PROSPECTS ARE GOOD FOR THE BIG FESTIVAL

Estimate Being Made of What the Naval Parade Will Cost.

Lady Volunteers Are Wanted for Living Figures on Floats and Roll Is Opened for Names.

As the time for the celebration of California's admission into the Union draws near the several committees are busy arranging all the details, to the end that the affair shall be a complete success. If within the next ten days the amount of money that is required to carry out all the plans of festivities, decorations and special events shall have been secured there will not be any hitch in the carrying out of all the ideas that have been suggested and the plans adopted. The money that is being collected is not to be used for the special events arranged by the individual parlors of Native Sons, but for the beautifying of the city, the illuminations, the regattas, parade, bay excursions, fireworks and all that will make grand displays for the benefit of all who shall be in San Francisco during celebration days.

The rowing events as arranged by the regatta committee will be as follows: Senior barge, intermediate barge, junior barge, senior shell, junior shell, senior skiff, junior skiff.

To this list is added as a special attraction a race for fourteen-oar crews of the Naval Reserve from this city, Eureka, Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara and San Diego. The winning crew is to receive a handsome trophy. A prize will also go to the crew winning second place. Medals are to be given as first and second prizes in the barge, shell and skiff events.

In a report the committee says: "The rowing regatta will have in two or three of the races seven entries, a larger number than has ever appeared in similar races on the bay. We expect in the sailing regatta to have at least 100 craft and promise a showing that our visiting friends and brothers will never forget."

The naval parade committee has made a request for an appropriation of $5000, to be expended on the night parade on the bay and in the illuminations on the occasion of the first night of the celebration. The committee declares that first impressions are lasting and that a good display must be made on the occasion of the initial event. The finance committee is not yet able to give a definite answer as to whether it will be able to allow that sum.

Colonel Charles Boxton, chief of staff, has been detailed to receive applications from young ladies to represent living figures on floats in the parade. A roll of native daughter volunteers for Minervas, Californias and other figures has been opened at headquarters in the Palace Hotel.

Oro Fino Parlor, Native Daughters of the Golden West, has secured the beautiful hall of the Elks for headquarters during the celebration. The wall will be decorated with smilax, evergreens, palms, potted plants, ferns, flags and electric lights. The ladies will hold a reception, serve refreshments and will distribute California fruits. There will be a sacred concert on Sunday and a grand ball on the night of the 19th. The committee is composed of Misses A. Croney, L. Henrix, A. Gerdes, J. Stark, A. Simpson, L. Schafter, J. Smith, T. Stahl, A. Hinck, M. Hinck, Nellie Mulcay, Mesdames C. F. Kapp, S. S. Meyer and J. Tyler.

Stolen Horse Mystery.

J. W. Walton, poundkeeper, called upon Captain Spillane yesterday in regard to the brown mare supposed to have been stolen from a lot on Seventeenth street July 16, and which was found in the possession of John Shea, one of his deputies. He said that the mare was found on the Mission road July 30, opposite St. Mary's College, by Julius Levy, a cattle dealer, who took it to the pound. The horse showed that it had evidently been on a long journey. It was kept at the pound for two days and was then advertised for seven days, after which it was sold to W. J. Mahoney, who drives the deadhorse wagon, and by him sold to Shea. Sergeant Lewis is still investigating the matter.

Federal Grand Jury Selected.

The following named grand jurors were selected yesterday in the United States District Court: H. F. Allen, foreman; George T. Neal, secretary; Charles R. Johnson, B. Newman, Harry Lask, Henry Rosenfeld, T. F. Tracy, H. P. Thayer, F. G. Eichhorst, William B. Crowley, G. D. Greenwood, C. H. Gray, William H. Busch, G. H. Thompson, C. C. Gross, A. E. Pryor, J. W. Graves, Charles A. Green, J. Knowland, Louis Lask, R. T. Kimball, Joseph G. Giesting and Howard Black.

The Marshalls Excursion.

The Marshalls will hold their annual excursion and outing at Schuetzen Park, near San Rafael, on Sunday next. Many valuable gate and game prizes will be awarded and some novel features are promised. The society is composed of members of Marshall Parlor No. 202, N. S. G. W.

Olive Breneman Discharged.

The case of Mrs. Olive Breneman, charged with extortion by John Richardson, contractor, was dismissed by Judge Cabaniss yesterday. The Judge referred to the contradictions made by Richardson and was satisfied that it would be impossible to get a conviction. It was a question of veracity between Richardson and the woman, the court said.

Young Ladies' Institute No. 7.

Young Ladies' Institute No. 7 of this city will give its annual ball in Native Sons' Hall on the 30th inst. The following named ladies constitute the committee of arrangements: Josie Shea, Florence Dempsey, Brida O'Connor, Nano Mahoney, Kittie Buckley, Kittie Burke, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Greaney, Celia Young, Maggie King and Hannah Fitzpatrick.

Soldier Burglar on Trial.

Harry Slater, the soldier burglar, who broke into the residence of John McFadden on Wednesday morning, was up for his preliminary examination before Judge Cabaniss yesterday. Little Mary Ellen McFadden told of being awakened by Slater and of his attempt at enforcing her silence. The examination will be continued to-morrow.

Fear Dynamite Mine.

Gray Bros., contractors, are defendants in a suit brought by dwellers on Telegraph Hill, who allege in their complaint that they are living within thirty feet of a dynamite mine, planted by the contractors to blast rock. The plaintiffs, Sydney Nau, James Guthrie and George Folsom, want $5000 for alleged damages already done their dwellings by blasting operations.

A. Sbarboro's Sister Dead.

Mrs. Madeline de Lagnel, wife of Colonel J. A. de Lagnel, passed away at the home of her brother, A. Sbarboro, yesterday. She had been ill for some time and her death was not unexpected. The interment will be private.

Captain Robinson Promoted.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SEATTLE, Aug. 16.—Unofficial but verified news reached here to-night that Captain W. W. Robinson Jr., assistant United States quartermaster, located here for several years, has been promoted to the rank of major of volunteers and assigned to duty at Honolulu, relieving Major George Ruhlen, who will come to Seattle.

Summer School Romance.

BERKELEY, Aug. 16.—Miss Caroline J. Mensing and Edward L. Spinks were united in marriage last evening at the home of R. Shaffer, 2017 Lincoln street, by the Rev. Ben F. Sargent. The bride and groom are both from Fresno and were students at the university summer school.

CHANGE IN THE ASSEMBLY FIGHT IN THE COUNTRY

J. G. Mattos Jr. of Centerville Will Defeat J. C. Crooks of Haywards.

Lukens Opens Headquarters for Senator and John Mitchell Says He Has Not Withdrawn His Candidacy.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Aug. 16.

J. G. Mattos Jr. of Centerville will probably be the Republican nominee for the Assembly in the Forty-sixth Assembly District, and J. C. Crooks of Haywards, who has been regarded as the only candidate in the field, is entirely out of the race. Mattos is an attorney and one of the prominent citizens of Washington Township, and his candidacy has only developed within the last few days.

Before the primaries J. C. Crooks, who is a Deputy County Clerk, was an avowed Dalton man and a candidate for the Assembly. The Metcalf men advanced the name of E. K. Strowbridge of Haywards as opposed to him, but Mr. Strowbridge was never very enthusiastic. William McDonald of Livermore was not anxious to return. He consented to allow his name to remain in the field, but finally pulled out. Crooks was very anxious to go to the Assembly and got Strowbridge to withdraw. Knowing that McDonald's desire was not strong, Crooks decided to take his chances with an unpledged ticket rather than to put a ticket of his own in the field. He was permitted to name the four delegates from Haywards if he named two Dalton and two Metcalf men. He chose R. Reid and P. Wilbert as representing his side of the fight and H. E. Brunner and E. K. Strowbridge as from the other side.

J. G. Mattos Jr. announced his legislative ambitions yesterday, and from the make-up of the convention it is not likely that he will have much opposition. At any rate Crooks is now compelled to admit his defeat. The delegates to this convention are:

Dr. W. H. Cope of Pleasanton; Archie Ager of Sunol; Peter Oxsen of Pleasanton; Cal Holmes, F. Malley and Al Hall of Livermore; A. D. S. Stoop of Tesla; Chester Young of Altamont; Charles Evans of Niles; J. H. Wakefield of Mission San Jose; J. G. Mattos Jr. of Centerville; Charles Cockfair of Newark; E. A. Richmond of Alvarado; M. E. Mattos of Irvington; H. E. Brunner, E. K. Strowbridge, R. Reid and P. Wilbert of Haywards.

There is going to be a queer little fight at Altamont at the coming county primary. Jesse Young and Andrew Nickerson of that place each want to attend the Supervisorial convention, and so a special election will be held for Altamont and the two will be allowed to fight it out between themselves. The result cannot in any way affect the general result.

The indications are that C. F. Horner of Centerville will be the Supervisorial nominee in his district. Bailey of Livermore is out of it, and George F. Cash of Irvington and C. F. Archibald of Centerville belong to the defeated faction.

G. Russ Lukens opened headquarters today at the corner of Twelfth street and Broadway. He is said to be ready to put money in the fight to secure his nomination for State Senator. His principal opponent is W. H. Waste of Berkeley. The Congressional fight will cut into this fight to a great extent. Waste was a Metcalf man from the start and contributed much to his success in Berkeley, and Lukens is charged with voting for Dalton in Metcalf's home precinct.

Supervisor John Mitchell to-day issued a statement saying that he had not withdrawn from the fight for Supervisor, but that he was going to make the fight and win if possible.

The Congressional Committee and the County Committee of the Republican party will meet Saturday to canvass the vote for Congressman and Assemblymen.

JUDGE ANGELLOTTI WILL TRY THE MERRITT CASE

OAKLAND, Aug. 16.—Judge Angellotti of the Superior Court of Marin County has, at the invitation of Judge W. E. Greene, agreed to hear Horace W. Philbrook's application for letters of guardianship of James P. Merritt and the Merritt children. The trial of the case will be commenced to-morrow before Judge Angellotti.

Judge Greene was objected to by Philbrook; Judge Hall is disqualified, and Judges Ellsworth and Ogden refused to sit in the matter. It was thought Judge Greene would preside, but his selection of Judge Angellotti is a barrier to further delays.

LEAVY'S ALLEGED WIDOW CLAIMS HIS ESTATE

OAKLAND, Aug. 16.—Jane Leavy, who claims to be the widow of the late John Leavy, has made a deposition before United States Consul George W. Bell at New South Wales setting forth her alleged claim to Leavy's estate.

The alleged widow claims that she and Leavy were married a number of years ago and that he deserted her a short time after the ceremony. Although separated for seventeen years the couple were never divorced. The deponent alleges that her certificate of marriage is recorded in New York City.

John Leavy was tender of the Webster-street drawbridge for fifteen years. He died in January, 1899, leaving an estate valued at about $5000.

The Day's Dead

Campbell Settle.

SAN JOSE, Aug. 16.—Campbell Settle, one of the best known citizens of San Jose, a pioneer of 1857, died at his home last evening from heart trouble. He was a native of Indiana, aged 75. Deceased was prominently connected with the affairs of the city and was president of the Farmers' Union, the largest mercantile establishment in the county. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

Joseph Lightfoot.

COVELO, Aug. 16.—Joseph Lightfoot, a prominent pioneer stockman of Round Valley, died suddenly last night of heart failure. Deceased came here in 1849. He was a native of Canada, aged 70 years. One son survives him.

Democrats Meet.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

WOODLAND, Aug. 16.—A meeting of the Third Congressional District members of the Democratic State Central Committee was held in Woodland this afternoon. Ed E. Leake was chosen chairman and Hon. M. F. Tarpey secretary. Mr. Tarpey stated the purpose of the meeting. A committeeman was named in every county who will at once undertake precinct organization.

Terrill Again Escapes.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN JOSE, Aug. 11.—Sam B. Terrill, the attorney who was indicted by the Grand Jury on a dozen charges of forgery and embezzlement, to-day freed himself of another of the indictments.

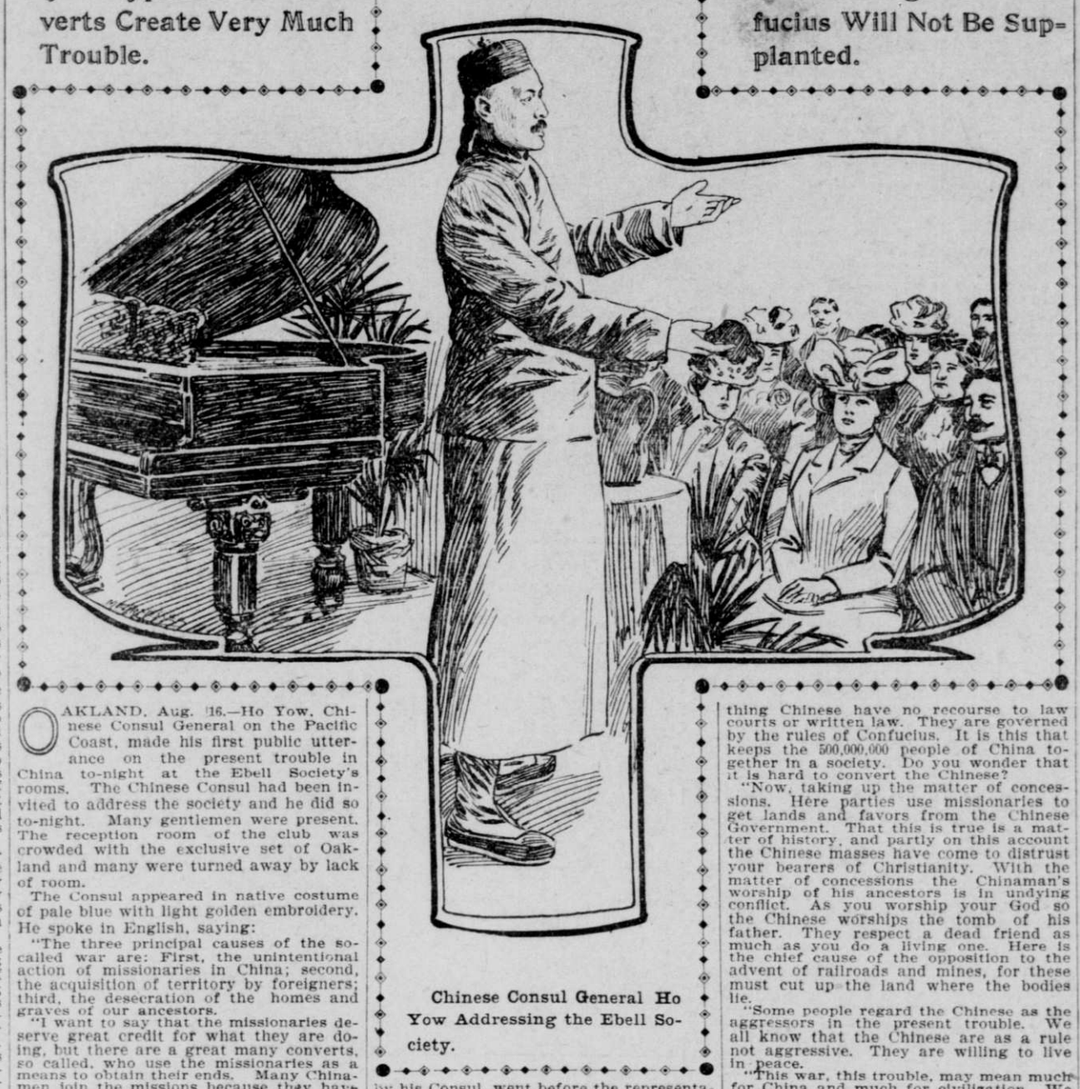
An error had been made in the complaint and after hearing argument Judge Lorigan instructed the jury to bring in a verdict of acquittal.

On one of the Japanese railways terracotta sleepers are used. They are far more durable than those of wood.

CHINESE CONSUL GENERAL ADDRESSES EBELL SOCIETY

Says Hypocritical Converts Create Very Much Trouble.

The Teachings of Confucius Will Not Be Supplanted.



Chinese Consul General Ho Yow Addressing the Ebell Society.

OAKLAND, Aug. 16.—Ho Yow, Chinese Consul General on the Pacific Coast, made his first public utterance on the present trouble in China to-night at the Ebell Society's rooms. The Chinese Consul had been invited to address the society and he did so to-night. Many gentlemen were present. The reception room of the club was crowded with the exclusive set of Oakland and many were turned away by lack of room.

The Consul appeared in native costume of pale blue with light golden embroidery. He spoke in English, saying:

"The three principal causes of the so-called war are: First, the unintentional action of missionaries in China; second, the acquisition of territory by foreigners; third, the desecration of the homes and graves of our ancestors.

"I want to say that the missionaries deserve great credit for what they are doing, but there are a great many converts, so called, who use the missionaries as a means to obtain their ends. Many Chinamen join the missions because they have committed crimes and want to get out of the clutches of the Chinese officials. I remember a particular instance in Canton. A Chinaman there had committed a crime. Before it had been found out he went to a missionary society, accepted the Christian religion, and when our Chinese policeman came after him he claimed the protection of the missionary's flag. This caused some trouble between the mission people and the local officials. In a few days the missionary, accompanied by his Consul, went before the representatives of the native Government and demanded satisfaction and pecuniary indemnity.

"You must realize that no matter how able your missionaries are, it is hard to convert Chinese. The religion of Confucius is thousands of years old, and time has bred it into the people, but above all he convinces while he teaches; he gives you reasons why what he says is true; he inculcates rules of action that are good for a community to follow. As a usual thing Chinese have no recourse to law courts or written law. They are governed by the rules of Confucius. It is this that keeps the 500,000,000 people of China together in a society. Do you wonder that it is hard to convert the Chinese?

"Now, taking up the matter of concessions. Here parties use missionaries to get lands and favors from the Chinese Government. That this is true is a matter of history, and partly on this account the Chinese masses have come to distrust your bearers of Christianity. With the matter of concessions the Chinaman's worship of his ancestors is in undying conflict. As you worship your God so the Chinese worships the tomb of his father. They respect a dead friend as much as you do a living one. Here is the chief cause of the opposition to the advent of railroads and mines, for these must cut up the land where the bodies lie.

"Some people regard the Chinese as the aggressors in the present trouble. We all know that the Chinese are as a rule not aggressive. They are willing to live in peace.

"This war, this trouble, may mean much for China and much for civilization. We have no way of telling to what this trouble will lead. There is one danger: If you teach the Chinese how to use modern weapons, how to make machinery—teach them your religion, force them into civilization, as you call it, they will learn quickly. That may mean the triumph of Europe—and it may mean otherwise. Let me tell you that if the Chinese learn your industries, they can supply the markets of the world, and compete with the world.

GOOD SPORT WITNESSED AT CHICO DRIVING PARK

Goshen Jim Takes the 2:20 Class Pace, El Moro the 2:17 Trot and Miss Divadend the Running.

CHICO, Aug. 16.—The racing events at the Chico Driving Park to-day consisted of a 2:20 class pacing race for a purse of $1000, 2:17 trot for purse of $500 and five and a half furlongs running for purse of $100. The 2:20 pacing was won by Goshen Jim in three straight heats. Dictatus won second money, Cloe third and Bob fourth.

The 2:17 class trotting was much more exciting, five heats being required to settle matters. Daimont was favorite in the betting, but was very lame, and at the end of the fifth heat was barely able to walk from the track. El Moro, who came fifth in the first heat and third in the second, brushed up and won the next three heats. In the next heat, however, El Moro was closely pressed by Arroyo. El Moro won first money, Arroyo second, Daimont third. Summary:

2:20 pace, purse $1000.

Goshen Jim (Seddy)	1	1	1
Dictatus (Day)	4	2	2
Cloe (Clark)	2	4	4
Bob (Brown)	3	3	3

Time—2:12, 2:14, 2:14½.

2:17 trot.

El Moro (Clark)	5	3	1	1	1
Arroyo (Willis)	1	2	2	2	2
Daimont (Ingaboem)	2	1	5	3	5
Sable Frances (Sullivan)	4	5	3	4	3
McNally (Hoy)	3	4	4	5	4

Time—2:14¼, 2:15, 2:14¼, 2:15¼, 2:18½.

The five and a half furlongs running was won by Miss Divadend, Christine second, Wing third. Time, 1:08.

On account of darkness, the six and a half furlongs running was postponed until to-morrow.

DINEEN TWIRLS WELL.

Boston Pitcher Fools the Batters of the St. Louis Team.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Clubs—	W.	L.	Pct.	Clubs—	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	55	33	.624	Boston	46	47	.495
Pittsburg	50	42	.541	St. Louis	41	47	.466
Philadelphia	47	43	.522	Cincinnati	41	50	.450
Chicago	47	46	.505	New York	35	52	.402

CINCINNATI, Aug. 16.—The locals hit Frazer very hard to-day and won easily. Attendance, 2000. Score:

Clubs—	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	6	11	1
Philadelphia	3	8	2

Batteries—Breitenstein and Peitz; Frazer and Murphy. Umpire—Emslie.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 16.—Dineen twirled in sensational form and his shoots fooled the St. Louis batters whenever things appeared dangerous. Attendance, 2100. Score:

Clubs—	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	1	6	1
Boston	3	6	0

Batteries—Jones, Young and Criger; Dineen and Sullivan. Umpire—Hurst.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 16.—Wild throws by Williams and O'Brien in the first inning, letting in two runs, seemed to take the heart out of Pittsburg, but McGinnity's underhand work would have beaten them anyhow. Attendance, 3200. Score:

Clubs—	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburg	0	5	3
Brooklyn	8	12	0

Batteries—Philippi, Hutting and O'Connor; McGinnity and Farrell. Umpire—O'Day.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—Griffith allowed but four scattered singles to-day. Attendance, 1100. Score:

Clubs—	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	2	7	0
New York	0	4	2

Batteries—Griffith and Chance; Mercer and Grady. Umpire—Swartwood.

American League Games.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 16.—Milwaukee, 3; Chicago, 3. Called at end of twelfth inning on account of darkness.

BUFFALO, Aug. 16.—Buffalo, 2; Indianapolis, 5.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 16.—Cleveland, 0; Detroit, 2.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 16.—No game; called off.

Opening at Freeport.

FREEPORT, Ill., Aug. 16.—The meeting of the Freeport Driving Park Association opened to-day. Results:

2:25 trot, purse $500—Mark Allerton won in straight heats. Best time, 2:24. Gray Billy, Lady Nestor and Joymaker also started.

2:27 class, pace, purse $500—Tod Williams won the first, second and sixth heats. Best time, 2:20¼. Vesper won fourth and fifth heats. Dandy won third heat. Eva Victor, Abbott Hill, Captain S. Altara and May Mac also started.

About half the cases appealed to the Colorado Supreme Court are reversed, the majority of them on technicalities due largely to the fact that Judges of the County Courts are not necessarily lawyers.

FITZ SAYS THAT HE MAY CLAIM THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Issues a Defi to Jeffries, Who Has Refused to Meet Winner of the Coming Fight.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Jeffries' refusal to meet the winner of the Sharkey-Fitzsimmons fight on August 31 has caused the Australian to issue a statement in which he threatens to claim the championship by default if successful in his coming encounter. In this statement Fitzsimmons says:

"I see in this morning's papers that Jeffries has crawled out of the possibility of meeting me in the ring again. On Tuesday Mr. Brady waited until Sharkey and myself were matched for August 24, then he challenged the winner to meet Jeffries August 31. I promptly accepted the opportunity providing I was fortunate enough to defeat Sharkey. The matter was settled then and there. Now this great champion of the world can't devote ten days to training for the prospect of establishing beyond question his right to the title and earning about $25,000.

"The truth of the matter is that Jeffries is afraid to meet me again. I have accepted every offer he ever made for a return match and each time he has made some silly excuse to get out of the match. I hereby give Jeffries notice that having accepted his challenge in the event of winning from Sharkey I shall claim the championship of the world and I believe the public will sustain my claim and recognize me as the real champion."

MISS ANGLIN'S LADY URSULA

AFTER the strained sentimentality and commonplace dialogue of "Heartsease," the humor, genuine though fantastic, and the occasionally brilliant writing of "The Adventure of the Lady Ursula" come as a welcome change. This is the last play in which Miss Anglin is to appear this season, and those who remember her charming characterization of the heroine last year looked forward with pleasant anticipation to the revival of the piece last night at the Columbia. This anticipation was not disappointed, for Miss Anglin has improved upon what was already an excellent rendition. The objectionable business of the first act has entirely disappeared and the masqueradings in man's attire were managed with a delicacy that was conspicuously absent from the recent performances of the Wycherley play at the Alcazar. In the climax of the third act—a most difficult one—Miss Anglin showed a capacity for tragic effects that makes one think she is bound to accomplish something distinguished even in Shakespearean roles, should she ever care to attempt them. Mr. Miller as Sir George Sylvester was as good as last year; he could not have been better. If the matinee girls must adore him—and I suppose they must—let them be told that he really appears to much better advantage in this character than he does as Eric Temple. True, in this play love lies not in his eye so beaming, but there are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamed of in the philosophy of love.

Mr. Morgan had only a little part—and did little with it. That is not good art, for whatever is worth doing is worth doing well. Witness Mr. Lamb as Old Quilton, a distinct and original character study, with the chiaroscuro distributed to a nicety. Mr. Walcot was once severely criticized by John Gilmer Speed for overdoing his parts. Mr. Speed's faith would have been partly justified had he been present last night, for many lines that should, it seems to me, have been played as comedy Mr. Walcot reduced to farce.

Mr. Findlay as the quarrelsome Dent was forcible and effective, playing a good foil to the equally good Castleton of Earle Browne. Miss Elliston as Dorothy looked so beautiful that had Sir Joshua been blessed with vision of her I am sure he would have wished to paint his name on the hem of her garment instead of on that of Mrs. Siddons.

"The Adventure of the Lady Ursula" is a play that improves upon a second hearing. The fourth act, to be sure, is worthless both as drama and as literature, and the means of working up to the central situation are artificial and threadbare. But from the opening of the second act till the close of the third it is possible to forget these things, so terse and polished is the dialogue, so subtle the play upon each other of the two principal characters.

L. DU PONT SYLE.

To Shoot Fourteen Miles.

BERLIN, Aug. 16.—Herr Krupp will begin practice August 23 with cannon shooting fourteen miles.

CENSORSHIP PLACED ON EDITORS OF LABOR PAPERS

International Typographical Union Vests Executive Council With More Power.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 16.—The International Typographical Union to-day voted to meet next year at Birmingham, Ala. The forenoon was taken up in discussing a proposed amendment to the constitution providing for a censorship by the executive council of all communications of union members to be printed in newspapers, circulars or pamphlets reflecting on the standing or character, private or public, of any member or members of the International Typographical Union. Members violating this clause will be subject to trial, and fined, suspended or expelled on a two-thirds vote of the members.

The object of the association is to control in a measure much of the matter printed in labor papers. The proposition was adopted—131 to 39.

The labor editors were given a hearing and have promised to indorse the legislation.

Other matters acted upon to-day were the indorsement of the Women's Labor League and the adoption of legislation prohibiting speed by hand or machine.

A resolution was passed empowering the executive council to treat with a special committee of the American Publishers' Association for the purpose of creating a general arbitration committee, whose duty it will be to arbitrate all differences pending and future. It is said the matter will be referred to all the unions, and if fifty unions sustain the ruling a referendum vote will then be taken.

PRESIDENT RESIGNS.

Chief Executive of the Republic of Colombia Tires of His Office.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—A cable dispatch was received here from Bogota announcing the resignation of President Sanclemente of the republic of Colombia. Vice President Marroquin will serve out the four years that remains of his term. The action of Senor Sanclemente will bring about a change in the political system of Colombia, and may even end the revolution, which has been in progress for ten months.

Prisoner Jumps From a Car.

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 16.—While being transported to Folsom prison this morning S. Harding, sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment from San Francisco for burglary in the first degree, jumped from a car window between Alder Creek, this county, and Folsom, in an endeavor to escape from Sheriff Lackmann of San Francisco. He was stunned as a result of the fall and was easily captured.

Mrs. Hassett Injured.

PACIFIC GROVE, Aug. 16.—Mrs. E. Hassett of San Francisco accidentally stepped into an elevator shaft at the El Carmelo Hotel yesterday and fell a distance of about eight feet. One arm was fractured and she also sustained severe bruises.

PLANS TO HAVE THE STATE TEXT BOOKS CUT OUT

The County Superintendents Asked to Move for Repeal of Law.

Changes Sought by Which There Can Be General Selection of Works Instead of Contract Written Series.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Aug. 16.

The abandonment of the State series of text books for the public schools is the scheme outlined in a letter received today by County Superintendent of Schools T. O. Crawford from W. C. Doub, Superintendent of Kern County. This is one of the most important matters which will be offered for the consideration of the County School Superintendents of California at their State biennial convention to be held August 28, in San Jose.

The subject has aroused a great deal of interest among educators of this State. There has been a decided movement among many of the pedagogues antagonistic to the State series of text books, and it has crystallized in the proposition which has now been made public.

It is proposed by Superintendent Doub that there shall be a uniform series of text books used in the elementary schools of the State, but that all text books shall be selected, not written by contract, by the State Board of Education. Further, Superintendent Doub believes that "the State shall not print the text books, but the State Board of Education shall endeavor to secure special rates for the schools of California on all books selected."

It is proposed that the next Legislature shall be invited to make such changes in the school laws as will bring about these proposed measures. Superintendent Doub offers a recommendation that the State Board of Education be composed of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the presidents of the University of California and of the Leland Stanford Jr. University, the head of the department of education in each university and the presidents of the State Normal schools, provided these presidents are elected by the other members of the State Board. The question of a continuous governing body, like the University of California regents, to control all the normal schools will be considered. It is also proposed that this new State Board of Education shall have wide powers in determining the rank and relative standing of schools out of the State for purposes of issuing teachers' certificates. Many changes in that system are outlined.

There is also a proposition to abolish the primary grade certificate.

BISHOP M'FAUL SPEAKS BEFORE CATHOLIC UNION

Makes an Address on the Question of Federation of the Societies.

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 16.—At this morning's session of the thirty-second convention of the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union Bishop McFaul of this diocese made an address on the question of the federation of the Catholic societies in this country. The Bishop also referred to the Children's Aid Society, a national organization, which he said took children from almshouses and placed them in private homes, but which was not always careful to place Catholic children with Catholic families. The result of all this, Bishop McFaul said, was that Catholic children in public institutions grew up in ignorance or indifferent to their natural religion.

The address was enthusiastically received.

POISON FOUND IN STOMACH OF DECEASED

Widow of Edward Herrick Will Be Called as a Witness Before Coroner's Jury.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—Poison in deadly quantities has been found in the stomach of Edward Herrick, an aged commission merchant, whose sudden death last week served to recall several mysterious deaths in his household, among the victims being his first wife. In January last Herrick married Mrs. Limburner, formerly a domestic employed by the family. Her first husband also died suddenly. The result of the chemical analysis of the contents of the stomach will be produced for the Coroner's jury. Mrs. Herrick, the widow, will be called as a witness.

STORMS IN NEBRASKA.

Great Damage to Crops by Heavy Fall of Hail.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 16.—Wind and hail storms of unusual severity visited Nebraska at an early hour this morning. Seward, Southern Lancaster and Jefferson counties suffered most. Crops were ruined by the hail and in some cases some buildings were blown down and wrecked. The hail broke half the window glass in the towns of Ruby, Beaver Crossing, Panama and Fairbury.

The area covered is of considerable extent and the damage to crops will reach high in the hundred thousands of dollars. No fatalities are reported, although houses in almost every town in the path of the storm were struck by lightning.

Miller Raises His Flag.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

VALLEJO, Aug. 16.—Commandant Miller of Mare Island raised his rear admiral's flag over the Mare Island station to-day. Admiral Miller's promotion came a short time after the death of Admiral Philip. He was appointed to the naval academy from Ohio and received his commission November 28, 1859.

Charged With Picking Pockets.

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 16.—A young man from San Francisco named Joseph Ford was arrested to-night for picking the pocket of Peter Loucks in a saloon. Loucks claims that he was robbed of $15 or $20.

QUARTER CENTURY CLUB IS STRONG FOR METCALF

OAKLAND, Aug. 16.—The Quarter Century Club held an adjourned meeting this evening at its headquarters. There was a large attendance. Short addresses were made by President Fox, Judge John W. Day, from Kansas, who has permanently located in this city; Postmaster W. H. Friend of Oakland; L. L. Alexander, who, twenty years ago, was chairman of the Alameda County Republican Committee; Dr. J. C. Stout, who has recently settled here from San Jose, where he was chairman of the county committee; Lowell J. Hardy and Fred M. Campbell. It was unanimously voted that the club continue as a permanent organization.

Mr. Alexander was appointed chairman of a committee whose business it shall be to issue a pamphlet setting forth sententiously the records of the Republican and Democratic parties.

The folowing preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Quarter Century Club, composed of Republicans, now resident of Alameda County, who have voted the Republican ticket for twenty-five years or more, has taken a deep interest in the success of Hon. Victor H. Metcalf's candidacy for renomination as Representative in Congress from the Third District of California, and whereas this club desires to express its gratification at the success of Mr. Metcalf at the primary election of last Saturday, August 11, and whereas, this club believes that the strong support given Mr. Metcalf by the San Francisco Morning Call contributed in no small degree to that success, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Quarter Century Republican Club extends its appreciative thanks to the San Francisco Call for its stanch, well-directed and dignified efforts in behalf of Hon. Victor H. Metcalf.

A copy of the foregoing was ordered to be sent to The Call.

After a vote of thanks to the Oakland Tribune and other papers which supported Mr. Metcalf, the club adjourned to meet at the same place next Thursday evening.

SAID TO HAVE THREATENED HIS DYING MOTHER

Serious Accusations Made Against Adolph H. Bauerle.

Brother and Sisters Resume Their Bitter Fight for Possession of Property Left by Their Parent.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Aug. 16.

Adolph H. Bauerle is accused by his sister, Mrs. Annie Sylva, of having threatened his mother on her dying bed to publish to the world stories damaging to her moral character unless she appeased his cupidity by granting him valuable property in East Oakland. The serious charges of sister against brother are made in a second suit brought to compel him to relinquish the land. It revives the bitter fight instituted several months ago by Mrs. Louisa Fromme, daughter and an heir of the late Mrs. Louisa Bauerle.

He is charged in the complaint filed today that Mrs. Bauerle, fearing her son's threats, deeded to him the property asked for. The property in dispute consists of fifteen acres of land in Brooklyn Township valued at about $5000. On January 11, 1899, a short time before the death of Mrs. Bauerle, she executed a deed of gift for the realty to her son Adolph. When, after her death, her will was filed for probate an effort was made by Mrs. Louisa Fromme, a married daughter, to have the gift deed revoked, but she was unsuccessful. The case was dismissed and the warring brother and sisters were thought to have adjusted their differences.

The complaint filed to-day by Mrs. Sylva adds further complications to the case by including as defendants the original complainant Mrs. Louisa Fromme and her husband, August Fromme, although they are not accused of having any hand in the alleged fraud.

The specific charges against Adolph Bauerle are that he took advantage of his mother's enfeebled condition and unsound mind to freighten her into deeding away her property.

The plaintiffs pray for the cancellation of the deed and judgment that the disputed realty is a portion of the estate of Louisa Bauerle.

URGES ADDITIONS TO THE ITALIAN NAVY

Ex-Premier Crispi Deplores His Country's Weakness of Organized Defense.

ROME, Aug. 16.—La Revista Maritima publishes an article by Signor Crispi, in which the ex-Premier urges an increase of the navy. He says that during the existence, for eighteen years, of the triple alliance Italy had not had an organized defense. From 1860, he further says, to the present time 2,650,000 lire has been spent on the navy, which, however, has descended from third place in 1880, until it is now seventh among the navy powers. Italy, continues the article, cannot be defended without a strong fleet, nor can any Italian colony be safeguarded against foreigners.

Signor Crispi asserts that the economical future of Italy demands that she search for new fields in the extreme Orient, and he concludes by warmly recommending that the Government provide for the necessities of the situation, "for to relinquish a fleet proportionate to the needs of the country would be to abandon the sole hope of safety to which Italy could trust her fortune in the day of trial."

OBJECT TO REUNIONS OF BLUE AND GRAY

Tennesseeans Protest Against General Gordon Attending the G. A. R. Encampment.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 16.—The Confederate Association of the Army of Tennessee, which includes a large majority of the Confederate veterans in New Orleans, has protested against General J. B. Gordon, commanding the United Confederate Veterans, attending the G. A. R. encampment at Chicago. The following resolution introduced by General Chaldron, president of the association, was unanimously adopted:

"In view of the recent occurrences at Atlanta and the utterances there of the commander of the G. A. R., this association deprecates and objects to all so-called reunions of the Blue and Gray and protests against General John B. Gordon accepting an invitation to be present at the reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic in his capacity of commander of the United Confederate Veterans."

Bryan's Welcome Home.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 16.—Lincoln tendered a very handsome welcome to Mr. Bryan upon his return to his home after an absence of ten days. He was met at the station by a large crowd of people, who escorted him to his residence, and who, after listening to a speech there and shaking hands with both Mr. and Mrs. Bryan, only dispersed to meet in the evening with many others in a reception given in the State Capitol grounds, which partook more of the nature of an official function. In his address at his home Mr. Bryan said:

"I have sometimes been criticized for going away from home instead of staying here and having people come to see me. But I have felt, in the first place, that people could not come here as well as they could go to Canton. Lincoln is not in the center of a thickly populated country, as Canton is, and our people have not the means of traveling without cost as they have in some parts of the country under some circumstances, and I have felt that it was a great deal cheaper for me to go and see the people than for me to compel them to come and see me." (Applause.)

Mr. Bryan then discussed national issues at some length.

Infant's Body Found.

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 16.—About noon to-day two laborers engaged in cleaning a sewer manhole in the alley between Tenth and Eleventh, I and J streets, threw out the body of a prematurely born infant, and without notifying the authorities cast it on the dumps south of the city. The body was horribly mangled and how it got into the sewer is a question causing considerable comment. Coroner McMullen is investigating.

Primary Called.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

NAPA, Aug. 16.—The Democratic County Central Committee of this county has called a primary election, to be held August 25, to elect seven delegates to the San Jose convention on September 7. The committee will call another primary in September to elect delegates to the county convention, which will probably be held October 6, which date is two days later than the time set for the Republicans.

Funeral of Mrs. Armitage.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CLOVERDALE, Aug. 16.—The body of Mrs. Armitage, who was fatally burned in a fire at her home, was interred in the Catholic Cemetery this morning. The mother and sister of deceased were prostrated and could not attend the funeral, which was one of the largest ever seen here.

Hours Reduced.

VALLEJO, Aug. 16.—A welcome order was received at the navy-yard to-day directing that henceforth ship-keepers would work eight hours a day instead of twelve, which has been the rule for a quarter of a century past.