

DO YOU LONG TO HEAR FROM A RECOUNT

Davie's Friends Are Making the Contest to Settle Bets.

Need of a New Method of Electing a Judge for the Police Court.

Councilmen-at-Large Are a Menace Rather Than an Inducement to Good Government.

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Another Conference Held in Oakland, and Some Progress Made.

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The supporters of Captain Thomas are in an unenviable position. They are not anxious to see him forced to pay one-half the expenses of a party which the law now requires of a contestant, and they do not want it to appear that they are afraid of the consequences of a recount, because they most assuredly are not.

The First Ward was recounted in a contest of Councilman, and a snappy tally showed that the majority of the votes, if, as was alleged, the railroad politicians were working for Davie, their work would certainly be approved in the First Ward.

There will soon be another complication over the appointment of a new Police Judge. It is authoritatively announced Mayor Thomas will, as soon as he takes office, reinstate Justice Wood, who was succeeded by Mayor Davis a week ago in favor of Justice Allen.

This possibility, carried to a finality, means that if a special Mayor be elected he could be succeeded by Justice Wood, the point for the time being whichever of the two judges could be of most "use" on the police bench.

The recent election has caused the question to be asked, of what use are the four offices of Councilmen-at-Large. There are seven wards in the city and each returns one Councilman. In addition there are four elected "at large." The argument has been made and it must be admitted with a good deal of foundation that the four votes in the Council "at large" control the other seven. This is true in the case of a vetoed measure, as eight votes are necessary to pass an ordinance over a veto, but it is not true when the four votes "at large" are in the majority of the total of eleven votes.

But the salient feature of the argument against the "at large" is that the candidates for the office are voted upon by every voter in the city, independent of wards. It is acknowledged that the political element can, by concentrating its strength in the whole city, carry every thing desired, provided that enough candidates can be put up to sufficiently split the total vote in the Council "at large" to prevent the four votes from being a majority.

Reliance Club Shooting.

OAKLAND, CAL., March 28.—The regular shoot of the Reliance Gun Club was held this morning. The scores were:

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WIFE-HUNTING IN SOUTHERN SEAS

S. S. Marshall's Absence Is No Longer a Secret.

Splendid Showing of Craft Made by the California Yacht Club.

At the Annual Meeting the List of Members Was Increased to Seventy-Five.

OAKLAND, CAL., March 28.—The list of craft that now represent the California Yacht Club was completed to-day, and Admiral E. A. von Schmidt, Captain George B. Edgar, and C. P. Moore were chosen to represent the club in the Pacific Intercontinental Yachting Association.

W. H. Gould was elected a director, to succeed S. S. Marshall, whose friends have wondered at his absence. Mr. Marshall was until a short time ago one of the most enthusiastic yachtsmen in the California Club. When his successor was nominated it became necessary to give the reason.

Marshall was, it appears, particularly impressed with the stories told of the beautiful Amazons awaiting husbands in the South Seas, so he sold his yacht and embarked on a voyage to the islands. His intimates expect him back on the first steamer.

The Californians will open the season with a fleet of thirty-two boats, some of them being the best of their class on the bay. This list includes the steam launch Masco, owned by Dr. Charles Rudolph; also the Flasa, owned by Robert J. Chapman.

One of the recent additions to the club's fleet is the yacht Embala, owned jointly by the Lawrence and the Edwards families. She is thirty-seven feet in length, and in her full rig is a very trim-looking craft. Her elegantly fitted-up, her cabin, which is very comfortable, is being finished in quarter oak and white cedar.

Another noteworthy boat in the California fleet is the yacht Sea Gull, owned by R. R. H. Hommesdale.

Pilgrim, 28-foot yawl, Captain A. R. Wilson; Lily V., 40-foot sloop, Captain Frank Buch; and the 30-foot yawl, Captain J. J. Pratt; and the 27-foot sloop, Captain Gardner McFarland; and the 24-foot sloop, Captain A. J. Mervin; and the 24-foot sloop, Captain A. J. Mervin; and the 24-foot sloop, Captain A. J. Mervin.

Besides these boats, two more craft will soon be added to the fleet, Mr. Haged of West Oakland being engaged in constructing one and a Berkeley man the other. They will be launched in time to take part in the regatta, the standing of the club is shown by the fact that the boats of its fleet represent an investment of almost \$50,000.

The officers of the club are as follows: Admiral, E. von Schmidt; commodore, C. J. Lancaster; vice-commodore, Edwin Walters; secretary, C. A. Loring; treasurer, Marston Campbell; and member, F. H. Reed; port captain, Elliott Whitehead.

High School Athletes.

Men Selected to Contest at the A. A.

OAKLAND, CAL., March 28.—The Oakland High School athletes held their try-out day this afternoon. The team to contest at the Olympic track on April 17 in the A. A. field day will be selected by the track captain from the following material:

100-yard dash—Foster first, Zeller second, King third, Time, 11 sec.

220-yard dash—Caldogan first, York second, Time, 29 sec.

440-yard dash—Caldogan first, York second, Time, 51 sec.

880-yard dash—Harris first, Mul second, Eadie third, Time, 2 min. 30 sec.

1760-yard dash—Harris first, Harris second, Time, 5 min. 21 sec.

3520-yard dash—Morrill first, Harris second, Time, 12 min. 15 sec.

7040-yard dash—Nicholson, three-yard handicap, second, Time, 8 min. 50 sec.

14080-yard dash—Caldogan first, York second, Time, 17 min. 45 sec.

Shot put—Fisher first, 30 feet 8 inches; Hughes second, 26 feet; Cotter third, 21 feet 1 inch.

Pole vault—Berkovitch first, 7 feet 9 inches; Nicholson second, 7 feet 8 inches.

Road jump—Cooey and Hussey tie, 9 feet 6 inches.

High jump—Cooey first, 5 feet 2 1/2 inches; Foster second, 5 feet 1 inch; Nicholson third, 4 feet 10 inches.

Hammer throw—Pia first, 156 feet 8 inches; Caldwell second, 145 feet 10 inches.

County Committee Lacked a Quorum.

THE HANDBALL COURTS.

J. C. Nealon and R. Linehan Defeat T. F. Bonnet and P. T. Donnelly.

The San Francisco handball court was crowded yesterday afternoon, and several exciting games were witnessed.

The principal event was a game in which J. C. Nealon and R. Linehan played against T. F. Bonnet and P. T. Donnelly, the amateur champion. It was an off day for Bonnet and Donnelly, as they were defeated in three straight games.

Much interest was shown in a game, the result of a challenge, in which Phil Ryan and Dan Rogers played against P. D. McNeil and J. J. Stevens. Ryan considers himself the champion of the Portero, and he and McNeil thought they would have a "soft thing."

About ten days ago Bonnet defeated Coast Champion Riordan in three straight games. Riordan claimed that he was out of condition at the time, and has since expressed his anxiety to play Bonnet again to decide who is really the better man.

Bonnet was informed of Riordan's desire yesterday, and at once consented to oblige him. The match will come off Sunday afternoon, April 11.

Several other games played in the San Francisco court yesterday:

W. McLaughlin and J. Moffit defeated R. Adams and M. McLaughlin, 21-14, 20-21, 21-15.

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HAVE YOU LISTED OFF THEIR DOCKETS

Sleepy Justices Aroused by the Action of the Supervisors.

Ordered to Have All Cases Placed on Their Calendars at Once.

Many Curious Incidents Revealed When the Official Records Were Inspected.

OAKLAND, CAL., March 28.—The Justice of the Peace of Alameda County, especially those in the interior districts, where the wheels of justice frequently get clogged and move slowly, are considerably perturbed over a recent order of the Board of Supervisors.

During the past few months many complaints have been made of the tardiness of the courts in some of the interior districts. The District Attorney's office, it was admitted, did everything in its power to help out the Justices, but the Justices in some instances neglected to make an attempt to clear their calendars, and of course the District Attorney's office knew nothing of their business.

About two weeks ago the Board of Supervisors ordered an examination of the dockets of all the county Justices of the Peace. Some of the officials rather doubted the power of the board to order such a thing, but the board considered that the Supervisors were exceeding their jurisdiction. District Attorney Snook ruled that the board in passing such an order was acting within its power, and the result is now manifest.

All the dockets have been taken from the clerks, and they were then shared possession with the dust for months, and carefully inspected, and now it is believed every case at bar, so far as the Justices of the Peace are concerned, is on the calendar and will be taken up as soon as possible and finally disposed of.

Some of the instances of delayed litigation were very peculiar, and it is not the fact that the Grand Jury has just adjourned there might be material for some rigid investigation. In the remote parts of the county cases were discovered which the Justices had no doubt unintentionally forgotten, and there are several other instances in which it is hard to think that the slowness or indifference of the Justices was altogether unintentional.

As most of these offices are paid by fees it might be supposed that the Justices would settle as speedily as possible all the cases that come before them. This is not so, however, and a county official recently remarked that if all the Justices were not known to be so slow in settling their cases that some of the dockets might lead anybody to suppose that it was more advisable to retard just to expedite it.

Under circumstances it would not perhaps be just to mention specific instances of cases that have been hanging fire, but the result of the Supervisors' order has been very noticeable in the interior Justices' courts and a source of satisfaction to the District Attorney's office.

One of the cases that attracted particular attention is that of Ward at Hayward. Ward went out one night and without provocation fired nearly a score of bullets into the back of a man who was passing by. He was arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon, and was held in the county jail for several days. He has cleared out and left his bondsmen in the lurch. His case has been set for April 17, and if he is not present suit will be begun against his sureties.

A Military Field Day.

The Last of the Athletic Events Before the Grand Tournament.

Retirement of Major-General Ruger Next Month—Name of Those Who Will Lick the Position.

The course of instruction for heavy artillery batteries for the month of April will comprise small-arm practice, calisthenic, gymnastic and athletic exercises and artillery drill for batteries that have completed their small-arm firing, the use of instruments and vessel tracking, or instruction in the use of the machine gun.

Tables of instruction for the month of April will be issued from department headquarters.

On Monday field day at the Presidio will be on Wednesday, the 7th of April, and will include the following novelties:

Driver's contest, rescue race, dead-body rescue, horsemanship, litter-bearing, heavy trenching, mountain gunnery, "tick of the monkey drill" and tent pitching.

This will be the last monthly field day before the grand military tournament which is to commence on the 15th of April and continue for several days. All the soldiers at the several posts are deeply interested in this event, and the best men have been entered to compete for the prizes and honors.

As this will be the first tournament of the kind on the coast, it will undoubtedly attract a large number of the citizens. There is being prepared for the occasion a handsome programme that will contain many illustrations and the portraits of prominent army officers. The grand stand will be ready for occupancy by that time, so that those who do not wish to stand will upon payment of a small sum have an opportunity to enjoy a comfortable seat. The money thus raised will be placed in a fund used to defray incidental expenses.

During the past week the batteries connected with the coast defense on the Presidio at the bay were inspected by Inspector-General Burt.

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TWO SUCCESSFUL OPERAS

The Great French Company Gives "Mignon" and "Faust."

A Pretty Performance of Thomas' Opera Comique, With Savine in the Title Role.

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Auction Sales

Particular Attention

Called to the Grand Auction Sale of the Most Magnificent and Varied Assortment of Furniture ever offered in this city.

The furniture of this house is of the very highest order, and in style and finish.

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That is a pretty stiff sentence, but the army will not permit gambling nor demerit language.

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