RECEPTION TO A NOTED POET.

Rose Hartwick Thorpe the Center of a Select Gathering.

AN ARDENT SUFFRAGIST

Is the Author of "The Curfew Shall Not Ring To-Night."

TELLS HOW SHE WROTE IT.

A Magnificent Banner Awarded Her at the World's Columbian Exposition.

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

A very select party met to-night at the elegant home of Hon. and Mrs. E. L. Briggs, on Eleventh street, to meet Mrs. Rose Hartwick Thorpe and her husband.

Mrs. Thorpe is known the world over as the author of "The Curfew Must Not Ring To-night."

In response to many requests Mrs. Thorpe told the guests how the well-known poem came to be published. "I was only 16 years old when I wrote it," she said, "and at that time I had no thought of publishing it. I put it away and did not think anything more about it for three years. It was in the autumn of 1870 that I came across the forgotten 'Curfew' and I sent it to a Detroit editor with an apology. Some days later he sent me a letter stating that the little piece was destined to make my fame as a writer. For a long time it was printed and reprinted, but without my name. It was attributed by some to Tennyson, by others to Longfellow, and finally I took steps to credit the poem to the one who wrote it. I never got anything for it except the $10 which I received for the manuscript."

Among other numbers Mrs. Thorpe recited her now famous poem. She said that there is another verse that has never been printed, but as it is copyrighted she is not at liberty to give it for publication.

Mrs. Thorpe is a very enthusiastic worker for women's suffrage. "I believe heartily in it," she said. "In the first place it is right, and in the end right will prevail. I, and thousands of other women in this State, and, I may say, men, whom I have met recently, are all united in congratulating THE CALL on the stand it has taken in the matter. The time has come when the women are bound to be granted the right to represent themselves, and a great daily paper that grasps the situation, as one has already done, is simply showing a foresight that cannot be too highly commended.

"It requires a great display of courage to adopt a policy such as THE CALL has adopted. The Republican party of this State made no mistake when they inserted the woman's suffrage plank in their platform."

In the large reception hall was displayed the magnificent jeweled banner given to Mrs. Thorpe at the World's Fair. It was presented in the Michigan building by the women of that State and contains thirty jewels, while gold and silver are lavishly used. There is an oil portrait of the author and a scene suggested by the poem on the banner. The whole is a beautiful work of art.

CLASS DAY EXERCISES.

Secrets of To-Day's Programme at the University Kept Inviolate.

Dr. John Watson's Lecture on Idealism. Preparing for the San Jose Game.

BERKELEY, CAL., May 7.—President Wyckoff of the senior class at the university announced this afternoon the programme of exercises for class day, which will fall on next Saturday.

The committee in charge refuses to divulge the nature of the performances which are to take place in the amphitheater in the afternoon and around which the interest of the day is customarily centralized. They merely state that the performance will not be of such a decidedly spectacular nature as that of '95, but that it will be more like the class-day programmes rendered eight or ten years ago. "We are going to bring to life some of the old college customs if we can," said one of the committee to-day, "but we will not say what these customs are to be."

In the morning at 10 o'clock addresses will be given from Founders' Rock, back of the new Mechanics' building, by Galen M. Fisher '96 and Dr. S. H. Willey of San Francisco.

It is remarkable to say that Dr. Willey is the only surviving "founder" of the university who stood on the rock the day it was declared to be the "Founders' Rock," April 16, 1860. An address from the rock will also be given by President Kellogg. Immediately after the closing of these exercises the class pilgrimage will be commenced, when the processional line of students will make a tour of all the buildings on the campus, stopping at intervals on their itinerary to listen to short speeches from the seniors. At the Chemistry building Raymond Russ will deliver an address; at the library Benjamin Ramsdell will speak, and at North Hall A. W. North will make a few remarks. On their pilgrimage they will be led by the university brass band. At the close of the address of North, the guests will retire to the Greek-letter fraternity houses and elsewhere for luncheon.

From 2 until 3 the band will render an open-air concert under the historic oaks. At 3 o'clock the performances in Ben Weed's amphitheater, back of the Chemistry building, will commence. President Wyckoff will open the exercises with a speech, in which he will tell what his class has done for the university, what it has not done and what it proposes to do. The class history will be read by Wittenmeyer, the big football player. Some humorous jests and joshes are expected in this part of the programme if precedent is carried out. The class prophecy will be read by Frank Argall, Miss Farnum and W. D. Thompson. Then the surprise of the day will be sprung upon the arrival of "Farmer Simpkins," evidently the leading character in a comic show. The entire senior class will be in uniform costume. The young ladies will wear white dresses and the young men white ducks and plugs.

For the Championship.

BERKELEY, CAL., May 7.—The Berkeley baseball players held their last practice game this afternoon in preparation for their final meet with Stanford to-morrow morning at San Jose to determine the intercollegiate baseball championship for the season of '96. Flushed with the signal victory over the cardinals in last Saturday's game on the Palo Alto diamond, they are confident of running up a high score in to-morrow's contest. The players and a big crowd of "rooters" will leave for San Jose on the 8:15 narrow-gauge train from Oakland to-morrow morning.

The final examinations at the university were practically completed to-day, and as to-morrow will be free for most of the students a large number will accompany their nine to the battle-ground. It was hoped by Manager Miller that a party of 300 could be secured, as a result of which a special train would be run and an excursion rate of $1 25 be charged. As it is the students will be privileged to take advantage of the carnival rate of $1 60 for the round trip. The game will be called at 10:30. Following will be the Berkeley players: Wheeler, catcher; Morden, pitcher; McLaren, shortstop; Batchelder, right field; Elston, captain pro tem. and second base; Krug, third base; Proctor, center field; Hoag, left held; Kaarsburg, subpitcher; Mott and Hall, subs.

Watson on Idealism.

BERKELEY, CAL., May 7.—Dr. John Watson, the eminent philosopher, gave the last of his series of four special lectures before the Philosophical Union of the State University this evening. The lecture was a practical continuation of the discourse rendered last evening, the subject of which was "A Defense of Intellectual Idealism." Considerably more attention than last evening was devoted, however, to the matter of discussing the problems contained in Watson's book on "Compte, Mill and Spencer." The discussion was chiefly between Professor Howison and Dr. Watson, although other members of the union participated.

The next public address which Dr. Watson will give in Berkeley will be at Harmon on Tuesday evening, the 12th inst. The subject for this discourse will be "A Comparison of the Greek and Christian Ideas of Life." In speaking of the topic Dr. Watson said: "First, I will deal with the philosophy of Aristotle and Plato; secondly, with Christianity as set forth by its founder, Christ, as distinguished from subsequent doctrinal development; and, thirdly, mediæval Christianity, as contrasted with the point of view of modern thought."

Cornell Accepts.

BERKELEY, CAL., May 7.—The University of California cadets rifle team received a telegram this afternoon from the Cornell cadets, stating that they would accept the challenge of the U. C. men for a rifle shooting contest, to take place next Monday. The shoot will be conducted by telegraph, and the range which the Berkeley men will use will be at Shell Mound.

Their contest with the University of Illinois cadets, as announced in a recent issue of THE CALL, will take place on Monday also, at the same shooting-range. The names of the Berkeley contestants have not as yet been selected.

Flower Show.

BERKELEY, CAL., May 7.—The annual Berkeley flower show will open to-morrow morning and remain open on Friday and Saturday, day and evening.

Among the principal exhibitors are J. F. Symms, Mrs. Smyth, Professor Wickson, M. L. Hanscom, Warren Cheney, Mrs. Breck, Mrs. Seabury, Mrs. Ben Morgan, Miss Graber, Miss Greenleaf, Miss Brockway, Miss F. M. Wilson, James Love, John Henderson, Mrs. Theodore Wagner, Miss Bolton.

Again Refused Marriage.

BERKELEY, CAL., May 7.—Mrs. Nora Townsend and Harry Bentley, the couple whose marriage Father Phillips refused to solemnize a few days ago, presented themselves to the priest again last evening, seeking a ceremony. Bentley was armed with a certificate from a notary showing that his last wife was dead, but it did not refer to his first wife, so the ceremony was again refused. Bentley says he will be married to-morrow, sure.

New Musical Club.

BERKELEY, CAL., May 7.—A banjo club has been formed at the State University in connection with the glee club. The present membership of the club is as follows: Banjo players—Fred S. Knight '98, Temple Smith '98, Raymond J. Russ '96, C. R. Moss '96, Frank Argall '96; guitar players—T. A. Smith '97, O. T. Wedemeyer '98, Frank P. Taylor '97, S. Rawlings '97. C. R. Morse has been chosen musical director.

Summer Surveyors.

BERKELEY, CAL., May 7.—A party of about thirty-five students of the State University is arranging to go, in charge of Professor Randall and H. H. Hirst '96, on a summer surveying expedition.

The party will be made up of juniors in railroad engineering and sophomores in mining. They will probably go to Duncans Mills, Sonoma County, where a similar class went last year.

Women's Congress.

OAKLAND, CAL., May 7. — On next Wednesday afternoon and evening the Women's Congress will meet at the First Unitarian Church, and some of the papers read this week in San Francisco will be repeated.

WAS MISSING A DOZEN YEARS.

Samuel McBrown Returns a Rich Colombian Miner.

GIVEN UP FOR DEAD.

Found by a Solicitor Who Worked for the Midwinter Fair Paper.

WAS A WELL-KNOWN LAWYER.

Did Not Notify His Family of His Going and Could Not Write.

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

Samuel McBrown, who has been lost to his friends and family for twelve years, has returned from Panama, and his coming back was much of a surprise as his going away.

A number of years ago Mr. McBrown heard of a very rich mining region in the United States of Colombia, South America. Without giving any warning he went off to the mines, and nothing more was heard of him till three months ago.

Letters on both sides failed to reach their destination, and years went by with anxiety and unsatisfactory tidings, until the family believed Mr. McBrown had been the victim of some of the dreadful fevers that are so fatal to foreigners in that part of the country. A little tinge of romance enters into the story that causes the once happy family to be reunited.

Mr. McBrown's only son established himself in the publishing business in San Francisco, and during the Midwinter Fair published the official organ of the fair.

It required a number of men as solicitors for advertisements, and among them was a very intelligent man who had traveled the world over and was contemplating a trip to South America when the fair closed.

He was told of Mr. McBrown's family's anxiety to know if he was in the land of the living, and he promised to investigate the matter thoroughly.

Though they had but little hope the family was surprised to receive three months later a letter from Mr. McBrown, who had been put into communication through the American Consul at Panama with his wife and children.

At the time of writing he was supposed to be on his dying-bed, dangerously ill with enlargement of the liver, and, though thousands of dollars had been spent for medical treatment, no relief came. He wrote that the doctors could not promise any hope of recovery, and when he suggested the trip home predicted, even were he to recover sufficiently to leave his bed, the tax of the journey homeward would kill him and he would be buried in the Pacific Ocean. Notwithstanding this advice, the thought of once more being home with his family gave him a strength that carried him to Panama, and from the very moment he left there he began to feel better and to gain strength, which permitted him to reach home, where the best physicians that can be procured will take the case, with a hope of Mr. McBrown's ultimate recovery.

Mr. McBrown is closely identified with the early history of California, coming here in the days of '49 and settling in Nevada County, where he once owned gold mines and considerable other property. He was also one of the pioneer lawyers of this State, and practiced at Reese River, in the State of Nevada, where he was associated in business relations with John Garber of Berkeley.

Of the few remaining pioneer friends who are in this city the oldest is Jesse Wall, ex-Superintendent of Streets, who was a very intimate acquaintance of Mr. McBrown.

For some years his wife and children, who are all well-known residents of this city and San Francisco, thought him to be dead.

The wife who waited so long for news of her absent husband is a well-known Oakland girl.

Mr. McBrown while yet a young and rising lawyer married Miss Louise Hartman, second daughter of Dr. Hartman, a prominent physician later of Oakland and San Francisco, who at the time of their marriage was the pioneer fruit-raiser of Nevada County.

While in Colombia Mr. McBrown's ventures have been very successful, and he is now the owner of much valuable property in that country. A mail very rarely reaches the place, and to this the family attribute their failure to hear from their father during his long absence.

Mr. McBrown is a relative of ex-Governor Eli H. Murray of San Diego and John McBrown, a Sacramento Supervisor.

Annual Meeting.

OAKLAND, CAL., May 7.—The Alameda County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at its annual meeting last evening selected the following board of directors: Mrs. S. C. Sanford, Mrs. E. E. Greenman, Mrs. E. A. Sherman, Mrs. O. E. Gifford, Mrs. J. C. Campbell, Rev. C. W. Wendte, C. T. Johns, O. M. Sanford and Dr. Carpenter.

The directors met immediately and elected officers as follows: President, Rev. C. W. Wendte; vice president and attorney, C. T. Johns; secretary, Mrs. S. C. Sanford; treasurer, Mrs. E. E. Greenman; veterinary surgeon, Dr. Carpenter.

County Exhibit.

OAKLAND, CAL., May 7.—The directors of the Board of Trade at their meeting last evening decided to urge the Board of Supervisors to grant the use of the lower room in the annex of the Hall of Records for that organization to make an exhibit of the products and manufactures of Alameda County.

A letter from the Board of Trade of Dallas, Tex., asking for their support of the passage of a National bankruptcy bill was referred to a special committee, who are to correspond with members of Congress.

New Electric Line.

OAKLAND, CAL., May 7.—The Laundry Farm railroad will be transformed into an electric line before the month is out if all goes well. The poles are all set and the work of running of wires will commence Monday. The line will be run in connection with the local electric road to Alameda.

Second Exposition.

OAKLAND, CAL., May 7.—The Oakland Exposition Association (incorporated) will meet next week to begin planning for the next exposition, to be held here in the fall. As the Mechanic's Fair opens in San Francisco in August the local exposition will in all probability be held in September. The association has the same manager who so successfully inaugurated and carried out last year's exposition.

Ainsworth Estate.

OAKLAND, CAL., May 7.—Fannie B. Ainsworth as executrix and Harry B. Ainsworth as executor of the estate of the late J. C. Ainsworth have petitioned for permission to borrow $100,000 from the German Savings and Loan Society of San Francisco. To secure this they desire to mortgage the property at the southwest corner of Eleventh and Broadway 100x100 feet. The loan is to run three years at 7½ per cent interest.

Matron Bennett Retires.

OAKLAND, CAL., May 7.—The Receiving Hospital to-day loses Mrs. Adelia M. Bennett, who has been matron since Mrs. Larsen's death, and will be temporarily succeeded by Mrs. M. D. Dailey. Mrs. Bennett has been faithful to her duties and always cheerful and agreeable to the press representatives, all of whom will be sorry to see her retire.

CHILDREN'S HOME.

Urgent Need of Funds by the Oakland Ladies' Relief Society.

OAKLAND, CAL., May 7.—The Oakland Ladies' Relief Society held its annual meeting and election of officers at the Children's Home in Temescal to-day. The election resulted in the choice of the following:

Board of Managers—Mrs. F. L. Brown, Mrs. Charles E. Cotton, Mrs. George C. Edwards, Miss Louise de Fremery, Mrs. H. F. Gordon, Mrs. W. D. Gelette, Mrs. H. P. Gregory, Mrs. H. P. Livermore, Miss Grace Playter, Mrs. H. C. Taft, Mrs. J. T. Wright, Mrs. R. A. Wellman, Mrs. George E. Whitney, Mrs. F. N. Wilson.

Board of directors—Mrs. R. G. Brown, Miss E. L. Blake, Mrs. Charles T. Blake, Miss Campbell, Mrs. L. E. Dam, Mrs. B. F. Dunham, Mrs. A. Lilienerantz, Mrs. E. G. Matthews, Mrs. J. E. McElraith, Mrs. Jefferson Mauray, Mrs. A. E. Miner, Mrs. George P. Morrow, Mrs. F. S. Stratton, Mrs. James Spiers, Mrs. E. C. William.

The officers elected were: President, Mrs. E. C. Williams; first vice-president, Mrs. J. E. McElraith; second vice-president, Mrs. James Spiers; treasurer, Miss A. E. Miner; recording secretary, Mrs. F. S. Stratton; corresponding secretary, Miss Campbell; honorary president, Mrs. L. E. Dam; honorary first and second vice-presidents, Mrs. R. W. Kirkham and Mrs. J. L. N. Shephard.

THE SCHOOL CENSUS.

Marshal Friend's Report Shows an Increase Over Last Year's Enumeration.

OAKLAND, CAL., May 7.—The enumeration of children in this city has been completed by School Census Marshal Friend, and contrary to all expectation the total shows an increase over last year's figures of 141. The thorough manner in which the work was handled is believed to be the main reason of this gain. The figures by wards and those of last year are as follows:

	1896.	1895.
First Ward	2,097	2,074
Second Ward	2,568	2,579
Third Ward	1,833	1,781
Fourth Ward	1,881	1,969
Fifth Ward	877	881
Sixth Ward	1,330	1,270
Seventh Ward	2,697	2,988
Total	13,283	13,142

All the children embraced in the above figures are what are termed "pay" children, being between 5 and 17 years of age. These are the ones who draw school money from the State. The number of children under five years was found to be 4862, as compared to 4933 last year, a falling off of 71. The grand total of children in the city under 17 years of age is 18,145, as against 18,075 last year, an increase of 70.

ROSBOROUGH IS EDITOR.

Formally Declared So by the Directors of the Ægis Publishing Company.

OAKLAND, CAL., May 7.—The editorship of the Oakland High School Ægis has at last been definitely settled. Yesterday afternoon the directors of the company considered the charges of fraud filed by Cloud, the defeated candidate, and decided that no fraud whatever had been resorted to in electing Joseph Rosborough editor, so the directors formally declared Rosborough editor. To-day work on an eighty-page illustrated number, to be published at the end of the term, will be commenced by Rosborough and his staff.

WANT INFORMATION.

Questions Sent to the Parents of Lincoln School Boys.

OAKLAND, CAL., May 7.—The parents of boys in the Lincoln School have been considerably surprised at receiving the following set of questions:

For what study has your son a decided liking?

For what study does he display the greatest aptitude?

If he dislikes any study please give reasons therefor if possible.

Does he study at home on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week?

Have you any choice about what studies should be prepared at home?

Do you think the habit of study is formed, or do you find it necessary to remind your child of his lessons?

If you subscribe for a child's periodical please mention it.

How many books do you allow your child to read each month?

Who selects his reading matter?

Does he read the daily papers?

Does he attend entertainments on school nights?

Is your child healthy or is he predisposed to disease?

Is he of an industrious disposition or is he indolent with regard to manual labor?

Do you favor industrial training in connection with the intellectual education of the public system?

Superintendent McClaymond says they are not authorized by the Board of Education.

Company G.

ALAMEDA, CAL., May 7.—The sequel to the absence of the major portion of Company G, which ought to have paraded for battalion drill on Monday night, was the application to-night for the discharge of no less than thirty-eight members of the company. This will leave but nineteen members, though the captain says he has others from San Francisco who are willing to take their places.

BATTLE OF THE BRIDGE.

Eighth Street Closed to Citizens but Open to a Railroad.

INSOLVENCY AN ADVANTAGE.

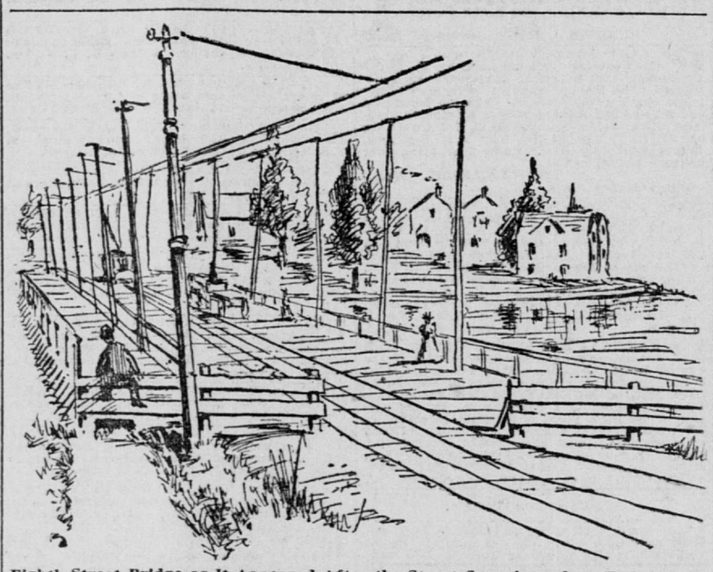
To Close Up the Tracks Would Place the City in Contempt of Court.

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

Eighth-street bridge was closed this afternoon, and the public was bereft of one of the only two highways connecting East Oakland with Broadway.

The tracks of the electric road are open, and that corporation has, therefore, a privilege that is denied citizens. The road is in the hands of a receiver, and to touch its property would be contempt of court and would immediately cause an injunction to issue.

The whole matter is the result of the deadlock between Mayor Davie and Street Superintendent Miller. The latter claims that he can get no requisitions for materials needed to repair the bridge from the Mayor's office and that it is in such a dangerous condition that the city will be caught in a big damage suit if it is not closed. The Council took this view of the situation, and ordered the Street Superintendent to fence the street up to the car track and request the receiver to close the balance.



Eighth-Street Bridge as It Appeared After the Street Superintendent Had Obeyed the Order of the Council.

Mayor Davie declares the whole thing is a political job. He declares that he has never refused to allow lumber for the bridge—that in fact no such requisition had ever been presented to him. The Mayor threatened that if the Superintendent attempted to carry out the orders of the Council he would go down himself and tear the obstruction down and would even arrest the Superintendent for violating the law by blocking a public street.

Superintendent Miller, however, took a force of men this afternoon and closed the street, except that portion occupied by the electric road.

Mayor Davie to-night said:

"I shall take a force of men in the morning, go down to the bridge and repair it and then remove the obstructions placed there to-day by Miller. The whole thing is a political job. The bridge only needs a few boards on the flooring and it will do until the contractors begin to rebuild it next month. There have been thousands of dollars allowed for the corporation yard, but where does it go. No requisition has been made for lumber to repair the bridge. If he wants lumber for any specific purpose I will sign the requisition, but I will never sign one for lumber to go into the corporation yard, so that it can be carried home to be made into chicken coops and fences for private individuals."

ALAMEDA'S BIG VICTORY.

Judge Greene Decides for the City After Fifteen Years' Delay.

Municipal League Meeting—Delanoy Not Arrested Yet—Floral Fete. Company G.

ALAMEDA, CAL., May 7.—After more than fifteen years of weary litigation and endless delays the city has come by its own. Railroad avenue ends at Park street, and its continuation after the intersection is known as Lincoln avenue. To open this street eastward to High street through the famous Cohen property has been the desire of successive Boards of Trustees. To-day it has been made possible, as Judge Greene dissolved the primary injunction with costs against Mrs. Emily G. Cohen, and the city authorities are now able to proceed without fear of any restraining order.

The Poles Not Up Yet.

ALAMEDA, CAL., May 7.—All day long Old Glory spread itself to the breeze over the Central block. All day long at the foot of Chestnut street and Clement avenue a posthole remained open. They were both the act of the much-talked-about F. N. Delanoy. The import of the latter's action was distinct and unmistakable. His visor was closed and the gage thrown down. The city authorities ascribed the unfurling of the flag to the enunciation of a local Monroe doctrine. Mr. Delanoy said the flag might be said to represent jewelry, the consistency being wanting. He had dug the hole, informed the Street Superintendent of his action, waited for two hours at the hole to be arrested and at last begged to be arrested, as the city authorities had notified him would be done. But they would not arrest. The city is going to content itself with pulling up the poles as soon as they are inserted. This afternoon neither the City Attorney nor Counsel Bruner had decided on their future action. One is simply waiting for the other. So far no poles have been set up. They are reposing in the mud of the estuary.

Points of Interest.

ALAMEDA, CAL., May 7.—The arguments on the law of the gambling cases in the Recorder's courts were postponed this morning for a week by mutual consent.

The pulpit of the Unitarian Church next Sunday will be filled by the Rev. Horatio Stebbins, D. D., in the morning, and by the Rev. E. B. Payne in the evening. The latter gentleman, who is the founder of the Altruria experimental colonies, will take as his subject "A Programme for Industrial and Political Reform."

A twenty-five mile relay race is scheduled for next Saturday between the Alameda High School and the Anderson University Academy cyclists. The race will start at 9 o'clock from High-street bridge, and the course will be from that point to the San Leandro triangle, which will be circuited three times and thence back to the starting point.

A Notary Public.

ALAMEDA, CAL., May 7.—William Holtz, notary public at the West End, has had suit brought against him in the Superior Court. The plaintiff is John Gooby, and he seeks to recover the sum of $5750 as damages. The whole question turns on the abandonment of a homestead and the signature thereto. Gooby says the certificate of acknowledgment is false, fraudulent and a forgery. He transferred his equity in the homestead to his wife, from whom he was estranged. Mrs. Gooby borrowed $5000 on the property on the strength of the certificate of abandonment. Her husband says he has spent $750 to clear his title and asks for $5000 additional as damages.

The Floral Fete.

ALAMEDA, CAL., May 7.—The committees from the various churches, who are promoting the floral fete in connection with the Alameda Woman's Relief Society, met this afternoon in the Council chamber to arrange the details. It is intended to have a monster bicycle parade on the main streets the night before the fete opens, in which the Alameda Cyclers, the Diamond, Reliance, Acme and Olympic clubs will participate. On Thursday afternoon there will be a May-pole dance, and in the evening a grand concert. Friday night is set apart for the production in the open air of "As You Like It." Everything points to an undoubted success.

Municipal League.

ALAMEDA, CAL., May 7.—The executive committee of the Alameda Municipal League No. 1 held a meeting last night at the residence of Dr. E. S. Clark, 2161 Central avenue. The business consisted in reviewing the labors of the sub-committee which was appointed to arrange suitable literature for distribution to the citizens on the electric light question. With a few minor amendments the result of their labors was unanimously approved and measures taken for printing the same and distributing it broadcast.

NEW ASSESSMENTS.

Ferry-Boats of the Railroad Termed as Personal Property.

OAKLAND, CAL., May 7.—County Assessor H. P. Dalton has transmitted to City Auditor Snow his assessments on the railroad property for 1896-97. Instead of assessing the ferry-boats as realty of the company as last year they are put as personal property. The valuations are reduced $25,000 from last year's figures and are as follows:

Piedmont $35,000, last year $40,000.
Oakland $32,000, last year $35,000.
Transit $20,000, last year $25,000.
Thoroughfare, $20,000, last year same.
El Captan $12,000, last year $15,000.
Alameda $8500, last year $17,500.

Personal property in the West Oakland yard is given the following valuation: Lumber $45,000, ties $27,000, coal $43,750, rails $4600, wood $1500, piles $5000; total, including boats, $296,450.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Joseph Newman to Josephine Newman, lot on NW corner of Scott and Fulton streets, W 125 by N 70; also lot on N line of Bush street, 220 W of Laguna, W 55 by N 137:6; also lot on E line of Fremont street, 85:6 N of Harrison, N 52 by E 137:6; also undivided half interest in lots 15, 16, 17, block —, Excelsior Homestead, NE corner of Persia and Athens streets; gift.

Elizabeth H. and Georgia E. Curtis to Louise Levy and Charles F. Moore, lot on E line of Boyce street, 400 N of Geary, N 50 by E 120; $10.

R. D. and Jennie Cranston and R. and Theresa Keenan to Michael Kilday, lot on E line of Masonic avenue, 50 S of Haight, S 25 by E 87:6; $10.

J. D. and Sarah F. Thornton to Edward J. Bowes, lot on S line of Clay street, 175 W of Spruce, W 50 by S 127:8¼; $10.

Miguel, Vincent and Catalina Noe and Catalina Spivak to Andrew B. Knox, undivided half interest in following: Lot on W line of Nineteenth street, 180 W of Sanchez, W 25 by N 114; also lot on S line of Ford street, 235 E of Noe, E 25 by S 114; also lot on SE corner of Guerrero and Elizabeth streets, S 50:6 by E 71:0¾; also lot on NW corner of Dolores and Liberty street, N 52 by W 105; also lot on N line of Nineteenth street, 155 W of Sanchez, W 25 by N 114; also lot on W line of Castro street, 85 S of Twenty-fifth street, S 25 by W 80; also lot on N line of Nineteenth street, 205 W of Sanchez, W 25 by N 114; $10.

M. Morgenthau Company to Bernhard Pearson, lot on E line of Hampshire street, 97:6 N of Twenty-second, N 25 by E 100; $10.

J. W. and Rebecca Wolf to Henry Feige Jr., lot on W line of Sanchez street, 51:6 N of Elizabeth, N 25 by W 100; $10.

James E. Bell and A. Dalton Harrison to William B. Fox, lot on S line of Clay street, 171:6½ E of Kearny, E 34:4½ by S 119:6; $10.

William B. Fox to Laura Fox, same; $10.

San Francisco Land Company to John F. Underwood, lot on N line of California street, 32:6 E of Eleventh avenue, E 25 by N 100; $10.

Same to George H. Underwood, lot on N line of California street, 57:6 E of Eleventh avenue, E 25 by N 100; $10.

Solomon and Dora Getz to Kate Welsh, lot on W line of Twenty-third avenue, 100 N of California street, N 25 by W 120; $10.

Frank H. Vasilt to Minnie Falk, lot on N line of Clement street, 82:6 E of Third avenue, E 25 by N 100; $10.

Adolph Sutro to Robert Ervine, lot 8, block 224; $10.

Catherine Billings to Matilda Peterson, lot on SE corner of A street and Twenty-seventh avenue, E 75 by S 125; gift.

F. J. Berry to G. Johansen, lot on W line of Twenty-eighth avenue, 292 N of C street, N 26 by W 120; $300.

Sol and Dora Getz to Patrick J. Kelleher, lot on E line of Tenth avenue, 125 S of N street, S 25 by E 120; $10.

John F. and Angeline Millerick to John Mugge, lot on W line of Gates street, 50 S of Union avenue, S 75 by W 70, lots 383, 385 and 387, Gift Map 2; $10.

Isaac and Ettie Cohen to W. F. Kroll, lot on W line of Cherubusco street, 338:8 N of Cortland avenue, N 25:8 by W 140, lots 235 and 253, Cobb Tract; $10.

Mary J. Turner to Jackson Martin, lot on S line of Clarendon avenue, 108:10 W of Lincoln, W 25:1½, S 117, E 25, N 119:1; $500.

Edwin O. Andrews to C. O. Brigham, John C. Hoppe and Albion P. Whitney, re-record 866, deed 115, of lot on SW line of Fifteenth avenue, 262:6 SE of J street, SE 37:6 by SW 100; block 309, South San Francisco Homestead and Railroad; $487.

ALAMEDA COUNTY.

Agnes O'Brien to Kate O'Brien, undivided interest in lot on W line of Hannah street, 300 N of A, N 25 by W 133, being subdivision A of lot 9, block 794, Watts Tract, Map 2, Oakland; gift.

Carrie Smith, William S. and J. H. Steel and Ada Perry to Judson J. Traver, lot on N line of Twenty-first street, 137:6 W of Curtis, W 37:6 by N 100, block 1, Curtis & Williams Tract, quitclaim deed, Oakland; $10.

Mabel McGee to same, lot on N line of Twenty-first street, 37:6 W of Curtis, W 37:6 by N 100, block 1, same, quitclaim deed, Oakland; $1.

Judson J. Traver to John C. Traver, lot on N line of Twenty-first street, 137:6 W of Curtis, W 37:6 by N 100, block 1, same, quitclaim deed, Oakland; $10.

John Huttar to A. J. Ross, lot on W line of Brown street, 156:6 N of Mariposa, N 50 by W 107, block A, Brumagim Tract, Oakland Township; $10.

Town of Berkeley to Edward Cavanagh, lot on W line of Sacramento street, 9 S of Bancroft way (as now opened), S 30 by W 362.53, quitclaim deed, Berkeley; $1.

Charles A. and Alice C. Bailey to Martha L. Ages, lot on NE corner Lincoln and California streets, E 45 by N 100, being the W 45 feet of lot 7, Virginia Tract, Berkeley; $5.

Charles and Eliza A. Cornberger to Albert Woodbridge, lot 41, block A, Fanny Davenport Tract, being a subdivision of lot 6, Yoakum Tract, quitclaim deed, Brooklyn Township; $1.

Albert S. Woodbridge to Charles Cornberger, lot on NW line of Gordon avenue, 262.22 NE from N San Leandro road, NE 50, NW 120.43, SW 50, SE 120.43 to beginning, being lot 40, block A, same, Brooklyn Township; $475.

Same to W. J. Covey, lot on NW line of Gordon avenue, 112.22 NE from N San Leandro road, NE 150, NW 120.43, SW 150, SE 120.43 to beginning, being lots 41, 42 and 43, block A, same, Brooklyn Township; $1200.

A. J. and Delia McLeod to Evaristo Pronzini, lot on N corner of Lizzie and Fourth streets, NE 150 by NW 50, being the S one-third of lots 10, 11 and 12, block 9, McLeod Tract, town of Livermore, Murray Township; $225.

John Straub to Louisa Straub, lot on N line of Saunders street, 160 W of Mitchell, W 70 by N 88:9, being portion of Ghirardelli Tract, Brooklyn Township; gift.

A. M. Anderson to Henry G. Parker, lot 14, block 3, East Oakland Heights, East Oakland; $10.

David Williams to Margaret K. C. Williams, lot on W line of Blaine avenue, 100 S of Twelfth street, S 50 by W 125, being lot 20, block N, Huntington Tract, Brooklyn Township; gift.

William and H. E. Knox (et al. by Commissioner) to Johanna Schilling, lots 5 and 6 and 15, block G, lots 4 and 5, block F, lots 2, 3 and 15 to 18, block M, Knox Tract, adjunct to Haywards, Eden Township; $950.

Builders' Contracts.

John J. Vollmer with Hood & Watson, all work for a two-story frame building on E line of Scott street, 50 S of Grove, H. Gellfuss architect; $2499.

Dr. E. M. Wemple with A. Macheson, plastering, deafening iron lathing and staff work for a two-story frame building on the NE corner of Kentucky and Napa streets, Hugo W. Storch, architect; $1088.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

GRAND HOTEL.

M L Staven, Los Angeles
A Smith, Los Angeles
G B Ellis, Redlands
H H Sinclair, Redlands
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L Middlecoff, San Jacinto
W E Elliott, Santa Maria
P F Winchester Sta Barb
J M Squen, Santa Barbra
J W Taggart, Sta Barbra
G G Radcliff, Watsnville
A G Lay, Santa Cruz
T L Carothers, Ukiah
J E Mack, San Bernard
R H Franklin, Colton
R Sellan, Redlands
M V Vanderhoof, Sta Rosa
R T Brown, Santa Rosa
J M Stering, Santa Rosa
R P Stephenson, Hollister
S F Kelly, San Bernardno
J A Whitmore, San Bdno
W N Monroe, Los Ang
F W Richardson, San Bernardino
S N Andrews, Los Ang
C W Pendleton, Los Ang
R A Long, Los Angeles
R A Bird, Los Angeles
N Cole Jr, Los Angeles
S K Adams, Los Angeles
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A J Pillsbury, Tulare
Miss L M Bernard, Sacto
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C C Coe, Cal
S W Madera, Cal
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Dr Stephens, Petaluma
J E Crew, Courtland
J Richards, El Dorado
Mrs Runyon, Courland
W J Richards, El Dorado
Miss Runyon, Courland
R Schwariz, N Y
Miss Z Mann, Courtland
C Werneger, Portland
Capt W H Patterson & w, Portland
T Purvis, Redlands
L Grant & w, Stockton
R Roper, Sacramento
M Maginess, Ross Valley
A G Litch & w, Chico
D P Hatch, Los Angeles
W H Shepherd, Willows
J C Jasper, Wheatland
Miss Shepherd, Willows
C Sangster, Lompoc
H Hale & w, Battle Cr
J McCarthy, Guatemala
F Buttleman, Marysville
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W Bruce, Chicago
L V Dorsey, Grass Vall
G J Owens, San Mateo
Dr F R Horrel, Arcata
M C Dresbach, Minn
P Musto & w, Stockton
Miss Musto, Stockton
J J Smith & w, Stockton
D McTerrill & w, Ill

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