

LATEST OAKLAND NEWS.

Railroad Officials Plead the Worn-Out Condition of Their Property.

ELOPEMENT OF AN INDIAN.

Robert Johnson Encouraged to Send Sweet Letters to Miss Bertie.

The Supervisors were engaged all day yesterday listening to the evidence of the Southern Pacific Company regarding the value of its property in Alameda County.

Some satisfaction was derived from the examination of Master Mechanic McKenzie, who took the stand late in the afternoon.

Finally Attorney Davis, by a series of questions, arrived at Mr. McKenzie's estimate of the present value of the steamers.

The figures showed \$71,000 less than the figures of Assessor Dalton.

Attorneys A. A. Moore and G. W. Baker and Luther Fillmore were present on each side of the railroad examination.

Two affidavits were filed with the County Clerk yesterday from members of the committee appointed by the bondholders of the Piedmont road to buy in the road when it was sold at Sheriff's sale four months ago.

The committee consisted of C. R. Bishop, John R. Spring, Homer S. King, E. A. Heron and S. G. Bigelow.

The affidavits declare that the utmost limit they were empowered to bid was \$75,000, and that it was only after much consultation that they went to \$82,000.

The affidavits were introduced for the purpose of contradicting Mr. Dale's oft-repeated statement that the committee was at liberty to go as high as \$220,000.

The value of the Contra Costa Water Company was discussed in the morning session. The committee's estimate of its franchise is from \$225,000 to \$300,000, but asked no reduction on its part.

J. H. W. Watkinson, the accountant for the company, was put on the stand, and testified regarding the cost of the plant.

"What was the income from January, 1894, to January, 1895?" asked Attorney Davis.

"\$380,000." "From January, 1893, to 1894?" "About \$500,000."

"What was the cost of operation last year?" "\$90,000."

Some conversation followed regarding the value of the company, and the examination concluded.

Shot a Cherry-Thief. An interesting case, occupying a whole day, has just been tried by Justice Fimmental at Hayward's.

A man named Dr. Thrasher, 74 years old, has been tormented for months by the trouble of a cherry tree at San Leandro.

On the 18th of last May Dick Sawyer, a youth 19 years old, climbed into one of the doctor's cherry trees and was filling up on the fruit when the doctor shot him.

He was a doctor, who was in the habit of making three marks, eight sticks into the skin and three entered the flesh and had to be dug out. The doctor was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon.

The defense was made that the charge was an absurd one, because the distance of Dr. Thrasher from the lad up the tree was so great as to make it impossible for any one with a shotgun to commit an assault with a deadly weapon. This view was taken by the Judge and the case was dismissed.

The boy also sued for \$299 damages, and the jury awarded him \$1. An appeal has been taken and will be heard two weeks hence.

Douty Was Not Insane. Hiram Douty was examined yesterday as to his sanity. The witness against him was J. C. Cardova. He stated that Douty had been living at his house and would not work, but would talk about religion by the hour.

Cardova said Douty had tried to strike him several times, and produced a grip-sack which Douty had filled with rocks and other odds and ends.

Mrs. Cardova is Douty's sister, and she said her brother is a little queer, but quite harmless. She said that she had been told that Douty was due to the fact that Douty had interfered in a family quarrel.

The doctors took Douty in hand and after a few minutes' examination concluded that he was sane and harmless, but a trifle queer in some of his ideas.

Seeking for Her Fortune. The heirs of Mrs. Annie L. Cameron are wondering what has become of her property. Six years ago when her husband died Mrs. Cameron owned an estate valued at \$100,000. This had dwindled down to \$10,000, and now that the lady is dead her heirs want to know where the rest has gone.

Two years ago Mrs. Cameron attempted to shoot M. J. Brennan, a real estate dealer, whom she said had kept faith with her. She was convicted, sentenced to the County Jail, and died while her case was being appealed.

She was living at the time of her death with a family in East Oakland, and it is said that prior to her death her relatives were not permitted to see her. The heirs of the deceased are a daughter, now Mrs. Nellie E. Reed, a son, Ashley Cameron, and their children.

An Indian Elopement. A case for which the lawbooks afford no precedent was tried to the District Attorney yesterday.

A Mission Indian went to Justice of the Peace Sandholt of Livermore yesterday morning, and told him that his squaw had eloped. The Indian said he went home last night and found that his wife had gone and left him three little paposes. He said that he had evidence of his wife's having gone off with another Indian.

Justice Sandholt did not feel inclined to issue a warrant because he did not know exactly what crime to charge, so he hung up the District Attorney's office and asked for advice. A short consultation was held and finally the answer was sent back, "Tell the Indian to get a divorce."

It Was Only a New Pump. Frank Hand was charged at the Police Court yesterday morning with damaging a barn that he had leased from John Allman. The prosecutor told Judge Wood that Hand was constructing an infernal machine and intended to get him out of his barn. Hand testified that he had only removed two boards from the roof and that he was perfecting a patent pneumatic pump, of which he was the inventor. The Judge wanted more testimony and postponed the case till this morning.

Not so Very "Fresh." Robert Johnson, the young man who is credited with having obtained a peculiar influence over aged Mrs. Eliza Scott, and another "too fresh," has defended himself. He has given out a letter from Miss Bertie, in which she is so cordial that she says she thinks a cordial reply to a note is at least warranted, if not solicited.

Robert, however, could not be persuaded to yield the young lady's picture.

Five Vesper Services. Rev. Dr. McLean will return from his vacation at Sweet Briar Camp, Shasta County, Friday, and will occupy his pulpit on Sunday next. It is proposed to have a series of vesper services before the usual evening hour on the last five Sabbaths that Dr. McLean will officiate in the First Congregational Church.

Will Open To-Night. The People's Theater will be formally

opened by the Salvationists to-night. All the staff officers from headquarters in San Francisco will be present and a big programme has been prepared.

In the afternoon a funeral will be held from the theater, and a Christian named Father Gray, who died yesterday at Ben-lah, will be buried with army honors.

HISTORY OF A DAY.

Alameda County Happenings Told in Brief Chapters.

The Salvation Army will open the People's Theater to-night.

The Board of Equalization completed the hearing of testimony last night.

Congressman Maguire will address the Seventh Ward politicians to-night at East Oakland.

Little is being talked of at the Acme Club since the tennis bicycle race to come off next Sunday.

J. F. Turner, the real estate man who was arrested in San Francisco Tuesday night, has a record in Alameda County.

The Alameda County Sportsmen's Club has abandoned live pigeon shooting and will hereafter confine itself to "blunderbuss."

The Public Administrator has applied for letters upon the estate of Catherine Gray, consisting of a ranch near Hayward, valued at \$20,000.

On Sunday, August 4, the Crescent Athletic Club will hold a mile bicycle race at the Oakland Trotting Park to determine the championship of the club.

An Indian squaw eloped from the Mission Tuesday night with another Indian. The husband has been reported to the District Attorney to apply for a divorce.

The University boathouse is now completed, and though it is not as elegant as the one that was burned, the new one is said to do until a better one can be constructed.

Supervisor Johnston essayed to mount a wheel a few nights ago. He fell off the wheel and landed in the street, but escaped with his wrist. He will try again shortly.

The Crescent Athletic Club is now fully installed in its cozy quarters, and athletics are being conducted in the cycling annex, which is full of life and enterprise.

Henry Varley, the evangelist, will hold a series of revival meetings in Alameda. The meetings will be held in the Linderman Opera-house and will commence next Sunday.

Under the management of Sam Hardy tennis is gaining a strong hold in Oakland. Every day the courts of the Lakeside Club are full and frequently some exciting matches are played.

The Board of Works met yesterday afternoon as commissioners for the extension of Castro, and the Board of Public Works met in the morning. Nothing was done beyond formally organizing.

The Committee on Classification of the Board of Supervisors met this evening in order to prepare a report on the assignment of teachers for the ensuing term, which begins next Monday.

Mary McCullough, whose husband, E. McCullough, is suing for a divorce on the ground of desertion, has been living at Seattle. It is not likely that she will come to Oakland to contest the suit.

The will of Mary Lebrecht, who died on July 1 in San Francisco, was filed for probate in the County Clerk's office yesterday morning. The devisees are her husband, Walter Lebrecht, and three minor children.

Already the Reliance boys have begun to talk football. When the season is fairly commenced the club that has been idle so long will be organized to help to defray the expenses of keeping a team in the field.

The most interesting event for the immediate future in yachting circles is the second club race of the California Yacht Club to take place next Sunday. In reality this is the club's first race since the Hamersmith trophy was given to it.

A protest has been filed with the City Clerk against the sidewalking of East Twelfth street, between the Golden Gate and the water front, on the ground that it would be useless to make improvements until after the Commerce street matter is settled.

Supervisors Wiley and Church, who have been interviewed by representatives of the Good Roads Association, do not subscribe to the idea that the red rock found in the Coyote Hills, near Newark, make the model streets and country roads.

During the week statements have appeared in some of the papers to the effect that a bill for the relief of the Acme and Reliance Athletic clubs, but as yet no steps have been taken in that direction, and there is no reason to believe that any prospect of their union in the immediate future.

LATE NEWS OF ALAMEDA.

Lord Sholto Receives a Visit From the Sheriff at His Cottage.

Capitalist John Gilliam Found Guilty of Battering Mrs. Spencer, His Tenant.

Sheriff White came to Alameda Tuesday and made a call on Lord Sholto Douglas. The mission of the Sheriff's visit was to collect \$135 from his Lordship on claims assigned to J. J. Rauer of San Francisco.

Lord and Lady Douglas live in a furnished cottage on Encinal avenue, the property of F. G. Welp, whose family have been on a camping trip for the past two months. The family will return about the first of the month, and the Douglases have been endeavoring to rent Lady Douglas a furnished cottage she has had much to say about her carriages and horses.

The Sheriff was also informed by Rauer that Lord Douglas has been investing in bicycles and dogs since his quarterly allowance had come into his possession. The Sheriff, however, could not find any bicycles, or carriages, or dogs to the value of \$135, and gave the matter up as a bad job.

Gilliam Found Guilty. John Gilliam, the capitalist, was tried before Justice Swasey and a jury yesterday on a charge of battery preferred against him by one of his tenants, Mrs. Spencer, who did not like the way he tried to collect his rent. Mrs. Spencer claimed that Gilliam was a grasping landlord and used force to collect his monthly rent. Gilliam defended his own case. The jury was out only a few minutes and brought in a verdict of guilty. He has two other charges pending against him—disturbing the peace and petty larceny.

Another Landmark Disappears. Bercelle Hall, which has been a landmark on this side of the Bay Farm Island bridge for the last twenty years, is going to pieces with the action of the tides. The south wall recently caved in, causing the roof to sag. The building was originally erected as a box works by H. C. Clark, but was afterward turned into a boating headquarters with a saloon in one corner.

Mrs. George Clark in Evidence. Mrs. George Clark, of Pearl street, who was reported by her daughter to be missing, presumably since the 16th, has not been out of the city, but was away from home in an attempt to nurse upon a sick family on Santa Clara avenue. She had read of her disappearance in THE CALL and at once sought her daughter to quiet her feelings.

Looks Like Perjury. S. S. Simon, the cowboy detective, and Charles Fraser had their cases dismissed by Judge Low yesterday morning. They were charged with stealing \$15 from the till in the store of W. Lee, alias Chung Ching, in Chinatown, while Robert Fraser, a member of the Federal officers, was on Tuesday sworn they were the men, but yesterday swore to the contrary. They were both arrested for perjury. Simon and Fraser have yet to stand their trial in the Federal courts for personating a Government officer.

Old Heads and Young Hearts. You sometimes see conjoined in elderly individuals, but seldom behold an old man or woman exempt from infirmities as in youth. But these infirmities may be mitigated in great measure by the daily and regular use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, an invigorant, anti-rheumatic and enervating medicine of the highest order, which also cures dyspepsia, constipation, biliousness and kidney trouble, is adapted to the use of the most delicate and feeble.

THE PUBLIC WORKS COMPLETED.

St. Mary's College Rebuilt After the Great Fire of Last Year.

ORIGINAL PLANS FOLLOWED.

The Vast Amount of Interior Work Will Not Be Finished Until November.

The exterior work on St. Mary's College, North Oakland, is completed, and with a few minor changes the original plan has been closely followed.

The most noticeable change is the addition of two large ventilators on the highest portion of the roof. The two ventilators are octagonal, are rather ornamental and can be seen farther than any portion of the building, not even excepting the cross immediately over the main entrance.

It is now definitely settled that the building cannot possibly be ready for occupancy this fall term, and consequently the students will finish this year at old St. Mary's in San Francisco.

It was necessary to entirely rebuild the two upper stories, including the roof, which was destroyed. So widespread was the damage done by fire and water and the subsequent storms that within the past few days several rooms that were considered tenable have been found to be in need of complete new plastering.

Nearly every room in the immense building requires extensive repairs and dozens of classrooms and halls are completely wrecked. The lower stories, however, demolished and have, of course, been completely rebuilt.

While the original plan has been followed in rebuilding, the roof is much stronger than it was originally, and the dormitories have been arranged in a manner suggested by experience. The expense of repairing was much greater than was anticipated and it is said that \$100,000 will have been spent before the students gather from all parts of the Pacific Coast within the halls of St. Mary's.

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personal matter of it and find you a thoroughly good woman. Yours, truly, F. Frazar, Commissioner of Labor.

Nearly 400 more applications for work were registered yesterday, making a total of 3500 for the first week. About eighteen men and eleven women were sent from the bureau to fill orders for help. Nearly every man sent obtains employment, and so far about 250 positions have been filled by the bureau.

NO ASSAYING AT THE MINT.

The Colnaga Laws Prohibit Assaying at the Government Institution.

Robert Barnett, chief clerk of the United States Mint, showed a CALL reporter a letter from a Tacoma man, asking whether he might have some ore assayed at the Government institution, yesterday.

"We receive such letters daily," said Mr. Barnett, and it would save future inquiries the pains of writing, and us the trouble of replying, if publicity were given to the law in this case." He produced a copy of the regulations and instructions issued by the Treasury Department at Washington, and in which were incorporated the Colnaga laws, and pointed to the following section:

Assaying and chemical analysis of ores and of furnace by-products shall not be performed at the mints and assay offices of the United States, except at the assay office at Charlotte, N. C.

STREET-CORNER ORATORY.

It Will Probably Soon Be Completely Suppressed in Oakland.

All Are Anxious to Do Something, but None Desire to Go Too Far.

There is a petition in circulation asking that the Oakland Council repeal the ordinance forbidding open-air meetings, and it has been largely signed by the church members and Christian Endeavorers.

The Council is inclined to favor the religious element, while the Mayor is not. The Merchants' Exchange is somewhat divided. The majority of the members feel that they cannot afford to put themselves on record as being opposed to the church, but at the same time they feel that the City is hurt by permitting every crank to organize a mass-meeting just when he pleases. The ministers would like to see the open-air missions and Salvation Army carry out their usual programmes, but, of course, are fully cognizant of the fact that there cannot be any discrimination as between politics and religion.

The City Hall Park faces the Athenian Club of Oakland, and several members have decided to make a change of quarters if the nuisance is not stopped. The crowds on the City Hall steps block up the entrance to the City Prison and it was necessary last night for four officers to force a passage through which to take a prisoner into the jail.

"If the Council so desires it can pass an ordinance prohibiting speaking in the City Hall Park, and if such an ordinance is passed it will be enforced," said Mayor Davie yesterday. "The nuisance had become so great that it became necessary to do something, and so I absolutely refused to issue any permits to anybody. I could not discriminate, and so I suppose I have pleased as many people as I have offended."

The City Attorney will shortly be called upon to draft an ordinance that may or may not be rejected by the Council.

The matter of street oratory is at present the leading topic in Oakland and it is not satisfactorily adjusted.

Henderson, she said, lodged on Fourth street, in the 200 block somewhere, and had some baggage at a hotel on Mission street.

Henderson was seen in the City Prison last night and told of the statements made by Mrs. Johnson. He gave them an emphatic denial, and said he had never seen or heard of the woman till yesterday when she came to the prison to have a look at him.

When asked if he had been in Los Angeles, he said he was there two weeks ago before coming here and stopped at the Hotel Hotel Hotel. He said he did not know a Mrs. Johnson there.

"I came direct from the East to Los Angeles," he said, "and from there here, arriving on Friday, July 12. I never said I was a traveler for a Rochester shoe factory. I am a traveler for a shoehouse in the East, but not in Rochester. My wife and family live in Rochester. I decline to say what firm I travel for, because there are important reasons for not doing so, but it will all come out in my trial."

"Is Henderson your true name?" "Yes, that is my name."

"And you distinctly say that Mrs. Johnson is mistaken in saying that you are Henderson?" "I do," said it is a case of mistaken identity."

The police, on the contrary, believe that Mrs. Johnson is telling the truth, not only from the fact that Henderson has a scar on his cheek and a front tooth, but that he had been in the City more than two weeks prior to the stabbing of Barr, which they say they can prove by several witnesses.

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Joy's for the Jaded and Good Health for All Mankind.

Joy's VEGETABLE Sarsaparilla.

Is made from herbs and contains no mineral drugs or deadly poisons.

Wants a Bicycle Factory.

The West Berkeley Improvement Club has authorized its secretary to address the Manufacturers and Producers' Association in San Francisco for the purpose of determining what inducements Eastern capitalists would desire to establish a bicycle factory in Berkeley. Should the club receive a favorable reply to witness the A. O. 10-mile road race, and on Sunday, August 4, the Crescent races will be held at the Oakland Trotting Park for gold medals.

Mary Williams Discharged.

Deputy Marshal Rawson, whose position is about to be contested on the ground that the requirements of the town charter had not been observed in his appointment, states that his eligibility to the position is without a flaw. He says that he has been a resident of the place for over fifteen years and has complied with the requirements of the town charter in every respect.

Crescent Club's Progress.

The bicycle annex of the Crescent Athletic Club, which was formally organized last week, held its first company drill last evening under the direction of Captain Gompertz. Sunday, July 28, there will be a Hayward race to witness the A. O. 10-mile road race, and on Sunday, August 4, the Crescent races will be held at the Oakland Trotting Park for gold medals.

At the meeting of the Board of Regents on Tuesday afternoon J. B. Torrey was appointed an assistant to the Assistant Holmes of the biological department, and the salary of Professor