have no baby."

While Mrs. Williams was makingher denials, Williams was down at the transportation office having the tickets for the Alaskan trip extended.

WATCH THE CALL BULLETINS ON THE BIG YACHT RACE TO-DAY

Bulletins of the first of the international yacht races to-day are to be sent to New York by wireless telegraphy by Signor Marconi, the inventor of the wonderful system, thence flashed across the continent by direct wire to the office of The Call. You will, therefore, get the earliest reports of the race by watching the bulletins displayed by The Call.

PORTUGUESE IN ANNUAL SESSION

Convention Opens at Santa Cruz.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SANTA CRUZ, Oct. 2.—The thirteenth annual Grand Council of the Portuguese Union of California is in session in this city and Santa Cruz has been given over to the Portuguese residents of the State for a week. About 200 delegates arrived yesterday and more to-day. There are about 500 people here from the outside towns. The Grand Council was called to order at 10 o'clock this morning by Grand President V. T. Braga of San Leandro.

The grand officers present were: Grand President V. T. Braga, San Leandro; Grand Vice President A. G. Pine, Benicia; Grand Secretary L. J. Martin, San Leandro; Grand Treasurer J. G. Mattos Jr., Centerville; Grand Master of Ceremonies J. Bernardo, Haywards; Grand Marshal A. S. Martins, San Francisco; Grand Guard J. C. Valladay, West Oakland. Board of directors—A. Fonte, East Oakland; J. Pimental, Haywards; A. F. Cunha, Milpitas; F. J. Cunha, Oakland; J. Neves, Pleasanton. Grand Medical Examiner J. S. A. Cabsall, Centerville.

Immediately after rollcall the council adjourned and the delegates, preceded by the City band, Santa Cruz Council, U. P. E. C., and the council from Watsonville, marched to the Church of the Holy Cross, where a solemn high mass was celebrated. Father McNamee was celebrant, Father Guverno deacon and Father Murphy subdeacon. The sermon was preached in Portuguese by Father Guverno of Centerville.

The music by the church choir was especially good. Miss Kate O'Neil was organist. "Laut da Siron" was sung at offertory. The solo, "Quitolia," was sung by Mrs. J. Kerlin and the solo "Etins Carnatus" by Miss Jennie Arrelanes.

At half-past 1 o'clock the convention was again called to order. The committee on credentials reported first. Grand President V. T. Braga reported that he had visited all the subordinate councils during the year and had found them in a flourishing condition. New councils were organized at Sebastopol, Salinas and Sacramento. There are forty councils in California.

Grand Secretary L. J. Martin of San Leandro reported the acquisition of over 200 new members during the year and the present membership is 2937.

The grand treasurer reported the total general fund as $4689 39; disbursed, $3943 39; balance, $726. Special fund, $60,615 42; disbursed death and sick benefits, $43,824 52; balance, $16,790 90. Reserve fund, $21,053 70; disbursed, $1400; balance in reserve fund, $21,653 70. Total cash on hand, $39,070 60.

The hall where the sessions are being held is decorated with banners and festoons of bunting in red, white and purple, the colors of the order. In front are the words, "Welcome, U. P. E. C." On the sides is the motto of the order, "Uniao, Caridade, Protescao" (Union, Charity, Protection).

Ex-President A. F. Cuhna of Milpitas was presented with an elegant gold pin by Ex-President F. I. Lemis of Haywards.

The Portuguese Union, known as the U. P. E. C., was organized the 1st day of August, 1880, in accordance with the laws of this State. It is a charitable and beneficiary organization, protecting its members and their families both fraternally and financially.

White Is Recovering.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 2.—Senator Stephen M. White, who arrived at his home from San Francisco yesterday, is recovering rapidly from his sickness, but will be confined to his home for some time yet. He stood the trip very well.

Mines Closed.

ANGELS CAMP, Oct. 2.—The Utica mine and mills have closed down on account of scarcity of water and the installing of electrical machinery.

Herman Oelrichs.

Every time he is in San Francisco Herman Oelrichs visits the Cafe Zinkand.

BROWN ACCUSED OF DERRY'S MURDER

Evidence of a Damaging Nature.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

NOGALES, Ariz., Oct. 2.—The officials of Santa Cruz and Pima counties are forging a chain of evidence about J. Clarence Brown that will result in his examination on the charge of murdering E. W. Derry of San Francisco.

District Attorney Cooper of Pima County has discovered that Brown and Derry were together in Bisbee; that they left there together early in June in a light wagon drawn by two horses. They had a tent, cooking stove and camp outfit. Since then nothing has been seen of either Derry or the outfit, and no news of him can be secured. His description has been secured from San Francisco, and it tallies closely with the man found hanging in the flimsiest sort of a manner to a limb of a tree in the Pajarrito Mountains.

Sheriff Wakefield of Pima County is now working on the case, and says he is positive Derry has been murdered. Brown is now in jail in Tucson charged with forging Derry's name. When arrested he had a mass of deeds, mortgages and checks belonging to Derry. In his baggage was also found a vial of corrosive sublimate tablets, one of which had been broken in two and one of the parts was missing. Sheriff Wakefield believes Derry was poisoned.

Brown wrote the Bank of California in Derry's name to forward a check book to this town. The check book is here, addressed as requested, and also a letter written by Brown from Crittenden, dated September 6, requesting the postmaster to forward mail to Tucson. Brown's record of transactions in Crittenden is not yet known. He refuses to give any history of himself, and he is yet unidentified.

BIG DAY ON NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—It was a big day on the Cotton Exchange. The greatest advance in prices was a matter of thirty-eight points, and from the start to the finish the bull faction was in control. Friday's queer doings in the New Orleans market had led the trade here to look for something in the way of a surprise when the market opened, more particularly as it had been rumored that Liverpool shorts were in full retreat and being closely followed by jubilant bulls. The initial sales showed an advance far exceeding the hopes of the most optimistic holders, while subsequently business revealed an intensity of bullish sentiment in outside circles not even imagined by the market's best friends.

The stroke of the gavel started a wild wave of speculative activity, which showed little abatement up to the very close. Opening prices were fifteen to twenty-five points above the closing of Thursday, and the market closed firm at a net gain of thirty-one to thirty-four points.

MAYOR PHELAN'S GIFT.

Presents a Valuable Library to Stanford University.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Oct. 2.—It was to-day announced from the president's office that the department of political science had received through the kindness of the Hon. James D. Phelan, Mayor of San Francisco, a valuable library on political science and administration. This library consists of about 500 volumes, and embraces the most important publications in English and foreign languages relating to the government of cities and to matters in general of government and finance.

The gift is an expression of Mayor Phelan's deep interest in the university and the part it has played in the educational and social development of the coast.

See "Keith's" millinery window, Phelan building, for novelties in new colors.

REVOLUTIONISTS ARE ORGANIZING FOR KWANG HSU

Plot to Dethrone the Empress of China.

LEADERS IN SAN FRANCISCO

EXCITEMENT IN CHINATOWN OVER PLACARDS.

Kang Yu Wei, One of the Late Emperor's Advisers, Endeavoring to Replace Kwang Hsu Upon the Throne.

Chinatown was feverish with excitement yesterday over several portentous placards which had been posted conspicuously in prominent localities in that quarter by unknown revolutionists belonging to the party of the deposed Emperor, Kwang Hsu. The proclamation is neatly printed in black ink in Chinese characters and occupies a sheet of paper seven feet long by two feet wide, containing several thousand words.

All day long crowds of silent Chinese stood in front of the placards, and very few went away without reading the entire matter. They made no comments, nor did they speak to one another—a rare spectacle in Chinatown. There seemed to be a heavy fear resting upon the readers lest they might betray their approval of a publication that bristled with treason against the Dowager Empress of China.

The document is signed by Kang Yu Wei, one of the lately deposed Emperor's confidential advisers and closest friends. He is at present in the revolutionary headquarters in Victoria, B. C. When the Emperor was dethroned by the Dowager Empress Wei's four associates were beheaded by her order, but he managed to escape in disguise from the empire.

Wei starts out by calling attention to the present weak and deplorable condition of China among the nations of the earth, and ascribes her condition to the want of progressive ideas and of reforms that he and the Emperor were about to inaugurate when the dethronement took place. The Dowager is of the conservative class, and deposed the Emperor because of his reform ideas. Wei calls upon all his countrymen who have the love of their nation and their race at heart to put themselves at once in communication with him or his agents and to join the revolutionary movement which he proposes to inaugurate for the dethronement of the Dowager Empress and the restoration of Kwang Hsu.

The names of the revolutionary agents are printed in English and Chinese upon the circulars, and are as follows:

Foo Chun Tong, 615 Kearny street, San Francisco; Wing Sang, Vancouver, B. C.; Sam Kee, Vancouver, B. C.; Wing Chong, Victoria, B. C.; Chu Chung, Victoria, B. C., and Ying Tai, New Westminster, B. C.

It is reported that the resident Chinese Consul is preparing a protest to the Government of Canada and to the United States authorities against the toleration of this treasonable and revolutionary movement in the two countries.

AGNES MUST GO HOME.

Mrs. Goldrick, Deserted by Her Husband in New York, Will Be Deported.

Agnes McGoldrick and her four-year-old son arrived yesterday from New York in the custody of an officer of the Immigration Bureau at that port by authority of Commissioner Powderly, who has ordered her deported to Australia by the Mariposa, which will sail to-morrow. Mrs. McGoldrick came to this city from Australia on the steamer Alameda in March of this year. She went to New York and her husband deserted her there, and she was taken in charge by the Marine Hospital authorities, who pronounced her diseased and liable to become a public charge.

Loyal's Social.

Loyal Rebekah Lodge gave a social to its friends in the Odd Fellows' building last night. The hall was crowded by ladies and gentlemen who were entertained with a programme of music, song and declamations that were contributed by Miss Edith Decker, Miss Anita Loos, Robert Martin, Miss Linnie, George Caldwell, George Sheeney, Miss Ten Eyck and Miss Heymanson, late of the Royal Conservatory of London. Dancing followed and it was a merry gathering until midnight.

Police Pension Board.

At the quarterly meeting of the Police Pension Commissioners yesterday Policeman Matthew Wilson, who has recently been on station duty at Ocean View, was retired on a pension. He had served twenty years and six months and was over 60 years of age.

DECISION IS GIVEN TO McCLELLAND

Referee John J. Quinn Declares Soldier Smith Committed a Foul.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 2.—Jack McClelland got the decision over Soldier Smith to-night in the sixth round of a fight scheduled for twenty rounds. When Referee John J. Quinn made the announcement that he gave the fight to McClelland on a foul, it was greeted by mingled hisses and cheers by the 1500 spectators. Some called it a fake, but Quinn said Smith hit Mac while in a clinch. Smith claimed that he had broken his wrist in the second round and one of his seconds said the foul was made to finish the fighting. If Smith's wrist was really broken he did good work, for in the third round he floored McClelland with hard punches on the jaw. The second time down Jack took the full time limit before getting to his feet. The contest was about an even thing up to the third round, which was decidedly Smith's. In the fourth McClelland had a shade the better of it and in the fifth he held his own. The fight was stopped after the sixth round had commenced. The result every way was a disappointment to the crowd.

ABANDONED BY THE MAN SHE FONDLY LOVED

Romantic Adventure of a Girl.

LENA SPRAGUE'S MISTAKE

ENTICED FROM HER HOME IN HEALDSBURG.

While Wandering Along the Water Front She Was Found by the Police and Restored to Her Parents.

Lena Sprague, the 14-year-old daughter of John Sprague, a well-known resident of Healdsburg, yesterday morning eloped with John Bechunni, a young man who was formerly a resident of this city. As soon as the parents of the girl learned that she had gone with Bechunni they lost no time in notifying Chief Lees to intercept the runaway couple. Yesterday afternoon Policeman Bailey saw a girl answering the description of Miss Sprague wandering aimlessly along Davis street. He approached her and inquired if she was from Healdsburg. She at first denied her identity, but finally admitted that her name was Miss Sprague and that she had left her home to elope with "the man she loved."

Bailey took her to police headquarters, where she was closely questioned by Chief Lees. She claimed that she met Bechunni a short time ago and fell "desperately in love" with him. He promised to make her his wife, but fearing that her parents would oppose their marriage she agreed to elope with him. After gathering her effects and placing them in a handsatchel, which the anxious lover had given her for the occasion, the misguided girl left her home and went to meet Bechunni who was at the depot waiting for her. The fellow had already purchased railroad tickets and together they boarded the train bound for this city. They reached here yesterday morning and went to a lodging-house somewhere on the water front.

Bechunni shortly afterward left his promised bride on the pretext that he was going to the City Hall to get a marriage license. Miss Sprague waited several hours and as Bechunni failed to return she became alarmed and went in search of him. Just as she was about to give up the quest she ran afoul of Officer Bailey, who finally recognized her from the description sent to this city by her anxious parents.

The girl had in her possession several articles of female attire which she said had been bought by Bechunni. While the police were questioning her to learn what had become of Bechunni the father of the foolish girl visited the Central Police Station and excitedly inquired if any trace had been found of his daughter. On catching a glimpse of her he at first proceeded to severely catechise her, but finally promised to forgive her if she would return home. The girl readily agreed and together they left the station.

Early this morning Bechunni was found in the Commercial Hotel. Officer Bailey went to his room and forced an entrance. As soon as the door was opened the Italian placed his hand to his pocket and attempted to draw a revolver. After a struggle he was disarmed, handcuffed and taken to the Harbor police station. When searched it was found that Bechunni had in his possession a large, loaded revolver, and had it not been for the quick action of the officer in seizing him it is probable that he would have used it. He was charged with abduction.

GOLD FOUND ON KOTZEBUE SOUND

TALLANT PARTY SAID TO HAVE STRUCK IT RICH.

Took Out Twenty-Two Ounces of Nuggets and Then Had to Return to Cape Blossom for Provisions.

After all the hard things that have been said about the Kotzebue Sound country it is strange to hear a man speak well of it, more particularly a man who put in nearly eighteen months up there. Gold hunters who went there in the expectation of finding nuggets in bushels came back saying that all the gold that could be found was only "traces." Some of the prospectors died from scurvy, others perished in the snow and many succumbed to a disease called "black leg." No one who returned had a good word to say for Kotzebue, and all were glad to get away from the country, save a few who went further afield and are said to have struck it rich.

All who came away are going to stay away save one. He is Captain B. A. Higgins, and a threatened attack of "black leg" drove him out. He says he is going back in the spring by the first vessel that sails. Captain Higgins is staying at the Russ House. For six years he was master of the yacht Gitana, and when the owner of the vessel laid her up and went traveling Captain Higgins followed his example and traveled to Kotzebue Sound.

When there seemed not the faintest chance of striking pay dirt Captain Higgins went master of the river steamer John Reilly that was running on the Kowak. "Last year the best we could do was to get about 300 miles up the river," said he yesterday. "The Kowak is the hardest river in the world to navigate. One day you will have six feet of water in some places, and the next day there will not be as many inches. The channel changes about once an hour so you never know what is going to happen.

"This year the river was on its good behavior, so I managed to get John D. Tallant, the banker; Howard Palmer of Oakland and ten others as far up as the Kogoluktuk River. They had brought five small boats with them, and these they took over to the Reed River. They went up the Reed River as far as Hot Springs, and half way between Hot Springs and the headwaters of the Notoark River they struck it rich. They got the nuggets under the tundra grass on the 15th of May last. They say they took out 22 ounces in a short time, but personally I only saw about 8 or 10 ounces.

"The party was not very well supplied with provisions, so two of them were left behind with nearly all the stores and the others hurried back to the John Reilly. I was waiting for them and hurried back to Cape Blossom, where Mr. Tallant purchased a year's supplies for his party and they at once started up the river again. The men tried very hard to keep their secret, but it leaked out and then the crew of the steamer gave their friends a few pointers. As a result the Hayne party of Santa Barbara and the J. B. Brown party of San Francisco followed the Tallant party. At this time I should say there are about seventy men on the new diggings.

"The men who have come back from Kotzebue Sound on the schooner Charles Hanson have told me to my face that they didn't believe my story, but I saw the gold and I know what I am talking about. The nuggets are a different color from those found on the Yukon or at Cape Nome. They have a greenish tinge, and old miners say they come from an old deposit and a large one. Black leg scared me away, but I'm going in again next spring. It is a disease something like beri-beri. The legs swell up and turn black, the teeth loosen and fall out while you lose flesh rapidly. I once had an attack of beri-beri, and I didn't want to have black leg if I could escape it by running away."

Captain Higgins is going East on Thursday, and will return here early next year to take ship for Kotzebue.

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