

TERRIBLE FATE OF COAL WINNERS

Terrific Gas Explosion Caves in Mouth of the Shaft. One Hundred Men at Work in the Levels Are Beyond All Aid.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Sept. 16.—A frightful gas explosion occurred at 5:30 this evening in the coal mine of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company at Spring Gulch, probably resulting in the death of all the miners at the time engaged in work, estimated to be 100 men.

The telephone line to Spring Gulch is out of order, and a messenger was dispatched to the Pocahontas mine, eight miles distant, where telephone communication was had with Glenwood, and a special Midland train was ordered. All the doctors in Glenwood Springs were at once sent to the scene of the accident. No definite information has yet been received here as to the number of men killed, but it is supposed that the men at this mine work until 6 o'clock except those who do contract work, and in that event it is thought that almost 100 men must have been in the mine at the time of the explosion. There is not one chance in a thousand for any of them to escape with their lives.

The following casualties are known to have occurred: Killed: JOHN ANDRES, GEORGE CHAMBERGER, PETER DELDORA, DAVID COLLIER, F. F. PICKERTON, Unknown Italian. Injured: J. H. Dickerson, slightly burned; William Reed, slightly burned; Joseph Peters, leg broken.

ODD FELLOWS IN ANNUAL SESSION AT INDIANAPOLIS

The Report of the Grand Sire Shows a Remarkable Increase in Membership.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 16.—This city will this week entertain the Sovereign Grand Lodge and Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F. Intertwined with the decorations are streamers of black, as a mark of respect to the late President McKinley.

BOTKIN CASE IN UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

Record on Appeal Taken by the Defendant's Attorneys Is Filed at Washington. WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—The record in the case of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin was filed today in the United States Supreme Court. She is under sentence of life imprisonment in San Francisco for the murder of John P. Dunning, in Delaware, three years ago, by sending to her a box of poisoned candy.

Eureka's Exposition Opens.

EUREKA, Sept. 16.—The second annual exposition of the combined Ninth District Agricultural and the Eureka Mechanical Fair associations opened this evening. Roncovieri's band will supply music during the week. The booths of the merchants and the general display are better than in any previous year.

Woman Forger Remanded for Trial.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—Marie Josephine Eastwick of Philadelphia, charged with having forged a railroad certificate to the value of \$100,000, was again remanded to the Guildhall Police Court to-day. She looked extremely ill and was evidently in pain. Although formally remanded until September 23, the prisoner is not likely to reappear in court until October 1, when the preliminary inquiry will be completed.

Sells a Railroad Franchise.

LONG BEACH, Sept. 16.—The City Council to-night sold a franchise for a railroad extending from the ocean front to the northern city limits to W. H. Holabird for \$600. It is supposed that Holabird is acting for the Southern Pacific Company.

ROSENFELD'S PLAY "A MODERN CRUSOE," NOT QUITE BALED ENOUGH TO BE FUNNY

Comedy at Columbia a Queer Mix-Up of Socialism, Sentimentalism and Pathos, With Occasional Glints of Genuine Humor That Make Audience Hope for Better Things

"Not quite bad enough to be funny," I heard my neighbor at the Columbia say last night, after three acts of Mr. Sydney Rosenfeld's new comedy, "A Modern Crusoe." And that is as fit and apt phrasing of the truth as may be. "A Modern Crusoe," if worse, would be funnier. It is a queer mix-up of socialism, sentimentalism and pathos, with occasional glints of genuine humor in the plot, and a lavish absence of anything approaching character drawing. Mr. Seabrooke has the only part of any weight in the play—the monomane helplessly dependent on the push-the-button habit, who is cast on a desert island—and he is evidently not at his best in it.

The rest are cardboard figures merely, with about the same relation to life as the ancient and respectable (type), and the acting is on a par with the author's conceptions. The plot is sufficiently ingenious, and handled differently would have made a success, but the treatment is haphazard in the extreme and the hit of the evening was the song lugged in by the actor when Mr. Seabrooke wisely decided there was nothing better to do. After the hopeless muddle of the first act the second flops unexpectedly into a mildly humorous scene and the audience hoped for better things. But the third act, where the heroine, attired in dodo bird and a Parisian cut of a Samoan bark toiler, with a similar inspiration to Mr. Seabrooke's, is persuaded into a timid cakewalk, effectively disposed of any expectations of that kind and the impatient ones who did not leave after the second act found their way out then. One caught a glimpse of what Mr. Seabrooke can do when he is not trying to play multi-millionaires, and one wished him, for his own sake, safe in the bosom of the Orpheum, where he belongs. He has the pleasantest voice in a song, and if he would but yield to his own inclination and sing some more, it would be better for the play. Lynn Pratt, in his support, shows possibilities. Leighton Leigh, Helen Gladstone and Isabelle Evesson are also much better than their parts.



JOSEPH HAWORTH IN "RICHELIEU" ALISKY PHOTO.

Orpheum.

The Orpheum, as usual, was crowded to its utmost capacity last night, and every number on the new programme was heartily applauded. Dorothy Morton sang splendidly and was rewarded with three encores. "The Bridegroom's Reverie," presented by The Misses Delmore and Walter Caryll, is a pretty piece, full of romantic novelty.

Ernest Hogan become hoarse, so often did he have to reappear on the stage, and

led and does credit to the artists who performed the same.

LEADING ACTORS NOW APPEARING AT THE COLUMBIA AND GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.

A large audience enjoyed the production last night and the sale of seats is an assurance to the management that the attendance will be very big the remainder of the week. This magnificent production will be taken across the continent and produced in New York. Manager Fred Belasco goes East to-morrow night with this end in view.

Fischer's Concert House.

Von Suppe's "Beautiful Galatea" scored a great success at Fischer's Concert-house last night. It was splendidly sung by competent artists. The Bernards, sketch artists, were immensely amusing; the Gagnoux, unusually artistic jugglers, performed remarkable feats. Mae Tunison's soprano solos were applauded to the echo. Diles, an aerial gymnast, surprised the large audience and Billy Knight, a black-face comedian, and Mabel Martin, balladist, completed a most satisfactory programme.

Alcazar.

Shakespeare's delightful comedy, "The Taming of the Shrew," commenced its second week at the Alcazar Theater last night to a crowded house. The two principals in the cast, Miss Florence Roberts as Katharine and White Whittlesey as Petruchio, were warmly applauded for their spirited rendition of the parts. George H. Longbottom has made a decided hit as Grumio and helped materially in keeping in play the rollicking fun. Next week, which will be the last of the Florence Roberts season, "Sapho" will be presented.

Chutes.

The Chutes has a good bill of novelties this week. James J. Mackey is a clever entertainer and sings several new songs of his own. Camelia and Amelita scored a big hit with their Spanish dances. The Standard Quartet continue to be great favorites with their pleasing selections. Other good numbers are Lynton and Wild, in a clever sketch; Val Vonsden, in character impersonations; Ada Swaney in illustrated songs, and a series of new moving pictures.

Grand Opera-House.

Joseph Haworth gives the witty Cardinal Prime Minister a very flattering impersonation, but one in accord with Bulwer's estimate of the statesman priest. The well-known Hildebrand is just as good in his hands, although his interpretation differs in many particulars from that of the old and fondly remembered Richelieu that have trod the boards before. But it is that as it may. Mr. Haworth's performance was a very satisfying one, and was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by an audience, critical, it is true, but not cold as was evidenced by the warm applause bestowed upon Mr. Haworth and Florence Stone, whose Julie de Mortmar was all that could be desired. The play affords Mr. Haworth the opportunity that he makes the most of, and that enables him to give the San Francisco public a taste of his real quality. The piece is splendidly staged and costumed, and the setting of the gardens of the Louvre in the fourth act is especially applauded and admired. The star is to be congratulated upon the support given him by Her-schell Mayall, whose De Mauprat is virile and soldierly, as the author intended that it should be. Mr. Mayall divides the honors with Mr. Haworth, and Miss Stone, as well earned them. Harry Plimmer's Baradas may be criticized on the score of being a little too dramatic, but that is to be preferred to the more extreme, and when we can't get what we want on the stage we are thankful for the next best thing. The play is successful, abounding in clean, honest work, and deserves the best reception that the theater-going public can bestow.

Central.

"A Voice from the Wilderness" has undergone quite a change and for the better. The pruning knife has been used and the powerful Biblical drama is given with greater force. Last night Howard Scott, the popular actor, portrayed the part of Herod. He displayed great ability in this most difficult part and was given many curtain calls for his clever work. The second act was cut down in places, thus saving fifteen minutes. The following act has been completely changed by the stage manager, and as a result runs more smoothly and the climax at the end of the act is more stirring than before. The last act is full of life and color. The streets of Jerusalem are shown, and the talent is betterable to his clever work. This expensive production is admirably painted.

BOOMING CANNON WELCOME THEM

The Duke and Duchess of York Arrive at Quebec. French Frigates at Anchor in the Port Fire a Royal Salute.

QUEBEC, Sept. 16.—Amid the booming of cannon and the whistling of hundreds of the steam vessels the Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of York, arrived here on schedule time to-day on board H. M. S. Ophir. The arrival of their Royal Highnesses was witnessed by the largest crowd that was ever in this city.

As the Ophir and escort arrived in port a royal salute was fired from the fort and one of the French frigates in port and also from the citadel. Immediately after the salute the Ophir and the frigates half-masted the stars and stripes out of respect to the deceased President of the United States.

The following telegrams of sympathy were sent by Lord Minto, Governor General of Canada, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, to the Ophir and had a short interview with the Duke of Cornwall and York. On their return to shore a salute was fired from the citadel.

To Colonel Roosevelt, President of the United States: My deepest sympathy with people of the United States in this terrible sorrow which has fallen upon them. MINTO. To the Secretary of State of the United States: The announcement of the death of the President has created deepest sorrow here. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy in your heavy loss. MINTO. To Mrs. McKinley, Buffalo: Please accept my deepest and heartfelt sympathy at the cruel blow that has fallen on you. MINTO.

CHILD FALLS FIFTY FEET AND ESCAPES UNSCATHED

Strikes on the Shoulders of a Man, Who Is Temporarily Laid Up for Repairs. SANTA ROSA, Sept. 16.—A peculiar accident occurred here to-day and that it did not terminate fatally is little less than miraculous. Mary, the six-year-old granddaughter of Mrs. Littleton, who resides in the Hopper block, found her way to the roof of the building and attempted to walk across a skylight. Small nails fell through the glass and down the light-well, a distance of fifty feet, landing in the harness-room of a fire stable below and directly on the shoulders of Oliver Cottrell, who was washing harness. The child escaped with very slight bruises. Cottrell is laid up for repairs, but will recover.

WRECK OF FERRY-BOAT CAUSES LOSS OF LIFE

Twenty-Three Passengers Drowned While Crossing the Flooded Kulpa River in Croatia. BUDAPEST, Sept. 16.—Twenty-three persons were drowned at noon to-day by the wreck of a ferry-boat which was crossing the flooded Kulpa River, near Osijek.

Rogers Will Contest on Hearing.

BERLTON, N. J., Sept. 16.—Chancellor Magie, sitting as ordinary of the Probate Court to-day, heard testimony in the probating of the will of Jacob S. Rogers, the late millionaire locomotive manufacturer of Paterson, John Havron, George A. Hanna, Frank K. Shadler and George H. Longbottom, who witnessed the will or its contents, were called to prove the instrument. Each testified that Rogers appeared to be a sound man when he signed his will. As the caveaters were unprepared to continue the case it was adjourned until next Monday. The subsequent hearings will be at Jersey City or Newark.

Delegates Gather in Del Mar.

SANTA CRUZ, Sept. 16.—The delegates have nearly all arrived at beautiful Del Mar-by-the-Sea and to-morrow the Grand Council of the Catholic Ladies' Aid Society will be formally opened by Father McNamee. The parlors are being elaborately decorated and Father Hennessy will celebrate mass. Father Hudson of Gilroy will deliver the opening address.

New Home for Santa Rosa Elks.

SANTA ROSA, Sept. 16.—The contract was signed to-day for the erection of a modern brick structure on B street, between Third and Fourth, which will be occupied by the local lodge of Elks. The building is to be put up by Cornelius Shea, the well-known cattleman, especially for the use of the Elks and will cost \$20,000. Simpson & Roberts have the contract and will start work the last of the week.

Bank Directors Under Arrest.

BERLIN, Sept. 16.—The three directors of the Heilbronn Gewerbe Bank, which suspended Saturday owing to a run on that institution, have been arrested. The losses, it is now said, amount to over 3,000,000 marks, and the bank is in gold mining speculations in London.

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Santa Clara's Tax Levy.

SAN JOSE, Sept. 16.—The Supervisors to-day fixed the tax rate as follows for the ensuing year: Inside city, \$1.10; outside, \$1.50. This includes the State tax.

AMUSEMENTS.

COLUMBIA LEADING THEATRE. This Theater Will Be Closed Thursday Night. A JOLLY GOOD PLAY! AN EXHILARATING PERFORMANCE: 2 WEEKS, INCLUDING SUNDAYS. MATINEE SATURDAY. MR. MELVILLE STOLTZ Presents THOS. Q. SEABROOKE In Sydney Rosenfeld's Romantic Comic Play, A MODERN CRUSOE. An admirable supporting company, including MISS ISABELLE EVESSON. PRICES—\$1.50, \$1.00, 50c, 25c and 10c.

Parents Searching for Child. Henry Elliott of 1239 Valencia street notified the police yesterday that his 7-year-old daughter, Ada, had mysteriously disappeared. Elliott moved from Oakland a day or so ago and yesterday morning his wife found the little girl to the High Primary School on Mission street, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets, and enrolled her as a pupil. The little girl remained at the school until noon, and since she left the school to go home for lunch has not been seen. When last seen she wore aingham dress, blue hat and a blue coat.

Lady Guests Play Tennis. The lady guests of the Hotel Rafael held a tennis tournament on the San Rafael courts yesterday. Two silver cups were offered by Miss Helen Deane. As a result of the day's play Miss R. Bruce and Mrs. Wright were left in the finals to contest for first honors.

Lake Tahoe for Eight Fifty. Special train excursion leaving San Francisco 8 a. m., Saturday, October 5. Daylight trip through scenery of Sierras, arriving Lake Tahoe for dinner. Very low hotel rates. Tickets good for a week on regular trains returning. Fishing, hunting, boating at their best. Round trip, including lake journeys, \$5.00.

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THE EMPORIUM.

To-morrow, Wednesday, September 18, the day of President McKinley's public obsequies at Washington, D. C., we will give to each visitor to The Emporium a copy of the New York Herald of April 15, 1865, containing the first accounts of President Lincoln's assassination. These papers are reproduced from one of the two sets of original plates that are now known to be in existence. They are very interesting mementoes at this time. We will mail a copy free to any address outside of city that is sent to us.

Remnant Day Tuesday the 17th

The always-watched-for Monthly Remnant Sale in the Big Store takes pace to-day. As usual, from one-quarter to one-third is taken off the already reduced remnant prices—for this day only.

- 1/4 Off Silk Remnants in lengths suitable for shirt waists, linings, trimmings, ruffles, etc. 1000 Remnants of Ribbons in lengths suitable for neck or hair—all widths and colors. 1500 Veiling Remnants—Good, desirable styles, in Tuxedo mesh, with chenille spots. Lace, Dress Trimmings, Esprit Neis, Chiffons, All-Overs, Embroideries, Drapery Neis, Yokings, Ruchings, Rafflings, Braids, Etc., Etc., Etc. Furniture Tapestry, Etc.

All-Wool Striped Albatross.

For waists, house gowns, etc., 28 inches wide, in four different stripes and twelve new shades of colorings, the regular price of which is 33c 50c per yard—on sale to-day only 33c

Damaged Goods—Grocery Dept.

This morning we place on sale, at prices to close them out in one day, the hundreds of pieces of Crockery, Ornaments, etc., from our new Fall shipments, that have been chipped and cracked in transit and in packing and unpacking. Some of the articles are damaged so slightly as to be scarcely noticeable; others have imperfections that hurt their appearance, but do not destroy their usefulness.

This lot includes Dishes of all kinds, Vases, Ornaments, Flower Pots, Jardiniers, etc., and those who have attended our previous damaged goods sales know how quickly they will go at

A fraction of regular prices. THE EMPORIUM and Golden Rule Bazaar. CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST-AMERICA'S GRANDEST STORE.

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TIVOLI GRAND OPERA HOUSE. MATINEES SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. Every Evening This Week Except Thursday. Tremendous Success of JOSEPH HAWORTH In a Grand Scenic Production of Sir Edward Lytton Bulwer's Masterpiece, "RICHELIEU."

JOSEPH HAWORTH as Cardinal Richelieu. Florence Stone as Julie de Mortemar. POPULAR PRICES—10c, 15c, 25c, 50c. Good Orchestra. Seats All Matinees, 25c. Branch Ticket Office Emporium.

Next Monday—"NABUCCO" (Nebuchadnezzar). POPULAR PRICES—25c, 50c and 75c. Telephone Booth 5.

ALCAZAR THEATRE. TO-NIGHT AND ALL THIS WEEK. FLORENCE ROBERTS THE TAMING OF THE SHREW. Supported by WHITE WHITTLESEY. In Shakespeare's Best Comedy. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2. Farewell Digs—Extraordinary revival of "SAPHO."

FISCHER'S CONCERT HOUSE. Admission 10c. Von Suppe's "BEAUTIFUL GALATEA." Mae Tunison, the Bernards, Kaleraster, Billy Knight, Diles, Mabel Martin and our unrivaled orchestra. Reserved Seats, 25c. Matinee Sunday.

SUTRO BATHS. OPEN NIGHTS. OPEN DAILY FROM 7 a. m. to 11 p. m. BATHING FROM 7 a. m. to 10:30 p. m. ADMISSION, 10c. CHILDREN, 5c. Bathing, including admission, 15c; children, 25c.

EMERYVILLE. Under the Auspices of the GOLDEN GATE RACING ASSOCIATION, Beginning MONDAY, Sept. 16—Continuing Eight Days. Great TROTTING and PACING Events. Three or More RUNNING RACES Each Day! Berkeley trains meet boats from foot of Market street every half-hour direct to track. RACING! RACING! RACING!

MCKENZIE MUSICAL SOCIETY. As the funeral of our deceased President occurs September 19, our concert has been postponed to the following Thursday, September 20, at Odd Fellows' Hall.

PALACE HOTEL. For a quarter of a century these hotels have been the headquarters of tourists and travelers who have journeyed from all parts of the world to San Francisco. Guests entertained on the American or European plan. GRAND HOTEL.

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