

CANNOT LOCATE MISSING MAYOR

Executive of British Columbia Town and the Editor of a Newspaper Disappears

TAKES WRONG VESSEL

Northern Journalist Has Not Been Heard From Since His Arrival in San Francisco

Special Dispatch to The Call. VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 13.—John Houston, Mayor of Nelson, and proprietor of the Tribune, a newspaper of that city, has mysteriously disappeared and no trace can be obtained of his whereabouts. He was seen in Victoria early in August. The next news of him was in a New Westminster paper, which contained a notice that he was in that city. The next news was from Houston himself, from San Francisco, and it seems he got on a San Francisco boat mistaking it for a vessel bound for Victoria. Rumor placed him in Tonopah, where he has friends. In the meanwhile Alderman Bird is acting as Mayor and Alderman William Blakemore, ex-engineer of the Crows Nest Pass Coal Company, is acting as editor of the Tribune. Privately and publicly many things are wanting Houston's immediate attention. In six weeks more his mayoral chair may be declared vacant.

AUTO IS THE CAUSE OF WOMAN'S INJURIES

Machine Frightens Horse and the Animal Runs Away.

Special Dispatch to The Call. HEALDSBURG, Sept. 12.—Mrs. Ralph Locan, until recently of San Francisco, but now of this place, was thrown from a buggy this morning and severely injured. Mrs. Locan and Mrs. H. Puget went for a drive to the hop yards near here. On their way they encountered an automobile, which caused their horse to shy and run away. Mrs. Puget, who was driving, dropped the lines over the dashboard and jumped from the rig, escaping without injury. Mrs. Locan also leaped from the rig, but in alighting she struck a large rock and was thrown heavily. She sustained a broken knee and several contusions of the body. It is also feared that she may have been internally injured. The automobile which caused the runaway was occupied by a well-known local physician, who immediately went to the rescue of the injured woman.

LOW PRICES BRING TRADE TO THIS CITY

Seattle Merchants Lose by Charging Too Much for Their Goods.

Special Dispatch to The Call. SEATTLE, Sept. 12.—The Chamber of Commerce at its meeting this afternoon appointed a special committee to investigate the charges made by merchants in Alaska that they are obliged to transfer their orders to San Francisco houses because of overcharges made by local jobbers. Several letters were read at the meeting—one from a merchant at Nome to the effect that he had placed duplicate orders in Seattle and San Francisco at the same time. On receiving the bills he found that the San Francisco prices were much lower and ever since he has been buying there. The complaints will be rigidly investigated.

POLICE CONVINCED GIRL WAS KIDNAPED

Maid Who Disappeared From Church Seen on a Car.

Special Dispatch to The Call. SEATTLE, Sept. 12.—The police are convinced that a pretty Agnes Sands, the 15-year-old Ballard girl, who disappeared from the Alphonus Church Sunday, is being held a captive and has not committed suicide, as at first suspected. C. E. Leath, a Madison street druggist, called at police headquarters to-day and stated that Sunday evening he saw a girl on the street car whom he recognized as Miss Sands. She was accompanied by a man and woman, who were keeping her on the car by force. He says several times the girl cried out, "I will not go with you."

LITTLE GIRL OF TEN DROWNED AT NAPA

Goes Fishing With Baby Brother and Falls Into River.

NAPA, Sept. 12.—The ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Capusci of Napa was drowned this evening in Napa River, near the steamboat landing. The child, with her seven-year-old brother, was fishing from the bulkhead of the wharf back of the Carpy wine cellars. In some way the lost her balance and fell into the river. A workman employed in the wine cellar dived into the water with the hope of saving the child, but was unable to do so.

Pratt and Wife Indicted. SAN JOSE, Sept. 12.—The Grand Jury returned indictments this morning against C. A. Pratt and Mrs. Alice Pratt, his wife, charging both with the murder of Frank Bryan, a Gilroy rancher. Bryan was shot and killed ten days ago by Pratt, during an altercation alleged to have been provoked by insulting remarks directed at Mrs. Pratt by Bryan. Both are now in jail.

GRAPE-NUTS. Children fatten like little round white pigs when fed on Grape-Nuts and Cream. The Scientific Food.

CRITICISM FOR STATE MILITIA

Colonel Thomas Wilhelm Makes Report on Inspection of the National Guard

RECOMMENDATION MADE

Considers Supervision by the Higher Officers Is by No Means Sufficient

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 13.—Colonel Thomas Wilhelm, assistant inspector general of the National Guard of California, to-day submitted to Adjutant General Lauck his report upon the annual inspection and muster of the National Guard of California for the year 1905. Wilhelm was detailed for the purpose by the secretary of war. He finds fault with the management of many companies in the State, but commends the militia as a whole.

He refers especially to Company B at Colusa and Company D at Marysville. He recommends that unless Company B of Colusa mends its ways it be disbanded. Company C of Nevada City is also adversely criticized. He thinks squad movements and steadiness in the ranks can be improved throughout the entire Second Regiment. He compliments Colonel H. I. Seymour on his attention to duty. With respect to the militia companies in San Francisco and Oakland conditions were found satisfactory in most instances, although the inspector makes many recommendations looking to the improvement of the armories and drill-grounds of the companies. He says the drill in the armories should be improved throughout the entire Fifth Regiment. Most of the companies in San Francisco and Oakland could be assembled for two or three hours. He considers that the supervision of the organized militia of the State by the higher officers is by no means sufficient.

UNITED AFTER BEING SEPARATED 52 YEARS

Lodi Scene of Happy Meeting Between Brother and Sister.

LODI, Sept. 12.—After being separated for more than half a century, Mrs. J. H. Murphy of Shasta County and her brother, John Murphy, met in Lodi. The meeting was brought about through a letter of inquiry sent by Dickenson to Attorney J. M. C. Murphy, a son of Mrs. Murphy, asking him if his mother's first name was Jeremiah. Upon being informed that it was Dickenson, who lives in Missouri, immediately started for California. The white-haired brother and sister could hardly realize that it was fifty-two years since they parted. It was in 1853 that Miss Dickenson started with a party in a prairie schooner for the Golden West. Her brother remained in Missouri, and for fifty-two years was unable to find a trace of his sister. He married in Shasta County and has been a resident of that mining region ever since. Although Dickenson's son has been employed in the Holt Harvester Works at Stockton for the last fifteen years, Mrs. Murphy was not aware of it.

WANTS STATE TO PAY FOR FOOD FOR DEER

Victim of Game Laws to Begin Action Against Washington.

Special Dispatch to The Call. SEATTLE, Sept. 12.—Eugene Lucas, a Mercer Island rancher, in a few days will file a suit against the State to recover several hundred dollars damages alleged to have resulted from wild deer eating the crops of his island. Under the laws of this State all islands in fresh water are game preserves. Lucas says the Mercer Island deer come down at night in droves and have eaten his corn, peas and other grains and vegetables until he has nothing left. As he is prohibited under the law from killing the animals he believes the State should stand for his losses.

MISSING NOBLEMAN HIDES WHEN BROKE

Discovered in Cheap Lodging-House Waiting for His Remittance.

Special Dispatch to The Call. SEATTLE, Sept. 12.—James Hamilton, nephew of the Duke of Abercorn and of the Countess of Warwick, and who was reported as missing by his friend, Arthur Game, who came here with him last week from Dawson, has been found. He is rooming in a cheap lodging-house waiting until September 21, when he expects to receive \$500 from the Duke. With this money he intends to start for England. In explanation of his action he says he did not want any one to know where he was until he had money. He refuses to discuss himself.

YOUNG COURT-MARTIAL WILL CONVENE AT MARE ISLAND

Judge Gear of Honolulu to Represent Defendants During Proceedings at Navy Yard.

VALLEJO, Sept. 12.—The court-martial will convene Friday at the navy yard. Judge Gear of Honolulu will represent the defendant. Eugene Wade is reported as much improved, but it is believed it will be three weeks before the officer can be present at the court-martial proceedings.

Appointed by Governor. SACRAMENTO, Sept. 13.—Governor Pardee to-day appointed George H. Cardiff of Butte City a member of the drainage commission of Sacramento valley, to represent Butte and Glenn counties. The Supervisors of those counties had failed to call an election for the position. The appointment of Cardiff was made upon a petition from a majority of the land owners in the two counties.

Hero of Two Wars Dend. SEATTLE, Sept. 12.—Lambert Naegele, for twelve years editor of the Montana Staats Zeitung, published at Helena, founder of the Minneapolis Free Press, a veteran of the Civil War, and survivor of the New Ulm, Minn., Sioux Indian massacre, is dead here, aged 73. He was the father of thirteen children. Killed While Stealing Ride. SANTA BARBARA, Sept. 13.—Joseph M. Burris, a young man beating his way north on a freight train, was run over three miles north of this city to-day. He died at the depot after being brought in on a passenger train. Both legs were severed by the wheels. His residence was given as 610 West Tenth street, Cheyenne, Wyo.

FAIR ROOMMATES PARTED BY ETHICAL QUESTION.

ONE AVERS OTHER IS THIEF Plea That Alleged Larceny Was Merely Borrowing Is Scouted by the Judge.

BY JAMES C. CRAWFORD.

Miss Beatrice Moffatt was pronounced guilty of having stolen certain articles of wearing apparel from Miss Deborah Miller, despite a defensive plea that the alleged larceny, if viewed from an ethical standpoint, was not larceny at all, but simply borrowing without having notified the owner of the wardrobe of intent to do so.

"Why, my gracious," said Miss Moffatt to Police Judge Morgan, "me and Deb were roommates, and I'm sure that she was welcome to help herself to any of my things that I wasn't wearing. I have roomed with other girls and we wore each other's things without ever saying, 'By your leave.' What has come over Deb gets me. If she had taken every stitch of clothes belonging to me I wouldn't a-had her arrested, for I know what she has brought back to me."



"That's so," quoth the Judge; "why hasn't she?" Then he informed Miss Moffatt that if she has not returned to Miss Miller that lady's missing wardrobe before high noon this day she will be more severely punished than she would be if \$250 restitution had been made. Whereupon Miss Moffatt tossed her head and guessed the things would be restored to her erstwhile roommate.

When Misses Moffatt and Miller jointly occupied a suite at 359 O'Farrell street, where Miss Moffatt performed manicuring and Miss Miller taught the pianoforte, being qualified to do so, she having studied her virtuoso in Mexico and Central America.

Joe Fitzsimmons ordered "ham an'" in an Eddy street cafe and fell asleep while the viands were in process of cooking, and when the white-sounding ham and the smoking dish undertook to awaken the slumberer by shaking him and bawling, "Kid, yer chuck's gittin' cold," he was rudely repulsed. A repetition of the endeavor to arouse him resulted in Mr. Fitzsimmons abruptly springing to his feet and hurling the platter of ham and eggs through a plate-glass window.

"I must a bin loaded," he said when arraigned for malicious mischief before Judge Fritz, who instantly pronounced him guilty of malicious mischief.

With a countenance that looked hardly less unlovely than did the visage of J. Edward Britt after the husky Dan had concluded pounding the L. V. Pert, stalwart and sad-voiced, told of how his facial disfigurement had been effected by Albert Vass, gray-whiskered and seemingly burdened with the decrepitude of years, whose only weapons were his fists.

The battery occurred at the home of Mr. Pert, at 10 Falmouth street, where Mr. Vass had called to see his wife's grandfather. The wife, the uncle, the nephew, neither Mr. Pert nor Mr. Vass could state with sufficient clearness to convey enlightenment to Judge Conlan, although both gentlemen intimated that a can of oysters and a can-opener, both of which figures in the earlier proceedings, the scene of which was the kitchen.

"If he were about half a century younger," Clerk Rice whispered to Prosecutor Weller, and alluding to Mr. Vass, "one Battling Nelson might not have to leave town to find a foe man worthy of his gloves."

"If this defendant were to meet the Battler at catch-ages right now it would be a fight to guess on," was the attorney's response.

Mr. Vass will be sentenced for battery. "Ah wish teh goodness ye'd let dis yah case ob mine go obah till Doc Lelan git back teh town," said Master Willie Wilson, who had disturbed the peace of an Afro-American ball and battered the stalwart policeman who arrested him. "Ah've wukked fo' Doc Lelan," he continued, "en Ah knows puffedly well dat he'll be yeah wif de good wud fo' me ef ye gives 'im de chance."

The little negro's request was granted. George A. Reeves, the milkman who cruelly neglected his wife and babies while he maintained illicit relationship with Mrs. Anna Welch, now in custody with a charge of adultery pending against her, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment by Judge Morgan.

"I regret," said his Honor, "that the law restrains me from making your punishment more severe, for you are the most contemptible wretch that has ever stood in that dock. You allowed your sick wife and helpless babies to suffer for life's necessities while you spent your earnings on your paramour, and you even of the condition and was hardly less to blame than your self. While your youngest child was less than a week old you taunted its mother, weak and ill as she was, by sitting at her bedside and telling her of your disgraced condition, and of the other woman. Brutality could hardly have gone any further than that, and the only adequate penalty for it would be to flog you to the post."

Reeves trembled beneath the scathing denunciation, and at its conclusion he whimpered, "I only answered her questions."

"Take him away," said the Judge, with a gesture expressively of disgust, and in ungentle manner. In which Bailiff Mahoney obeyed the order showed that he too held the miserable fellow in disesteem.

Cornelius Walsh, whose penchant for delivering sidewalk orations on current topics has oft led to his arrest, was shouting a monologue treating of the recent Britt-Nelson affair, when a policeman gathered him in from Kearny street. Not only was his declamatory method peace disturbing, but the profanity with which he freely interlarded his comments shocked the womanfolk who could not avoid hearing it. His sentiments, by the way, were exactly pro-Britt. Judge Morgan gave him three months.

Harmony hovered over the tables in the "wine joint" at 615 Commercial street when John O'Connor deliberately routed it by abusing several gentlemen who had ignored his request that they treat him.

"Youse needn't put on so much dog!" he angrily shouted, after all hope of his appeal being headed had fled. "Some uv youse bums t'inks dat w'en youse hev de price uv a quart uv fat-juice youse own de airth. But wait! Me time's a-comin' an' w'en it comes come of this w'ill regret this day, I now go forth to mooch enough uv de dinero to make youse look sick."

But he didn't go forth until he was ejected by the bartender, whose action was prompted by the command of a policeman who had just returned from a begging tour of the Western Addition and still had money to squander.

The enthusiasm of those in charge of the bazaar was high when the pastor, the Rev. Paul Branke, declared the fair and bazaar open, and as over 1000 tickets were sold before the opening of the doors the outlook for the increase of the building fund gave occasion for much rejoicing.

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Meyers' only recourse is to demand when they meet in the great beyond a personal accounting from Lindsay of his action in selling the same piece of property twice.

All James Means \$3 shoes reduced to \$2.50; agency will be discontinued. 16 Fourth st. Urbani Pleads Not Guilty. In Judge Lawlor's court yesterday, Julio J. Urbani pleaded not guilty to two charges of felony embezzlement, and the cases were continued till September 19 for trial. The defendant was confidential agent for Madame Luis Tetrzinski, the songstress, and she accuses him of embezzling sums aggregating \$27,000. He was arrested during the last grand opera season and has been held ever since.

We want to print your catalogue. Edward Knowles Company, printers, 24 Second st. SEEKS BOXING PERMIT.—The Yosemite Club, by George Gregory Mitchell, yesterday petitioned the Supervisors for permission to give a professional boxing exhibition in October.

Thomas J. Ryan, plumber, committed the double offense of being unregistered and leaving a train work which he undertook at Seventh and Point Lobos avenues in such condition as to endanger the health of several families. Engaged to effect the sanitation of six tenements without order and four of the flats were occupied ever a health officer discovered the menace. Judge Morgan gave Mr. Ryan until to-morrow to remedy the defects in his work, and after he has done that the question of his being plumbed without a license will be taken up.

COMPANY OWES NEARLY \$200,000

Authentic Statement of the Watsonville Transportation Company's Debts Filed

MANY ON THE SCHEDULE

Healy-Tibbitts Company of San Francisco Is Included Among the Creditors

SANTA CRUZ, Sept. 13.—The first authentic statement of the debts of the Watsonville Transportation Company was made public here to-day when Secretary Burnham of the insolvent railroad corporation filed a schedule in the Superior Court. This shows a total indebtedness of nearly \$200,000 in addition to the amount due on bonds. The company owes a much larger amount than has been all along supposed.

The chief creditor is the Central Trust Company of California, to which is due \$149,000. The Pajaro Valley Bank comes next with an unpaid balance on a loan of \$13,000. W. J. Rogers is credited with \$60,000; Healy-Tibbitts Company, contractors, have a claim for \$5283, and the Loma Prieta Lumber Company one for \$3023. About seventy-five other creditors in varying amounts make up a total of \$199,823, which the company's officials admit it owes and cannot pay.

Receiver Linderman is operating the road and is endeavoring to put it on a paying basis. The trial of Main and Rogers, who are accused of mismanaging the company's affairs, is awaiting the decision of Judge Smith as to the legality of the grand jury which found indictments against these officials.

GERMAN CONGREGATION OPENS A BAZAAR

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OUTCAST ARTIST KILLED BY CAR

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MAY DIE FROM HURTS

Is Left Lying Beside the Track by Men in Charge of the Electric Vehicle

Professor E. Koorman, a well-known artist from Holland, was run down and probably fatally injured last night by a street car at Ninth avenue and H street. Koorman was treated at the Park Hospital by Drs. Hill and Walsh. He is injured internally and may have a fracture of the skull. His left leg is broken.

Motorman John Laine of the car that struck the artist did not even stop after the accident, but left the injured man lying bleeding by the tracks. The car following picked up the injured man and carried him to the Park Hospital. Laine was taken into custody later by Policeman Kerrison and charged with battery.

Koorman lives on Ninth avenue and has been painting pictures of the sand dunes for the Holland Consul. Last night he started to walk home after sketching near the beach line. He says he did not hear the car that struck him until it was upon him. Koorman gained fame as an artist in Holland. His works were well known and admired throughout Germany and France. He is about 55 years of age and came to San Francisco a short time ago.

Y. M. C. A. Schools. The Young Men's Christian Association is making extensive preparations for the opening of the fall term of the night and day educational classes for men and employed boys at the association building, October 2. The school embraces a complete business course, and steam engineering as a specialty. The school covers studies from the fifth grade to preparation for the university. The night law school commenced its fifth year last week. Gymnasium privileges are included to students.

BURNS GETS THE AWARD.—United States Commissioner James P. Brown filed a report yesterday in the United States District Court finding that E. B. Burns, inventor in the case of John Bots et al. vs. gasoline motor advanced, was entitled to \$1000 for cash advance, and salary as chief engineer.

THIEVES VISIT PUBLIC SCHOOL.—The police were notified yesterday that the Agassiz School, Twenty-second and Barrett streets, was entered on Tuesday night by opening the windows. A class of children saw and several small articles of women's wearing apparel were stolen.

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AMUSEMENTS. ON WEDNESDAY THE 20th AT LYRIC HALL 119 EDDY STREET CONCERT For the Benefit of the Sufferers from the Earthquakes in Calabria, Italy.

MISCELLANEOUS AMUSEMENTS. ALHAMBRA GLICKMAN'S YIDDISH PLAYERS. FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY EVG'S The Jewish Massacre in Kishineff. Realistic Drama in Five Acts.

BASEBALL! AT RECREATION PARK Oakland vs. San Francisco. WED. THURS. and FRIDAY, 3:30 p. m. SATURDAY, 1:30 p. m. Admission, 50c; Grand Stand, 50c.

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OPHEM REFRESHING ATTRACTIONS! ROSE STAHL & CO.; Dan Quinlan and Kellar Mack; Francis Genard; Brown and Brown, and Ophem Motion Pictures.

COLUMBIA LEADING THEATRE THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK. EVERY NIGHT, INCLUDING SUNDAY, MATINEE SATURDAY. WILTON.

LACKAYE In Wm. A. Brady's Stupendous Production of "THE PIT" Adapted from Frank Norris' Novel. SPECIAL "TRIPLE" MATINEE Wednesday, September 20—Seats Ready, Wilton Lackaye as Svengali.

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