

FLIRTIATION WON.

The California Stakes Go to the Filly.

SORRY FEMALE PLUNGERS.

How They Came to Bet on Tigress Instead of Gypsy Girl, a Victorious 20 to 1 Shot.

The California stakes, for two-year-olds, has been run again.

Yesterday eight of the best-bred youngsters ever seen on the turf this side of the Rockies contended for it, and Flirtation, a grandly bred, handsome and race-looking colt, won it easily.

There have been better days for racing, yet about 2000 people braved the uncertain weather and gathered in the open at the Bay District.

Whenever the spring meeting of the Blood-horse Association comes on rain is generally expected. Now, many were willing to gamble that it would rain yesterday because a stake race was to be run over the course.

It was not to be expected that every one can be a weather prophet, or even see the signs of the Government's report. Those who can see these things can't read them, and there you are.

In consequence, when it rained spasmodically, and in gorgeous summer suits, and others wearing delightful spring coverings, could be seen running into covered walks, and others standing by the wayside with worn by-land-lubbers on their first day out at sea.

The trainers did not know whether to prepare for a flood or for a drought, so many of them arranged their steeds and jockeys according to circumstances.

There were many ladies in the grand condition of the track. She is well entered for \$2000, and she is a thorough race, should do well.

Revolver, an excellent performer who has been in the hands of the late trainer, should do well.

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LEPERS AT LARGE.

Escape of Three Pesthouse Patients.

THEIR QUARTERS TOO FLIMS.

Two Hawaiians Have Been Gone Since Last Wednesday, and a Chinaman Left on Monday.

Three lepers are missing from the Pest-house, and the police are using every effort to locate them, but as two of them have been gone since last Wednesday there is little hope of their capture.

Although there has been a general outcry against the present condition and site of the Pest-house, the Board of Supervisors has not yet secured a place where patients with dreaded maladies can be held in secure confinement.

The escape of the three lepers from the Pest-house is not up to requirements, and that any inmate who desires to leave the place at any time can do so with little fear of being intercepted.

Of the three men, one has had a former experience in getting away from the place. His name is William Horn, and it will be recalled by many people that he left the institution February 12, 1890, to come to the city, and after a short stay he returned to the hospital. After an absence of three years he voluntarily returned February 13, 1893.

Mr. Mackay expects to be out on the first bright day this week. He is tired of being penned up, but the arrival of his family has helped to pass the time away in a pleasant manner. Mr. Mackay also denied himself to callers, though many cards were sent to him, and he refused to receive them.

There is a movement on foot to entertain the lepers at the Press Club during the absence of the lepers, but it will be in the shape of an informal reception.

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Mayor Ellert's Message Is Perfectly Safe.

THE BOARD MAY BE MANDAMUSED BY THE MAYOR AND ROGERS' RESOLUTION TESTED IN THE COURTS.

The municipal water question is a terrible muddle.

It was the leading topic of interest yesterday when the Board of Supervisors met.

Nobody seems to understand it, or to know what is going to be done.

Neither Mayor, nor Supervisors, nor Spring Valley men, nor rate-payers know exactly where they stand.

All of this confusion resulted from the action of the Board of Supervisors on Monday night.

A water ordinance had been passed, the Mayor, following what he thought was his duty under the law, and established precedent in the exercise of the veto power, had written an ordinance back to the board with his dissent.

Such had been the custom of the city's executive since the organization of the municipal government. In case he disapproved of any measure.

The ordinance was received and ordered published according to the usual custom. Objection was raised, but the Mayor stated that he was not to be bound by the action of the Board of Supervisors.

At first, looking at Supervisor Rogers' resolution, I thought it obliterated the message entirely. Subsequently, when I came to look at the resolution, I found that it referred to the Mayor's veto, designated as an order, and I saw that I had to publish it.

It was made a part of the necessary resolution. I had to publish what the Mayor's resolution referred to. I recognized that the Mayor's veto was not to be omitted from the publication of the resolution. Now, what action the board will take in the matter I do not know.

How can the courts take cognizance of the matter? "Any ratepayer can bring a suit," replied Clerk Russell. "He can state that he has paid a higher rate than is justified, and then call on the board to reduce it. The board having been improperly passed, the action having been taken on the Mayor's veto, you put the board in a position where the clip of unfinished business to be taken up at the next meeting of the board."

"It is not within the purview of my duty to put it on the clip. The board ordered that no action be taken in the matter and I have no right to do so," said the Mayor.

"The Mayor's veto message was published after all," said Supervisor Hinton, gleefully. "That complies the message, and it has passed the necessary steps."

"There is one point about this business which has not been touched upon," said Supervisor Hinton. "There is a doctrine of the law which says you cannot do directly what you cannot do indirectly. Now, if the Mayor's veto message is necessary to override the Mayor's veto."

"I do not wish to attack the honesty of any member of the board," said Supervisor Hinton. "But it is a very sharp trick work. It does not look well to spring such a resolution as Rogers did on the board. It is a resolution which has better grace from Attorney Herrin of the Valley Company."

"I have no opinion," said Mayor Ellert. "I will not like to express an opinion. I must say, however, that touching the question of the question, that the point raised by the Mayor's resolution is a very interesting one."

"It is interesting to the ratepayers also," said Mayor Ellert. "I have to go down in their pockets, and they have to go down in mine."

"That is so. But it is a question, now being raised for the first time, that should be decided by the courts. It is a question which is not always so on until adjudicated. By this I do not mean to say that the Mayor has no right to veto a water ordinance, I mean to say that it would be better to have the matter settled by the courts."

BISHOP KIP'S WIDOW.

The Salary of Her Husband May Be Continued.

On the first Tuesday in May will be held in this city a convention of the Episcopal clergy and lay brethren of the San Francisco diocese.

At that meeting an effort will be made to grant to the widow of the late Bishop Kip the salary of that diocese during the bereavement of her husband.

The late Bishop Kip is now 80 years of age and is beloved by all the members of her church and his widow is a woman of high character and noble mind.

It was said that the Bishop will make the claim that the Supervisors have not properly performed their duty in not continuing the salary of the late Bishop Kip.

A reporter of THE CALL visited Mayor Ellert and inquired of him what he proposed to do in regard to the action of the Board of Supervisors in not continuing the salary of the late Bishop Kip.

"I would not think it proper to continue the salary of the late Bishop Kip," said Mayor Ellert. "I have no objection to the Board of Supervisors continuing the salary of the late Bishop Kip, but I have no objection to the Board of Supervisors continuing the salary of the late Bishop Kip."

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MRS. MACKAY RESTING.

No Callers Received at Her Palace Hotel Apartments.

Mrs. John W. Mackay has been taking a rest in her apartments at the Palace Hotel, and yesterday denied herself to all callers.

Despite the hundreds of cards sent to her room, Mrs. Mackay has instructed the clerks at the hotel to inform all her friends that she desires a few days' rest after her long journey, but that she will be "at home" some day during the latter part of the week.

Thus far the lady has not left the hotel since her arrival, but her friends have been enjoying an outing visiting old and familiar scenes in and around the city.

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