

ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS.

BRAVE MEN OF OAKLAND

Beaten Years Ago They Always Return to the Fray.

One of the Peculiar Things in Politics Across the Bay.

Time for the Council to Put its Foot Down on Some Park Humbugs.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Jan. 23.

There are some brave men in Alameda County. They never know when they are beaten, and they never seem able to realize that they are not in demand and that the public is not tumbling over itself in frantic efforts to do them homage.

Of course, these individuals are politicians, or they so estimate themselves, and it is hard to convince them that, as a matter of fact, they were on the shelves when they were born so far as politics is concerned, and will be till the end of their days.

Just at this time this band of the afflicted is very numerous. They have figured out that there is a "prospect" for them this year much nearer home than the Klondike.

They live by the methods known to leeches for many months prior to an election, and they keep from starving at other times the world knoweth not.

As convention time approaches they are able to beg or control enough credit to get a few hundred cards printed with their faces on them, and they duly appear as candidates for any old thing of course "subject to the Republican (or some other) county convention."

In some instances they are enabled to get their cards printed in the county press, but as this branch of advertising is generally paid for in advance, these brave fellows depend mostly for publicity on electric light masts and country fences.

This kind of thing goes on everywhere, but in other counties they seem to eventually learn that they are not in demand. In Alameda County these warriors never learn, and the fact that some of the old-time itchers for office are now in the field is due to the fact that death has intervened since the last election.

It would be impossible in one edition to print the muster roll of these political braves in this county, and to individualize would be unjust. They are not strangers, unfortunately, and are known from Corral Hollow to the bay.

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They are "being mentioned" now at the rate of about four a day, though it would be a hard task to find out who is doing the mentioning. They are also to be pitied. They have to live and as a rule they would never have commenced to chase a large hope but for the fact that they have failed in business, and they ever engaged in. Yet they are never aware of the fact that their biggest and most continuous failure has been in politics.

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Next Monday night if the City Council can read the trend of public opinion it will entertain and pass a resolution to lay the whole park matter on the table. There is no reason for a park and never was. The people have not asked for one and do not seem to appreciate the fact that the controversy arose when a real estate man offered to sell a large tract to the city for a generous price.

Then every other real estate dealer who had any kind of an old section to dispose of called it a tract, gave a free picnic to the grounds and generously offered it for sale at any number of prices. The proceeding has been a farce from beginning to end and has now become so ridiculous that its further discussion is beneath the dignity of the city government.

Anybody that thinks the people of this city will vote bonds for half-a-million dollars' worth of schemes and jobs is pitifully ignorant of the truth.

Oakland is ready for the next bubble. If New York is bad politically and morally because of the principles of Crokerism, for the same reason Oakland is immaculately pure.

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SOME SUNDAY SERMONS.

Themes Heard in the Various Pulpits Include the Golden Jubilee.

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Rev. E. R. Dille, D.D., pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, recognized the Golden Jubilee by special services this evening. His theme was "Call to Arms for the Golden Jubilee."

Rev. C. R. Brown preached his second sermon in a series on "Popular Unbelief." He used for his theme "Unbelief as to the Bible."

Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D.D., pastor of the English Evangelical Lutheran Church, preached a very practical sermon to-night on "Gatherings From East and West."

Rev. J. D. Butler preached on "The Law of Divine Support of the members of the First Christian Church. His audiences are growing steadily and the church is in a very practical condition."

Rev. C. M. Hill attended the dedication of the Fresno Baptist Church building to-day, and in his address he mentioned the fact that the church in Fresno occupied his pulpit the other day, and Rev. D. J. Pierce of Berkeley occupied it this evening.

CLASS GAMES SCHEDULED.

The Championship to be Decided Within the Next Two Weeks.

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THE LATE MRS. FRANCES LOLITA AMADA GREEN, Who Attended the Inaugural Ball of California's First American Governor.

Dr. Gibbon's Dispensary. 625 KERN ST. Established in 1854 for the treatment of Private Diseases, Lost Manhood, Debility or Weakness, etc. Dr. J. F. GIBBON, Box 1957, San Francisco.

THE CALL CALENDAR. January, 1898. Moon's Phase. Full Moon, Jan. 7. Last Quarter, Jan. 15. New Moon, Jan. 23. First Quarter, Jan. 29. STEAMERS TO ARRIVE. STEAMERS TO SAIL.

NOTICE TO MARINERS. A branch of the United States Hydrographic Office, located in the Merchants' Exchange, is maintained in San Francisco for the benefit of mariners with regard to nationality and free of expense. NOTICE TO MARINERS. The time ball on top of the building on Telegraph Hill indicates maximum temperature for the day; the minimum temperature for the day is indicated by the thermometer on the building.

Black Spots before your Eyes. R.I.P.A.N.S. TABLETS. will drive away the whole trouble in twenty minutes. AN OCCASIONAL RIPANS TABLET WILL PREVENT ITS RETURN.