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The Public Administrator to Unravel the Booth Mystery.

Possessed of Great Wealth a Countess Received Aid From the County.

Died in Poverty, Not Knowing of Valuable Bonds That Lay in Her Trunk

Now it appears that the old papers given Mrs. Booth by her mother, and that consequently the daughter of the dead woman, Mrs. Dr. Fonday, would be an heir as well as her other children.

A FATHER HUNTS TRAMPS

His Daughter Chased for a Mile by Three Scoundrels.

Miss Parish Forced to Run Through a Slough to Escape a Band of Ruffians.

Mr. Parish, one of the oldest ranchers near Alvarado, was anxious to run across three tramps who intercepted his daughter a few days ago while walking from the tramps into town.

BALLOTS WILL END ALL

Fates of Candidates and Saloons Will Be Known Before Midnight

Many Pastors Make a Final Plea on Behalf of Saloon-Closing—The Polling Places.

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LIKE AS A FOX

Candidates Gently Avoided the Saloon-Closing Issue.

Why Grand Jury Indictments Are Regarded in the Light of a Farce.

Professor Eurrill's Attack on the Grammar School System Still Awaits Denial.

Important Faculty Meeting. BERKELEY, CAL., March 7.—The faculty of the State University will hold an important meeting to-morrow afternoon at which matters concerning the

disposition of the increased revenue will be considered. A report as to the immediate needs of the institution, together with immediate recommendations for the appointment of new instructors, will be presented to the regents at their monthly meeting which opens on Tuesday.

On the other side not a word has been said, not a public action has been taken. To all appearances the saloonkeepers have not raised a finger to protect themselves from being driven out of business.

Once again a Grand Jury is in session, and, as usual, all kinds of reports of its doings are being made public. To the outside world such startling reports may be interesting, but to residents of this county the Grand Jury is regarded entirely in the light of an expensive legal hoax.

For five years past the Grand Jury room has been a place where politicians, disgruntled from various causes, sought to ventilate their grievances and wreak their political vengeance. In many instances this has resulted in the returning of ponderous batches of indictments against officials for all kinds of malfeasance in office.

Those indictments occupy many pages of the criminal records of the county, and that is their alpha and omega. Judging by the result all were based on the same sort of foundation as the charge in the bribery case which was recently a few months ago and were in every instance dismissed, and the balance have been forgotten.

A few days ago the Grand Jury was inadvertently made the tool of a few politicians for the purpose of influencing the present campaign. The scheme failed, and that august body decided to say nothing that it had heard was simply a street corner jocular conversation. No body fears the Grand Jury, and its indictments carry about as much weight as its semi-annual recommendation that a new city prison be built. Its "secrets" sessions are a farce, because the proceedings are published as soon as they terminate.

The money of the taxpayers is absolutely wasted, because the men who are required to give their time to its sessions are not of the class that work for \$2 a day. A Grand Jury report and a petition of the Council from Lewis Light have exactly the same weight.

The letter published last week by Professor Eurrill, head of the language department of the High School, has caused some deep thinking. Mr. Eurrill makes the sweeping assertion that the product of the grammar school is very unsatisfactory when it reaches the High School and

WAS HE NAPOLEON

Strange Life Story of an Old Recluse of the Hills.

Claimed the Emperor as His Father and Died in Abject Poverty.

His Neighbors Believe He Had Documents to Prove His Tale—In a Pauper's Grave.

Lowly lies the head that might have stood a crown. No titled courtiers waited with bated breath to learn the condition of the royal ill one; no masters of medicine battled grimly with the dark shadow that hovered, no nation put on its mourning sash when the call came; no one shouted, "The king is dead, long live the king."

He died on a barren hilltop under the flashing rain, with no one to catch his dying words by the moaning wind and his God. There were none to mourn, none to weep, none to care.

A rough redwood box in a pauper's grave is his last resting place, and yet this man claimed the greatest monarch that Europe ever knew as his father, and many there are who believe his claim to be just.

Thirty years ago there appeared at Ocean View a little man whose accent proved him to be of the land of sunny France.

Despite his rough attire and applications to the ranchers for menial labor, his bearing and faultless language proclaimed him to be an aristocratic gentleman, and helping hands were outstretched to aid him to make a living.

At first he had little to say of his past, but as his heart warmed to the children, who seemed to fancy his company, he told strange tales of his birth—that he was the son of a King, though an outcast from his people.

"Napoleon Bonaparte was my father," he told little Valentine Wipfler, now a man grown, "and I should be living in luxury, perhaps on a throne, instead of leading the life of a common laborer."

The children retailed the stories to their parents, but their elders only laughed and said "the old Frenchman was crazy."

As they gradually came to know him, however, and learn from his own lips the tale of his sorrows many grew to believe him and by common consent he became known as "Napoleon," the name which he decayed gently and his mournful eyes.

If he ever gave any other name his friends have forgotten it, and "Napoleon" has remained. For years the old man lived and toiled for the ranchers, always pleasant, always courteous, always painstaking. Then as his strength waned and his eyes grew dim, he was dependent on his neighbors for charity and came regularly for his provisions to those he knew would gladly help him.

A charitable neighbor built him a shanty below one of the great abandoned quarries that disfigure the green hills south of Ocean View, and there he dwelt alone for a few weeks. A few years ago he removed to an abandoned dwelling above the quarry, and a fiercely bearded German, also a recluse, joined him. Here he died one day last week. He would not be buried, and did not come back and next day he was found lying dead by a barbed-wire fence, against which he had evidently fallen while trying to return to his companion.

The Coroner of San Mateo County was notified and the body was taken to Redwood City and consigned to a pauper's grave.

Charles Cucho, a French Swiss, who is engaged in the training of hunting dogs and who lives just below the yawning quarry, knew "Napoleon" well and believes that he is the son of Napoleon Bonaparte.

"Some people say the old man was insane," he said yesterday, "but I know he was not, for I observed him closely for years, and he never gave one sign of being out of his mind."

"Even in his declining years he gave every evidence of genius, breeding and always showed a fine spirit. His face bore the most remarkable resemblance to the portraits of Napoleon, and many times he has told me of the manner in which he was separated from his mother and royal father."

"He stated that the woman who bore him was one of the many on whom Napoleon cast his smiles, and that he remained with her until he was an old man."

"He was born in 1810, when his royal father was in the zenith of his glory, when he had humbled Austria, taken her territory, and was being crowned emperor of France by the treaty of Schonbrunn had brought Europe to his feet."

"Two years later, when clouds were gathering over the emperor's head, his mother and himself were hurriedly sent to America, America, provided with funds for their support. Through all his varying fortunes and even through his exile at Elba Napoleon did not forget his old love and her child, and the boy's education was begun by the best tutors procurable."

"Then, when the father fell at Waterloo and was sent into his final exile, the remittances ceased and his mother was thrown on her own resources. She managed with what she had saved to give him a good education, and she had placed in his hands documents that proved his birth."

"These papers the old man had up to a few years ago, for I saw them more than once, though I could not get a glimpse of the inside, merely having his word for what they contained."

"Somebody could never make a living except as a laborer. He failed as a teacher and as a clerk owing to his high spirit, soon losing a position after he gained it, and he finally adopted the life of a workman."

Valentine Wipfler remembered the same story as related by "Napoleon," and once started to write the old man's history at his dictation, but the text was interrupted and never finished. The portion written has been lost.

Invitations Issued for a Gathering at the Metropole.

OAKLAND, CAL., March 7.—Invitations have been issued to all the prominent medical men of Alameda County to be present at a banquet to be given on next Tuesday evening (9th of this month) at the Hotel Metropole (9th and Broadway) by the committee, Dr. Edwin J. Bovey chairman, with doctors Mouser and Rucker. The other interesting features of the occasion will be a legal oration by W. W. Fout, a talk on European travels by Dr. E. J. Bovey, vocal selections to be rendered by Harry Melvin and Alex Rosborough, and instrumental selections by an Italian orchestra.

The invitations sent out have been largely accepted and the affair promises to be one of the largest of its kind ever held in Oakland and the banquet a most royal one.

Is Not Interceded. OAKLAND, CAL., March 7.—During the past few weeks on several occasions the name of Dr. A. H. Rich has been unpleasantly mentioned in connection with the Countess Paulson and the Baroness Bar-

GONE UP IN SMOKE

The Big Hotel at Rodeo Burned to the Ground—The Loss Will Reach \$300,000.

OAKLAND, CAL., March 7.—The Union Hotel at Rodeo, about three miles from Rodeo, was burned to the ground to-night. The hotel covered nearly half an acre and was a 3-story building, built at a cost of \$300,000 about five years ago and was a great abattoir for some time and was partially furnished. Although great efforts were made to save it, it was not completely controlled and it could not be checked. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The hotel was built during the boom at Rodeo and was never opened. It was a frame building, and when it once started to burn it went rapidly. Every one in the neighborhood was out fighting the flames, but the wind was too great and water too scarce and the building had to go.

The average cost of men-of-war in Nelson's time was only \$20,000 for a 100-gun ship. The Magnificent, one of the latest and best in the British Navy, cost \$200,000.

AT THE THEATERS

A Number of Attractions Are Offered to Those Who Wish to Visit the Playhouses To-Night.

James A. Herne commences the third week of "Shore Acres" at the Baldwin Theater this evening. The plot of this play has many points of interest, and it is a great deal to do with the popularity it has attained.

Joseph Hawthorn is to appear at the Columbia Theater this evening in the title role of "Ray Biss," one that has been made famous by Fechter and Salvini. Miss Margaret Hunt will appear in the title role of "The Black Detective" in the title of the melodrama that is to be offered at the Grand Opera-house this evening. It is a story of a crime that is ferreted out by a faithful colored man who plays the part of a detective and brings the guilty to justice.

"Jim the Penman," that interesting play written by Sir Charles Young, is to be produced at the Alcazar Theater this evening, with George O'Rourke in the character of Ed. Raoul, Annie Belgrade as Mrs. Raoul and Hugo Toland as Hartfield.

At the Tivoli Opera-house "Pinafore" is to be revived. It was with this opera that the Tivoli was opened in 1879 and at that time it was the most popular of all the playhouses that as offered this time it will prove as attractive as it did then.

The management of the Orpheum Music Hall promises a grand programme for this evening and the management never disappointed in the character of the new and new specialties are to be offered. The Jordan family, consisting of five acrobats, heads the list.

The California Theater will not open this evening but will on Wednesday night, when the French opera troupe will make its appearance, presenting the well-known and always admired opera of "Il Trovatore." The company comes with a first-class reputation.

There is to be a fine bill at the Chutes this evening, providing, of course, the weather is such that outdoor attractions can be presented. One of the latest attractive features is the automaton, with views in color, which add much to the life-like appearance of the pictures.

Tonight the Bush-street Theater will reopen with a company who will present the "Arabian Nights." The leading lady will be Miss Esie Tittel, who will make her first appearance on the stage since her marriage, some time ago.

Endeavorers' Resolutions. The Young People's Society for Christian Endeavor of Plymouth Congregational Church has prepared the following resolutions to their pastor, Rev. W. D. Williams:

WHEREAS, Our pastor, Rev. W. D. Williams, D. D., has resigned and closes his labors with our church;

Resolved, That we, the Y. P. S. C. E. of Plymouth Congregational Church of San Francisco, Cal., enter to bear testimony to his ever willing and untiring co-operation in all that concerned the progress and prosperity of our society; and, in anticipation, we as young people in his new field of labor that they will find in him a friend and pastor sympathetic with all their best interests.

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Auction Sales

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SANITARIUM BATHS AT AUCTION. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1897. At 12 o'clock Noon, on the premises. Southeast Cor. Powell and Bay Streets. The Building Known as the SANITARIUM BATHS. Together with all its FIXTURES, TUBS, PIPES and MACHINERY.

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TRIED TO CHOKER HER

A Burglar in a Lodging-House on O'Farrell Street Surprised While Picking a Lock.

A burglar got into the lodging-house, 235 O'Farrell street, Saturday night and made his way to the second floor where he attempted to pick the door of one of the rooms with a picklock.

A young woman who occupies the adjoining room heard the noise made by the picklock and quietly opened her door. She saw the burglar at work and asked him what he was doing. He started and he growled out, "What's that to you," and springing at her grasped her by the throat with both hands. She screamed and dashed her fingers into his eyes, and he ran downstairs and made his escape.

The police were notified and they believe he is the same man that broke into one of the rooms on the same floor about three weeks ago and stole a lot of clothing. He is described as about 25 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall and with a smooth face. He is fair complexioned and looks and speaks like a German.

ASA FISK AT REST. Funeral Services Held at His Late Residence.

The impressive funeral services were held over the remains of Asa Fisk at his late residence, 700 Hayes street, yesterday afternoon by the Rev. Emil Berger.

Surrounding the bier were many of the friends of the deceased who came to pay their last tribute of respect to his memory and the surviving members of his family.

The Rev. Mr. Berger, after the religious portion of the service had been performed, spoke of his acquaintance of the deceased and his attention to the funeral services at the Presbyterian Church on Fell street to his (Mr. Berger's) removal to an Eastern church.

He found the deceased to be a man whose word was his bond, and in this quality he expected those with whom he had dealings to live up to the same standard. Through his greater portion of his life he was engaged in the business of graving hard bargains, yet he was charitable and possessed some excellent traits of character.

His remains were interred in the Masonic Cemetery. It is said that by his will, what was