WAS ALL CAUSED BY A MEDIUM.

A Romance Started the Trouble at the Y. W. C. Home.

LOSS OF A DIAMOND.

The Spiritualist Told the Girls the Matron Could Find It.

CHARGES WERE PREFERRED.

Although the Lady Directors Sat Till Early Morn No Proof Was Produced.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, April 2.

The secret of the trouble at the Young Women's Christian Association Home is out. The facts which caused the eruption that followed the directors' investigation have been kept profoundly secret by those who knew, but the story transpired to-day.

No one will be more surprised to learn the cause of the recent troubles than the directors who sat from 2 P. M. until 2 A. M. recently to investigate a long set of charges made by the young lady boarders, but which they had no testimony to support. Every effort made to secure from the young ladies interested any statement regarding their reason for alleging certain facts failed, but now the entire matter is explained.

Two months ago one of the boarders lost a valuable diamond ring in a most mysterious manner. It was taken from her room during the evening when all the large family of boarders were in the house. A party of the most intimate friends of the loser were informed of the loss and a council of war held. It was decided that the missing article must be in the hands of some one in the house and must be secured.

The girls interested were in the habit of using any article of dress of the others they chose and returning it, but each vowed that she had not had the ring the night it was missed. The matter ran a day or two, and as it was seen the ring would not return it was decided that some decisive steps must be taken to recover it.

One of the girls in a playful way suggested that a medium should be consulted and no publicity would result. The idea was hailed as a capital one and it was unanimously decided to carry it out. Some time was spent in locating a suitable person and securing a date when the whole party could attend, but finally the details were all settled and the sitting held.

The medium told the young ladies that an espionage was kept over them by the matron, and that she not only could tell where the ring was but that she knew the contents of their letters and what took place in their rooms when they had any company. In fact she made it out that the matron spied on their every movement and was responsible for all their woes.

The party returned to the home convinced that they had received their money's worth. Long and formal allegations were made out and presented to the directors. That body at once called a meeting and asked the interested ones to present testimony in support of their charges. The young ladies were caught napping. They had never counted on having to give their authority and the source of their information.

The girls saw their mistake, but refused to divulge where they secured their information. The lady directors coaxed, begged, pleaded, threatened, cross-questioned the girls together and separately, but they refused to give in. Matters were patched up for the time, but the directors dismissed three girls who had talked too strongly before the hearing. The others felt they were equally as guilty and must leave also, which they did, and now peace reigns supreme in the home again.

It is not at all likely that any of the girls will again go to a medium with family affairs for advice.

FIGHTING FOR PRIMARIES

Ward Clubs Are Not Disposed to Submit to the "Committee of Six."

Interest Over a Federal Appointment at Berkeley—Populists Are Active.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, April 2.

If the committee of conference, consisting of three members from each of the ward clubs, shall decree that primaries are advisable they will be held notwithstanding the action of the "committee of six," who have already decided in favor of appointing delegates to the Sacramento convention. If primaries are attempted the movement will be due to the ward clubs in Oakland and Alameda which have appointed members to the conference committee. In this movement the new club in the Fifth Ward and the First Ward Club, of which Dr. B. A. Rabe is president, have led the way. The Second Ward Club under P. M. Fisher's presidency has so definitely declared its preference for primaries that it is regarded as certain they will sustain the action of the other clubs.

Should arrangements be made for primaries it would be done by these conference committees meeting together and adopting a plan. Among members of the First Ward Club the favorite plan appears to be to have the club conduct the primary and to hold it in the evening, so that workingmen and business men can participate.

At the meeting of the First Ward Club last night it was decided to instruct the conference committee to take measures to have primaries held in the city of Oakland on or before April 25.

A second First Ward Republican Club was organized Tuesday evening by W. H. Siedentopf, which is said to be interested in Supervisor Pelouze's fight to succeed himself.

The Fiftieth Assembly District People's Party Club will hold a meeting at Enterprise Hall, corner of Twenty-second and Grove streets, on Saturday night, April 4. This will be the first meeting of the club in its new headquarters and the members of the party who reside in the Fifteenth Assembly District are expected to attend largely, as preparations will be made for holding the precinct elections for delegates to the coming county convention and other important business.

There is an interesting fight in progress for the postmastership of Berkeley. Congressman Hilborn favors Ole Vinzent, while ex-Congressman English favors any one but Vinzent.

The other candidates are Charles Kearns, T. C. Landregan and Pope. All kinds of charges against the candidates have been forwarded to Washington and as the present term has expired the appointment is daily expected. The fight is really as to whether the English or Irish Democratic factions have most pull with the Cleveland administration.

ACTION AT ALAMEDA.

The Regular Republican Club Appoints a Conference Committees.

ALAMEDA, CAL., April 3.—The Regular Republican Club held a meeting at G. A. R. Hall. A committee consisting of Edward Hanston, E. A. von Schmidt and J. P. Clark was appointed to confer with the clubs of Oakland with a view to securing primaries for the selection of delegates to the State Convention.

Alexander Meekie addressed the meeting, his remarks being made for the purpose of having the club amalgamate with the Alameda Republican Club. The proposition was not favorably looked upon by the regulars and nothing was done, the two retaining the same positions as in the past.

It was decided to send a letter to the Alameda Republican Club proposing that each club select a list of delegates and then hold a joint election for delegates to the State Convention.

A committee of three was appointed to confer with E. K. Taylor of the State Central Committee and make arrangements for the holding of primaries.

The mock election of a President resulted in a victory for McKinley, who received 17 votes. The other candidates received votes as follows: Allison 13, Lincoln 9, Reed 1.

WAS ALL CUT AND DRIED

The Cutting Divorce Case Settled by the Husband Getting a Decree.

Mrs. Cutting Is in England and the Cause of the Separation Was Not Made Known.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, April 2.

Francis Cutting of the Cutting Packing Company of San Francisco, who has resided in this city for a long time, was granted a divorce from his wife to-day by Judge Frick, on the ground of desertion.

The case was called at an earlier hour than usual this morning. The petitioner was represented by W. H. Chickering and the defendant, Mrs. Frances E. Cutting, by W. W. Foote and T. C. Coogan. The matter was so arranged that the family skeleton was not revealed.

Francis Cutting, the petitioner, was called to the stand. He testified that he had been married to his wife in Massachusetts in 1858; that he had come to this State soon after that, and that his wife came here in 1861. In 1876 Mrs. Cutting had gone East, and had remained there ever since save on the occasions of some short trips which she had made to the coast. The last time the witness saw his wife was in March, 1895. She was then in San Francisco. He had conversed with her there, and had expressed to her a wish that she would return to him and resume her relations with him as wife, but Mrs. Cutting declined to comply with the request. She went East later, and he had not seen her since. During all the years of her absence from her home, however, the witness said he had provided for her support.

Miss Mary N. Patterson took the stand and testified that she was a first cousin of Mrs. Cutting and her confidential friend. She knew that Mrs. Cutting would not return to her husband, as she had often said so.

Mrs. Cutting is now in the Isle of Wight, and she had given the witness authority to employ counsel to protect her interests in any proceeding that might be instituted. The instrument delegating this power to the witness was attested by General Collins when that gentleman was an American Consul to England.

Judge Frick, after hearing evidence from Attorney Chickering, who was sworn as a witness, granted a decree of divorce and awarded all the community property to Mr. Cutting. This plan had evidently been settled previous to going into court.

HISTORY OF A DAY.

Alameda County Happenings Told in Brief Chapters.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, April 2.

George True has transferred 20,000 gallons of wine to the California Wine-makers' Syndicate.

The Rev. George W. Beatty of Chester-street M. E. Church has gone to Palo Alto to assist the Rev. M. H. Alexander in revival meetings.

The Eureka Oil Works, situated in West Berkeley, were attached this afternoon to satisfy a judgment of $1828 37 in favor of J. J. Higgins.

The three men arrested at Mission San Jose on a charge of selling liquor to Indians were discharged, as there was not sufficient evidence upon which to hold them.

Dr. Knox, the well-known dentist, is gradually recovering his health. Dr. W. H. Craig, who left Oakland a year ago, has returned and will take charge of the office of Dr. Knox.

Republicans of the Forty-eighth Assembly District will meet on April 7 at 8 P. M. in Germania Hall for the purpose of organizing the Forty-eighth Assembly District Republican Club.

Rudolph Bartsch, the pottery man who is now in Chicago, has filed a petition in insolvency. His liabilities amount to $321. There is no realty, and his personal property is valued at $162.

The Daughters of Liberty, Oakland Council No. 3, will hereafter hold their meetings on Thursday evenings at Fraternal Hall, 1156 Washington street, instead of Friday evenings, as formerly.

A decree of foreclosure has been entered in the case of the California Mutual Savings Fund, Loan and Building Association of San Francisco vs. J. R. Gray and others. The amount involved is $3997 25.

Dr. E. R. Dille will give his patriotic lecture, "A Pilgrimage to American Shrines," illustrated with the finest stereopticon views, at the Twenty-fourth avenue M. E. Church on Friday evening, April 3, at 8 o'clock.

It is currently rumored that the California and Nevada Railroad is soon to be extended to Corral Hollow. The matter has been under consideration for some time, and it is stated work will commence within the month.

The Mayor of Minneapolis and the Councilmen who are with him on the tour of the coast will be invited to make a visit to this city before they return. The reception to the visitors will be placed in the hands of the Merchants' Exchange.

Judge Greene ordered L. J. Finley, who is suing for a divorce from his wife, Annie Agnes Finley, to show cause on the 13th inst. why he should not be punished for contempt of court in refusing to pay his wife alimony in the sum of $25 a month.

FIRE IN A PAINT SHOP.

It Spread Till Twenty Thousand Dollars' Worth Was Consumed.

EASTERN MILLINERY BURNED.

Broadway Again the Scene of a Disastrous Blaze—Foretold by Eva Fay.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, April 2.

Fire broke out in the Ainsworth block on Broadway this morning and before it was extinguished four stores were gutted and the damage amounted to $20,000.

The fire started in the rear of G. Cashmore's paintstore, 1011 Broadway, and it worked its way north through Kohler & Chase's music-store, then into Briggs' millinery-store and was finally checked at Moran's clothing-store.

It is supposed that the fire originated by spontaneous combustion among the varnish, turpentine, wall-paper and other inflammable material that was stored in the basement. After burning for some time in Cashmore's store the thin partition between the paintshop and the piano-store was demolished and the flame fed on pianos for a while. Then it burned through into the millinery establishment and the clothing-store. The dense, greasy smoke settled on everything wherever it penetrated and did as much damage to the musical instruments and clothing as though they had actually been reached by the fire. The cellars were divided by heavy brickwork, but there was a door connection and these doors supplied the needed draught for the big blaze. The buildings are so constructed that it was impossible to reach the cellars until the flames above had been partially checked.

The fire was a dangerous one for the men to handle, owing to the frequent explosions as the flames reached the various barrels of oil and varnish.

Following are the damage and the insurance:

G. Cashmore—Stock valued at $9000, totally destroyed. Insurance: Alliance $1000, Caledonia $1500, Manchester $3000; total, $5500.

Le Roy H. Briggs—Stock, $20,000; loss by fire, water and smoke, $5000. Insurance: Etna $3000, Manchester $2000, North American $2500; total, $7500.

Kohler & Chase—Loss about $10,000; fully insured in various companies.

J. T. Moran—Damage by smoke unknown; covered by $58,000 insurance.

The Ainsworth block is insured in the Springfield and Alliance companies for $20,000, while the damage will probably reach not more than $5000.

While superintending the firemen Chief Fair found his predecessor, ex-Chief Lawton, in Moran's store, and at once ordered him out. There was a passage of words between the two men and the Chief threatened arrest, but there was no more trouble.

During the Eva Fay entertainment at the Macdonough last night Chief Fair asked her how soon there would be another big fire, and Miss Fay said, "Within twenty-four hours, and it will be a big one." It came within six hours, the alarm being turned in at 4:30 this morning.

A Dwelling Burned.

OAKLAND, CAL., April 2.—A dwelling-house was burned to-night about two blocks off Park avenue in Fruitvale. A hay barn attached to the premises took fire and made a big blaze, which caused some unauthorized person to turn in a general alarm. The whole department turned out, but long before it could reach the fire the flames were put out by the local company. The damage will not amount to $500.

MAY BE IN DARKNESS.

Lights Must Be Shut Off in the University Library.

Modest Co-Eds Decline the Student Demonstration—A New Boat Crew.

BERKELEY, CAL., April 2.—There is a strong probability of the lights in the library at the university being shut off within a few days, because of the lack of fuel to supply the furnaces. All the coal, with the exception of about a ton, has been used, and there is no wood. No money is available in the lighting fund for the purchase of any more fuel. "The consequence will be that the lights will have to be turned off," said Professor Cory to-day, "as soon as the small amount of coal runs out, unless we get in a new supply. The lighting of the library is done through a private fund. We cannot draw on the university treasury for help. The wiring of the building and the necessary equipment were put up by private donations, and the means to keep the dynamos going were also donated. Since the money in that fund has all been used we can do nothing but to stop the lights when the fuel runs out."

To-day some of the students turned their hands to cutting a few cypress and eucalyptus logs for the furnace so as to keep up the lights which would enable them to study at night in the library. As the examinations for the year will soon begin the library will be in great demand from now until the end of the term, especially at night, and the students are expressing hope that enough money can be raised to pay the expense of running the dynamos, which is about $7 a night.

Boat Races.

BERKELEY, CAL., April 2.—The four classes of the State University have each of them organized a boating crew to compete in the interclass regatta on Sessions Basin, Oakland, on Saturday afternoon.

The '96 crew consists of Peck, Wilson, Allen and Wittenmeyer. English, McDonald, Cole and Dean or Breckenburg will row for '97. The sophomore oarsmen will be Trew, Hopper, Grimwood and Prendergast. The freshmen who are to uphold their class honor in the regatta are Gibbons, Castlehun, Jackson and Fryer.

In addition to the interclass races there will be single-scull races, for which fourteen men have entered, as follows: Hopper, Hammer, McWade, McDonald, Morrow, Smith, Easton, English, Peck, Trew, Pudan, Kennedy, Blake and Cole.

The Modest Co-Eds.

BERKELEY, CAL., April 2.—Students of the State University to-day inaugurated a movement to give the basket-ball co-eds a rousing reception, such as is given to football teams, on the last night before they meet Stanford, but the co-eds who are practicing basket-ball objected. It is possible, however, that students will insist upon a farewell demonstration, in spite of the fact that the basket-ballers may retire to the privacy of secret practice in a locked gymnasium and refuse to recognize the rally.

Mrs. Ashworth's Benefits.

BERKELEY, CAL., April 2. — Mrs. Joseph Ashworth, the widow of the suicide, Joseph Ashworth, has received from the Butchers' Union $500 benefits, due her by reason of her late husband's membership in the union. The books of the meat market in which Ashworth was employed show that his defalcations amount to $1400.

Played Hookey.

BERKELEY, CAL., April 2.—Tom Williams and a companion named Donnelly, pupils of the Lorin school, have run away and are reported to be at Port Costa. The two boys were taken to school on Monday by Truant Officer Esmond and on Wednesday night they left their homes and went to West Berkeley. Their parents are endeavoring to authenticate the report that the boys are at Port Costa.

Death at Lorin.

BERKELEY, CAL., April 2.—John Magin Seaquist, a nephew of Dr. Oberg of Lorin, died early this morning from hemorrhage of the lungs. He was a native of Sweden, aged 24, and had resided in Lorin about one year.

ANXIOUS FOR THE ROAD.

The Contra Costa Project Taken Up by the Lafayette Farmers.

It Will Soon Be Impossible to Procure Rights of Way Except by Condemnation.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, April 2.

The farmers of Alameda and Contra Costa counties are anxious for some relief from the present difficulties of communication between the two counties, owing to the absence of a wagon road across the Berkeley hills.

Twenty years ago the road could have been built for a quarter of what it will cost now, and twenty years hence it will be almost impossible to obtain the necessary right of way. At an enthusiastic meeting, held at Lafayette, the matter of the road was taken up and the movement was started afresh. The demand for the road and the necessity for its being built as soon as possible are clearly set forth in a statement just compiled by a landowner across the border.

"Five or six years ago," he says, "there were but a few farmhouses and dairies in Hayes Valley. Now the hillsides as well as the valleys are bedecked with beautiful homes and miniature parks. Land within three-quarters of a mile from the Contra Costa line in the valley is worth $800 to $1000 per acre; that adjoining the county line from $100 to $200 per acre, while on our side it is valued at from $20 to $30 per acre. Therefore a standard road should be built within four or five years tapping this county centrally, as this sunny belt on the Alameda side, from the State University extending west along the foothills to Fruitvale, ten or twelve years hence will be one of the richest residence sections in the State; consequently the urgency to build the road immediately becomes apparent, for in the future to procure the right of way on the Alameda side will require time, money, and, worst of all, litigation, that would mean half a century, perhaps never, and this section the sufferer. Another seeming absurdity with the majority of landowners is their objections to an additional tax.

"Let us make a comparison of figures, for the sake of argument. To build a standard road and macadamize it six inches deep with rock will require about $10,000, draining one of the most fertile sections in the State, and within three hours' drive of the richest market on the Pacific Coast, embracing an area of about 64,000 acres, with a valuation say of $3,000,000, by levying a half per cent tax would raise more than the necessary amount to build this road. If this is too much to do at one time, it could be done by bonds. Now the objection of the average farmer is the enormous portion he would have to pay at once. Take the farmer with a 100-acre farm, valued at say $6000, one-half per cent equals $30, the enormous sum toward the building of a substantial road! Now what does it cost him annually to market his produce with the present roads. If he does not he is compelled to patronize the railroad or the commission shark."

As an example of the possible increase of values in foothill property, it is remarked that seventeen years ago a piece of property at the junction of Fifteenth street and Telegraph avenue was offered for $1400. Four years ago it was sold to the promoters of the Central Bank (two-thirds of it) for $140,000. The remaining third sold for $71,000. Land has wonderfully increased in the foothills on the Alameda side in the past four or five years. From $300 and $400 per acre to $3000 and $4000 per acre since the advent of the electric-cars and macadamized roads, and the property along the line of the proposed road is equally valuable.

The Supervisors of the two counties have tried to agree several times upon a route and the consequent expense, but nothing definite has been done, and it is possible that the new movement may be successful.

"BIG-FOOT DAVE."

The Noose Tightens Around the Gold-Brick Man.

The gold-brick swindlers are the drawing card at the Police Court this week. Assistant District Attorney L. S. Church and Prosecuting Attorney H. A. Melvin are doing their best to bring out the necessary evidence to show the conspiracy between "Big-foot Dave" Gordan and Root in the swindle, but Attorney Emil Nusbaumer is fighting for every inch of ground, causing much delay.

J. A. Leonard, clerk of the Metropole, identified Root, alias Raymond, alias etc., as E. D. Nesbit, who registered at the hotel in January; also testified that Farmer Hofstra was there off and on during Nesbit's stay. Hamilton Coleman, manager for Max Marcus, testified to his dealings with Root under the name of Miller regarding storage of trunks, which he was told contained hardware.

Nusbaumer tried hard to have the testimony ruled out, as it had not been shown that the contents of the trunk were for any illegal purpose, but failed.

Richard Briare, proprietor, and Samuel Frazier, porter, of the Metropole, testified to Root being at the hotel under the name of Root; of "Big-foot Dave" Gordan's visits, as well as Hofstra's, and the handlings of the heavy trunks.

A. Gates, the liveryman, testified to Root and Gordan being at his stable together on several occasions.

Detective Graham of San Francisco testified that he knew Root as Billy Raymond and "Big-foot Dave" as Charley Gordan; had seen them together in San Francisco saloons on several occasions. Nusbaumer tried to have this ruled out, as it was after the alleged swindle; but the court ruled against him.

After some further testimony the case was continued until morning.

Wants Depew to See Oakland.

OAKLAND, CAL., April 2.—*Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, on special train, San Jose, Cal.*—Will be pleased to have you and Mr. Vanderbilt take a drive through Oakland and vicinity some day this week. If agreeable kindly notify me as to date.

"M. J. KELLER,
"President Oakland Board of Trade."

The above dispatch was forwarded shortly after noon to-day and was followed to-night with a letter urging the gentlemen to come to the "Athens of the Pacific" while on the coast. If they come a drive all over the city will be arranged, with visits to the points of interest.

LIKE HORATIUS OF OLD.

Webster-Street Property Owners to Fight for Their Alameda Bridge.

INTERESTS THAT CONFLICT.

Rivalry in Regard to the Route Over the Estuary—Litigation Is Threatened.

ALAMEDA, CAL., April 2.—Strong opposition to the abandonment of the Webster-street drawbridge has developed among the property-owners at the West End, and it is not probable that any change will be made without a fight in the courts.

Webster street in Alameda has become something of a business center for the West End. There are many stores there, and that part of the city has in a measure settled itself about the business street.

The project of abandoning Webster street as the highway between Alameda and Oakland is therefore opposed by some of the merchants and interested property-owners.

If the change were made the Oakland and Alameda traffic would be diverted from Webster street, and a new route for it would be established two or three blocks to the eastward, McPherson street being suggested.

The property-owners in the neighborhood of the latter street are not opposed to the projected change, and it is expected that they will advocate the single bridge measure as likely to increase the value of their lands. That will make two conflicting property interests at the West End, and these interests are certain to make themselves felt in the settlement of the bridge question.

The Alice-street route is favored by business men in the eastern portion of the city as giving a better and more direct route to and from Oakland. The Webster-street roadway has long been in a very unsatisfactory condition, deep mud there being the terror of wagon-travelers in the rainy seasons, and unless the West End people can bring about an improvement of the condition the muddy roadbed will be used as a subject of argument in favor of the McPherson and Alice-street route.

It is agreed by all that a new bridge must be built, but the Webster-street people contend that with the proposed bridge at Alice street there would be no need of demolishing the present structure at Webster street. Against this assertion is the demand of the shipping that there be only one drawbridge in that vicinity.

Preparations for a meeting of the Webster-street property-owners are under way.

A CHURCH EVENT.

Methodists to Give an Elaborate Entertainment Next Week.

ALAMEDA, CAL., April 2.—An entertainment, to consist of a "Gypsy Wedding Festival" and "Aunt Dinah's Apple-paring Bee," will be given at Linderman's Opera-house on Friday evening of next week under the direction of the ladies of the Park-street Methodist Church. The Arion orchestra has been engaged to render the instrumental music. The participants in the "Gypsy Wedding Festival" are:

Gypsy Queen, Miss Edith Clay; Gypsy Jane, Miss Alma Sevening; Yankee peddler, Bert Burrell. Bridal party—Gypsy bride, Miss Lottie Hopkins; gypsy bridegroom, Max Jones; gypsy mother, Miss Constance Pollard; gypsy chief, Roscoe Downs.

Tambourine girls—Lola Shirby, Elsie Horton, Carrie Sutherland, Helen Fowler, Clara Wittman; clapper boys—Roy Pollard, Frank Whalley, Wesley Forderer, Carl Fielding, Percy Forsyth; visitors—Miss Pearl Hollenberry, George Leonard, Miss Glenn Bovard, Fred Franks; gypsy to address peddler, Miss Ruth Sheldon.

Gypsies — Miss Ethel Downs, Ed Eckert, George Innes, Claude Hichens, Ray Reed, Eva Fossing, Katie Meyer, Blanche Getty, Marion Gerald, Kittie Murray, Alice Ward, Clara Wittman, Maud Wittman, Cora Franks, Roberta Clay, Alice Gunn, Edith Pariser, Mary Sutherland, Grace Wittman, Grace Penfield, Ouida Getty and Lillie Foderer; Frank Stratford, Berkeley Flockton, Ed Innis, Arthur Gale, Walter Babson, Edgar Hand, Ernest Livingston, George Dinsmore, Charley Goddard, George Renner, Charlie Jones, Sidney Pollard, Frank Bordwell, Jack Gibbons and Joe Forderer.

L. W. McGlauflin, the prominent wheat broker, is to take the part of Uncle Reuben in the apple-paring bee, and Mrs. G. W. Watterson will be the Aunt Dinah. The others in the party are as follows as their names appear on the programme:

Dorias Go Easy McGlauflin, Betsy Gloriana Henley, Dorothy Westgate, Melinda Singwell Chase, Sophronia Lipman, Aunt Peggy Sturtevant, Aramantha Cortelyou, Deborah Poyzer, Keturah Fergusson, Samantha Howland, Ruth Pensive Gale, Rachel Sociable Fergusson, Nancy Laughatit Gott, Charity Burrell, Miriam Bannister, Sophia Ritchie, Maria Sweetstrains Patterson, Esther Speakwell McCuirie, Polly Graveeyes Hunt, Euphemia Forderer, Mary Ann Renner, Delight McGlauflin, Doitwell Best, Roxy Pollard, Susan Downs and Grandma Perseverance Pollard; Abijah Singwell Henley, Jedidiah Hand, Jacob Burrell, Stephen Gott, Deacon Solomon Pollard, Azariah Cortelyou, Jonah Lipman, Onesimus Katzenbach, Adonijah Hunter, Steadfast Platt, Daniel Tebbs, Ezekial Arnold, Moses Weymouth, Sandy Anderson, Benjamin Clark, Joshua Mahy, Josiah Innes, Philander Forderer, Nathaniel Eckert, Seth Hammersmith, Obed Washington Flockton and Esau Dodd.

HE WAS A SWINDLER.

A Colored Man With a Bogus Letter From Rev. Mr. Duncan.

ALAMEDA, CAL., April 2.—Constable von Kapff arrested a negro on Park street yesterday for vagrancy who proved to be a swindler. The negro's name was James Walker. When caught he was collecting subscriptions for colored people, and in a tin box that he carried was found the sum of $2 30, a result of his industrious begging. A bottle of whisky was found in one of the pockets of the man's trousers. The scheme for collecting money was an ingenious one. The beggar had several circulars, which read:

SAN FRANCISCO, 3-31-96.

We, the colored people of this City, make an appeal to all white citizens for contributions for four families of colored people that were sent upon us from Oregon. They were taken from the South to work in the mines; the white miners would not work with them because they were negroes. They are here and cannot obtain work, and are in great distress; they have not home or bedding. We hope you will drop something in this box for them, if only 5, 10, 25 or 50 cents. Yours most respectfully, REV. GEORGE DUNCAN, Colored.

After Walker had been searched and placed in a cell in the City Prison he was observed by Officer Carroll to put his hand to his mouth and begin to chew. He was tearing up the circulars and trying to eat them, but he did not get them all out of sight. One was taken from him and, after having been pasted to another piece of paper, was made out to read as above. Justice of the Peace Morris sent the vagrant to the County Jail for six months upon his plea of guilty to the charge against him.

Rev. Mr. Duncan is a well-known colored clergyman in San Francisco. His name on the circulars had been forged.

SHOT A BOY.

Lads Were Quarreling and One of Them Drew a Revolver.

OAKLAND, CAL., April 2.—Charles Lambert, the 13-year-old son of C. H. Lambert of 561 Thirty-eighth street, a conductor on the Telegraph-avenue electric line, was shot in the arm by an unknown boy yesterday near his home. The boy had some trouble Monday with Walter Rogers, George Palmer, Harold Hyde and Charles Lloyd, all under 18, when one drew a revolver and threatened Lambert.

While crossing a vacant lot yesterday morning, Lambert heard some one say: "There is the fellow I want," and a moment later he was shot. He fails to identify either of the above as one of his assailants. Mrs. Lambert has sworn to warrants charging all the boys with disturbing her peace, and they will be arrested in the morning, and if it can be found which had the revolver a more serious charge will be put against him.

License Men Disagree.

OAKLAND, CAL., April 2.—Ah Lee, a Chinese vegetable peddler, applied to Deputy Tax Collector Cole for a license to-day. He presented the following note, which may cause License Inspector Mitchell some trouble. The note reads:

OAKLAND CITY HALL, March 26, 1896.
The bearer, Ah Lee, having bail deposited with the Police Clerk is entitled to peddle with this permit until April 2, 1896.
L. A. MITCHELL, License Inspector.

The Chinaman was arrested two weeks ago for peddling without a license and his case was continued until to-day so he would not be compelled to pay a $15 license for the few days of last quarter. Mr. Mitchell gave him the note, he says, after consultation with Judge Wood and Chief Lloyd in order to save the Chinaman from further interference by the police. Mr. Cole claims that the License Inspector exceeded his authority and is keeping the note for further use.

Rowing and Cycling.

OAKLAND, CAL., April 2.—The programme for the U. C. Boating Club regatta, to be held next Saturday afternoon on Session's basin, is as follows:

Four-oar race, '98 vs. '99; four-oar race, '96 vs. '97; single-scull races; four-oar finals; single-scull races by members of class crews.

The crews are: '96—Peck, Wittenmeyer, Wilson and Allen; '97—English, McDonald, Brackenbury and Cole; '98—Trew, Hopper, Pendergrast and Grimwood; '99—Gibbons, Castlehun, Jackson and Fryer.

The following men were selected by Captain W. E. Griffith of the Reliance Club last night to ride in the relay bicycle race April 12: A. M. Boyden, F. B. Wilkins, Charles R. Griffith, Edgar R. Curtis, Percy Mott, C. D. Gooch, Bert Elford, Percy Deacon, C. D. Bates Jr. and William Yoeman.

Wants a New Trial.

OAKLAND, CAL., April 2.—W. A. Duncombe has filed an affidavit for a new trial in the case of Andrew Wettstein vs. the Southern Pacific Railway Company in which the plaintiff was awarded $6000 damages. He alleges that "after the jury had been charged and had retired they came into the court without having returned a verdict, and by their foreman stated to the court that the jury wanted to know something in regard to costs—about the costs of the doctors."

The statement for a new trial covers about 100 folios, and alleges 125 errors in the rulings of the court. One allegation is that the verdict was excessive and was rendered through passion and prejudice, and that the accident to Wettstein was due to negligence of plaintiff.

Cycle Show.

OAKLAND, CAL., April 2.—The Young Men's Christian Association cycle show opens to-day in their building at Twelfth and Clay streets. Some thirty firms dealing in wheels are making handsome exhibits, and the show will be a fine one in that respect. An orchestral concert will be given both afternoons and evenings, to-day and to-morrow at 2 P. M., and again at 7:30 o'clock. Admission is to be free to men and women, no children admitted unless accompanied by parents. The object is to increase the interest of the members in wheeling and to bring a larger number of people into contact with the association and its privileges.

Damage Case Postponed.

OAKLAND, CAL., April 3.—The case of C. J. Norman against the Alameda and Oakland Electric Railway Company was to have been commenced this morning before Judge Ellsworth. A continuance was granted by Judge Frick, which was satisfactory to all concerned. Judge Ellsworth is ill with a broken arm, the result of a buggy accident, and Messrs. Delmas & Shortridge, who appear for plaintiff, were unwilling to enter upon the trial, as they must be present at the Fair will case tomorrow in San Francisco. The railroad company was also agreeable.

Success of Eva Fay.

OAKLAND, CAL., April 2.—Eva Anna Fay, the mental telegraphist has been so cordially received in this city at the Macdonough that she has decided to continue over Sunday night. Her mind-reading is the one topic of conversation in the city.

CHARGED WITH CONTEMPT

Alameda City Trustees Ordered Into Court by Judge Frick.

Elwood Bruner's Latest Move in the Electric Light Works Dispute.

ALAMEDA, CAL., April 2.—The members of the Board of Trustees have been ordered to show cause to-morrow before Judge Frick why they should not be punished for contempt of court in disobeying the temporary injunction issued restraining further work by them upon the electric light building improvements. Attorney Bruner, as attorney for J. T. Fleming, the plaintiff in the litigation, made this move after having paid a visit to the electric light premises this morning and noting what work was in progress and what had been done since the issuance of the order from the court.

He went to Oakland and asked for an order of citation and it was granted. The order, which was served on each of the five Trustees, reads as follows:

You are hereby cited to appear before the Judge of this court, at the Courthouse, in the city of Oakland, on Friday, the 3d day of April, 1896, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to show cause, if any you can, why you and each of you should not be punished for contempt for the willful violation of the temporary restraining order heretofore issued * * * requiring you not to permit the completion of the addition to the building occupied by the electric-light plant in the city of Alameda, in said State, until the further order of this court.

City Attorney Taylor became cognizant of the issuance of the order while in Oakland this morning, but did nothing. He has a case set for trial in the Justices' Court to-morrow, and will probably ask for a continuance of the hearing of the contempt proceedings until at a later date. Peculiar interest attaches itself to this case, as it is said to be the first in California in which a municipal governing power has been cited to appear for contempt.

This is the latest move of Elwood Bruner, attorney for J. T. Flemng, in the attempt to prevent the Trustees from enlarging the electric-light plant so as to be able to sell light to private parties. Fleming says he is only a nominal plaintiff, having allowed them to use his name, although he has no objection to the city selling light.

The Trustees cited for contempt are: T. W. Lydecker, William Hammond, A. V. Clark, F. J. Fletter and J. F. Forderer.

A very pleasant remedy for the itching of chilblains when the skin is not broken is eau de Cologne well rubbed in. The effect of this is sometimes almost miraculous. Any other spirit will do almost as well, though it will not smell so sweet.

Three-quarters of a second is the time occupied by the fall of the knife in the guillotine. The knife is weighted by 120 pounds of lead, falls nine feet, and cuts through flesh and bone as easily as though a bar of soap

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MAY RE-ENTER POLITICS.

Return of William H. Chamberlain, Once a Shining Light.

HE HELD MANY GOOD OFFICES.

Liberality and a Propensity for Borrowing Got Him Into Difficulties.

William H. Chamberlain, ex-National Bank Examiner, ex-president of the Dirigo Club, ex-president of the Union League Club, ex-freight auditor of the Southern Pacific Company and ex-assistant secretary of the Pacific Union Club, dropped into town the other day as suddenly and quietly as he dropped out three years ago.

Chamberlain was a shining light among those who were in the political swim in 1892 and 1893 and almost everything he asked in the way of political honors was given him.

He aided materially in the organization of the Dirigo Club, that was afterward merged into the Union League, and was made its president. Later he was given every honor that the big Republican club could confer, and when President Harrison's turn for naming a postmaster for San Francisco came around Chamberlain was pushed forward for the office.

It seemed almost within his grasp, when Samuel W. Backus made a bid for the place, and his influence being stronger than that of Chamberlain the latter was shelved temporarily. Later it was found that a position as National Bank Examiner was open and he received the appointment.

In order to accept this lucrative position he had to resign his position with the Southern Pacific Company that he had held for several years. While he was in the zenith of his prosperity and was looked upon as a coming leader in Republican politics rumors began to spread that all was not well with the funds of the Union League Club. Chamberlain was not accused of making away with them except by his enemies, but an employe was found to be short, and he was held to be responsible for the deficit. The matter was quietly settled up and nothing more thought of it until Chamberlain was suddenly relieved from his position of Bank Examiner.

It was given out that it had been discovered he had borrowed money from a number of banking institutions, which it was his duty to investigate, and that the accounts of a number of banks had not been as closely scrutinized as they should have been.

From that time his prestige waned and he suddenly left the City and was known to his old haunts no more. Some of his old friends gave out that the constant worry of politics had undermined his brain and that he had gone to a private institution, where he could be taken care of. This was denied by his relatives, however, and his name became but a memory among his former associates.

Within the past year he has made himself somewhat prominent in Los Angeles as a political organizer and was supposed to be on the road to prosperity again, so that his sudden advent here is puzzling his acquaintances. It is believed, however, that he is looking the field over with a view to re-entering local politics in case a favorable opportunity appears.

At present he is sojourning in Oakland and seldom appears on this side of the bay.

The Ruling Spirit Strong.

The prosecuting attorney of a North Missouri county and a young attorney noted for his persistence were recently trying the preliminary hearing of a criminal case before a justice of the peace. The young attorney asked many irrevalent and incompetent questions, and when the prosecuting attorney would object would always say:

"Your Honor, before you pass on that objection I want to argue it."

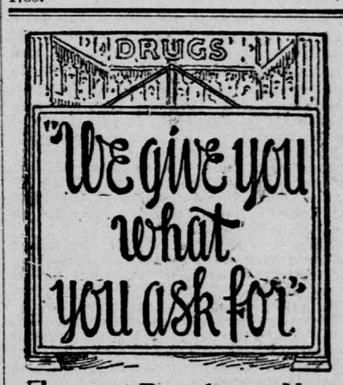
Finally the young man asked the same question the seventh time, against the Prosecuting Attorney's objection, when the prosecutor, losing his patience, said in a loud aside:

"——, are never going to get over being a confounded fool?"

Whereupon the young fellow jumped up with his usual remark:

"Your Honor, before you pass on that I want to argue it."

Women were for certain offenses publicly burned to death in England by a law which was not abolished till 1790. Pressing to death was carried out in 1721 and again in 1735.



A smart Broadway, New York, druggist has this sign hanging outside his store; it marks the new era of drug selling. Is it any wonder that he has to enlarge his quarters, that his clerks are busy, and that his store is one of the most popular along the leading thoroughfare?

You can afford to trade with a druggist that has such a motto as that.

Dr. Gibbon's Dispensary, 625 KEARNY ST. Established in 1854 for the treatment of Private Diseases, Lost Manhood