

THE OFFICIALS PASSED BY GALES

Engineer Wilson and City Attorney Peirsol Land at Vallejo.

Their Families Thought They Had Come to Grief in Sunday's Storm.

After an Adventurous Cruise They Send Word of Their Safe Arrival.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Nov. 23.

Up to a late hour to-night it was thought that City Attorney Peirsol and City Engineer Wilson had gone down with the latter's yacht in last night's gale.

Their families were in a state of great excitement, as the two Commissioners of Public Works should have returned home last night.

The two officials were not missed from their offices till this afternoon, at which time a special meeting of the Board of Public Works was called.

Mr. Peirsol, who was the only one of the two officials who was not in the city, was the only one who was not in the city, was the only one who was not in the city.

The two men left Oakland last Saturday afternoon and stated that they would be back next evening.

Mr. Peirsol also received word that all was well and that Mr. Peirsol will be home tomorrow morning.

Neither of the Commissioners sent word to the Mayor, and after waiting a reasonable time he adjourned himself and went home.

NO MATCH WITH BUTTE.

They Accepted the Terms of the Reliance Club Too Late.

OAKLAND, CAL., Nov. 23.—There will be no football match between the Butte and Reliance football teams this season.

The letter from the Butte men accepting the terms offered by the local club was received to-day, but too late to be acted upon.

Manager Ewing would have to leave with his team to-night to meet the northern men on time, and this would not permit of his even notifying them.

Much disappointment is expressed over the result, as it was the most exciting of the season.

At the beginning of this year the Butte captured the Reliance captain, George McMillan, and gave him a deputy in the county office to hold him.

TO INSURE GOOD ROADS.

Marked Improvement for the Livermore Highway.

OAKLAND, CAL., Nov. 23.—A pumping plant has just been completed at Oak Knoll, near Livermore, for the purpose of preserving the county road.

It was put in operation Saturday for the first time, and works perfectly. Gasoline is the fuel used, and the cost is but 11 cents a day.

The pump has a capacity of 3000 gallons an hour. Six tanks, half a mile apart, are connected with the pumping plant by small mains, and by the force of gravity the water is piped to the smaller tanks from the main station.

The work was done by the Supervisors, in response to a petition from the farmers.

To Aid the Worthy.

OAKLAND, CAL., Nov. 23.—The following notice has been extensively circulated in this city.

It has been suggested that a service may be rendered many needy families by providing them with material for a Thanksgiving dinner.

The distribution will probably be taken charge of by the Young People's Endeavor Union. As it is desired that the work be commenced Wednesday afternoon it is desired that supplies be sent in without loss of time.

The Estuary Bridge.

OAKLAND, CAL., Nov. 23.—Supervisor Johnston stated at the meeting of the board to-day that the Southern Pacific Company had sent plans to Washington for a new bridge over the estuary, and that the plans had been returned to Colonel Suter for approval.

Field Is Too Fat.

OAKLAND, CAL., Nov. 23.—Joe Field, for a long time the favorite bantam-weight

of the Acme Club, will, in all probability, never enter the ring in that class again.

BURRIS WANTS DAMAGES.

Alleges That There is a Conspiracy to Ruin Him.

OAKLAND, CAL., Nov. 23.—John F. Burris, who was once an attorney practicing in Alameda, filed a suit this afternoon against John Gooby and one Shira. Mr. Burris sues for \$20,000 damages for alleged defamation of character and false imprisonment.

The plaintiff asserts that there is a conspiracy on foot to ruin him, and some of the allegations refer to the family relations of some well-known people.

Mulgren formerly lived in this city, and about fifteen months ago went into the navy, where he held a year. He does not

explain how he got out, but two months ago he married Miss Cruz of the West End. The unfortunate girl is nearly heartbroken over her husband's deception.

Before the Trustees.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Nov. 23.—The Board of Trustees met to-night, and on recommendation of City Attorney Taylor, passed the bill for the rate of \$403 in favor of George H. Payne, being an assigned claim of Constable Esco in full upon the contract of the electric light plant.

City Engineer Poyzer's salary was increased from \$50 to \$75 per month.

In order to make the salary funds meet this increase the allowance for horse feed of the Superintendent of Streets was cut off, and the salary of the latter's assistant, Miss Morse, was reduced from \$75 to \$70 per month.

The building committee's report accepting the suggestion of the board of library trustees, in the matter of partitioning off the east end of the city hall, was accepted.

The majority protest against the improvement of Taylor place was overruled, but a new one was submitted. The plans and specifications were adopted, and a notice of intention to improve the same passed.

Carpenter-Marshall Libel Suit.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Nov. 23.—The examination of E. L. Marshall, editor of the Telegram, charged with criminal libel by Dr. Thomas Carpenter, City Veterinarian, was begun this afternoon before Justice Lawrence of East Oakland sitting for Justice Morris.

Assistant District Attorney H. A. Melvin was assisted by Hugh Aldrich, while the defense was represented by Judge E. M. Gibson and Joe Barber.

After the publication of the article and the ownership of the paper was established the prosecution rested.

Judge Gibson asked for a nonsuit, as he contended that the allegations had not been proven. The motion was denied, and the case continued until Wednesday, December 2, at 1:30 p. m.

Brief Mentionings.

A number of the Board of Supervisors and City Councilmen of Oakland visited the city of Vallejo to-day.

The Alameda Cricket Club will give an entertainment in Linderman's Opera-house December 11.

The Thanksgiving pound party will be held in Tucker's Hall to-night. Admission, one pound of provisions for the poor.

Alameda Parlor No. 47, N. S. G. W., will celebrate their twelfth anniversary with a masquerade ball at Armory Hall Thursday evening.

Distribution of Seeds.

BERKELEY, CAL., Nov. 23.—Professor E. J. Wickson of the department of agriculture at the State University is preparing a bulletin on the distribution of plants and seed by the United States Experiment Station.

The bulletin will contain descriptions of new varieties of plants being experimented with at the university, together with explanations as to how horticulturists and farmers may obtain same on cutting.

This branch of the Agricultural College's work has grown remarkably in the last three years. In 1893 there were 410 applications for seeds; in 1894, 925 applications; and in 1895, 1534 applications from 468 post-offices.

Funeral of Simon Morrill.

BERKELEY, CAL., Nov. 23.—The funeral of Simon S. Morrill, who died at his home on Ward street last Saturday evening of pneumonia, will take place to-morrow afternoon in Oakland under the auspices of the A. W. O. of which he was a prominent member.

The deceased was a prominent member of the Oakland Iron Works for many years. He was a native of New Hampshire, and lived in California for about thirty years. He leaves a wife and five children.

The iron works of which he was foreman will be closed down to-morrow in respect to his memory.

Berkeley Miscellaneous.

BERKELEY, CAL., Nov. 23.—The fourth anniversary of the death of Charles Koenig, who died in the World War, will be celebrated by a literary program and social dance on Tuesday evening, December 2.

The Moody quartet, consisting of C. D. Lynn, F. E. Robinson, C. W. Meacham and W. H. Peterson, gave a well-attended concert to-night at the Presbyterian church.

George Wagner '98, W. E. Sauer 1900 and James W. 1899 have been installed into the local chapter of Sigma Upha Upha at the meeting of the Board of Education to-night.

Advertisements for contracts on the proposed new Dwight-walk school building were ordered.

R. Fryer, W. Gibbons, W. O. Blasingame, W. E. Cole and E. Hammer have entered as the university crew in the Thanksgiving regatta, to be held on the Oakland estuary.

The Students Aid Society of the State University is engaged in collecting data on a number of students working the whole or part of their way through college. It is estimated that there are about 300 who come under this rule.

The Ruskin Club will meet next Wednesday evening at the residence of Mrs. Augustus Hamilton, seven o'clock.

will resume the leadership on that evening.

EACH HAS HIS CHOICE FOR MAYOR

Secretary Powers Gives Away the Secret of a Struggle.

Young Men Republicans Are Active in Municipal Politics.

Interest Shown in the Presidency of the New Board of Supervisors.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Nov. 23.

Mayor Davis stated positively to-day that he had not decided upon anything in regard to the appointment of Police Judge next term.

He declares that he has been considerably amused by the publicity which has been given to his intentions.

"There surely must be great honor in being clerk of the Police Court," said Mayor Davis to-day, "for there is evidently more interest in that appointment than in the Judge. Everybody is wondering who will succeed Mr. Crawford, while nobody with any authority has yet hinted that there is to be a vacancy. Councilman

and Personal Experiences of the Recent Campaign." He will dwell particularly on his lecturing work while following up Bryan on a special train.

The burlesque, "The Macbeths of Berkeley," which the Stanford students will produce at the California Theater on Thanksgiving night, was written by young Fields, one of the brightest of the senior class.

It is pronounced an exceedingly clever travesty, and there are many original bits in the play. The entire programme for Thursday night is an exceptionally good one, and a large crowd is an assurance from the advance sale of seats at Palo Alto.

TENDERED A RECEPTION.

Visiting Delegates to the Jewish Women's Council Entertained.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 23.—The local section of the National Council of Jewish Women tendered a reception to the National Board and visiting delegates at the Mercantile Club, the fashionable Hebrew organization of Philadelphia, this afternoon.

A dinner was first given to the guests in the handsome cafe of the clubhouse and a general reception was held later in the library.

The members of the National Board, present included: President Mrs. Hannah Solomon, Miss Sadie American, Miss Henrietta G. Frank, Miss Bertha Mandell, Mrs. Witkowski, Miss Anna Einstein, all of Chicago; Miss Sophie Beer of New York, Mrs. Sophie Maxmolen of Kansas City, Mrs. Carrie S. Benjamin of Denver, Miss Julia Felsenbach and Miss Nussbaum. The local section was represented by Miss Laura Mordecai, president, and a number of other ladies. Brief addresses were made by several of them.

REDUCING THE COMMISSIONS.

The Southern Pacific Comes to an Agreement With Western Lines.

CHICAGO, ILL., Nov. 23.—Western railways have secured from the Southern Pacific an assurance that on December 1 it will join them in a reduction of commissions on California immigrant bus-

ness to a normal basis. For months there has been no profit in this class of transportation because of the excessive commissions paid, amounting in some cases to \$16 a ticket. The Canadian lines have also expressed their intention of doing the same.

This will mean a gain all around of about \$10 a ticket on all immigrant traffic to California, the normal commission being \$5.

A new agreement respecting excess baggage carried by theatrical companies has been made by the Western Association lines through the efforts of Chairman Caldwell. Special cars containing baggage or theatrical property will be charged for at the rate of not less than 15 cents a mile for any distance, with a minimum charge of \$10 a car.

The lines moving are to use their own stock, in making additional charge where the service involves intermediate stops. For parties of ten or more 150 pounds will be carried free and a special car provided if the revenue from the tickets is not less than \$25, with an extra car for every additional twenty-five passengers.

PLAN OF REORGANIZATION.

How the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company Will Be Conducted.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 23.—The reorganization of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company has been completed and the company has announced the delivery of the new securities.

Under the plan of reorganization the company is authorized to issue \$24,500,000 4 per cent mortgage bonds due in 1946; \$1,000,000 4 per cent preferred stock and \$24,000,000 common stock.

Of the 4 per cent consolidated bonds there will be issued \$15,174,000 to holders of consolidated bonds and collateral trust bonds of the old company.

Of the remainder \$5,390,000 will be retained for the retirement of the outstanding \$4,300,000 of the first mortgage bonds of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, \$1,106,000 for betterments and terminals at the rate of not more than \$250,000 per annum, and \$282,000 for new construction at the rate of \$20,000 per mile.

The fixed charges of the new company will be about \$925,000. The \$11,000,000 of preferred stock, with the exception of a small amount remaining in the hands of the new company, will be issued to holders of consolidated bonds and of collateral trust bonds of the old company and to stockholders of the old company who have paid the assessment, which will be \$100,000 per share on the common stock, dollar for dollar, for their holdings. Both the preferred and common stock are put in trust under a voting trust agreement, and the Central Trust Company's certificate is issued therefor.

COLONEL INGERSOLL IMPROVES.

Recovering From the Painful Attacks of Sciatica.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 23.—Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll, who was taken ill after a lecture at Freeport, Ill., Thursday evening, arrived in this city last night.

In the early part of last week he had three attacks, the first at Janesville, Wis., while delivering a lecture, which he managed to finish, and the second and third attacks at Madison and Beloit, Wis. On Thursday he was found to be suffering from a severe attack of sciatica and was removed to the Great Northern Hotel at Chicago on Friday.

He was attended by a prominent physician, Dr. J. H. Quinn, who declared that all Mr. Ingersoll needed was two weeks of complete rest. He left Chicago Saturday on the limited express and upon his arrival in this city last night was met by a few relatives, and driven to his residence, where he will remain until he is fully restored to health.

He was not very much fatigued and walked from his carriage into the house without any assistance.

Colonel Ingersoll's agent has canceled all the Western lecture engagements, and the result of his illness, and the lecture tour has been abandoned for this season.

Petroleum as a Motive Power.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 23.—Another motive power is proposed to be experimented with on the Manhattan Elevated Railroad. The system has already been used on one of the Government torpedo-boats, and is now being put into the Government tug Niam. J. S. Sorb, the inventor, says that a locomotive engine could learn to take charge of an engine fitted up with the system within three days.

Shot His Mistress and Himself.

TAUNTON, MASS., Nov. 23.—Frederick Luther, fireman at the electric road power station, shot his mistress, Mrs. Abby E. Barber, to-day, and then killed himself. The cause for the act is unknown.

Colonel Irish to Lecture.

BERKELEY, CAL., Nov. 23.—Colonel John P. Irish will lecture to-morrow evening at Shattuck Hall on "Reminiscences

MAT. C. G. FULLER IN A NEW PLAY

A Crowded House Gazed at a Loie Fuller in Her Mystic Dance.

The Alcazar Company Opens the Week With a Well-Staged Piece.

"Humanity" at the Columbia and "Hearts of Oak" at the Grand Opera-House.

Despite the rain and the fact that Loie Fuller had drawn away a large following to the California Theater, there was a good-sized audience to greet Nat C. Goodwin and Maxine Elliott at the Baldwin Theater last night.

The play was Madeline Lucette Ryley's new comedy, "An American Citizen," which has hitherto been heard only in Australia. The play, Goodwin himself and Miss Elliott were all most warmly received; indeed at the end of the third act Goodwin was called five times before the curtain and finally made a speech in which a great deal of gladness was expressed.

"Believe that nothing I can say," he remarked, "can express the delight and happiness I feel. It is a joy indeed to feel ourselves once more among friends. We had one of those 'artistic' triumphs in Australia, but there is one thing to look back to—that they endorsed an American play, played by American actors, and written by an American authoress—Mrs. Ryley."

Mr. Goodwin went on to say that he had other new plays with him, including one by Mrs. Ryley, and that he hoped to come to San Francisco every year and play some of them. He concluded by invoking a blessing on the audience, and was frantically applauded.

"An American Citizen" is a decided improvement on "Christopher Jr." It is well constructed. Unlike most light plays, it keeps up the interest to the last. That last was rather late, for the audience did not leave the theater till 11:30, which shows that "An American Citizen" needs some cutting. This is a fault that can be easily remedied, however. There is real wit in the play, and some of the repartee is most original. The plot resembles "Christopher Jr." in that it tells the story of two people who are married suddenly by force of circumstances, and who afterward fall in love with one another, and go through a good many trials and tribulations before they arrive at the condition of living happily ever afterward.

The development of the plot bears no relation to "Christopher Jr." However, the trials and tribulations which "An American Citizen" are most comically pathetic.

Nat C. Goodwin had a thoroughly congenial role in the part of Beresford Cruger, and the trials and tribulations which he first sight and became a Britisher in order to prevent his uncle's money from going to found a museum of antiquities. The semi-pathetic, semi-comical love troubles which afterward develop are not so thoroughly in keeping with his line of work.

As the English cousin Maxine Elliott looked handsome and acted with a good deal of impressiveness, though her rendering of the part was not so good as the touches of which it would have been capable in hands like those of Maud Adams, for instance.

The rest of the cast showed that the American who married his cousin since Goodwin was here, Neil O'Brien was excellent as Hems, the English valet, and the other men did their parts satisfactorily, though Frazer Coulter's elderly make-up as Brown was absurd under the circumstances, and his acting was no more satisfactory than his make-up.

Miss Estelle Mortimer was excellent as the elderly coquette, and the girls' parts were well acted by Gertrude Elliott, Ethel Browning and Isabel Haskins.

California Theater.

Standing room was at a premium to see Loie Fuller's dances at the California Theater last night. The star has been put on the program and people were getting a little impatient, when about 9:45 o'clock the house was plunged into Egyptian darkness and all eyes were turned toward the stage for the first sign of La Loie's appearing.

She did not gladden the audience by an immediate apparition, however, and a few enterprising spectators began to strike matches and were applauded by their neighbors. At last, however, Miss Fuller was seen dimly outlined against a dark background, and immediately after a flood of electric light revealed her in all the glory of her twelve yards of black draperies, studded with glittering stars, to represent Night.

The dances were five in number and no encores were given, nor indeed expected, for the programme must have been kept going enough to exhaust the nerves of the audience. The same general features. Miss Fuller kept yards and yards of draperies in constant and graceful motion, while the electric lights were complicated and beautiful combinations of light upon them. With every dance the draperies were changed, and the audience was kept in the White Dance Miss Fuller received a general ovation, and the audience was so enthusiastic, but she had rainbow tints also. The Firmament showed a number of tender colors, as well as vivid tints. In Fire white draperies were used, and the audience was kept in the White Dance Miss Fuller received a general ovation, and the audience was so enthusiastic, but she had rainbow tints also.

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AT HALF COST—WAGONS, BUGGIES, CARRIAGES AND HARNESSES ON HAND. DESCRIPTION, both New and Second-hand. NO OFFER REFUSED. 1122-1128 MISSION STREET. MADISON & CO.

SIMILAR TO ACTUAL WARFARE.

General Ruger Has a Plan for Extending the Scope of the Field Practice of the Army.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 23.—A Herald Washington special says: General Ruger has suggested plans for the extension of field practice of the three arms of the military service. He advocates the acquiring of suitable ground of small value for acquisition or other use convenient to the stations of military companies in the Department of the West and throughout the country where target practice may be had, the land being of such variety of surface as to admit of free movements and firing without concern as to limit, to simulate light artillery action in battle.

The ground might also be used for a large passage to which several regiments of infantry, one of cavalry and light batteries might be sent in turn one or two years, to constitute practically a training-school for young officers for duties of command in a comparatively short time. There will be no objection on the part of the army who have had opportunity for command or observation of military exercises of considerable bodies of troops.

Appropriations will be asked for the purpose of this proposal, and the results of bodies of troops for exercise similar to actual warfare. These assemblages are to take place frequently, and it is intended to join with them the organized forces of the different States for instruction. The proper arming and drilling of militia is one of the cardinal components of the plans proposed for the extension of the military strength of the country.

The passage of the pending bill for the increase of the military force of the regular army is to be strongly urged by the Secretary of War in his forthcoming annual report, and it will be strenuously urged in the next Congress along with other pending legislation for the increase of the army in efficiency.

The army is unquestionably in a better condition in every respect than ever before in its history. The officers are better equipped for their duties, both theoretically and practically, and the men are of a better class morally and physically and are better housed, armed, instructed and drilled.

It is unlikely that the United States will establish a military post in Alaska for the present. General E. S. Otis, commanding the Department of the Columbia, in his annual report to the general commanding the army, says that under the existing conditions no beneficial results could be expected from the services of the troops in the Territory, and as the civil officers do not need their aid in the southern and more populous sections, their presence in the Territory is not required.

Clear up a Mysterious Theft.

KEWANEE, ILL., Nov. 23.—The confession of Charles B. Bull to the robbery of \$4800 from his employers, Otto and Henry Rastede, clears up a mystery which has puzzled the Sheriff of this county and his deputies for three weeks. Bull's employers kept their valuable papers and money in a tin box which was hidden in the house. Bull saw the box, and Henry Rastede's wife objected to so much money being kept in the house. Bull saw him come from under the porch, stole the treasure when his employers were absent and buried the treasure in a corn field.

For Falsifying Returns.

DENVER, COLO., Nov. 23.—The jury in the case of the German National Bank officers, President Ruthman, Cashier Clinton and Assistant Cashier Kunsmlir, charged with falsifying returns to the Comptroller prior