

DEATH THINNING THE G. A. R. RANKS.

Sorrowful Public Duty of Lyon Post After Reinstatement.

AN OLD COMRADE DIES.

Private Mongelaz Answers the Last Call at a Good Old Age.

PRESENTED THE FIRST FLAG.

For Eighteen Years He Was Collector of the French Benevolent Society.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, July 9. The first public duty of Lyon Post after its reinstatement will be to bury one of its oldest members.



The Late Charles Joseph Mongelaz. His Military Funeral Will Be the First Public Act of Lyon Post, G. A. R. After Its Reinstatement.

from the ranks of the veterans and tomorrow afternoon will be buried by his comrades.

The deceased was one of the charter members of Lyon Post, and has worked hard to maintain its standing. He took great interest in Grand Army matters, and was always a prominent figure at all public ceremonies.

When Lyon Post was first organized Comrade Mongelaz was a leading spirit in the new post. Partly through his efforts the G. A. R. plot in Mountain View Cemetery was decided by the Cemetery Association to Lyon Post.

The deceased was a private of Alexander Gibson's Company B, Seventh Regiment of Infantry, California Volunteers. He enlisted October 7, 1863, and was honorably discharged at the Presidio, April 26, 1866, in accordance with a special order of January of that year.

Charles J. Mongelaz has been in business in this city for many years and has always been noted for his enthusiasm in Grand Army work. He was born in Savoy over 72 years ago, and came to this country when very young.

WAS VERY NEAR DEATH.

Mrs. George Perkins Jr. Took a Large Dose of Poison.

Mistook the Bottle and Swallowed Enough Aconite and Chloroform to Kill Several People.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, July 9. Mrs. George C. Perkins Jr. was sufficiently recovered this morning to explain to her physician how yesterday's accident happened.

nurse to telephone for me. The emetic had no effect and she became unconscious. On examination of the stomach this morning I found it was composed of the tincture of aconite and chloroform liniment, equal parts.

A CHANCE TO REFORM.

William Fountain Will Go on a Ranch a Month, Then to Sea.

OAKLAND, CAL., July 9.—Sentence was postponed in the Police Court this morning in the case of William Fountain until Monday morning, at which time Judge Wood will accept bond and allow the boy's parents to place their son on a ranch near Gilroy.

These arrangements were made after a consultation of all parties concerned. The boy claims to have been led by bad company and declares if given a chance he will redeem his good name.

DEMANDS RECOMPENSE.

OAKLAND, CAL., July 9.—Jacob Kornahrens filed a damage suit with the County Clerk this morning against the city of Oakland for the sum of \$3500. He claims to have been damaged that much by water which flooded his place of business.

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HARKER MAY BE INSANE.

The Young Attorney's Friends Say He Had No Reason to Flee.

L. E. White's Vast Estate Goes to His Family Without Probate.

BERKELEY, CAL., July 9.—Charles F. Harker, a young San Francisco attorney who has been residing in Berkeley, has disappeared and his relatives fear that he has committed suicide.

ON FRIDAY MORNING THE YOUNG MAN LEFT FOR SAN FRANCISCO AND NOTHING HAS BEEN HEARD OF HIM SINCE.

A. J. SNYDER DIES.

OAKLAND CUSTOM-HOUSE.

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THIRTEEN OUNCES MAKE A POUND.

Faulty Spring Scales in Use All Over the City.

RESULT OF MANY TESTS.

Mayor Davis Trying to Devise a Plan to Insure Honest Weight.

AN INSPECTOR NECESSARY.

Every Housekeeper Interested in the Result of a Recent Complaint.

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The trouble with the little spring scales is that they systematically cheat the customers, and there is at present no redress. A glimpse at the construction of the spring scale will show how easy it is for it to defraud customers.

The book on which the scale is hung is connected with the top of the spring, and every time a parcel of goods is weighed the upper part of the spring is the only part that works. Probably goods weighing one or two pounds are on the scales a hundred times to every parcel weighing five pounds.

This, of course, lessens the power of the spring at the upper end, and, in the course of time, weakens the spring. The result is that a little less than a pound will bring the indicator down to the one-pound mark.

As the machine is kept in service the resistance of the spring continues to decrease until in some instances twelve ounces will apparently weigh a pound. Some days ago a curious housekeeper, who could not make her kitchen scales tell the same story as on her big scales, made some experiments. She went to half a dozen stores in the center of town and made purchases, carefully marking each one.

When weighed on the home scales every package was short one to three ounces on the big scales. The storekeepers were informed of their faulty scales and could not be convinced until they had made several tests.

The matter has been laid before the Mayor and he has recommended that an ordinance be drawn up providing against such methods in doing business.

"The affair has been called to my attention," said Mayor Davis to-day, "and after giving it a little thought I at once saw that a really important matter it was. It affects every small consumer in the city, and the smaller the consumer the more he is affected. I do not quite see how the evil can be remedied, but I have no doubt that the point has been covered in many other cities, and I shall make inquiries. I have the chapters of many important cities in my office, and I shall look through them. The possibility of fraud is so great that it would almost justify the appointment of an inspector of weights and measures. The duties might be discharged by the license inspector. Many matters of much less importance are regulated by law.

"It would be a mistake to suppose that the merchants are knowingly using weak scales because of the license inspector. The majority of the merchants, I feel sure, will willingly co-operate in any movement to insure accurate weight and scales. At the same time I have no doubt there are many storekeepers who are knowingly using false scales, and they should be prosecuted.

"In Europe, I am told, this thing is carefully regulated. An official inspector of weights and measures visits every locality annually, and a heavy penalty is imposed on all storekeepers who do not present the weights and scales for adjustment. Any one found with weights that have not the latest official stamp upon them is also heavily fined. It would be a good plan to have some such officer here."

OAKLAND, CAL., July 9.—Andrew Jackson Snyder, the first real estate dealer of Oakland and one of the city's wealthy men, died at his country residence at Calistoga at noon to-day of dropsy.

Mr. Snyder was born at Johnston, Ohio, in 1823, and served under Taylor in the Mexican War. He came to the coast in 1849, and to Oakland nine years later. He was worth about \$500,000 in bank stocks, real estate and money at the time of his death. He owned several of the business blocks of this city.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. A. M. Snyder, and seven children, Byron B., Mrs. Emma Reinhardt, Mrs. Rebecca Wurts, Miss Alice, Miss Lillian and A. J. Jr.

OAKLAND CUSTOM-HOUSE.

It is Already More Than Paying Running Expenses.

OAKLAND, CAL., July 9.—The Oakland custom-house has now been in operation several months. During that time much business has passed through the port for a new establishment. No large amount of foreign goods have yet been consigned directly to this port, for it is not entered in the list of ports, but the volume of business has already paid the running expenses.

Commissioner English declares that there will be \$5000 or \$6000 cleared monthly in a very short time. At present the principal business comes from New Orleans by the sunset route.

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Did Not Prosecute.

HE WAS AMBITIOUS.

A Stanford Student Dies From Over-work.

OAKLAND, CAL., July 9.—The death of Alfred C. Montgomery to-day takes one of the brightest students from the Stanford University. He was a very promising student in Latin and was in hopes of securing a professorship in that institution after he graduated.

Montgomery was the son of Mrs. Fannie J. Montgomery, deaconess of the First Methodist Church. He was almost broken down when school closed and went at once to a farm in Oregon, where it was thought he would be benefited, but his system was too far gone, and he was brought home to die.

FOUR DAYS WITHOUT FOOD.

Mother and Child Without the Necessaries of Life.

OAKLAND, CAL., July 9.—Mrs. Solomon Baumgarten, a bride of a year, made a most pitiful appeal to-day on her knees for help to keep herself and babe from starving.

She says she and her husband have parted and a divorce case is now pending. She asserts that her husband has not furnished any support since the child was born and that she had not tasted food in four days.

Mrs. Prescott gave her assistance and will see that the woman is properly provided for.

LEFT WITHOUT A BRIEF.

Why Attorney E. L. Bruner Was Angry Over a Mandamus Suit.

Cleveland's Cousin in the Salvation Army—Gates Going on Trains.

ALAMEDA, CAL., July 9.—E. L. Bruner, counsel for the Delaney-Lion-Flaming combine, who declared himself retained by the City Treasurer to defend his actions in not paying A. L. Fish the sums of \$7500 and \$2500, will only appear as amicus curie in court to-morrow. Mr. Wheeler will be defended, as City Treasurer, by the City Attorney, E. K. Taylor. M. S. Taylor, brother and partner of the City Attorney, acts as counsel for A. L. Fish.

According to Bruner, the arrangement was made with Treasurer Wheeler fully five weeks ago, and when the mandamus writ was served on the latter the papers were handed over to Bruner.

"This is the most extraordinary act that has come to my knowledge since I have been an attorney," said he, "and a singular thing is that in the answer to the complaint there is not a denial of anything, either specifically or generally. I shall attend the case in the morning as a friend of the court, and introduce a resolution attempting in the payment of the warrants. This movement in the case is to forestall the decision in the case before Judge Frick concerning the city."

Grover's Second Cousin.

ALAMEDA, CAL., July 9.—Among the many notably connected residents of Alameda, a gentleman who, till to-day, has been contented to live without talking about his illustrious relatives. His name is C. K. Gidman and he claims he is a second cousin to President of the United States, Mr. Gidman collector and agent for Gray Brothers and sergeant-major in the local Salvation Army corps.

School Board Changes.

ALAMEDA, CAL., July 9.—At the Education Board's adjourned meeting to-night a resolution was introduced, altering the duties of principals in regard to their spending at least two hours daily in teaching where there are eight or more rooms in the building. The High School curriculum was modified and ordered printed. The balances on hand were decided to be County, \$2072; general, \$2010; and \$1613; library, \$74.

Departure of Sporting Dogs.

ALAMEDA, CAL., July 9.—J. H. W. Roslister's greyhound, Wayfarer, who has won several prizes around the bay, has just past two months, was shipped to be run at Huron, South Dakota, where he is entered for the Waterloo cup event, to be run at the beginning of next month.

The False Lover Is Known.

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Divorces Granted.

ALAMEDA, CAL., July 9.—Emma Clausen has filed a complaint for divorce from Henry Clausen of Antonio avenue, on the ground of desertion. Green Major, as attorney for George Hickman of Sherman street, has entered suit against Fannie C. Hickman for divorce, on the ground of desertion.

Those Are Being Put On.

ALAMEDA, CAL., July 9.—The gates for the local trains have arrived and workmen are busy in the Oakland workshops attaching them to the cars. It is expected that they will be in use before the end of the month.

Filed a Protest.

ELEGANT HOME OF THE EBELLS.

First Woman's Clubhouse Built in Alameda County.

A SOCIAL INNOVATION.

Greek Design Has Been Strictly Followed in Exterior and Interior.

A MOST LUXURIOUS BALLROOM.

This Building Will Be a Permanent Social and Literary Center.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, July 9. The beautiful Grecian home of the Ebell Society will soon be a reality. It will be the first woman's clubhouse in the city, and will be a model of artistic work both inside and out. The whole building will be occupied by the ladies of the Ebell Society and kindred organizations.

The new building is located at Thirteenth and Harrison streets in the center of the most aristocratic portion of the city.



New Home of the Ebell Society, Where Society and Literature Will Hold Sway.

The Ebell Society will lease the whole of the building, and it will occupy a prominent place in the future social life of Oakland.

The building is of Grecian design both inside and out. The lower floor is laid off into clubrooms and reception-rooms. The Ebell library will also be on the first floor.

By an ingenious arrangement of the space and by the clever use of large sliding doors the lower floor can be easily changed into an auditorium. When this is done the hall is in the form of a large Greek cross and will be used for the lectures and meetings of the society.

On the second floor will be a large ballroom and dressing-rooms and retiring-rooms for both ladies and gentlemen. The ballroom will be 80x50 feet and will be the largest floor in Oakland. At either end the decorations are planned with colonial effect, so as to preserve the general Grecian idea. The ballroom is to be finished in ivory white and will be very handsome. It will be the scene of many very well affairs in the future.

The need of such a building has long been apparent to the literary ladies of Oakland and the Ebell Society will concentrate in their building all similar organizations. The large ballroom will be available for use for private functions, although subject to the control of the club.

Everything in the way of fittings will be of the most ornate and classic character. Henry Matthews, the architect, has carefully followed the designs of the ladies and the general verdict is that he has planned a model ladies' clubhouse.

The Ebell Society is the most fashionable and cultured in the city, and its membership is rapidly increasing.

LOS ANGELES' CHAMPION.

What Smith, Australian Pugilist, Thinks of Heavy-Weight Jeffries.

A Fighter Who Has Put Opponents to Sleep With a Punch—That Great Finish Contest.

Joe Choyneki has taken his departure for Howell Mountain where he will rest for a few weeks. While Joseph is resting at ease in the light and balmy atmosphere of the high altitude his opponent, Peter Maher, will be speeding across the plains in the direction of San Francisco.

Manager Groom says that the battle will take place at the Mechanics' Pavilion on the evening of August 5. It will be a ten-round bout and the purse is \$6000 in cash.

There are many good judges of pugilists and pugilism in this city who are not a bit backward in saying that Jeffries, the Los Angeles heavy-weight pugilist, can whip Choyneki or Maher. Jeffries made a very favorable impression upon the spectators who witnessed the last contest in the Pavilion when he disposed of his opponent in such an easy manner.

Billy Smith, the Australian boxer who trained Jeffries, does not hesitate to say that the big and easy-going youngster who has followed the orange groves will assuredly be honored champion of the world in a few years hence if nothing unforeseen happens in the interim to spoil his chances for high honors.

JEFFRIES IS SLOW, BUT I KNOW BETTER.

Of course he did not have to resort to any fancy foot work to whip Dan Long, but when he goes up against some of those firecrackers or crackjacks, or whatever else you wish to call them, then you will see how slow this fellow is. Just think of it, this boy Jeffries fights at 210 pounds in condition, and he is not yet 20 years old.

"Is he games well, never hit him hard enough to know. He did not seem to mind my punches, and I can hit a pretty good lick yet. I have even idea, however, that the first man who hits him hard enough to hurt him will be in for an exchange a smash that he will have good reason to remember for many days. I think Jeffries is a wonder, and I predict that in one year from now all those would-be champions will be leaving whatever part of the country Jeffries may visit."

Young Mitchell, the champion of the Occidental Club, says that the club will give another exhibition in the Pavilion next month and that all the prominent pugilists and Jack Davis will meet on this occasion. Mitchell is now negotiating with a prominent Eastern pugilist with a view of matching him against a very clever welterweight.

With few exceptions the sporting men of this city never expect to hear of the Sharkey and Corbett fight ever taking place in this country. One noted sporting man said that if the pugilists agreed to meet in a contest of twenty rounds, provided a finish fight could not be "pulled off" within a year from the time of signing articles—the public would take some consideration of the match, but as it now stands the sporting fraternity look upon the announcement of a finish fight as being purely an advertising scheme.

HARES AND HOUNDS.

First-Class Dogs That Will Run at Ingleside Park on Sunday.

On Sunday a grand day's coursing will take place at Ingleside Park. Eddie Canavan will be given a benefit on this day, and as the pick of the coursing stock will appear in the slips a large gathering of leasmen is expected. The drawing, which took place last evening, resulted as follows:

Cronan & McDonald's Lissak vs. D. Tolan's

Jack, M. Traynor's Valley Maid vs. J. Hannon's Marguerite, J. Quinn's Captain Mae vs. Cronin & McDonald's Best Trump, P. Kerrigan's Lady Logan vs. T. McHugh's Royal Stag, Dillon & Kelly's Samol vs. Villa Kennedy's Electric, H. Perigo's Longfellow vs. G. Buchin's Belle Roche, W. Perry's Gee Whiz vs. A. Merrill's Ben Branch, Cronin & McDonald's Skyball vs. T. Snaaz's Regent, Ford & Haggerty's Magnet vs. W. Perry's Comassie, P. Ryan's Molly Bawn vs. L. Murphy's Red Light, J. Moran's Uncle Sam vs. Cronin & McDonald's Reliance, D. Tolan's Foreman vs. S. Lenahan's Nellie C. Devine's Go Jim vs. Merralls' Tommy Hall, M. Rodgers Sly Boy vs. P. Kerrigan's Laurel Leaf, T. Ryan's Maple vs. M. Traynor's G. W. Watson's Champion, M. Traynor's Whip Jr., Dillon & Kelly's Bill Nye vs. J. Grace's Deceiver, M. W. Kerrigan's Lord Clifton, C. Evans' Dasher, and J. Hannon's Prizes—\$20, \$14, \$10; fourth and fifth \$5 each.

THE PRESIDIO BARRACKS.

M. McGowan and E. J. Lawton Were the Fortunate Contractors.

The Difference Between Municipal Management and That of Uncle Sam.

Bids were opened yesterday by Colonel A. S. Kimball, deputy quartermaster-general of the United States army, for the construction of two large two-company barracks at the Presidio.

The lowest bids were as follows: M. McGowan, for the construction of the two buildings, \$74,700, and for placing 27 lockers in them \$1500, these two specifications being taken jointly. E. J. Lawton, for plumbing of both buildings, \$4250, and for gaspiping therein \$290.

The bids were telegraphed to the quartermaster-general at Washington with the recommendation that the award of contracts be telegraphed to-morrow to the above-named bidders, the bidders being responsible and their prices reasonable.

There were in all thirteen bidders. McGowan is the contractor who constructed the Palace Hotel, the Phoenix building and other large structures about town.

The work will be required to be commenced on or before August 1, 1896, and must be completed at as early a date as possible, not later than December 31, 1896.

The new brick structures will take the place of the old wooden buildings now in use and will furnish accommodations for four troops, either of cavalry or artillery.

The work covered by the specifications consists of the construction of two-company barrack buildings, the foundations and underpinning to be of stone, footing courses of concrete, superstructure and pier of brick, the roof of building and dormers to be covered with slate and the roof of the porch with tin.

All the stone will be obtained from the Government quarry at Angel Island and the brick work is specified as sound, well-burned brick of San Jose manufacture, or brick equally as good.

The remainder of the specifications call for the best material obtainable. The buildings will be substantial and handsome and similar in style to those recently constructed on the reservation by the Government. The accommodations for the men will be equal to those of a first-class hotel and contain all the modern improvements for health and comfort.

In reading over the specifications one is strongly impressed with the difference existing between municipal management of such an undertaking and the method employed by Uncle Sam. The contractor is bound down in the minutest details—the stone filling, earth filling, the thresholds and coping-stones are all thought out and specified. The contractor must follow the proper way of carrying out the contract in every little detail.

There is no chance, should any contractor be so inclined, for sharp work out at the Presidio hotel, the other hand he lies awake of nights praying that the result of his utmost endeavors may prove satisfactory to his exacting client. Nothing has been overlooked, everything has been provided for and the description and detail thereof printed in the technical terms of the contractor's vocabulary.

Southampton, Eng., July 9.

Chauncey M. Depew and party arrived here to-day on the steamer St. Paul. They left immediately for Henley.

Auction Sales.

CHAS. LEVY & CO. AUCTIONEERS. Salesrooms—1135 Market street. THIS DAY. Friday, July 10, 1896. At 10 o'clock A. M. at Salesrooms, 1135 MARKET ST., bet. 7th and 8th. One Elegant Line of Furniture, Carpets, Bedding, and Office Furniture, Counters, Showcases, Stoves and Ranges.

TO MAKE SAILORS OF THE BOYS.

Captain W. L. Merry Suggests a School of Navigation.

DIRECTORS DISLIKE IT.

It Would Require a Ship and Altogether Be Very Expensive.

THE UTILITY OF EDUCATION.

Present Financial Appropriations Don't Sanction New and Costly Experiments.

The latest improvement contemplated in connection with the curriculum of the public school system of education is a class or a school in which boys may be taught navigation. The idea was suggested a few days ago by W. L. Merry, the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who addressed a letter upon the topic to Superintendent Madison Babcock.

Since San Francisco is one of the leading seaport cities of the United States the boys, in the opinion of Mr. Merry, should be given a chance to learn how to box the compass, reef a topsail and navigate a ship or steamer across the briny deep.

There has not been any school of this class in the city since the death of old Captain McNevin some years ago, and," says Mr. Merry, "why should not the State prepare boys to go to sea as well as to train them to become carpenters and machinists, etc.?"

They do so in New York, Boston and other seaport cities of the East, and I am unable to see why we should not adopt a similar policy in San Francisco."

The letter of Mr. Merry was sent by Superintendent Babcock to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Samuel T. Black, who in his answer says:

"It is quite sure that it would be perfectly competent for the Board of Education to establish such a school in connection with either one of your high schools or the Polytechnic at San Francisco. It might be maintained as a separate school. I call your attention to section 6 of article 9 of the constitution of the State of California, which provides that the public school system may include such technical schools as may be established by the legislature or by municipal or district authority."

"Permit me to express the hope that your Board of Education will give the suggestion of W. L. Merry careful consideration."

The school saves freely admit that navigation is a useful art and that, but they say there are many other equally useful arts and sciences, too, of the department are limited, and it is a question not of what should be done for the education of the rising generation, but of what can be done, and of the many studies presenting themselves, which are the most advisable.

"Our system of public school education," said Director C. A. Murdock, chairman of the classification committee, "is not intended primarily to teach our children, but to give them an intellectual grounding, which will serve as a basis for any pursuit they may follow after leaving school."

"Navigation," said Director Comte Jr., "is unquestionably a good thing, so, for that matter, is all knowledge, but the problem we must study is the urgent needs of the School Department, and it is not the duty of the State to establish a school in navigation for the education of the rising generation, but of what can be done, and of the many studies presenting themselves, which are the most advisable."

PETTIGREW IN POWER.

Will Change the Completion of the South Dakota Legislature.

BERDEEN, S. D., July 9.—Senator Pettigrew, who bolted the Republican National Convention at St. Louis, cuts considerable of a figure in the State Convention of that party. The Senator has a strong personal following that has always stood by him in his political campaigns. At the same time the State Republican by 14,000 majority and the gold leaders are in control. There is no question that the Senator will change the completion of the next Legislature, particularly as a large majority of the last Legislature was elected by pluralities ranging from one to fifty.

YOUNG VANDERBILT'S WEDDING.

The Date Not Yet Fixed Because of the Groom's Illness. NEW YORK, N. Y., July 9.—No new date has yet been fixed for the proposed wedding of Miss Grace Wilson and Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr