



FRIDAY, JULY 5, 1895

## CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Empire Shooting Club had fine sports at traps at Alameda Point yesterday.

David Lesser Lezinsky committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself in the head.

Southern Pacific tracks laid across the middle drive in Golden Gate Park are a menace to the public.

The winners at the track yesterday were: Durango, Tiberius, Installator, Roma, Mentor and Rinaldo.

The singing society of the German section of the Socialist party gave a ball at the Turk-street Temple last evening.

The children of the kindergartens, orphan asylums and day homes spent the afternoon at Golden Gate Park yesterday.

Officers of the cruiser Olympia sharply criticize the action of Secretary Herbert in his findings on the Dorn court-martial.

Although it is a year since the Midwinter Fair was closed, the grounds occupied by it are still in a nice condition.

The Pacific Mail steamship City of Rio Janeiro arrived last evening, sixteen days from Yokohama, with eight cabin passengers.

Secretary of War Lamont will arrive in this City this morning. He is on his way to establish a great military post on Puget Sound.

Robert Moffitt and Thomas Maloney were arrested yesterday on charges of vagrancy. The former was also charged with petty larceny.

Roos Brothers, the Kearny Street clothiers, have given their new workers and children to a good dinner at their establishment yesterday.

The Letter-carriers' picnic at Schuetzen Park, San Rafael, yesterday, was a very successful affair, and was attended by 2000 persons.

The thirteenth annual gathering and games of the San Francisco Thistle Club, held at Shell Mountain Park yesterday, proved a complete success.

The Pacific Cricket Club beat the Millwood Country Club in a game at the inaugural fete of the latter in Mill Valley yesterday by a score of 33 to 24.

Native-born Chinese celebrated the Fourth of July, they claim to be citizens and say they have the right to observe the National holidays and vote.

The Board of Police Commissioners has decided to make no further appointments to the police force until the Supervisors provide the necessary funds.

George Campbell, a young bookkeeper, committed suicide at 321 Eddy street by taking carbolic acid yesterday. His wife and child died two years ago and he has been out of work for a year.

The Oakland Fourth of July celebration, especially the pyrotechnic display, was a grand success. Miss Ina D. Coolbrith recited an original poem, "Freedom."

Commander Bush has received word from Secretary Herbert that the old Swatara, now a tenant of rotten row, will be repaired and placed at the disposal of the naval reserve, if found suitable.

The literary exercises at Woodward's pavilion were a success in every feature. The Declaration of Independence was read by James T. Ross, and the orator of the day was D. Gilbert Detox.

The weather forecast for San Francisco and vicinity today is for generally fair weather, with a sprinkle this morning; stationary temperature and fresh southerly, shifting to westerly, winds.

An old year of ages, who was sold as a slave for \$500, was received at the meetings of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and is now an inmate of the Methodist Episcopal Mission.

Congressman Maguire sees something ominous in the attitude of labor organizations toward the Fourth of July celebration. He says an effort will be made to have established a Federal immigration bureau at this port.

Miss Shaw was the central figure in the literary exercises at Woodward's pavilion. It was her words that moved the audience to tears, and when she had finished speaking a speech was demanded from Miss Anthony.

When the Southern Pacific Company was asked to remove its right of way into Golden Gate Park for the convenience of residents, it agreed to remove the tracks within two months after the close of the Fair. There are now three Southern Pacific spurs running into the former Fairsite.

The superintendents of seventy-five policemen, authorized by the Supervisors, have been delayed by the failure of the Finance Committee to make provision for the salary of the new men. It is said that the Supervisors are holding back the money in order to give time to allow them to name a number of the officers.

George Casey, a boiler-maker who lives at 78 M street, was taken to the Receiving Hospital last evening suffering from a fracture of his leg below the knee. Casey celebrated the Fourth by going to Nob in a buggy. When near that house he was kicked, and when he endeavored to start the animal going again it kicked him in the leg.

## POSING AS PATRIOTS.

Chinese Politicians Celebrate the American Holiday.

The Chinese "Native Sons of the Golden State," as they call themselves, celebrated the Fourth at their headquarters, 757 Clay street. There were the customary American decorations of bunting, flags and national colors, and along the face of the building in a body of blue and stars were the letters "N. S. G. S."

Across the street to Brenham place was a string of Chinese lanterns which extended up the building like an inverted V. For hours these Asiatic descendants shot off Roman candles, pinwheels and rockets. On Brenham place a Chinese organization, also Native Sons, made a similar display of patriotism in honor of the day.

On the streets and in the Plaza thousands of Americans and Chinese elbowed each other for the purpose of witnessing the display.

A visit was made to the interior of the first-mentioned place. Upon entering the door the visitor is confronted with the name of the hotel, "Union Parlor, N. S. G. S." The room was filled with Asiatic native sons, all or nearly all, in Chinese dress, and on the heads of all was seen the Chinese pig tail. Over the door is the parlor's certificate of incorporation, signed by Secretary of State L. H. Brown on May 21, 1895.

The president, Chen Dichi, stated that over 50 members are of voting age and that others are joining as fast as they reach 21 years of age. All of the members speak the English language fluently, and all are anxiously waiting for the next election so they can exercise their right to vote.

"Many of our members did vote at the last election," remarked Kong You, "and we expect to drop a good many more ballots in the box at the next election than we did at the last. By that time a large number of our youths will be of age, and as we have the right as American-born citizens to vote for the candidates of our choice I don't see why we should not."

The CALL has on several occasions called attention to the new element that is entering politics and to the fact that whenever the present generation of native-born Chinese reaches the age of 21 the Asiatic-American vote will be an important factor in State and municipal politics. At the last election two or three dozen native-born Chinese were coached in the grocery store on the corner of Jackson street and Bartlett alley by men suspected of being the agents for well-known attorneys for the Chinese.

The politician of the future will be an interesting object hobnobbing with young hibbenders and drinking "san sue" with them in the dens in Chinatown in order to catch the American-cooly vote. In a closely contested election there will have to be some lively political rockrolling in Chinatown, and it is even possible that Chinese hands may come to cast the ballots that decide the election. In a few years there will be no doubt but that these same native son Chinese will demand seats in the conventions of the various political parties.

At all events there is one danger to be feared, and that is the concentration of all these Mongolian votes and their manipulation by designing white rascals.

The Amish Mennonites have a following of 10,000.

## IMPROVING THE BATHS

The Lurline Management Buils a Valuable and Costly Annex.

## NINETY BATHROOMS ADDED.

Additional Storage Capacity for 480,000 Gallons of Water Also Built.

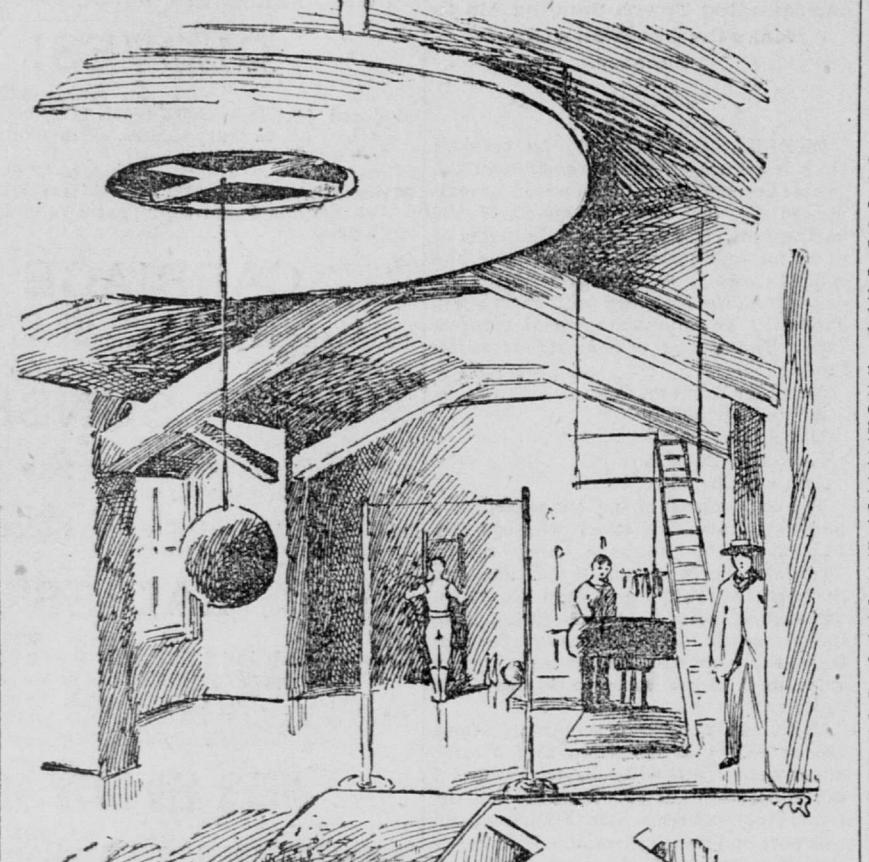
The great bathing resort of San Francisco, the Lurline Baths, have recently undergone extensive improvements, which add materially to the comfort of the

ments, by which all sediment is removed daily.

"While the water in the Lurline Baths has always been changed daily, the time occupied—fourteen hours—has rendered the work very laborious and unsatisfactory. After next Monday our patrons can amuse themselves watching the process of emptying the tank every night at 10 o'clock and refilling one hour later. For this purpose three 18-inch latels have been cut in the main tank, and the water will pour in every night in three great streams.

The water used in the Lurline Baths is pumped daily from the ocean at a point half a mile south of the Cliff House and seven and a half miles from the baths. To secure absolute purity of water it was necessary to go to the ocean. To have pumped water from the bay would have been to have used filth—the sewerage of the city contaminating all the shore waters of the bay.

"Pumping from the ocean instead of the bay cost the company \$50,000 in piping and pier, the latter running out into the ocean a distance of 650 feet. All the water passes through a sand separator on the beach. Owing to this fact and to the



The Gymnasium at the Lurline Bath

bathers and the general excellence of what has come to be considered the most perfectly equipped bathing establishment in America.

At a cost of \$40,000 an annex has been added to the main building. The structure is 75 feet deep, 45 wide and reaches to a height of 50 feet. The main object in building the annex was to secure a storage place for warm salt water, that has hitherto gone to waste, and, further, to furnish additional dressing-rooms to accommodate the increasing patronage. This latter difficulty has been overcome by the addition of ninety dressing-rooms and ten large rooms for the accommodation of families. Underneath the ground floor of the annex has been built a cement tank, 40 by 70, with a capacity of 170,000 gallons of water. In addition to this there are eight wooden tanks, two of which are on the first floor, the remainder resting on the roof. Each tank has a capacity of 30,000 gallons, or 240,000 gallons all told. To this must be added 110,000 gallons of cold water for reduction of temperature, which brings the total storage capacity to 480,000 gallons, or just the amount it takes to fill the main swimming-tank.

The annex, designed by Architect H. A. Schultz, is constructed of wood, iron and cement, and is probably the strongest building in San Francisco. The upper floor is called upon to support a weight of water amounting to 1,250,000 pounds, to which must be added the weight of the tanks (34,000 pounds). This makes a total dead weight on the upper floor of 1,284,000 pounds.

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