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The DAILY and WEEKLY EXAMINER have established in New York city, at No. 48 Tribune Building, an office for the convenience of Eastern advertisers. Messrs. Palmer & Rey will act as managers, and all Eastern advertisements will hereafter come through them.

Amusements This Evening.

ALCAZAR—The Banker's Daughter.
BUSH-STREET—Mam'zelle.
CALIFORNIA—The Ratcatcher.
TIVOLI—The Robbers.
PANORAMA—Battle of Waterloo.

Auction Sales This Day.

By Edward S. Spear & Co.—10 A. M., 31-33 Sutter street, furniture of a lodging-house.

By Bovee, Toy & Co.—11 A. M., 19 Montgomery street, paintings, bronzes, etc.

By R. D. W. Davis & Co.—211 Pine street, boots, shoes, etc.

THE WEATHER.

Signal Service, United States Army, Division of the Pacific.

SAN FRANCISCO (Cal.), December 17, 1886. 8 P. M. (Pacific Time).

Synopsis for the past twenty-four hours.—The barometer has generally risen, and is now from two to three tenths of an inch above the normal from Central California northward; the pressure is highest over Lake Tahoe, and lowest off the Southern California Coast. Northwesterly winds have generally prevailed over Northern California; elsewhere they have been light and variable. The temperature has remained nearly stationary. ...

AN APPALLING DISASTER.

One of the most appalling disasters that ever occurred on this Coast was involved in the wreck of the whaling bark Atlantic near the Cliff House yesterday morning. Out of a crew of forty men only nine were saved. The details of the catastrophe, which are given in full in the EXAMINER to-day, disclose one of those unforeseen accidents to which all voyagers upon the sea are liable. It is possible, however, that had the Atlantic been a more seaworthy vessel the fatality would not have been so great. But the vessel is described as being rotten and unsafe. Striking on the sand, and with the fierce breakers beating over it, the ship rapidly went to pieces. In time, of course, these would have destroyed even a stancher vessel, but there was little resistance offered by the rotten timbers of the Atlantic. It is thought by many that, so weak was her hull and unsafe her condition generally, she would have been unable to withstand a storm at sea of ordinary violence. Yet this rotten and dangerous deathtrap was fitted out for a long and hazardous voyage on the most treacherous ocean known to navigators, and freighted with forty human lives.

In the investigation which this disaster must lead to the responsibility for sending to sea such a ship as this should be definitely fixed, and the facts given to the public. If all that is said about it is true, the parties who took the risk of sending the Atlantic on a voyage in the condition in which she evidently was have recklessly trifled with the lives of their fellow-men, and ought in some way to be made amenable for an event that is lacking in none of the characteristics of a dreadful crime.

It is of course understood that whaling vessels are usually selected from ships that are not adapted to passenger traffic, or are constructed with an eye single to their peculiar calling. But this in itself by no means excuses the practice of sending weak and decaying ships out upon the ocean, as we are led to believe is frequently done.

In this case the vessel seems to have been lost by reason of the wind dying out and the ship drifting with the tide on to the beach. If the tug which escorted her across the bar had carried her farther out to sea, it is possible that the accident might have been avoided. But this is conjecture, and no one can tell. What we do know is, that ...

BURNED AT ANCHOR.

Destruction of the Steam Whaler Mary and Helen.

A Midnight Spectacle Off the Potrero Oil Wharf.

Explosion of the Powder Magazine and Death of Captain Miller of the Tug Water Witch—Engineer Harvey Injured.

Shortly before 12 o'clock on Thursday night John Dobbs, ship-keeper on board the steam-whaler Mary and Helen, lying in the stream off the Arctic Oil Company's wharf at the Potrero, perceived smoke issuing from the smokestack of the vessel.

Knowing that no fires had been started in the furnaces, he hastened below to discover the cause.

On approaching the fire-room he was all but overcome with the dense volume of heavy smoke and heat which met his advances. He struggled back on deck and arrived in time to see flames burst from the deck abaft the smoke-stack. He at once gave the alarm and the fire-boat Governor Irwin was telephoned for.

The Captain of the latter showed little desire to move until he received orders from Chief Scannell, and another message was sent to Vallejo-street wharf to the Pacific Towboat Company.

The tug Water Witch, Captain Thomas J. Miller Jr., was dispatched to the rescue. When she arrived near the Mary and Helen, the latter was enveloped in flames. The oil-soaked timbers burnt like so much tinder and soon the whole of Mission bay was illuminated with the brilliant glow.

Disastrous though the fire was, yet withal it was a most picturesque and interesting sight. The flames caught in the ropes and spars and chased each other aloft along the ratlines. The masts were soon columns of fire towering above the burning hull.

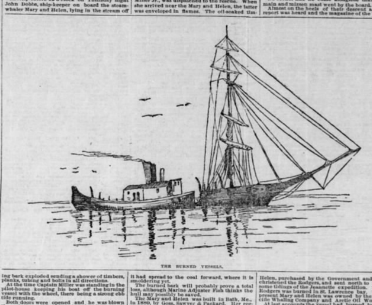
Soon after the arrival of the Water Witch other tugs put in an appearance.

Captain Miller ran under the stern to endeavor if possible to make fast and tow the ill-fated vessel from her dangerous proximity to other craft hard by.

He was warned that there was powder on board the whaler, and there was consequently danger from a sudden explosion, but he heeded not.

No sooner had he come alongside than the main and mizzen mast went by the board.

Almost on the heels of their descent a loud report was heard and the magazine of the burning bark exploded sending a shower of timbers, planks, tubing and bolts in all directions.



THE BURNED VESSELS.

At the time Captain Miller was standing in the pilot-house keeping his boat off the burning vessel with the wheel, there being a strong ebb tide running.

Both doors were opened and he was blown through the port door overboard and drowned. His hat was found by the wheel uninjured, so that the young man was evidently not hurt by any flying missile. His body has not been found, although the oil works have offered a reward of $100 for its recovery, and men are dragging the water for it.

Captain Miller was between 22 and 23 years of age and son of Captain Miller of the tug Monarch. He was a young man of good habits and respected by all who knew him.

At the same time William Harvey, brother of Captain G. H. Harvey of the Rescue, the engineer of the Water Witch, was struck by flying splinters and injured severely. He was taken ashore and conveyed to his home. The burning vessel was subsequently towed on the mud flats, and later the Governor Irwin arrived and began pumping water into her. The fire in the after-hold was soon subdued, but in the interim it had spread to the coal forward, where it is smoldering yet.

The burned bark will probably prove a total loss, although Marine Adjuster Fish thinks the hull may possibly be saved.

The Mary and Helen was built in Bath, Me., in 1880, by Goss, Sawyer & Packard. Her registered tonnage was 508, and she was in command of Captain J. F. Brooks. She had made four whaling trips, arriving from the last on the 12th of November with 600 barrels of oil and 11,500 pounds of bone as her catch. She was about to put to sea for her fifth cruise, this morning having been set for her departure. In consequence she was entirely fitted out with stores, provisions, etc. Most of her crew had signed articles and sent their dunnage aboard, but were not going to put in an appearance themselves until yesterday, when the complement was also to be filled. The vessel was valued at $75,000, which, taken with $10,000 worth of stores on board of her when she was destroyed, will make the total loss about $85,000, exclusive of the effects of the officers and crew. The insurance is about $50,000, most of which was held in English companies. The bark was the successor of the Mary and Helen, purchased by the Government and rechristened the Rodgers, and sent north to find some tidings of the Jeannette expedition. The Rodgers was burned in St. Lawrence bay. The present Mary and Helen was owned by the Pacific Whaling Company and Arctic Oil Works.

At last accounts the vessel had burned to the water's edge from the region of her foremast aft. That stick alone was left standing, with a twisted and curled smokestack.

The origin of the fire is as yet unknown. The company claim that it was the result of spontaneous combustion either in the coal or loose waste lying about.

Cleaned Up Thoroughly.

James Harris, who was in charge of the engineer's department of the Mary and Ellen, and worked until 5 o'clock on Thursday afternoon cleaning up the machinery and preparing everything for the voyage, denies emphatically the statement that any waste or rubbish was allowed to remain about the engine-room. He cleaned up everything thoroughly, and when he left the ship he could not smell any smoke.

THE CITRUS FAIR.

A Large Portion of the Fruit to be Sent to Chicago.

Additional Awards Made to Exhibitors Yesterday.

It was resolved to close the fair to-morrow night and send it on immediately to Chicago. This decision was only reached after some debate, as the success of the exhibition has been so satisfactory that many were in favor of keeping the fair open another week in this city.

Considerable dissatisfaction was expressed this afternoon over the award of the first prize for raisins to George W. Meade & Co. It was claimed that it was an injustice to let a ...

... tors decided to send E. J. Gregory on to Chicago on Sunday night to make the necessary arrangements for opening the fair there. The Southern Pacific Company was notified that transportation for two men and several cars would be required Wednesday, the company having previously signified its willingness to furnish the needed facilities for transportation.

THE STRIKERS.

Stone-Throwing on the Sutter-Street Cable Road.

A Mass Meeting to Be Held This Afternoon.

... vestigate the charge against the White Cooks and Waiters of patronizing 10-cent barber shops showed the allegations to be false.

The following preamble and resolutions in regard to the carmen's strike were adopted:

WHEREAS, The carmen, a sober, industrious and in every way a body of representative American citizens, while peacefully proceeding through the public streets of this city were murderously assaulted by a band of cutthroats headed by one McCord; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Federation call a grand mass meeting of all the wageworkers and sympathizing citizens of San Francisco and suburbs, to be held on Fifth street, in front of the Mint, on Saturday, December 18th, at 2 o'clock P. M.; and be it further

Resolved, That after thorough discussion of the pending strike by speakers selected by this body, a procession be formed which shall march down Fifth street to Market to Geary, up Geary to Cemetery avenue, down Cemetery avenue to Sutter street, and down Sutter to the junction of Market and Sutter, to demonstrate to the said car company the feelings of the people regarding the anarchistic course of said McCord in this strike.

Various unions asked permission to assess themselves for the benefit of the striking carmen.

The following nominations were made: President, W. A. Bushnell; Vice-President, H. Gutstadt; Recording Secretary, P. R. Martin; Financial Secretary, E. G. Anderson; Statistical Secretary, J. K. Phillips; corresponding Secretary, E. D. McKinly; Treasurer, F. Mergenthaler.

THE MESSENGERS.

They Effect an Organization—The S. F. Co. Boys Walk Out.

The striking messenger boys of the American District Company were yesterday joined by the San Francisco Company boys, who made a demand on Superintendent Gill for 75 cents a day instead of 5 cents a message, as heretofore paid. Their intention to strike was resolved upon at a meeting held at midnight of Thursday. Superintendent Gill anticipated their proceeding and posted a notice in the office warning all who did not appear for work yesterday morning that they could consider themselves discharged. Notice was sent to the parents of the boys failing to put in an appearance, but in a majority of cases the letters were intercepted by the youngsters. The committees appointed by both striking bodies to confer with the Superintendents visited them yesterday. Superintendent Gill could not be seen, but Charles L. Ackerman, one of the Directors, told the committee that the same wages would be paid as by the other company. He also informed them that he had contracted with the Mackay-Bennett Cable Company to deliver all its dispatches after the 1st of March next and they could then earn more money at 5 cents a message.

Superintendent Phillips, after reproaching the boys who waited upon him for taking him by surprise in striking, told them he would try and arrange the matter.

At 2 o'clock the Conference Committee again visited Superintendent Phillips, but were told that their demands would not be granted.

The committee then repaired to New Music Hall, where the messengers had gathered, and a permanent organization was effected, with the following officers: Noble Hunter, President; George Burr, Vice-President; J. Lones, Secretary; George Sorey, Financial Secretary; M. Mahoney, Corresponding Secretary; George Jacobson, Treasurer; A. Naude, Sergeant-at-Arms. William Taylor was elected Captain of Parades and E. T. Evans, First Lieutenant.

It was decided that the name of the organization shall be the Messengers' Union and that meetings shall be held weekly.

W. M. Willey and Harry Rogers of the Federated Trades superintended the organization.

A Landslide.

SACRAMENTO, December 17.—The south-bound Oregon train is delayed at Castle Rock by a landslide. The train due at San Francisco to-night will not reach there until to-morrow morning.

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MEETING NOTICES.

COMPANIONS OF THE FOREST: You are hereby notified that the third anniversary of our order will be celebrated by a domino party at B. B. Hall, 121 Eddy street, THIS (Saturday) EVENING, December 18th. Come and bring your friends. All Foresters, Knights of Sherwood Forest and their friends are cordially invited to be present. By order of committee.
MRS. S. BEVERSEN, President.
MISS S. JACOBS, Secretary.

THE GOLDEN CITY IMPROVEMENT Club will meet at the Franconia House, on the San Bruno road, on SUNDAY, December 19th, at 2 o'clock P. M., to consider plans for the opening of Potrero avenue. All parties interested are earnestly requested to attend.
P. B. KENNEDY, Secretary.

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ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 16, 1886, one of the employes of the Sutter-street R. R. was assaulted by one of the "strikers," on Sutter street, near Sansome, his strap cut and the punch stolen. The above reward will be paid for its recovery or information leading thereto, and the detection of the robber.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT to the order of the Superior Court in and for the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, Department 9, Probate, made and entered the 6th day of December, 1886, in the matter of the estate of SAMUEL HEGAN, deceased, the undersigned, Timothy Riordan, Administrator of said estate, will sell at private sale, to the highest bidder, ...
Dated December 8, 1886.
TIMOTHY RIORDAN, Administrator of the Estate of Samuel Hegan, deceased.
A. H. LOUGHBOROUGH, Attorney for Administrator.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

JOHN MAHON, Plaintiff, vs. WM. CULLIGAN et al., Defendants. Justices' Court, No. 36,942. Alias Writ of Execution.

... PETER HOPKINS, Sheriff.
WM. F. STAFFORD, No. 224 Montgomery Street, S. F., Plaintiff's Attorney.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.—ESTATE OF PETER HOLMES, deceased. ...
PHILIP A. ROACH, Administrator of the estate of Peter Holmes, deceased.
Dated at San Francisco, December 17, 1886.
WRIGHT & CORMAC, 318 Pine street, Attorneys for the Administrator.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT IN AND FOR the city and county of San Francisco, State of California. In the matter of the estate of MARY O'BRIEN WALLACE, deceased. ...
JAMES J. FLYNN, Clerk. By P. F. Krasson, Deputy Clerk.
WRIGHT & CORMAC, 318 Pine street, S. F., Attorneys for Petitioner.

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