KATHRYN OSTERMAN IN VAUDEVILLE.

Golden Rewards of the Variety Stage Induce a Popular Favorite to Forsake Legitimate Boards.

Latest Star to Make the Change Will Soon Delight San Franciscans at the Orpheum, Where She Will Appear Next Week.

KATHRYN OSTERMAN

LITTLE by little, few by few, the "stand bys" of the legitimate stage are forsaking the drama or the opera for the variety boards. Miss Kathryn Osterman is one of the latest stage favorites to join the ranks of the high-salaried vaudeville players and she comes to the Orpheum next week for a limited stay.

Miss Osterman is one of the handsomest and most talented comediennes in this country and her presence in the cast has brought success to more than one important production. She has good looks, a pleasing personality and great ability in her favor. Her success thus far has been such as to encourage her to make the vaudeville houses her permanent home. She is particularly well adapted to the work and will no doubt make as fine an impression here as she has in New York in some of the great comedy successes of the day.

Miss Osterman will inaugurate her engagement here with her new play called "The Editor," which was specially written for her. She has another brilliant little piece called "Tomorrow at Twelve." The star will come excellently supported and from all accounts the patrons of the Orpheum will be invited to enjoy some of the most delightful comedy work seen here in many days.

This latest recruit to the ranks of the vaudeville stars is by no means unknown among San Francisco theatergoers, and her appearance here will afford many an opportunity for which they have longed to see her at her best. As long as the vaudeville houses are able to secure such attractions there is little danger of their losing the favor of the public.

WHAT HAPPENED TO ACTOR HARRY CORSON CLARKE

Theatrical Concern Is Dissolved.

MADELEINE BRUGUIERE will leave the Harry Corson Clarke Company this week at Grand Island, Neb. Jane Plunkett (Jane Irwin) has already left the company and gone to New York. And over the "What Happened to Jones" company hovers the greatest cloud of gossip of its sensational existence.

The Leavenworth Times has been trying to get at the inside facts in the much discussed case, and this is the result:

Mr. Clarke explained his position as follows:

"This year I started out with several new people in the company. We struck two or three discordant notes, though, in the selection. I was forced to get rid of them. My show must be absolutely free from any such evils. Last week at Junction City I announced after the play that the company would close the season in two weeks. I meant it, too—that is, I meant it would close for some of the members. That is a perfectly legal thing to do. I gave them two weeks' notice. It is customary in the profession. After I made that public announcement I went around to the members I wanted and told them the company would reorganize the day following the close, and they would go on. I have dates booked until May.

"We have been making money since the opening night—a barrel of it, and not a three-cent piece against us.

"But the trouble. You see it is like this. I've got my wife (he waved his hand toward her), and several of the troupe were people she could not shake hands with. I told them the season closes, and it does. That's all there is to it. I have three new people engaged to take their parts, so the show will go right on and everything is like velvet.

"I let out Jane Irwin (Miss Plunkett) last week. She was one discordant note. Miss Bruguiere was her boon companion, and I gave her notice that the season would close. I have given three others notice, too.

"Oh, Miss Bruguiere is well connected. I got her from the Modjeska company. Her husband, Pedar Bruguiere, is heir to a million in San Francisco. She herself is from one of the best-known families on the coast. Her father is Judge McKisick of San Francisco. She has been studying for the stage for years, and it was through choice she is now with me. She had been with Modjeska only six weeks."

Madeleine Bruguiere.

It is noticeable that Mr. Clarke says nothing of the charges of petty larceny against Madeleine Bruguiere and Jane Plunkett, which were telegraphed to San Francisco.

Mrs. Bruguiere said:

"I have been with the company since its opening and have got along most pleasantly with all the members. There has been nothing wrong about my actions. I don't know why Mr. Clarke should say there has, and besides, I am not discharged. The company is going to disband. That's all there is to it."

Clarke had charged that she had been guilty of smoking cigarettes.

"I don't know of anything Mr. Clarke has against me, and such charges are not true," she said.

Then she began weeping, saying: "I cannot say anything more. There is nothing to say," and disappeared.

Mrs. Bruguiere leaves the company this week at Grand Island, Nebr., and will visit wealthy St. Louis relatives. From there she will go to New York. Miss Plunkett is already in New York. She declares the whole trouble is due to Clarke's uncontrollable admiration for herself. Letters dated weeks ago to her parents and friends speak of the trouble that is bound to ensue unless Clarke changes his temper and manners.

Mrs. Corson Clarke has taken a hand in her husband's misunderstanding with Jane Plunkett and Madeleine Bruguiere, and has sent to The Call the following telegram:

OMAHA, Nebr., Feb. 15, 1900.

Editor Call, San Francisco, Cal.: Chronicle statement Jane Plunkett, alleging Mr. Clarke's infatuation, absurd and ridiculous; utterly without foundation. Entire company can verify. She was dismissed for reasons published. Mr. Clarke holds proofs.

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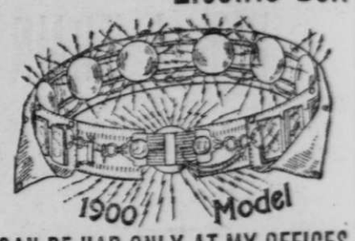

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YOUNG DOCTORS SENT UPON THEIR CHOSEN CAREER

Hahnemann College Commencement.

The seventeenth annual commencement of Hahnemann College was held last evening at Golden Gate Hall, and twelve young men and women stepped from the stage to begin the serious duties of physicians. They had studied four years to earn the degrees which give them the right to practice medicine, and a large audience of friends and relatives had gathered to wish them well in their opening careers. The event was significant also in the fact that the graduating class was the first sent forth from the newly equipped college at Maple and Sacramento streets.

The dean of the faculty, Dr. James W. Ward, called attention particularly to this in his introductory remarks. He declared that the standard of the college is equal to that of any in the United States, and a natural pride was felt in the ability shown by the young men and women who will now take their place in the world of medicine.

Rev. Dr. Robert Mackenzie, who followed in an address, counseled the young graduates to be ever heedful of the grave duties which they have assumed. He urged them to be true to the oath which they had taken and to be tireless in the endeavor to adorn the honored profession of which they are now members. In their relations with men and women they will occupy a most vital position, and to their mental ability they must add a moral dignity which under any condition will be unwavering.

Dr. E. R. Bryant, registrar of the faculty, in his remarks to the graduating class spoke upon similar lines. He congratulated the teachers upon the splendid work which they had done as students and accepted it as a promise of what they will do as graduates and practitioners. The speaker dwelt particularly upon the incidents which combine to make a physician's life, and he urged his hearers upon the stage to be ever ready, willing and able to answer to the call of duty.

In awarding the diplomas Dr. George H. Palmer made a few remarks, and then Dr. Ward conferred upon C. F. Dail a valuable prize for having, of all the members of the graduating class, attained the highest degree of scholarship. Miss Mae Palmer of the junior class was also awarded a prize.

The programme of exercises was, in full, as follows:

March, "Alumni" (C. F. Van Baar); invocation, Rev. J. O. Lincoln of San Mateo; introductory words, James W. Ward, M. D., dean of the faculty; gavotte, "Hearts and Flowers" (Talian); address, Rev. Robert Mackenzie; selection, "The Runaway Girl" (Monckton); remarks to the graduating class, E. R. Bryant, M. D., registrar; waltz, "The Idol's Eye" (Victor Herbert); awarding of diplomas, George H. Palmer, M. D., president board of directors; violin solo, "Elegie" (H. W. Ernst), Hother Wismar, introduction by Louis Spohr; awarding of prizes, Dean Ward; medley, "A Merry-go-round" (Beyer); benediction, Rev. J. O. Lincoln; march, "The Singing Girl" (Victor Herbert).

The members of the graduating class are as follows:

Lynn Hess Case, Santa Monica, Cal.; Harriet Lane Chamberlain, San Francisco, Cal.; Clarence Francis Dail, Jamul, Cal.; Margaret Ross Evans, B. S., Silver Cliff, Colo.; Thomas Jefferson Evans, Silver Cliff, Colo.; Ethelbert Petrie Hoyle, London, England; Augusta Georgia Klenck, M. D., San Francisco, Cal.; Overend George Rose, London, England; John William Shute, Seattle, Wash.; Coyle Joan Tracy, A. M., M. D., Los Angeles, Cal.; Edith May Wells, San Jose, Cal.; Harold Loogreen Lorentzen, Copenhagen, Denmark.

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UNVEILING OF A STATUE.

Interesting Ceremony to Take Place in the Sodality Chapel at St. Ignatius.

The unveiling of the statue of the Sacred Heart will take place on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Ladies' Sodality Chapel attached to St. Ignatius Church. The statue is a work of much merit by the celebrated sculptors Delen Freres of Paris, standing five feet high, and representing Christ through his sacred heart pleading for the love of souls. It will be placed on a pedestal at the left-hand side of the altar.

The statue will be unveiled by the learned and zealous director, Rev. H. Woods, S. J., and the ceremonies will be open to members of the apostleship of prayer as well as the promoters. The League of the Sacred Heart or Apostleship of Prayer is a universal devotion to the sacred heart of Christ, as well as a society that performs many charitable works. Its membership throughout the world is over seventy-five millions and in San Francisco it numbers some 20,000.

WORKING TO SAVE THE FOREST GIANTS

CONGRESSMAN KAHN SENDS ENCOURAGEMENT.

California Club Has Enlisted the Support of the State Federation.

Some encouragement was received yesterday by the ladies of the California Club who are interested in preserving the giant redwood forests of the State. A dispatch was received from Congressman Kahn informing the club that the matter had been brought to the attention of Congress and that the California delegation is taking particular interest in the subject.

A set of resolutions passed by the California Club was forwarded to Congress and has been presented to that body. The matter has been taken up by the Federation of Clubs and now over thirty clubs representing 18,000 women, are working to preserve the noble redwoods from the mills of the men of commerce. The capitalists who are anxious to purchase the remaining forests from their present owners are fast closing their contracts and it was reported yesterday that Robert Whiteside of Duluth has actually purchased the Calaveras big tree grove, having obtained an option on it for ninety days.

Last Monday a joint resolution was introduced into Congress authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to enter into negotiations for the purchase of the redwood forests of Calaveras County.

NATIONAL UNION ENTERTAINS.

Large Attendance and an Excellent Programme of Varied Numbers.

Odd Fellows' Hall was crowded to its utmost last night by ladies and gentlemen assembled to enjoy an excellent programme given by the National Union Social and Literary Club. The musical programme was followed by dancing. The affair was under the direction of the following named: Chairman of the evening, Dr. A. H. Millberry; speaker of the evening, James E. Field; reception committee—A. J. Sparrow, E. H. Hills, F. Bell, C. R. Overholtzer, K. B. Bowerman, J. W. Carmany, M. H. Wascerwitz; floor manager, N. C. Harris; floor committee—G. A. Hubbell, H. W. Maas, H. G. Scovern, C. E. Torres, L. Vincent, W. F. Foss.

Run Over by a Train.

Wilder Muth, a hanger-on about the Tanforan racetrack, was run over and instantly killed last evening by an eastbound Southern Pacific train at the Spring Valley siding, in San Mateo County. The body, which was horribly mutilated, was taken to the Morgue at Redwood City. Charles Porter, the engineer of the train, was taken into custody at Third and Townsend streets by Detective Harry Reynolds and detained at the City Prison to await the arrival of Sheriff Mansfield of San Mateo County.

Muth boarded the train at Tanforan Park and swung himself under the brakes to ride as far as Ingleside, where the train was bound with a load of race horses. At the siding the train gave a sudden jerk and threw Muth from his position on the brakes, costing him his life.

Inspecting Postal Matters.

Colonel W. G. Edens, assistant superintendent of the free delivery service of the United States Postoffice Department, with headquarters at Chicago, arrived last night to spend a few weeks in this State inspecting the working of the free delivery system. Mrs. Edens accompanies him.

BUILDING FIRM CANNOT SATISFY HEAVY DEMANDS

Failure of Marcuse & Remmel.

Because of its inability to meet a claim of $27,069 owing to the Puget Sound Lumber Company the real estate and building firm of Marcuse & Remmel of Alameda and this city filed a petition in insolvency and were adjudged bankrupts yesterday by Judge J. J. de Haven. The total liabilities of the firm are $330,743, of which $133,850 is secured by property scheduled as being worth $197,883, the remaining $6908 51 being unsecured.

The members of the firm also filed individual petitions and each was adjudged a bankrupt. Felix Marcuse owes $27,620, all of which except $370 is secured. His assets are set down at $53,721, of which $4070 is claimed to be exempt.

The petition of Julius A. Remmel shows that all his debts, amounting to $6410, are secured and that his assets are $11,700, with property valued at $3550 exempt from execution.

The proceedings were not a surprise, as a month ago it was known that the Puget Sound Lumber Company had demanded a settlement and that Marcuse & Remmel were unable to meet their obligations. The lumber company held a trust deed to nearly forty pieces of property as security for their debt, and as they had waited two years for their money they decided to sell the property and realize on their security. The sale was set for noon yesterday, and the insolvent firm, in order to prevent their securities going at a sacrifice, filed their petitions. The sale was held but all the property was bought in by the Puget Sound Lumber Company, thus leaving everything, so far as titles are concerned, in exactly the same condition as before.

The dullness of the realty market in Alameda and San Francisco is said to be the cause of the failure. The insolvent firm was engaged for twelve years in building houses on the installment plan, and all the assets are declared to be good, although they cannot be realized upon for periods ranging from one to ten years. The firm has built 538 houses during its existence and on most of these there is something owing, although nearly all of their patrons are keeping their contracts. Attorney Naphtaly says nobody can lose one cent, but there will have to be a good deal of waiting on the part of creditors.

With the exception of the Puget Sound Lumber Company the average claim is about $3000, each representing the price of a house and lot. There are also a number of unsecured claims, due to plumbers, carpenters, newspapers and to holders of small notes.

The principal creditors are: San Francisco Savings Union, Alameda Savings Bank, the California, Encinal, Aetna, Atlas, Commercial, National, Excelsior, Humboldt, Monarch and Safety building and loan associations, the Pacific Coast Loan Association and several individuals whose claims run from $3 to $300.

The assets of the firm are scheduled as follows: Real estate, $29,318; bills and promissory notes, $10,436; debts due, $6703; stocks, $1400; property in reversion, trusts, etc., $108,069; total, $156,276.

National Robbery Condemned.

"A Survey of the Social Question" was the topic for the regular weekly discussion of the Socialist Labor party at the Academy of Sciences building last night. A. H. Sanborn reviewed the progress of the socialist movement and held out a view of the future that was roseate in the extreme for the ultimate success of the party. He said that the invasion of South Africa by the British and of the Philippines by the Americans were alike both unwarranted and were examples of the un-American doctrine that the stronger party was not bound to acknowledge any rights that the weaker party might have. The sentiments of the speaker were loudly applauded and several short speeches were made expressing the same sentiment.

Washington's Birthday.

The memory of George Washington will be honored by the local councils of the Young Men's Institute on Thursday evening, the 22d inst., at Metropolitan Hall. A very select programme has been prepared, which will include an address by Hon. Frank T. Shea. The board of management of the institute, under whose auspices the exercises will be held, promises to make this year's celebration a memorable one. Judge W. P. Lawlor of the Superior Court has kindly consented to act as president of the evening.

Opposed to Darkness.

The Public Improvement Central Club has filed with the Supervisors a protest against the proposed suspension of street lighting for the next four months. It claims that such a course would act as a menace to the lives and property of the citizens.

INTERESTS THE PACIFIC COAST

Work of California's Representatives.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Senator Perkins to-day called upon the Secretary of Agriculture with Frank Miller, president of the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, who urged that a special agent be sent to California to look into the horticultural and viticultural industries with a view to considering what products of California are suited to the markets of the Orient and Australia.

Representative Waters has introduced a bill amending Chapter 213, Revised Statutes, providing that any person who shall cause to set on fire any timber or underbrush upon the public domain shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be subject to a fine of not more than $5000 or a term of imprisonment of not more than two years, or both. Fines collected under this bill are to be paid into the public school fund of the county in which collected.

Representative De Vries to-day introduced a resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to purchase lands necessary for and to proceed with the works recommended by the California Debris Commission in their report to Congress. No appropriation is asked.

The Secretary of the Treasury has announced that Cape Nome, Alaska, has been made a sub port of entry.

Representative Jones of Washington introduced a bill giving the Secretary of the Interior discretionary power to extend the time for making final proof in desert land entries. He introduced also a resolution directing the Secretary of War to make a survey of the proposed ship canal connecting Puget Sound and Grays Harbor and to estimate the cost of the same.

Senator Proctor from the Committee on Military Affairs to-day made an adverse report on the bill for the relief of volunteers who served in the Philippine Islands beyond the period of their enlistment. In reporting the bill Senator Proctor said:

"As the law now exists there is no discrimination between the regular and volunteer soldiers in the payment of travel pay. Though prior to January 1, 1899, soldiers, both regular and volunteer, who had been discharged in the Philippines were paid full travel allowances from the place of discharge to that of enlistment, yet payment or refusal of these allowances is not due any soldier as a matter of right, but rests in the option of the Government. This being so, it is urged as a further reason that the paymaster general estimates that the Government would be under the necessity of disbursing more than $7,000,000 to those who come within the terms of the bill."

Pensions: California—Original—Walter C. Spann, Red Bluff, $6; John C. McCormick, Soldiers' Home, Los Angeles, $6; Colin G. Strong, San Francisco, $10. Increase—Charles Metzger, Soldiers' Home, Los Angeles, $6 to $8.

Washington — Original — Franklin D. Cook, North Yakima, $6.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED OF STANFORD GRADUATES

Miss Grace Clark of San Jose Will Become the Bride of Ray N. Strohn.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN JOSE, Feb. 15.—The announcement is made of the coming marriage of Miss Grace Clark of this city and Ray N. Strohn of Los Angeles in June next. The engagement is the result of a courtship that commenced at Stanford University, where both young people graduated. Miss Clark is a daughter of the late W. H. Clark, a prominent capitalist, and is the heir to a couple hundred thousand dollars. Strohn was one of the most prominent students at Stanford, being a member of the glee and mandolin clubs and the baseball club.

The wedding will probably take place in San Diego, and Miss Virginia Hearne, a Stanford friend of Miss Clark, who resides there, will be married at the same time to another Stanford graduate. Miss Grace Clark is now on her way to Europe with Miss Strohn, a sister of her fiance, but will return some time in May. Miss Clark's older sister, Miss Anna Clark, a few months ago married Jerome A. Hart of the Argonaut.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE OCCURS IN LIMA, PERU

Shock Lasts for Forty-Five Seconds and Terrifies the Entire Population.

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LIMA, Peru, Feb. 15.—An earthquake shock which began at five minutes before 7 o'clock this morning and lasted forty-five seconds caused great alarm. There was movement from southwest to northeast, accompanied by a rumbling noise.

The disturbance has not had an equal since September, 1897. Many persons rushed out of their homes into the street. It is believed that no persons were injured.

The worst freshet since 1891 occurred in the river Rimac and caused much damage on the outskirts of this city and near Piedralisa, Martinele and Cantagall. The authorities have set fifty laborers at work to avoid further inundations.

MOTHER FINDS THE BODY OF HER CHILD

Agnes Ahern, Fifteen Months Old, Drowned in a Lagoon at Tiburon.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

TIBURON, Feb. 15.—Face downward in the black slime left by the retreating tide, the body of 15-month-old Agnes Jane Ahern lay in the lagoon here, while her well nigh frantic mother searched the town in vain for her lost baby. The child, who is the daughter of Engineer James Ahern of the California Northwestern Railroad, wandered from home this morning only to meet her death almost within a stone's throw of her parents' house.

At 10:30 this morning Mrs. Ahern discovered her baby's body. The tide being low the mother dragged the lifeless form of the child from the deep mud and carrying it to the house summoned a physician. Life was pronounced extinct.

An investigation of the infant's death was made by Coroner Eden and a jury this afternoon. After hearing the evidence the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

REPUBLICANS MEET TO DISCUSS SUBSIDY BILL

Several Amendments Considered, Including One to Reduce the Term to Ten Years.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. — The Republican members of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries held a conference to-day with a view to securing co-operation on the shipping subsidy bill. The subject was discussed generally and several amendments were tentatively put forward, including one for reducing the term of the subsidy to ten years and to eliminate from the operations of the act old and unserviceable vessels. No votes were taken, however, and no agreement reached beyond the understanding that the members would meet from time to time to discuss questions as they arose. The consideration of the bill by the full committee, which was to be begun to-morrow, will go over until Tuesday.

SETTLING WOLFSOHN CASE.

Mysterious Corpse Will Probably Be Labeled "L. Reuter."

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—What may prove the final chapter in the Wolfsohn mystery will be enacted when Leon F. Moss, representing Public Administrator Kellogg, will file an amended complaint praying that the name of L. Reuter be substituted in the probate proceedings for that of Aaron Wolfsohn, the mysteriously insured young man who is or is not dead.

Public Administrator Kellogg finds he is supposedly in charge of the estate of Aaron Wolfsohn, deceased, with a life insurance policy for $10,000 in his custody, for which he has given no accounting. His attorney, in recounting the facts in the puzzling mystery, will officially admit that Aaron Wolfsohn is not dead and never died in Los Angeles County; that the name of the unidentified suicide whose remains were for some time supposed to be those of Wolfsohn is L. Reuter, which is the name the dead man left when his body was discovered and buried by Mrs. O'Neill of San Francisco.

A copy of the papers will be served upon Oscar Bamberger, attorney for Aaron Wolfsohn's father, who will be enabled to protect any rights that his client might have in the question of identity.

BETTER SERVICE PROMISED.

English Postoffice Methods Shortly to Be Changed.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Replying to a complaint in the House of Commons to-day R. W. Hanbury, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, in behalf of the Postoffice, promised the Liverpool and Manchester cotton merchants a revision of the Postoffice regulations, to enable quicker telegraphic communications with the United States after business hours on this side of the Atlantic, but while business is still being transacted in New York.

Death of Mrs. Franck.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN JOSE, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Caroline Franck, wife of ex-State Senator F. C. Franck, died at her home in Santa Clara this morning. A few days ago she was stricken with apoplexy and death resulted from this. She was one of the best known residents of this county and had been a resident of Santa Clara for over a quarter of a century. Mrs. Franck was born in Germany and was 65 years old. Besides her husband a grown son and daughter survive her.

SIGMUND STRAUS ENDS HIS LIFE

Was a Pioneer Merchant of San Jose.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN JOSE, Feb. 15.—Sigmund Straus, a pioneer merchant of this city, was found dead in his room at 69½ South First street this morning with a bullet hole in his head. It was a case of suicide. Straus had disrobed, lay down on the bed and shot himself. In his clenched hand was a 32-caliber revolver. The bullet had entered his mouth and lodged in the brain.

Straus was over 70 years of age and a native of Bavaria. He had been a resident of San Jose for over forty-five years, during most of which time he conducted a clothing store. He owned the building in which he killed himself and other property and was worth about $75,000.

He lived alone and cooked for himself. He was very regular in his habits. This morning T. F. Sourisseau, a jeweler in the building, noticed Straus had not picked up the daily papers at his doorway. He began an investigation with the result that the suicide was discovered.

Straus was last seen alive yesterday afternoon and it is supposed he killed himself early in the evening. He had a severe sickness about a year ago and it is thought that a fear of a repetition of the illness led to the act. Deceased had never been married, but leaves a brother and sister in Germany.

MARE ISLAND CHANGES.

Captain Mead Will Relieve Captain Reiter on the Philadelphia.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Captain William W. Mead has been detached from duty as captain of the navy yard, Mare Island, California, and ordered to command the flagship Philadelphia, relieving Captain George C. Reiter, who is ordered to duty as general inspector of the battleship Wisconsin, building at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco. Captain William H. Whiting has been ordered to duty as captain of the Mare Island Navy Yard.

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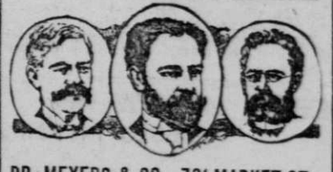

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