

FLEW A SIGNAL OF DISTRESS

Pilot Boats Called in a Hurry by the Sharpshooter.

The Captains Mad When It Turned Out to Be Only a Stowaway.

Charles S. Woods of Winters Searching the Front for His Runaway Wife.

The American barkentine Sharpshooter gave the pilot boats America and Lady Mine a short race outside last Sunday. She was towed to sea early in the morning and in the afternoon Captain "Little" Jordan of the American and Captain "Big" Jordan of the Lady Mine both sighted the barkentine with her ensign flying at half-mast. Both the pilots thought that some serious accident had happened so in spite of the strong wind and heavy sea they ran down to the vessel. The America was the first to reach her and as she came up under the barkentine's counter a big wave broke on board which almost submerged the smart little schooner. Captain Jordan was equal to the occasion, however, and soon had the Sharpshooter within hailing distance. The captain of the barkentine told the pilot that he had a stowaway on board whom he was unwilling to take to Honolulu.

According to the laws of Hawaii captains of vessels are liable for any destitute person they may bring to the islands. As the stowaway had not a cent nor even a change of clothing the captain could not listen to his appeal to allow him to work his way down as he knew if the man succeeded in landing the ship would be libeled and if he didn't land he would have to bring him back to San Francisco. Even then the immigration officer has the right to land the man because he is not a United States citizen so that the Sharpshooter might have been saddled with him for an indefinite period.

A boat was lowered and the stowaway was taken on board the America, after which both the pilot boats went back to their stations. A little while later Captain Harry Marshall of the tugboat Active came along and Captain Jordan signaled him. The situation was explained to Captain Marshall and the stowaway was transferred to the tug. Later he was landed at Folsom-street wharf. To the crew of the Active he said that his name was Harry Edwards and that he was not being in good health he wanted to reach his friends in Honolulu. He gave his ring, \$3 (all the money he had) and his best suit of clothes to one of the sailors to stow him away. The sailor performed his part of the contract, but in an unfortunate moment he put his head out of his place of concealment to get a last look at California and the first mate saw him. It was then that the signal was given from the Sharpshooter. Edwards was fairly well dressed, but did not have the appearance of ever having done any hard work. He felt very sore over the refusal of the captain of the barkentine to allow him to work his way down. He is now stranded in San Francisco with only one suit of clothes and 15 cents in his pocket.

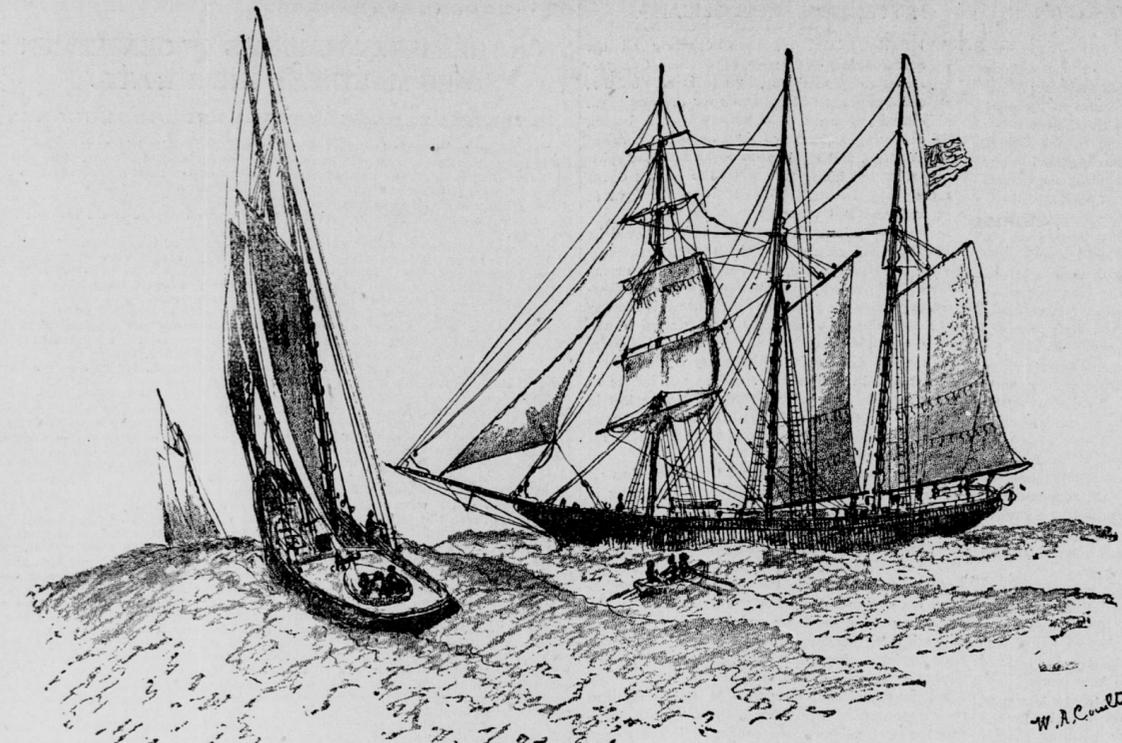
Charles S. Woods was round the water front all day yesterday looking for his wife, Gertrude, who has deserted him. Woods is a pruner by profession and earns big wages in the orchards and vineyards in Yolo County. Lately, however, he has been drinking excessively, and his wife and two children getting tired of it, said she was going to leave him. She got together all the money that was in the house, packed all her clothes and left for San Francisco last Thursday. The next day she began to realize that she was not having any money and being unable to borrow any, he walked all the way to San Francisco. On his arrival here he searched the town all over and then enlisted the services of Sergeant Tom Mahoney, the harbor police. The two of them tried diligently to find the missing woman but failed, so last night Woods borrowed twenty-five cents to pay his way to Benicia and said he was going to walk the rest of the way back to Winters. Woods describes his wife as a handsome brunette, a little above the medium size and dressed in a brown suit and a brown hat. She is a country girl, never having been in San Francisco but once in her life, and then only for a couple of hours. If Woods does not hear from her in the meantime he is going to put his affairs in order at Winters and come back to San Francisco to continue the search.

The steamer City of Puebla had an exceedingly rough trip of it from Puget Sound to San Francisco. She had to buck into a heavy wind and sea all the way down and was in consequence nearly twelve hours late in getting in. Part of the railing was carried away and some of the windows in the pilot-house broken. Captain Debeney, who took the Queen to Seattle, came down on the Puebla as a passenger. He will take charge of the steamer Pomona on her next trip, vice Captain Cousins, who goes north to assume command of the Umatilla at Port Townsend. Captain Harry Goodall, who took the Umatilla north, will come back to San Francisco and will assume command of the steamer Columbia in the Portland route. Captain Conway of the Columbia has been transferred to Portland, where he has been appointed superintendent of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company's steamers. The British bark Iredale and the American bark Encore, both arriving from Honolulu yesterday after a rather lengthy passage of twenty days. Both of them are sugar laden and will go to Oakland, where their cargoes will be discharged in due season to New York. This is the first of the sugar cargoes that are to be transhipped direct into cars for New York.

The British bark Cambrian from Oregon for Queenstown has been towed into London in distress. The cablegram to the Merchants' Exchange says that she had lost many of her sails, her pumps were broken and the decks damaged. The bark Oakland, which was abandoned some time ago off the Columbia River and later towed to Port Hadlock in a waterlogged condition, is to be sold at auction at the Merchants' Exchange to-day.

The Alaska-Yukon Transportation Company's steamer Abigon got away for Juneau, Dyea and Skagway yesterday crowded with passengers. The vessel will go direct to those points and will thus save a second handling. All who went up on the vessel are confident that they will come back millionaires.

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PILOT-BOAT TAKING OFF A STOWAWAY.

The pilot-boats America and Lady Mine were called to the barkentine Sharpshooter last Sunday in a hurry by a flag at half mast in the latter's rigging. When the America got within hailing distance Captain Jordan was more than angry to learn that he had been called off his station to take a stowaway aboard.

ADOLPH SUTRO INCOMPETENT

His Daughter Appointed His Guardian by Judge Belcher.

Is Now Afflicted With Senile Dementia, for Which There Is No Remedy.

Collapse of the Master Mind That Planned the Great Comstock Tunnel.

Adolph Sutro, the millionaire, philanthropist and ex-Mayor, was adjudged mentally incompetent by Judge Belcher last Saturday. His daughter, Dr. Emma L. Merritt, who has been attending her father since he began to manifest signs of a falling intellect, was appointed guardian of his person and estate, and she gave bonds in the sum of \$100,000 as a guarantee that the duties imposed upon her would be faithfully performed.

It has been known for some time that Mr. Sutro was nearing the end of a useful business career; that his mind was failing and that a guardian must be appointed to attend to him and his vast estate. In the hope, however, that something would intervene at an unexpected time to render the proceedings for the appointment for a guardian unnecessary his friends and relatives did all in their power to prevent the world from knowing his true condition.

Last September Mr. Sutro began to grow worse, and finally his case was pronounced by three eminent physicians, W. W. Kerr, William H. Mays and W. A. Whitwell, to be senile dementia, for which there is no relief. This precipitated matters and the application that he be declared incompetent and a guardian appointed was filed with Judge Belcher.

Last Saturday the millionaire's four children, accompanied by the physicians and Colonel Little, appeared in Judge Belcher's chambers. All were examined and the Judge signed the order declaring Adolph Sutro mentally incompetent. Dr. Emma L. Merritt was then appointed guardian, her bonds being fixed by the court at \$100,000. Her brothers and sisters went away and the bond, which this completed, the estate was forever removed from the hands of its owner.

Adolph Sutro was born in Germany eighty-one years ago, of humble parentage. When a young man he came to America and to this city, where he opened a little tobacco store. He remained here a short time and then went to Virginia City, Nev., and a short time after his arrival there he evinced the scheme of running a tunnel from the base of Mount Davidson into the Comstock lode that the water from the lower levels of the mines might be drained. After a long struggle, he finally succeeded in getting the enterprise under way, and in 1878 the tunnel was completed, at a cost of over \$5,000,000. A year later Mr. Sutro resigned his position as superintendent of the tunnel and returned to this city.

He immediately invested in real estate, and to-day owns one-eighth of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wallace Sanford, 259 Pacific avenue, next Saturday afternoon and evening. Very entertaining programmes have been arranged in the city having volunteered to help the good cause, and a substantial benefit is anticipated by the management.

Benefit for the Old Ladies' Home. A benefit for the Protestant Episcopal Old Ladies' Home will be given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wallace Sanford, 259 Pacific avenue, next Saturday afternoon and evening. Very entertaining programmes have been arranged in the city having volunteered to help the good cause, and a substantial benefit is anticipated by the management.

The fac-simile signature of Adolph Sutro is on every wrapper of CASTORIA.

OAKLAND TAKES THE CAKE.

The Milt Johnson Contingent Walks Away From the Local Talent.



Sketches at the Great Confectionery Contest at the Miners' Fair.

Great was the Cake Walk at the Mining Fair last night, and now all the colored folks of San Francisco are sad, for the judges decided that Oakland was the winner by five small but effective points.

Fully 10,000 people paid to see the contest. The galleries and main floor of the Pavilion were crowded almost to suffocation. For nearly an hour before the performance seats were at a premium, and standing room was difficult to find.

San Francisco was represented by the following three couples: Charles O'Brien and wife, F. H. Worth and Carrie Leslie and John Stewart and sister. The Oakland contingent consisted of Milt Johnson and Rosy Stewart, Major Waters and Bell Brown and John Duke and sister.

After a grand parade the couples walked as teams, San Francisco starting off first and being followed by the three couples from Oakland. Some exceedingly funny and amusing walking was done, and especially that by a diminutive pair of walkers, who were given an extra cake all to themselves. The razor element was eliminated from the contest and no blood was shed, but there were suggestive looks and hints of a settlement of differences elsewhere. Side steps, back steps and any old kind of step, with a pigeon-wing cut and a double-kneed twist, were brought into play by the smiling and perching aspirants. The audience was in a high state of amusement, and when the famous and only Milt Johnson led his beaming partner out for the last walk, and this dusky damsel carelessly laid her head upon his shoulder, the crowd went wild, and gave vent to their approval by loud and prolonged applause.

The judges decided that on ability, grace and style Oakland was entitled to 270 out of a possible 300, while San Francisco received 265 points. Johnson and his partner were awarded the cake, a large affair of icing and ornaments, and when it was presented Johnson declined to walk any contestant for cake-walk honors that desired to meet him. The Oakland contingent also won the \$50 wager that they had posted against a similar amount put up by the San Francisco walkers.

To-night the Klondike wedding takes place and the ceremony will be attended with all the splendor and pomp of the most exclusive marriage in high social circles. Henry Miller, the groom-elect, will make Miss Fanny Turner his wife. The ceremony will be performed at 9 o'clock upon a flower-decked stand by the Rev. Frank S. Ford. To-morrow the couple will start for the Klondike.

This afternoon there will be a ladies' concert and to-morrow the famous Martlets of New York will appear. At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Fair last night, it was decided to offer a silver cup to be awarded to the county having the best mining exhibit. This award will be made upon Miners' Day.

Following is to-night's programme: Overture—"Marrtana".....Wallace Passing Review.....De Kotski Irish Wedding.....Puerer Scene from "Faust".....Verdi Waltz—"Isabel".....Savata Wedding March.....Mendelssohn Miscere from "Trovatore".....Cornet, W. B. Rogers; trombone, F. K. Tobin Collection of Popular Songs.....De Witt Traumerel.....Schumann March—"Atlantia".....Rogers

DAZZLED BY HIS BLARNEY

Ira N. Tooke of Denver Victimizes a Jewelry Firm.

He Represented Himself as a Wealthy Engineer and Capitalist.

Has Now to Answer a Charge of Obtaining Goods by False Pretenses.

Ira N. Tooke was booked at the City Prison yesterday by Detectives Cody and Silvey on a charge of obtaining goods by false pretenses.

Tooke arrived in the city recently from Denver with "Lucky" Baldwin and registered at the Baldwin Hotel. He represented himself as a mining engineer and promoter of bituminized rock for pavements. He frequently visited the Palace Hotel and got acquainted with the firm of Schumacher & Co., jewelers, in the Palace Hotel building. There he told them he was a wealthy engineer and capitalist in Denver, and before he came here he had presented his wife with \$20,000 worth of jewels and his daughter with a diamond worth \$3000.

He showed a ruby that he wore on his finger which Schumacher examined and found to be a valuable stone. He won Schumacher's confidence, and on January 27, when he admired a topaz and

diamond, which he said he would like to show to his wife and daughter at the Baldwin, with the view of purchasing them, they were handed to him on his promise to return them that afternoon, if they were not approved.

Tooke did not return with the jewels, and when Schumacher made inquiries he ascertained that he had left the Baldwin the same day, and that neither his wife nor his daughter had been staying there. Schumacher notified the police and Captain Bohlen detailed Detectives Cody and Silvey on the case. Sunday they found Tooke in a house on Franklin street, and placed him under arrest. He said he had got drunk and the jewels had been stolen from him. Chief Lees went to Denver for information about Tooke and received a reply that he was a fraud of the worst description. He was an ex-railroad engineer and blossomed out as a religious reformer. The money he procured in this way he spent on drink and debauchery. He was arrested for a criminal assault upon a young girl, but he pretended to be so penitent that he was not punished. His wife is being supported by charity, and altogether he was looked upon in Denver as a most depraved man.

TAILORS ARE PROSPERING.

The New Union Coming Boldly to the Front.

A meeting of the new Tailors' Union, which will be known as Local No. 2, Journeymen Tailors of America, was held in Union Hall last night. The new organization, while not yet fairly started, is progressing finely, and promises soon to become one of the foremost trade organizations of the city. As the employers are, in the main, heart and soul with the principles of the organization, no trouble is expected from that source when the work of introducing the label is started, and many of them have already expressed their willingness to use the label as soon as the organization of the new body is made, and enough advanced to warrant them in making a fight for its use. As the charter from the international body has not yet arrived no delegates have been elected to the Labor Council, but the tailors will be fully represented in that body as soon as they are entitled to the privilege. The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year: J. T. Elsworth, president; Thomas Lund, vice-president; Nelson, secretary; George L. Holmes, treasurer; Henry Steiglitz, sergeant-at-arms. In the future the union will meet on the first and third Mondays at 102 O'Farrell street.

Wives and Daughters of Pioneers.

The ladies having charge of the reception to be given by the wives and daughters of pioneers, to be held on February 15, desire that on or before February 14 the name and addresses of members of the Society of California Pioneers and of the widows of deceased members and of the daughters over 15 years of age be sent to John L. Spear, secretary, Pioneer Hall, San Francisco.

Robbing the Mails.

Arthur Wilson pleaded guilty in the United States District Court yesterday of attempting to rob the United States mails in Sacramento. He will be sentenced to-morrow. Wilson cut open a mail pouch at the Sacramento office for the purpose of taking money from letters, but he was caught in the act.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Advertisement for Klondike Clothing and Woolen Blankets by Brown Bros. & Co. 121-123 Sansome St. Includes a list of items and prices.

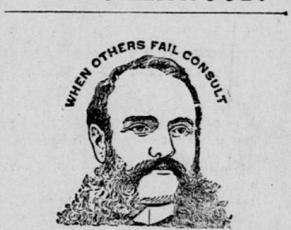
Advertisement for Piper Heidsieck Plug Tobacco, featuring an illustration of a woman and the product box.

Advertisement for Blood Poison treatment, including a list of symptoms and a testimonial.

QUANTITIES OF MEN AND WOMEN.

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STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE

Liverpool and London and Globe INSURANCE COMPANY.

OF Liverpool, England, on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1896, and for the year ending on that day, as made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California, pursuant to the provisions of section 636 of the Political Code, condensed as per blank furnished by the Commissioner.

Financial statement table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, including items like Capital Stock, Loans, and Premiums.

RISKS AND PREMIUMS.

Table showing risk amounts and premiums for various categories like Fire, Marine, and Life.

JOHN M. DOVE, General Manager. T. J. ALBOP, Sub-Manager. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of April, 1897. W. J. SULLIS, United States Vice-Consul at Liverpool.

CHARLES D. HAVEN, RESIDENT SECRETARY. Pacific Department, No. 422 California St., S. F.

Advertisement for Ladies' Grill of the Palace, featuring a list of menu items and restaurant details.

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