

**The San Francisco Call**

AMUSEMENTS.

BALDWIN THEATRE—"Madame Sans Gene"  
 CALIFORNIA THEATRE—"On the Bowery."  
 COLUMBIA THEATRE—"The White"  
 MOROSCO'S OPERA-HOUSE—"The Great Brooklyn Handicap."  
 TIVOLI OPERA-HOUSE—"Il Trovatore."  
 OPERA-HOUSE—High-Class Vaudeville.  
 ALCAZAR THEATRE—"All the Comforts of Home."  
 FETTER BATHS—Bathing and performances.  
 THE CHUTES—Daily at 11th street, the block east of the Park.  
 CIRCUS—At Central Park.  
 MECHANICS' INSTITUTE PAVILION—Twenty-third Industrial Exposition.

**CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.**

A broken trolley wire starts runaway horses down Kearny street.

The McKinley Invincibles held a rousing meeting at the Auditorium last night.

Ben Rose, a stowaway on one of the Arctic whalers, died at Port Clarence last June.

Mrs. Esther German, who has been married thirteen times, is being sued for a divorce.

There was a very large attendance at last night's woman suffrage rally at Mission Opera Hall.

A successful performance was given last night in Odd Fellows' Hall by the Sons of Vermont.

Two stowaways were put on the pilot-boat Bonita by the captain of the Peter Jepsen yesterday.

The Election Commissioners dropped a number of names from the registration roll yesterday.

William Jennings Bryan has offended thousands of voters by his antagonism to civil service.

Captain Stewart Menzies, who has been on the sick list for several months, is able to be about again.

Great preparations have been made for the fourth annual picnic of the Knights of the Red Branch Rifles.

Charles Harney, a member of the Union Paving Company, was injured in a runaway accident yesterday.

Charles Carill, the famous swimmer, will attempt to swim across the Golden Gate on Sunday, September 20.

Two stakes in which the pick of the local hounds are entered are offered for to-morrow's running at Ocean View.

A cup match between the Pacific and California cricket clubs will be played to-morrow at Golden Gate.

The destruction of more buildings will be considered at a special meeting of the Board of Health to be held to-day.

Miss Lena Losechamps, who until recently was a domestic, has come into a fortune through an aunt in Germany.

A grand concert, test scarce and dance was given under the auspices of the California State Spiritualists' Association.

The Attorney-General holds that the City Justice of the Peace of Sacramento is to remain in office for a term of four years.

A rousing meeting was held by the Thirty-first Assembly District Republican Club at 3008 Mission street last evening.

Judge Slack yesterday got the Fair will case down for trial October 5. Mrs. Oelrichs and Virginia Fair were present in court.

The San Francisco Furniture Manufacturing Company was attacked yesterday. It is believed other attachments will follow.

Captain Lees appears to believe that the great plot to loot the First National Bank of Los Angeles was hatched in the City.

Box 57 announced a \$500 fire in Mrs. Gashman's house, at 631 Second street, at half-past 10 last evening. The house was fully insured.

The Municipal League of Wheelmen last night elected a new Superintendent of Streets and two candidates for Supervisors.

The circus people entertained 2000 orphans gratis yesterday. This afternoon and to-morrow's performances will be the last this year.

It is requested that a race over the channel course between the yachts Catherine and Fawn, just for the glory of the thing, is a possibility.

Increasing cloudiness, with conditions favorable for showers Saturday night and Sunday morning—Local Forecast Official A. G. McAfee.

The War Department has ordered all the old guns at Fort Point, Lime Point, Fort Mifflin and the Presidio returned to Washington, D. C.

Auditor Broderick has made up his mind that the 20 per cent raise by the State Board of Equalization applies for municipal as well as State purposes.

Fire Marshal Towne says that the fire at 920 Post street was started by some acquaintance of Mrs. Miles, the occupant, for the purpose of concealing a theft.

Julius Aiken, a French sailor, was taken from his ship yesterday, and will probably be sent to France for trial on a charge of having stabbed a shipmate.

Captain Colin Thompson, a machinist of this City, has built a water-bike, or aquacycle, or "bicycle," which he expects to speed up to two miles an hour.

The jury in the case of the Socialists, arrested for obstructing the sidewalk, failed to agree yesterday in Police Judge Conlan's court as to the case was to be continued.

The Knights of the Red Branch Rifles will give a picnic at Shell Mound Sunday. The proceeds will go to the relief of the recently dented and injured prisoners.

A large and enthusiastic audience assembled at Saratoga Hall last night to listen to addresses on campaign issues by Attorney M. M. Barnett and J. B. McKintley.

A. L. Morgenstern, son of the washhouse of Quong Wah on a lot adjoining that upon which he had intended to erect a handsome residence.

At yesterday's session of the Winthrop trial several letters were read which were very prejudicial to his case were admitted in evidence. The case was continued till 10 A. M. Monday next.

Half the 8000 persons admitted to the Fair yesterday were school children freely admitted for the educational influence of such an exhibition. Two girls and boys will dance in the Pavilion for prizes.

R. J. Jackson, saloon-keeper at 664 Broderick street, procured a warrant yesterday for the arrest of John Garner for taking a glass of beer and a glass of beer, valued at 25 cents, and declaring to pay for them.

Mrs. Lucy W. Anzerai-Hoyte yesterday filed her answer to the suit of her dressmaker for \$200 for services. She claims that the modiste overcharged her to the extent of \$2000, and sets up a counter claim for that amount.

Sol Simon, the cowboy detective, was arrested yesterday for being an embezzler, and was soon after charged with misdemeanor embezzlement. Both cases were over type-writing machines, which he is accused of appropriating.

The Board of Education last evening adopted resolutions in which the Board of Supervisors is invited to confer on the subject of increasing the appropriation for the School Department above the figure agreed upon by the Supervisors.

The increase of the assessment roll by the State Board of Equalization directly benefits the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, as it reduces the rate on its fixed valuation of \$36,000,000, and makes its tax bill considerably lighter.

The typewriter left by Morgan, the East train-robbler, at his City headquarters on last Tuesday, was identified yesterday as the machine stolen from the Visalia office of the Puget Sound Lumber Company last April when the office was looted and the safe blown to pieces.

A free clinic has been added to St. Joseph's Hospital on Park Hill, where poor patients will be treated Saturday morning. The hospital has the first aseptic operating-room in San Francisco, and with the advice of a staff of prominent physicians, will be at the disposal of the poor.

The deposition of B. F. Hudelson, in connection with the suit which has been against him for alimony, was taken at Reel R. Terry's office yesterday. Mr. Hudelson denied that he ever was married to the plaintiff, or that he has ever acknowledged her as his wife or introduced her as such.

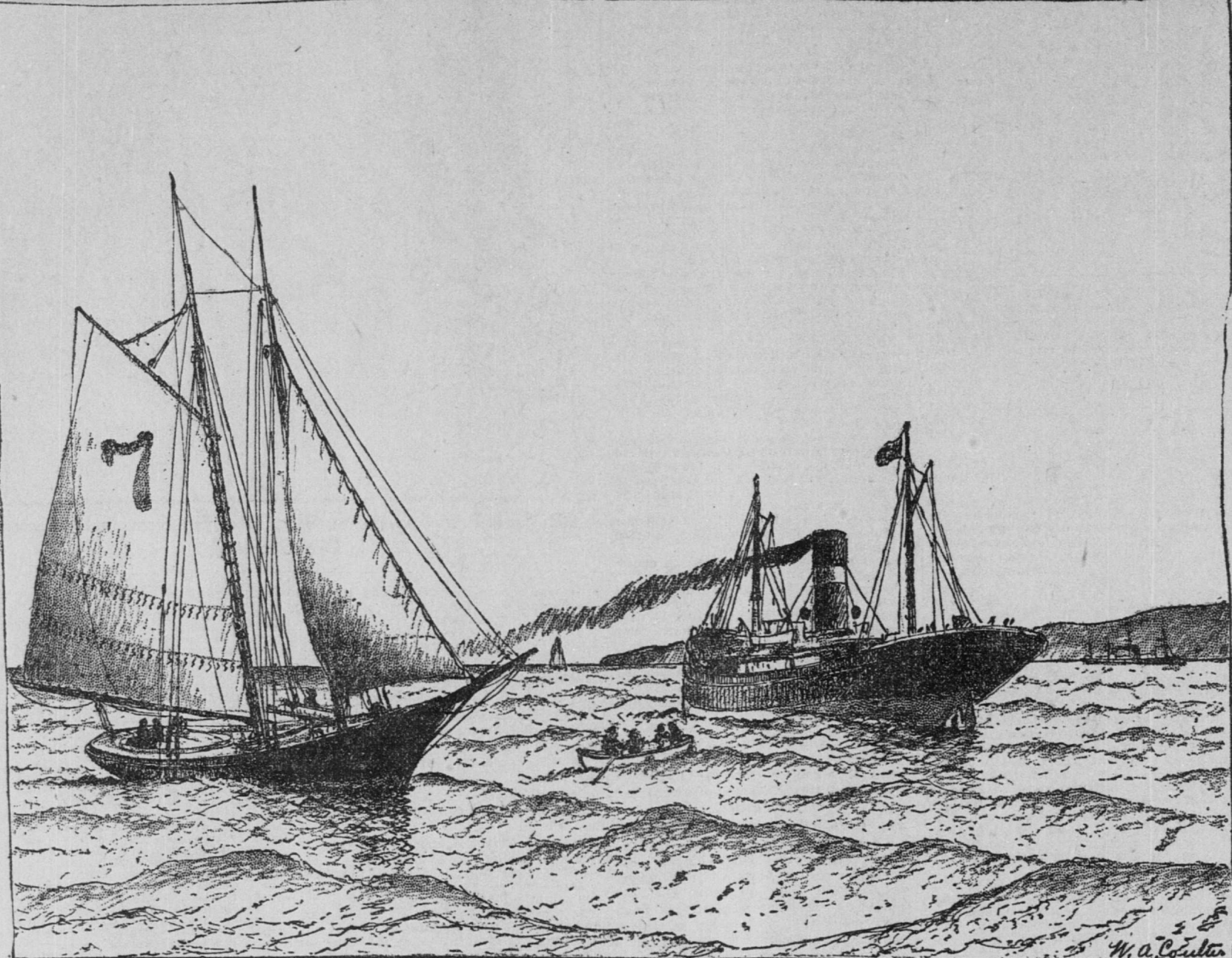
Suit for Stock.

A. G. Platt has filed a suit against H. B. Havens, the Crescent Mining Company, et al., praying that the mining company be compelled to issue to him a certificate for 99,999 shares of its capital stock.

Platt claims that he bought the stock at a Sheriff's sale, held under an execution on a judgment obtained by Platt against Haven. One of the shares was bought by a party named on the books of the company, the other 99,998 being credited to A. K. Dubrow, trustee.

Trunks Moved 25 Cents.

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**GOLD DEMOCRAT FOR MCKINLEY**

Arrival of Louis Windmuller, the New York Financier.

**HOW HE SEES THE FIGHT**

The East Safe, and Republicans of Delaware, Maryland and Kentucky.

**A BATTLE FOR FOUR STATES.**

Iowa All Right, but a Hammer-and-Tongs Contest in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.

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**THE TAX RATE MAY BE REDUCED**

Broderick Says the Raise Applies to the Entire City.

M'ENERNEY'S OPINION

The New Tax Law Held to Have Repealed the Consolidation Act.

LEVY OF LESS THAN A DOLLAR

No Difference in the Amount to Be Paid by the Property-Owner. However.

If Auditor Broderick's calculations are not amiss the result of the action of the State Board of Equalization in raising San Francisco 20 per cent will be that the rate for municipal purposes will be reduced to about 94.5 cents on the \$100, provided, of course, that the Board of Supervisors does not take it upon itself to change materially the appropriations as they have already been decided on.

Mr. Broderick differs with Colonel Taylor, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors, in his ideas about the raise. The latter believes that the raise should apply only to that proportion of the total valuation that is necessary to furnish the State tax, while the latter looks upon the raise as applying to the entire City valuation.

He bases his belief on the following opinion that was furnished him by Attorney Garret McEnerney, who has gone carefully into the matter:

The action of the State Board of Equalization raising our assessment roll 20 per cent raises it for municipal purposes as well as State purposes. In 1886 the Supreme Court decided (Baldwin vs. Ellis, 68 Cal., 495) that the State Board of Equalization has power to increase or lower the assessment roll of a county so as to affect taxes for county purposes. The court points out in this decision that the rate of no practical consequence, for the reason that, as the assessed value increases, the rate decreases.

In September, 1891, the State board increased San Francisco 30 per cent. At that time and under the old law the Supervisors had fixed the rate at 103. The consolidation act at that time required the act to be fixed in June. If the 30 per cent was to be added for municipal purposes it would collect from the taxpayers \$200,000 more than was needed for municipal purposes.

Judge McKintley's opinion was obtained upon the matter. He advised that San Francisco was governed by the consolidation act, and as it required the local tax to be fixed before the State board would equalize the roll, an increase should not be allowed to affect the roll for local purposes. Otherwise, 30 per cent more than was required would be collected for municipal purposes. He furthermore showed that the case of Baldwin against Ellis was the Supreme Court decision that the Political Code which required the counties to fix their rate after the State board equalized the roll, and consequently the counties could never be compelled by the action of the State board to collect more than they required, because the Supervisors could reduce the tax rate in the same proportion that the State board increased the assessment roll. Acting upon Judge McKintley's advice two valuations were made that year—one for municipal purposes and the other for State purposes.

The new tax law of 1895 (statutes 1895, p. 108) has repealed the consolidation act of 1886 and now San Francisco is governed by the Political Code. Like all the counties of the State our rate is now fixed on the third Monday of September. This is after the State board equalizes the roll. So that now we know the amount of the roll as fixed by the State board before our Supervisors fix the rate for municipal purposes. We are therefore in the same position that Los Angeles County was when the Supreme Court decided that the rate increase by the State board increases the roll for county purposes. But as above pointed out the increase does not add anything to the

total amount to be collected for municipal purposes, because the rate should be lowered in the same proportion that the roll is increased.

Under the state of affairs mapped out in this opinion the levy will be about 94.5 cents, and is computed on the following figures: The total amount to be raised is \$5,538,810, of which in round numbers \$3,950,000 must be from taxes, the remaining \$1,588,810 being from other sources.

It has been computed that after all delinquencies and doubtful valuations are eliminated there will be, under the 20 per cent raise, \$418,000,000 on which to calculate, giving 94 cents and a fraction. The entire rate will come under \$1.40.

Wills Filed for Probate.

The will of Frank G. Miller, who left an \$8000 estate to his wife, has been filed for probate. Manley C. Lawton's will has been filed for probate. He left an \$18,000-estate to his wife.

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