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"The Irish Pawnbroker," a farce comedy, opened at the California last night. Some of the stars of the troupe, including an old-time comedian, played the leading role as the pawnbroker. The piece is largely made up of specialties.

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Mr. Lane has great faith in the quartz claim, which is the first of its kind to be located in the Nome district. He proposes to put in a large amount of capital to work the mine, and has already installed a ten-stamp mill.

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The Central has a promising bill this week in the romantic Southern melodrama "Coon Hollow." Its locale is the South, and there are elaborate scenic settings to add to the effect of the drama.

There are but two weeks more of "Whirl-I-Gig" at the Lyric Theatre. The fourth of the successful burlesques that will have had a run of eight weeks when it closes its season. Two weeks from Monday "The Gezer" will be put on in magnificent style.

CAPTAIN LAURIE'S LIFE ENDS AS HIS SHIP DROPS ANCHOR

Well-Known Master of British Vessel Gantock Rock Is Taken Ill While on Way From Honolulu and Dies When He Reaches Port. Boat Has Narrow Escape From Grounding Near Cliff House

THE British ship Gantock Rock, from Iquique, made this port last night, and just as her anchor dropped in the bay the life of her master, Captain Laurie, passed out. The mariner had been attacked by heart disease after the vessel left Honolulu, by way of which port she came here, and he never rallied.

As soon as anchorage was reached Dr. Whitman of the United States quarantine service was summoned, but his ministrations were of no avail. The Gantock Rock had not been at rest in the harbor many minutes before Captain Laurie passed away. The captain, or many years been in charge of vessels sailing to this port, and consequently was well known here.

The Gantock Rock narrowly escaped going ashore just a little below the Cliff House. Enveloped in fog she headed almost straight for the sandy beach, and was close inshore when the danger was discovered. The fog lifted suddenly and disclosed the land directly ahead. It was with the greatest difficulty that the vessel was brought about and headed seaward.

It is doubtful if she would have been able to bring about, had it not been for the assistance of the tug Belief, which appeared on the scene and lent assistance. The tug passed a hawser on board and towed the windjammer clear of danger and into the harbor to a safe anchorage.

The Gantock Rock's cargo consists of 600 tons of nitrate of soda for W. R. Grace & Co. The boat was eighty-nine days out from Iquique, Chile. She came by way of Honolulu, at which port she arrived sixteen days ago. First Mate Evans has assumed charge in place of Captain Laurie.

John Watson, 18 years of age and an apprentice on the British ship Eudora, died at St. Mary's Hospital early yesterday morning, and the Morgue officials were notified. Labor is well paid, and there was plenty of work for everybody last season. Men were paid \$5 per day besides their board, which in that country costs from \$15 to \$20 per day.

Calms Sea by Using Oil. The barkentine Fullerton, which arrived yesterday, sixteen days from Honolulu, had at the end of her voyage two days of the heaviest weather Captain Macdonald has ever experienced in the Pacific. The Fullerton is a new vessel, and she needed all the strength her constructors had provided to buck the heavy seas that disintegrated her rigging.

Sights a Lone Navigator. Captain Anderson of the schooner Couquille, which arrived yesterday eleven days from the Couquille River, reports that when about fifty miles off Port Ross he sighted a lone navigator in a small cat-boat. The wind was blowing freshly at the time, but the small boat appeared to be able to handle herself without difficulty.

Something Was in Collision. Captain Gil Brokaw of the tug Liberty reported that at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, off California City, he passed through a lot of white painted ginger-bread work, evidently broken up from some vessel. He picked up in the same vicinity a flagpole with a brass headlight attached. The flagpole and wreckage had apparently been blown overboard from a steamer which seems to have struck something.

Last of Whalers Arrives. The whaling bark John and Winthrop arrived yesterday. The whaling bark John and Winthrop arrived yesterday. The whaling bark John and Winthrop arrived yesterday.

Fishermen Marooned on Barren Rock Reach Mainland. SAN PEDRO, Nov. 16.—Marooned on a barren and uninhabited island for two weeks without provisions, because of the taking of a civil difficulty into the courts, three young fishermen named William Yunker, J. Logan and Ed. Richards were rescued when on the verge of collapse from starvation yesterday.

Rescuers Save Starving Men. The men were engaged last October to catch lobsters on San Nicholas Island by W. J. McGimpsey of a fish company. The island is ninety miles northwest from here, and they were conveyed there by Captain Frank Manha of the schooner Mary, who left a week's provisions and was to call again in a week.

Attacks Wife With Knife. G. B. Gatell, a laborer, living at 1122 Montgomery street, was arrested Saturday night by Policeman Joy and booked at the City Prison on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. He is accused of having attacked his wife, Mary, with a large knife and cutting her on the scalp. She was taken to the Harbor Hospital, where her wound was stitched and dressed. She said her husband had been in the habit of beating her.

Boy Accused of Burglary. Willie Thompson, a boy 16 years of age, was arrested by Policeman Edner on Market street about 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Thompson was carrying an electric machine known as the "Western voltmeter," which, Edner later discovered, had been stolen from the steamer Apache, lying at the Mission street wharf. Thompson was booked at the City Prison on a charge of burglary.

Will Take Part in Debates. The first debate and dance to be given under the auspices of the San Francisco Debating League will be held next Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Grand 625 Sutter street. The question to be debated will be: "Resolved, That the time has come when the United States should abandon protection by tariff to American industries."

Shipping Intelligence.

Table with columns: Steamer, From, Due. Includes entries for Stmr Olympic, Stmr Chico, Stmr Ceballos, etc.

Movements of Steamers.

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TO SAIL.

Table with columns: Steamer, Destination, Sails, Pier. Includes entries for J. K. Kimball, Newburg, etc.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Table with columns: Steamer, Destination, Sails, Pier. Includes entries for G. Dollard, K. Karnak, etc.

Sun, Moon and Tide.

Table with columns: Sun rises, Moon rises, etc. Includes times for Sun rises, Moon rises, etc.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

Table with columns: Time, H, W, Ft., etc. Includes tide information for Monday, November 17.

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