

LATEST OAKLAND NEWS.

The Social Evil a Task Worthy of Chief Lloyd's Steel.

LOYAL THEATER DEVOTEES.

The Secret of Mayor Davies' Objection to a Municipal Grab-bag.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL.

Divorce, child marriages and the Chief of Police talking about suppressing the social evil—these are the subjects that have been paraded before Oaklanders during the past few days as never before. If ever there was a golden opportunity for a public official to distinguish himself by opportunity confronts Chief Lloyd. Laxity of discipline, connivance at crime and dilatory action have produced a state of affairs in Oakland that needs an iron hand to suppress. An occasional spasm of virtue has been manifested, but it has been as devoid of stability and respect as the motive that prompted it. No permanent good was or could be produced by such spasmodic efforts at reform, but rather the reverse. Law-breakers knew when and where the lightning would strike and prepared accordingly. There are places in the center of the city where bulky "special officers" parade all night with no other purpose in view than that of protecting those who desire protection. This is no idle statement. It would not be an easy task to supply the details. Houses known to be filled with vagrants are untouched and gambling is carried on as though there were no laws prohibiting it.

Hundreds of records of the Police Department shows how careful the officers have been not to come in conflict with the promoters of vice. The records consist almost entirely of arrests arising from drunkenness and disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, using vulgar language, battery and vagrancy. Although it naturally follows that where two or three women vagrants are arrested in the same house that house is a house of bad reputation, not a single case can be found for months, perhaps years, where any one has been arrested for keeping an illegal place. The same is true of drunkenness, no case appearing where a saloonkeeper has been arrested. The same is true of a drunken man, although the average arrests for drunkenness are about half-a-dozen a day.

On the other hand, an increased energy is shown in the efforts being made to aid the movement against vice. All the philanthropically inclined are uniting to purge Oakland of its objectionable features. That vast power behind virtue's throne in this county, the Christian Endeavor movement, has again taken hold of the Sunday closing movement, and is pushing its cause with great hope of success. Its former effort was allowed to languish on account of the fact that it was being over by one of their leaders "working" politics. E. A. Sherman Jr. may have meant well in all that he did last fall, but if so, he was very badly advised.

A few days ago the Christian Endeavor Union passed some resolutions expressing their disbelief that retiring President Sherman had acted selfishly during the last political campaign, but they would not all that could be told. It is absurd to say that the Endeavorers, nearly all of whom are voters, should not take an interest in local government, but they can, and if they would work at first, the theatergoers of Alameda County were at last educated to the fact that a loss of two hours' time and the discomforts of two trips across the bay were not inseparable adjuncts to a theater party. Now Oakland is an exclusive in its patronage of her own elegant house as she is about her churning and her politics. This was never better shown than by the disappointment caused by Drew's return to New York.

To-morrow night the City Council will meet to fix the tax levy. It is certain that the Mayor will veto the ordinance, but it is not nearly so certain that the necessary eight votes can be obtained to pass it over his veto. If not at this time, the objection of the Mayor to the proposed levy, as agreed upon by the City Council, is that it creates a big general fund. The majority of the taxpayers do not understand why a general fund is not as secure as any other fund. The reason can be told in a few words. The Mayor and the Council are at loggerheads. No sum of money greater than \$500 can be paid out except by ordinance, which the Mayor must approve. Several of the Councilmen have pet schemes to work off in their wards, and the bills for these would exceed \$500. The Mayor can put his veto on such work. But with a large general fund the scheme can be worked by successive appropriations of \$499, each made by resolution, the Mayor having no veto on such resolutions. That is the principle. Here are the details: Davies' followers say that Towle and Manuel are candidates for Mayor, and that they want to get as much for their respective wards as possible to help their chances at loggheads. Towle and Manuel deny that they would like to be Mayor, but they do deny that they are paving the way to that honor by means of municipal financial jugglery.

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Alameda Y. M. I. Delegates Off for the Vallejo Grand Council.

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He brooded over his disappointed love and sought to drown his sorrow in liquor. Finally drink made him so moody and despondent that he pulled out his revolver, and before any one could interfere he fired a bullet into his left jaw.

He was taken to the Receiving Hospital, where it was found that the bullet had smashed the jawbone in pieces and had plowed its way upward. The wound is not dangerous.

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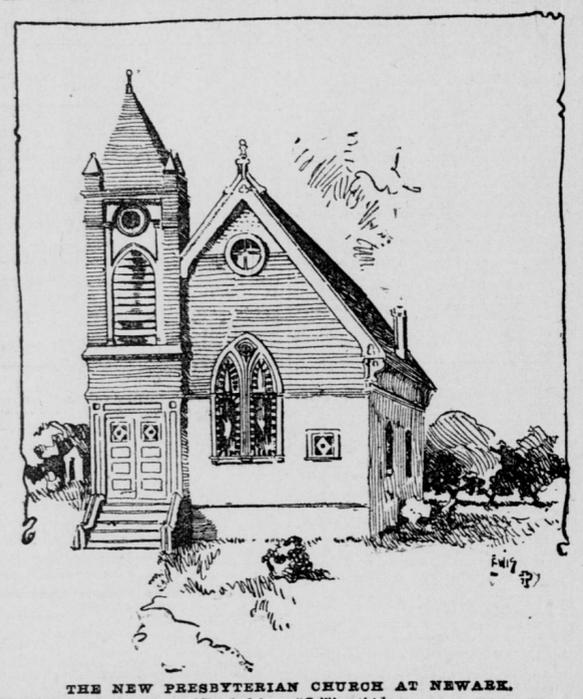
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THE NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT NEWARK. [Sketched by a "Call" artist.]

LATEST BERKELEY ITEMS.

Rev. George E. Swan Officiates at St. Marks for the First Time.

A Funny Paper to be Published at the University by the Pupils.

BERKELEY, CAL., Sept. 15.—The new funny paper at the university, the Josh, will make its first appearance to-morrow morning.

It is not the purpose of its progenitors to make this bi-weekly strictly a local publication, but to give it a wider range than most college journals are usually intended to cover.

A novel feature of the editing of the paper is that the meetings of the staff will be conducted according to the manner of those of the English Punch, consisting of a dinner, at which matter to be published in the paper will be discussed.

The staff of editors and managers is made up as follows: Arthur Brown '96, Arthur North '96, Lionel Sherwood '97, E. R. Barton '98, W. S. Wright '96, Miss C. Jackson '98, A. H. Allen '97, H. B. Quinn '97, Lloyd Baldwin '98, W. C. Russell '98, E. L. G. Steele Jr. '98, Walter Magee '98, Lloyd Robbins, '97, is the business manager.

Services at St. Mark's.

St. Mark's Episcopal church was crowded to-day for the first time.

Preparations for the Grand Encampment to be held in Stockton next month are progressing favorably and it promises to be one of the most interesting that has ever been held in this State.

On the first day of the encampment, Monday, Lebanon (Rebekah) Lodge will exemplify the beautiful work. On Tuesday evening the Patriarch Lodge will