

LATEST OAKLAND NEWS.

Mrs. G. H. Abbott Fails to Obtain a Divorce From Her Husband.

THE PROOF WAS INSUFFICIENT.

Basil A. Hester Becomes Insane From Pondering on Religious Problems.

The Abbott divorce suit, which has created so much comment in Oakland since the trial was begun several days ago, came to an end yesterday when Judge Ellsworth denied Mrs. Abbott's petition for a legal separation.

The defendant was on the stand nearly all day relating the conduct of his wife prior to the time the suit was brought and replying to the charges in the complaint.

He said that his wife had often remained away from home over night with women of her acquaintance and that he had seen her drinking in the grillroom of a hotel with a man and woman.

In reply to the charge that he had nagged his wife, Mr. Abbott said that he had merely admonished her to be careful of her companions and conduct.

Mrs. Abbott's attorney questioned him regarding a letter he had written to the plaintiff, in which he spoke of an "angelic soul in a fiendish form."

"Perhaps it was the other way," suggested Judge Ellsworth.

Another letter of Mr. Abbott's to his wife was produced in evidence. It read as follows:

To Willie: Yesterday, in the conflict of pain, amazement and bitterness which has stunned me, and the desire for the moment to my distressed heart to see you and arrange some matter wherein we could straighten out our tangled matrimonial mess, I visited your home, but as usual I did not find you home.

Last week when you called upon me I then told you of my desire and intention to sever the tie which binds us together, and it was in order to carry out this plan that I so desired to see you. It was, however, an able to find you hidden from our own people and friends who have been so interested in us, and who are now asking why you are living with your father and I residing here.

Until now it is necessary that we arrange some immediate cause of action. You must return to the home, an able to find you for you or remain where you are for the entire future.

Can I bear this life without respect from those who have known me from early youth and with the loss of confidence in you whom I loved so dearly for years? You whom I took to myself in the face of all and everything I may forgive, but the tenderest of a day that has gone can never be returned. The very foundation of my life has been shaken, and there appears no solid earth upon which to make a new foothold.

There appears no light in the future, and I am unable to trust and believe in after you have failed? You, whom I esteemed so highly, looked to for help, and I thought would scorn to accept attention or anything from me on any day.

I have suffered, but will try and pull myself through and put as fair a case as I can. I will do this until you, at least, make some immediate answer to this either personally or by letter. The papers, perhaps, might be kept a secret and you saved from scandal. But can we ever bridge the gulf that has been between us? I will not attempt to answer in this, but I will try and be calm. I must not be found wanting in this day of work. I will stand down the wild, uncomposed confusion of my mind, and in this resolution I will not retreat, but will wait and endure much for my lost one's sake. Your father.

P. S.—I will not attempt to see you over there. I told your father yesterday that I would not be responsible for your living there, and that I therewith revoked the request contained in my letter to him. This is my ultimatum.

To Lecture in Modesto.

Rev. Benjamin H. Hudson, formerly pastor of the Baptist church, has left for Modesto, where he will deliver a series of lectures on religious themes.

The Board of Health overthrew the administration last evening in a vote that much surprised its friends. When the Mayor went into office he had the appointment of three members of the board to fill the vacancies which were left by those who had been expelled.

He appointed Drs. Miss Sarah Shuey, Beckwith and Rogers, who constituted a majority of the board. Almost their first official act was to remove Secretary and Solicitor, who had been in office for several years, and appoint E. W. Thurman in his place.

It was supposed that at last evening's session more friends of the administration would be appointed to fill the positions of sanitary inspectors. To the surprise of all Secretary Thurman was removed and Paul Snauffer put back in his old position, while S. S. Smith, the incumbent in the office of inspector, who had been in office for a particularly desired superseded, was appointed.

C. F. Ott, who was booked for inspector, had to be satisfied with the office of assistant, to take the place of S. Douglas.

The proceedings were held in executive session, but it is understood that Miss Dr. Shuey's vote turned the tide in favor of the old employees and defeated the Mayor's plans.

Sent to the Asylum.

Mrs. Nancy Abbott, the mother of the defendant, told of her daughter-in-law's actions in going out at all hours in response to notes brought by messenger-boys. She told that her family was dissatisfied at the time, but had concluded to make the best of it.

In giving his decision, Judge Ellsworth said that the plaintiff had clearly failed to make out a case, and that the husband had been justly committed to the Stockton Insane Asylum for the past nineteen years, was sent to that institution by Judge Ellsworth yesterday as a party to the same time ago, while Professor George Herron was holding meetings in Stockton, Hester became very much interested in his doctrines and attended several of his lectures.

He became absorbed in the study of religious problems and spent most of his time reading books relating to them. He made several attempts to deliver speeches during Professor Herron's meetings, but was restrained by his wife.

Recently Hester went to Alameda, where he showed signs of dementia and gave his watch and most of his wardrobe to the Salvation Army.

His son remonstrated with him, and in the altercation which followed the son violently assaulted Hester, refusing to submit to treatment of any kind and insists that he must give all his belongings to the poor. The demented man refused to answer the questions put to him by the Insanity Commissioners.

Oakland Lawn Tennis.

The Lakeside Tennis Club will elect officers this afternoon. The new club is reported to be in a most flourishing condition. It was organized only a short time ago and has fifty-six members already.

Arrangements are being made for the club to join the Pacific States Lawn Tennis Association, so that its members can play in all tournaments held under the auspices of that body.

Since the organization of the Lakeside Tennis Club the game has taken a fresh start in Oakland. The old courts all over the city are being repaired, and it is thought that by the end of the summer vacation the sport will have regained its former hold on Oakland players.

Many new improvements are being inaugurated at the Lakeside courts. Showers and new benches are being added.

Music at Golden Gate.

The Golden Gate Choral Club held its second grand concert at Klunkner Hall last evening under the direction of Dr. Hodges, who has been training the society in vocal exercises for several months past. A number of prominent Oaklanders

took part in the performance, which was attended by a large audience composed of the society people of Golden Gate.

Infant Fatally Scalded.

The six month-old infant of Manuel Enos, residing at Decoy, was fatally scalded on Friday morning. The child was being held by its sister when all of a sudden it gave a lurch and fell into a kettle of boiling water standing near. Almost instantly the infant was taken out, but it was too late. The lower part of the body was so badly burned that death resulted in a few hours.

Red Men to Picnic.

The Improved Order of Red Men will hold a reunion and picnic at Laundry Farm on Wednesday next. The affair will be under the auspices of Tecumseh Tribe No. 62, Gray Eagle Tribe No. 67, Comanche Tribe No. 79, and Wyoming Council No. 16, Degree of Pocatones.

Directors Again Sued.

The directors of the Oakland, San Leandro and Hayward Electric Street Railway have again been sued. This time it is by George G. Baker, for a balance of \$350 on a security of \$500, for the building of a portion of road.

Teachers' Examinations.

The semi-annual Alameda County teachers' examinations for teaching certificates will begin in the Oakland High School building on next Monday.

Berkeley.

The graduating class of the Berkeley High School held its closing exercises last evening at Shattuck Hall. Forty-nine pupils were granted diplomas and six received certificates indicating that they had satisfactorily completed certain lines of special study.

The programme rendered was a departure from the regular order of graduation exercises, since the subjects of the six addresses by the students were taken from one source—that of "The Great Men of American History."

Professor Charles Mills Gayley, chief of the English department of the university, addressed the class. He read the certificates by commending the study of the careers of great Americans, and by urging the class to continue work along that line.

P. R. Boone, president of the Board of Education, delivered the diploma to the class, and in his presentation address emphasized the necessity of proper preparation for the university, and advised those members of the class, if there were any, who did not feel fully prepared to enter their college work to stay out until they were ready to enter.

Following is the order in which the programme was presented:

Overture, "From Dawn to Twilight" (Benjamin Franklin); "The Declaration of Independence" (Hermann); our great American, "Greatness Appeals to the Future" (Emerson); "The True Patriot" (Margaret Webb); "The True Patriot" (Mary Josephine Colby); "The True Patriot" (The Statesman); W. A. Hackley; Gavotte, "Heart's Desire" (Tobani); Ralph Waldo Emerson; the Secer; Margaret Webb; "Abraham Lincoln, the Country's Prophet"; James Joseph Kline; "Judy" (Lubitsky); "Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, the Poet"; "Alice Rising"; "Thomas Alva Edison, the Wizard Genie"; Robert C. Bowen; waltz, "The Hendersons"; "The True Patriot"; Charles Mills Gayley; selection from "Martha" (Flotow); presentation of diplomas, P. R. Boone, President of Education; waltz, "Artist's Life" (Strauss).

The class was composed of the following members:

Ruth R. Armstrong, Ethel Bergen, Minnie Rejold, Percy H. Booth, Robert C. Bowen, Annie Bramel, Annie Brown, J. W. Brown, M. Josephine Colby, Charles W. Comstock, Edith Crawford, Ralph O. Dresser, Mammie Emery, Edna L. Lowell, Eugenia Coy, Pearl M. Smith, Annie M. Smith, Maudie Smith, Gertrude May, William G. May, Mabel McCoy, Lulu Mills, May Morrison, Roy V. Berry, Emily Owsley, Ada Parker, Alice Freese, Etta Good, Ada Graber, William A. Hackley, Mary S. Hall, Sarah Hanson, M. Henderson, Charles E. Jones, Josephine Kemp, R. W. Kemp, Elsie Kierulff, James J. Kline, Edna B. Southard, Emmeline Smith, Nae Tawara, Emma A. Van, Margaret Webb, Kitty Ray Wickson, Bessie Mae Wood.

Principal Waterman stated yesterday that the high school was never before in such a prosperous condition, and that "the only thing now lacking is room." "The school is decidedly overcrowded," he said, "with pupils having been accommodated during the past year in four small rooms." There is no room to believe that the number next year will be increased fully 20 per cent.

All of the teachers are college graduates, three of whom—M. C. James, Miss Florence Berg and Eugene Stamper—were recently appointed.

The Board of Education are devising ways and means for the erection of a new high school building, and it is expected that within another year a suitable one will have been erected.

A committee has been appointed to make a sliding schedule of salaries, the purpose being to pay teachers according to their experience and proficiency.

ALAMEDA.

A Chinese laundryman named Fung Hing was struck in the mouth with a rock yesterday afternoon and lost two of his teeth. Hing called on Justice Morris later on and swore to a complaint charging Jean Band with battery, and a warrant was forthwith issued. Jean is a brother of young Archie Band, who only a short time ago was sentenced to the County Jail for 100 days for petty larceny.

For Railroad Traffic.

City Attorney Taylor and Engineer Poyzer are securing the descriptions of land for the proposition to erect a trestle to set aside two avenues for steam railroad traffic exclusively, this work being preparatory to drawing up the necessary resolutions of intention. The work will take several weeks, and, Engineer Poyzer believes, will necessitate considerable field work.

Encountered a Gale.

Commodore Leonard and party in El Sueno did not reach Santa Cruz on Thursday. After passing through the Golden Gate such a high wind was encountered beyond the heads that the craft was compelled to turn back for safety. Anchor was cast at Sausalito until the weather outside was more propitious.

Sprinkling Ordinance.

The recently enacted ordinance requiring railroad tracks to be sprinkled every day is being complied with by the two steam railroads. The Alameda and Oakland Electric Company will also comply with the ordinance and are having a car specially made for the purpose.

More Protests Follow.

The protest of Judge J. A. Waymire against the proposed extension of Eagle avenue through his property has been followed by others from Rudolph Fallmar and H. F. Aschock. The third protest is also being circulated against this improvement and is being liberally signed.

A Theatrical Event.

The Pacific Lodge of the American Actors' Association gave their first social last night. It was especially notable, as being the first gathering of the kind held by the order in this country. The affair was intended as a means of expressing the gratitude of the order to those who had assisted them in making their benefit a success.

The opening hour was fixed for 10:30 o'clock. It was 11:30 before the guests began to arrive in any number. They gathered in the main lodgeroom, where a long line of tables were spread with good things.

An impromptu programme ensued. The affair was entirely informal and was thoroughly enjoyed.

To Safe Deposit Renters.

The Union Trust Company of San Francisco, corner of Market, Montgomery and Post streets, offers to the public safes for rent in the strongest, best guarded, best lighted and most secure vaults in the city. The rental is \$150 per annum. Valuables of all kinds stored at reasonable rates.

RUSSIA'S WIND WITCH.

The Dangerous Thistle Greatly Alarming the Agriculturists.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

Seed of the Weed Brought Into California on Railroad Freightcars.

The agriculturists of this State are becoming considerably worried about the Russian thistle that has appeared in several localities. The State Commissioners have taken hold of the matter of exterminating the weed before it causes the damage here that it has in other States and in various portions of Europe and Siberia.

It has already an alarming hold on the southern parts of California and is gradually working its way north. The Russian thistle or cactus is called by the Russians the "wind witch." It belongs to the tumble-weed class, and many believe that it evolved from the common salt wort of the Atlantic coast. It is one of the worst weeds known to agriculture. It is an herbaceous plant diffusely branched from the base and forming a

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At 15 Cents Each. LADIES' SHEER LAWN HEMSTITCHED AND SCALLOPED EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS, in white and colors, regular value \$3 a dozen.

LACE COLLARS! BUTTER POINT VENISE YOKE COLLARS, with epaulettes of lace, regular price \$2 25.

LACES! LACES! At 25 Cents a Yard. BLACK SILK CHANTILLY LACE and BLACK BOURBON LACE, 8 inches wide, regular price 30c, will be closed out at 25c a yard.

At 15c, 25c and 35c a Yard. BUTTER POINT VENISE LACE—4-inch at 15c, 6 1/2-inch at 25c, 8-inch at 35c a yard; former price 40c, 65c and \$1.

GLOVES! GLOVES! At 55 Cents. 200 DOZEN LADIES' 8-BUTTON LENGTH MOUSQUETAIRE UNDESSED KID GLOVES, in red, blue, green, heliotrope, purple and lilac, regular value \$1, will be offered at 55c a pair.

At 75 Cents. 135 DOZEN LADIES' 4-BUTTON KID GLOVES (large buttons), in dark and medium tan shades, white and black, regular value \$1 25, will be offered at 75c a pair.

AT LESS THAN HALF PRICE. BROKEN LINES OF MEN'S UNDERWEAR, in wool, merino, balbriggan, etc., also old sizes in overalls, will be closed out at less than half price.

At 75 Cents. MEN'S AUSTRALIAN LAMB'S WOOL UNDERSHIRTS AND DRAWERS, in undyed sanitary gray, warranted thoroughly shrunken, medium weight, regular price \$1 25, will be closed out at 75c each.

At 75 Cents. MEN'S HEAVY SEAMLESS COTTON SOCKS, with double heels and toes, in brown and drab mixtures, regular price \$1 50 a dozen, will be closed out at 75c a pair.

At 15 Cents. MEN'S EXTRA FINE CASHMERE MERINO SOCKS, full finished, with double spliced heels and toes, extra good value for 25c, will be closed out at 15c a pair.

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ever gets among the hills and ravines it will be standing menace to the farmer for all time to come, for every fall the winds will roll a fresh stock of seed into the open country.

LABOR COUNCIL'S WORK. An Effort to Revive Interest in the Proceedings of the Body.

The San Francisco Labor Council held its regular meeting last night. Though the attendance was small, the interest was lively and warm discussions took place under the head of the good of the order.

California's marvelous success in the cultivation of sweet peas was demonstrated at the monthly meeting of the State Floral Society, held in the rooms of the State

Menlo Park nurseries had on exhibition sixty varieties of sweet peas, most of them Eckford's, although the Duke of Clarence, a waxen white blossom of his own production, was thought to equal the famous Blanch Burpee from the nurseries of the English florist, who has devoted the past fifteen years to proving the possibilities of the sweet pea. Among his display of Eckford's, which were classified to show the improvement made in their culture since 1890, was a large crimson beauty, a favorite known as the Duke of Clarence.

Mrs. Austin Sperry read a financial report of the rose show given in Maple Hall by the Floral Society last month, showing the total receipts to have been \$844 65, the

Mrs. H. W. Smyth gave a report from the committee on cultivation of seedling patergallons.

Mrs. L. O. Hodgkins read a letter to the society from Rev. W. T. Hutchins from Indian Orchard, Mass., in which he avowed that California can get up at 11 o'clock and beat the world on flowers.

Sidney S. Peixotto was elected to membership in the society.

The next meeting will be held on the second Friday of July, when there will be an exhibit of tuberous begonias, and J. H. Sleviers will read a paper on their culture.

Miles With a Wheelbarrow. Seventeen years ago, in 1878, Lyman Potter of New York State performed the prodigious task of pushing a common "paddy" wheelbarrow across the continent. He started from his home on Dane street, Albany, N. Y., on the morning of April 10, 1878, and arrived in San Francisco on the afternoon of October 5 of the same year, being almost exactly 178 days (five hours and three minutes over) in performing the wearisome feat. Potter was a shoemaker, and the trip was the result of a wager made by some friends who believed that such a trip would occupy at least 200 days. The wager was \$1000, but Potter made between three and five times that sum advertising for different parties along the route. The wheelbarrow was made specially for the use to which it was put and weighed but seventy-five pounds. The distance traveled by Potter was exactly 4085 1/2 miles.—St. Louis Republic.

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Mrs. Marchand—DEAR MADAM: At your request I have carefully analyzed your Gray Hair Restorer. It is an effective preparation and will not injure the hair or the general health. I can cheerfully recommend it to your patrons. Respectfully submitted, W. T. WENZELL, Analytical Chemist.

This is to certify that I am well acquainted with W. T. Wenzell, and that I consider him one of the ablest Chemists in San Francisco and a gentleman of the strictest integrity. C. A. CLINTON, M.D., Ex-member of Board of Health.

I endorse Dr. Clinton's opinion of Professor Wenzell. WILLIAM SEARBY, Chemist.

This is to certify that I know Professor Wenzell and know him to be correct and a gentleman. W. H. LOGAN, Ph.D., M.D.

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disbursements \$642 74, with the net balance \$201 91. The resignation of Mrs. Orville D. Baldwin from one of the committees was accepted. Emory E. Smith, as manager of the rose show, reported the encouragement received and the advisability of giving further exhibits of the kind.

Horticultural Society yesterday afternoon. The Floral Society makes an exhibit of flowers at all of its monthly meetings, but all visitors pronounced that of yesterday a revelation. There were thousands of the delicate blossoms, showing an almost infinite variety of color. M. Lynch of the

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