

LATEST OAKLAND NEWS.

Aaron Krauss Drowned in the Presence of Thousands of People.

FELL FROM A BURNING RAFT.

Walter Lambert Holds a Reception Before Departing for San Quentin.

Aaron Krauss met his death on the night of the Fourth of July by drowning in Lake Merritt. Although he was less than a hundred yards from over 50,000 people, not more than a dozen of them knew of his danger and death.

In the early part of the evening Mr. Krauss, accompanied by a friend, Levi Strauss, came over from San Francisco to witness the illuminations. Being a personal friend of Henry Vollars, who had the fireworks in charge, he asked permission to go out on the floats from which the display took place. The request was granted, but not willingly. He was told of the danger, but he paid no attention to the warning. His friend placed him on the float in charge of George Woodward, which was located on the east side of the lake, near the boulevard.

Almost immediately upon the beginning of the display the raft on the extreme right caught fire, causing the rockets to shoot in every direction. Those in charge saw that it would be almost impossible to carry on the display on account of the small size of the rafts. But every precaution was taken, and the procedure was to carry out the programme all right until about 9:30 o'clock, when the raft upon which Krauss was located caught fire.

His and Woodward's efforts to extinguish the fire failed. They shouted for help, and George Atkinson's steam launch immediately started toward them. Krauss became wildly excited, and in the confusion he leaped into the water, just before the launch got him. At the same time all of the fireworks on the raft exploded, enveloping the place in dense smoke. Nothing more was seen of Krauss. Woodward stayed on the raft and was safely removed by a boat. At the time the friends of Krauss were told that he had been drowned or not. Some thought that he had floundered to the shore. Early yesterday morning the body of Krauss was recovered by a dredger.

The deceased resided at 1017 Post street, San Francisco. He was a single man, about 40 years of age. Levi Strauss & Co. had employed him for the past fourteen years.

Anticipates a Contest. This morning at 10 o'clock the Board of Supervisors will meet at a board of equalization to hear any complaints against the assessment rolls as prepared by Assessor Dalton. All complaints must be filed with the County Clerk. As yet no protests have been entered, but several complaints are being made by their agents at work for some time getting figures so as to be able to enter protests. Assessor Dalton expects a hard battle, but he is willing to substantiate all his assessments, and make it clear that he will know how to act. At present I cannot say what course I shall pursue. You see everything depends upon what the other side is going to do. If necessary I will go to court, and if I am not satisfied with the result of the trial, I do not believe the Supervisors will take snap judgment on me in this matter. If a fight is made I want time to prepare my case and secure my witnesses in earnest, and to make a showing if my figures are attacked.

Taken to San Quentin. Walter Lambert, the ex-clerk of the Police Court, was taken to San Quentin yesterday to serve five years for taking money from the city. In the morning he held a large reception at the County Jail. He seemed to be happy. Quite a number of his friends gathered at an early hour to meet him.

The prisoner thanked them for standing by him as nobly as they had done. He thanked them for their kind words, and from prison he was going to turn over a new leaf and lead a different life. He said that a severe lesson had been taught him and he had no one to blame but himself.

When the fire department arrived upon the scene the fire had already reached the horses, and they were snorting with agony. Before they could be loosened they were so badly burned that it was thought best to shoot them to end their suffering. The bodies of the horses were taken to a slaughterhouse and the carcasses were sold for \$125, and the total insurance upon the barn and its contents was \$260.

Brother Walter at St. Mary's. Brother Erminold, who has been president of St. Mary's College in this city for some time, has been appointed to the directorship of the Sacred Heart College in San Francisco. Brother Walter, an eminent Catholic scholar, will succeed him. He was one of the first young men who completed a course at St. Mary's, graduating in 1879. Since then he has taught in various Catholic schools on this coast. His specialties are metaphysics and philosophy, but he is also well versed in history and literature. As a disciplinarian he has gained great distinction.

Oakland Briefs. The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret L. Hoyt took place yesterday afternoon from her home on Eighteenth street, near West. Residents in the district about Twenty-second avenue got up yesterday morning and found their homes surrounded by a sea of water. The cause was a large main of the Oakland Water Company bursting during the night.

Mrs. J. W. Tompkins, wife of City Clerk Tompkins, returned from Cazadero yesterday very seriously injured. She was thrown from a stage coach, sustaining both a fracture and dislocation of the hip.

ALAMEDA. Constable H. W. von Kapff will leave this evening for Los Angeles to arrest Manuel Benchenon on a charge of grand larceny. He is accused of having stolen a gold watch and some money from Victor Lindstrom last January. Benchenon is serving a sentence of six months in Los Angeles County, which will expire next Monday.

For Stealing an Egg. George Zeigler, of Blinding avenue, caught Maurice Weiss Jr. in his chicken house with an egg stolen from one of the nests. He handed the youngster rather roughly, and, as a result, the father of the Weiss boy yesterday had Zeigler arrested for battery, who in turn had the boy arrested for larceny. The matter will be brought before the Justice's court.

Reckless Discharge of Firearms. Some reckless individual discharged a thirty-two caliber revolver on the Fourth of July in the morning at Regent street. The bullet crashed through a window-pane in an upper-story front room of the residence of M. S. Taylor and embedded itself in the wall. The family had only a few minutes before vacated the room and no one was injured.

Eulogy on Fred Douglass. George Washington Dennis Jr. of Alameda will deliver a eulogy on the life of Frederick Douglass Monday evening at the Bethel Church, Oakland. Mr. Dennis is a representative man of the colored race in the Coast and is an entertaining speaker.

Brief News Notes. The Alameda Orchestral Society, the leading musical organization of this city, will resume practice next Thursday evening at the residence of Professor Vogt, Versailles avenue, from the present terms at Buena Vista avenue through ex-Assessor Smith's property to Harrison avenue, being surveyed preparatory to its original extension.

Lloyd Brown, son of School Director C. A. Brown, whose sudden demise occurred at Los Angeles on Monday, expressed a wish before his death to be cremated, and accordingly his body was incinerated at Los Angeles. Angelo Duperu, who was conductor of the ill-fated car of the electric line which ran through the Webster-street drawbridge into the estuary several months ago, has been indicted by the grand jury as superintendent of the Alameda and Oakland Electric Railway. Since the completion of the two loop lines traffic has increased to the extent that an assistant became a necessity.

Death of Smith & Higginbotham, which for several months has been conducting the Boulevard stables at the speed track, has dissolved partnership, with G. E. Smith as its successor.

BERKELEY. Herman Whitney, a gardener in the employ of W. F. Booth at the corner of Dana street and Bancroft way, was found dead in his bed on the night of July 4. He had been ailing for some time past, and after having returned from Oakland, where he had gone to celebrate the Fourth, ate some green apples, which are supposed to have caused his sudden demise.

Funeral of the dead man, as he had been in the employ of Mr. Booth for only about a month. He was 35 years old and a native of Canada. At the Coroner's inquest held last night it was found that his death was caused from acute pericarditis.

Honor to Professor Greene. Professor Edward L. Greene, who has been for several years chief of the botanical department of the University of California, and whose resignation from that office took effect on the 1st inst., received a letter yesterday from the University of Berkeley, informing that the faculty of that institution had decided to confer on him the honorary degree of LL.D.

THE NEW POTRERO SCHOOL.

The Grammar Grade Work Provided For in the New Building.

MANUAL TRAINING A FEATURE.

Mayor Sutro and the Board of Education Will Inspect It Saturday Morning.

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The three upper classrooms are connected with sliding doors, making it possible in case of a large gathering to throw all three into one. To facilitate this plan the teachers' platforms are made portable.

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Mayor Sutro and the Board of Education will visit the new school to-day upon invitation of Mr. Welsh. The total cost of remodeling the old structure and building the new is \$28,450.50.

The Clock Was All Right. There was a colored woman and a package on a Brunner car the other evening, and if anybody wondered what the package contained the mystery was soon solved. She hadn't gone over two blocks before the clock in the paper box on her lap struck twice. Everybody looked at the woman, and the woman looked down at the clock, and there was a general feeling of the worst was over when the clock struck the hour of 4. This created a laugh all around and the striking and the laugh aroused a man who was dozing on a seat near the door.

"Was 'er matter?" he asked, as he looked around the car in a dazed way. "No one answered him and he was about to doze off again when the clock struck at it and struck six times in the most painful and deliberate manner.

"Whash she started—" asked the man as he started up. "It's my clock," said the colored woman, as she turned the box to the side. "Did your clock strike six times?" "Yes, sir." "Then what your clock wanter strike six times for? I thought it was shix o'clock in the morning and time to get up. Go in to strike agin?" "I—I hope not, sir."

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to get up and then struck ten times for me to go to bed. Clock may be off—I do be off. Clocks don't do that. I do be off. Guess 'er clock is all right and I'm off. If clock was tight I'd ask you to get off. As clock is sober, keep yer seat and let 'er clock have good time, and I'll get off fur more beer. Shix times—ten times—clock all right. Good night, colored woman with sober clock—farewell!"—Detroit Free Press.

A Prompt Diagnosis. "Look here," she said defiantly as she strode into the detective's office, "my husband's missing."

"You don't say so!" "I don't say so, don't I? Well I'd have you to understand that I do say so, and what's more you heard me say so. And I don't propose to stand here and be contradicted by any man that lives."

"She paused for breath and the officer murmured: "I don't mean any offense."

"If that ain't like a man! What difference does it make what you mean? You don't suppose I care what you mean? Haven't you got your business to attend to, haven't you? All I ask is that you mind it and not ask fool questions and make silly remarks. Where's my husband?"

"Of course you don't know where he is. You're not paid for knowing where he is, are you? Haven't been up to the tax collector's office twice a year for the last twenty—I mean ten—years paying my share of your salary to look after just such cases as this?"

"Well, ma'am, I don't know where he is, but I've got a clew."

"You don't say so."

"The first thing to do is to look for a motive. I think I've found out why your husband left home. If you want any more I'll let you know." And he dodged into his private office and bolted the door.—Washington Star.

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HARDENED TO THE BEEF.

Sir Edwin Arnold's Nephew Murdered by an Infatuated Young Woman.

Unable to Stand His Brutal Treatment, She Shot Him Through the Heart.

A strange story of a woman's vengeance in far-off India is brought to this port by the steamer Rio Janeiro, which arrived at an early hour yesterday morning from Hongkong.

The victim was J. F. G. Lester, acting superintendent of police at Godra, in the Panch Mahals district, and the nephew of Sir Edwin Arnold. The woman was his wife, a daughter of Colonel Braham, an old Indian campaigner. They were married in Bombay about five years ago, had a large circle of friends in the big English dependency and moved in the smartest set in Bombay.

Early in May Lester and his wife had established a camp at Champaner, at the foot of Pawngher Hill, in the Panch Mahals, and seemed to be enjoying themselves splendidly. On the morning of May 8 Lester decided that he would move the camp to the summit of the hill, 2500 feet high. The day was clear and he led directly to the tragedy. Mrs. Lester objected to the climb and begged her husband to allow her to return to her home in Bombay. He was obstinate and she was compelled to obey.

The camp furniture was placed on the top just before the fall of the evening. Angry words passed between man and wife. He turned away, and in a sudden access of rage, the woman picked up a small rifle standing close to her, placed the muzzle close to his back and fired. Without a groan Lester fell face forward on the ground dead.

Half way down the mountain was the camp of Mr. Little, and at the morning of May 9 one of the native servants of the Lester party rode down to him with a letter from Mrs. Lester. In it she stated that she had killed her husband, and wished to have the authorities notified. She recited the story of his latest attack, and concluded by saying that she could bear his continued brutal treatment no longer and had taken this means of ridding herself of his presence.

Upon receipt of the news Mr. Little and Lieutenant Elderton proceeded to the Lester camp, where they found the dead man and the murderer. The woman acted hysterically for a time and appeared to be out of her mind.

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Sunset Cycling Club. Captain Morrison of the Sunset Cycling Club has completed the list of runs for the club for the month of July in pursuance of instructions issued by the committee last Monday night. The first run was made last night to the Cliff House and the second will be made to-morrow to Berkeley, via West Oakland. The remainder of the runs will be made as follows: On the 11th to the Cliff House; 14th, Hayward; 15th, band stand; 21st, Ingleside; 25th, Cliff House, and 28th to Colma.

Arrests on Minna Street. There was a lively scrimmage at 28 Minna street last night, which resulted in the arrest of two men. James Godfrey had a quarrel with Thomas Tracy, and when the two were struggling upon the floor Godfrey bit Tracy's right hand ring finger to the bone, and in retaliation Tracy gave him a severe drubbing with his fist. Upon receipt of the news Mr. Little and Lieutenant Elderton proceeded to the Lester camp, where they found the dead man and the murderer. The woman acted hysterically for a time and appeared to be out of her mind.

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MORE MONEY FOR JACK.

The Wages of Deep-Water Sailors Raised to Twenty Dollars.

LANDLORDS IN THE FIGHT.

The Rate to Go Still Higher—Demand for Ships the Cause—Trip of the Lakme.

The wages of deep-water sailors on foreign ships in this port have been raised to \$20 a month, and at a meeting of the Seamen's Landlords' Association Wednesday afternoon it was decided to raise the advance to \$50 a man. The wages of sailors have been ranging from \$15 to \$17.50 a month for the last two years, and in that time it cost Jack from \$5 to \$7.50 to get a berth on board any ship.

The sudden demand for foreign and American vessels to carry away the syndicate wheat which has been stored so long in the Port Costa warehouses created a demand for men, and the natural law of supply and demand sent the price of the sailor up in the scale. It is said by members of the executive committee of the association that wages before long will be advanced to \$25.

When sailors were scarce in years gone by "blood" money came into vogue, and it cost the ship all the way from \$75 to \$80 a "blood" man. Then sailors became a drug on the market; "blood" money was done away with, and the sailor instead of the ship was taxed. In all these years it never occurred to the boarding-master to raise the wages of the seaman. Twenty dollars a month seemed to be the standard price, and when the rate was changed it was not in favor of the sailor.

The advance has always been \$10 a month since the Dingley act, which was passed for a trip around the Horn, the duration of which is estimated at four months. If the boarding-house masters attempt to carry out their "advance" scheme they will come into conflict with Uncle Sam.

Chief Deputy Parker of the United States Shipping Commissioner's office said yesterday that no vessels, either foreign or American, could pay more than \$40 advance against that," said Mr. Parker. "No ship can give an advance of more than \$40 in this or any consul's office, and a violation of this law is a crime punishable by law."

"It is true that the wages of sailors have been advanced to \$20 a month," said Secretary Hankin of the British Consul, "but I had not heard of the advance being raised to \$25. The Lakme will go as far as Wednesday, paid \$20 and \$40 advance."

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of construction in Maryland on which a speed of sixty miles an hour will be made by cars outside the city limits. Probably this road will be the first to solve the detailed problem of the interurban rapid transit.

ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVE HEADLIGHT.—The manager of a Southern railroad published, some time ago, a letter in which he gave his experience of the operation of the electric headlight for locomotives. It appears that his road ran for the most part through very wet and swampy land, and cattle flocked to the dry roadbed as the most desirable resting place in the district. They would often be so numerous on the line that the train had to be brought to a standstill, and in spite of every care, many were run over and killed, and the railroad company had heavy damage bills to pay. Electric headlights were put on the locomotives, and the light they gave was so bright and searching that, although the cattle insisted on lying on the tracks, there were no more damage suits for the company to fight. This letter was followed by many inquiries from railroad companies in regard to the fitting of locomotives with electric headlights. Many of the companies were, however, deterred from proceeding with the matter by discovering that a heavy load would have to be added to the already overburdened locomotive in the shape of the engine and dynamo necessary to generate current. This difficulty has been overcome in the production of an electric locomotive headlight that is fitted with its own engine and dynamo. These two little machines are packed away just behind the headlight, in a space about half the size of the headlight-box. Half a turn of a hand wheel passes enough steam to run the engine, which is a compound steam turbine, and it makes no difference whether dry or wet steam is used, or whether a full head of high-pressure steam is suddenly turned on, as there is no back pressure on the engine. The engine responds instantaneously when steam is turned on, and the light is steady, powerful and reliable. This invention naturally puts an entirely new face on the question of the fitting of a heavy load with electric headlights for locomotives.

PORTABLE ELECTRIC DRILL.—An immense amount of time is saved in large factories by a newly invented electric drill. The drill is mounted on wheels, and can be run wheelbarrow fashion by a single hand to the required spot. In the works of a steamship repair company, where there are 2000 workmen, it is now an exceptional thing for a hole to be bored with the ratchet brace. A net of electric wires extends all over the place, and each shop is provided with a number of special electric drilling machines and the necessary cables, so that wherever a hole is required there is only to wheel the small portable drill to the work and complete the operation at his bench, thus saving much time. This drill is also used for boring holes in the deck of steamships, and for driving the screws holding the planking in place. It is so constructed that with this device a man and a boy can bore 400 half-inch holes in half-inch diameter holes in half-inch diameter plates for drilling out the rivets of the plates to be replaced.

ELECTRIC PARCEL DELIVERY.—At the Victoria station, Manchester, Eng., a new departure has been made in