

NO LETTERS LEFT.

Postal Carriers Took a Day Off.

BUT THEY RACED FOR MEDALS.

Wheelmen Disgusted at the Lack of Races.

NO REASON FOR POSTPONEMENT.

Members of the San Francisco Turn Bezik Will Celebrate—Fire-works To-Night.

THE PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

- 1 P. M.—Chiming of the bells in Liberal Arts tower.
2 P. M.—Arrival of San Francisco Turn Bezik and Turner exercises on recreation grounds.
3:30 P. M.—Waltzman's performance on the high wire in central court.
4:45 P. M.—Grand concert by Cassara's Midwinter Exposition band in Liberal Arts building.
5 P. M.—Grand concert by Mexican band in music pavilion, near Administration building.
6 P. M.—Evening chimes on the bells.
7:30 P. M.—Grand illumination of the exposition buildings and central court.

The shortest men in the Postoffice. The winner was Norman Sanders in 13.3.5 sec. with Toby Holz second and McGilroy O'Neil third.
In the mile race for amateurs, McLaughlin won in 5 min. 33 sec. with J. I. Hogan second, prize was won by W. O. G. with a record of 37 min. 44 sec. Frank Tyrer third at 43 feet 35 inches and H. P. Cooky fourth at 29 feet 6 inches.

THE MATTER OF REBUILDING IS UNCERTAIN.
The Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage arrived in the city yesterday morning and is a guest at the Palace. He came around by the Southern route and says the prospects for a great cotton crop and an exceptionally fine yield of grain in Mississippi, Arkansas and other Southern States are of the best.

TALMAGE ARRIVES

Now on a Journey Around the World.

LOSS OF THE TABERNALE.

The Matter of Rebuilding Is Uncertain.

THREE TIMES IT WAS BURNED.

The Eminent Divine Talks About His Trip and Says a Word or Two on Politics.

Incidentally during his remarks at the gratification he felt to be once more able to visit San Francisco, Mr. Talmage mentioned the fact that Benjamin F. Avery, who in early days was an editor, was a brother-in-law of his. Mr. Avery, he said, was appointed minister to China by President Lincoln, and died in that country.
"I believe we are at the door of great national prosperity, and if Congress will

given—one on Tuesday night by the citizens of Brooklyn, which was presided over by the Mayor, and the second on Friday night, which was of international importance and at which ex-Secretary of the Navy Benjamin F. Tracy presided, and in which William F. Everts, Senator Patrick Walsh of Georgia and other prominent citizens in private, public and clerical life participated. Letters and telegrams were received from England's late Prime Minister, Mr. Gladstone, and from the Governors of nearly all the States and Territories in this country, the Bishop of London and many prominent clergymen in England.
"The Sunday following," said Mr. Talmage, "I preached my farewell sermon, and one-half hour afterward the whole structure was a mass of flames."
Talmage said that he had no concluded whether he would make Brooklyn his future home or not in case the trustees should decide not to rebuild. He desires to enjoy his present trip as much as possible and does not wish to worry about matters at home any more than necessary.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OUR PROGRAMME THIS WEEK
A NEW HAT in Blacks and Browns... Monday at... \$1.45 Matters Price \$4.00
JUST TAKE A PEEP... Into our big Kearny St. window... Fashionable Garments for Summer Wear that you've ever laid eyes upon... \$15.
From Our CUSTOM TAILORING SHOPS... In New York we just received One Hundred of those stylish Black Thibet suits, cut in the long Double Breasted Jacket Style... \$10.
Stylish ROUSERS... 200 Pairs of em... in Quiet Genteel Stripes... Perfectly Tailored... in ALL WOOL fabrics on sale... MONDAY at \$2.50



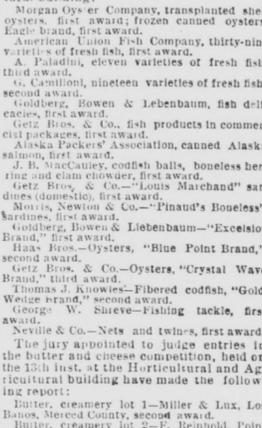
MARCHING THROUGH THE PANHANDLE TO THE FAIR.

7:45 P. M.—Final Sunday evening performance by Waltzman on the high wire.
8 P. M.—Concert by Mexican band in music pavilion, near Administration building.
8:10 and 9:30 P. M.—The wonderful electric fountain.
8:30 P. M.—Display of fireworks (postponed from yesterday) in honor of the letter-carriers.
General admission 50 cents, day and evening.
Gray uniforms were as rare at Sunset City yesterday as in the other districts of San Francisco, but, irrespective of their distinctive costumes, the letter-carriers of the city were very much in evidence at the Midwinter Fair, and despite the unpropitious weather, their celebration was highly successful.



MERRY LETTER-CARRIERS IN LINE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE PARK.

the numerical strength of the carriers and made a good appearance.
While the athletic events were in progress, the grand stand was well filled. The programme of field competitions was given with the following results:
In the 100-yard handicap run the first prize, a gold medal, was won by H. F. Hogan; the second prize, a silver medal, by J. J. Larkey; the third prize, by C. Fontaine; the fourth by W. Higgins. The winner's time was 11.32 seconds.
In the 200-yard race the winner was A. E. O'Neil second, the prizes in this event were a gold and a silver medal.
In the 50-yard run for carriers over 50 years of age the gold medal was won by James H. Smith in 8 seconds, and the silver medal by H. Stanley.
The mile handicap for professionals was won by Rae Locke, with Tom Beily second and J. Boyce, who was given sixty yards' start, third. The prizes were gold and silver medals.
In the race for the distance of 100 yards won by George Knox of the Midwinter station and the silver medal by E. W. Peabody of the main office.
The 220-yard scratch race was won by J. K. Larkey in 20.3 sec., and the gold medal went to him. The silver medal was won by M. O. the third prize by C. Fontaine, the fourth by J. Volmer, Edward Long coming in last.
Running high jump—The first prize (gold medal) went to H. Logan for a record of 4 feet 10 inches, the silver medal to P. N. Gaffney at 4 feet 9 inches, and the third prize to Frank Tyrer at 4 feet 7 inches.
In the three-legged race Barton and Higgins won the first prize in 22 sec. with Hogan and MacAuliffe second.



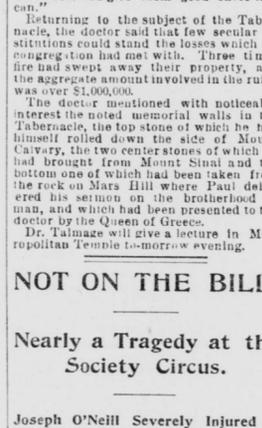
Dr. DeWitt Talmage.

only a journey, whatever action it may take on the tariff question, I feel assured that a tide will turn in favor of the people immediately," said he.
Quite naturally, almost the first question asked Mr. Talmage was about the Tabernacle and what course he should pursue as to its future.
"The Tabernacle is in ruins," said he, "and it is too early to talk about rebuilding. We have already built three great churches, all of which have been destroyed by fire. The late building was a masterpiece as it could be made, and was the finest structure of its kind in the world. All the newspaper talk of its having been a freetramp is apocryphal. It was so constructed that an audience of 6000 persons could have been dismissed out of the building in five minutes. I have been all over the world and have never seen a building which approached it in acoustic properties and adaptation for a great audience. The fire simply proves that there is nothing inconceivable in this world, as will be finally demonstrated, the critics of the contrary notwithstanding."
"The fire was of a mysterious origin, but I am of the opinion that both it and that which consumed the preceding structure were caused by the electric apparatus used in operating the organ."
The doctor spoke feelingly of the widespread sympathy evinced for his congregation by the people of the whole civilized world, and said that telegrams of condolence were received from all over this continent and Europe before the fire was out. "I was impressed with a feeling of gratitude," said he, "that in the fire there was no one hurt. Only a half hour before 6000 people were within the walls, and if



Joseph O'Neill Severely Injured as He Tried to Stop a Frantic Horse.

Society gave its last circus performance on the big lot at Market and Market streets yesterday afternoon, and treated the spectators to a thrilling performance not at all down on the bills. It nearly amounted to a tragedy, and was the cause of sudden faintings and many hysterical demonstrations from the ladies. Joseph O'Neill barely escaped being scalped at the end of it, and now lies at his home, 218 Chautauque street, a sorely wounded man.
Dictator J. had just been brought into the ring shortly after the performance began, and the 3000 spectators, many of them inmates of the city jail, were gazing in expectancy of his triumphant journey around the world. His driver, Charles Young, was just about to mount the sulky, which was a large one, when he dropped and the horse started. The driver had just time to get out of the way, when the animal dashed into the crowd which tried to stop him, scattering them in all directions. He was frantic, jumping and pawing as he went, again endeavoring to jump the barrier in an evident attempt to get among the spectators.
Joseph O'Neill, who had charge of the menagerie, was standing near the entrance and as the animal started, the second time he made a jump for the barrier. He missed it, however, and as the horse was swinging half around the hub of the sulky struck him full in the forehead.
There was a rush of women screaming and a couple of men rushing to the aid of the man who was struck for the ring and the maddened animal was



RUINS OF DR. TALMAGE'S TABERNALE IN NEW YORK.

a panic had occurred no one can tell what would have happened. As it was there were only twenty persons in the building and with fully twenty-five methods of egress they had no difficulty in effecting their escape."
As to what course will be pursued in the matter of rebuilding or what line he will follow in his future work the doctor is not able to make a statement at present. The question of rebuilding has been left entirely to the discretion of the board of trustees. "I telegraphed them from Washington to tell my people to be of good cheer," said he, "and that a beneficent providence would provide a way out of our difficulties."
"Personally," continued the doctor, "I like Brooklyn and I am intensely attracted to its people, but I am tired of fighting fire. I was willing to remain at home and let my present journey of six months around the world go, but my friends thought it best that my plans should not be altered because of our disaster."
The doctor dwelt at some length upon the singularity of the fire having followed directly after the mammoth reception given in honor of the termination of his twenty-fifth year as pastor of the congregation.
There were two or three receptions

TRADED IN FILTH. LATE SPORTING.
Publishers of Obscene Olympic Club Swimming Books in Jail.
Changes Made by the Wheelmen in the Dates of Club Meetings.
Harry Clark, the swimming instructor of the Olympic Club, who took part in the charity circus at Central Park, will not be seen while riding bareback, the annual supper and fell on its knees, causing Clark to miscalculate the distance, and, instead of landing upon his feet as he had intended, he struck the horse's neck with his shoulder, which caused the animal to sustain a slight injury. Yesterday morning he suffered severe pains in his back, and upon consulting a physician he was advised to rest. Clark, who is a collaborator and that the injury would prevent him from attending to his duties as swimming instructor for several weeks. It is about safe to say that Mr. Clark will not attend any future circuses while his services as bareback rider will be requested.

THE NEW RACETRACK.
That at Sunnyside Merely Meant as a Last Resource.
The truth about the proposed new track was brought to light yesterday in a talk with Tom Williams, president of the Jockey Club Association. Mr. Williams said:
"We have purchased a new track at Sunnyside. Yes, I'm interested in that. It has been bought, and it is possible that we shall grade it this summer. I am going with two engineers to view the ground and make some proposed changes.
"We are doing this for a purpose, of course. We don't know how long we can hold Bay District. And if we are kicked out we can go to Sunnyside. We will have everything ready and can run up building sheds, rails, etc., in a few weeks.
"Mr. Williams leaves for Japan on Tuesday on an extended trip.

A STORM OF FLOWERS.
Rained Upon the Swedish Ladies' Quartet.
All the Swedish couple seemed to be present yesterday evening at the grand farewell concert given in Metropolitan Temple by the Swedish Ladies' Quartet. The affair was a decided success from a musical standpoint, and the enthusiasm displayed by the audience was something quite remarkable.
The quartet, the members of which had aban-doned their peasant costumes for white silk evening gowns, opened the entertainment by singing Ah! "Morning Star" in a manner that brought them a hearty encore. The high notes, pretty Mrs. Noellin-Sveens, whose high notes are heard in the Swedish Quartet, and the alto, Miss Lindstrom, whose voice is heard in the Swedish Quartet, were particularly successful. The quartet, which should have closed the concert, but the audience demanded an encore, while the singing society literally pelted the girls in white with bouquets.

Died on the Steer.
The second mail of the steamer San Juan, whose name could not be ascertained by the coroner, fell dead on Sixth street last night.