LATEST OAKLAND NEWS.

Water-Front Occupants Give Proof of Their Claims in Court.

SUIT AGAINST THE AUDITOR.

A Narrow Escape From Death Through the Collapse of a Floor.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, August 17.

Under the order of Judge Ogden the defendants in the water-front case took advantage of the opportunity to put in further proof regarding property occupied by them in good faith for the purposes of commerce.

John A. Britton of the Oakland Gas Company testified that his company had improved a portion of the water front at the foot of Grove street. It was partially filled in, but was not yet in a condition to use as a landing, although it would ultimately be fit for such a purpose.

P. H. Lamereaux testified regarding that part of the water front occupied by the Remillard Brick Company. He said several thousands of dollars had been spent on the property.

The Puget Sound Lumber Company was represented by John W. Patterson, who referred to property at the foot of Washington street used by his company in good faith. C. E. Hayes appeared for the Pacific Improvement Company, and E. C. Sessions testified regarding his father's property. This closed the proof as to separate tracts. The description of the parcels occupied by the railroad was sufficient as put in at the trial.

Judge Ogden intimated that the right of the parties in possession to use the properties so improved would be recognized. He declined to recognize the claim to 100 feet on each side of the Market-street wharf. The testimony was mainly as to third parties holding under lease or control of sale from the water front company. The attorneys for the city of Oakland will now prepare and file findings.

WHIDDEN IN TROUBLE.

His Wife's Property Attached for a Promissory Note.

Auditor Whidden's troubles are increasing. This morning a suit was filed against him and his wife by the Union National Bank on a promissory note for $1250. The attachment was issued and served against the interest of Mary D. Whidden in a tract of land near Pleasanton containing 128 acres. The property was the separate estate of Mrs. Whidden, who received it from her father, who was a well-to-do resident of this county. The attachment caused much surprise around the courthouse, as the Auditor was always supposed to be financially free. His salary is $4500 a year and he is now serving his third term.

Auditor Whidden is now at his home under the care of a doctor. He is said to be seriously ill as the result, partially, of the strain he has been put to by the unpleasant expose of the shortage in the Tax Collector's office.

THE FLOOR GAVE WAY.

Several Men Dodge From Under Thirty Tons of Hay.

A number of men employed in grinding barley on the Meek ranch had a close call one day this week of being crushed to death. While they were at work a sudden crackling noise was heard, and they had just time to escape when the floor gave way and down came thirty tons of hay with a crash.

John Fink had just carried a sack across the floor to empty into the bin and had he remained a second longer he would have been crushed beyond recognition, but the crackling of the floor warned him in time, and he lost no time in getting outside. Another workman who was engaged in emptying sacks into the hopper, fortunately was at the moment out after sacks, and thus escaped a horrible death.

Disgraceful Sandlot Scenes.

There was need of the police to-night to preserve the peace in front of the City Hall. For more than half an hour there was one of the most disgraceful scenes ever witnessed on what is now known as Oakland's "sandlot." About 8 o'clock the two colored evangelists who nightly preach from the steps on one side of the entrance took their stand as usual and began to exhort the crowd. About 500 people gathered and were listening attentively to the evangelists when an enthusiast mounted the steps on the other side of the entrance and began to talk politics.

The two rival speakers about twenty feet apart drew an enormous crowd, and the new arrival speedily encountered opposition. A crowd started up the steps to pull him off, as they did not approve of his views on religious questions. Yelling and shouting was kept up for fully half an hour, when J. H. Fones, a temperance orator, mounted the bandstand a little distance off and commenced to hold forth on metaphysics and popular ignorance of great subjects. So great was the crowd that when the City Council adjourned they were forced to leave the hall by a rear entrance.

When the political speaker, whose name is not known to the police, was hustled till it was apparent violence would soon follow the police broke up his meeting and took the old man into the prison for protection. He was liberated as soon as the crowd had cleared off. The cause of the massing of the nightly crowds is the ordinance keeping them off the streets, which is being rigidly enforced. Before the police broke up the crowd there were about 4000 people in front of the City Hall.

A Brass-Finisher's Dilemma.

Cornelius E. Stuart, a brass-finisher, was locked up to-night on a charge of felony. Stuart is a brass-finisher and on August 8 he took out a marriage license and married Mrs. Moore, a widow who owns two flats at 765 and 765½ Twentieth street. Everything progressed smoothly until this morning, when Stuart and his wife went to a local bank to make some property transfer. On producing their marriage certificate the teller informed Stuart that his name was spelt wrongly and that he would have to go to the Recorder and have the document corrected.

The name on the certificate was Seward. Stuart went to the County Clerk's office and told him of the mistake and Deputy Mason told him it would be necessary to make an affidavit for County Clerk Jordan to attest. Stuart then went to the Recorder's office and asked Deputy Spear to make the change in the record. Of course Spear refused to do so without authority. When the County Clerk appeared later the stubbook was found to have been corrected and the name Seward changed to Stuart.

The name appears three times on the stub, and only in one place was it altered. Mason charged Stuart with altering the record. Stuart denied it, and was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Mason on the advice of the District Attorney and charged with felony.

The people at the house where the Stuarts live said to-night that he was married by the name of Stuart, and everybody knew his name was Stuart. The issuing of the warrant was the quickest piece of work done in the District Attorney's office during the present administration.

Haywards Hard at Work.

Haywards is working hard to have the Grand Council of the Young Men's Institute of next year held in that town. The question will be decided at Vallejo on September 16, and every string that can be worked in favor of Haywards is being pulled. A committee has been appointed to secure the pledges of delegates from all parts of the State, and so far they have met with very encouraging success. Frank S. Terry and Frank B. Hooson are the delegates from Haywards Council to the Vallejo Grand Council.

Frightened by a Car.

Andrew Mosegard of Castro Valley had a runaway at San Leandro Wednesday, and is loser a valuable horse by the affair. While the horses were standing in front of the postoffice they took fright at a passing electric-car and started toward Oakland. When half way through the San Leandro bridge they collided with a buggy coming in the opposite direction and both horses were thrown. In their struggle one horse kicked the other and broke its leg, necessitating shooting the animal.

Will Work in Harmony.

The next five years will be the liveliest five years in the history of San Leandro. The majority of the people are ready to stand together for any good work. They have made up their minds that that is the only way in which they can secure anything of any value. On several occasions recently they have demonstrated that they can work together harmoniously and that they can do mighty things that way. In five years from now there will be many improvements and the citizen who is fortunate enough to live here then will wonder if there ever was a time when any but progressive citizens lived here.—San Leandro Reporter.

Rendezvous for Prohibitionists.

A demonstration by the Prohibitionists of Alameda and San Francisco counties will be held in Oakland, September 9. Three meetings will be held at the Tabernacle and a parade with a band of music will be held in the afternoon. Reduced fares have been obtained from all parts of the State. It is expected that Good Templars, Christian Endeavorers and all kindred organizations will join in the demonstration.

Contemptible Work.

Three papers of large tacks were scattered over the sidewalk west of San Leandro bridge Wednesday. They were put there to puncture bicycle tires, but were fortunately discovered and swept up before any wheelmen ran into them. The authorities have a clew as to the identity of the miscreants who have been doing the work, and expects to make arrests in a day or so.

Suicide of John Miller.

John Miller, a German, 65 years of age, was found dead in a barn at the rear of his brother's house on Telegraph avenue this morning. The man had cut a deep gash in his arm with a pocket-knife and had bled to death. It was evidently a case of suicide. He was heard to leave his room about midnight and that was the last known of him till his sister-in-law found him dead.

"Crime of a Century."

It is stated to-day that arrangements have been made to give three presentations of "The Crime of a Century" at the Dietz Opera-house commencing next Wednesday.

HISTORY OF A DAY.

Alameda County Happenings Told in Brief Chapters.

Thomas has been unanimously elected Chief Engineer of the Haywards Fire Department.

F. M. Leland has resigned as superintendent of the electric road. He is succeeded by Mr. Gustavson.

The regular meeting of the Young Woman's Christian Association will be held at the home next Tuesday.

An old man named Rodgers, employed in San Francisco, was found dead in bed at San Leandro to-day.

I. B. Henrioulle has been appointed guardian of Marie Rozier, a minor, to represent her in a suit brought by Adrion Debertoche.

The District Attorney has decided that the appointment of J. L. Donovan as Game Warden of Alameda County is perfectly legal.

A free clinic for the treatment of poor children has been opened at Fabiola Hospital Mondays and Thursdays from 10 to 11 A. M.

Defaults of defendants have been entered in the suits of Edith L. Foote vs. Fred E. Foote and of Louisa vs. Charles Babcock, for divorce.

The young lady cyclers of Haywards who take their evening spin with cowbells attached to their wheels are attracting considerable attention.

Mrs. Harriet J. Lee, one of the best-known teachers in the Oakland School Department, has handed in her resignation as teacher in the Cole School.

Apricot season is now about over. The orchardists report that their crops were not so light as was expected. Pears and prunes are now coming in fast.

During its session of three days this week as a Board of Equalization the City Trustees of San Leandro had very light duties. There was not a single complaint from taxpayers.

Emma P. Sulbery has brought suit against Sheriff White, Robert McKillican and others to relinquish all claims to a piece of property near Clinton avenue and Walnut street.

There will be a lecture on the "Aims and Objects of the A. P. A." by J. M. Taulbee, State president of the American Protective Association, in the Oakland Theater Sunday night.

The Hickmott cannery at Oakland employs about fifty hands who reside in San Leandro. The employes are taken to their work in the morning by a special car on the Southern Pacific line.

County Assessor Dalton is going to take a respite from the cares of official duty for four or five weeks. He has decided to go East on Monday with the Knights Templar excursion to Boston.

Mr. Marsicano of Mount Eden last week shipped the first new salt to San Francisco, comprising 100 tons. This is something very unusual, and shows that the old salt must be getting scarce.

The U. P. Restaurant is out $175, which was left in a sack in their safe. A young fellow named Dannaker, who worked at the place, was missed about the same time, and now a warrant is out for his arrest.

The monthly meeting of the executive committee of the Alameda County Christian Endeavor Union will be held at the Y. M. C. A. to-morrow evening, when business of great importance will be acted upon.

Charles R. Johnson and Joseph Hutchinson, executors of the estate of the late A. D. Starr, brought suit to-day to recover $830 50 from Joseph Wilson, alleged to be due upon a promissory note made by Wilson to Carr in 1892.

The attorneys for George Petermann, who recently assaulted James White with a pistol in the Mount Eden postoffice, claim an illegality in the serving of the summons and ask that the suit be dismissed. White was $25,000 damaged.

The Market-street Congregational Church has adopted a series of resolutions upon the resignation of the pastor, Rev. J. H. Goodell, to become a theological seminary professor. They are to the effect that the resignation is accepted with regret.

At the meeting of the members of the Haywards Congregational church last Sunday it was decided to extend a call to Rev. Mr. Jones to become the pastor of the church. Mr. Jones is a brother of A. S. Jones, and recently came out from Kansas on a visit.

President Driver of the San Leandro Board of Trade met a representative of the Newark Stove Works on Thursday, and Mr. Graham stated that he would shortly visit San Leandro with a view to locating the works there if suitable arrangements could be made.

THE SILVER CONVENTION.

Ardent Advocates of Silver Will Meet To-Morrow in This City.

The silver convention called by the California branch of the American Bimatallic League will convene at noon tomorrow in Metropolitan Temple.

If the great roster of names now in the hands of the secretary of the league be a foreshadowing of the convention, it will in numbers at least be a success beyond the fondest expectations of those who thus far have had the matter in hand.

The headquarters of the league are at rooms 19 and 20, Mills building, and there all friends and delegates arriving to-day, and up to the hour of the assembling of the convention, may obtain information in detail of the work contemplated.

"The two great bimetallic organizations of the United States, covering the Eastern and Southern points and the Middle and Western States," said George P. Keeney, assistant secretary of the National organization and secretary of the Bimetallic Union of California, "are working in perfect harmony.

"It is an open, non-partisan expression by all people who favor the restoration of silver to its proper place as money."

Among the speakers who will address the convention will be Clay M. Fox, Thomas J. Clunie, Timothy Guy Phelps, Fred Adams, Miss Phœbe Couzins and many others.

SECURING RIGHTS OF WAY

Work Will Soon Be Commenced on the Livermore Electric Road.

VERY LITTLE OPPOSITION.

No Bonus Is Being Asked, but a Free Right of Way Is Expected.

The interior of Alameda County is showing a great interest in the electric road that will shortly be operating between Oakland and Livermore. The promoters of the road are not delaying matters because of the appeal to the Supreme Court regarding the validity of their franchise, but have already made preparations for progressing at a rapid rate.

The opposition to the new road which was from the Hayward electrics line has been overcome, now that the Haywards line has not been awarded the franchise. Many of the property-owners along the proposed route from Oakland to San Leandro had signified their willingness to give rights of way before the franchise was granted, but later representatives of other lines prevailed upon some of them to go back on their promises. Now, however, the matter has been satisfactorily arranged and very few are holding back.

Mr. Vandercook, the holder of the franchise, returned to Oakland to-day from a tour of the interior of the county, and he states that his company wants a right of way thirty feet in width, and he expects this to be given without any cost. When the Haywards road was built there was no need to ask for any rights of way from private property-owners, as the entire route is along the public road. But the company did ask and obtained some substantial bonuses. Mr. Vandercook will not ask for any bonus, but expects to be given the right of way, the company to make good any damage to trees or fences.

The franchise granted by the Supervisors gives practically a clean line over county roads, but Mr. Vandercook says it is his desire to make the road as direct as possible, and an effort is being made to secure the shortest possible route, and if these rights be secured, but little of the county roads will be required.

The new company will build the road as soon as possible, and Mr. Vandercook states that about four months after rights of way are secured the road will be completed. The agreement signed by property-owners who give land provides that the work shall be completed within one year after operations are begun. It is not the intention of the company to resort to condemnation proceedings, as it is felt that such ought not to be necessary.

The farmers and others through whose land the road will pass freely concede that the ultimate benefit to them will more than pay for the right of way. When the right of way cannot be obtained the route will be changed so as to cut through property whose owners are willing to have it.

According to the proposed route the road will not pass through Haywards, but will strike Castro Valley about a mile and a half from the center of town. A branch from the main line will be run into Haywards.

It is stated that F. M. Leland, who recently resigned from the Haywards road, will enter the employ of Mr. Vandercook. Mr. Leland is one of the most experienced superintendents on the coast, and under his management the Haywards road has paid dividends almost from the start. A few days ago the Haywards road decided to call in some of its bonds and run the road on a cash basis. The territory through which the new road will pass is rapidly developing, and the route will terminate at the coal mines near Livermore.

LATEST BERKELEY ITEMS.

Two New Men to Fill Vacancies in the Physics Department.

The Stiles Hall Controversy—Oakland's Garbage—Holmes Library Project.

BERKELEY, CAL., Aug. 17.—Of the several departments of the university which

Dr. A. C. Alexander.
[From a photograph.]

have been supplied with new assistants and instructors this year the physics department seems to be the most fortunate, as two men of recognized ability and considerable experience have been secured by it, while the other departments of instruc-

Dr. E. P. Lewis.
[From a photograph.]

tion where new men were found necessary have secured only one each. The need for two more men seems to have been occasioned by the great increase of students taking courses in that department and through the resignation of Associate Professor Harold Whiting, who met with such a tragic end in the Colima disaster. His position will be practically filled by Dr. E. P. Lewis and Dr. A. C. Alexander, both of whom are Eastern men.

Though their work will extend over a wider range than that of the deceased professor, yet the salary which he alone received will be apportioned between them.

Dr. Lewis comes directly from the Bliss School of Electricity in Washington, D. C., having been recommended for his present position by President Gilman of Johns Hopkins University, a former president of the University of California.

Dr. Alexander, who will be associated with Dr. Lewis, is recently from the Sheffield Scientific School, where he won considerable distinction as a physicist by his successful work along the line of original research.

Professor Frederick Slate, head of the department, when seen to-day seemed much gratified with the outlook for the coming term.

Stiles Hall.

The controversy over the use of Stiles Hall by the Unitarian society, which has been the cause of so much comment in church circles within the last few days, seems now to be almost at an end, since the prime mover of the attack has admitted the legal right of the Unitarians to use the hall for church services, and the point of legality was the only one originally raised.

Oakland Garbage.

At a meeting of the Board of Town Trustees last night Health Officer Rowell offered a protest against allowing the Southern Pacific Company to continue the transportation of garbage through West Berkeley in open cars.

There is a town ordinance which requires that all garbage hauled through Berkeley must be done so in covered carts, wagons or other receptacles, and makes its violation punishable by a fine of $50.

Dr. Rowell was given authority to enforce the ordinance.

Meeting of Town Trustees.

The Board of Town Trustees held their regular session last evening. A report was read showing that the Fire and Water Committee could obtain a good hosecart, 600 feet of hose and the necessary accompaniments for $500. The question of authority to expend amounts over $250 being raised, it was decided to advertise for bids for 600 feet of 2½-inch hose, hose-reel, two playpipes and one dozen spanners, the bids to be opened at the next meeting of the board.

A resolution was adopted to macadamize San Pablo avenue from 500 feet south of Dwight way to the southern boundary line.

Bills against the road fund to the amount of $505 09 were allowed; and against the general fund to the amount of $338 25.

Holmes Library for the Town.

A proposition was made to the Town Trustees last evening by William H. Waste, president of the Holmes Library Association, to turn over to Berkeley the entire property of the Holmes Library, without cost or incumbrance. The property consists of 2800 bound volumes, 4000 unbound, 500 unbound magazines and the furniture and fixtures complete as they now stand. Sufficient funds are now in the library treasury to meet running expenses until November.

Special Church Services.

Rev. J. C. Davisson of Tokio, Japan, will preach at the Trinity Methodist Church this morning, and the services this evening will be conducted by Rev. Julius Soper, D.D. At the evening service songs will be rendered in the Japanese language.

Of Interest to Wheelmen.

The Town Trustees passed an ordinance last night making it a misdemeanor for any person to place tacks, broken glass or substances of that character on any public street or pavement under a penalty of $50.

DEATH OF MISS LEWIS.

A Charge of Murder Is Placed Against Lewis Muhlher—A Damaging Story by the Mother of the Victim.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, August 16.

After lying unconscious with a bullet in her brain for 120 hours, Miss Jennie Lewis died this afternoon without recovering consciousness or speaking one word that would have established the guilt or innocence of the man under arrest for the crime. As soon as the police were notified of the girl's death a charge of murder was placed against Muhlner.

The prisoner was told of Miss Lewis' death, but he showed little interest in the news. "Too bad; that's tough," was all he said as he continued to smoke his pipe.

Another circumstance connected with the unfortunate girl's death was made known to-day by Miss Lewis' mother. When Muhlner came to this city last Saturday, he came for the purpose of "fixing" Jennie, so that she would not be able to attend the Silver Stag ball in Germania Hall last Saturday night. When asked about this, Mrs. Lewis said: "Muhlner was at a party at Druid Hall Friday night, a week ago. He left there at 3 o'clock Saturday morning, and under a forced drive to San Rafael reached our home before the family had risen. He breakfasted with us and remained nearly all the morning. In some way he learned that Jennie was going to the ball in this city that night with Miller, and as he left the door of my house he said: 'I am going to Oakland, and I will fix Jennie so that she will not go to the ball to-night with that fellow Miller, and I'll mash his face.' This remark was heard by a young man who stood near the door. If I had thought that Muhlner had intended trouble I would have telephoned Jennie to keep out of his way."

The attempt to decoy Jennie to the Newland House on last Sunday afternoon by writing a letter signed by her lover, Charles Miller, is supposed by the police to have some connection with Muhlner's desire to "fix" the young lady. Whether or not he carried out his intentions at the Mooar house next day is the point to be determined at the trial.

The police have now discovered that Muhlner was in a saloon in Oakland between 4:30 and 5 P. M. on the day of the shooting. This is about an hour after the tragedy occurred. Muhlner was noticed by his companions to be both nervous and excitable. An effort is being made to find the revolver and to discover the conductor of the car that brought Muhlner into town.

The remains of Miss Lewis were taken to the Morgue, and an inquest will be held Monday.

An autopsy showed that the bullet was imbedded at the base of the brain.

ORGANIZING LOCAL DEMOCRATS.

Iroquois Club Branch Formed in the Forty-Second District.

Preliminary steps were taken last night to form a branch of the Iroquois Club in the Forty-second District. Similar organizations have already been started in all the districts in this City from the Twenty-eighth to the Forty-second.

Max Popper, as chairman of the committee on organization for the club, is in charge of the work. He explained last night that the purpose for which all the precincts of the City are to be organized in this manner by the Democrats is to acquaint all the members of the party with the details of the primary election law passed by the last Legislature, and to interest Democrats in a general participation in the primaries.

J. J. Sullivan was elected temporary chairman and C. H. Speller temporary secretary of the embryo club formed last night.

In about a week or ten days the remaining three districts in the City—the Forty-third, the Forty-fourth and the Forty-fifth—will have been organized, and then there will be a general meeting of all the chairmen to discuss more definite plans for the work of the whole club.

Chicago, Sydney and Buffalo have about 120 gallons water supply per inhabitant, New York 70, Marseilles 50, Paris 39, London 38, Hamburg 12.

SUTRO'S GENEROUS GIFT.

Will the Affiliated Colleges Committee Refuse to Accept It?

A MOTIVE FOR OPPOSITION.

The Southern Pacific Believed to Be Backing Up the Opposition.

A belief is growing that the Southern Pacific is back of the opposition to the selection of the Sutro site for a building for the Affiliated Colleges.

It is claimed by those whose opinion is worth something that the Southern Pacific has intimated to the members of the committee (who are also members of the Board of Regents) that they must oppose the Sutro offer if they desire any favors of the Legislature in the way of additional appropriations. In order to cover up its work the Southern Pacific adopted a very peculiar though, now that it is understood, not unexpected course.

The company did nothing less than abandon the service of the only street railroad that made the Sutro site easily accessible. It is true that in order to do this hundreds of people must be made to suffer.

There may be little, much or nothing in this view of the case, but it would take more than a mere denial on the part of the railroad to make the people think so.

The site offered by Mr. Sutro to the Affiliated Colleges committee is incomparably superior to any so far suggested. It has a frontage of 1200 feet on J street, and is within half a block of the railroad so recently abandoned by the Southern Pacific. The hills in the rear furnish a natural wind-break—an advantage not possessed by any one of the numerous sites heretofore suggested.

Probably the most desirable feature of Mr. Sutro's gift is found in the fact that the lot contains twenty-six acres, or land enough to meet any requirements of the Affiliated Colleges for the next hundred years to come.

"There can be no question about the Sutro site being the most desirable yet offered," said W. C. Little yesterday, "and I believe that when the committee come to consider the matter carefully, they will so decide. The fact of its being far out cannot be urged as an objection, for people must pay car fare anyway, and they would as soon go there as to any other place.

"Further than this, the City is growing rapidly in that direction, for the simple reason that it is the most desirable. As I said before, I do not see how the committee can fail to approve of this site, and I am not prepared to believe that it will throw away such a splendid gift."

LATE NEWS OF ALAMEDA.

Work of the Board of Equalization Now Nearly Completed.

W. H. Taylor Writes a Sarcastic Letter to the Equalizers—A Patent Bicycle Saddle.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Aug. 17.—The City Equalizers assembled yesterday morning, but adjourned without transacting any business. There are very few more applications before the board to be considered, and the work of equalization will be closed in a couple of days.

In view of the action taken last Tuesday on the application of Mrs. Mary W. Mastick, cititations have been issued to a number of residents at West End to appear before the equalizers Monday morning and show cause why their assessments should not be increased.

W. H. Taylor has written a communication to the board expressing regret that business engagements will prevent his appearing before them to show cause why the assessment on his property should not be increased from $4575 to $5000. Mr. Taylor is a caustic writer, and concludes his letter as follows:

I do not know of any sales in that vicinity by which its market value could be judged, and therefore think it largely a matter of conjecture. But having had an opportunity of observing the radical views of your Assessor, think his valuation probably fair.

I am glad to be on his side for once, and laboring under the impression that you wish to sustain him, urge that the assessment made by him be not changed. As I cannot be present he probably might appear in my behalf.

A Challenge Accepted.

Company G has accepted a challenge to meet fifteen members of Captain Turner's company of the Naval Battalion in a shooting match at the High-street range, to take place within a fortnight. The match will be for a trophy valued at $10, the day of the competition to be determined yet. The local company is desirous of making the match one for twenty men.

Pneumatic Bicycle Saddle.

A local expert cyclist has patented a pneumatic saddle, for which he claims many advantages over the present leather affair. It is inflated around the sides and hollow in the center. Mr. Gorham claims that one forgets many of the difficulties and hardships of a long trip when riding one of these saddles. The invention will be placed on the market shortly.

Her Mind Is Gone.

In the suit of M. G. Strong for divorce against his wife, Emma L. Strong, now a resident of Spokane, Wash., trial has been set by Judge Ogden for September 23. Depositions have been filed by Dr. C. S. Kolb and George Thomas of Spokane to the effect that she is not of sound mind or able to have her deposition taken.

The Timepiece Found.

Alfred Earle called at police headquarters yesterday and reported that a thief had entered his room on Park street and stolen a silver watch. However, after a search, the timepiece was found tucked under the mattress.

Letter-Carriers' Benefit.

The benefit entertainment for the family of the late W. E. Probst under the auspices of the National Association of Letter-carriers of Alameda and Oakland was a financial success. About $150 was netted.

Children's Day Praise Service.

At the Presbyterian church this evening there will be a children's praise service by the Sunday-school, assisted by the orchestra. Each visitor will be provided with a copy of the music to be rendered.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Daniel J. Buckley to George O. Davis, lot on NE corner of Buchanan and Vallejo streets, N 137:6 by E 137:6; $16.862.

John W. and Delia Stobener to John Coughlen, lot on N line of Greenwich street, 131:6 W of Laguna, W 49:9 by N 137:6; $10.

Jens and Jorgine Jacobson to Abbie Dyer, lot on W line of Locust street, 102:8¼ S of Clay, S 25 by W 137:6; $10.

Crocker Estate Company to Calvin E. Knickerbocker, lot on E line of Shrader street, 50 N of Beulah, N 25 by E 110; $1475.

R. E. and Janet Knickerbocker to Ellen Ladd, same; $10.

Robert and Bertha E. Mathey to John J. and Nira Allen, lot on E line of Harrison street, 212:6 S of Twenty-first, S 25 by E 100; $10.

Ludwig M. and Emma M. Hoefler to Willard C. Doane, lot on N line of Center street, 240:10 W of South, W 128:8, NE 316:8, SE 83:7 1-5, SW 218:11, part of SB block 36 and PN block 236 and 241; grant.

Willard C. and Alice A. Doane to Ludwig M. Hoefler, lot on NW line of South street, 300 SW of Seventh, SW 56, W 369:6, NE 316:8, SE 120, NE 20:10, SE 120, part of SB block 36 and PN block 236 and 241; grant.

S. P. Hinchey to Florence M. Athearn, lots 27 and 28, block 57, City Land Association; $10.

David J. Rogers to W. E. Alen, lot 44, block 68, on W line of Athens street, 125 N of India avenue, Silver Heights; $100.

Herman H. Koster to Elsie Koster, lot on E line of Palmer street, 96:6 S of Fairmount, S 25, E 82:6, N 25, W 91, block 15, Fairmount; gift.

Estate of Catherine Spangler, T. P. Riordan and Nathaniel Hallinan to Patrick J. McDonald, lot on NE line of Twelfth avenue, 300 NW of I. street, NW 50 by NE 100, block 229, South San Francisco Homestead and Railroad Association; $1500.

M. and Catherine A. McCann to Emma D. Fisher, lot on S line of Montana street, 465 E of Orizaba, E 25 by S 125, block R, Railroad Homestead map 2, quitclaim deed; $50.

Hugh Farley (by William A. Plunkett, attorney) to same, lot on S line of Montana street, 255 W of Capitol, W 25 by S 125, block R, Railroad Homestead map 2; $10.

ALAMEDA COUNTY.

John E. Youngberg of Alameda to Mary E. Youngberg of Alameda, lot on NW corner of Morton street and Central avenue, W 150 by N 100, being lots 29 to 34, block 20, Fitch tract, Alameda; gift.

Solomon Baumgarten of Oakland to J. F. Baumgarten of Oakland, lot on S line of Fourth street, 125 E of Washington, E 25 by S 100, being lot 11, block 30, Oakland; also lot on N line of Third street, 75 W of Castro, W 25 by N 100, being lot 23, block 25, Oakland; $10.

George T. and Adelia S. Hawley and D. E. and Emma M. Collins to George F. Garland of Honolulu, lot 19, Hamilton Tract, Oakland; $10.

Mary and Volney D. Moody of Oakland to Martin H. Turner of Oakland, lot on SW corner of Colusa and Humboldt avenues, W 134, S 50, E 120.50, N 51.95 to beginning, being lots 5 and 6, block D, resubdivision of blocks A to F, Roberts & Wolfskill Tract, Map 2, Oakland Township; $10.

Nicholas and Catherine Byrne to M. Louise Davis of Oakland, lot on W line of Louisa street, 50 N of Cedar, N 50 by W 135, lot L, block 5, Graves & Taylor Tract, Berkeley; $5.

Nicholas Byrne of San Francisco to same, lot on W line of Louisa street, 100 N of Cedar, N 5 by W 135, block 5, Gilbert & Graves Tract, quitclaim deed, Berkeley; $1.

Meri Rodielat of Alameda to Frederick Zermer of Alameda, lots 4, 5 and 6 in section 27, township 1 S, range 3 W, containing 92.56 acres, quitclaim deed, Brooklyn Township; $300.

John F. and Annie V. Finn to Harrison A. Jones of San Francisco, lot on W line of Adeline street, 100 N of Twenty-eighth, N 100 by W 266:6, being lots 2 and 11, block E, Peralta Homestead Association, Oakland; $3000.

Barnard Cerf of Mendocino to Phœbe Cerf of Mendocino, lot on S line of Fourth street, 112:6 W of Alice, W 37:6 by S 100, being lot 12 and W half of lot 13, block 34, Oakland; gift.

Mountain View Cemetery Association to Emily A. Goodwin, lot 273, plat 12, Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland Township; $38.

Julia Walsh (formerly Duggan) to Daniel Duggan, lot on SE corner of Rose and Third streets, E 123 by S 385, lots 1 to 5, 23 to 34, block 33, Tract B, Berkeley Land and Town Improvement Association, Berkeley; $10.

Michael Lynch of San Francisco to Guy H. Chick of Berkeley, lot on S line of Durrant avenue, 50 W of College (Audubon), W 50 by S 130, being a portion of lot 4, block 9, College Homestead Association, Berkeley; $5.

Ellen T. and John McHenry to Louisiana J. Rudolph (wife of O. A.), lot on W corner of Saratoga avenue and Orchard street, SW 40 by NW 120, being lot 16, block A, Moss Tract, subject to a mortgage of $1400 to the Italian-Swiss Mutual Loan Association, Brooklyn Township; $10.

O. A. and Louisiana J. Rudolph to Marion E., wife of M. S. Baker of Alameda, same, Brooklyn Township (quitclaim deed); $10.

Pacific Improvement Company to Mary H., wife of Joseph Eastwood, lot on NW corner of Buena Vista avenue and St. Charles street, N 50 by W 129:11, being portion of lots 1, 2 and 3, block K, Columbus Bartlett property, Alameda; $10.

Frank W. Bilger to Pauline Bilger of San Leandro, lot on S corner of Estabrook street and Hayward avenue, SE 50, SW 150, NW 102:6, NE 159 to beginning, being lot 5, block 10, Harlan's Addition to San Leandro, Eden Township; $10.

LATEST SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

Arrived.

SATURDAY, August 17.

Stmr Alcazar, Gunderson, 54 hours from Port Los Angeles; ballast, to L E White Lumber Co.

Schr Nettie Low, Low, 5 hours from Point Reyes; 50 bxs butter, to C E Whitney & Co.

Domestic Ports.

PORT BLAKELEY—Arrived Aug 17—Bark Germania, hence Aug 1; bktn Irmgard, fm Honolulu; bark Kate Davenport, hence Aug 3.

Sailed Aug 17—Schr C S Holmes, for San Pedro.

PORT TOWNSEND—Arrived Aug 17—Schr Challenger, from Newport.

FORT ROSS—Arrived Aug 17—Schr Ocean Spray, hence Aug 13.

BOWENS LANDING—Sailed Aug 17—Schr Rio Rey, for San Francisco.

GRAYS HARBOR—Sailed Aug 17—Schr C A Thayer, for Fiji Islands.

WEPORT—Sailed Aug 17—Stmr Cleone, for San Francisco.

ASTORIA—Sailed Aug 16—Stmr Columbia, for San Francisco; schr Webfoot, for Redondo.

BEAR HARBOR—Arrived Aug 17—Stmr Laguna, hence Aug 15.

SAN PEDRO—Arrived Aug 17—Schr Lucy, frm Umpqua.

Sailed Aug 17—Schr La Gironde, for Grays Harbor.

EUREKA—Sailed Aug 17—Schr Helen N Kimball, for San Francisco.

Arrived Aug 17—Schr Jennie Thelin, hce Aug 8; schr Fortuna, hence Aug 6.

FORT BRAGG—Sailed Aug 17—Stmr Noyo, for San Francisco, with schr James Townsend in tow.

NAVARRO—Sailed Aug 17—Schr Eliza Miller, for San Francisco.

Foreign Ports.

HONOLULU—Arrived July 25—Bark S C Allen, hence July 18; Haw bark Mauna Ala, from Newcastle, NSW. 26—Br stmr Miowera, frm Victoria. 20—Bark Ceylon, from Eureka. 31—Br bark Velocity, from Hongkong. Aug 3—Ger bark Martha Bockhalm, from Liverpool. 9—Stmr City of Peking, hence Aug 3.

Sailed July 26—Br stmr Miowera, for Sydney. 30—Bktn Klikitat, for Port Townsend; bark Albert, for San Francisco. 31—Brig W G Irwin, for San Francisco. Aug 4—Schr G W Watson, for Port Townsend; Haw bark R P Rithet, for San Francisco. 8—Schr Robert Lewers, for Port Townsend.

Movements of Trans-Atlantic Steamers.

NEW YORK—Arrived Aug 16—Stmr Etruria, from Liverpool and Queenstown.

Sailed Aug 17—Stmr Mohawk, for London; stmr Maasdam, for Rotterdam; stmr Lucania, for Liverpool; stmr Fulda, for Bremen; stmr La Touraine, for Havre; stmr Island, for Stettin, etc; stmr Dania, for Hamburg; stmr State of Nebraska, for Glasgow.

HAMBURG—Arrived out Aug 17—Stmr Augusta Victoria.

HAVRE—Sailed Aug 17—Stmr La Champagne, for New York.

MARSEILLES—Sailed Aug 14—Stmr Burgundia, for New York.

STETTIN—Sailed Aug 14—Stmr Thingvalla, for New York.

GLASGOW—Sailed Aug 16—Stmr State of California, for New York.

ANTWERP—Sailed Aug 16—Stmr Waesland, for New York.

SOUTHAMPTON—Sailed Aug 16—Stmr Paris, for New York.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Licenses to marry were granted yesterday as follows:

Julius Girod and Julia Murphy, 29—23.
Hugo P. Heehs and Madeline Ornstein, 31—32.
S. W. English and Kate B. Sornborger, 27—24.
Karl Kliger and Anna M. Theobald, 27—28.
C. E. Baldwin and Lizzie M. Kinnaman, 36—34.
Charles F. White and Phœbe E. Monroe, 25—20.
Frank C. Kelly and Kitty T. Harrington, 28—22.
William A. Watson and Nettie M. Olds, 27—26.
F. T. Eisenhuth and Elizabeth K. Bach, 23—25.
Riley Monroe ank Clara E. Monroe, 22—22.

DIVORCE SUIT BEGUN.

A suit for divorce was begun yesterday as follows:

Christine O'Connor against Daniel O'Connor.

DIVORCE GRANTED.

The following divorce was granted in the Superior Court yesterday:

Hattie E. Atwood from George Atwood, on account of cruelty. Judge Murphy granted the decree yesterday, and permitted the woman to resume her maiden name, Hattie E. Fanning.

BIRTHS—MARRIAGES—DEATHS.

[Birth, marriage and death notices sent by mail will not be inserted. They must be handed in at either of the publication offices and be indorsed with the name and residence of persons authorized to have the same published.]

BORN.

BUTTERMER—August 14, 1895, to the wife of John Buttermer, a son.

CRANZ—In this city, August 11, 1895, to the wife of Richard Cranz, a daughter.

ESPY—In this city, August 15, 1895, to the wife of Robert J. Espy Jr., a son.

FLYNN—In this city, August 15, 1895, to the wife of John J. Flynn, a daughter.

GRETHER—In this city, July 14, 1895, to the wife of E. T. Grether, a son.

HARRISS—In this city, August 11, 1895, to the wife of J. D. Harriss, a daughter.

KENDALL—In this city, August 17, 1895, to the wife of N. C. Kendall, a son.

McDONALD—August 17, 1895, to the wife of John W. McDonald, a daughter.

MENGEL—In Menlo Park, August 16, 1895, to the wife of Henry Mengel, a son.

PORTER—In this city, August 9, 1895, to the wife of John W. Porter, a son.

SIVERTSEN—In this city, August 10, 1895, to the wife of S. A. Sivertsen, a son.

THALLWITZ—In this city, August 14, 1895, to the wife of G. R. Thallwitz, a daughter.

MARRIED.

BROWN—SLATTERY—In this city, August 6, 1895, at St. Francis Church, by the Rev. Father Griffin, George O. Brown and Nellie T. Slattery, both of San Francisco.

COATES—WILLIAMS—In this city, August 4, 1895, by