

LATEST OAKLAND NEWS.

Luigi Dulcich's Trouble With a Double Name and a Funeral.

EFFORT TO HURT McCHESNEY

Money Being Readily Subscribed for the Wilmerding Technical School.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, August 20.

Luigi Dulcich will have to pay \$160 for the funeral expenses of his boy George, who was buried under the name of Doban, October 19, 1894.

MACKINNON'S MOTIVES.

Why Did He Attack Principal McChesney's Gymnasium?

Principal J. B. McChesney of the High School, who is accused by W. H. Mackinnon of bringing male visitors to view the gymnastic exercises of the girls in his school, was more emphatic in his statements today that Mr. Mackinnon was private grudge.

"I had some trouble," he said, "with Mackinnon last term about his children. One morning he came down to the school to see me, and in a host of ways said we were not doing the boys proper marks in bookkeeping. He intimated that the girl whom he claimed knew less of that study than the boy was given higher marks, and that the boy should receive even higher. Mrs. Pugh, the teacher, stated that the low marks were on account of the boy's bad penmanship. Mackinnon said he did not care a rap about penmanship and went away in an angry mood.

"As for taking visitors into the gymnasium while the girls are exercising, they were not doing this term. One was County Superintendent of Schools Garlick and the other was the principal of the Los Angeles High School, who desired to get some information for the establishment of a gymnasium at that school. There is nothing immodest in the gymnastic exercises or in the costumes worn.

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Galloway's Tragic End.

An inquest was held this evening into the death of James Galloway, the man who was burned to death on an electric fire mast at midnight yesterday. It was testified that the current had not been turned off and that Galloway handled the carbon and before he had his leg over a wire the current was coming through his right arm to the wire. Galloway has been a lineman for fifteen years. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

Equalization Troubles.

The demurrers to the complaint filed by E. G. Buswell for a writ of review of the actions of the Board of Supervisors in reference to the lowering of the corporation assessments was yesterday filed. They will be heard before Judge Ellsworth next Monday morning, when the motion to strike out certain portions of the complaint will also be heard.

"Comedy at the Macdonough."

Gillett's comedy, "Macdonough," which had a most successful engagement at the Baldwin Theater, comes to the Macdonough next Monday for three nights, and a brilliant season is looked for. Orders for tickets have been pouring into the box-office. A number of theater parties have been arranged for the opening night. The advance sale of seats begins Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

Heavy Damages.

The damage suit of the Simmons family against the Southern Pacific Company for \$50,000 was today compromised for \$11,500 in the Superior Court. M. G. Simmons,

the father, was killed in October last at the time that the narrow-gauge train fell into the estuary.

HISTORY OF A DAY.

Alameda County Happenings Told in Brief.

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Auditor M. A. Whidden is better to-day and it is expected that he will be able to be out in a few days.

The Mayor has recommended to the court that two landscape gardeners be employed to erect fountains in the public parks.

The public debate between Eric Lewis (Christian) and H. G. Thurston (Seventh Day Adventist) was held at the City Auditorium.

The clerks in City Treasurer Gilpin's office were given a vacation to-day, as the office is being renovated for the first time in eight or ten years.

Company F, Fifth Regiment, N. G. C., have held an election for company officers, Captain G. A. Wetburn and First Lieutenant W. H. Cobble, were re-elected.

Sheriff White is having a double screen put in the jail, through which all conversation between the prisoners and the outside public will be filtered.

The Socialists have secured Becker's Hall, 918 Washington street, for meeting next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. They will be addressed by Rev. George W. Henning.

Rev. J. A. Akers has taken charge of the Ashby-avenue mission of the Presbyterian church and will devote his time to the work, which now has a very encouraging outlook.

The "open meeting" for to-morrow evening under the auspices of the Lodge, No. 3, A. O. U. W., will be held in Odd Fellows' Hall, corner Twelfth street and Eleventh avenue, at 8 o'clock.

The Pleasant Times says: "Our school children will all be given an opportunity to register for hop-picking again this year. In all municipalities will close on or about the 1st of September."

The alarm of fire at 12:30 this morning called the department to the corner of East Twelfth street and Eighth street, where a fire in the smith shop belonging to Lewis Hewlett was discovered to be on fire.

Six documents have been filed in the fight of the Auditor and the Supervisors against the action of E. G. Buswell for a writ of review of the petition of the Board of Supervisors acting as the Board of Equalization.

Clay Holman, the young son of Melvin W. Holmes, formerly Deputy Street Superintendent, fell and broke both bones of his left leg last evening in the yard adjoining his own home, 533½ Broadway.

Suit was instituted this afternoon in Justice Clift's court against James H. Andrew J. and William J. Powers, bicycle trick riders with the Western Athletic Club, by the collector on an assigned claim of Fay Fuller for \$111.50.

Fifty prisoners answer to the roll-call in the County Jail. This is a falling off of 100 per cent in the number of prisoners by the county before the new fee bill went into operation cutting the recompense of Constables making arrests.

Attorney Thomas Garrity will address the ladies of the Catholic Ladies Aid Society on Thursday evening at Y. M. H. Hall building, on the corner of Broadway and Twelfth street. His subject will be "The New Woman and Her Influence Upon the Future."

Henry Varley, the English evangelist, will deliver his last address before sailing for Australia at the City Auditorium to-morrow evening. The services will begin at 7:30 and a general invitation is extended to the public to hear him in his farewell address.

K. Mizuno, a Japanese acrobat with the Wallace circus, yesterday afternoon, near Bat-Street station, became confused, when the Sacramento street car was passing over the bridge over the air over a telegraph wire into the bay. He was attended by Dr. Dunn at the receiving hospital and recovered.

The Grand Jury met in session to-day, but Expert H. K. Snow and County Expert Davis had a conference in regard to the accounts of the Tax Collector's office at the City Auditorium to-morrow evening. There is nothing immodest in the gymnastic exercises or in the costumes worn.

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WILL NOT BE SLIGHTED.

The Mayor to Have a Clerk, in Spite of the Council.

A CITY DEAD TO THE WORLD.

Enormous Demand for Information of Oakland That Cannot Be Supplied.

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Mayor Davie decided to-day that he will appoint a clerk to the Mayor's office. The Council has denied his request for a clerk, although the charter expressly says one may be appointed, so he has decided to appoint an expert, which power is vested in the Mayor without any sanction of the Council.

The circumstances that prompted the Mayor to decide on having a clerk were many and various. The chief executive's mail was particularly heavy this morning. It contained elegantly bound histories of municipalities all over the country; there were some requests from private persons for information and photographs of Oakland; and two letters contained money to pay for newspaper and photographs; several Mayor sent copies of inaugural addresses, with complimentary and a request for a like courtesy; three manufacturing firms sent long lists of questions that they would like to have answered regarding climate, locality, price of land and material and prospects for business and the Civil Federation of Delaware sent out blanks to be filled out asking about the duties and emoluments of the various city officials. But as the Mayor is his own helplessness he was very wroth. As he was not opening letters an expressman appeared with some sample packing boxes, some sample bottles of pickles and a sample gun. They were all laid on a table to locate here and who wanted to know the chief executive's opinion as to the possibility of a sale for their particular goods.

"My position is a downright fact," said Oakland Mayor Davie, "and people want to know all about this thing. I am at a disadvantage and I am practically helpless. No one man can attend to all these reasonable requests and no man should be expected to do it. It is absurd. It is a near-sighted policy. I have asked for a clerk, but you allow me a clerk and it was denied. Now look at my position. Here is a neatly bound book from Grand Rapids, Mich. With it is a note asking for my inaugural address. When I asked for it, you said I got one vote in the Council. I must send a reply to the Mayor of Grand Rapids that my message is on file and that if he sends a money order to a local copyist he can get a copy like Oakland."

"Here is an elegant report, full of pictures, from Detroit, with a request that I send a report of Oakland. Where can I get a copy of this report? At the present time the City Attorney is shaping an ordinance covering the garbage question. He has been here and has obtained several reports from which to derive information. He will do me a favor and let me see it at once. But if any city official were to write to me and ask for information as to how Oakland deals with the garbage problem what could I send?"

Here is the crowning point. A firm from Baltimore writes that hearing so much about Oakland's water-front, they would like me to forward a plan and description of it showing portions immediately available for sale. There is not such a thing in the city. We have eleven miles of water front and about 10,000 acres of water-front land, and the Mayor of the city is in a position where he cannot enlighten an Eastern firm regarding it. On several occasions I have received money for books and photographs of Oakland and have more than once returned it. I could not send the applicants what they wanted. Take this letter for instance from Asbury Park. It is from Mrs. S.—and she asks me for a book descriptive of Oakland and begs my acceptance of the accompanying booklets. Here they are, handsome little things, but the pictures are out of date. At the present time the City Attorney has a series of photographs taken of the estuary and arranged in a panoramic form. When a firm in the East wanted to know about the water front, why they could see it at a glance. Take a picture. The facts were in and have all the yachts out for the occasion; have a few pictures of our new schools, put them in book form and have an intelligent recapitulation of all the reports of the city departments and send them to points where they will be seen and read. What would be the result? Read my mail; any citizen is welcome to call and inspect it, and see if it is not the best thing that has ever happened to something for herself. This city is the most parsimonious in the United States in the matter of calling attention to her own advantages."

As the Mayor described his dilemma he had all the requests, reports, photographs and samples spread out before him. There is no doubt that there is ample work for a clerk in the Mayor's office at this time and that is why Mr. Davie has decided to employ an expert.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Aug. 20.—The work of the Board of Equalization was closed with the session held to-day, and an adjournment sine die was taken. On account of the clerk's vacation, Trustee Clark was appointed to the place.

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Assessor Linderman was ordered to place the assessment of the improvements of lot 22, block 18, Oak Shade tract, on the roll and assessed to H. M. Allen at the rate of \$900 valuation.

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The Shooting Stockton Contractor Formerly Colonel of Infantry.

WAS BURNED AT THE STAKE.

Custer Kicked Aside the Firebrands and Rescued Thornton From Certain Death.

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R. R. Thornton, the grading contractor for the Valley Railroad, who on Monday shot and wounded a laborer at Stockton because he demanded his pay, is a member of the Loyal Legion, and was formerly colonel in the United States army. While serving with the regulars he had some startling adventures, and one of them,

which occurred nearly thirty years ago, turned his hair white in night and left him souvenir scars which he will carry to his grave. The story of that experience, as told by Colonel Thornton during a recent visit to this city, is as follows:

During the fall of 1867, I was engaged on topographical survey work in Southern California. I was then major of infantry, but was assigned to this detached service under Colonel Custer, who then commanded the 100th Infantry. About the middle of September I was sent with six men to the north. We were mounted on mules and had a pack train bearing our paraphernalia seriously impeding our movements. We traveled from mountain peak to mountain peak and on the evening of Monday, September 20, had reached a point about sixty miles north of the Needles. That night we encamped in a little basin studded with bowditch spots half a mile up the mountain side.

About 4 o'clock Tuesday morning we were attacked by Indians. There were fully 800 of them and except the nature of the ground favored us we would have been swept from the earth in an instant. The bowditches, however, furnished some shelter for the soldiers, and for two days we fought thus, and then, as a forlorn hope, Lieutenant Wilder stole out from our position and tried to get the marching savages and started for aid to Custer's camp forty-six miles away. Our little force had been reduced to death from the bullet and from our own wounded horses. We were left upon us, till when Wilder left, but eight men remained.

The night the fight was kept up. Our ammunition was getting low, but at opportune moments we robbed the cartridge boxes of our dead men and, although the powder was old, the shot had been fired and the savages closed on us. We were too exhausted to make any effective resistance and they took us alive, only seven, however, for one more had been killed by the falling rocks.

The Indians took us to a wooded plateau about four miles from the scene of the battle. We were tied to trees. Green boughs were piled about us and set on fire. They burned us, giving out a stifling smoke, and while waiting for the supreme moment the Indians amused themselves by hurling hatchets at our heads. My horse was killed and I was left waiting for the end.

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The Meeting of the Board of Works Enlivened by a Wordy War.

Mayor Davie, Engineer Wilson, Attorney Peirson and Captain Badger in a Tilt.

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The meeting of the Board of Works nearly ended in a free fight. The row commenced over the sewer on East Eighth street. Four sewers of fourteen inches each lead down Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues, and City Engineer Wilson is laying an interception sewer along East Eighth street. The size of the sewer is twelve inches. To-night the Mayor demanded the work stopped and demanded of Engineer Wilson if an intercepting sewer of twelve inches was sufficient to carry off the sewerage from four fourteen-inch pipes. Wilson refused to answer.

"My opinion is—" City Attorney Peirson was saying when the Mayor cut him short by saying: "Who asked for your opinion? It is not worth the breath that it takes to express it."

"I will answer to the Council," said Wilson.

"Well, then I will stop the work. It seems to me you are about as good as an engineer as Mr. Peirson is an attorney," said the Mayor.

Several hot passages of oratory followed, and then Captain Badger, a land-owner through whose property the sewer will pass, addressed the board. Captain Badger said that the City Engineer was laying the sewer through his property and was going out of a direct course to do it. He charged Wilson with doing this and that he kept straight on the sewer would pass through the railroad property and the ditch would pass under the track where it curves at Clinton-street station.

Wilson denied that he was actuated by a desire to favor the railroad.

"Then explain yourself, sir," said Badger angrily. "The railroad has owned every City Engineer we ever had, and I am prepared to show that they own you from your head to your heels."

"I am not answerable to this board," said Commissioner Wilson.

"Well, I'll see that you are," retorted Davie.

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