

A REAL AIR LINE.

Across the Atlantic in Thirty Hours.

CAPTAIN WOLFF'S INVENTION

An Airship That Will Run by Gravitation.

SET FOR ONE THOUSAND HOURS

It Does Not Eat Fuel, Burn Coal Nor Waste Water—Can Sail Against Ordinary Winds.

Captain Maximilian Wolff, director of the Montzoffler Bureau of Engineering, claims that he has solved the problem of aerial navigation, and proposes to establish a regular line, or lines, of balloon trains, somewhere in the near future; also in America and Europe.

The idea of navigating the air has long been looked upon as the extreme limit of crankism, and the wrecks of airships and flying-machines have been scattered over all lands through ages past. Since the total collapse of the airship scheme of Frank Mariot, deceased, many years ago, scores of would-be solvers of the problem

IT WAS VERY HOT

And the Multitude Fled Seaward.

SCENE AT THE OCEAN BEACH

Adults as Well as Children Paddled in the Surf.

LARGE CROWDS IN THE PARK.

Captain Maddox and His Nephew Meet With an Accident and Are Thrown From Their Buggy.

Yesterday being Sunday the clerk of the weather got out his burning glasses and concentrated as many of the sun's rays as they could carry upon the city and county of San Francisco.

SHE IS PLUCKY.

Bertha Mitchell's Uphill Struggle.

Efforts of the Police and Street Department to Drive Her From the D-Street Fruit-Stand

Bertha Mitchell, the fruit-stand monopolist of D street, has for the past five or six months been in a peck of trouble in her endeavor to defend her rights to the monopoly. Bertha is only 19 years of age, and for a young girl not yet out of her teens, she has displayed a knowledge of law and a shrewdness in business tactics that would put many a business man in the shade.

During the time mentioned she has been arrested over a score of times on the charge of obstructing the street and every time she has succeeded in winning the case. But the police have kept up the warfare against her relentlessly. What added to Bertha's troubles was the appearance for a brief period of a competitor in the shape of an old fruit-peddler, and she was arrested on a battery upon him.

The Superintendent of Streets, W. W. Ackerson, finally joined in the warfare against Bertha, and on September 1 Deputy Sheriff Larry Dolan, acting under instructions of the Superintendent, seized her fruit-stand and fruit and confiscated them. Discouraged, but not defeated, Bertha, in her more contrived manner, by peddling fruit, procured a new outfit, and a day or two afterward, was doing a rushing business at the old stand. The latter part of the day, which again seized and confiscated the outfit.

Smarting under a sense of injustice Bertha consulted her attorneys, and the result was the filing of a writ of habeas corpus in the Superior Court against Superintendent Ackerson, Deputy Welch and "Richard Roe" and "John Doe," claiming \$500 damages for the all-eged wrongful seizure and loss of her property. She also applied for an injunction to restrain the defendants from interfering with her business.

Judge Sewall granted a temporary injunction, and fixed September 14 for hearing the parties to the suit. That day, owing to the absence from the city of Superintendent Ackerson, the hearing was postponed until September 20. In the meantime, the temporary injunction, acting under instructions from the Street Department, arrested Bertha about 11 o'clock yesterday morning and seized her outfit. She and her property were taken to the City Prison in the patrol wagon and she was booked on the charge of obstructing the street. She gave \$20 cash bail and was released. She immediately procured another outfit and started in at the old stand.

Police station about 2 o'clock, and Police-man Phillips was sent with the patrol wagon to again arrest her and seize her property.

Phillips had Bertha under arrest when her father came upon the scene and showed him the injunction papers. Phillips then released the papers, and, regarding that he knew nothing about them, his instructions being to arrest her for obstructing the street.

At all this time Golden Gate Park was like a beehive. Hordes and hordes of weary travelers wandered in all directions, and, regardless of the repeated warnings of "keep off the grass," many a city merchant overcame by heat and beer, sought his afternoon siesta beneath a shady bush on some grassy lawn, or, if not, built for one as well as two persons, filled here and there, while there were more hordes seen than any other day of the previous Sunday for a very long time indeed.

Around the band stand the people were packed so thickly that it was a mere life and death struggle to get in and out. The band was playing very merrily, and the park police had very little to do except to look very hot and very busy. One or two arrests were made for small offenses, but otherwise nothing. Bertha Mitchell, the girl who keeps the fruit stand outside the gates, got into some trouble, and was escorted, stand and all, to the police station. In her presence some relatives of hers came up with another wagon and strove to take her home at the end of the day.

Romances, by the way, it would not be surprising if the band of music, law descended upon them, and they, too, were "mattered in."

Talking of bugs, there was an accident that might have turned out very serious, and it attracted the more attention because of the standing of the parties. It appeared that Captain C. H. Maddox, well known in connection with the Hotel Vendome at San Jose, elected to go for a drive yesterday afternoon, accompanied by his nephew.

Starting from Captain Maddox's residence, at 2500 Pacific avenue, in a buggy and double team, they made for the ocean beach. They chose the North Ridge drive, in preference to the more beaten track, and had arrived just opposite to the Hayes street entrance, about 2 o'clock, when the accident occurred.

The near horse was a little frisky, and had contracted a habit of tossing his head. As the buggy passed the Hayes street entrance the horse lowered the head and the ring of the bit caught on the pole. The horse threw his head up suddenly, but the ring held fast, and the jerk was so great that the headstall snapped. The horse galloped, and in an instant away went buggy and pair at full gallop along the drive.

ALL FOR PURITY.

Candidates for Office Are Satisfied.

THEY LIKE THE NEW LAW

Because It Is a Persuasive Argument.

BUT SAY IT WILL BE BEATEN.

Various Schemes for Defeating the Election Law Are Discussed by Politicians.

The new "purity of election law" which goes into effect in this campaign for the first time is giving the politicians an unlimited field for speculation. They declare it can be beaten in a thousand and one ways, which, as a rule, they are only too willing to put to a test.

WATCH THE SPARS

A Sailor's Way of Judging the Temperature.

Henry Ericsson Says He Can Tell How Warm It Is by Ship's Masts.

Did you ever see a man who could tell the temperature by a ship's spars? Well, Henry Ericsson, late of the British ship Torisaida, that was in port twelve months ago, professes to be able to do it.

"When the glass registers between 80 and 90 degrees in the shade the ball becomes expanded. If then has the appearance of a blue ball, it is a sign of a hot day. If the temperature be between 70 and 80 degrees in the shade the ball is not noticeably at all, and if the temperature be between 60 and 70 degrees it is seen at all. In really cold weather the outlines of the trucks, spars and braces of the masts are clearly cut as if viewed in a lithograph."

"Now we will have a look at an iron ship's mast. There is the Alida at Green Bay, and the Alida is a very fine ship. Look sharply at the center portion of the foremast and see if you do not notice the waxy motion of the spars. If you do, the temperature is high, and if you do not, it is low."

"Come across the street. Now we are just in the middle of a hot day, and you will see the spars of the masts of the ships in the harbor. Look sharply at the center portion of the foremast and see if you do not notice the waxy motion of the spars. If you do, the temperature is high, and if you do not, it is low."

Saloons, especially those purveying ice-cream and draught, did a roaring trade, as did also the gentlemen of British origin who exhibit the trained birds. This morning the weather was very hot, and when, from time to time, he solicited small contributions from his audience, he sought the poor and needy not to "run away, ye know; for if ye have nothing ye can't give nothing, so just stay where ye are."

BASEBALL AT HAIGHT STREET Stockton Beat California in a Far From Errorless Game.

In the presence of comparatively few spectators the Stockton team defeated the California by a large majority, the score being 13 to 3. The game was played at Haight street, Stockton won with many runs, hits and errors.

There was nothing very brilliant about the play. Both teams appeared to lack practice, and there was some very wide hitting. The California team pitched over the ball in the first inning, and Mullins, who pitched for the rest of the game, pitched well.

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THEY MADE A VOW

Not to Contract Secret Marriages.

IT WAS TAKEN IN CHURCH

By Young Girls at Dr. Martin's Revival Service.

THE WHOLE TUDY OF WOMAN.

An Evangelist's Earnest Discourse for the Benefit of the Fair Sex Only.

There are about a hundred maidens in this city who promised and vowed yesterday afternoon never, however tempting the temptation, to assume the bonds of holy matrimony without the full consent of their parents or guardians.

There were tall girls and short ones, dark and fair, and girls of positive, comparative and superlative good looks. Some were not even good looking, but they all were pretty summer gowns, and there was much of the white and blue in their first youth.

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CHALLENGES OUT.

Rivalry Among Handball-Players.

WEEKLY COURSE.

A Twelve-Dog Stake Captured by Yreka.

At Ocean View yesterday the Pacific Coursing Club was defeated by the Yreka open stake. It was a fearful hot day, but little breeze from the ocean finding its way over to the coursing park.

The stakes was won after a pretty struggle by J. Quane's Yreka, a fairly useful dog.

Handball enthusiasts turned out in large numbers at the different courts yesterday and saw several closely contested games.

One of these was the game between J. Harlow and J. Dillon and Al Penneyer and G. Hutchinson at the San Francisco court, the fifth and deciding game being won by the two former by only one point.

Harlow and J. Lawless also played Penneyer and M. Dillon and won three straight.

The challenge issued a week ago by Harlow and Lawless to play a team from any other court for the double amateur championship of the Pacific Coast has not yet been accepted.

It was expected that a team from the Occidental would pick up the glove at once, but there has been a hitch. The challenge will not go ahead.

This challenge has also led to a proposition which has met with considerable favor. It is to have a handball tournament in a month or two weeks at the Occidental to decide the amateur championship in a series of single-handed games.

Several of the more prominent amateurs have already expressed their intention of taking part in the tournament, and there is little doubt but that it will take definite shape ere long.

It is believed that a better could be devised for booming the sport, which has made wonderful strides in popular favor during the year.

On the coast appeared for the first time at the Occidental yesterday in the person of Ben Chapman of Australia. He played against J. O'Brien and G. Comb and defeated them in three straight sets.

He is a finished player and made a most favorable impression. He will yet be heard of to advantage.

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PACHECO'S BAD BOY.

Five years, with a view to the care of his father, Everado Pacheco, by Judge Slack on Saturday, left yesterday for San Jose.

THE INGENIOUS PEDDLER.

Peddler—An introduction to a new and improved brand of combination toilet, kitchen, bathroom and shaving soap, in a warranted perfect for metals, woodwork, paint, varnish, clothes, teeth, skin, dishes.

Woman—No trouble getting soap in this house—got plenty. What we want is something that won't cost all my husband's money.

Redd—It's all right, ma'am—just the thing. Buy a case of this soap, and you'll find it will be a little to satisfy the family.—New York Weekly.

BRICKS FOR SALE.

The synagogue on Mason street, between Post and Geary, formerly occupied by the congregation Ohashi Shalom, is in process of demolition to prepare the site for the erection of the new building of the First National Synagogue West.

The most conspicuous sign about the rapidly disappearing building yesterday was one which reads "Bricks for sale." The synagogue was erected in 1865.

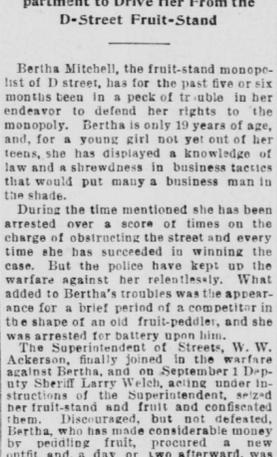
CAMERA CLUB.

J. B. Argenti will give a lecture at the rooms of the California Camera Club on Wednesday evening on "The Lens, Its Construction and General Uses."

Part twenty-nine of "Picturesque California" will be ready for distribution to "Call" subscribers to-day. It is devoted to the Paget Sound country, and can be obtained for 10 cents and one coupon.



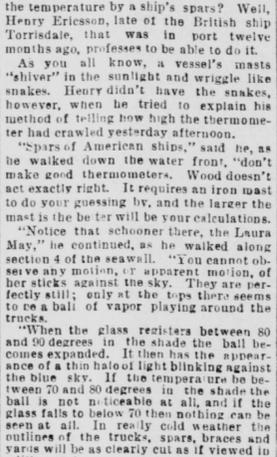
Captain Maximilian Wolff.



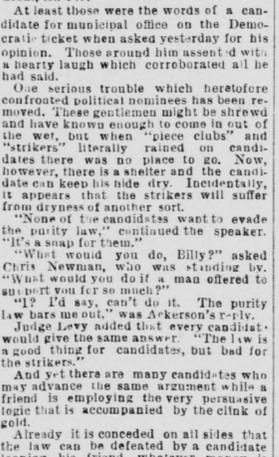
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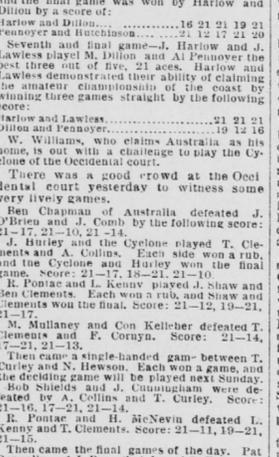
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