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OUR DEVOTED EMPLOYEES.

In coming back to its old home The Call would feel that it had neglected a duty were it to fail to publicly express its appreciation of the devotion of the staff generally and especially the heads of its mechanical departments.

Henry J. Wolters, superintending engineer of The Call buildings and power plant, himself performed a vast amount of restorative work during those thirty days.

Across the bay, in Oakland and Berkeley, other department heads were also doing most excellent work under conditions, which, to say the least, were trying.

The Call takes this method of publicly thanking these devoted employees for their loyalty in the recent trial, the severest that can befall a newspaper.

SAFEGUARD THE LIBRARIES.

Probably the most serious material loss by the San Francisco fire was the destruction of the libraries, public and private.

Before the fire we had two fine, large public libraries—the Mechanics-Mercantile and the Free Public Library. Now we have practically none.

It appears from the report of the Public Library Trustees, just submitted to Mayor Schmitz, that out of 166,344 volumes in the Public Library and its branches on April 17, only 23,000 were accounted for on May 1.

We should not permit ourselves to suffer another such loss in the future. Every safeguard which can be devised should be placed around our libraries, for they can never be fully restored.

Libraries are of too slow, expensive and laborious growth to be exposed to destruction by the elements. They are the educators of the young, the recreation and solace of the elderly, the comfort of the invalid, the moral uplifters of the community and at once the press and pulpit of millions of the human race.

Therefore in rebuilding the city we should neglect no precaution to insure as far as possible the safety of our future libraries. They should be contained in strictly fireproof buildings and the buildings themselves isolated, with plenty of vacant area on all four sides.

BUSINESS FIRST.

In times of pressing need the practical should take precedence over everything else. The present difference of opinion between the business men and the Burnham committee for the beautification of the city is a forcible presentation of this principle.

It is an urgent necessity that business should be resumed without any delay. Our banks and merchants are anxious to get trade conditions restored and they must not be hampered by the beautification committee, whose needs are not so urgent and can therefore wait a few days without detriment to itself.

Let us get back to business. The beautiful and ornamental can be considered later on.

THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX.

One of the many valuable lessons of the fire is the importance of the safe deposit box. Most, if not all, of the safety deposit vaults of the local banks have now been opened and practically every one has been found in the same condition as before the fire.

OPENING OF THE BANKS.

With the opening of the commercial banks on Wednesday the suspension of business for the past thirty days is virtually over. Checks may now be freely drawn and cashed and money will again circulate freely.

CANALACE BIG ISSUE OF BONDS

Brunner Makes Offer to Raise Money to Rebuild.

Favors Financing to Avert Burden of Taxation.

Henry Brunner, cashier of the Central Trust Company, has written to Mayor Schmitz that it will be possible to place a 4 per cent bond issue of the city and county of San Francisco abroad, and offers his services to act.

When the awful disaster overtook our beloved city of San Francisco I was in Paris, and my only thought from the moment I received the news was how to come back quickly and help in reorganizing business and do my part in building up Greater San Francisco.

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LEVETT GOES TO HAWAII TO SAMPLE SAKE BEVERAGE

If Case Is Lost, Government Will Be Obligated to Refund More Than \$1,000,000.

B. A. Levett, special assistant counsel for the Treasury Department, called at the Custom House yesterday to confer with Collector Stratton with reference to the duty on sake or misery wine.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals at New York has decided adversely to the Government, which had made out a very meager case. It is for the purpose of getting more testimony in another case now pending in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in this city that Mr. Levett is going to Honolulu.

FISK PROMISES NORMAL SERVICE BY NEXT SUNDAY

Obligated to Cripple His Force by Lending Seventy-Five Men to Oakland Postoffice.

Postmaster Fisk said yesterday that the fire had seriously hampered the efficiency of the postoffice in this city by destroying a large number of stations and their equipment. This loss compelled the office to devote all its resources to the handling of first-class mail and to keep second and third class matter waiting.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday: Felix Slane, 29, 2259 Geary street, and Agnes Foley, 27, San Francisco. Bruce D. Weatherhead, 21, 732 Hayes street, and Marnie McCann, 421 Pierce street. Edward Bauer, 33, and Annie Kunze, 18, both of San Francisco.

NEW LINE TO THE COAST WILL SOON BEGIN WORK

San Francisco, Idaho and Montana Railroad Said to Be Gould or Hill Project.

BOISE, Idaho, May 23.—The San Francisco, Idaho and Montana Railroad Company has decided to build a line from Butte, Mont., to Winnemucca, Nev., was reorganized here today at a meeting of stockholders.

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You will be surprised how improved you feel after a few days here. Pleasant surroundings, pure hotel, \$100.00 bath, \$1.00 completed. Three trains each way every day.

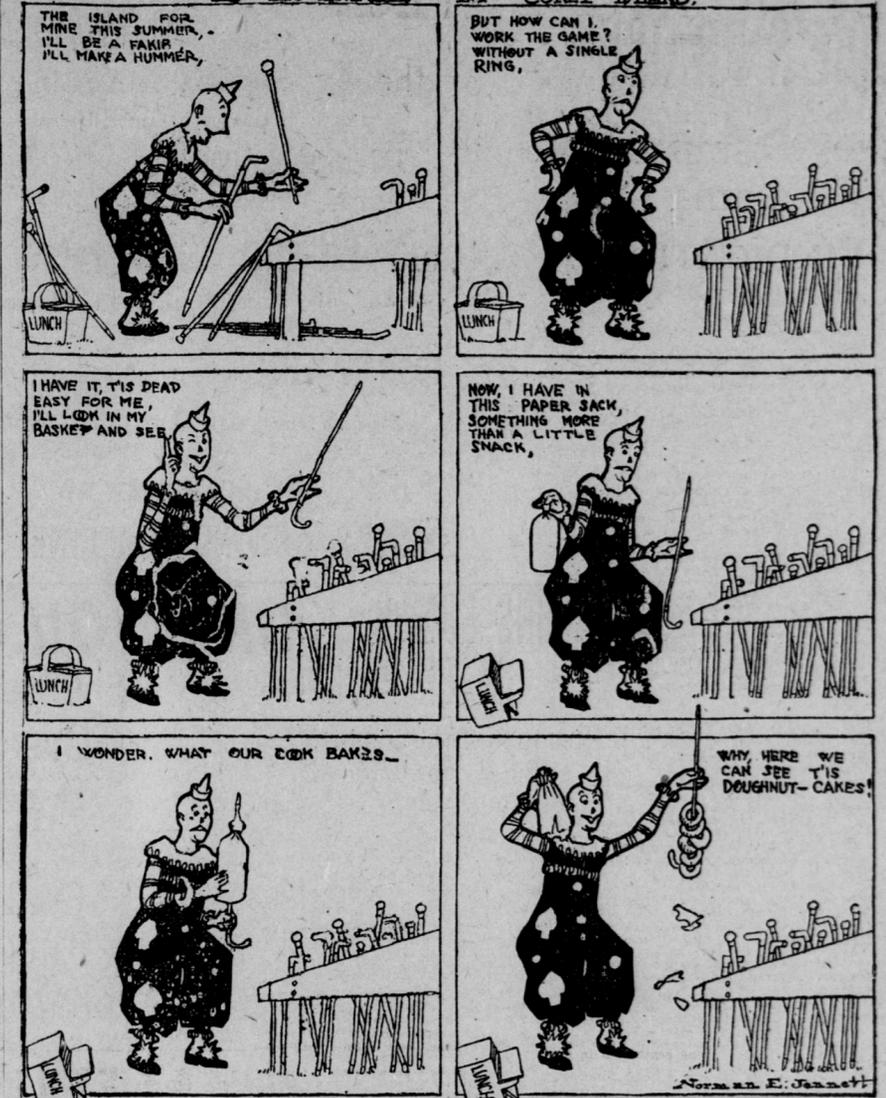
Three Lives for One.

HONOLULU, May 23.—Three of the five Koreans who recently were convicted of the murder of two of their countrymen were hanged today. The sentences of the other two were commuted by Acting Governor Atkinson to fifteen years' imprisonment each.

WITTMAN, LYMAN & CO.

Financial and electrical work, have resumed at 215 Polk st., bet. McAllister and Fulton.

MONKEY :: SHINES :: OF :: MARSELEEN



MASCOT KILLED BY AUTO-CYCLE

"Misery," the Dog, Meets End Near the Park Hospital.

Canine That Cheered Camp for Sick Is Run Down.

"Misery" is dead. Misery was a dog, the mascot of the Park Emergency Hospital. He joined the hospital staff when things were rusting and stuck till the death.

Along during the first rushing days, when chaos reigned and the surgeons, nurses and others at the hospital were busy as bees, a scraggy little nondescript dog of doubtful pedigree floated serenely into the camp.

Misery took to his new home with as much ease as a chairwarmer takes to a cozy saloon. He ate at the first table while things were good and waded fat as long as Mr. Miller had charge of the commissary.

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WORKING OVER A NEW BUDGET

Mayor and Committees Talk Over Financial Items.

Would Confine the Tax Rate to the Dollar Limit.

Mayor Schmitz and the committee on revenue and taxation, together with the finance committee of the Board of Supervisors, spent several hours yesterday morning in looking over the budgets of the city for several years past and studying the Auditor's reports, with a view of presenting a budget at the earliest opportunity and outlining plans for the assessment of the city from the present date.

It is the intention of the authorities to keep the tax rate for the city and county within the dollar limit if such a thing is possible and practicable and they say it is.

The reports of the Auditor pertaining to the valuation of city property for the last year was studied closely. The budget as presented by the Supervisors for many years past was also looked over and the figures compared by the committees. Mayor and several experts who were present.

The proposed appropriation for the improvement and beautification of the city was discussed and it is the object of the committees and the Mayor to arrange the tax schedule and pare down the unnecessary expenses of the city so that they will not fall too heavily upon the taxpayers in general.

The advisability of cutting down the expenses of the municipality will be an important question to be decided. Many of the committee are of the opinion that the city will be in a position to do away with a great deal of expense that it now incurs.

ORIGINAL BLOCK BOOK, MADE IN 1860, SAVED FROM FIRE

Recorder Nelson Finds It Among Volumes Taken From His Office After the Disaster.

Recorder John H. Nelson has found among the books saved from his office the original block book, giving the 50-acre and 100-acre lots. The book was made in 1860 and was filed in the Hall of Records by William P. Humphrey in 1871, who was then City and County Surveyor of San Francisco.

Recorder Nelson gave the book to City Engineer Thomas P. Woodward to make use of it in the present emergency. The book book is of great value at present, as it shows the boundary line of all the 50 and 100 acre lots and the blocks in which they are situated.

Picnic Organizations, Notice!

All organizations which have made contracts or arrangements with the Southern Pacific Company for excursions to New Sunset Park, Farnborough Park, Schuetzen Park at San Jose or Bay View Park at Martinez will please advise the General Passenger Office, Ferry Building, if it is their intention to follow the same on or after Thursday, May 31, 1906, cancellations will be considered canceled. C. R. S. FEE, Passenger Traffic Manager.

Maharajah of Baroda Visits Senate.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The Senate numbered among its spectators today a Prince of India in the person of the Maharajah, or Gaikwar, of Baroda, who occupied a seat in the gallery assigned to Senators and their families. The Prince was accompanied by his wife.

Policy Holders Unite.

Call at Policy Holders' Association, 1817 Laguna street.

CHURCH LAWS SHOULD RULE

Court Denies Injunction in Restraint of Merger.

Will Not Interfere in Dispute of Presbyterians.

DECATUR, Ill., May 23.—Judge Johns today refused the application for an injunction to restrain the union of the Presbyterian churches. He said the case has no parallel in the jurisprudence of the United States.

He treated the church as a voluntary organization, the acts of whose highest tribunal are binding on all members and could not be interfered with by the courts if the acts be fair and honest.

As to doctrine, the court held that "whether the doctrines of the Cumberland Presbyterian church are widely variant from those of the Presbyterian church is an ecclesiastical question solely upon which, having been decided by an ecclesiastical judiciary, the civil court is powerless to inquire."

The Judge's opinion was read in the assembly. Dr. Steele introduced a resolution that, in entering the union, the Cumberland Presbyterians do not surrender any integral part of their doctrine. He read a statement made by the original Cumberland Presbyterians, which said that the question of fatality would not affect the Presbyterian system of doctrine.

Dr. W. H. Black, president of the Missouri Valley College, the secretary, read the report of the committee on fraternity and union. The report on union was adopted 163 to 91. The anti-unionists filed a protest.

DES MOINES, May 23.—The cause of unionism between the Cumberland Presbyterian church and the Presbyterian general church in the United States, the latter being in session here now, received a decided impetus at today's session, when telegrams of good will and brotherly greetings were exchanged, the Cumberlandians being in session at Decatur, Ill.

The assembly adopted the report of the Board of Foreign Missions, embodying a number of important recommendations. The question of polygamy came up and a resolution was adopted asking the church in the various localities to lend its influence to the adoption of an amendment to the constitution of the United States prohibiting it.

Officers of the Woman's Home Missionary Board were selected and much routine business disposed of. A resolution memorializing Congress against appropriations of the public money for sectarian purposes was defeated.

Santa Clara Valley Fruit Crop.

SAN JOSE, May 23.—The present condition of the fruit crop in this valley, as summarized by the county grange from reports of members, is as follows: Apples, almost a failure; pines, spotted, 60 per cent of good crop; peaches, Muls, good, Crawford and Fosters fair, Salways almost a failure; cherries, black varieties one-half crop, white varieties fair.

Cheap Round-Trip Rates East Via Northern Pacific Railway.

Chicago and return, \$26. St. Paul and return, \$20; also special rates to New York, Boston, St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha and return, on sale June 6 to 7, August 7, 8, 9, Sept. 8 and 10. Make reservations now. Do not lose this side trip into Yellowstone Park. Write for all information, T. K. Statler, General Agent, 1114 Broadway, Oakland, Cal.

SOCIETY IS TOLD OF THE BETROTHAL OF MISS PIPPY

By Sally Sharp.

Colonel and Mrs. George H. Pippy announce the engagement of their daughter Florence to John William Plant of St. Louis. Mr. Plant is general manager of the Folsom Development Company.

The artists' coterie will be greatly astonished to learn of the sudden and romantic marriage on Tuesday afternoon of Miss Grace Rollins, the pianist, and one of the young newspaper men, W. S. Hunt.

Mrs. Hunt almost lost her life in her studio at Merchant and Montgomery streets—but through her determination to eliminate hard luck tales? At any rate, Mr. Hunt was gallantly in at the rescue, and the denouement happened on Tuesday.

They were wedded by the Rev. Mr. Willey and went over to the Hotel Rafael for a brief honeymoon.

Miss Noelle de Golla and Challen Rogers Parker were quietly married last evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George de Golla, on Harrison street, Oakland. The affair, which originally was intended to be elaborate, included only the bride's intimate friends and Miss members of the younger set.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bayne, whose pretty home at Washington and Hyde streets was home-joyed by the bride and groom, in the home of Mrs. E. H. Russell and Miss Susie Russell at 305 Laurel street.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walton Tully will sail for Europe in December. Miss Annie Tully is leaving Saturday for New York to be the guest of her brother in the meantime. She will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Tully, remaining on the other continent for a lengthy period to study music.

The Withrow home, at 2016 Pine street, is about to be leased to the Press Club. Miss Marie and Evelyn Withrow will soon leave to spend the summer out of town.

Mrs. C. T. Deane, who is a director of the Old Ladies' Home, lost her beautiful Santa Anita ranch, near Los Angeles, at the time of the earthquake. She will return to town shortly and occupy her Haight-street home, which was uninjured.

Mrs. Hull McCloughry, wife of the assistant postmaster, was a guest at Santa Anita ranch, near Los Angeles, at the time of the earthquake. She will return to town shortly and occupy her Haight-street home, which was uninjured.

Dr. Philip Mills Jones has gone East on a short business trip concerning the California Medical Journal, of which he is editor. Mrs. Jones will remain in Los Angeles several weeks.

FAMOUS MONTEREY SUIT IS THROWN OUT OF COURT

Original Complainant, Gore, Dies in the Interim and Time for Appeal to Circuit Court Expires.

The recent earthquake and fire figured yesterday in the United States circuit court, when Judge Morrow dismissed a motion for an appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals of the case of J. C. Gore Jr. vs. the United States of America and the Pacific Improvement Company.

The petition for the appeal is made by Hamilton Gay Howard, the surviving complainant. Gore having lost his life on April 18, the suit had been brought to recover the Hotel Del Monte property, and a large tract of land comprising to famous seventeen-mile drive in Monterey County. The final decree on demurrer dismissing the bill of complaint was made on June 2, 1904, and on the 27th of the same month an appeal was allowed to the Supreme Court of the United States by Judge de Haven, sitting as Circuit Judge, on December 4, 1905, the suit was dismissed for want of jurisdiction. Howard said forth that the proceedings in the prothonotary of the United States circuit court were not sufficient to enable the appellant to proceed with the appeal. Judge Morrow held that the time for appeal had lapsed and dismissed the whole matter.

VETERANS OF CIVIL WAR IN ELECTRIC CAR WRECK

More Than Seventy Old Soldiers Attending a Grand Army Encampment in Indiana Are Injured.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., May 23.—One man was killed and nearly seventy old soldiers were injured, some seriously, in a collision in the Lafayette-Battleground electric road today, when a car was crowded with veterans attending the Grand Army encampment.

The collision occurred at a switch. One car was coming south to the city from Battleground, loaded with veterans, and the other was outward bound, carrying old soldiers.

Charles Roubeshaw, motorman of the south-bound car, was killed. Both cars were demolished. A dozen or more surgeons were summoned and the injured were brought to St. Elizabeth Hospital. It is believed all will recover.

Students to Be Expelled.

ANDOVER, Mass., May 23.—Between fifteen and twenty boys, students at the Phillips-Andover Academy, will be expelled from the school, it was announced today, because of their participation last Friday night in a plot which resulted in John M. Stewart, the proprietor of Phillips Inn, being roughly handled and thrown into a pond. This action was taken because the boys believed that Stewart had reported one of their number to the school faculty for violating the school regulations. More than 100 students were in the crowd which marched to the inn, but according to Principal Stearns, only fifteen or twenty actually handled Stewart or were involved in the mix-up later when he was thrown into the pond.

Editor Is Appointed Commissioner.

BOSTON, May 23.—Stephen O'Mara, formerly editor of the Boston Journal, today was appointed Police Commissioner of this city by Governor Guild. The office has been newly created.

Southern Pacific Excursion to Louisville, Kentucky.

Round trip, \$75.00; tickets good to leave on any train June 6 to 7; change of routes after that date. Make reservations now. Do not lose this side trip into Yellowstone Park. Write for all information, T. K. Statler, General Agent, 1114 Broadway, Oakland, Cal.