

WARNS GROWERS TO PROTECT FRUITS

WEATHER BUREAU PREDICTS HEAVY FROST

Ranchers Are Advised to Smudge. Cold Wind Sweeps Down From North, Damaging Oranges and Lemons

All owners of orange groves in the vicinity of Los Angeles are warned to keep a sharp lookout for the frost that is due to appear this morning.

The oranges in Los Angeles county will be ripe if no untoward event occurs to ruin them by the first of the year, and light shipments are now being made from San Gabriel and Alhambra.

The wind which blew with so much force all day Wednesday and yesterday will abate today and only the sharp frost need be feared by ranchers, says the forecaster.

A velocity of eighteen miles an hour was attained by the wind in Los Angeles and in the unprotected portions of the county the velocity was much greater, and considerable damage was done to the oranges and lemons that are now coloring.

The weather report says: "The rain which preceded the windstorm has passed to the eastward and is giving heavy rains in the southern part of Arizona and the northern part of Mexico, New Mexico and Utah, while the northern portion of Arizona were visited by a snow three feet in depth."

Cool in Los Angeles. "Los Angeles was two degrees colder than New Orleans Wednesday, the maximum in the latter city being 60 and in Los Angeles 58 degrees. This city was only ten degrees warmer than New York city and only twenty degrees warmer than Chicago. Pittsburg was of the same temperature, and San Antonio, Tex., was ten degrees warmer."

"The cities of the United States which were as warm or warmer than Los Angeles Wednesday were Abilene, Kas.; Charleston, S. C.; Galveston, Tex.; Norfolk, W. V.; Phoenix, Ariz.; San Diego, and Yuma, Ariz."

Forecaster Franklin says: "The reason for the high winds that have been blowing in Southern California is that there have been a number of high areas in the northern part of the state and a corresponding number of low areas in the southern part. There is a gradient with high and low areas exactly as there are grades on roads, and the cold air literally falls down hill until a balance is struck."

COTTAGE WRECKED BY WIND: THREE INJURED

The cottage of R. D. Jewett at 1238 Cahuenga street, near Pico, was wrecked by the high wind at midnight Wednesday.

The building entirely collapsed in a mass of ruins. The occupants, Mr. and Mrs. Jewett and the former's mother, narrowly escaped death. They were caught in the ruins and were considerably injured. The stove was overturned and started a blaze which came near resulting disastrously, but was extinguished by a neighbor, who was aroused by the crash and the outcries of the family temporarily imprisoned beneath the ruins.

The cottage had just been built at a cost of about \$500 and was not completed, the underpinning not being secure. The family had occupied the house about one week, having previously lived in a tent. Jewett is a taxidermist and much of his work was destroyed.

The high wind early yesterday morning wrecked the temporary structure of the Immanuel Baptist church at Cambridge street and Western avenue, resulting in its almost total destruction. The building was carried four feet from the floor and falling raving in. It not having been completed made it less able to withstand the wind, as it had not been braced. The electric lights had been installed Wednesday and a piano moved there preparatory for the Christmas exercises next Tuesday evening.

The piano was not injured in the least, the rear of the building being badly wrecked. If the high wind continues the little church will be a total wreck.

The building was a portable one used by the denomination and was being erected for the Immanuel church as a temporary building until the necessary funds could be secured for a permanent building. The church numbers but 70 members and since the removal of the Central Baptist church to its neighborhood, has had a hard struggle for existence. It is expected the building will have to be torn down.

The congregation will worship Sunday morning at Masonic hall, El Mojino and Pico streets, where services had formerly been held. Rev. W. C. Clatworthy, the pastor, was on the scene of the wreck early yesterday morning and is doing all in his power to have the building rebuilt in a safe condition.

HIGH BREAKERS SWEEP BEACH AT OCEAN PARK

Special to The Herald. OCEAN PARK, Dec. 21.—Accompanied by a windstorm of unusual severity, the highest sea that has swept the beach this season is slowly receding tonight, leaving in its wake long stretches of undermined board walk uprooted electric light poles and numerous other evidences of its wrath.

During all of last night and early hours this morning the wind, particularly in the vicinity of Venice, blew a hurricane. At that point the dangerous lifeline was dislodged and considerable damage to flags, signs and awnings is reported. At Short Line Beach the board walks fronting the ocean fared badly. Under direction of City Inspector Seville a gang of men were set to work this afternoon to repair the damage.

Gonzales Resident Kills Himself. SALINAS, Dec. 21.—Peter Pasini, a well-known Swiss resident of Gonzales, aged 23 years, committed suicide yesterday evening on account of being afflicted with an incurable disease.

Casino at Nice Burned. NICE, France, Dec. 21.—A fire early today partially destroyed the Casino shortly after the departure of a gay night party. There were no casualties. The loss is estimated at \$20,000.

RAPS MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

Speaker at Meeting of New Century Club Tells Attitude of Socialists on Question

Burbank Hall was crowded last night by members of the New Century club and invited guests. A banquet was served and this was followed by a lively discussion of the topic "The Attitude of the Socialist on the Question of Municipal Ownership."

The principal speaker was J. B. Osborn, state organizer of the Socialist party. He contended that municipal ownership is not a part of the working class program and would not improve the economic condition of the working class under the wage system.

Rev. Dr. Forbes declared that municipal ownership would be a step in the direction of a larger Democracy and a benefit to the people. Rev. Frank J. Wheat and Prof. Lowe made short talks in which they held that municipal ownership is not a solution of the great problem now confronting the nation.

A general discussion ensued, the trend of which was that the means of wealth production should be socially owned and collectively operated. At the next meeting there will be a discussion of the Gothenburg system for the control of the liquor traffic.

SAN PEDRO WRITTEN FIGHT IN HALLWAY

AS SEQUEL TO ENCOUNTER ONE IS ARRESTED

Lively Altercation Between Mrs. Marion Hawkins and Mrs. Lela Miller in Lodging House Will Be Aired Fully in Superior Court

As a sequel to a hand-to-hand encounter between Mrs. Lela Miller and Mrs. Marion Hawkins in the Harbor Front boarding house of San Pedro last Sunday night, in which Mrs. Hawkins' face was "sprained" and her head cut by violent connection with a beer bottle, Mrs. Miller was tried yesterday in the justice's court on a charge of assault with intent to cause serious injury and was held to answer in the superior court.

The fight occurred in the front hall of the lodging house under the circumstances said by witnesses to have been as follows: Hawkins, the husband of the prosecuting witness, left his wife about eight months ago and became proprietor of the Harbor house. His wife continued to manage the Harbor boarding house. Sunday night Mrs. Hawkins decided to go to the Harbor house and investigate some reports to the effect that her husband had been showing too much attention to Mrs. Lela Miller.

After she had spent the evening at the place she decided to stay all night and she had retired to her room when she heard her husband talking with the Miller woman in the hall. She arose and followed them to the front veranda. "It is cold out here," Mrs. Miller is alleged to have said as she gazed deep into Hawkins' eyes, and the irate wife suddenly remarked:

"Well, if it is too cold for you, why don't you go down stairs and hunt up that red-headed husband of yours and stop him from gambling."

"You're a liar," retorted Mrs. Miller; "my husband doesn't gamble."

"Yes, you really are a liar," chipped in the husband, because you don't know that Miller is a gambler."

Mrs. Miller then left them and stepped in through one of the porch windows to get a wrap. Mrs. Hawkins passed on into the hall and as she walked by the door of the Miller woman's room Mrs. Miller is alleged to have opened the door softly and given her a different kind of rap over the back of the head with a beer bottle.

Mrs. Hawkins pleaded with her husband to protect her, but he laughed and went on down stairs and the two women had a battle of words and then Mrs. Hawkins swore to the complaint.

URGES COUPLE TO FORGIVE

Judge Advises Grocer and His Wife to Return Home for Sake of Children

"You folks had better go on home and for the sake of your children try and settle these marital disturbances between you without the assistance of the court," said Judge Bordwell in department nine of the superior court yesterday following the hearing of the petition of Mrs. Annie Fox for an interlocutory decree of divorce from A. B. Fox.

The suit, which charged intemperance and cruelty, was bitterly fought by the husband, who is proprietor of an East Ninth street grocery store. The woman charged her husband with having been so grossly intemperate that he fell on the floor of his grocery store and had to be carried to bed by his relatives. She also accused him of many acts of cruelty.

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SAID HE FORGOT SECRET BRIDE

Pretty Oakland Girl Given Decree of Divorce From Husband, Who, She Says, Failed to Claim Her

"I can't tell mamma; it would just kill her if she knew that you had married me," is the statement alleged to have been made by Frank E. Corneise of San Francisco to his pretty young wife, Emma S. Corneise, shortly after their marriage at Stockton, Cal., Oct. 15, 1904.

Yesterday the young woman applied for a decree of divorce before Judge Trank in department four of the superior court and the document was granted her.

According to the story told by the young woman yesterday she was married secretly to young Corneise at Stockton and the two immediately went to San Francisco, where they spent a brief honeymoon before going to their homes in Berkeley and Oakland.

At her home in Oakland the young woman says she waited in vain for the day when her husband had promised to come and claim her as his wife. "No, mamma would be shocked if she knew that I had married," the husband is reported to have said in mild alarm to his wife's sister when she expostulated with him.

And although the pretty little wife threatened to tell his parents, she remained true to her husband to the last and spared him the mortification of a fairly berating.

Following his return from New York, Corneise became an employe of the ticket office of the Southern Pacific at San Francisco, but he deliberately refused to claim his wife or have anything to do with her, she alleges. The young woman then came to Los Angeles and became a stenographer for a big wholesale house.

SAID HIS WIFE WAS STOLEN

Expert Testimony Taken in Case to Quiet Title to Mrs. Mary Porter's Estate

Expert testimony was taken yesterday regarding the handwriting in certain letters produced as evidence in the suit to quiet title brought by G. E. Porter against the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Porter, alias Douglass.

Yesterday David Douglass, the first husband of the deceased, took the stand in Judge Wilbur's department of the superior court and swore that his wife had deserted him to live with Porter and that there had never been a divorce between them. He accused Porter, who was formerly in his employment at Omaha, of having stolen his wife.

The case will be concluded tomorrow.

Leffingwell to Succeed Keane

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The Bulletin says that Elmore C. Leffingwell, election commissioner and newspaper man, will be private secretary to Mayor Schmitz, taking the place that will be vacated by George B. Keane, who has accepted the clerkship of the board of supervisors.

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