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

CARNOT MEDAL FOR BERKELEY.

Interest at the Intercollegiate Forensic Contest.

STILES HALL THRONGED.

M. C. Flaherty, a '96 Man, Captures the Prize With Hands Down.

DISCUSSING FRENCH POLITICS.

Six Young Men Who Tried to Settle the Question of the Permanency of the Republic.

Stiles Hall at Berkeley had no chair within it that was vacant last night when, at 8 o'clock, the annual forensic struggle between Stanford and Berkeley began. At the right and left of the big stage the representatives of the two universities were seated at tables, and between and separating them as a moderator sat President Kellogg of the State University.

The question at issue between them was this: "Has the centralized form of the French Government been favorable to the stability of the Republic"?

The Carnot medal, presented by the Baron de Coubertin for the purpose of encouraging the study and discussion in California of French history and politics, is awarded annually to the student who, in the opinion of the committee, approves himself the best debater, the criteria being scholarship (including information and diction), argumentative skill, delivery and spontaneity.

It was for this they were contesting. The debaters are chosen and assigned, but twenty-four hours before the contest takes place.

The negative and affirmative of the question was not a university affair, for both universities were represented on both sides. Those chosen for the contest this year were: For the affirmative—H. D. Sheldon, Stanford; F. S. Howard, Stanford; M. C. Flaherty, University of California. For the negative—C. E. Fryer, Berkeley; E. I. Miller, Stanford; Theo de L. de Laguna, Berkeley.

The judges or committees of award were James D. Phelan and M. Frank Michael of San Francisco, and Colonel Charles R. Greenleaf of Berkeley. The committee of arrangements were Professor Lathrop and Professor Ross of Stanford, and Professors Bacon and Gayley of Berkeley.

The committee of award sat close up under the stage.

Every seat had been taken, indeed, long before 8 o'clock, and it was with some good-natured signs of impatience that the audience, largely composed of ladies, waited the beginning of the battle. Should any professor or other prominent figure of either university thread his way down the aisle it was to the clamor of hand-clapping and the beating of heels upon the floor.

As the debaters took their seats upon the stage they were greeted with the yells of the respective colleges, and so when they rose to speak their fellows on the floor greeted them.

President Kellogg read the rules of the debate and introduced H. D. Sheldon of Stanford to open for the affirmative. He entered upon his subject with the evident purpose of making the best of his time limited to fifteen minutes. He outlined the debate for his side, that it would be shown that the centralized government enabled the French to protect themselves against their enemies abroad, to preserve order at home; that it lent itself to the characteristics of the people, adapted to the essential vigorous foreign policy. These would be illustrated in the course of the legislation of the past twenty years.

He touched upon all these points in a rapid, easy discourse of less than ten minutes. He dwelt upon the necessity of quick action by the Government to meet the temperament of the people. France had more anarchists than any other Government in Europe. To meet a sudden outbreak the head of the Government must have a ready command of the army and the other arms of the Government. France had for neighbors the powers of Europe, in no wise disposed toward friendship or peace. She must be quick to meet any hostile move. He instanced the quick suppression of Boulanger through the power of the head of the Government.

C. E. Fryer of Berkeley took up the cause for the negative—that centralization presented a danger to stability. He cited as instances the temptation of the one man in power to usurp to himself imperial power as Napoleon had done. In a Government honeycombed with corruption, as this State is known to be, the one-man power might at any time erect a throne.

F. S. Howard of Stanford resumed for the affirmative. He, in a general way, kept to the point that centralization was strength, and that France, in her position, must be strong to live. The Chamber of Deputies ruled France and had shown that it could rule it well.

E. S. Miller of Stanford, for the negative, took up the points of his two opponents who had spoken. He saw in the power of the Secretary of War a great danger. If the man happened to have the ambition and ability to back it up he might, as had been done in the case of Napoleon, overturn the Government. Why would not a new Napoleon do the same? The impulsive temperament of the people lent itself to new ideas in government. The Chamber of Deputies was composed of many factions, and the ambitions of individuals presented opportunity for ambitions that might move for change.

Theodore de L. de Laguna of Berkeley, also for the negative, followed. Centralization, he said, rested upon tradition as well as law. It subjugated local government to the central government, and this engendered carelessness in the municipalities with the encouragement of criticism. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, he insisted. Monsieur Taine had himself said that the non-responsibility of local government was a danger to the republic itself. De Laguna's deliberate method, destinct enunciation and rounded periods provoked warm applause when he closed.

M. C. Flaherty of Berkeley, for the affirmative, completed the first round of the debate—the sixth. He made his points by the comparisons of history. It was absurd to draw Anglo-Saxon conclusions from French characteristics. In England the people had always opposed the kings and looked away from centralization, while in France the people had always looked to kings. Only centralization could mold this people into a homogeneous body.

H. D. Sheldon had six minutes in which to start the second round. Napoleon, he said, was dead, and the Frenchman of to-day is not the Frenchman of a hundred years ago. The Catholic church had lost its grip in France. If the leader of the Chamber of Deputies showed any signs of nurturing ambitions toward a dictatorship he would be unhorsed. He must be supported by a majority of the Chamber to remain at its head.

C. E. Fryer had eight minutes for the negative, and in that time he went over the ground covered before, insisting that centralization, a ready call to arms, and all that, was essential only in time of war, and in time of peace it was enervating.

F. S. Howard, for the affirmative, in the few minutes remaining to him, maintained the point that France presented every sign of stability under its existing Government, the people were evidently satisfied with it and that is the best evidence that its plan is best.

E. I. Miller, for the negative, said that the educational system of France was showing the people how few were their rights, and they were now preparing to take to themselves more. They could not long love such a Government, and any dictator coming into power had a ready following. The people have now neither civil nor political liberty, as the arms of the Government are only registering bodies of his own personal will.

Mr. de Laguna employed his time in caustic criticism of the leader of the affirmative, Mr. Sheldon, which called out laughter and applause.

M. C. Flaherty of Berkeley, for the affirmative, closed the debate. He said that the horrible pictures that had been drawn of the Government of France provoked the wonder not that the Government was threatened with destruction, but that it had lasted so long. And yet, he said this Government was the only one which had lasted twenty-one years. France must be true to the genius of her people, he said. Much stress had been laid upon the effect of centralized government upon local government. The people knew little of local government.

Local government was the product of evolution. It was a distinctly Anglo-Saxon growth. His peroration was effective and provoked an enthusiastic burst of applause.

The judges retired and the Berkeley quartet sang "And She Was Out of Sight."

The judges returned in a few minutes and Colonel Greenleaf, speaking for them, said that they had unanimously agreed upon M. C. Flaherty as the winner of the prize. The announcement was greeted by an uproar from Berkeley and Flaherty was called to the stage and there formally presented with the medal.

JORDAN ON THE ACADEMY.

He Says the Academy of Sciences Needs a Lot More Money.

Condition of the Old Institution, Which Will Be Both Scientific and Popular.

David Starr Jordan, the new president of the California Academy of Sciences, talked yesterday about the condition and possibilities of that somewhat venerable institution and gave his ideas about what could and would be done. It has been vaguely supposed by most people interested, that the academy would now become more recent in its style and nature.

Dr. Jordan's first words were: "The Academy of Sciences has now an income of about $30,000." He talked of money right away. He was practical as usual. During recent fierce political storms in the institution, there was much brilliant talk about the good and great and progressive things the academy ought to do and be. Dr. Jordan is right out in the skirmish line of educational and scientific progress, but it is evident that when the presidency was offered to him and the first thought about what might be done, he at once asked: "How much money have you?" He says that the academy hasn't money enough to branch out much, and he hopes that the dying rich will give it more.

He wants the original scientific work of the academy to be hustled to the best of its limited possibilities, and there are to be bi-monthly scientific lectures high in class, but so popular in theme and treatment that the lecture audiences of the academy, which have for a generation ranged in attendance from 13 to 34, will constitute one of the most popular and valuable lecture courses of the City.

"The Academy of Sciences has now an income of about $30,000, and can do certain things. The things the academy can do appear to reduce themselves to three.

"First, the publication of its proceedings. These publications consist of statements of additions to scientific knowledge made by its members or others engaged in the study of its material or of scientific matters pertaining to this coast. Since the development of the scientific staffs of two universities there has been a great amount of this material, so that during the past two years the published proceedings of the academy have compared favorably with those of any similar institution.

"The second item of the academy's work is original investigation by paid curators working in certain fields. For this there is but little money. I might state that the academy's endowment is about $600,000, including mainly its building and a mortgage for $100,000 on Catalina Island. Its expenses are about as follows: Salaries, $10,800; taxes, $6350; publications, $5000; periodicals, $1000; maintenance of property, $3000; books, materials, etc., $2000. So you see how the work of original investigation is limited. There is little money for expeditions and special investigations. In either of the two universities the departments of physics and chemistry together spend yearly more money than the whole income of the academy.

"The maximum salary paid any curator is $1000, while in a similar position in one of the universities a man capable of teaching and investigating would get $2000 to $2500. The curatorships are mainly temporary steps to bright young men. Professor Loomis, in charge of the department of ornithology, is an exceptionally bright and capable man, and others there are very good.

"The academy would like to extend its work to geology, mineralogy, insects, crabs and star-fishes, bacteria and mammals. But for all this work there is no money.

"Popular lectures are the third proper work of the academy. They should be statements by authority of what truth is, and their scope should be wide, covering all the applications of science. We want to make these lectures intelligible to common audiences, and I would like to draw in the working men, if possible. There is no reason why there should be only twenty or thirty people to hear an Academy of Sciences lecture. I expect to arrange for an explanation and demonstration of the recent discoveries by Professor Roentgen and others working in similar lines. But little of such popular work has been done by any American academies of science. In Europe, and especially in England, they have gone much further. The primary purpose of all such societies has been the publication of original research, but it has seemed to me that the publications might be one thing and the meetings another."

Origin of the Mint Julep.

The mint julep got its name from a Southern gentleman who was a great admirer of Shakespeare's works, and who, upon an occasion after having tried "grass in his likker," was so moved by the result that there came to his mind a vision of his favorite heroine, the daughter of Lady Capulet and the "sweet sweeting" of Romeo; thereupon he enthusiastically named the beverage "mint Juliet," a term which latter bibbers have corrupted into mint julep.—Philadelphia Times.

Canada has a forest in the Labrador and Hudson Bay district which extends at least 1000 to 1700 miles.

SCHOOL CHILD MISSING.

Twelve-Year-Old Herman Ackerman Has Been Absent Five Days.

JURIES CONVICT LIQUOR MEN.

Oratory and Music at St. Mary's College on Washington's Birthday.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Feb. 7.

Mrs. Callahan, who resides at Twenty-second and West streets, is nearly distracted over the absence of her son by a former marriage, Herman Ackerman. The lad left home last Tuesday morning to attend school at the Lafayette, where he is considered one of the brightest pupils.

He failed to go to school and has not been seen since.

The boy is 12 years of age, light complexioned, blue-eyed and has auburn hair. He is a nephew of Police Officer Andrews.

Mrs. Callahan says she cannot account for his absence—that he was kindly treated at home and never chastised. She has no theory whatever as to his disappearance and unless tidings are received to-day will call upon the police to aid in searching for the boy.

The Dummy That Did Excellent Police Duty in a Big Broadway Store at Oakland.
[*From a sketch by a "Call" staff artist.*]

SALOON MEN CONVICTED.

Police Court Juries Breaking the Record in Finding for the People.

OAKLAND, CAL., Feb. 7. — For the first time the residents of the Twenty-third avenue district have the satisfaction of knowing that Gus Williams has been brought to time by the authorities. Joe Marshall, his barkeeper, was convicted in the Police Court of selling liquor without a license and fined $100 or fifty days in jail, the extreme limit of the law.

Of late the Police Court juries have commenced to redeem themselves of the reputation that they stood ready to acquit any one. The last four juries summoned in court have returned verdicts of guilty without much delay. Mrs. Hannah Ward, Josie Harper and John Johnson have all been found guilty of selling liquor without a license and C. H. Bowan was convicted of battering Mrs. Montgomery.

Prosecuting Attorney H. A. Melvin deserves credit for the manner of conducting his cases. Officer Curtis, who summons the juries, is entitled to much credit for the care exercised in selecting the venire for jurors. He always endeavors to summon representative citizens.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE.

The Junior Class to Honor Washington's Birthday Appropriately.

OAKLAND, CAL., Feb. 7.—The class of '97, at present the junior class, of St. Mary's College will honor on the evening of the 21st inst. the birth of the "founder of our Nation," George Washington. The exercises will be the first given on this side of the bay since the rebuilding of the college, which was destroyed by fire nearly a year and a half ago. Hence all friends of the college will be invited to attend the exercises, in which the members of the class of '97 make their debut, and who will endeavor to have the entertainment redound to their credit as well as to that of the college.

The exercises will be held in the spacious college hall and admittance will be by invitation. The committee in charge are: John Greeley, Robert Drady, William Solen, Thomas Richardson and Joseph Hooson. The oration of the day will be delivered by the famous "redwood orator," J. W. Solen. Patriotic addresses will also be made by John Greeley and Joseph Hooson.

TEMPERED WITH MERCY.

Edward Bishop to Serve Three Months in Jail for Taking a Purse.

OAKLAND, CAL., Feb. 7. — Edward Bishop, old and gray-haired, stood before Judge Greene to-day and received a three months' sentence in the County Jail for petty larceny. He was in tears while awaiting sentence and showed contrition in every feature. One day over a year ago Hirsch & Waschermann's collector's horse ran away in West Oakland. A purse with $64 fell from the buggy, which Bishop picked up and made away with.

He left Oakland immediately and did not return until last December. A warrant was issued and he was held for grand larceny after an examination, but on his trial in the Superior Court the jury found him guilty of the lesser offense. He had lived in West Oakland for many years, and a large number of residents of that section testified to his good character. His friends say he took the purse while under the influence of liquor.

Success in Sight.

OAKLAND, CAL., Feb. 7.—The citizens' committee which has been making efforts to secure a sufficient fund to buy a site to be offered to the University Regents as a site for the Wilmerding School believes from present indications Oakland may yet succeed in offering a site. Ex-Mayor W. R. Davis said to-night that there was $13,000 in sight, leaving only about $2000 to secure. The committee has its final meeting to-morrow afternoon, when all subscription papers must be in.

Dowling Discharged.

OAKLAND, CAL, Feb. 7.—Deputy Constable Richard Dowling, arrested for the alleged false imprisonment of F. B. George, whom he arrested on a charge of vagrancy some time ago on Claremont avenue, has been discharged on preliminary hearing before Judge Allen. It appeared from the evidence that the Davis barn had been broken into on several occasions and he requested Dowling to keep a lookout for tramps. Seeing George about and him refusing to stop when ordered to do so excited suspicions, hence the arrest. Judge Allen said that had not Dowling made the arrest he would not have been doing his duty.

Whitney Estate.

OAKLAND, CAL., Feb. 7.—Mrs. Mary L. Whitney, widow of the late Senator George E. Whitney, sets forth in her application for a partial distribution of the estate that $5000 has been paid Alfred and Lucy Darling besides the release of a mortgage upon the Darling quartz mine in El Dorado County. A legacy of $3500 to George S. Whitney has been settled also.

The estate was appraised at $102,597 75. Mrs. Whitney asks that an individual half interest in the Darling mine be distributed to her.

Mr. Moran's Dummy.

OAKLAND, CAL., Feb. 7.—Since the capture of the safe-wreckers the dummy watchman at J. T. Moran's clothing-store on Broadway has lost the easiest occupation that a dummy ever had. While the excitement over the burglaries was at its height the dummy had only to occupy a nice, easy cot during the night and to look like a watchman who was just waiting for somebody to break in and get shot. Now it has to stand up night and day, like any plebeian dummy, and wear a new suit of clothes and an unrelenting upright collar. But Mr. Moran thinks that the dummy saved his store and he is going to decorate with it a policeman's uniform.

Political Work.

OAKLAND, CAL., Feb. 7.—At a meeting in Milton Hall last night a club was organized with F. R. Porter as president, John Breen and L. Lorenzen vice-presidents, J. F. Summers secretary and George Taylor sergeant-at-arms. The club was organized without the co-operation or consent of the county committeeman for the ward, and it is stated that another club will be formed, which will claim its right to be the regular Second Ward Republican Club.

Hanley Named.

OAKLAND, CAL., Feb. 7.—Postmaster James J. White to-day named James F. Hanley to be superintendent of Station A, to succeed R. H. McCloud, removed. Mr. Hanley is the son of M. Hanley, the well-known grocer of 1507 Seventh street, West Oakland, and is a very popular young man. His selection will in all probability result in the branch postoffice being removed from the Point to the Center-street station of the local system.

Complaint Filed.

OAKLAND, CAL., Feb. 7. — John McDonough, the young West Oaklander charged with being one of a party of three who garroted "Dr. E. I. Green" near the Sixteenth-street station Christmas eve, as a result of which Green was rendered insane for a time, was arraigned in the Police Court to-day and his examination set for Tuesday next, at 11 A. M. The complaint is sworn to by E. G. Douglass, which is said to be the correct name for Green.

Sanitary Election.

OAKLAND, CAL., Feb. 7.—The Sanitary Board of Fruitvale District No. 1, at their meeting last evening, named the following to serve as the election board, to serve at the same time as the district election, to be held March 9: Inspectors, Tom Carroll and P. C. Frederickson; judges, E. S. Lund and C. Alexander: clerks, J. A. Sanborn and Howard H. Byxbee; ballot clerks, Robert Corde and W. H. Galloway.

Found No Treasure.

OAKLAND, CAL., Feb. 7.—The treasure prospectors on the Saulech place on Valdez street, East Oakland, have decided that there is nothing for them there. The Felton engine, which has been used for several days past to keep the water down, was withdrawn last evening and the implements all removed to-day. The men have left and it is said are looking for new fields of activity.

Financial Troubles.

OAKLAND, CAL., Feb. 7.—Strauss & Baum, the Washington-street dry-goods dealers, are in possession of Sheriff White. An attachment was levied upon the stock this afternoon by Levi Strauss & Co. of San Francisco for $2346. They had only recently moved to their new quarters from Fourteenth street, near Broadway.

The Women's Paper.

OAKLAND, CAL., Feb. 7.—It has been announced that all solicitors for advertisements in the Washington's birthday edition of the Oakland Enquirer, which is to be edited by the W. C. T. U. ladies, are to have credentials signed by the business manager, Mrs. Olive Gifford. This is to avoid any fraudulent work being done.

HISTORY OF A DAY.

Alameda County Happenings Told in Brief Chapters.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Feb. 7.

The report of Sheriff White as assignee of Reuter Bros., the confectioners, shows $100 05 to be applied on claims of creditors amounting to $1195 63.

James H. Gardiner Jr. has been granted a divorce from May C. Gardiner on the ground of defendant's violation of her marriage vows. They have no children.

The Nationals of San Francisco and the Saturday Press Club of Oakland will play a game of baseball at Golden Gate Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

M. L. Donald's interest in property on Sycamore street, near Telegraph avenue, was attached to-day by the Union Bank of Savings to secure the payment of $1500.

The true name of the man supposed to be Dr. E. J. Green is E. G. Douglas. He swore to a complaint to-day charging John McDonough with robbery, and Douglas was the name he signed.

The bill of exceptions in the Muhlner case will be settled to-morrow by Chief Deputy District Attorney Church and Attorney Nagle before Judge Frick. This is on appeal from the order of Judge Frick granting Muhlner a new trial.

H. Alexander, a Broadway shoe-dealer, is financially embarrassed. To-day suit was commenced against him in San Francisco to recover $1138 by L. Friedman, who levied an attachment on the stock this afternoon. The store is now in the hands of the Sheriff.

The Fruitvale Sanitary District Board has chosen the following officers for the election to be held there on March 9: Inspectors—Thomas Carroll, P. C. Frederickson; judges—E. S. Lund, Charles Alexander; clerks—John A. Sanborn, Howard Byxbee; ballot clerks—Robert Corde, William H. Galloway.

Henry Wilkinson was convicted in the Superior Court last night of burglary. He entered the residence of J. C. Butler on December 15 last and stole some money and articles of value. A battered silver cup that was taken was found on his person. Wilkinson admitted a prior conviction of burglary.

Charles F. Whitton, court stenographer in Department 3 of the Superior Court, who has been handling the Wettstein damage case in Judge Ogden's court, is confined to his house by an attack of nervous prostration, due in a large measure, he believes, to the extraordinary pressure brought to bear upon him during the testimony of Dr. Shiels.

Henry Behrmann, butcher at Temescal, has filed a petition in insolvency. His debts are few, but they aggregate $2450. They are as follows: Miller & Lux, $419; California and Nevada Meat Company, $272; Hayes & Co., $1765. Behrmann says he has $1000 worth of book accounts, a horse and cart worth $150 and $50 worth of clothing as his assets.

The Red House, on the San Pablo road, just across the line in Contra Costa County, was robbed last night by thieves, who succeeded in cleaning up the harness-room without detection. Frank Simpson, the proprietor, reported to Sheriff White this morning that two sets of harness, besides whips, blankets and buggy robes, were taken. The place is not within the Sheriff's jurisdiction.

Alameda Gerrymandered.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Feb. 7.—Residents of Alameda hope that in recasting the lines for Supervisoral districts the Board of Supervisors will leave Alameda wholly within one district. Now it is cut in two at Paru street and each piece forms a part of a separate district, the Supervisor generally coming from outside this city. The dividing of Alameda was the result of an effort made in 1884 by a Democratic board to so gerrymander the county as to keep the political complexion of the board the same, notwithstanding the fact that the county at each general election was overwhelmingly Republican.

Five Years as President.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Feb. 7.—Mrs. Oestereicher had served for five years as president of the Alameda German Ladies' Aid Society, a local organization that dispenses a great deal of charity and affords much social diversion to its members in the parties and entertainments it gives to raise money for its charitable purposes. Upon her retiring from the office yesterday afternoon a poem, composed in honor of the faithful officer, was read by a lady 86 years old, whose intellect was clear and whose mental powers were remarkably vigorous. The event was made one of great good feeling by the German population.

An Alameda Wedding.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Feb. 7.—Marie Foard was married to Charles E. Bain at the Lutheran Church last night. The bride is a daughter of Lorentz Foard, the ship chandler of San Francisco, and the groom is a business man of Astoria, Or. Rev. H. Haserodt, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony. The maids were two sisters of the bride, Julia and Meta, and the groomsmen were Messrs. Prael of Astoria and Schneider of Alameda. Mr. and Mrs. Bain will make their future home in Astoria.

HOW HURLEY WAS KILLED

Coroner's Jury on the Victim of the Windstorm Makes a Suggestion.

Evidence at the Inquest Serves to Show That the Design of the Building Was at Fault.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Feb. 7.

The search into the ruins of the wrecked Williams building was completed to-day and all doubts as to there being anybody buried beneath the debris were dispelled.

The inquest was held this evening on the body of young Hurley, who was killed while trying to escape yesterday. His father was too much affected by his sorrow to appear and it was decided to dispense with his testimony.

Herbert E. Jones, the contractor, testified to the general construction of the building. He said that he had framed the plans himself and that in doing so he had followed the same rules by which he had been guided during a long experience as a contractor. He told of the dimensions of the bracings and said that possibly some of the carpenters had removed the bracings contrary to his orders before the building was safe.

In answer to questions Jones stated that he had personally conducted the construction of the building and had not left any of the responsibility to any one else.

F. Judson, a carpenter employed on the building, said there was a very high wind and that one hard gust struck the building and it immediately collapsed. He said there was no vibration, as there would have been had the building not been securely constructed. If the supports had not been strong enough the building would have quivered for some time before toppling over. The accident was the work of a few seconds.

Mr. Smith, a contractor, testified that the building was too large for the lot and that the overhanging parts made it top-heavy. He said that the plans did not provide for sufficiently heavy timbers. It was learned during his testimony that Smith had been a bidder on the building and that his bid was not accepted.

J. McDonald, who had such a narrow escape, said that the accident was instantaneous and attributed it to the wind.

The jury was about half an hour deliberating on its verdict. After finding that Hurley died as testified to by the witnesses who helped to take his body from the wreck, the following rider was added:

That said collapse being due to strong winds and the faulty designs of the plans for said building, we recommend that the proper authorities appoint an inspector to supervise the construction of all buildings to be erected in the future to prevent loss of life.

Fabrics From Peat Fiber.

There were exhibited lately at the State Department, Washington, some samples of various textile fabrics woven from peat fibers and closely resembling the well-known Scotch tweed and camel's hair. These specimens were received from the United States Consul at Havre, France, and indicate the industrial possibilities of that material. Formerly peat fiber was not considered available practically in any manufactures of utility, especially in such a line, but it is now well understood that it can be bleached to a snowy whiteness and will take any dye, a special advantage of such cloth, as claimed, being its antiseptic character and freedom from harboring disease germs. Compressed peat has for some time been used for making non-conducting bricks and slabs for various purposes.—New York Sun.

FOUND DEAD AT PIEDMONT

The Body of a Well-Preserved Man Discovered Near the Cemetery Fence.

NOTHING TO IDENTIFY IT.

Mysterious Surroundings of a Stranger's Death at the Heights Near Oakland.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Feb. 7.

The body of a well-dressed and gentlemanly looking man was found near Blair's Park this morning, lying close to the fence of the Mountain View Cemetery, near the park entrance, by William Eadie, a driver in the employ of B. McDermott, a butcher. Eadie was driving along about 7:30 o'clock this morning, when he noticed a man lying up against the fence on his back, with his hands at his side.

An examination disclosed the fact that the man was dead. Eadie informed McDermott of his discovery, and word was sent to the Coroner. The body was recognized by Mr. McDermott as that of a man he had seen yesterday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock walking along the road toward Piedmont, but who it was or where he was from no one could tell. The body was removed to the Morgue, where a thorough examination was made.

No marks of violence were found on the body to show that he had met his death by foul means. The body was of a man 5 feet 5 inches in height and weighing about 140 pounds. The clothing is of fairly good material, and, like the linen, is scrupulously clean. The body was dressed in a cutaway suit of black cheviot and a black overcoat. He wore a white shirt with a turned-down collar, a small lawn-bow tie of white, striped with a black line.

The Man Who Was Found Dead at Blair Park Yesterday.
[*Sketched by a "Call" artist.*]

The clothing and features of the man are those of one who belongs to the higher walks of life. The hands are soft and small. The hair is quite gray and somewhat thin around the temples. The face is clean shaven, except a heavy iron-gray mustache. Nothing was found on the person to indicate who he was or whence he came. There was not a bit of paper or a scratch of a pen found about him.

A pair of walking gloves were found in the man's overcoat pocket. There was a clean white linen handkerchief in his undercoat, and a pair of eyeglasses in the vest pocket. In the watch-pocket was found a small silver watch, with gold chain, while in the front of the shirt there was a small plain gold stud. The watch was running when the body was found. There is no indication of poisoning.

The whole affair is a mystery, and is likely to be one more to add to the long list of those bodies found in that vicinity for which there has never been any explanation. During the past half-dozen years some dozen bodies have been found here.

A GALA BASEBALL GAME.

Glee Club Will Play the Football Team To-Day on the Campus.

Adjustment of Water Rates—Branch Library—New Boating Crew. Notes.

BERKELEY, CAL., Feb. 7.—To-morrow will be the gala day of the spring season at the University of California. The members of the Glee Club will play with the football team a game of baseball at 2 o'clock in the afternoon; a number of the Greek-letter fraternity will serve luncheon to their friends, and the entire day will be given up by the students to merriment and jollity. The Glee Club men will be decked out in their white duck trousers, negligee shirts, white tennis shoes and straw hats, while the pigskin-chasers will be attired in their complete football outfits, even to the nose-protectors and shin-guards. Before the contestants take their places the Glee Club will sing a number of popular airs and the football men will go through some of their maneuverings. As there is no inclosure about the diamond, the tag system will be put into use, as has been the custom at several previous games. Manager Friend said to-day that the advance sale of tickets to the game has exceeded 500. An elaborate souvenir, containing a score-card, six cuts in colors, poems apropos and an elaborate history of the players, will be one of the features of the occasion.

Following will be the make-up of the two teams:

On the football nine Walthall will play catcher, Kaarsberg pitcher, Douglas first base, Bender second base, Ransome third base, Hupp shortstop, Hilborn left field, Plunkett center field and Sherman right field. Hilborn will captain the nine and Kennedy, Selfridge and Reinhardt are named as substitutes.

The Glee Club's team will be captained by Morse, and will take places as follows: C. Elston catcher, Morse pitcher, S. Rawlings first base, T. Smith second base, R. H. Parsons third base, T. A. Smith, B. G. Somers and P. Hutchins left, center and right fields respectively. The substitutes are Parcells, Veeder, Stringham and Bakewell.

College Song Book.

BERKELEY, CAL., Feb. 7.—The junior class of the State University met this afternoon and decided to publish a college song book as a supplement to their Blue and Gold, now being edited. The editors of the annual were given full charge of arranging the material for the supplementary book. Professor Charles Mills Gayley has consented to assist in putting the volume into form. A few of the old standard college songs and a number of new ones, among which will be several by Professor Gayley, will be added to the publication. Following were the officers elected for the ensuing term: Craig was re-elected president; Miss Grace Crabb, first vice-president; Miss Whitehead, second vice-president; White, secretary; Laughlin, treasurer; Phelps, historian; Ransome, sergeant-at-arms. Directors—Miss S. E. Young, E. O. Allen and P. S. Robinson.

Water Rates.

BERKELEY, CAL., Feb. 7.—The adjustment of the water rates and service occupied the entire session of the committee of the whole of the Board of Town Trustees last evening. No satisfactory conclusion in these matters was reached, however. Complaint was made by James Spiers of the quality of the water in the district to the south of the university reservation and east of Shattuck avenue.

Superintendent Wellendorf of the Alameda Water Company stated that there was a liability of semi-stagnant water being found in pipes where there was unavoidably no circulation. Mr. Wellendorf stated further that the company is laboring under disadvantages in supplying the south end of town on account of the company's inability to lay pipes through the university grounds.

It was decided to petition the Board of Regents to lease for a nominal sum the right-of-way across the grounds for the purpose of laying mains.

Election of Football Captain.

BERKELEY, CAL., Feb. 7.—The University of California football team will meet to-morrow morning for the purpose of electing a captain for the season of '96. Captain Sherman is up for re-election, and Ransome, the famous fullback, is also a candidate for the honor. The supporters of each aspirant seem to be about equal in number, and in consequence a close vote is expected. Only those who played in last year's Varsity team will be allowed to ballot, according to the rules of the University Athletic Association.

Prior to the election the team will have their photographs taken in a group.

Branch Library.

BERKELEY, CAL., Feb. 7.—A branch of the Berkeley Free Library was opened in Baker's block on Alcatraz avenue, Lorin, yesterday.

A very good showing of the best magazines of the day and also of the leading newspapers are already on file. Arrangements have been made so that people residing at Lorin can draw books from the central library at Berkeley. The rooms will be open from 2 to 9:30 P. M. daily. William Stillwell, a well-known Grand Army man, is serving as librarian.

Lorin Choral Society.

BERKELEY, CAL., Feb. 7.—The Lorin Choral Society held an election last evening, after which a social and entertainment were given. Following were the officers elected: President, J. C. Crew; director, A. T. Southerland; treasurer and secretary, Ready Staats; librarian, Leo Rodgers; accompanist, Miss Myrtle Foster. Meetings are to take place every Thursday evening at the Lorin school.

Attempted Hold-Up.

BERKELEY, CAL., Feb. 7.—Henry Young, a butcher of Lorin, while on his way to Oakland this morning at about 5:30 o'clock was hailed by two masked men, in the neighborhood of Alcatraz station. Young was ordered to stop under the penalty of being shot. Heeding not their warning he whipped up his horse and was soon out of sight without being molested. The local officers have been searching the entire vicinity of the hold-up to-day, but without avail.

New Boating Crew.

BERKELEY, CAL., Feb. 7.—The class of '97 of the State University is organizing a boating crew. A number of the students, among whom are Laughlin, Trew and Cole, and Laughlin of last year's Varsity, will meet at the boathouse in Sessions basin to-morrow afternoon to try for places on the class crew.

Funeral of J. H. Bolton.

BERKELEY, CAL., Feb. 7.—The funeral of the late John H. Bolton of Peralta Park will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the First Presbyterian Church, corner of Van Ness avenue and Sacramento street, San Francisco.

BURIED IN A TREE.

Grave of a German Statesman Discovered in a Hollow Oak.

One of the most curious mausoleums in the world was discovered the other day in an orchard at the village of Noebdenitz in Saxe-Altenburg.

A gigantic old oak tree, which a storm had robbed of its crown, was up for public auction. Among the bidders happened to be Baron von Thummel. The Baron, who lives on a neighboring estate, had ridden to the auction place quite accidentally. As no one seemed eager to help out the auctioneer, he started the bidding at a small figure. This aroused the peasants' suspicion; they thought there might be some value in this old tree, and the battle raged for an hour, until finally the tree was knocked down to the Baron for $50.

Upon his arrival at the castle he told an old servant of his purchase, describing the tree and its situation. The old servant said he remembered attending the funeral of a Baron Thummel seventy or eighty years ago, and that the body had been buried in a 1000-year-old oak then standing on a plat of ground belonging to the parsonage.

Investigation proved that the orchard had once been the property of the village church, and that at one side of the old oak was an iron shutter, rusty and time-worn, that the people of the village had always supposed to have been placed there by some joker or mischieveous boys.

The iron shutter proved to be the gate to the mausolem of Baron Hans Wilhelm von Thummel, at one time Minister of State of Saxe-Altenburg, who died in 1824 and wished to be buried "in the 1000-year-old tree he loved so well."

The oak, which measures about ten feet in diameter, has for over a century been hollow, so it was learned, beginning at a point about five feet above its base. In this hollow Baron Hans caused to be built a sepulcher of solid masony large enough to accommodate his coffin.

The coffin was placed there, as the church records show, on March 3, 1824, and the opening was closed by an iron gate. In the course of time a wall of wood grew over the opening, which had been enlarged to admit the coffin and workmen, and for many years it has been completely shut, thus removing the last vestige of the odd use to which the old tree had been put.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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