

Interesting Report of Important Up-to-Date News Items in Alameda County

HIS HOME WAS DESERTED

Mrs. Steck Was Tired of Being Cruelly Treated in a Flat.

A CLEW TO VARNIS SLAYER.

Muhler Takes No Apparent Interest in His Trial for Killing Jennie Lewis.

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Two weeks ago an express wagon drove up to the door of a pretty little flat at 1000 West street and into it were loaded a large number of personal effects of the family.

When Mrs. Steck came home that evening instead of finding the evening meal prepared and a warm welcome awaiting him he found a cold stove and no family.

Mrs. Steck explained her hasty departure to a neighbor by saying that she had stood her husband's abuse as long as she could and was compelled to leave him.

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THEY HAVE A CLEW.

The Murdered Man Had a Dispute With His Late Partner.

OAKLAND, Dec. 5.—After the verdict of the coroner's jury in the Gharidelli case rendered at 1:30 P. M. to-day M. Varni, the man who was held on suspicion, was immediately released.

The new clew is that Varni recently dissolved partnership with G. D. Torre in the seagrass business, and that the men had some dispute over money matters just before they separated.

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The Trial of Louis Muhler Proceeds Very Slowly.

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To-day's proceedings were devoted to the testimony of doctors and Steward Victory of the Receiving Hospital.

Judge Frick relieved the monotony of the proceedings by scoring Steward Victory present to receive the verdict.

JEWISH BOYS' CONVERSION.

He Carries a Torch and Marches With the Salvationists.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 5.—The Order of B'nai B'rith has appointed a committee to inquire into the circumstances attending the conversion of a young man, Louis Smith, a Jewish lad who carries a torch in the Army processions.

Louis lives with his father on Jackson street. His mother is dead, his father is blind, and about a year ago a little sister perished in a bonfire.

POLICE BRIBERY CHARGE.

OAKLAND, Dec. 5.—Ah Sing, the Chinaman charged with paying Officer Banks \$100 to bribe Chief of Police Lloyd, is in court to-day.

Missed His First Fire.

OAKLAND, Dec. 5.—There was a lively blaze in West Oakland last night, and a stable, a barber-shop and a carpenter's shop were burned.

Still a Mystery.

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