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

STANTON'S EARLY CAREER

The Vallejo Murderer Was Once Married to a Haywards Belle.

A GIRL FATALLY BURNED.

Another Schoolgirl Disappears and Circumstances Point to an Elopement.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Dec. 9.

The murder of Medosa H. Keach by William Stanton at Vallejo has created much interest in this county, where the family is well known.

The Stantons own the big Stanton ranch near Haywards and have resided there a long time. The family consists of two sons and two daughters and the widow. All but William live at home, but he has been leading a varied life for several years.

William Stanton was married some time ago and after a short wedded life there was trouble between him and his wife and it ended in their being divorced. When the time came for William to start in business his mother started a grocery-store, but the firm of Lee & Stanton flourished in Haywards only a short time. After the business was discontinued William Stanton joined the navy and received a regular remittance from the ranch. Everything seemed to be going along smoothly till the news of the murder and attempted suicide at Vallejo. His friends here knew of his attachment for the dead girl and were expecting to hear of the wedding when they received the report of the tragedy.

THE EXPOSITION.

Work in Securing Exhibits Progressing Rapidly.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 9.—The formal opening of the first industrial exposition ever held in Oakland will take place one week from this evening. The doors will be thrown open at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, but the addresses will be made in the evening, and the music will be more elaborate than during the day.

Secretary Hill of the art department sends in the following for publication:

"Paintings will be received for exhibition in the art department of Oakland Exposition from Tuesday to Friday inclusive. Only original works accepted.

"The rules governing the Mechanics' Institute regarding responsibility will be applied here."

The following artists have already entered pictures: Henry Rascher, J. B. Wandesforde, Thomas Hill, R. D. Yelland, William Keith, Edw. Deakin, William A. Resser, Mrs. L. C. Keely, Mrs. D. W. Gelewicks, H. D. Grenke, J. H. Partington, Marian Dahlgren, E. Rufus Hill, Ferdinant Reichards.

Efforts will be made to secure a representation of the broom-making industry as carried on at the Home for Adult Blind, by having some of the inmates at work at the exposition.

Mr. Best of San Leandro will exhibit an engine of his own making, which is considered a marvel of mechanical skill.

The demand for space is urgent, and it has been found necessary to utilize a portion of the galleries for exhibits. Much interest is being taken in the exposition throughout the county, and the different towns will be well represented.

ANOTHER ELOPEMENT.

This Time a Schoolgirl Disappears With a Butcher.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 9.—Minnie Mennomenn, a 14-year-old girl, has been missing from her home, 633 Grove street, for thirteen days, and it is thought that she has eloped with Bert Noy, a young butcher of Alameda.

A week ago last Saturday she left home, as her parents supposed, to go to work for a family on Myrtle street. She was not missed until the following Friday, when she failed to come home according to custom. It was then ascertained that she had not been working at all, but had run away.

For some time the girl has been keeping company with young Noy, whose father keeps a butcher-shop at Bay station in Alameda, but the young man denies that he has married her or that he knows anything of her whereabouts. Two years ago the sister of the missing girl was the heroine of a tugboat marriage outside the heads.

The girl's father is a carpenter, and is respected by all who know him. Both of his daughters are girls of good appearance, and have had many admirers, but owing to the tender age of their daughter the parents are heart-broken. Every effort is being made to find the missing girl.

ASKED A CONTINUANCE.

The Murphy Case Waiting for Word From Absentees.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 9.—The attorneys for the Murphy sisters in the Murphy will contest appeared before Judge Frick this morning and asked for a continuance until next Wednesday, which was granted by both sides. Argument on the motion for a new trial was to have been heard to-day, and it is understood that the continuance is asked for the purpose of awaiting news from the Murphy girls, who are now in Europe.

A settlement of the contest is only delayed because of the non-arrival of the authorization of the girls to an agreement of compromise, which is daily expected and will probably be in the hands of Metcalf & Metcalf, the attorneys for the girls, within a short time. The motion for a new trial will not be argued Wednesday.

BURNED TO DEATH.

A Little Girl's Nightdress Catches Fire at an Open Grate.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 9.—The little daughter of Dr. W. A. L. Knowles, a dentist residing on Versailles avenue, in Alameda, met a very painful death yesterday. The child came down to the sitting-room in her nightdress yesterday morning, and while standing before an open grate fire in some way the flames caught her clothing.

Startled by the child's screams, her mother rushed into the room and found her running about trying to put out the flames. Before they could be extinguished she had received injuries so serious that she died from their effects at half-past 8 o'clock last evening.

An inquest was set by Coroner Baldwin for 4:30 o'clock this afternoon in Alameda.

SUED FOR SUPPORT.

Mrs. Annie Bacon Wants Part of Her Husband's Property.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 9.—Frank Page Bacon, the capitalist, has been sued by his wife, Annie C. Bacon, for support for herself and six children, all of whom, except the eldest boy, are living with her in Alameda.

Mrs. Bacon places her husband's fortune at $250,000 and states that the income is $250 a month, not including the sales and profits derived from his interest in the Bacon Land and Loan Company. She asks the court to award her $350 for the support and maintenance of herself and her children.

The plaintiff states that she does not desire a divorce. She has sued to have her husband enjoined from disposing of any of his property until this suit is settled. E. B. Mastick acts as her attorney.

Acme Athletics.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 9.—The Acme Athletic Club sixth annual exhibition was given to-night at the Macdonough Theater. The house was moderately filled and the varied programme was given without a hitch. There were sword exercises, wrestling and boxing, but as the events were for exhibition only honors were easy right along. The Reliance Glee Club attended "the trampers' run" and sang a couple of glees. The exercises concluded with a two-mile bicycle race on home-trainers. Nissen made the distance in 2:30 and Le Fevre in 2:35. The object of the exhibition, which is to show the efficiency of the club, was ably carried out. The audience was enthusiastic and the affair was a marked success.

Abducted His Boy.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 9.—James Boden, who is being sued for divorce by his wife, Florence Boden, on the ground of cruelty, is charged by her with having stolen their three-year-old son from her home in Temescal last Saturday afternoon. She claims the court had ordered him not to interfere with the child while the suit was pending. Boden is an engineer at the Telegraph-avenue electric road power-house. On Saturday afternoon he called at the house and had the boy in the front yard. When Mrs. Boden went in search of the child both were gone. M. C. Chapman, Mrs. Boden's attorney, will take the necessary steps to recover the child.

Issued a Bench Warrant.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 9.—Judge Wood to-day issued a bench warrant, ordering J. A. Wagner to be brought into court. Wagner, who is now engaged in conducting a restaurant in San Francisco in his wife's name, has failed to pay the $15 for the support of his first wife's child, as he agreed to.

His attorney was in court, pleading poverty and asking more time, to-day, but the Judge said he had waited a month and would not permit him to trifle with the court any longer.

Walsh Gets Out a Writ.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 9.—Attorney Phil M. Walsh surrendered himself to the police to-night, and his attorney, C. M. Chapman, immediately got out a writ of habeas corpus. Judge Frick made it returnable for Tuesday evening, and Walsh was admitted to bail on depositing $25. The argument to be made on the writ will be based on the assumption that the language by Attorney Walsh to Judge Wood was not contemptuous, and that even if it were the Judge had lost jurisdiction when he made the order adjudging the attorney guilty.

Studied Electric Roads.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 9.—E. P. Vandercook, the projector of the electric road from Oakland to Livermore and Corral Hollow, has returned from an Eastern trip, taken in the interest of the road. He visited various cities, looking carefully into the construction and equipment of electric railroads, and also endeavored to secure capital for the proposed road. He says he received substantial encouragement and is much pleased with the result of his trip.

Death of Mrs. Merritt.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 9.—Mrs. Hannah A. Merritt, mother of Fred A. and James P. Merritt, who are now contesting the disposition of the estate of the late Samuel Merritt, died last Saturday evening, at her rooms in the Blake block, 528 Eleventh street, this city. The deceased was a native of Phipsburg, Me., and was 79 years of age. She was the widow of the late Captain Isaac Merritt, brother of the dead capitalist. Mrs. Merritt had resided in Oakland twenty-six years.

Will File an Answer.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 9.—A. Heynemann, attorney for Mrs. Frederick Stuart Adams in the suit brought by Frederick Stuart Adams for annulment of the marriage which took place in Martinez, has obtained five days' extension of time in which to plead. This would seem to indicate that Mrs. Adams intends making a determined fight.

She has retained A. A. Moore as associate counsel.

Relinquished Their Claim.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 9.—The children of the late Mrs. Kate B. Fisher have relinquished their interest in a bequest of a life insurance policy of $2000 which she devised to them. Attorney W. H. Jordan appeared in the Superior Court this morning, asking that the claim be assigned to their father, L. P. Fisher. Judge Frick made the necessary order.

An Official Visit.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 9.—The First Regiment California Brigade uniformed rank Knights of Pythias paid an official visit to Piedmont Lodge and Liberty Division of the regiment to-night. Colonel J. C. Lohmeyer, commanding the First Regiment, attended by his staff, were met at the narrow-gauge depot by Oakland Sir Knights, in full uniform, and invited to Loring Hall.

A Church Bazaar.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 9. — The Twenty-fourth avenue M. E. Church of East Oakland will give a grand bazaar in Old Armory Hall, Twelfth and Washington streets. It will open December 16 with a concert by the Clara Schuman quartet of San Francisco. Meals will be served at reasonable prices and the bazaar will run for one week.

The Library Fight Ended.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 9.—Judge Greene in the Superior Court to-day issued a permanent injunction against the new Board of Trustees of the Alameda Public Library from occupying the positions. This has partially settled the fight between the old and new boards.

For Branch of Promise.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 9.—The suit of Miss Carrie Lockyer, the young woman who has sued Captain John Hayes for breach of promise of marriage, demanding $10,000 damages, has been set for February 25, 1896. The plaintiff has demanded a jury trial.

HISTORY OF A DAY.

Alameda County Happenings Told in Brief Chapters.

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The $2000 insurance on the life of Mrs. K. B. Fisher has been set aside to the surviving husband of the deceased.

The refinery at Alvarado has ceased operations for the current year. About 5,000,000 pounds of sugar were made.

Charles Sullivan, who stole a pair of shoes in "a fit of mental aberration," as he put it, was sent below for three months.

The pupils of the Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind will give a sacred concert in the assembly hall of the institution next Sunday afternoon.

The Bank of Livermore to-day levied a foreclosure upon the ranch of H. B. Mendenhall near Livermore. The ranch contains 100 acres and was mortgaged to the bank for $100.

Judge Ogden to-day allowed F. J. Woodward $250 per month for his services as receiver of the Highland Park and Fruitvale Railroad Company, and F. J. French $1200 for his services as attorney.

Mrs. Boden, who is suing Henry Boden for a divorce, is much exercised over the fact that her husband got the child into his custody Sunday and did not allow it to return to her. She appears to be afraid Boden will take it out of the State.

The rebuilding of St. Mary's College has been completed and before reopening the structure will be rededicated. This ceremony will take place on Sunday, December 29, at 3 o'clock. The rebuilding cost $50,000 and was superintended by the architect who designed the structure.

William Clark, the old East Oaklander, who has been charged with unlawful conduct toward three little girls, made an application to-day to have his bail reduced. The court made an order reducing it from $9000 in the aggregate to $4500. The preliminary examinations were set for December 18.

Another legacy of the late Morris Goldberg, the wealthy hermit of the Fruitvale hills, was distributed to-day by order of Judge Frick. The legatee is the estate of Dina Saks, a Russian relative, who died before the affairs of Goldberg's estate had reached a point where she could be allowed her legacy of $3000.

THE BLIND MAN OUSTED.

Superintendent Sanders of the Blind Asylum Discharged.

IRISH CHAMPIONED HIS CAUSE.

John C. Hays Placed in the Position. The Annual Meeting of Directors.

OAKLAND OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Dec. 9.

The directors of the Blind Home met at that institution this evening, and Messrs. Campbell, Greenhood and Morrow yielded their seats to the Governor's new appointees, F. R. Glascock, T. C. Corgan and Colonel James. John P. Irish and Frank A. Leach held over.

President Irish read the following report, which he has sent to the Governor:

To Hon. James H. Budd, Governor of California—SIR: I have the honor to transmit the report of the Adult Blind Home for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, as rendered to the board of directors by the superintendent.

I have made a careful examination and comparison of the same with the original records and find it correct.

The success of the institution is to be measured by its production and sale of articles manufactured by blind handicraftsmen. There is no sentiment in trade, and as a buyer of raw material and a seller of the finished article the home stands in the market in no different attitude from a private enterprise. For this reason it is affected by the conditions of business to a degree unknown in any other State institution. The excellent business management of the superintendent has carried the institution through the last two years of hard times without a deficit, notwithstanding the bad condition of trade. It will be observed that the cost per capita of maintaining the entire number of persons at the home was 44 cents per day. Its sanitary condition is shown to be excellent by the fact that there was no case of acute or zymotic disease among the inmates, nor has there been for seven years.

In the last Legislature it was proposed to sell the present site, which was declared by a committee that showed unjust animus against the institution and its management, to have increased from $26,000, its cost to the State, to the value of $100,000, and relocate the home in some country place.

Such change would destroy the blind industries and obliterate the institution. To continue successful it must remain in contact with the market for its raw material and manufactured articles. The experience of a century has demonstrated the best employment for the adult blind, and that experience should guide those added to the management of such an institution.

As heretofore stated and now repeated with emphasis, these institutions are never anywhere made self-supporting by the labor of the blind.

Colonel James was then put in nomination for president and elected, J. P. Irish retiring.

Colonel Irish, in a speech nominating the blind Superintendent Sanders for reelection, reviewed the seven years' service of that official. After quoting statistics to prove that a blind man is the best person for such an institution, Colonel Irish said:

Before Mr. Sanders was superintendent this institution had no efficient books of account or record beyond the proceedings of its directors. The system of books and accounts in the manufacturing and commercial departments is of his devising. There are here skillful and expert employes, blind and seeing, apt and faithful. He trained them. This institution has gained a momentum which will carry it far ahead without new impulse. His hand gave it the impetus. Before he came the dependent adult blind of California were forlorn and helpless, with no future but indigence. Every one rescued from despair and restored to manhood and hope was delivered and enfranchised by him.

Even the deaf, dumb and blind have been taught a trade, and made skillful and to a degree self supporting in its practice, by this blind benefactor. I therefore declare with confidence that, in the presence of an informed public opinion, the popular appreciation of this blind man's work would enter the record of it among the things honorable to the commonwealth; and in these days, when we are told there is to be civil service reform under the Harbor Commission and merit is to be set above partisanship on the water front, the enlightened manhood of the State would forbid that politics should intrude upon the position he has filled so creditably, or unmake this institution, which is the perfect work of his hands. His devoted wife has served as matron for seven years and a half, without a penny of pay. The hapless blind women have had her patient attention, the sick her care and the dying her tears as an unhired offering on the altar of humanity.

The oratory of Colonel Irish availed nothing, and John C. Hays, the son of the Texas Ranger, was elected in Sanders' stead. No other changes were made, but as Mrs. Sanders will leave with her husband, a matron will soon have to be appointed.

WON'T WEAR BLOOMERS.

Mrs. Proctor Has Killed the Custom in the University.

Those Who Favored the Idea Abashed by Her Premature Appearance.

BERKELEY, CAL., Dec. 9.—The co-ed bloomer question seems to have well nigh run out its natural existence and passed into university history. Had Mrs. Proctor, the lady who last Friday appeared on the campus in the abbreviated costume, waited until the next heavy storm came on she might have had a bevy of fifty or more fair co-eds dressed in like attire to accompany her. But she came out alone, and her appearance in the mountaineer costume has been the cause of so much comment that the other co-ed supporters of the extreme dress reform seem to have retired gracefully.

It seems that twenty U. C. girls had signified their willingness to don the costume, providing that the total number could be raised to fifty and that they should all come out at once. It seems that these twenty were very enthusiastic over the scheme and were rapidly securing converts, when the single exponent of the cause came out and blasted their hopes.

Now the tide has turned and many of those who were supporters of the original movement refuse to even talk of the matter.

The general sentiment among the co-ed contingent now seems to be that bloomers are not the proper costume for the classroom. They will continue, however, to remain loyal to the short skirt and leggins—the rainy-day attire which was adopted by the women students last year.

In the meantime Mrs. Proctor intends to wear her bloomers as often as she chooses and where she chooses. She says that she is not a regular student of the university and that what move she might make in the matter of dress ought not to make any difference with the rest of the student body.

The report has gained currency that the bloomer proposition will be officially brought before the Associated Women Students on Wednesday, but those in authority declare that it is not a public matter to them, but a question of individual desires, and, therefore, will not be discussed in an official manner.

Boating Association Affairs.

BERKELEY, CAL., Dec. 9.—The U. C. Boating Association's new pleasure-boat was received from the builders and placed in the water for the first time last Saturday. The new craft is much the same as the St. Lawrence skiffs which were burned, except that it is stronger and altogether a better boat. The first single-scull will be received next Wednesday.

An informal meeting of the members of the association has been called for Wednesday afternoon.

The financial report of the association for November, as presented by W. J. Morrow, is as follows: Receipts—Cash November 1, 1895, $340 20; insurance on four oared boat destroyed by fire, $250. Total receipts, $554 20. Expenditures—Payments on boat contracts, $82 50; janitor, oars, photos for Blue and Gold, etc., $30 25; cash December 1, 1895, $441 55. Total expenditures, $554 20.

Football Men to Meet.

BERKELEY, CAL., Dec. 9.—The Varsity football team will meet on Wednesday afternoon to decide whether they will undertake the much-talked-of trip to Southern California during the Christmas vacation. The prime difficulty which Manager Lang seems to have met is that of finances. He expects, however, to be able to give a definite statement at the meeting on Wednesday with regard to just what teams the Berkeley men will meet and the approximate receipts of each contest.

Hope is expressed that a game will be arranged between the U. C. and Olympic teams to be played at Los Angeles. The players themselves are much in favor of the southern tour, since they will have both a pleasant outing and also an opportunity to become acquainted with the methods of other teams.

University Examinations.

BERKELEY, CAL., Dec. 9.—The regular midyear examinations in the departments of the University of California at Berkeley will begin next Friday morning and continue until Saturday, December 21. No recitations will be conducted during the time set aside for the examinations. Following the examination period will be the customary Christmas recess of three weeks.

Shocks From the Heavy Guns.

BERKELEY, CAL., Dec. 9.—The testing of the 12-inch guns at the Presidio Reservation to-day shook the buildings of the town and university so severely that many persons thought that an explosion had taken place at the West Berkeley powder works.

THE SCHOOL BOARD MAD.

It Thinks the Health Board Made Very Injudicious Remarks.

Perpetual Injunction Issued Preventing Interference With the Library Board.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Dec. 9.—The School Board is very much exercised over the intimations of disease in the public schools made by the Board of Health, which got into print in a local paper somewhat more broadly than they were uttered. President Tisdale of the Board of Education denounces such unguarded remarks as very unprofessional and unnecessary and as tending to greatly injure the schools, besides being a direct reflection upon the School Board. President Tisdale says the board will hold a special meeting in the near future and invite the member of the Board of Health who made such damaging statements to appear and substantiate them.

Dr. Smith is the member referred to. His statement was to the effect that he had been reliably informed that one of the teachers was afflicted with a worse disease than tuberculosis, and he named the disease. He further expressed the opinion that teachers should be examined as to their physical condition and general health before being placed in charge of classes of children. The end of the agitation is not yet by any means.

Still in Trouble.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Dec. 9.—The Telegram has not by any means emerged from its troubles. Marshall is out of the paper altogether. Receiver Nauman was working hard last night to issue a paper this morning. J. C. Tyrrell is bitter against the successor to Marshall, and declares that the paper must die. He says he has been grossly deceived in the property and is going to make some one lose just as much as he has lost. He threatens to get out an injunction restraing the issuance of the paper pending a partition or some settlement of the partnership troubles.

The Injunction Sustained.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Dec. 9.—The decision of Judge Greene, permanently restraining J. R. Knowland, George J. Jensen and Robert Husband from interfering with the management of the free public library, gives satisfaction generally to the people of Alameda. Messrs. Knowland, Jensen and Husband were appointed library trustees by the Board of Municipal Trustees in May last. The incumbents refused to vacate, and so they forcibly took possession one day at noon. An injunction was sued out by the old board restraining the new from interfering with them, and by which they regained possession. Judge Greene has made this injunction perpetual.

Notes of Interest.

There was no meeting of the Municipal Board last night.

The suit of Emilie G. Cohen vs. the Lincoln Avenue Commissioners, to restrain the extension of Lincoln avenue, which was to have been heard last night, has been postponed for three weeks.

The funeral of little Ruth Knowles, who was burned to death Saturday morning, takes place to-day at 2 o'clock. A Coroner's jury yesterday afternoon returned a verdict in accordance with facts as published in this morning's CALL.

Charles L. Mastick of Portland, Or., is visiting his parents and friends in this city.

The Diamond Cycling Club is to have a benefit at Linderman Opera-house, where "The Private Secretary" will be produced.

The Board of Health is going to enforce all the ordinances in existence against the Chinese shanties maintained on Railroad avenue, near Park street. Due notice to abate nuisances and put the premises in better sanitary condition go unheeded.

REPUBLICANS MEET.

An Enthusiastic Assemblage in Pixley Hall Last Night.

An enthusiastic meeting of Republicans was held last night by the McKinley Republican Club of the Forty-first Assembly District, at Pixley Hall, on the corner of Polk and Pacific streets. One hundred and ten new members signed the roll, swelling the membership to over 400. H. C. Firebaugh presided, and there were some stirring speeches on the issues of the coming campaign.

The following were elected as delegates to represent the club in the executive council of Republican clubs: E. F. Wilkinson, J. M. Jacott and Henry Gerlach.

The club will hold stated meetings on the second Thursday of each month, when representative speakers of the Republican party will be present and deliver addresses.

Stole the Freight Money.

Albert Lewis of the firm of Lewis & Co., teamsters, 11 Steuart street, swore out a warrant in Judge Joachimsen's court yesterday for the arrest of Donald Fleming, one of their employes, on the charge of felony embezzlement. Some days ago they sent him with $138 to pay the freight on some goods, and since then they have not seen or heard of him. He had been in their service for the past nine years.

FOUR DAYS OF ANXIETY.

Then M. Meunier Will Know the Result of Years of Work.

PARISIAN MUSHROOM CAVES.

Long and Costly Experiments to Add a New Industry to Those of Alameda County.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Dec. 9.

Out near Fruitvale an earnest Frenchman has been for four months watching the development of his experiments with Parisian mushroom caves. In 1879 M. Fernand Meunier came to California and after years of search found the peculiar atmosphere he sought in the Fruitvale hills. M. Meunier has long cherished the idea that Parisian mushrooms could be grown in California, and he now declares that his caves are a success and that the first crop ever grown in the Western Hemisphere will be ready for the epicures in about three months.

It has taken two or three years of labor to prepare the caves, but last September the work was commenced in earnest. The experimentalist secured the large tract that was once looked upon by the Contra Costa Water Company as a place for a reservoir. He has already laid out and planted two caves 15 feet broad, 10 feet deep and 100 feet long. Around each cave is a high board fence. In about four days the caves will be opened and M. Meunier's mind will be at rest. By that time he will know just how much of a success he has scored.

To get these caves in readiness has required the constant services of twelve men who are skilled in the science of raising mushrooms. Some idea of the preliminary work necessary may be gained from the knowledge that forty-seven tons of fertilizer, or 180 cubic yards, are required in each cave to form the ridge beds. This material has to be sifted and packed until it has the firmness and consistency of clay before it is in a fit condition to receive the spawn.

"I came to California," said Mr. Meunier, "because I thought that it has the best climate in the world for growing mushrooms. The rainy season is somewhat against us, but my study of the summers has convinced me that they could not be better. Considering everything, not even Paris is adapted so well, naturally, to the business. At present there are never any fresh mushrooms in California, and in the United States there is not a man who raises Parisian mushrooms as an industry. I brought over a large quantity of Parisian spawn, but I find I can produce it here. I will be the only man this side of the water who raises spawn of that kind. As soon as I have succeeded in establishing the industry I shall add to my facilities until I have fifty caves in operation. If everything is successful each cave should produce 100 pounds a day.

"But what more than all else has induced me to settle in Oakland is that there are so few insects here, the maggots (diptera), white, black-headed worms about three-sixteenths of an inch long, 'black spot' caused by eelworms (auguillulæ), manure-flies and other insects being almost unknown, although in Paris great quantities of salt, the chief insecticide, are needed."

M. Meunier is very confident that the mushroom-cave industry can be successfully introduced here, and although he has not yet any product for the market, he declares he sees a certain fortune ahead.

APPEALS TO THEIR PRIDE.

County School Superintendent Writes a Circular to Teachers.

Programme for the State Teachers' Association Finally Prepared.

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 9.—The County Superintendent of Schools has issued the following circular letter:

OAKLAND, December 7, 1895.

To the Teachers of Alameda County: The Alameda County Institute will meet in Oakland, Thursday, January 2, 1895, at 9 A. M. After being called to order it will be merged in the State Teachers' Association, which will continue in session three days, adjourning Saturday, January 4, at 3 P. M.

Your patriotism and local pride are called upon to make this important gathering of the teachers of the State the largest and most enthusiastic ever held in California. That it may be so requires that each teacher should feel responsible for the success of the association.

The local executive committee is greatly encouraged by the very generous response already made by the teachers throughout the county.

This response will enable us to properly entertain our guests from other parts of the State.

The programme for the State association sessions has been completed and is as follows:

Thursday morning (Council of Education) 9:30 o'clock—Organization. 1. "Course of Study," Superintendent J. W. Linscott, Santa Cruz. 2. High School certificates, Professor Fernando Sanford, Palo Alto; review of report of committee of fifteen, Professor George H. Howison, Berkeley.

2 P. M.—1. President's address, Earl Barnes, Palo Alto; some remarks on the professional course, Professor Wayne P. Smith, San Jose; "The Poet as a Pilgrim," Elizabeth A. Packard, Oakland; "The New Psychology and Its Pedagogical Significance," Professor F. B. Dressler, Los Angeles.

Thursday evening—Entertainment of the association by the teachers of Alameda County.

Friday morning—(Committee on Manual Training)—9 A. M., "What Has Been Done in California in Elementary, Secondary and Special Schools," Professor Walter J. Kenyon of Stockton; "Recommendation of Courses Desirable and Feasible for Elementary Schools," James A. Addicott of San Jose; "Recommendations of Courses Desirable and Feasible for Secondary Schools," Professor Walter N. Bush of San Francisco; "Character of Teacher Training Demanded for This Work," President Charles H. Keyes of Pasadena; specimens of work from the Manual Training Schools of California will be on exhibition on January 3 and 4.

1 P. M.—Election of officers; choice of next meeting place; "Supervision," Superintendent T. T. Kirk, Fresno; "Ethics in Education," Professor P. W. Search of Los Angeles; "The Education of the Human Animal," Professor Joseph Le Conte of Berkeley.

Friday evening—Address, "The Evolution of Education," Professor Joseph Le Conte, Berkeley.

Saturday morning (Committee on School Hygiene), 9 A. M.—1. "Hygiene in Education," Professor T. D. Wood, Palo Alto; 2. "Sanitary Construction of School Buildings," Superintendent McClymonds, Oakland; "Hygienic Improvement Within Reach of Us All," Lucy M. Washburn, San Jose; "Physical Training for Girls," Carrie B. Palmer, Oakland. Adjournment.

LADIES ASSIST PROGRESS.

Two Associations to Be Organized at Livermore This Week.

LIVERMORE, CAL., Dec. 9.—All the business men of Livermore will meet on Wednesday evening next at the Town Hall to organize a local improvement society. During the past week the following paper has been liberally signed:

We, the undersigned citizens of Livermore and vicinity, believing that there should be an organization among the business men and citizens for the purpose of agitating for local improvements and prosecuting a general work for the advertising and building up of Livermore Valley, hereby signify our willingness to become members of such an organization, and recommend a meeting to take place for that purpose Wednesday evening, December 11, 1895, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Town Hall.

The ladies have also determined to organize in connection with the movement, and on Thursday next the Woman's Club of Livermore will come into life at the Presbyterian Church. All public-spirited ladies are invited. These improvement societies will be educational, social and practical in their character.

In speaking of these organizations W. R. Ellis of Livermore said: "It is a purely public-spirited enterprise and one in which all our citizens should unite. Here is a special opportunity for business men to make manifest their good-natured ability to rise superior to the little bickerings that too often interrupt social intercourse among neighbors. All our people are interested in the growth and prosperity of our valley; and it is only the smallest and shriveled-up kind of a man who would allow his ill will toward other people to interfere with his cheerfully and manfully doing his part in maintaining a deserving community enterprise."

THREE DOLLARS A NAME.

What It Will Cost Alameda County for Votes Next November.

The Whole County Is to Be Re-Districted—Many Precincts Will Be Halved.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Dec. 9.

The first step toward the compilation of a new Great Register was taken by the Supervisors to-day with the appointment of a committee to arrange preliminaries. The committee consists of Supervisors Pelouez and Church, County Clerk Jordan, District Attorney Snook and the County Surveyor.

The most important part of the work of the committee will be to redistrict many parts of the county. There are many precincts that contain more voters than the law allows, and in a few instances some precincts will be made into three. At the last election there was one precinct at Fruitvale in which over 600 votes were cast. This precinct required three days longer to count than the others and delayed the returns that time. In Alameda there are several precincts with from four to five hundred voters and in Berkeley one precinct polled over 700 votes.

As the tickets are such large ones several days are required for the count. The law distinctly states that no more than 200 voters shall reside in one precinct, and as there will be about 25,000 names on the new Great Register there will be about 125 precincts in the county.

One of the greatest troubles anticipated for the deputy clerks of registration will be caused by the educational requirements. Between this time and the next general election there will be hundreds of aliens naturalized, and County Clerk Jordan has discovered that many voters newly naturalized cannot sign their names or read. Under no circumstances will he register such, and it is anticipated that there will be frequent applications for writs of mandamus. The law, however, is very plain, and all deputies will be instructed to see that it is obeyed to the letter.

The new law requires that registration shall commence 160 days prior to a general election, and must continue for seventy-five days. After that transfers can be made, but twenty-six days before the election the copy must be sent to the printer.

It is calculated that the cost of getting out a Great Register and holding a general election in Alameda County next November will cost about $75,000, or $3 per head for every name on the Great Register.

The registration will require that a force of about fifteen clerks be scattered all over the county and be kept in service for seventy-five days, and in many places for the time allowed for transfers. County Clerk Jordan has a plan of registration that will make all efforts at stuffing very plain. All lodging-houses and hotels will be kept apart, so that if forty men register at a house with but ten rooms the fraud will be at once apparent. Applications to be appointed as deputy clerks are already being handed to the Supervisors and County Clerk, but none will be appointed till the redistricting business is completed.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Mary A. Winn to Andrew Valentine, lot on E line of Florida street, 100 N of Seventeenth (Santa Clara), N 25 by E 100; $10.

Jane Besby and Mary Curran to Ann C. Stott, lot on W line of Taylor street, 56:7½ N of Montgomery avenue, N 18, W to Montgomery avenue, SE to a point 47:7½ W of Taylor street, E 47:7½; $10.

Hibernia Savings and Loan Society to same, all interest in 50-vara lot 706, quitclaim deed; $5.

E. J. LeBreton and W. H. Cook (trustees of the estate of Cynthia H Shillaber) to Claus Spreckels, lot on SE line of Market street, 275 SW of Third, SW 50, SE 100, SW 10, SE 70, NE 60, NW 170; $166,050.

Louis and Mary J. Jaunet to Henry H. Davis, lot on NW line of Harrison street, 375 SW of Fourth, SW 25 by NW 85, subject to mortgage, warranty deed, $10.

Jeremiah Santry to Mary McCarthy, lot on NW line of Natoma street, 150 NE of Seventh, NE 25 by NW 75; gift.

Sarah Blumenthal to Annie Dettelbach, undivided half of lot on N line of California street, 57:6 W of Twelfth avenue, W 25 by N 100; $10.

John and Ada M. Hinkel to Elizabeth A. Rickard, lot on N line of Cliff (Point Lobos avenue) 30:11 W of Twenty-fifth avenue, W 25 by N 100; $10.

William Sharp to Evelyn M. Evans, undivided half of lot on SW line of U street and Thirty-fifth avenue, S 600 by W 240; $10.

Sisters of Mercy to John J. O'Farrell, lot on NE line of Francis street, 300 NW of Telegraph street (Mission road), NW 100 by NE 200; $10.

John J. and Mary L. O'Farrell to James S. Coutts, lot on the SW corner of Francis street, 400 NW of Mission, 25 by SW 150, Academy Tract; $10.

Jones, Allen & Co. to Frank J. Veen, lot on the S corner of Athens street and Madison avenue, SE 66:2, SW 98:9, NW 50, NE 142 1-16, block 69, Silver Heights; $10.

Lottie R. Smith to A. H. Sonnemann, lots 225, 226 and 227, Precita Valley lands; $10.

J. N. and Sarah E. Atherton to J. C. Holloway, lots 3 and 4, block 21, Fairmount Homestead, on N line of Beacon street, 75:6 NW of Bemis, N 129:4½, N 37:5⅛, N 30:6¼, S 173:3½, S 50, as recorded; $10.

Margaret E. O'Neil to Mary A. Dowd, estate of William O'Neil; gift.

Moses Deutsch to Jacob Deutsch, all interest in es ate of Mina Deutsch, No. 14,784; $——.

Isaac and Ferd Deutsch, Cecilia Smith, Sarah Budd, Henrietta Johnson and Rebecca Morris to same, same; $——.

ALAMEDA COUNTY.

John Sloane et al. to John W. Doubleday of Alameda, lots 66, 67 and 67½ and lot 68, block G, amended map of blocks G and I of Vicente Peralta Reservation Tract, Oakland Township; $10.

Same to J. D. Cuthbert, lot on W corner of Buena Vista avenue and Broadway, SW 165 by NW 140:2, being lots 1, 2 and 3, block 1, Hays and Caperton property, Alameda; $10.

Manuel and Isabella J. Foster to Asmus Franzen, lot on N line of V street, 25 W of W line of lands of Quigley, W 50 by N 160, Decoto, Washington Township; $125.

Daniel W. Baker to Naomi J. Baker, lot on N line of First street, 50 E of L, E 50 by N 100, block 2, town of Livermore, Murray Township; $10.

Sarah Hughes to F. A. Schrader (Livermore), lot on S corner Livermore avenue and Park street, SE 50 by SW 150, being the NW one-third of lots 10, 11 and 12, block 16, same, Murray Township; $10.

Eliza W. Morgan to S. W. Newell of Stockton, lot on S line of Fifteenth street, 90 W of West, W 42:6 by S 75, being portion of lot 8, block A, North Oakland Homestead Association, Oakland, quitclaim deed; $10.

S. W. and Annie E. Newell to Eliza W. Morgan (wife of C. B.), lot on NW corner of Castro and Twelfth streets, N 100 by W 150, being lots 19 to 25, block 180, Oakland, subject to a mortgage; $5000.

Eliza W. Morgan to S. W. Newell, lot on SW corner of Fifteenth and West streets, W 90 by S 75, being lot 9 and portion of lot 10, block A, North Oakland Homestead Association, Oakland; $5000.

Hubert S. Thomas to Sarah A., wife of James Hill, all interest in lot 90, Crocker Tract, Piedmont, Oakland Township; gift.

May Wilson to Charles J. Behlow of San Francisco, lot on W line of Eleventh street, 100 N of Powell, N 50 by W 100, being lot 20, block 22, Beaudry & Peladeau property, Oakland Township; $10.

Katherine V. Klinkner (executrix estate of Charles A. Klinkner) to Luther A. Teague, lot on E line of Herzog street, 135 N of Butler avenue, E 200, N 52.44, W 200, S 56.37 to beginning, being portion of lots 1 and 5, block 2, Butler Tract, Oakland Township; grant.

Charles Calais et al. (by Commissioner) to E. J. Overend, lot on NW corner of Allston and Sixth streets, N 241, W 136, S 141, E 36, S 100, E 100 to beginning, block 106, Tract B, Berkeley L. and T. I. Association, Berkeley; $5780.

Harriet Boyer to A. Britz, lot on E line of King street, 150:6 N of Mason, N 75:3 by E 120, being lot 38, block 11, Regent-street Homestead Association, subject to a mortgage, Berkeley; $10.

Joseph A. Leonard Company (a corporation) to J. W. Beatty, lot on S line of Eagle avenue, 126 E of Willow street, E 42, S 147:6, W 38, N 22:6, W 4, N 125 to beginning, block 17, lands adjacent to Encinal, Alameda; $10.

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