HE SURPRISED HIS FLOCK

Rector Lane Tells Them They Worship in the Dirtiest Church He Has Seen.

AND HIS SALARY RUNS BEHIND

The Annual Meeting at the Church of the Advent Produces Some Mild Sensations.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, April 11.

The members of the Episcopal Church of the Advent were surprised by their pastor, Rev. Marshal Lane, at the annual meeting this week, and they are still talking about it.

Only one part of the church has "fully measured" up to the expectations of the pastor, and that is the choir. He said that the old parish sewing society, as an institution of usefulness, had outlived its day. Sewing for charity or for the love of providing for the church's needs is all right, he said, but to make things for sale is poor policy. It ruins the eyes, encourages idle talk, and is always poorly and grudgingly paid. The same time expended in visiting about the parish and breaking down the charge of a frigid unsociableness would do far more for the church treasury, and leave a better feeling all around.

Then came the great surprise. Rector Lane said that there was altogether too much indifference among the various societies in the church. He said the building was the dirtiest church he was ever in. He complained of his salary, and said that instead of receiving $2500, as he should, he only got $1200, and frequently had to wait so long for his month's pay that he envied the man who passed his door with a tin dinner-pail in his hand knowing that when his wages were due he would walk up to the cashier and get his money. The carpet on the church floor was also denounced, the rector saying that it was fit for but one purpose—it should be sent to Japan to wipe out the black plague with.

Rev. Mr. Lane urged the various societies to choose their officers solely on the ground of merit and sympathy for their work. With good, clean accommodations for the young people and some interest among the parents for the welfare of their own children there is a good future for the parish, but old ideas and silurian methods must be wiped out first.

A. J. Read, the treasurer, reported that special efforts had always been made to pay the rector promptly and he thought the church had done very well. Notwithstanding the hard times, the receipts of the parish had been about one-fourth greater than for many years. A year ago the floating indebtedness was about $700, and all that had been cleared off and the running expenses paid. There are now 240 communicants as against 114 reported by the last rector about eighteen months ago.

BOOTH WANTS DAMAGES.

Sues the Electric Road Company for Killing His Children.

OAKLAND, CAL., April 11.—Suit was filed in the Superior Court to-day by Attorney Sam Bell McKee on behalf of Frank E. Booth against the Oakland Consolidated Street Railroad for $50,220 80 damages. Mr. Booth is the father of little Kate Anna Booth and Idah Emilie Booth, the two children crushed to death by an electric-car of that line one evening while playing in the street.

The complaint alleges that at the time the cars of the defendant were so carelessly and negligently run and managed that the children, who were prudently and carefully traveling on a crossing, could not see or hear a car of defendant approaching from the east and going westerly, and also that the said car had at that time a wheelguard negligently and carelessly constructed, which was wholly insufficient to protect from injury if struck by said car.

It is further averred that the car was run at a great, careless and negligent rate of speed of ten miles per hour, and without ringing a bell or giving any warning of its approach, and the death of the plaintiff's children was due to the negligence and carelessness of the defendant, as before stated. The plaintiff alleges that by the death of the said children he has suffered damages in the sum of $50,000 and was put to an expense of $220 80 in the burial of the little ones.

The railroad company will in all probability contest the case on the ground of contributary negligence in allowing the children, aged 9 and 5 years, to go upon the street unattended. It was shown at the inquest that they had been playing tag and the older one was running away from the younger when, in passing behind one car they fell in front of the other, which resulted in their death.

MANY ATTRACTIONS.

New Features Promised by the Fabiola Fete Committee.

OAKLAND, CAL., April 11.—The arrangements for the Fabiola floral fete, to be held May day, are progressing in a most satisfactory manner. Every day witnesses new developments and increases the certainty that the magnitude of the affair this year will far surpass that of last season. The first fete was an experiment and when they started the managers scarcely knew what they expected to accomplish. The floral parade was at first considered no more than an accessory, but by degrees assumed the first place. This year it has been the well-defined purpose from the start and will result in bringing out the best results.

Thomas H. Williams Jr., president of the California Jockey Club, the lessee of the Oakland Trotting Park, has assured the executive committee of his willingness and desire to do all in his power to make the fete a great success. He will furnish the services of experienced men to handle the gates, provide ticket-boxes and cash registers. He is rushing work on the park to have it in proper condition to accommodate the great crowds that will attend. Arrangements are being made to furnish reserved seats for 8000 people.

The report published in some papers that the National circuit would not open in Oakland on May day resulted in some very vigorous wiring between R. M. Welch of San Francisco and Chairman Gideon of the National racing board during the past week, with the result that it has been finally settled beyond any doubt that it will start with the Fabiola floral fete, races to be held in the Oakland Trotting Park on May day.

A new feature to attract attention to the fete is the effort to secure the Burlingame Club to give a number of steeplechase races. There never have been steeplechase races at the park and it would be a novel and interesting feature to most of those who will attend. It has been practically settled that the University Club event and polo game will be held from 11 A. M. to 1 P. M., the floral parade from 1 to 3:30 P. M., and then the bicycle races.

NEW TO-DAY.

SKINNY SUFFERER SAVED.

What Do You Think Makes Strong Men Weak?

Experience of a Prominent North Dakota Politician Who Gained Forty Pounds in a Few Weeks.

Every man likes to be strong.

Why shouldn't you be?

Are you a tobacco user?

You are?

Of course you know that tobacco-users, as a rule, are away below normal weight, because tobacco destroys digestion and sets certain nerves on fire. That wears on the brain, saps its power and you gradually become impotent. It is called "lost manhood." You never get weak this way when you gain flesh like our friend Williams. Read what he says:

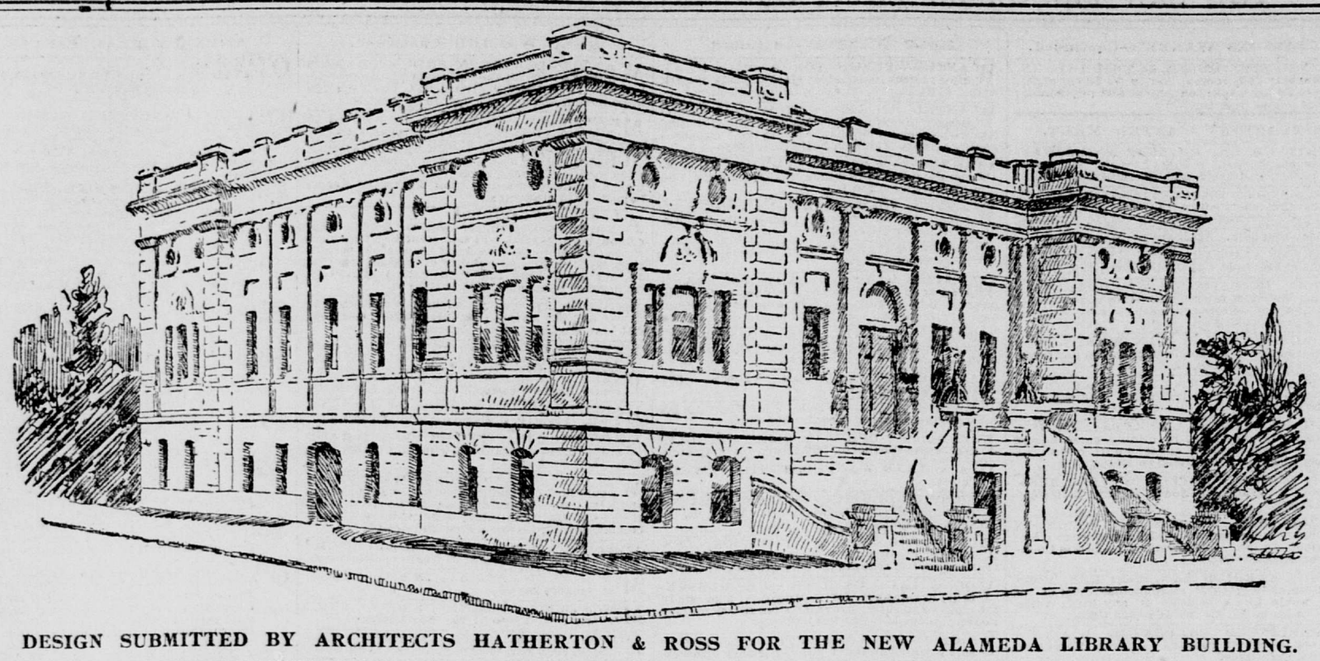
ONE BOX DID IT.

SYKESTON, Wells Co., N. D., July 25.

Gentlemen: One box of No-To-Bac cured me of the tobacco habit, both smoking and chewing, after having used the weed for nearly forty years. My health is much better, nerves strong and steady, and I have gained over forty pounds in flesh. I have recommended No-To-Bac to some of my friends, all of whom have been cured. I firmly believe that No-To-Bac will do for others what it has done for me. I heartily recommend it to all those who have become slaves to the use of tobacco and desire to be emancipated.

J. A. WILLIAMS, County Auditor.

Now don't you think No-To-Bac worth a trial, especially when you buy from your own druggist under absolute guarantee of cure? Get your booklet, "Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away," written guarantee of cure and free sample, mailed for the asking. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.



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NEW TO-DAY.

DR. EDISON'S PILLS AND SALT

Have Been Triumphantly Tested by the American Medical Age.

Mrs. Catharine Hammond Harney, San Francisco, Reduced 36 Pounds.

From the American Medical Age.

"A system of correspondence which has been carried on between the editors of this publication and a few of the people who have been benefited by Dr. Edison's Obesity Pills and Salt has developed the fact that out of 309 consecutive cases the average reduction in 150 cases was 28 pounds per month, and in 156 cases was 19½ pounds per month. In one of three unsuccessful cases, so called, the total reduction was 26 pounds, in the second 23 and in the third 15. The use of these remedies was followed by no disagreeable results, and was in every way beneficial." The fat man's tenure of life is very uncertain in dog days. So is the fat woman's. Take Dr. Edison's Obesity Pills and Salt and wear his Obesity Band. If you are not so very fat a month's treatment ought to reduce you satisfactorily. If you weigh a good many more pounds than you ought, two months' treatment ought to do it. Hundreds of others all around you are getting in shape to bid defiance to hot weather. Why don't you do it, too, when it is so easy?

Writing from her home on Argentine avenue, Mrs. Catherine Hammond Harney, whose portrait is above, says: "I grew fleshy until I advanced from 129 to 196. I was afflicted also with heart and liver trouble. I took three bottles of Dr. Edison's Obesity Pills and two of his Fruit Salt, and they reduced me thirty-six pounds and quite cured me of my heart and liver disease. I then took these remedies more sparingly another month and was permanently reduced to my old weight."

Mrs. Lena Langdon Hayes, Ninth avenue, writes: "I was so fat last summer that I suffered awfully. I was not only fat, but sick. Early in February I began taking Dr. Edison's Obesity Pills and Salt, and in six weeks they reduced me to my old weight (125), relieving me of thirty-five pounds of surplus fat, restoring my old graceful form and curing me of indigestion and palpitation of the heart. I do not dread hot weather now."

Mrs. Susette Hampton Pixley, Dolores street, writes: "For too plump shoulders, arms, bust and neck I took Dr. Edison's Obesity Pills and Salts, and in six weeks was brought to symmetry and comeliness. These remedies restored all of my old charm of figure and improved my health."

Take these remedies in spring to fortify your system against the dangers of the summer. Dr. Edison's Pills and Salt reduce fat and cure chronic diseases. Write to LORING & CO.'S CHICAGO MEDICAL DEPARTMENT for free advice about obesity or other diseases.

Why don't you get thin? It may be done so easily and so quickly that if you do it you will ever afterward wonder why you did not do it sooner. You remember how you suffered from the heat last summer, as only a fat man or woman can suffer in hot weather. You were in danger of sudden death almost every day from June to September. You knew it then and you know it now. Why don't you get over on the safe side? Dr. Edison's Pills and salt are the greatest spring medicines. They go farther and cost less and do more good than any others.

Dr. Edison's Obesity and Supporting Band.

Colonel Denton, Los Angeles, writes: "I have a reduction of nine inches in abdominal girth by wearing Dr. Edison's Obesity Band one month."

The One Reliable Treatment.

Obesity Pills, $1 50 a bottle, or three bottles for $4, enough for one treatment. Obesity Band, $2 50 and up. Measure as per figures on cut.

Obesity Fruit Salt is $1 a bottle. This should be used in the family as a beverage during all seasons by fat and thin, old and young. It makes a delightful drink and prevents and cures stomach complaints.

No Tonics, Nervines, "Sarsaparillas" or Other Medicines Required When These Remedies Are Used.

Send for free postpaid copy of "HOW TO CURE OBESITY."

Four newspaper columns, 200 testimonials. Should be read by every fat person. Say you saw this in The San Francisco Call. C. O. D. orders must be accompanied by $1 to guarantee express charges.

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MUST ENDURE THE ROWS.

Wives and Mothers of San Lorenzo Object to Being Officially Ignored.

WILL WORK FOR THE BALLOT.

Supervisors Force Them to Accept a Saloon in Spite of Their Unanimous Protest.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, April 11.

The wives and mothers of San Lorenzo have organized a woman's suffrage club and intend to work with great vigor for the privilege of voting. They are highly indignant because the Supervisors have forced them to have a saloon and beer garden in their midst against their definitely expressed wishes.

For many months the residents of San Lorenzo have endeavored to prevent the selling of liquor in the grove, but now that they have been defeated they will change their tactics. The ladies realize that they have no rights that the Supervisors are bound to respect, and declare that they will be treated differently when they have the right to vote.

San Lorenzo Grove is a resort owned by the Haywards Electric Railroad Company. It is used by picnic parties, especially on Sundays, and last year it was, on several occasions, the scene of small riots which were a nuisance to the residents of the town and which made necessary the services of extra police.

Three times the application for a license was defeated by Rev. J. C. McCollum and the Christian Endeavorers, but at this last meeting the Supervisors granted the license to Fred Borman, who has leased the place. The petition which was presented to the Supervisors stated that "we, the women of San Lorenzo, the wives, mothers, teachers and others—those most notably and deeply concerned in the moral and spiritual welfare of the children and young people of the community, appeal to you and most earnestly entreat that you do not grant such license." The signatures of nearly all the wives and mothers of San Lorenzo were attached, but the petition was unheeded.

Fred Borman says he has been misunderstood. "The battle has been a hard one, but I am not particularly rejoiced over my victory, except in so far as it will enable me to do business, in preparation for which I have already spent considerable money. I feel, however, that I have been quite generally misunderstood in the matter. The grove was, last year, conducted by a man of my name, who appeared to be unable to maintain order, being overawed by disreputable characters, allowing the place to become an intolerable nuisance to those residing in that vicinity. This has reflected upon me, as many persons believe that I am the same man. It is my purpose to conduct the place within the limits of the strictest order and decency, and my past experience in conducting public gardens proves that it can be done."

The opposition to the establishment of a large athletic park at Haywards is based on the idea that a liquor license would be granted and the place be another Sunday resort.

WANT A NEW LAW.

The Teachers of Alameda County Organize Under the Law.

OAKLAND, CAL., April 11.—The teachers of Alameda County held a largely attended and very enthusiastic meeting in the High-school building and put on its feet the Alameda County Teachers' Benefit Association by the adoption of a constitution. Its objects are set forth as follows:

"The objects of the association are to secure the passage of proper amendments to the present law, known as 'The School-teachers' Annuity and Retirement Act,' to promote the formation of similar societies throughout the State and of a State society; to consider and take action on any questions affecting the teachers as a body."

The election of officers is to occur at the annual meeting on the second Saturday in May. The officers constitute an executive committee, who are empowered to transact necessary business between the regular meetings. All public school-teachers of Alameda County may be admitted to membership by signing the constitution and paying 50 cents a quarter as dues.

The temporary president was instructed to appoint the following committees to be at work until the permanent officers are elected:

Correspondence—C. F. True, Alameda; Miss S. T. French, Berkeley; Miss H. C. Larkin, Oakland.

Press—P. M. Fisher, Mrs. E. D. Reynolds, Miss Jean Clay, Oakland; Mrs. A. C. Paris and Mrs. Emily F. Ives, Alameda; Miss A. F. Keefer, Berkeley.

A PRACTICAL JOKER.

Charles Merrill Held for Trial on the Charge of Robbery.

OAKLAND, CAL., April 11.—Charles Merrill was held to answer in the Superior Court with bonds fixed at $2000 to-day as the result of a practical joke played nearly two years ago. In all probability he would have been discharged had he faced the music at the time and told his story, but instead he fled and was not apprehended by the police until this week.

The evidence shows that on the evening of June 19, 1894, Merrill and two companions were returning from the theater, walking down Eighth street, when they saw a Chinaman. Merrill suggested that they frighten him and one of his companions, Guy Chapman, consented.

They walked up and asked the Mongolian for 10 cents, which he denied having, and to prove it showed his purse. Merrill grabbed the purse and ran.

The Chinaman believed he was in the hands of real highwaymen and called for help. Chapman, however, did not run, and when an officer arrived he was arrested, but was dismissed on his preliminary examination. Merrill was not caught, but the next morning when he learned of his companion's arrest became alarmed and left town. The court thought his leaving was against him, although both companions testified it was only a prank played in fun.

HISTORY OF A DAY.

Alameda County Happenings Told in Brief Chapters.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, April 11.

Mrs. A. Dumas, who thinks that she is in danger of being poisoned by her enemies, was taken to Napa this afternoon.

The Socialist Labor party will meet in Labor Hall, on Eleventh avenue and Clay street, Sunday evening at 8 o'clock to listen to an address by A. A. Denison on "Capital and Labor."

A fire loss of $2000 has been allowed to L. H. Briggs on his stock damaged by the late fire on Broadway. Between $4000 and $5000 will be allowed to Cashmore, of the paint store.

Judge Frick has issued a writ of mandate directing Auditor Snow to approve the claim of C. E. Gardner, clerk of Chief of Police Lloyd, for $45 16 on account of his salary as increased by the City Council.

A. F. Williams, the burglar caught in J. C. Franklin's room at the Annex House, was held to answer to the Superior Court on two charges of burglary in the sum of $2000 bail on each yesterday afternoon.

Robina Reed, a Berkeley girl who is inclined to be wayward and run the streets at night, has been committed to Whittier, as her mother is unable to control her. The girl will have to remain about three years and three months.

In the County Clerk's office this morning there was filed the certificate of continuance of the corporation sole known as the Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, the incumbent of which is Most Rev. P. W. Riordan.

Officer Charles Clark won the Captain Siebe medal at the monthly police shoot yesterday afternoon. Both he and Detective Williams scored forty-five points, but as Clark made the larger number of bull's-eyes he was declared the winner.

L. W. Murdock, a former conductor on the Oakland, San Leandro and Haywards electric railroad, has brought suit against that corporation for $21,440, for alleged personal injuries received by the sudden starting of a car which threw him to the ground. He alleges the car was started by reason of the company using defective machinery.

ATHLETICS AT BERKELEY.

Records Made at the University Spring Handicap Field Day.

Stanford - Reliance Baseball Game. Another Special Election for Schools.

BERKELEY, CAL., April 11.—One of the largest crowds that has gathered this year on the University campus witnessed the U. C. spring handicap field day this afternoon. The records made were not up to expectation, probably owing to the coldness of the weather.

H. Torrey '95, the hurdler of last year's Varsity team, ran the 220-yard hurdles in 26 3-5 seconds, which is the best time ever made on the cinder-path at Berkeley, the former record being 26 4-5, made by B. Bakewell '98.

The result of the 100-yard dash was something of a surprise. W. Dickie '98 won the final in 10 2-5 seconds, which is considered very good time for such a day.

Following is a list of events, winners and records made:

100-yard dash—First heat: Hupp '97, scratch, time 10 4-5 sec.; Hilborn '96, 2 yards handicap, second; Dresser '99, 2 yards handicap, third. Second heat—W. Dickie '98, scratch, first, time 10¾; F. W. Koch '96, 2 yards handicap, second; M. Thomas, Dental College, 1½ yards handicap, third. Final heat—W. Dickie '98, scratch, time 10 2-5; Koch '96, 2 yards handicap, second; Hupp '97, scratch, third.

220-yard dash—W. Dickie '96, scratch, time 24 3-5 sec.; Koch '96, scratch, second.

440-yard dash—F. Magee '97, scratch, time 55 3-5 sec.; E. Sherman '97, 25 yards handicap, second; J. Jones, '98, scratch, third.

Half-mile run—R. Carroll '99, scratch, time 2 min. 10 4-5 sec.; J. Gisn '96, 15 yards handicap, second.

One-mile run—E. Brown '98, scratch, time 5 min.; W. Jackson '98, scratch, second.

120-yard hurdles—B. Bakewell '98, scratch, time 17 3-5; L. C. Mackintosh, law college, scratch, second.

220-yard hurdles—H. Torrey '95, scratch, time 26 3-5; L. C. Mackintosh, Law College, 15 yards handicap, second.

Running high jump—L. Miller '98, height 5 feet 6.7 inches; B. Bakewell '98, second.

Running broad jump—Hilborn, distance 20 feet 4 inches; H. Torrey '95, second.

Shot-put—Ralph Lloyd '99, distance 39 feet 7 1-5 inches; R. Edgren second, distance 39 feet 4 1-5 inches.

Pole vault—Lloyd '99, height 10 feet.

R. Edgren threw the 16-pound hammer 141 feet.

The officers of the day were as follows:

Referee—A. W. North, U. C., '96. Field judges—A. Dubbers, U. C., '93; E. T. Blake, U. C., '96; J. C. Ferris, U. C., '96.

Judges at finish—J. C. Howell Jr., U. C., '96; C. R. Holton, U. C., '96; M. H. Esberg, U. C., '96.

Timekeepers—G. W. Swingle, U. C., '97; L. T. Merwin, U. C., '96; E. Dinkelspiel, U. C., '97.

Starter—H. B. Torrey, U. C., '95.

Clerk of course—F. Argyll, U. C., '96.

Scorer—William Nat Friend, U. C., '96.

Marshal—F. Radelfinger, U. C., '96.

Announcer—H. Allen, U. C., '96.

Stanford Defeats Reliance.

BERKELEY, CAL., April 11.—The Stanford University baseball nine defeated the Reliance Club this afternoon on the Berkeley diamond by a score of 19 to 5. The contest was one-sided from the first, the Stanford nine beginning with a score of four runs in the first inning. The game was witnessed by a very large crowd, the new grand stand and the bleachers being both crowded, and many people standing around the field.

The Reliance players were as follows:

Campbell, pitcher and first base; Lanyon, catcher; Oliver, first base and pitcher; J. Campbell, second base; Walton, third base; Arlitt, shortstop; Dyer, left field; Ireland, center field; Ewing, right field. The Stanford players were: McLain, pitcher; Jeffs, catcher; Young, first base; Harris, second base; Sharp, third base; Taylor, shortstop; Stanbury, left field; Strohm, center field; Thompson, right field. Sheehan, Stanford '95, was umpire.

Another Special Election.

BERKELEY, CAL., April 11.—The Board of Education is taking steps for the calling of another special election to secure funds for new schools. Two elections to bond the town have been defeated and it is now proposed to secure money by a direct tax.

On Thursday evening a special meeting of the Board of Education will be held for the purpose of considering the matter. Town Attorney Hayne is now preparing resolutions asking the County Board of Supervisors to call the desired special election.

Amateur Theatricals.

BERKELEY, CAL., April 11.—Professor L. du Pont Lyle's adaptation of Congreve's comedy "Love for Love" was presented this evening in Shattuck Hall by university amateurs. A large and fashionable audience gathered to witness the performance and was liberal in its applause.

The performance will be repeated on Monday evening. The proceeds of the two evenings will be for the benefit of the English department of the university and the fund for sending an athletic team to the East.

Junior American Mechanics.

BERKELEY, CAL., April 11.—The local council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics gave a social to-night in American Hall. Addresses were made by State Councilor Henry C. Schaertzer and by Miss Porter, ex-councilor of California Council No. 11, Daughters of Liberty. The committee on entertainment consisted of Paolo Salisbury (chairman), J. C. Sherratt, M. P. Geirrine, A. C. Pait, George Moenning, J. Schmidt Jr., E. J. Stewart and E. Hanscom.

High School Baseball.

BERKELEY, CAL., April 11.—A game of baseball was played this morning on the university diamond between the high schools of Berkeley and Oakland, the latter winning by a score of 15 to 9.

New Chapter House.

BERKELEY, CAL., April 11.—The California Alpha of Phi Delta Theta, one of the Greek letter fraternities of the University of California, is preparing to build a new chapter-house. A considerable sum of money has already been raised for the building and negotiations for the purchase of a lot are now in progress.

Easter Music Again.

BERKELEY, CAL., April 11.—The new vested choir of St. Mark's Church will repeat at the regular service to-morrow morning the special musical programme arranged for Easter Sunday.

BANKER LITTLE'S CHANCE.

Judge Wood May Be Compelled to Release the Swindler.

OAKLAND, CAL., April 11.—Judge Wood of the Police Court refused to announce his decision in the matter of holding Root, alias Raymond, alias Miller, alias Morton, alias Wood, alias Nesbit, charged with complicity in the gold-brick swindle, to-day, so that if possible Banker Little of Dixon could be prevailed upon to swear to a warrant. It now all depends on the banker's action whether a man already proven an exceedingly dangerous character to be at large shall go free.

When the case came up to-day Judge Wood said he had no doubt at all that Root was guilty, but he did not think that under the law he could hold him on the charge, but would refuse to pass on the subject until Monday.

CROP PROSPECTS.

Grain Is Very Clean and Fruit Is in First-Class Condition.

HAYWARDS, CAL., April 11.—The favorable spring weather and the recent warm showers have been of much benefit to growing grain, and there is every indication that farmers will harvest one of the largest yields to the acre they have had for years past and of excellent quality. The grain as it now stands is very clean. The rains have not been heavy enough to start the fine grass.

The fruit outlook at this time indicates a fair yield of cherries and apricots, and in many instances a light crop throughout the valley; a fair crop means a better quality and prices are usually in favor of the seller. Other fruits seem to show about an average yield, but none of the orchardists report anything above a fair crop of any variety.

Epworth League Convention.

OAKLAND, CAL., April 11.—The second annual Epworth League Convention of Oakland district will be held on April 17 at the Chester-street Methodist Church. In the evening the election of officers will take place, and addresses will be made by Rev. F. S. Wallis, Rev. M. C. Harris, D.D., and Rev. M. S. Cross, D.D.

How's your sore throat? Gone—long ago! Knocked out by Mitchell's Magic Lotion.

OFFICERS BADLY BUNKOED

A Chinaman Tricks a Poundmaster, Who in Turn Fools a Deputy.

AH SAM MAKES A TEN STRIKE.

He Escapes in the Darkness and Pilot Crowley Is Still Looking for His Day's Fees.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, April 11.

All the towns between here and Haywards are enjoying the story of a dilemma that befell Poundmaster Crowley of Haywards a couple of days ago.

One of the smartest of San Francisco Chinamen came over to Alameda County this week to do business. Being a merchant representing several large houses he cast his eye around looking for a suitable official to introduce him to the leading business men of the county and to prompt him generally in his rounds.

The Chinese merchant, whose name was given as Ah Sam, finally came across Poundmaster Crowley. As the ordinance regarding stray dogs and horses has been strictly enforced for some months the Poundmaster was only too glad to do anything that would add to his income, and he accepted the Chinaman's offer to show him around. They engaged a buggy and whenever the poundman pointed out a merchant of standing Ah Sam would go in and Crowley sat outside. The Chinaman seemed highly pleased with his success and did a big business at Mount Eden, and then a visit was made to San Lorenzo, where several more orders for goods were secured.

Meantime Captain Hansen, a deputy Constable, heard that the lottery ticket business was being boomed in this county and he started out to make a capture if possible. He soon located the merchant with whom Haywards' dignified poundmaster was riding. Captain Hansen questioned them, and as Crowley gave a full explanation of their business they were permitted to go. Hansen continued his search and soon again ran across the same couple. He waited till Ah Sam left a store and then went in and made inquiries which proved that the Chinaman was selling and taking orders for lottery tickets.

Captain Hansen arrested Ah Sam and also Crowley as an accomplice. The Poundmaster showed his badge of office and made known his position to the Constable, but it all availed nothing and Captain Hansen started for Haywards with his prisoners.

As the buggy was only built for two the Constable led the horse and the prisoners occupied seats. Before reaching the calaboose darkness came on, and as it came the Chinaman went, and he has not since been seen. The deputy proceeded with the Poundmaster under arrest, but after a parley he was convinced that he had no evidence against his prisoner and was forced to release him.

There is much speculation now as to who was most badly duped. Captain Hansen certainly caught a tartar in Crowley. Crowley is not yet paid for acting pilot and the use of his rig, and the Chinaman is doubtless in San Francisco, and has struck San Lorenzo from his visiting list.

COMING TOWN ELECTIONS

Haywards and San Leandro Will Elect New Boards and Officers Monday.

The Main Fight in Each Place Is Over the Office of Town Marshal.

SAN LEANDRO, CAL., April 11.—The town elections will be held Monday. All the candidates are independent, and there will be elected three members of the Board of Trustees, City Clerk, City Marshal and City Treasurer.

The candidates for trustees are George Downie, H. F. Eber, J. M. Estudillo, B. D. Gray and N. L. Hansen. L. J. Martin and Frank H. Williams are in the fight for City Clerk. For the lucrative office of City Marshal there are five candidates, Manuel Barge, Michael Geisenhofer, William B. McKenzie, M. J. O'Brien and A. J. Santos. There is no opponent to Joseph Herrscher for City Treasurer.

There will be only two precincts on election day. In Precint 1 the officers will be as follows: Inspectors—W. P. Truesdell, J. Chipman; judges—C. Dawbarn and F. Barradas; tally clerks—A. J. Lynch, D. McCarthy; ballot clerks—F. Gonsalves and J. W. Hass. In the Second Precinct the officers in charge will be: Inspectors—J. Baumberger, S. Ury; judges—W. J. Stratton, C. Peterson; tally clerks—H. A. Morin, T. Morgan; ballot clerks—T. J. Gill and J. Fields.

HAYWARDS, CAL., April 11.—The municipal election will be held Monday. There are many candidates, but the main fight is between Ramage and Obermuller for Marshal. The candidates have all been nominated by petition, and are, therefore, all independent. The candidates are: Town Trustees—George C. Baxter, W. P. Crane, Charles W. Heyer, E. W. Merwin, John D. Pinheiro, M. C. Petersen, William Lawrence, Henry Powell Sr. Town Marshal—George F. Obermuller, W. J. Ramage. Town Clerk—H. E. Brunner, James A. Collins. Town Treasurer—Alonzo Bradford, A. E. Fischer. Library Trustees—F. F. Allen, J. E. Geary, J. J. McDonnell, R. Reid, R. E. Wenk.

There will be a large young men's vot this year, the new registration amounting to over seventy.

EFFECTS OF THE STRIKE

Prominent Contractors Indorse the Building Trades Working Card.

ARE SIGNING AN AGREEMENT.

The Present Situation Results From a Conference Held a Year Ago.

From all that can be learned the unions connected with the building trades are entering upon an era of prosperity never before equaled in the history of trades unionism in this City. This prediction is based upon important information received at the headquarters on Turk street early last evening, which kept the men in earnest discussion until a late hour. The news was nothing else than that a large number of the reputable and prominent contractors, members of the Builders' Exchange, are banding themselves together to help the unions of the building trades in enforcing the working-card.

The history of this action dates back to a year ago this month, when the trades unions were not as prosperous as they are now. The carpenters sent representatives to the members of the Builders' Exchange and asked them to enter into a compact similar to the one in vogue in Chicago, commonly known as the "Chicago agreement." This arrangement has been very successfully carried out between the Chicago contractors and the building trades unions for several years.

Under its provisions the contractors agree to assist the members of the unions to observe the union rules relative to the hours of work, rate of wages and the employment of only union men. The latter in return protect the contractors by driving out of business all "coyote" contractors who work as journeymen part of the time and do contracting at other times at rates below what any reputable contractor can figure.

Such an agreement the local carpenters wanted to make with the contractors, but the latter said that the unions were not properly organized at the time. "Go and perfect your organizations; get all your craftsmen into your unions and then you will be in a position to demand better wages, better hours and a recognition of the working card," was the substance of the answer in reply to the request.

The workmen at once took the hint believing that when they could make a showing their request would be favorably received by the better class of contractors. In furtherance of the idea the Building Trades Council was organized and as it is well known the working card was put out on the 1st inst.

The strike that followed did not have an injurious effect upon the arrangement because those affected by the strike are not in the list of those who advised the journeymen to organize a year ago and it served one good purpose. It showed the strength of the building trades unions. This was what the local contractors mentioned wanted to see, and having seen it is evident that they are satisfied.

Yesterday a prominent contractor in conversation with one of his workmen gave the startling but pleasing information that a number of the most reputable and best-known contractors in the Builders' Exchange were signing an agreement to stand by and support the card system. He added: "I signed the agreement to-day, and there is a long list ahead of my name. If the unions stand by the card we will stand by the unions." The contractor made good his words by informing the men that they must all show up for work on Monday morning with their working cards in hand.

When comparing notes at headquarters last evening it was found that several contractors had notified their men to be provided with working cards on Monday morning, and two of the contractors gave similar information regarding the agreement among the contractors to uphold the unions' working card system and employ only union men. This agreement so far as can be learned exists only among members of the exchange and completely cuts off outside contractors.

SUICIDE WITH A RIFLE.

C. H. Warden Pulls the Fatal Trigger With His Toe.

C. H. Warden committed suicide last night at his home, 621 Twenty-first street. He loaded his Winchester rifle, removed the shoe from his right foot, placed the muzzle of the weapon in his mouth and pulled the trigger with his toe. There was a loud report, and when members of Warden's family rushed into the room they found him with the top of his head blown off. He died instantly.

Warden was 28 years of age. He leaves his mother and three sisters. The mother said he had been out of work for a long time, and was expecting money that did not come. Though of a jolly disposition he grew despondent.

Sons of St. George.

The City and Alameda County lodges of the Sons of St. George have made arrangements to hold their ninth annual picnic at Sunset Park, in the Santa Cruz Mountains, on the 30th of May. The City lodges of this order, assisted by the Daughters of St. George, will combine to celebrate St. George's day, Thursday, April 23, by holding a grand entertainment and ball at their hall, 317 Mason street.

General Dimond's Illness.

General Dimond has been ill at his home at 2126 Broadway for some time, but his family and friends are not apprehensive of any serious results. In fact, the general was much improved yesterday. His family say he is only taking a much-needed rest.

Deafness does not decrease the chance for life. Deaf people live as long as others.