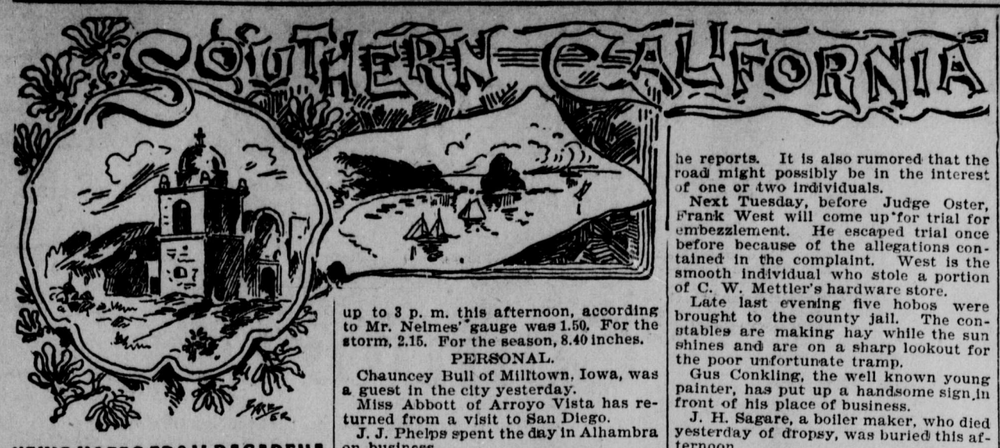

NEWS NOTES FROM PASADENA

The Oratorio Society Presents the Messiah

A VERY SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR

And Especial Praise Is Accorded the Chorus Singers

Doings Among the Fraternal Societies. Universalist Parish Progress. Bank Director Chosen.

PASADENA, Jan. 13.—Handel's Messiah was given last evening at the Universalist church under the auspices of the Oratorio society, directed by O. Stewart Taylor. The lower part of the church was fairly well filled and the gallery crowded. The presentation is generally regarded as the best yet given in this city. The chorus consisted of about eighty voices, ladies and gentlemen, who were assisted by a Los Angeles orchestra of sixteen persons under the leadership of Mr. Lowinsky of the Hotel Green orchestra. The solos were given by the following persons from Los Angeles: Mrs. Lillian Fellows Burdette, soprano; Mrs. Minnie Hance Owens, contralto; Mr. John H. Zinck, tenor; Mr. Henry S. Williams, bass.

The chorus was pronounced exceptionally strong by musical critics, and many of the solos were equally well spoken of. The violins kept good accompaniment, but some fault was found with the wind instruments.

The soprano, Mrs. Burdette, was warmly applauded. The clearness and strength of her voice, as well as her dramatic ability, brought out her part very successfully.

Mr. Zinck sustained his well known reputation as a tenore robusto of considerable dramatic power. Mr. Williams, the basso, has a full and senorous voice, though somewhat lacking in strength and power to bring out his work most effectively. Mrs. Owens has a rich contralto voice, which she handled very effectively, and the singing of her solo, "He Was Despised," was one of the gems of the evening. The chorus did some good work, especially in "For Unto Us a Child Was Born," and in the Hallelujah chorus toward the close, showing the conscientious work on the part of the director, Mr. O. Stewart Taylor. Mr. Wilde preseided at the organ in his usual effective manner, and Mr. Julian Heintz at the piano.

SOCIAL DOINGS.

Officers were installed Monday evening in Fidelity Lodge No. 4 by Mrs. L. G. Monroe, G. C. of Riverside, assisted by Mrs. Louisa Pippin, grand senior; Mrs. M. Hardwick, grand manager; Mrs. Mary Hoag, acting M. E. C. The following officers were installed:

Mrs. Harriet Stratton, P. C.; Miss Rose Allin, M. E. C.; Miss Abbie Hart, E. S.; Miss Bertha Hardwick, E. J.; Mrs. Eva Lancaster, M. T.; Mrs. Emma Richardson, M. of R. and C.; Mrs. Fannie Hamlin, M. of F.; Mrs. Mary Chase, P. of T.; Mrs. Annie Gougar, O. G. of T. Misses Allin, Chase, Hamlin, Greeley, Thompson, McCamet and Richardson acted as flower girls.

Among the many visitors who witnessed the installation were a number of the uniform rank, K. of P. A literary program was carried out, including recitations by Miss Flora Banbury, songs by George Swerdfiger and Mrs. Monroe, a piano solo by Miss Hamlin. George Johnson furnished bugle calls for the assembling of the members and the U. R.

CHURCH STATISTICS

At the annual parish meeting of the Universalist church Monday evening prayer was offered by the pastor, Rev. Jones, and fourteen new members were admitted to the parish. The clerk stated in his report that during the past year there had been held 4 parish meetings and fourteen trustee meetings. The committee reported $72.78 donated during the past year to the Cleveland Orphans' home in South Pasadena. Clothes, etc., had also been sent in. The church treasurer, E. Millard, reported the receipt of $198.99, and the expenditure of $164.71 for charitable purposes. Three hundred and two members were reported by Clerk P. G. Wooster. The total receipts for the church year were $4565.28, and the total expenses $4526.92. The report of Miss Annie E. Pierce, secretary of the Woman's league, showed that they had held twenty-two meetings. The following gentlemen were elected to serve as trustees: Thomas Fairman, E. Millard, George F. Mander, James Chamberlain and G. L. Stevenson.

BREVITIES.

The members of the old board, with the exception of C. A. Smith, who retires, were re-elected yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the directors of the Union savings bank. Mr. Smith will take the cashiership of the Pasadena National. Robert Eason was elected president, A. R. Metcalfe vice president, W. M. Eason cashier. The new board is Robert Eason, H. C. Durand, Norman Bridge, A. R. Metcalfe and Willis Eason.

At a meeting this morning of the students having in charge the publication of the Polytechnic, the Throop paper, the following officers were elected: Henry Folsom, business manager; R. J. Sterritt, literary editor; Frank Jewett, industrial arts editor. The paper is in a flourishing condition and another issue will appear in a few days.

Bishop Johnson of the Southern California diocese of the Episcopal church will be given a reception at the club rooms of the Valley Hunt tomorrow evening. Supper will be served, and the remainder of the evening spent in conversation, etc. Bishop Johnson leaves shortly upon an extended pastoral trip.

The funeral services of David McAdam, who was shot at Lamanda park Sunday night and died yesterday, were held yesterday afternoon at the home of his brother on Allen avenue. Rev. C. T. Douglass of the Baptist church conducted the services.

The rainfall for the last twelve hours up to 3 p. m. this afternoon, according to Mr. Nelmes' gauge was 1.50. For the storm, 2.15. For the season, 8.40 inches.

PERSONAL.

Chauncey Bull of Milltown, Iowa, was a guest in the city yesterday.

Miss Abbott of Arroyo Vista has returned from a visit to San Diego.

J. J. Phelps spent the day in Alhambra on business.

Charles A. Smith entered upon his duties in the Pasadena National bank this morning as cashier.

Mrs. Moran and daughter, who are guests at the Mitchell, are visiting Los Angeles friends.

L. Webb of Summnt avenue is confined to his home by illness.

Miss Grace Davis, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. Hayes of Los Robles avenue, returned to San Francisco today.

A. J. Wallace has returned to his home in Ontario, after a short visit.

Heman Dyer was at the city clerk's office, his old place, yesterday for the first time.

M. M. Harris and wife are at the Carleton from Los Angeles.

J. S. Torrance, who was reported as seriously ill, is much better today.

Richard T. Brown and wife and Stephen Alden are at the Carleton.

REDLANDS.

Well Borers Rewarded With Plenty of Water—Personal Notes.

REDLANDS, Jan. 12.—Renwick & Gausner have finished a well for Daniel Maddell on Stuart avenue east of Seventh street. The well is 170 feet deep and there is sixty-five feet of water in it. Water was first struck at a depth of 105 feet. A week's time was required to drill the well.

A surveying party, composed of city Engineer Lum, J. Banks, J. H. Fisher, Benj. Pearson and D. W. Conklin, were to have started yesterday morning for Bear creek in the interests of the Electric Light company, but have thus far been detained by the weather. It is understood that they will survey for a pipe line from F. E. Brown's proposed dam to the Redlands Electric Light company's power house.

Wm. D. Williams has commenced the erection of a house on Lugonia Heights.

M. R. Gay is about to put up a fine barn.

Born, in Redlands, January 11, to the wife of I. Ford, a son.

J. A. Eldridge, who has been dangerously ill with malarial fever, is considered out of danger.

H. H. Daniels has sold for S. B. Morris to Fred B. Howard five acres of full-bearing navels on Palm avenue; consideration, $5500.

Chas. F. Wolcott, who has just arrived with his family and car of household goods from Kewanee, Ill., has purchased four and a half acres on Cypress avenue for $5000, through H. H. Daniels, agent.

At 7:15 last night Jennie Marie Holmquist was married to Nelson Jacobson at the home of Thomas Carroll on Olive avenue by the Rev. Dr. Easter, rector of Trinity Episcopal church.

Miss Lena Dague was bridesmaid and Ernest Frenzell best man. An elaborate wedding supper was served after the ceremony, none but immediate friends and relatives being present. The presents were numerous, costly and useful.

The bride is a cousin of Mrs. Thomas Carroll, and the groom is the owner of an orange ranch in East Highlands, on which he has just completed a fine residence, and whither he drove last night with his bride, where they will at once commence housekeeping.

Notwithstanding the rain about sixteen members of the Y. M. C. A. Forward Movement committee appeared last night at the Auditorium, where during an excellent supper provided by Mrs. J. L. Speares, Mrs. K. C. Wells, Mrs. H. K. Pratt and others of the Ladies' auxiliary, short speeches were made by Rev. W. F. Harper, H. K. Pratt, K. C. Wells, Attorney C. F. Bailey and others concerning the esprit de corps of the association.

A. T. Gannt and Louis Dorr took the initiatory degree in Redlands I. O. O. F. last night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. McMullin entertained Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Inwood, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Jacobs and Mrs. L. A. Kingham to tea last night at their home on Fourth street.

John Biggerstaff is here from Randsburg today.

J. Coleman is a Redlands visitor from Etiwanda.

P. Haverty has purchased a horse, with which he will start to Randsburg tomorrow, the weather permitting.

Miss Stilwell, the atist, returned last night from her holiday trip to Los Angeles.

Lewis Deins, general agent of the National Building and Loan association of Southern California, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. H. Nicholls. He received a telegram from his home in Pomona that his child was not expected to live. Mrs. J. H. Nicholls left this afternoon for Pomona.

George Hahn, the Moreno stage driver, had a wet ride over today. He reports lots of water at Moreno.

H. C. Wilmot is expected home from Los Angeles tonight.

C. C. Beatty of Foote & Beatty, is again confined with three carbuncles on the back of his neck.

W. H. Crosby, former proprietor of the Ferracina hotel and an extensive property owner in Redlands, is here on a two weeks' visit.

H. H. Sinclair, A. G. Hubbard and E. H. Spoor spent the day in Los Angeles.

E. H. Sterling of Los Angeles is in this city today.

Mr. Kiefhaber, uncle of L. E. Kiefhaber, clerk for the Newport Lumber company, is here from Westminster on a visit.

J. C. Bingham has just let the contract for an addition to his residence on Sonora street.

Abrahamson and Danielison are doing considerable stone gutter work for property owners on East Cypress avenue.

SAN BERNARDINNO

Roadmaking May or May Not Be Done. Notes of the Day

SAN BERNARDINO, Jan. 13.—It is quite doubtful whether the county will give the $700 asked for to complete the Virginia Dale district road. A month or so ago Supervisors Randall, Turner and Halbrook visited the district and looked over the proposed routes. At that time, based on observations, the supervisors recommended that the county should give $300, as private individuals had agreed to make up the balance. But it now seems that those private individuals did not come to the front, and that the $300 did not go far, hence the petition for $700 more. The petition states that such a road would bring trade to San Bernardino and that those interested are San Bernardino citizens. The matter has been referred to Supervisors Cooley and nothing will be done until he reports. It is also rumored that the road might possibly be in the interest of one or two individuals.

Next Tuesday, before Judge Oster, Frank West will come up for trial for embezzlement. He escaped trial once before because of the allegations contained in the complaint. West is the smooth individual who stole a portion of C. W. Mettler's hardware store.

Late last evening five hobos were brought to the county jail. The constables are making hay while the sun shines and are on a sharp lookout for the poor unfortunate tramp.

Gus Conkling, the well known young painter, has put up a handsome sign in front of his place of business.

J. H. Sagare, a boiler maker, who died yesterday of dropsy, was buried this afternoon.

The man Warren, who was taken in from Victor with a broken leg, is reported by the hospital authorities to be getting along nicely.

John Cappell, the railroad employe who broke his leg in two places by his bicycle slipping from under him, will be able to be about in a few days.

The fire boys held their regular meeting last evening at the hose house.

Rose Stillman, the charming little actress, will present Fanchon the Cricket at the opera house on next Tuesday night at popular prices—10, 20 and 30 cents. In part she will be assisted by local talent. Miss Stillman is at present making San Bernardino her home, and is making scores of friends.

San Bernardino is to have an athletic park and a base ball team equal to any place in Southern California. At the meeting held last night the following players signified their intention of standing by the club: R. J. Jones, G. A. Wetzel, Bert Heath, O. D. Eastwood, Hal Rodden, Herman Marks, Jas. Peck, Louis Slater, M. L. Wetzel, Tom Collins, Will Boren, Gus Boren, Louis Vanger, William Nance, Riley Cox, Frank Starke and M. C. McKenney. A committee of three consisting of J. H. Lightfoot, Ed Wall and J. D. Faris were appointed to draft a set of by-laws and rules for the association. It is proposed to enclose the grounds with a ten-foot board fence and let out spaces for signs. It is the intention to have the grounds in readiness for a game on Washington's birthday.

Rain has been falling all day and the biggest portion of last night, consequently the farmer and business man wear contented smiles.

The people of Grapeland are going to fight the decision of Judge McKinley of Los Angeles. The people are almost unanimously in favor of an appeal, and steps have been taken to employ additional counsel.

Sam Rogers of Victor has not got any too much respect for bridges or culverts. Some time ago John C. Towner built a road parallel to the railroad near Rogers' ranch. This road, as well as the railroad, passed over a certain ditch leading into Rogers' ranch. The latter objected to both the bridges, as it interfered with his cleaning out the ditch, so out went bridges, regardless of any expense. The case was placed before the grand jury, but nothing was done.

The grand jury has endorsed the movement of the tax payers' league.

Testimony is being taken today in the Annie Abbott case.

Frank Elmer will be sentenced on Saturday next.

John Flagg is in Los Angeles today.

Snow fell today below the Arrowhead, which is getting quite near the city.

Detective Bowler of the Southern Pacific brought up a couple of fellows today for breaking into a car beyond Ontario. The men were immediately taken before the grand jury and the investigation is now taking place.

The top of the concrete ditch being built by Mr. Suman is being covered by two-inch planks, and on top of this about eight feet of earth. The excavations across B street will be commenced in a few days. The heavy rain on Monday night caved in some of the excavations already made, but no serious damage was done.

Mrs. Morse, the mother of A. P. Morse, is quite ill at her home at Urbita. A few days ago, as Mrs. Morse was coming down the stairway of her house, she tripped and fell, severely bruising her body and cutting her head, which necessitated the taking of six or seven stitches.

ORANGE COUNTY.

Court Notes—Chaingang Laborers Escape—Personal and General.

SANTA ANA, Jan. 13.—In the superior court on Monday the case of Barker vs. Barker, administrator, was set for trial January 14, 1897; two cases were examined for insanity, Thomas A. Wade of Orange and Frank Williams from San Juan, who after examination by Drs. Medlock and Boyd of Santa Ana were adjudged insane and assigned to Highland asylum.

Two of the prisoners at work in the jail yard made a break for liberty yesterday. In the midst of the confusion a third one glided off in an opposite direction. This is the third who in the last four days has outgeneraled the guards, one of the three getting away with the ball and chain attached to him.

A new literary club, styled the Unity, was organized in this city this week. Meetings are to be held in Unity church on Friday evenings. The club will present its first program on next Friday evening. Permanent organization has not yet been made.

A delegation of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs attended the installation ceremonies at Whittier last Saturday evening. They report that they met with high cheer and generous hospitality.

Fritz Ruhmann and Paulina Boege, both of Anaheim, were yesterday licensed to wed.

James H. Garrison, son of Dr. Garrison of Randsburg, is visiting our city. Jimmie says his father has a big bundle of mining claims to nurse, and hopes to strike it rich soon.

The change of schedule by the Santa Fe road made in the last few days has thrown matters in Santa Ana temporarily out of joint. The change was not adveritsed in any way, and the public were left to learn of it by sad experience. The mail which heretofore left Santa Ana at 6:15 p. m. now leaves at about 4:30 p. m.

Mr. Schirm, proprietor of the Model bakery in this city, had a somewhat funny runaway experience in Orange today. His team started from in front of a storeroom which Mr. Schirm was supplying with bread, dashed away north, circled around the livery stable and then took a straight course to the northeast. Mr. Schirm secured a conveyance and started in pursuit of the absconders. About midway between Olive and Orange he met them quietly trudging homeward, the wagon and contents having sustained no injury during the course of the stampede, which he learned had been to Olive mills and back, a distance of about six miles.

License to wed was issued today to William A. Phillips of Tustin and Miss Mary Belle Vaughn of Santa Ana.

Dr. Speed, dentist, and wife arrived in this city this week. They come to spend the winter with their parents and friends in this city.

Orange today furnished five recruits to the city chain gang. Seven of the former prisoners were released.

Miss Laura Sand of San Francisco is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ey of this city.

Mills & Turner, undertakers, today report the death of Robert S. Prince of El Modena, of consumption. The funeral will be conducted from the Friends' church in El Modena tomorrow.

SANTA MONICA

Fiery Streetcar Steeds Run Away—Social Doings

SANTA MONICA, Jan. 13.—A couple of the sedate horses that plod along the horsecar line made a wild dash this morning. Just as the driver was changing them from one end of the car to the other, a man calmly opened his umbrella directly in their faces. The driver picked himself out of the mud in time to see his steeds charging up Ocean avenue at a 2:11 gait, with the whippletrees careening wildly after them. They crossed the vacant lot south of the Outlook office and knowing a good thing when they saw it, they made directly for Joe Lebarge's livery stable. They missed the fine vehicles that stood out upon the floor, and were corraled in the rear yard with very little damage to answer for and with the proud consciousness of having caused an excitement.

Mr. J. D. Schuyler, a Los Angeles architect, was here today and took possession of the plans submitted for the construction of a new bridge—No. 1 on Ocean avenue—and will examine the plans and announce a decision on them within a few days.

Mr. O. G. Tullis, D. D. G. M. of the I. O. O. F., will give a banquet this evening at Eckert & Hoff's to his assistant installing officers.

Covers will be laid for six, Messrs. Tanner, Carpenter, Barretto, Dexter and Mooser, being the guests.

Mrs. Fred Waite has returned from a six weeks' visit to friends in Arizona, with health much improved.

Mrs. Eva McDonell of the Palms has rented Mrs. S. L. Bassett's cottage on Third street and will take immediate possession.

A farewell party was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Sadler at the residence of Mrs. Cleveland, on South Third street, last evening. A few musical numbers were given, refreshments were served and congratulations were in order. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Clark, Mesdames Ladd, Cleveland, Harlan, Waller, Nelson, Gagen, Misses May Crane, Maud Nelson and Mr. Crane.

ESCONDIDO

ESCONDIDO, Jan. 12.—Diphtheria broke out in the Swain family living about three miles out and they have buried one little boy and will bury two girls today. The family is closely quarantined, and it is believed that the disease will be prevented from spreading.

Miss Gay McClaran, a young girl of 16, will give a recital at the city hall Friday evening. Miss McClaran has become quite a favorite as a local elocutionist, and an enjoyable time is anticipated. The following selections, interspersed with music, will be the program:

Destruction of Pompeii; The Ruggles' Dinner Party; The Polish Boy; The Raggedy Man; Sister and I; Prior to Miss Belle's Appearance; Christmas at the Quarters.

I. N. Bradbury and his crowd have just returned from Virginia Dale, where they have been for several weeks doing assessment work on Mr. Bradbury's claims. They report a good deal of activity in mining in that section, and hope to develop some rich mines in the near future.

Escondido valley can boast of a few bonanza farmers. D. Pardee will soon have 800 acres seeded to grain, 400 of which is wheat up and growing nicely. Captain Farnsworth has just finished seeding 800 acres and others have from 100 to 500 acres. The prospect of a good crop was never better.

NORWALK

Masons Treated to the Familiar Banquet Surprise—Notes

NORWALK, Jan. 13.—The members of Norwalk lodge of Masons who attended lodge last evening learned of one very important secret which was held up to that time by only their wives and members of the Eastern Star, and the door-keeper Custer. When lodge adjourned about half past eight oclock the Masons were invited into the banquet hall where, to their complete surprise, they found an elegant supper spread. About fifty in all partook of the good things and impromptu speeches enlivened the occasion. Mrs. D. D. Johnson, on behalf of the Eastern Star and of Masons wives not "Stars" presented the lodge with a very beautiful altar cloth, nicely embroidered with gold and silver lace. And now the Masons believe that a woman can keep a secret.

Fred McDonald has gone to Bloomington to take charge of the Southern Pacific company's depot for a short time.

Stiffler & Longhead are erecting a new store on the site of the one destroyed by the fire last week.

Mrs. M. A. Young of Los Angeles is visiting her daughter, Mrs. De Kay.

Miss Mamie Young of Los Angeles is here with the intention of organizing a kindergarten if possible.

SANTA BARBARA.

The Dreyfus Slander Case Goes to the Jury—Notes.

SANTA BARBARA, Jan. 13.—The case of Gerard Grand vs. Louis G. Dreyfus, for $10,000 damages for slander will go to the jury in the superior court this evening. Joseph Levy, Pierre Lanstalot and August Da Guerre testified that they heard Dreyfus state that plaintiff had stolen hogs from defendant. The defense, for the purpose of impeaching Grand's character, called the following witnesses: Dr. R. F. Winchester, L. Richardson and Thos. McNulta. The depositions were read and a number of witnesses sworn and examined upon other points. The case is now being argued by counsel, Jarret T. Richards for defendant and B. F. Thomas for the plaintiff.

The sum of $3300 yet remains to complete the fund for the purpose of building a new bathhouse.

On and after Monday next the city marshal proposes to vigorously enforce the dog ordinance. Every canine found roaming the streets without a license tag will be impounded.

SAN DIEGO.

Steamship Men Looking for Business in Lower California.

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 13.—An important move is being made by the Lower California Development company toward placing a steamer in the Mexican coast trade and touching at this port. The agent of the company has recently returned from a trip along the entire coast, as far south as Chiapas, and it is understood that his report of business in sight is very encouraging.

To get at the probable amount of freight to be developed the company has directed First Officer Thwing of the steamer Pacheco to make a run down the coast, with the company's agent, A. B. Bennett. They will make a careful estimaate at every port visited, and if enough business is promised the company will put on a steamer of 400 or 500 tons, to run from San Diego as far down as Chiapas. This will be forestalling a branch of the proposed transpacific in the Mexican field. Mr. Potter, projector of the proposed Transpacific line, said when here that one of the results would be the establishment of a line of steamers down the Mexican coast.

DURKEE WAS TIRED OF LIFE

Well Known Turfman Found Dead in His Room

A RAZOR THE WEAPON USED

Slashed the Arteries of His Wrist and Bled to Death

Had Been Dead Many Hours When Discovered—He Leaves a Note to His Old Mother and Two Sisters

In room 23 of the Jennette block at the corner of Arcadia and Los Angeles streets, shortly before 7 oclock last evening, the body of Chauncey Durkee, a well known turfman, was found dead in bed, the floor covered with blood which had flowed from a terrible gash across the left wrist. He had committed suicide by severing the arteries with a razor, and from the condition of the corpse had been dead for fully twenty-four hours.

Durkee rented a room from the Lacour brothers, who conduct a restaurant, saloon and lodging house at the corner named. It was owing to the fact that he was in the custom of caring for his own apartment that the body was not sooner discovered. George Lacour had occasion to go to the room to collect rent, and finding it locked, knowing that Durkee had not been seen for several days, suspected something wrong and forced an entrance.

Lying on the bed was the body of his lodger, clad only in underclothing, the left hand resting across the breast. By the side of the bed was a vessel full of blood, which had run over into the carpet in great pools. On a stand near by lay a razor, the bloodstained blade telling of the terrible use to which it had been put. It was evident that Durkee had made careful preparations for the deed, and after undressing himself had moved the vessel up alongside the bed, deliberately cut his wrist to the bone and lain down to die, holding his arm out from the bed so that the blood should be carefully caught.

While in a dying condition he must have arisen and walked about the room, as the carpet was spattered with pools of blood here and there, and Durkee's feet were covered with the crimson fluid where he had stepped into it. In the death agony he had drawn the mutilated arm up onto his breast, in which position it was found.

Assuring himself that life was extinct, Lacour sent a telephone message to the police station and the coroner was notified.

Officer Robbins and Stewart were sent to the scene and made an examination of the room. Their search was rewarded by finding a note, hastily written in pencil on a flyleaf torn from a book. The note was seen projecting from the pages of a novel and was addressed to the mother and two sisters of the deceased, Mrs. M. A. Durkee, Canton, Lewis county, Missouri; Mrs. Kittie Crowell, a matron at the Whittier state school, and Mrs. Mollie L. Coons, who resides in this city. On the edge alongside the addresses was written the two words, "Chauncey and Clara." The contents were as follows:

MONDAY MORNING, 11 oclock.

To My Mother and Two Sisters:

Life without my sweetheart and brother to me is not worth living, and you are all better off with me out of the way. I love every one of you and could never be able to do anything for you, as my mind is with Clara and Charles.

Your son and brother,

CHAUNCEY DURKEE.

At peace with all.

Nothing else was found which would throw any light on the reason for the suicide. His clothes were neatly arranged on a chair. From the appearance of the coagulated blood and the corpse it seems probable that Durkee slashed himself shortly after noon on Monday, the time mentioned in his note. No one could be found who had seen him since that time, and it was learned that on Tuesday forenoon a friend called to see him who pounded vainly on the door and finally departed, thinking Durkee was not in.

The deceased was a brother of Charlie Durkee, formerly a member of the well known bookmaking firm of Durkee & Fitzgerald, for whom Chauncey worked as cashier for several years. Charlie died of Bright's disease about a year ago, since which time his brother has been moody and disconsolate. Another cause for his despondency was the death of his wife, Clara, to whom he was devotedly attached, and whom he buried in Pendleton, Oregon, some three years ago. Chauncey was a tall, fine-looking young man, about 35 years of age, and was formerly known as one of the best dressed men about town. Since his brother's death he has been engaged in no regular business, and to friends on different occasions has expressed himself as weary of life since the ones he loved best were gone. He was not a drinking man, and undoubtedly committed the deed deliberately, after having decided that he was ready to quit the earth.

The body was removed to the undertaking rooms of Orr & Hines, where an inquest will be held this morning.

THE CITY CHARTER CAMPAIGN

Meeting of the Central Committee of the Better City Government League

Meeting of the central committee of the League for Better City Government was held in the league rooms last night and was very largely attended. The principal subject under discussion was the campaign being carried on by the league in favor of the amendments to the city charter which are to be voted for next Wednesday. Various sub-committees in charge of the campaign reported good progress, and there is no doubt that a large vote will be polled by the league and those interested in putting the affairs of the city on a sound business basis.

It was decided to perpetuate the organization of the league, and a committee was appointed to suggest a plan of organization, which will possibly include incorporation, the idea being that the league is here to stay and should, as soon as possible, take cognizance of the city's affairs in detail and lend its moral support to those officials who have the best interests of the citizens at heart.

The following gentlemen were appointed a committee to have general charge of the charter work between now and the election: C. D. Willard, J. S. Slauson, J. F. Francis, F. L. Alles, R. J. Walters, Chas. Forman, Alfred Stern, Octavius Morgan, T. E. Gibbon, D. M. McGarry and Harry Chandler. They will meet at the league rooms today at 1 oclock.

The secretary and a large force are now engaged in sending to every voter a pamphlet explaining the proposed amendments to the charter.

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER

A call to prayer has been made for the Christians of Los Angeles, to observe tomorrow (Friday) as a day of fasting and prayer for the outpouring of the holy spirit upon all work and workers whose object is the uplifting and blessing of humanity. An all day mass meeting will be held by the Christian women of this city in the First Methodist church on Broadway, between Third and Fourth streets. A cordial welcome is extended to the public. A good program has been arranged, including many departments of work, local, national and international. Speakers will be limited to fifteen minutes. Noon hour will be open for the presentation of benevolences not on the regular program.

An Extra Pair of Trousers for

$2.45

An extra pair of trousers is a good thing to have, especially when you get an extra good value at an extra low price. Every season we sell lots of coats and vests from suits, and have the trousers left. This year there are about 150 pairs left. A great many of these would be worth in the regular way $5.00 a pair, and there is not a pair in the lot worth less than $3.50. Those who come first will get first choice. They go on sale this morning—$2.45—think of it!

Only 20 Days Left Till Someone Gets the House

London Clothing Co.

119, 121, 123, 125 North Spring Street....S. W. Corner Franklin

HARRIS & FRANK, PROPRIETORS

This is not a cheap Belt. It is not a toy, and is sold wholly on its own merits.

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BOLD HIGHWAYMAN AT WORK

A Saloon Keeper Held Up at Midnight and the Till Tapped

The Bartender Held at Bay by a Big Revolver While the Robber Rifled the Register and Escaped.

Shortly before midnight last evening a bold hold-up occurred at the corner of Seventh and Olive streets in the saloon run by Fred Schmidt, the proprietor being forced to stand by at the muzzle of a revolver while his cash register was rifled by the highwayman, who made good his escape.

Schmidt was making preparations to close up, there being nobody in the saloon besides himself, except one man who was in a small box or card room at the rear of the place. Being busily engaged in wiping up the glasses and bottles, Schmidt did not notice the intruder until suddenly the muzzle of a big revolver was shoved under his nose with the command to throw up his hands. In his excitement Schmidt let out a yell of surprise, which, however, was not heard by anyone, then promptly proceeded to elevate his digits.

Keeping him covered, the robber came around behind the bar and backed over to the cash register, which he rifled with his left hand, shoving the money into his coat pocket. When he had cleaned out the machine he backed off to the rear of the saloon, and turning made a sudden dash out of the rear or Seventh street entrance. The sole occupant of the card room did not attempt to stop the exit of the robber, as the gun was flourished recklessly.

Schmidt immediately gave the alarm and blew a police whistle for assistance, but the bold thief had got safely away, taking with him, it is stated, something over $15 in silver which had been contained in the till. Officers were soon on the hunt for the fellow, but were handicapped by the meager description given. Apparently there is little likelihood of the fellow being caught.

It was only a couple of months ago that the same place was robbed in a somewhat similar manner. A customer was sitting at a table in the place, apparently reading. For some reason the bartender left the room for a moment and while his back was turned the fellow made a dash and succeeded in getting away with a bag of coin kept in a drawer alongside the cash register. No trace of the thief was ever discovered. Schmidt is evidently having a streak of bad luck, or else the light fingered gentry look upon him as an easy thing.

POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS

A Big Grist of Petty Offenders in Court Yesterday.

A lengthy list of petty offenders was disposed of in the police court yesterday by Justice Morrison, including delinquent Chinese vegetable peddlers, vagrants and drunks.

Sixty days in jail was given Jimmy Hope, the thief who on Monday night stole a hat from in front of a Main street store.

John Johnson, the fellow who tried to get away from the Good Samaritan lodging house still wearing his nightshirt, was arraigned for petty larceny, trial being set for this afternoon.

The battery case of Belle and Jennie Westwood was not finished, owing to the press of current business and went over for further hearing until this afternoon at 2:30.

Nine Chinese vegetable men were fined $2 each for neglecting to procure the necessary licenses, six vagrants got floaters and jail sentences and nine drunks were disposed of, which completed the day's calendar.

TWO IRISHMEN AT OUTS.

In Sonoratown last evening at 8:30 Officer Talamantes arrested Tim Dailey and Pat McGraw, both under the influence of liquor, and sent them in to jail. McGraw accused Dailey of having robbed him of several dollars, which the latter strenuously denied. Dailey was booked on suspicion and McGraw was also locked up to be held as a witness against him. In Dailey's pockets $3.75 was found, which McGraw claimed, although he had something over $11 left when searched himself.

DIED OF A FATTY HEART.

Macedones Cordeon, a Mexican laborer, 60 years of age, dropped dead of heart disease at his home corner of Western and Santa Monica avenues yesterday morning without warning. He had been feeling ill during the night and expired suddenly about 8 oclock in the morning. Coroner Campbell held an inquest and ascertained that death had resulted from fatty degeneration of the heart. He leaves a widow and three children in poor circumstances.

BEGGING HOBOS ARRESTED.

Five husky hobos were picked up on the streets last night by the police for begging, and locked up in jail to be given a chance to secure positions on the chain gang.