ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS.

DINGEE AND MOFFITT TELL THEIR TALES

Deny Using Money to Elect Their Friends.

The Ex-Senator Objects to the Garbling of Testimony.

Is Prepared to Make His Own Report of Grand Jury Proceedings.

HIS CONTENTION IS LEGAL

Efforts Were Made to Elect "Old Pard" Bassett Last Election.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, April 7.

Much surprise was expressed to-night when it was announced that the Grand Jury had adjourned indefinitely. This is taken to indicate that the jurors do not see any prospect at present of being able to reach the truth of the many scandals that are being openly discussed. It was reported that Chairman Crooks may not call the jury together again until ready to discuss their final report.

William J. Dingee, president of the Oakland Water Company, was before the Grand Jury this afternoon. The investigation was confined throughout the day solely to the water rate business and the alleged circumstances attending the election of the present City Council and Mayor.

The following was Mr. Dingee's examination:

"Were you interested in the election of the present City Council?"

"I was. I helped to elect my friends."

"Did you know that Mr. Woodward was to be appointed when Mr. Fibush resigned?"

"I did not know of his appointment till it had taken place; neither did I discuss it with anybody, being in complete ignorance."

"How long after his appointment did you try to see him?"

"I tried to see him the minute I heard of it. I have discussed water rates with every member of the Council except Mr. Girard, and I do not consider him as responsible for much that he says and does."

"Do you know Mr. Moffitt?"

"I do."

"What are your relations with him?"

"Of a business and friendly nature."

"Would you tell us the nature of the business relations?"

"I will. We are interested in enterprises involving many thousands of dollars, and naturally we work together for our mutual benefit."

"Do you know anything of Mr. Moffitt's private affairs?"

"Yes, I know that he has a private income of comfortable proportions, such as no doubt many of you Grand Jurors would like to possess."

"What is the nature of your friendship for Mr. Moffitt?"

"We are the best of friends."

"In what way is Mr. Moffitt connected with the Oakland Water Company? Has he been the political manager for the corporation?"

"Mr. Moffitt has no technical connection with the Oakland Water Company; he is not on its payroll, he has never received a penny from the company and neither has he ever been its political manager. We have discussed many things together in a friendly manner, and in one large concern Mr. Moffitt and I are partners. He has never handled any money for the company, neither has he ever been anything but a friend of mine since we had business relations together."

Several other questions were asked Mr. Dingee regarding his anxiety to elect certain Councilmen, and how far he had gone in showing the depth of his friendship for them. But no material evidence was extracted from him.

Frank J. Moffitt was the next witness. Mr. Moffitt and Mr. Dingee had been walking about the corridors of the courthouse for an hour before being called upon to testify. During all that time Mr. Moffitt carried a large block of yellow legal cap. On being asked what he intended to do with it, he replied: "You will know as soon as I have been in the Grand Jury room."

When Mr. Moffitt's name was called he marched in with his block of legal cap. As soon as he was asked his name, address and other preliminary questions, the District Attorney said, "Are you in the employ of the Oakland Water Company?"

Mr. Moffitt's pencil at once started to record the question on his pad of foolscap. At this action of his some of the Grand Jury protested and asked Mr. Moffitt what he was doing.

Mr. Moffitt said: "Gentlemen, it is a notorious fact that within one hour of the adjournment of this Grand Jury everything that has transpired within this room is public property and is the common talk of everybody on the street. Friends of mine who have testified here have been annoyed by seeing their testimony published in the newspapers in a garbled and untruthful fashion and so worded as to help the various political ideas of those who are responsible for their publication. I determined, therefore, that when I came before this Grand Jury I would myself keep a record of every question and every answer that transpired, so that in case of misrepresentation and falsehood I could make public the whole truth in my own interests and for my own protection if necessary."

"Do you intend to carry out your idea, Mr. Moffitt?" asked a juror.

"I do," he replied.

Jerry Tyrrell, himself an old politician, made a motion that Mr. Moffitt be adjudged guilty of contempt of the Grand Jury. The motion was promptly seconded, whereupon Foreman Crooks asked the District Attorney if such a course as Mr. Moffitt proposed to take were permissible.

Mr. Snook replied that he knew of no law that would prevent a man from doing such a thing, and he could not therefore advise the jury that such a course was illegal.

It was then proposed that Mr. Moffitt be excused for fifteen minutes, and he left the room. Judge Ogden was sent for and in the interval he agreed with Mr. Snook that there was no law to prevent a man keeping a record of his own testimony, and Mr. Moffitt was again summoned.

"We are seeking to ascertain if anything criminal has been done in the matter of fixing water rates, and we wish to know from you as a citizen any information you can give us. It is the unanimous wish of this jury that you do not take notes of the proceedings, and we ask you not to do it," said Foreman Crooks.

Mr. Moffitt replied that if it was not pleasant to the jury for him to take notes he would refrain from doing so, except he should be asked questions which he considered to be of a vital character.

The witness was questioned regarding the appointment of Councilman Woodward, and in reply told the following story:

"I did not know that Mr. Woodward had been appointed until the Mayor had filed his appointment. I did not make any attempt to see Mr. Woodward immediately after his appointment, although I met him some time later. I did not try to induce him to do anything contrary to his conscience, but I told him that being in the water business myself I naturally thought that rates should be high enough to encourage capital and guarantee a fair interest on the investment. Regarding my relations with Mr. Dingee I will say that we are very friendly; many of our interests are mutual and I would always be a cheerful witness on Mr. Dingee's behalf. I would help him, to the best of my ability, to plan a campaign, or do anything that would benefit his interests in a proper manner.

"I have not spent any money for Mr. Dingee, believing that he is perfectly able to spend all his money himself. I have not attended to the politics of the Oakland Water Company, for I believe Mr. Dingee is well fitted to do his own politics. I helped as far as possible to elect my old friend 'Pard' Bassett' to the Council, and I also did all I could for Mr. Heitmann, but I did not spend any money in their behalf.

"I have not tried to influence any appointment made by Mayor Thomas, and I cannot recall having spoken to the Mayor more than twice since his election, and on neither occasion did we discuss any matter of public interest. I did not help to elect Mr. Thomas; did not spend any money for Mr. Dingee or anybody else to secure his election, and if you would like to know anything more about Mr. Dingee's affairs, I presume his attorney would be able to inform you. For there is a general idea that I have had a great deal to do with much in which I have not taken any active interest."

"Did you vote for Mayor Thomas?" asked a juror.

"I am not telling of my vote," said the witness, "believing that the principle of the Australian ballot law is a good one, but so long as you have asked me, I will say that I did not vote for Mr. Thomas, and he was not my personal choice for Mayor."

The witness was asked a lot of questions having for their object the bringing out of any attempts at bribery, either before or after the election of the present Council and Mayor, but nothing of value was gleaned from the testimony.

A few other witnesses were examined, but nothing of importance was elicited.

It is understood that when the Grand Jury reconvenes subpenas will be issued for Alvinza Hayward, A. W. Rose, G. W. Baker of the Oakland Water Company, W. F. Whittier, Charles Goodall, George W. Prescott, Henry Pierce, Victor Metcalf and J. C. Martin of the Contra Costa company.

BRIDGE PLANS ARE COMPLETE

Sent on to Washington for War Department Approval.

Ninety-Two Thousand Dollars to Be Spent in Its Construction.

The New Steel Structure Will Be Nearly a Thousand Feet Long.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, April 7.

The plans were forwarded to Washington to-day by the County Clerk for the costly steel bridge to be erected in place of the condemned Webster street structure by order of the War Department.

The plans have been carefully prepared by Cotton Bros., to whom has been awarded the contract for building the bridge, and having obtained the signatures of the Board of Supervisors and such other recommendations as are necessary, the War Department will pass upon them as speedily as possible. The time set by the Government for the completion of the bridge is June 30, but there will necessarily have to be a generous extension, as the bridge cannot be built in that time.

The new steel bridge will be 992 feet long, and will be so constructed that there will be two electric car tracks over it as well as two independent footways. The total cost of the structure is estimated to be $92,000, and it has to have a space of 300 feet clear in the draw.

Owing to the nature of the foundation much of the work has to be done under water, and in addition to extensive piling, concrete foundations built inside caissons have to be constructed. There will have to be some diversion of travel at the point of the new bridge for some months, as it will be necessary to remove the old bridge at once so that work will commence on the foundations. While these foundations are being built the steel work for the superstructure will be manufactured and put together as much as possible, so that the obstruction to travel will be as short as possible.

All the steel work will be made by California firms, and nothing will be brought from the East that can be made here. The railroad company has obtained its franchise from the City Council to change its tracks from crossing Webster street bridge to run along First street and turn onto a bridge which the company is to build specially for its own use at the foot of Harrison street. Some objection is being made to the fact that the railroad drawbridge off Harrison street and the county's drawbridge off Webster street are only one block apart, and there is some belief that the War Department may refuse to countenance the construction of two bridges so near together. In the event of an objection on this account, both bridges may again be delayed.

COFFIN'S CASE TO BE TRIED

The Defense Promises a Big Political Sensation.

Alleged Pollution of Water Is Allowed for Seven Months.

The Suit Said to Be a Conspiracy Hatched by the Water Companies.

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William J. Dingee, Dr. George C. Pardee, ex-Judge E. M. Gibson, ex-Senator Frank J. Moffitt, Robert Knight, County Assessor Dalton, W. H. T. Watkinson, Fred A. Campbell, Daniel Doody, W. B. Beattie and F. Prindle.

This imposing list of witnesses has been summoned to appear in a suit to-morrow in Justice Clift's court that is promised to reveal more political secrets and inside history of the scandal connected with the election of the present City Council and Mayor than has yet come to light, even through the medium of the street gossip of the Grand Jury. In conducting this case there will be no ban of confidence or diffidence that necessarily exists in star chamber proceedings, for ex-Mayor M. C. Chapman will appear for the defendant, and in law courts Mr. Chapman does not mince his sentences or fall into the weakness of what Judge Greene calls "scattering."

The suit is brought ostensibly on behalf of the people against a small rancher named O. Conn, who is charged with maintaining a nuisance and polluting the waters of one of the tributaries of Temescal Creek, which is a public water supply. In reality, the suit is an evidence of the bitter fight that prevailed between the two water companies last September, when it was filed. It has dragged along, "the people" apparently not being anxious to purify its water supply, and the defense courteously acceding to all suggestions of continuances.

It will be the policy of the defense to show that the suit was brought simply for the purpose of prosecution and for the further purpose of making unpopular the character of the Contra Costa Company's water, thus inferentially booming the liquid of the rival company.

The defense intends in pursuance of this line of combat to show that the parties who brought the suit acted under the orders of their superiors, the employes of the Board of Heath, which board in turn was appointed by Mayor Thomas for reasons which the defense will try to prove, and that Mayor Thomas was nominated by a convention which was named by the now celebrated Committee of Twenty-one, which was in turn named by seven members of the Republican City Central Committee, who were nominated by four men avowedly in the interests of a water company.

After the filing of the complaint fifty witnesses were taken out to the scene of the alleged pollution by the defense, and all are prepared to testify that the sewage from Coffin's barn is carried off and was last September, in the opposite direction to the bank sloping to the creek. The water was sampled a quarter of a mile below the alleged point of pollution and declared to be absolutely clear and healthful. The creek then emptied itself into a six-inch pipe, and to the surprise of the explorers who followed the pipe they found that it carried all the water directly to Fernwood, Mr. W. J. Dingee's palatial home. It is further stated and evidence to this effect will be brought forth that not a drop of the water escaped the pipe, and consequently could not possibly, even supposing that it were polluted, connect with any public water supply.

Last September, when the suit was brought, the water companies were at war, but since that time they have come together and there is no longer any desire to show teeth at each other. This accounts for the peculiar fact that for seven months the public officials have knowingly permitted, according to their allegations, a public water supply to be polluted and yet have passively asked for and obtained continuances all this time. Now Coffin is anxious to have the matter cleared up, and to-morrow the preliminary examination of this "high misdemeanor" will commence.

FAIR ATHLETES ARE COMING

Nevada Basket-Ball Players Will Arrive This Morning.

The Berkeley Co-Eds Eagerly Await the All-Absorbing Contest.

Hope to Sing a Pean of Victory Over the Sagebrush Champions.

BERKELEY, April 7.—Basket-ball Captain Edith S. Brownsill of the University of California to-day received the list of the Nevada University co-eds who will play against the Berkeley girls next Saturday. The game will be held in Odd Fellows' Hall, and will be called promptly at 2 o'clock, in order that the game may be finished in time for the spectators to get to the U. C.-Stanford baseball game at Recreation Park at 3:30 o'clock.

The basket-ball teams of the two State universities will be composed as follows:

Nevada.	Positions.	California.
Beth Stubbs	Forward	Edith S. Brownsill (Captain.)
Ida Holmes	Right F	Edna Robinson
Maud Nash	Left F	Josephine Roller
Louise Ward (Captain.)	Center	Bessie Griswold
Nell Lewers	Right C	Sarah Hanscom
Winnie Strosnider	Left C	Louise Linscott
Ruby North	Guard	May Haworth
Julie Beckman	Right G	Alma Stockwell
Amelia North	Left G	Lulu Rued
Bess Evans	Substitute	Ethel Catton
Maud Ferguson	Substitute	Gertrude Longmore
Gene Arnott	Substitute	Emma Stoer

Not only have the Berkeley basket-ball players themselves been bending every energy toward winning an interstate victory, but the enthusiastic women students have organized a corps of co-ed rooters to encourage them on to victory. By practice they have reduced the yelling to a system, all the shrill exclamations combining in one majestic, musical feminine shriek. They have also practiced a number of songs for the occasion. One of the best of the songs is the following, written by Miss Ruby Farnham, an enthusiastic graduate, and sung to the tune of "The Jolly Sophomore":

When first I came to college I went into the Gym,
And there I saw a lot of girls, with ginger, snap and vim,
A-beating all the other teams that came from near or far,
And they were representatives of California.

They throw that leather spheroid a mile or more, I guess;
They run as swiftly as the wind (a little more or less);
And when Miss Robinson propelled the pigskin through the air,
It always landed in the goal and hit it fair and square.

Let others win at marbles, at tennis or croquet,
But when it comes to harder things we always win the day;
And well we know upon us smiles a little golden b'ar,
Who guards the University of California.

The Nevada girls are expected to arrive to-morrow morning. A reception committee from Berkeley, consisting of Miss Louise Linscott, Mrs. G. E. Magee and Miss Eloise Trowbridge, will meet them at Sixteenth-street station, Oakland, and will accompany them to San Francisco, where the visitors will be entertained at lunch and taken to the park and Cliff House. On Saturday morning they will visit the university grounds and will be shown around the buildings and will go over to the city, just before the game, with the Berkeley co-eds. On Saturday evening the Nevada girls will start back to the Sagebrush State.

ARE PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK

Another Expedition to Search for the "Island of Gold."

Captain Moore and the British Capitalists to Be Closely Followed.

The Schooner Altair Will Start Immediately in the Wake of the Free Trade.

There is to be a race for the "Island of Gold," for which the schooner Free Trade has started out to search. H. Talbot Watson and the other British capitalists interested with him in the venture are not to have it all their own way, and the chances are that unless good luck attends them, another party of gold hunters will be in possession when they reach the new El Dorado.

The schooner Atair is now receiving a thorough overhauling and as soon as all the repairs have been made and the stores are aboard she will start out in the wake of the Free Trade. Her master and owners say she can sail a knot and a half to the Free Trade's one, so the latter's long start will not be such a serious handicap in the long run.

When the Free Trade was being fitted out Captain Moore had for his first officer Captain Charles Gilbert. Before the sailing day came around the two men quarreled and in consequence Gilbert libeled the schooner for $70 wages due him. He got his money and the Free Trade went to sea with another first mate. Now Captain Gilbert asserts that it was he who discovered the "Island of Gold" and that Captain Moore has only the general sailing directions and does not know the exact location of the quartz ledges. The exact latitude and longitude are in his possession, however, and he can go direct to the spot, while the Free Trade will be sailed from pillar to post in search of a will o' the wisp.

Captain Gilbert's story in effect is as follows: A couple of years ago he made a cruise to the canneries in the ship St. Nicholas. While out on a hunting expedition he ran across the quartz ledges in question and at once saw their value. He brought some of the specimens to San Francisco and an assay showed them to be very rich in gold. Gilbert made another trip north in the St. Nicholas and relocated his treasure island. On his return to San Francisco he met Captain Moore, whom he had known for many years, and told him about the quartz ledges.

"Moore broke faith with me," said Captain Gilbert yesterday. "He wanted all the information and then tried to get away with everything in sight. That was the reason I left the Free Trade. Captain Moore knows the right course to steer, but he does not know the location of my find, and I don't think he will ever find it. Anyhow, the Altair can sail rings around the Free Trade, so I will beat her up anyhow."

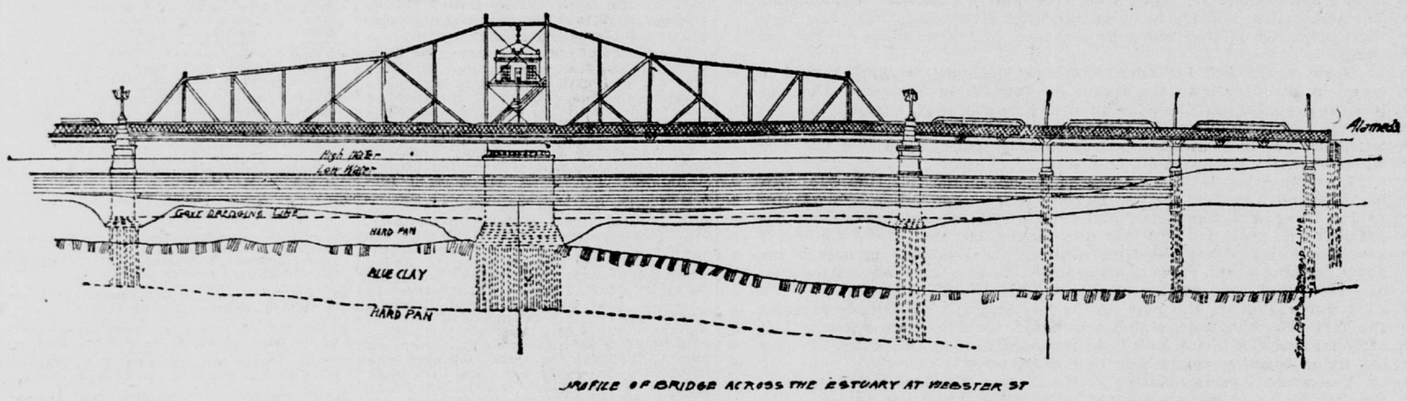
At the back of the new venture are A. P. Hotaling, the millionaire liquor dealer, and ex-Judge Gordon, and they are sending along with the expedition C. Carroll, a mining expert. Captain Gilbert will take along C. Holmes as first officer, George Forrest second officer and five seamen. They expect to be gone about two months.

The schooner Hattie I. Phillips is being got ready for a trip to St. Michael with the party of hardy gold hunters who came out here from Gloucester, Mass., on her. When the schooner arrived here the season was not far enough advanced to make the voyage to the Yukon, so Captain Blackburn accepted a charter and went north for a load of lumber. The schooner got back a couple of days ago, and her owners are now outfitting for a two years' stay in the frozen north. They are taking along a steam launch and six dories, and if possible will sell the schooner at St. Michael. If not the Phillips will be laid up until they return from the gold fields, and then the entire party will go back home in her.

The paddle steamer Tiger is now almost ready for her voyage to St. Michael and as soon as all the equipments are aboard Captain Dollard will be ready to start at a moment's notice. The inspectors of hulls and boilers tried her under steam yesterday and found everything in first-class order, and Marine Superintendent Tabrett of the Risdon Iron Works says the Tiger's engines and boilers are one of the best jobs ever turned out of their shop.

Lightship No. 70 is in position on the bar and the old whistling buoy has disappeared. Yesterday No. 70, in command of Captain Lowell, and the lighthouse tender Madrono, in command of Captain Davis, went out over the bar, and once her anchorage was reached it did not take long to drop the big mushroom anchor and make everything snug on the lightship. The Madrono then took up the whistling buoy and returned to the city. Last night the lightship's signals sounded for the first time on the bar, and her masthead lights served as beacons for ships entering and leaving port.

After considerable delay the steamer Humboldt finally got away for Dyea and Skaguay yesterday afternoon. About 125 passengers went up on her and about 150 more will join at Seattle. There was some delay over the getting of the freight aboard, but as soon as that was fixed up it did not take the steamer long to get under way. Max Kalish, agent of the vessel, went up on her.



PROFILE OF BRIDGE ACROSS THE ESTUARY AT WEBSTER ST

PLANS OF THE NEW STEEL BRIDGE ACROSS THE HARBOR.

From the Successful Drawings of Cotton Brothers.

BOLD ATTACK ON CLASSIC METHODS

Outbreak of a Smoldering Controversy at the State University.

Professor Flagg Denounces the System of Marks and Examinations in Vogue at Berkeley.

BERKELEY, April 7.—Associate Professor Isaac Flagg of the department of classical philology at the State University, in an article in the latest number of the university magazine on "The Translation Habit," makes a number of statements likely to startle his fellow members of the faculty. He denounces as "detestable" the system of marks and examinations which is at present followed at Berkeley, and declares that absolute freedom from prescription is necessary for the attainment of scholarly standards and enthusiasm.

Professor Flagg incidentally takes a fling at the degree of bachelor of arts, as conferred at the University of California at present. He declares it is based upon an impossible theory, and that the matter is a mischief that will have to be remedied when the university comes to be reorganized for academic freedom.

Professor Flagg's criticism is not confined to the State University, but extends to high schools and other educational institutions all over the State. He characterizes the method of teaching the classics at present in vogue as "a travesty of true learning, accepted daily in our schools and colleges, with fatuous complacency, of students who have not read that which they are required to translate."

He thus sums up the effect which the "translation habit" has brought about:

"In the domain of scholarship translation and grammatical analysis have been converted into counterfeit adumbrations of the true arts of reading and writing."

"When the University of California finally comes to be organized for academic freedom, there is other mischief that will need to be amended besides that attendant upon an impossible theory of the degree of bachelor of arts. In the issuing of recommendations for teachers' certificates covering specified branches of learning, on the completion of a certain number of courses therein, we are confronted with a new form of prescription, which bids fair to outdo the old one in its degrading and demoralizing effects. Prescription, disguise it as you will, may always be known by the shapes that follow in its train: the schoolboy spirit where the scholarly spirit ought to prevail, "lesson-bibbing" in the place of spontaneous inquiry, the impertinence of graded marks of merit—everything to foster puerility and repress true manly and womanly aspiration.

"Marks and examinations, viewed as incentives to study, are detestable. Yet to what higher motive is it possible to appeal with a body of students who are not free moral agents, but the tools of an arbitrary, complicated system of interference? Scholarly standards and enthusiasm are attainable only under a natural adjustment of relations, and this is defeated by any scheme of prescription."

Professor Flagg's views on the proper method of teaching the classics are not generally shared by his fellow instructors. Professor Edward B. Clapp, the head of the department of classical philology, entertains views on the subject radically different from those of his associate. Among graduate and undergraduate classical students there are two broadly defined groups, each following, more or less closely, the classical ideas and ideals of the two professors.

Whether Professor Clapp or his followers will take up the gauntlet which Professor Flagg has boldly thrown down is the question at present agitating university circles.

OAKLAND'S POSTOFFICE.

OAKLAND, April 7.—President Arper of the Merchants' Exchange to-day received the following telegram from the representative of this district in Congress relative to the proposed postoffice for this city:

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 6, 1898.

George W. Arper, president Merchants' Exchange, Oakland, Cal.: Oakland public building bill in hands of Committee of Public Buildings in the House and will be favorably reported if that committee makes any report. S. G. HILBORN.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

FRUIT TO BE VERY SCARCE

Commission Men Doubtful of Their Ability to Fill Contracts.

Returned Agents From the East Are Decidedly Disappointed at the Prospect.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, April 7.

The commission merchants of this city who entered into a contract with the Southern Pacific to carry not less than twenty-five tons of fruit per day from the Sacramento River are now in an uncomfortable frame of mind. There is a certainty that the fruit crop will be very small, and the reports from up the river show that it will be almost an impossibility for the commission men to fulfill their contracts. The agents of commission men have already sent down reports that the river orchard men will not be able to send anything like the usual supply, and some of the merchants are going up the river to make personal inquiry.

The opposition to the Eleventh-street merchants, which was established at the Adams wharves last summer, is rejoicing at the apparent discomfiture of the Eleventh-street men. It charters its own boats as it has need for them, and stands no chance of any loss on account of the small crop, not having any contract to guarantee a certain amount of freight.

Some of the best known growers of this county went East several weeks ago and found an unusual demand for California fruits, and closed large orders at good prices. On their return they discovered that there is great danger of their not being able to fulfill these contracts, and they now have agents out in all directions buying up all the fruit available and giving good prices. On the whole, the position of the fruit growers at this time is not one to be envied.

Berkeley News Notes.

BERKELEY, April 7.—Deputy Coroner J. E. Streightiff is seriously ill with pneumonia at his home on Shattuck avenue and Berkeley way.

The Berkeley High School Alumni Association will give a reception to this year's graduating class next Thursday evening at Shattuck Hall. The following alumni are in charge of the arrangements for the reunion: Miss Rita Beatty '97, C. W. Clark '93, Miss Charlotte Henley '96, Miss Grace Henley '94, and M. H. White '96.

Wilfred Ransome '97, the famous fullback and football captain at the University of California, is expected soon to return to Berkeley from the University of Chicago, where he has been taking a post-graduate course in history. He will probably assist in coaching Berkeley's football eleven next fall.

SECURED BY FRAUD.

Judge Greene Holds That Lillian A. Snyder's Consent Was so Obtained.

OAKLAND, April 7.—Judge Greene issued a decree in chambers this afternoon annulling the marriage of Fred Marsh and Lillian A. Snyder on the ground that the woman's consent to the marriage was obtained through fraud. The plaintiff was granted permission to resume her maiden name.

This case was filed as a divorce suit, to prevent publicity, as under the laws the papers in a suit of this naturre are kept secret. An answer was filed, but was stricken out because it was not verified.

Oakland News Items.

OAKLAND, April 7.—The work of dipping the redwood blocks, for use on the East Twelfth-street pavement, has begun. Four blocks of the concrete base have been laid and the blocks will be placed next week.

Judgment was suspended in the case of C. W. Lycakis, convicted of maintaining a nuisance when he refused to remove decaying fruit, after being ordered to do so by the Sanitary Inspector, the nuisance having been abated.

Joseph F. Short was arrested this morning and charged with interfering with an officer. He had a fight with a deputy poundmaster, who took up his cow.

Christian Bauer's Condition.

OAKLAND, April 7.—Christian Bauer of 1227 Twenty-fifth avenue fainted in the Hall of Records this morning and was taken to the Receiving Hospital. Dr. Stratton pronounced it a case of hemorrhage of the brain. Bauer is a capitalist and lives with his two daughters, his wife having died some time ago. He is subject to these spells, but as he is 68 years of age there are grave fears entertained regarding his recovery.

DAVIDSON ON ALASKA.

The Professor Emphasizes the Importance of California's Gold Fields.

BERKELEY, April 7.—Professor George Davidson delivered a lecture to a large and appreciative audience at the university last evening on "The Physical Features and Resources of Alaska." The lecture was given under the auspices of the Alameda County Miners' Association and was held in the physics lecture-room in South Hall, which was crowded to its fullest capacity to accommodate the crowd of university students and visitors from Oakland and San Francisco.

The lecture was illustrated by a large number of lantern slides. Professor S. B. Christy, the dean of the college of mining of the university, introduced the speaker. Professor Davidson spoke briefly of the geological and geographical features of Alaska. He declared that no territory of its extent presents such a variety of climatic conditions, and that few people realize the wealth of its resources. Already, he declared, the value of the products that have been taken from Alaska has been many times greater than the price paid for the Territory by the United States.

Professor Davidson described the various trail routes to the Klondike, and predicted that the Chilcoot Pass will come to be the principal route if stock is to be transported into the gold country.

In conclusion, Professor Davidson emphasized the hardships which the Klondiker will have to encounter, and reminded his hearers that the placers of Siskiyou and Trinity offer a field almost as promising and far less perilous than the Klondike.

Charles G. Yale followed Professor Davidson with an interesting account of experiences on a recent trip up the Yukon. He declared that the Yukon route is by far the best one to take to the Klondike.

Young Men Riot.

OAKLAND, April 7.—The meeting of the Pulcifer wing of the Young Men's Republican League to-night ended in a riot and a squad of police had to clear the hall. Owing to an alleged unparliamentary proceeding a year ago there are two bodies claiming to be the Young Men's League. A week ago about 300 met and elected officers. This is called the Pardee faction. To-night Harry Pulcifer, who leads the Davis faction, called a meeting and the whole of the rival league attended in force. The result was a riot in Fraternal Hall. There were several fist fights, and Captain Carson and Officers Hynes and Williams drove the combatants out on the street and dispersed the crowd. There was no business transacted, and it is not known whether Pulcifer will yield to the other league or make another attempt to reorganize. No arrests were made.

AMUSEMENTS.

MOROSCO'S GRAND OPERA-HOUSE
Walter Morosco.....Sole Lessee and Manager.
Grand Production of Henry Pettit's Great Drama,
HANDS ACROSS THE SEA!
With a Powerful Cast and Realistic Scenic Effects.
New Prison Scene, La Roquette, France.
New Harbor Scene, Sydney, Australia.
Great Ocean Steamship Scene, "The Australasian."
Beautiful Costumes and Good Comedy.
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