A POLITICAL OLLA PODRIDA

How the New Year Finds Party Fealty in Oakland.

Rumors of Changes Are Now Hovering Over the City Hall.

Everything Mixed at a Time When a Solid Front Is Most Needed.

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The advent of the New Year finds Alameda County in a very mixed condition politically. The complications start at the City Hall and go clear through the whole of the political organizations of the county.

Everything appears to be twisted and turned, and no one knows exactly where he stands or why he stands or what he stands upon. For reasons which have never been explained a system of dispensing patronage has been maintained at the City Hall that is subjecting the Republican party of Oakland to ridicule from within and without. With a Republican majority in the Board of Works, and with hundreds of competent men in the party capable of filling any municipal office, men without a particle of claim on the party in power have been retained to help disrupt Republican organizations. This, too, at a time when this city stands more in need of a solid Republican front than at any other time in her history.

During the past two weeks what may be called the solidifying of the partisans of Dr. Pardee and W. R. Davis has been quietly taking place in a more marked degree than during the past three months. It has been stated that the present contest between these two men is a good thing for the Republican party, because it will bring out every party man in the county who will, at the right time, vote for the man who proves the stronger. At the present time there would appear to be what W. R. Davis called yesterday many "quadrennial Republicans" in this city. They are found every fourth year, but in the interval they fly around driven by every breath of political doctrine that may be born of the hour. When asked for his opinions, Mr. Davis said that he had expressed them four years ago and they had not altered a particle. He gave his expression as follows: "The legitimate object of parties and campaigns is to forward principles and to secure good administration. No party or campaign can justify its existence on personal ground. No man is indispensable, no ordinary man is of much importance, even. It is the co-operators, not the dissenters, co-operation, and not dissension, which will accomplish what is best for the city whenever and however it is done. If doctrines or practices are to be opposed let us confront them with co-operative strength, not with seceding and rival forces, each weakening the other. I believe in good government, so do you, so do we all. Well, then, to secure it shall we split up our numbers, fall upon each other and come out worse than when we began? It is suicidal to split up those combined forces with which alone it can be done—folly. Co-operation, unselfish and unambiticus, is the need and watchword of the hour. Sidelights are false lights, and side voices are false voices. Let us stand together, stick together, think together, act together, and we can do something—do everything that can be done at all for the city of Oakland. If we split apart, stay apart, vote apart and act apart, we shall accomplish nothing for the lasting good of the city, which is the only real point worth words or worth enthusiasm."

In referring to these remarks Mr. Davis said that while he would not apply them in detail to present conditions he has no cause to alter one particle of their sense or principle. It is now the desire of the party that the whole of Greater Oakland shall be a strong Republican foothold in the important State and county campaign of 1898. At the present time the prospects are that there will be the usual dissatisfaction and dissension, and that even many of the quadrennial Republicans will have been diven into side issues because of the disloyalty of some who are now in a measure responsible for the party's welfare. The matter during the past week has been very thoroughly discussed, and when the holidays are over it is likely that there will be some important but not altogether unexpected changes in the city government.

The revocation of the appointment of Judge Wood to succeed Judge Allen has more significance than is apparent on the surface. It shows plainly the beginning of a new order of things at the City Hall, the end of which can hardly be seen at this time. The Mayor has frequently stated that the reason good Republicans have not been put into positions now held by the remnants of a Populist administration has been that eligible parties have not been presented. He admits now that there are many eligible candidates and that no valid reason exists why justifiable changes should not be made.

The coming of Frank Jordan back into the county fight has overthrown many plans and created new combinations and hostilities in that end of the political machine. The present county government might be said to be about equally divided between Populists and Republicans, and of course a bitter fight will be made to recover the ground lost to the Republicans four years ago. It was really recovered one year ago at the general election, but the many tangles that have taken place since then leave the present condition of the party a matter of doubt. City Attorney Dow is being frequently brought forward as a good candidate for District Attorney. Mr. Dow made a splendid record as a Councilman. He has followed it up in the office of City Attorney, but if he would lay claim to further honors from the party he will have to be more true to party doctrine and to the ideas expressed by William R. Davis than he has been. Altogether 1898 opens up in a very interesting manner for the politicians on this side of the bay.

SEAMAN'S MISSION OPENED.

OAKLAND, Jan. 1.—The County Christian Endeavor Union opened the Seaman's Mission and Reading-room at 709 Broadway this noon with appropriate exercises. The committee in charge and officers of the union were present. Refreshments were served all day and evening, with song services at 3 and 8 p. m. Hereafter services will be held regularly on board vessels in Oakland Creek Sunday mornings at 9:30 o'clock. The rooms will be open every evening, with a good supply of reading material on hand for distribution, besides the daily papers. Sunday the rooms will be opened at 3 o'clock with a free lunch at 5 for sailors. Preaching and Christian Endeavor meetings will be held at 6 o'clock. Rev. Jesse Smith has been selected as superintendent and missionary.

ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS.

GASPIPE CANNON BLEW UP.

Ben Doyle Seriously Injured by a New Year's Accident.

ALAMEDA, Jan. 1.—A number of young men were celebrating the advent of the New Year last night at midnight in a vacant lot on San Jose avenue, in the western part of town. Among them was Ben Doyle of 917 San Antonio avenue. He had improvised a cannon from a piece of gaspipe and fired it off successfully several times. Finally he reloaded it, touched the fuse and ran a few steps away while it should explode. But for some reason it did not go off and he went back to see what was the trouble. He was leaning over the apparatus, when it suddenly exploded, the pipe striking his left leg just below the knee cap, inflicting a painful and serious wound. He was taken at once to the Sanitarium on San Jose avenue and a physician summoned, who found that the leg was shattered and the tibia badly broken. It is hoped, however, that it will be possible to save the leg.

DEDICATION OF ST. JOHN'S.

OAKLAND, Jan. 1.—The new St. John's Church was formally dedicated this morning. The church was opened for public worship several weeks ago, but the formal ceremonies were reserved for the arrival of Bishop Nichols from Europe. Memorial services were also held in honor of the late Rev. Benjamin Akerly. Rev. Dr. McClure preached the memorial service and ably reviewed the life of the aged pastor so well known in this city.

NEW YEAR'S WELCOME

Salvation Army Extends It to Many Hundreds.

Free Banquet Served to All Who Needed a Helping Hand.

The Tables Were Too Well Built to Groan, but the Guests Made Up for It.

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The most lively scene in this city to-day was the banquet given to all-comers by the Salvation Army at their large hall, Twelfth and Washington streets.

If any one was hungry at 2 o'clock, it was due either to laziness, indifference or sickness, for the Army lads and lassies have spent the last two weeks hunting up all likely guests, and to-day they were on hand to minister to their wants. There was no lack of food, waitresses or guests, and the hundreds that were banqueted fully appreciated the occasion. It was a crowd such as few people would believe could be got together in Oakland at short notice. Long as were the tables, they were not long enough to accommodate the guests at one sitting, so those that had blue tickets were admitted first, and the others, who had to wait, were entertained around the fire in the meeting room until the first batch of appetites had been appeased. The only accident that occurred was the breaking of a chair, and this mishap furnished the tall secretary with a baton to guide the hungry mass as it surged through the door.

Staff Captain and Mrs. Merryweather were very much in evidence, and while the captain looked after the carving interests his busy wife hovered around the pie counter. The dinner was a great success, and proved that in spite of progress and good times and commercial revivals the Savior of mankind prophesied only too truly when he said, "The poor ye have with you alway."

GOLD MEDAL FOR DE WOLF

Annual Prize Shoot of the United Boys' Brigade.

Company D Gets the Valuable Trophy Owing to Default.

A Big Company Gathers at the Alameda Range to Witness the Shooting.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Jan. 1.

The fourth annual shoot for the medal and cup of the Second California Regiment, U. B. B., took place this morning at the National Guard range, High street, Alameda.

Companies F and I of the Fifth Regiment, San Francisco, who had been invited, were first to arrive at the range, and their men made good scores. A slight improvement was observed in the men of the Second Regiment. The following scores were made:

Company F, Fifth California Regiment, U. B. B.—Private C. Deardorff, 33; Sergeant E. F. Schurman, 23; First Lieutenant H. Diamond, 23; Second Lieutenant T. Jones, 2; Private G. Hanks, 11; Musician Wheeler, 30; Lance Corporal C. Kinrade, 12; Corporal A. Hewlett, 12; Private I. Mackley, 20; Corporal de Turberille, 8.

Total number of men, 10; total score, 174; average, 17.

Company I, Fifth California Regiment, U. B. B.—Sergeant A. McKinne, 22; Corporal C. Miller, 25; Corporal J. Stein, 34; Private C. Plambeck, 27; Major R. Moore, 34; Sergeant E. Boyson, 0; Private H. Stein, 15.

Total number of men, 7; total score, 157; average, 22 3-7.

Company A, Second California Regiment, U. B. B.—Sergeant C. Fielding, 25; Sergeant O. Bordwell, 27.

Total number of men, 2; total score, 52; average, 26.

Company C, Second California Regiment, U. B. B.—Corporal E. Robertson, 21; Lieutenant Ager, 30. Average, 25½.

Company D, Second California Regiment, U. B. B.—Corporal C. de Wolf, 34; Sergeant A. Pingree, 34; Corporal E. Wold, 10; Sergeant A. Kemphey, 25; Captain L. N. Cobbledick, 37.

Total number of men, 5; total score, 140; average, 28.

The gold medal was won by Corporal Charles DeWolf of Company D, who made the highest score for enlisted men—score 34.

The handsome trophy goes by default to Company D, owing to the fact that the companies in the Second Regiment failed to have five men shoot as per order.

The regulation Springfield rifle was used, and more than one boy will remember the shoot from some gentle kicks received from the guns.

After the shoot the boys were given a lunch at the parlors of the First Congregational Church, Alameda.

The afternoon was spent in games of basket and foot ball.

Sergeant V. M. Green of Company G, National Guard of California, acted as scorer, and gave valuable instruction to the boys.

Those present were:

Fifth Regiment, United Boys' Brigade, Company F—Howard-street Methodist Episcopal Church, San Francisco; Lieutenant H. Diamond, commanding; Lieutenant T. Jones and twenty-eight men.

Company I, Cadet Corps—Third Congregational Church, San Francisco; Major R. B. Moore; President William H. Hyde and fifteen men.

Second Regiment, United Boys' Brigade, Company A—First Presbyterian Church, Alameda; Lieutenant Barber, commanding; Lieutenant George Renner.

Company C—First Congregational Church, Alameda; Captain E. J. Walker, commanding; Lieutenant J. Hanley, Lieutenant A. Ager.

Company D—Eighth-avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, East Oakland; Captain L. N. Cobbledick, commanding.

"AND THEY DID ALL EAT AND WERE WELL FILLED."

POLICE PROTECTION FOR BERKELEY

North Berkeley Residents Determined to Drive Out Burglars.

Town Trustees Will Be Asked to Cooperate With the Citizens.

BERKELEY, Jan 1.—The citizens of Berkeley are at last determined to seek better protection from burglary and robbery. Much talk has been occasioned by the large number of recent holdups and burglaries of the need of better police service, but up to the present time no suitable plan could be agreed upon.

North Berkeley residents, however, are aroused and are resolved that something shall be done. Last Tuesday night, at a meeting of the North Berkeley Improvement Club, a committee composed of August L. Ott, chairman; Henry Lampe and Edward Florence was appointed to draw up some plan and report at the meeting to be held next Tuesday night.

What they propose is that the town employ watchmen in every ward in Berkeley, the watchmen to be paid partly by the town and partly by subscriptions of the citizens. They believe that if this arrangement were to be carried out Berkeley would soon be rid of her tough characters.

Mr. Florence, when seen to-day, said: "The town should afford protection to its citizens, but if they do not take suitable action the citizens themselves must do something. The committee has not yet consulted with the Town Trustees, and we do not know what will ultimately be done. Our policy will be controlled by their action. If they refuse to enter upon any plan then we will work by ourselves."

BOYS' BRIGADE RECEPTION.

OAKLAND, Jan. 1.—L. N. Cobbledick, captain of Company D, Second Cavalry Regiment, U. B. B., of the Eighth-avenue M. E. Church, East Oakland, gave a reception to his company to-night at his residence. The affair was a sort of reunion of the old members, and the past history and glory of Company D were topics of animated conversation. Refreshments were served and a good time was enjoyed by all

FELL THROUGH GLASS.

Strange Accident on Broadway for Which No Author Can Be Found.

OAKLAND, Jan. 1.—Somebody must be walking around with some very bad cuts, or else that unseen guardian that is supposed to hover around a human being under certain conditions must have been particularly alive to his responsibility very early this morning.

Before the New Year was ten minutes old, a large, heavy plate-glass in a clothing store at Eleventh and Broadway was broken in. The hole made was big enough for a man to walk through, but whoever caused it made his escape before he could be caught. It was not the burglar who took the gold coin from a store window on Washington street a few days ago, because there was no such temptation in sight and nothing was taken. Just before the crash a couple of men who had evidently been breaking good resolutions, were seen near the window, and there is no doubt that one or both of them fell against and through it.

No one applied at the Receiving Hospital for treatment, and it is a wonder to the police how such an accident could have occurred without someone being seriously injured.

BERKELEY NEWS NOTES.

BERKELEY, Jan. 1.—J. B. Warren has resigned as editor of the Evening World, but will continue the editorship of the Weekly Herald.

The Peralta Fire Company gave a very successful smoker in the firehouse on Shattuck avenue last evening.

A reunion of socialists was held today at the residence of James Andrews of North Berkeley.

HAYWARDS' ATHLETIC PARK.

OAKLAND, Jan. 1.—The new athletic park at Haywards was opened today by a baseball match between Haywards and San Lorenzo. The home team won by a score of 28 to 13. The grounds are in splendid order and many programmes will be arranged during the summer.

KEEFE IN JAIL.

Charged With Brutally Striking His Daughter Maggie on the Street.

ALAMEDA, Jan. 1.—Patrick Keefe, whose troubles have been ventilated for several weeks in the press, is in jail again on the same old charge of cruelty to his children. This time it is an aggravated case of assault on his eldest daughter Maggie.

Maggie was taken at once to Mrs. Prescott, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and on her advice she swore to a complaint to-day charging her unnatural parent with battery. He was arrested this afternoon and locked up in the city jail.

ALLEGED LIQUOR LICENSE VIOLATION.

ALAMEDA, Jan. 1.—It is reported that charges of violating the liquor license ordinance are to be made against Spies & Wanner, the keepers of a Park-street saloon. That portion of the law which they are said to have violated is the inhibition of selling liquor to a person already intoxicated. The complainant is Mrs. Charles Evans, whose husband was until recently an employe of the city electric light works, but who was discharged for getting drunk. Mrs. Evans has been investigating the case, and she claims to have proof that her husband was given seven or eight drinks of liquor in Spies & Wanner's saloon when he was already in an intoxicated condition. This will be made the basis of a demand upon the trustees that their license be revoked. It is also reported that Mrs. Evans will make charges against still another saloonkeeper on the same grounds.

FOOTBALL AND BASEBALL.

ALAMEDA, Jan. 1.—A very interesting and exciting game of English football was played this afternoon at the West Alameda grounds between the Vampires and the Oakland Association teams. The Vampires won by a score of 3 to 1. The feature of this game is that there is none of the knock-down-and-drag-out business incidental to the game as usually played in this country. But this did not detract from the interest in the game, as testified by the enthusiasm manifested by the large crowd of spectators present.

The San Francisco Midgets and the Alameda Acme team played a game of baseball at the Webster-street gorunds this afternoon which resulted in a victory for the Alameda boys by a score of 10 to 2.

The Park Avenue baseball nine defeated the Young Fresno nine on Friday afternoon by a score of 9 to 0.

Daniel Burr defeated C. Baker on Friday afternoon in a lawn tennis tournament by a score of 18 to 16. This is the largest score ever made at tennis in this city.

The game of baseball between the Encinals and a picked team from the Stanford and Berkeley universities was won by the first named club by a score of 13 to 10.

PRESBYTERIANS REVENGED

The Congregational Baseball Team Suffers Defeat in the Return Match.

BERKELEY, Jan. 1.—The return game of baseball between the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches was played this morning. At the end of the seventh inning, when game was called, the score stood 34 to 8 in favor of the Presbyterians. Rev. Hatch of the Congregational Church was not up to his usual form, and his numerous errors at first account largely for the big score of his opponents. The Presbyterians were strengthened since their Christmas game by the addition of Frank Mighell, and "Diddy" Hoag, the Varsity captain. The beautiful fielding and heavy batting of these men were the features of the game. A third game will probably take place on Washington's Birthday.

The teams lined up as follows:

Congregational.		Presbyterian.
Chas. Mills (capt)	Pitcher	Payson Riggs
Loring Barker	Catcher	Tyrrell Hamlin
Rev. Mr. Hatch	First base	Walter Hoag
W. A. Sheldon	Second base	"Diddy" Hoag
Cecil Reed	Third base	Frank Mighell
Joseph Mills	Shortstop	Wm. Henderson
Ed Henderson	Left field	Dr. L. V. Saph
Horace Henderson	Center field	Ed Hoag
Roy Young	Right field	Ed Hoag

Umpires—Thompson, Spencer and Noack.

Score by innings.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cong	0	3	1	0	1	1	2
Presby	3	6	7	4	8	4	2

KICKED TO DEATH BY A COLT.

OAKLAND, Jan. 1.—Patrick Stokes, one of the oldest and best known expressmen of East Oakland, was kicked to death by a colt this afternoon.

After eating New Year's dinner with his family Stokes went into the barn to harness up a colt. The animal had only been taken out a few times and was known to be frisky, but just what happened will never be known, for nobody saw the accident occur.

After the father had been gone about ten minutes his son went out and called to his father. Not receiving a reply he went into the barn, where he found his father lying unconscious on the floor. Young Stokes could see that his father was bleeding from the head and at once called Dr. Sill. Stokes was examined and it was found that he had been kicked in the head. The jaw was broken and the base of the skull fractured. He did not recover consciousness and died two hours later.

Patrick Stokes was 61 years of age and has lived here many years. One of his sons, Police Officer Stokes, died about a year ago.

FIRE CAUSED BY A TRAMP.

OAKLAND, Jan. 1.—An overturned lamp brought out the Fire Department to-night to the Sunnyside House. The chemical engine quickly extinguished the flames.

SWEDISH SINGERS' CONCERT.

Music and Dancing Enliven Turn Verein Hall Last Evening.

A grand New Year's concert and ball was given last evening at Turn Verein Hall, 323 Turk street, by the Swedish Singing Society. At 8 p. m. the musical exercises began. As soon as they were finished dancing was commenced and kept up until a late hour.

John Nelson acted as floor manager. The committee of arrangements was composed of Lambert Gisslow, Alfred Nygren, Charles L. Olsen, John Nelson and A. Rydlander.

Following was the programme rendered:

Overture, "The Diamond (Rollinson), orchestra; Visa ur "Vermlanningarna" (Dahlgren), Swedish Singing Society; poem, selected (Zephyrinus); comical songs (in costume), Professor Westin; duet, "An Evening at Sea" (Palloni), Miss Minnie Schultzberg and J. Nelson; selections, J. Hilding; "Sjomannen" (Janke), Swedish Singing Society.

A colorless ink for writing upon postal cards, etc., is made by mixing together water and sulphuric acid, the writing becoming permanently visible when heated.

LOST HIS ROLL OF GREENBACKS

William Looker, a Bucolic Stranger, Robbed by a Woman.

While He Visited Her Room She Cleverly Relieves Him of His Money.

Maggie Stevens and George Snow Are Locked Up on Suspicion.

William Looker, a recent arrival from the East, was robbed of $500 in greenbacks yesterday morning in a room in a lodging-house on Grant avenue, near Bush.

While celebrating the advent of the new year, Looker met a young man named George Snow, a horseman. They visited the tenderloin district and had a merry time. As they proceeded along Grant avenue a woman who is known by the name of Maggie Stevens happened along. Snow, who seemed to be on very friendly terms with her, introduced her to Looker. At her invitation he accompanied her to her room, where they had several drinks. Looker says that he had the roll of greenbacks in his inside coat pocket, and when he entered the room he took off the coat and placed it on a chair. After a short conversation with the woman he left the room but returned in a few minutes. He then put on his coat and started to leave. As he emerged from the room he thought of his money and placed his hand in his coat pocket to see if it was there.

To his great surprise the roll of greenbacks was gone. Convinced that the woman had robbed him, he at once summoned a police officer.

The latter visited the room, but was unable to find the woman. Snow appeared a few minutes later and was placed under arrest. A short time after he was locked up in the tanks in the City Prison the woman entered her room and was met by the policeman. She indignantly denied that she had robbed Looker and defied the officer to arrest her.

Notwithstanding her protestations of innocence she was also taken into custody and escorted to the City Prison. She was then turned over to Matron Gilmore, who was instructed to search her.

An examination of her clothing, however, failed to bring to light the missing greenbacks.

Last night Looker visited the City Prison and positively identified the woman as the one who had robbed him. He said that after he entered her room she advised him to take off his coat, as she feared he would "catch cold" after leaving her. He placed his coat on a chair which the woman moved close to the wall. Looker is convinced that the woman worked the old-time "panel game" on him. He intends to swear to a complaint against the pair to-day, charging them with grand larceny.

CHAMPIONS OF TENNIS COURTS

Interesting Games Were Played on the California Grounds.

Several Unfinished Events Are Booked for This Afternoon.

The inaugural tournament of the California Lawn Tennis Club for the season of 1898 was held yesterday afternoon at the club grounds on Bush and Scott streets. The event was a class singles tournament, and will be finished this afternoon. The following matches were played:

First class, first round—Ralph Blaven vs. S. A. Adams, won by Adams, score 6—4, 6—4. The second match, W. B. Collier Jr., vs. Dr. C. B. Root, Harry Y. Weihe vs. Arthur Cheseborough, will be played to-day. George S. Bradshaw drew a bye.

Second class, preliminary round—John O. Blanchard vs. Drummond McGavin, won by Blanchard, score 6—2, 8—6. First round, J. O. Blanchard vs. William O'Connor, won by Blanchard by default. Joseph Hooper vs. Werner Stauf, won by Stauf by default. James A. Code vs. Andrew Canezan, won by Code, score 3—6, 6—2, 6—3. R. J. Davis vs. Nelson Eckart, won by Eckart, score 5—2, 8—6.

Final round—John O. Blanchard vs. Nelson Eckart, won by Eckart, score 6—2, 6—2, 6—3.

Third class, first round—Frank Kellogg vs. J. H. Bishop, won by Kellogg by default. Ben Upham vs. Bryan Bell, won by Bell by default. E. S. Woodbury vs. Henry Tichner, won by Tichner by default. H. Meyer vs. E. N. Bee, won by Meyer by default.

Second round—Frank Kellogg vs. Bryan Bell won by Kellogg, score 6—1, 6—3. H. Tichner vs. H. Meyer, won by Meyer, score 6—3, 6—1.

Final round—F. Kellogg wins first two sets, score 6—1, 6—1. Deciding set to be played to-day.

Fourth class, first round—Ed Bacon vs. William Laundry, won by Bacon, score 6—4, 7—5. Second match, Howard Middleton vs. William Meyer, won by Meyer, score 6—1, 6—0, 6—3.

Second round, first match—Ed Bacon vs. H. S. Schmidt, won by Bacon, score 15—13, 6—1. Final round, Bacon vs. Meyer, won by Bacon, score 6—1, 6—1, 9—7.

The playing on the whole was far above the average, particularly the form displayed by the younger members of the club. The tennis displayed throughout the tournament was of such a character that it kept the numerous spectators applauding constantly. The form displayed by Schmidt, who is only nine years of age and the youngest in the club, gives promise of a brilliant future in this sport.

The coast champion, Geo. Whitney, will play his brother, Robert N. Whitney, to-day in the championship round.

The class winners of yesterday's contests will meet this afternoon with a handicap.

Woodmen's Officers.

Western Addition Camp, Woodmen of the World, has made arrangements to install the following officers at a meeting to be held on the 11th inst.: R. Stone, P. C. C.; Charles Thomas, C. C.; C. N. Brown, A. L.; V. F. de Roco, B.; W. W. Anderson, E.; A. M. Wapple, W.; Thomas Leister, S.; F. T. Wilder, R. R. Hill and A. J. Vining, managers, and C. V. Cross physician. At its last held meeting, when General Organizer Wheeler was present, this camp received twenty-three applications.

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A NEW CYCLE CENTURY RACER

Percy Dell Defeats a Dozen Others in the Hundred Mile Ride.

An Olympic Club Wheelman Again Gains the Honor of the First Ride of the Year.

The dawn of the New Year heralded the rising of a new star in the cycle racing firmament, who bids fair to eclipse some of the old-time planets in course of time.

At midnight Friday an even dozen sturdy road riders mounted their wheels at Ninth and Market streets and set off for San Jose, thence back to Alameda, thereby completing a ride of 100 miles, intent upon gaining the honor of accomplishing the first century ride of the year. It is a habit that pertains all over the United States, whether weather conditions are favorable or not, and in New York sometimes as many as 100 men have started on the trip each year.

Ten of the men who started Friday night were on singles and two en tandem. They were I. R. Lind, Imperial Club; Harry Fowler, Bay City Wheelmen; Percy Dell, L. H. Smith, J. H. Nash, G. E. Kroetz and G. H. Ramsay, Olympic Club Wheelmen; M. Jurgewetz and G. A. Wyman, Acme; Stevens, San Francisco Road Club, and the Ward brothers, tandem team of the California Club. Only five of these had previously announced their intentions of starting. The others decided to take the ride at the last minute.

Lind set a hot pace to the foot of the six-mile hill, and after that was not prominent to the fore. Nash, Wyman, Smith and Fowler kept pretty well together, Nash and Fowler being the first to reach San Jose, at 3:25 o'clock yesterday morning. Accidents had been numerous, and the others were strung out behind on the road. Nash was kicked by a horse, but escaped serious injury. Dell fell, Lind, Wyman and Smith punctured their tires, and Ramsay also had a fall.

The weather was so bitterly cold that the men suffered considerably, their feet in particular becoming numb. A brief stop was made in San Jose for coffee, and they were off again to complete the journey.

The roads were perfect on the other side of the bay, and with the approaching dawn better time was made, though they were all half dead with the cold and very tired.

The Ward brothers picked up Dell outside of San Jose and paced him along, which advantage made it easy for him to gain on the others. Nash, Fowler and Smith held together to the finish, but could not overcome the lead. Dell finished strong at 7:20 o'clock, making his total time for the 100 miles 7 hours and 20 minutes. The next bunch—Nash, Fowler and Smith—did not get in until 8:25, over an hour behind them, and the others straggled in at intervals thereafter.

Dell is a new man to the cycle racers and those who made the trip speak kindly of him. His cheery disposition and good nature helped to make the ride less irksome, and none begrudged him the honor when he finished first, even though tandem paced. He is looked to as being a prominent factor in future road events, particularly long-distance grinds like the annual 25-mile road race. He is big and strong and well fitted for the hard work.

M. G. Curtis of Alameda claims to have beaten Dell's time, but that is disputed by the other riders. Curtis reversed the course, starting at Alameda and finishing here, and claims to have done it in 6 hours 38 minutes. Those who started from here, however, say that they passed Curtis going to San Jose when they were then out 3 hours and 25 minutes. To have finished in 6:38 Curtis would have had to complete the 50-mile ride back to this city in 3 hours 18 minutes, which is a practical impossibility. The San Francisco boys say 5:18 would be nearer the mark.

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