

LATEST OAKLAND NEWS.

A Really Quiet Wedding Celebrated in Classic Berkeley.

DEAF MUTES ARE UNITED.

Attempt to Kill in Court—Elaborate Preparations for the Fourth.

Miss Dora Westfall and Harry Lincoln Raymond, both graduates of the Deaf and Dumb Institution of Berkeley, were united in marriage at Claremont, North Oakland, yesterday.

Miss Westfall has never uttered a word in her life, while her husband has not talked since he was five years old. Their love for each other sprung up some years ago when they were school-children together, and ever since they have been devotedly attached to each other.

The marriage ceremony was rather a unique one. It took place at the residence of ex-Senator H. J. McKusick on Claremont avenue. Rev. Mrs. Wilkes of the First Unitarian Church of Oakland performed the ceremony.



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formed the ceremony, which was interpreted by Professor Wilkinson, principal of the State deaf and dumb institution.

An Assault in Court. There was an exciting scene for a few minutes in Judge Lawrence's courtroom in East Oakland on Friday morning last when Mrs. Abrams, a woman of some stature, attempted to shoot Manuel Duarte.

It seems that there has been blood existing between the two parties for some time. Mrs. Abrams had Duarte arrested for malicious mischief.

On the morning mentioned the two parties appeared in court, and before the Judge arrived they began to tell their troubles to a couple of constables. The discussion between the two grew hotter and hotter. Mrs. Abrams finally lost her temper and began to speak of her enemy in uncomplimentary tones.

The bystanders immediately jumped to his assistance and a lively tussle ensued. The woman clung to her revolver for dear life, and it was only after a desperate struggle that they succeeded in getting it from her.

Knights of Pythias Preparing. Even Sunday does not stop the preparation for Oakland's fourth of July celebration. Yesterday morning the knights appointed by the Knights of Pythias to arrange for the entertainment of their brother knights, held a meeting at Pythian Castle. Progress was reported on all sides. Arrangements are being made to banquet and entertain over a thousand visiting members, who will come from all parts of the State. The entire First Regiment of San Francisco will be in attendance.

The committee on float reported that they will have a representation of Damon and Pythias. The Columbia, Caliente, and East Oakland presents of Bathone Sisters had representatives present at the meeting who signified their willingness to donate the two halls to be used in the day for banqueting and entertaining the visitors.

The general Fourth of July committee on decoration has called for bids for decorating the telegraph and telephone poles on Broadway, for stretching flags across the principal streets, and for lighting Twelfth street from Broadway to the lake, with Chinese lanterns. The bids will be opened this morning.

Constable Welden Arrested. Constable Welden of East Oakland was arrested Saturday on the charge of battery sworn to by Michael O'Day. The latter was driving along East Twelfth street, when the constable became unmanageable and ran away. It was stopped by Welden, who demanded that O'Day pay for some slight damage caused by his horse upsetting some fruit on the sidewalk. This he refused to do.

In the parity that ensued the horse ran away a second time, demolishing the wagon attached to it and several others standing in the street. O'Day became so angry at his loss that he swore out the warrant.

Grass Fire at Piedmont. An extensive grass fire back of Piedmont caused great alarm to the residents of that section yesterday afternoon. A gang of men with sacks, after a hard struggle, succeeded in extinguishing it. No damage was done with the exception of destroying several acres of pasture.

BERKELEY. Will Schmidt, the street contractor, has got himself into a squabble with the Town Trustees and K. G. Easton, another contractor. The trouble arose on last Friday evening when the bids for grading a portion of Shattuck avenue were opened before the board. Schmidt's bid, as Clerk Hanscom read it, was 37 1/2 cents a cubic yard for doing the proposed work, while that of Easton was 30 cents. In accordance with the custom that street work should go to the lowest bidder, Easton was awarded the contract. Schmidt made no complaint at the time of the reading of the bids, but at the following day endeavored to make his friends believe that the seven was a one, and that his bid was 31 1/2 cents per cubic yard rather than 37 1/2 cents.

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A Decided Improvement is Apparent all Along the Line.

NEW PLANTS ESTABLISHED.

San Francisco Alone Manufactures Over \$150,000,000 Worth of Goods Annually.

It is gratifying to note a general improvement in nearly all lines of manufacturing in this City. In some instances the amount of orders and the force of workmen has been doubled. When the time comes that everybody patronizes home industrial institutions there will be few idle workmen in the State.

The benefit of a large capital in a business is beginning to be felt since the Washburn-Moen Wire Manufacturing Company bought out the California Wire Works. Business with this company is rapidly increasing, and the present plant is kept constantly up to about its full capacity on orders. In addition to a 35-ton cable delivered to the Howard-street road, one of thirty tons was delivered yesterday for another section of the same line. This cable is made to order, and which its factory force is working aggregating over half a million pounds of wire rope and cable. They report prices still advancing in the East for material.

The Pacific Meat Company of Portland, Oregon, and Seattle and Tacoma, Washington, one of the largest firms in the West, is in the City, with a view of establishing here a large plant for the curing, packing and canning of meats. His company contemplates the investment of several hundred thousand dollars in plant and equipment. Mr. May says there is no reason whatever for the importation of cured meats from Chicago, from anywhere else, to California. We have cheap and abundant productions and the advantage of climate, which is a factor of great consideration in the business.

The Pacific Water Wheel Company supplied a few months ago two wheels aggregating 600 horsepower to the Silverton mines in Colorado for running an electric transmission plant, the operation of which has been so satisfactory that a duplicate of the plant has now been ordered.

This company has also an order for a 400-horsepower station for the Conchenco mine in Mexico, together with an electric light plant for the mine and works. They report also several other orders from Mexico and Central America, which compels them to double up their force, and they are now running their works both night and day.

L. P. Degan, the leather and belt manufacturer, is shipping a big 36-inch belt for the interior for an electric plant, and has secured the contract for furnishing the City of San Francisco with belting and leather used in that institution.

The California Art Glass Company is turning out some very handsome designs in illuminated glass signs for local cigar stores.

The Western Iron Works of this City have the contract for the steel roof of the Claus Spreckels residence on the corner of Van Ness avenue and Clay street, and the staircases of the Parrott building on Market street.

The ship Tropic Bird, from Tahiti, has just discharged 10,000 coconuts for L. G. Sresovich & Co. at their shredded coconut factory at North Beach. The demand for the Tropic brand of coconuts has so increased lately that the firm has added a considerable number of workmen to their force in the factory.

The Oregon Compound Steam Engine Company has just completed a six-horsepower engine for F. W. Smith of the Tuscara Mercantile Company of Elko, Nev., and have an order for a twenty-six horse-power engine for the same firm.

The Midas Gold Saving Machinery Company has shipped during the last week two 20-hp. amalgamators to Spokane, Wash., and two to Quincy, Plumas County, Cal. A large number of these amalgamators are now being used in beach sand mining along the coast.

The Oregon Compound Steam Engine Company are putting in new shafting for the steamer Zinfandel, also shafting for the Aurora, and a pair of engines for the Alviso. This company also has a contract on hand for building steam engines and hoisting works for the Pittsburg Coal Mining Company.

Woodin & Little are shipping a large number of the Gen windmills to Mexico and Honolulu, where they are used extensively.

The California Ink Company has had a large number of workmen employed of late in enlarging their plant and have at the present time an order on hand for their works. The high-grade black ink turned out by them have superseded all imported inks, and they are now supplying all the leading printing-houses of the coast.

The Galloway Lithographing Company report business on the increase and a general desire on the part of San Francisco business men to patronize home industry.

According to the census report San Francisco manufactures each year about \$150,000,000 worth of goods.

The Mare Island Government Navy-yard is at present employing 900 men.

The Union Gas Engine Company has just shipped a 15-horsepower marine engine to Astoria, Or., one 4-horsepower marine to Tillamuck, Or., one 8-horsepower stationary engine to Australia and a 4-horsepower pumping plant to San Jose, and a 2-horsepower marine engine to Seattle, Wash.

Mr. Loftus, proprietor of the Western Manufacturing Company, informs us that his works are pushed to the full capacity at the present time. The firm makes a specialty of sawmill machinery of every description. Among other work that they are now building are two double circular mills for the sugar-pine country and an improved donkey for the Usal Redwood Lumber Company of Mendocino County, California. This mill will be the most substantial machine on the coast, as it carries the im-

provements suggested by the practical experience of millmen during the last two years with this class of machinery.

The Pacific Coast Co-operative Cigar Company is increasing the volume of its output to meet the extra demand for the products of the company occasioned by the recent call for home-manufactured goods recently developed.

The Krogh Manufacturing Company this week closed a contract to supply a centrifugal pump, with engines of sufficient capacity to deliver 10,000 gallons per minute seventeen feet high. This plant is to be finished complete and erected on the San Joaquin River bank. The company also shipped a pump of 2000 gallons' capacity per minute, and another of 600 gallons to the southern part of the State. Another 600-gallon pump was shipped to the interior. There has been a considerable demand for piping with gate valves and fittings for mines recently. They are now building a lot to stand 750 pounds per square inch for a mine in South America.

Steiger & Kerr, foundrymen, who have recently added a stove-manufacturing plant to their works, have one of their new home-made stoves on exhibition in the drugstore window at the corner of Market and Third streets. They report business on the increase, and will soon be able to furnish the home market with a superior home-made stove for all purposes.

The McGue Concentrator Company has just shipped two concentrators to Murray, Idaho, and have orders now on hand for more. The Union Machine Works are doing the work on these machines.

The National Brewery Company are now employing over fifty workmen and turning out over 100,000 barrels annually. In all machinery, printing, shoe cards, etc., this company gives preference to home industry.

Paul B. Perkins of the Perkins Pump and Engine Company says that the home industry paper should be well treated with the oil of advertisement in order to lessen the chances of a hot journal.

There is a lull in sporting interests just at present. Many of the members of the leading sporting clubs are out of town on their little hunting and fishing tours, and little gossip is heard about the clubs that do not have some reference to improbable sized bear, panther and elk, or unaccountable catches of fish and suckers incidentally.

Several of the Olympic Club members shouldered rods and guns last week and hid themselves to sylvan solitudes and ripping brooklets in the mountains of Nevada and Santa Cruz, and for the nonce the most enthusiastic sporting supporters are absent just when they are most needed to help the boys of the club in their effort to procure barges. Since the Olympic men won the barge race against the Aces, Pioneers and Dolphins last Sunday, considerable interest in boating has arisen in the club.

The members of the club who are members of the winning crew—R. McAdams, F. Grimm, T. Martin and Martin Gillien, coxswain—are confident of inducing the club to subscribe liberally for the barges. If successful, such a large racing will constitute a popular department of the club.

The Olympic Baseball Club will meet the Pacifics on the diamond in Vallejo next Sunday.

Manager Kennedy is confident the opportunity is ripe for renewed enthusiasm in the National game, and he says if there were any suitable grounds here he would like to have a crowd of spectators at the game. This, he thinks, was shown at the scrub game at Central Park a few days ago, when the gate receipts amounted to nearly a hundred dollars, without advertising.

Ladies' night for athletic sports will be held on the evening of July 15.

On the Diamond. The Clipper Baseball Club defeated the St. Francis boys yesterday by a score of 38 to 17. The victors are anxious for sports in new grounds and would like to hear from any club having a membership under 20 years of age. Challenges will be addressed to Joseph Overton, 933 Stevenson street.

Strange Cannons of Stone. The best wonderful cannons on record are those which are described by Brudone, whose travels in Sicily and Malta won well-deserved renown toward the end of the last century. Many facts and stories he recounts that seem strangely old-world, such as the use of stone guns. Every body knows that the fortifications were cut out of solid rock, but Brudone was right in saying that a kind of ordinance used to defend them was unknown to all the world besides.

As we understand his description, the knights laid a great block of stone where they hollowed out an embrasure in the cliff. In front of the stone they shaped and bored in the form of a gigantic mortar. The engines contained a whole barrel of gunpowder. That shoveled in, they plugged it with a great piece of wood, fitted exactly to the bore, as a wadding, and loaded up with cannon-balls, shells and other deadly materials.

About fifty of these remarkable guns commanded the spots which a hostile ship was most likely to approach. The mouths of some are six feet wide, and they are able to throw 10,000 pounds' weight of balls or stones. The range is not stated, but the falling projectiles covered an area of over 300 square yards.—Chicago Times-Herald.

In Siam when a funeral is passing the women take down their hair and unfasten their heads, and the men fumble around in their pockets for a little piece of metal to hold between their teeth.

SOCIALISTS IN DEBATE.

Competition is Discussed at Length at Metropolitan Temple.

BENHAM PREDICTS CONFLICT.

Green Majors Believes It Is Not a Success—Mrs. Eliza Wilkes' Remedy.

"Competition" was the topic of discussion at a meeting under the auspices of the American section of the Socialist Labor party.

There was not a very large audience present, but it seemed appreciative enough. Chairman G. B. Benham made a rather long speech, telling what Socialists did believe and what they did not.

"They did not believe in attempting to remedy existing conditions," he said, "by the retirement or conviction of men who had misused their political positions to the advantage of themselves and the disadvantage of the public."

The statement published that the Socialist Labor party had given its countenance to Labor Commissioner Fitzgerald in his anti-Mongol crusade he denied. He predicted that a conflict between labor and capital was imminent.

Green Majors was the principal speaker. His subject was "Is Competition a Success?"

There was one form of competition, he observed, which would make man happier and the world better, namely, a competition of brains. He proceeded:

That is not the kind of competition which we are to-day however. What we have now is the competition of low cunning and the man who produces the least accumulates most capital. Capital has accumulated in combination with a few individuals of magnetic power as to dictate the legislation of mankind.

As a result of the competition of to-day warfare is waged with their feet. The people yet people are going without food, homes, clothes and prospects.

The speaker analyzed the material processes of society in production, distribution and consumption, and opined that the only solution of the problem was the Government to own and operate all the machinery of production and distribution. He would also have all profit done away with, and the Government own all the land and mining rights.

Competition has not been a success. This competitive system has produced a hogish desire in each man to own the earth. It means that the vast majority of the population of this country to-day are \$31,000,000,000 in debt, and the interest on that much amounts to more than the interest on the money which can they ever be expected to pay the principal.

He was followed by Mrs. Eliza Tupper Wilkes, who had a scheme which would remedy the great evils of the day. This was a scheme to solve the problem of the circumstances. She said in substance:

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