ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS

THE REMNANT TO CONVENE

The Populists to Renew Their Fight.

FUSIONISTS ARE IN CONTROL

A. BRETZ WILL STRUGGLE TO SAVE HIS PARTY.

English Has Destroyed Much of the Strength of Maguire—Budd Also Has Some Friends.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, July 8.

To-morrow morning the remnant of the Populists of this county will hold a convention in Grand Army Hall for the purpose of electing delegates to the State convention. There is no doubt that a majority of the convention will be in favor of fusion with the Democrats for the purpose of nominating Mr. Maguire. There are, however, many middle-of-the-road men who will have seats in the convention and as they are all orators a lively time may be expected. Never before were the Democrats and the Populists so completely rent asunder as at present. Warren B. English has already gathered unto himself much support in his fight for the nomination for Governor in this and other counties, and his friends declare that owing to the factional feeling that exists in the Democratic leaders of the State, it will be a year for a dark horse.

Ex-Assemblyman Bretz is the leader of the middle-of-the-road men. He declares that there is no such thing as fusion and that any one who is not a Populist is a Democrat and might as well be a Republican. He declares that Maguire is no more of a Populist than McKinley and Mr. Bretz will go to the convention to-morrow prepared to combat every effort made toward fusion.

Mr. Preble, on the other hand, is the leader of the Maguire wing. He also can make a long speech, and the fight over the delegates to go to Sacramento for the State convention next Tuesday will be long and loud.

There is still another element among the local fusionists of two years ago that believes Governor Budd is not entirely out of the race for Governor, and who would prefer him to either English, Phelan or Maguire. Alameda county has in it many men who are very close to Governor Budd and should there be any possibility of his desiring a renomination he would be greatly preferred to Maguire, who is not at all strong in this county.

For the county offices there has as yet been nothing done by Fusionists, Populists or Democrats, and whether fusion will prevail in county and State matters, remains to be seen. It is probable, however, that the Populists will consent to be entirely and permanently absorbed by the local Democracy, as those who favor such a scheme are in the majority.

The delegates elected are as follows:

Forty-seventh Assembly District—Fruitvale No. 1—J. Aubrey Jones; alternate, J. E. Taylor. Fruitvale No. 2—H. E. Harwood.

Elmhurst—J. M. Moore and R. B. Myers.

San Leandro—David Ury and M. H. Hackett.

Alameda—N. J. Manson, E. A. Allen, Dr. S. A. Toft, S. G. Mitchell, Green Majors, E. H. Jackson, John Santine, D. C. Lyons, W. M. Cubery, George R. Read, G. W. Bassett, Elmer Roberts and P. N. Anton.

Forty-eighth Assembly District—A. Bretz, J. Domes, H. D. Hougham, W. J. Oglesby, P. B. Preble, D. Stuart, W. A. Thompson, A. M. Stoddard, F. J. Gregory, Charles White, W. J. Donovan, J. M. Bassett, D. C. Cameron, I. D. Sheppard.

Forty-ninth District, West Oakland—W. R. Batten, J. Curtis, M. W. Hodkins, James A. Hennessey, A. Tornblom, E. M. Corless, Ed Hodkin, Will Maguire, L. Hodkin, Fred T. Hale, Robert Stewart, R. Feige.

Lorin—John U. Oberg, John Green, Henry May, August Schnoor, E. Ely.

Fiftieth Assembly District—A. Hoenisch, R. Heese, W. F. Elles, Sam W. Heller, James Grimmins, Z. Van Buskirk, James McDonald, B. C. Allyn, S. R. Nichols, C. L. Matthews, Z. H. Lucas, George B. Wardell, Mr. Schull, J. D. Austin, C. N. Hitchcock.

Fifty-first Assembly District—George S. Johnson, A. C. C. Krueger, J. H. Strickler, G. A. Koch, Dr. A. T. Childs, T. T. Frickstad, J. L. Palinbaum, J. A. Fielding, A. T. Dewey, J. C. Estey, Frank Cartier, G. Lauritzen, E. A. Moody, C. S. Prescott, M. L. Gray.

FOUND IN A CAVE.

Carl Wilhelm and Arthur Downey Had an Underground Retreat.

OAKLAND, July 8.—Carl Wilhelm, who ran away from his home several weeks ago, was captured in a cave under a house on Clay and Seventh streets last night, by Detective Quigley and Officers Scanlan, Haynes and Ford. With him was a newsboy named Arthur Downey. Wilhelm was sentenced to fifteen days on a charge of sleeping out, in the Police Court this morning.

The boys had dug an extensive tunnel and cave beneath the house and had been sleeping in it for a week past. The neighbors notified the police and asked that they be removed. Last evening the officers named started on a hunt. When the entrance to the tunnel was found an attempt to crawl in was made. This soon proved imposible and an entrance was forced into the house, which was vacant. The floor was torn up and the two youngsters captured. An examination of their underground home showed that a vast amount of work had been done by the boys.

Young Downey is not considered a bad boy and was allowed to go by Judge Allen in the Police Court, this morning Wilhelm has been arrested on several occasions before and will not stay at home.

Editor Vivian Assaults a Compositor.

OAKLAND, July 8.—Sam J. Allen, a compositor on the Niles Herald, accuses Editor F. C. Vivian of assault and battery, and declares that he will have him arrested. Both of Allen's eyes are swollen badly, while his features show marks of fists. Allen asserts that the trouble arose over the settlement of a claim for wages. It includes $2 50 a day for thirty-seven days as compositor and $35 for editorial writing. When he presented the claim he asserts that Vivian jumped on him and gave him an unmerciful thrashing. He expressed his intention of swearing to a complaint for a warrant at Centerville this afternoon.

Professor Dudley's Double.

OAKLAND, July 8.—Alexander Cummings, who was arrested yesterday in Santa Cruz for having counterfeit $10 coins in his possesion, was lodged in the County Jail last night and removed to San Francisco this morning, where he will stand trial before the United States District Court. It is believed that Cummings is the double of Professor Dudley of Stanford University. A Deputy Constable arrested the professor several months ago on a charge of passing counterfeit gold coins and lodged him in jail. Cummings is also believed to have attempted his operations in this city at Kinkel's bakery on San Pablo avenue.

All the Way From Montana.

OAKLAND, July 8.—Miss Alice Wilcox, of Helena, Mont., called at the Courthouse to-day and secured a license for her marriage to Private Alexander Goodman, of the First Regiment, Montana Infantry, U. S. V. Both are natives of Montana, twenty-three years of age, and were engaged when Goodman enlisted. He wrote his betrothed to meet him here and they would be married. She is a sweet, pretty, refined looking young woman and made all the necessary arrangements for the marriage, which is to take place Sunday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock with Rev. Robert Ritchie officiating.

Mrs. Hurt Is Heartbroken.

OAKLAND, July 8.—Mrs. Schaffer, ex-wife of Joel J. Hurt of Wyoming, is likely to lose her reason owing to the fact that her three young daughters are liable to be taken from her. The trend of Judge Ogden's opinion made it so clear that the children are to be placed in the legal care of their father that Mrs. Schaffer has little hope of retaining them after the case is disposed of next Monday. This afternoon she became hysterical in the office of Judge Gibson and would not be calmed for hours. Her husband is now in jail on a charge of attempt to murder, and she is almost destitute.

OAKLAND MAY NEED WATER

One of Its Sources of Supply Getting Low.

BERKELEY MAY BE RELIEVED

MOUNTAIN VIEW LOSING ITS BEAUTIFUL DECORATION.

So Far the Artesian Supply at Alvarado Has Given No Indication That the Wells May Run Dry.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, July 8.

The continued dry weather has seriously affected the water supply of this county and there is a possibility that before the autumn rains set in the experience of Berkeley will be repeated in other cities.

The beautiful Mountain View Cemetery is partially wrecked so far as its artistic lawn and floral work goes by the scarcity of water. The regular supply has been exhausted for two weeks, and much damage has resulted. The new water company is now laying pipe from its Broadway reservoir near Fabiola Hospital to the cemetery grounds, and in a short time the cemetery will be relieved. A complete pumping tank is also being erected on the ground.

The same company has also made a proposition to relieve the present water famine in Berkeley. It has offered to supply the town with water providing meters are allowed to govern the supply. Should this offer be accepted many miles of pipe will have to be laid at once. The wells at Alvarado are this year flowing without cessation. Each year since they were tapped for the purpose of supplying Oakland there has been some defect in the supply. This year, however, there has as yet been no limit to the amount of water available for use, and so far there is no indication of any.

The large reservoirs of the old company are lower than they have ever been at this time of year. The Temescal Lake is very low, while the supply at Lake Chabot is also limited.

It will be impossible, however, for either company to curtail the supply to householders, because in such an event the other company would undoubtedly receive the whole business of the city.

The Contra Costa company could have averted any possible shortage of water by additional reservoirs, because early in the year the rainfall was so great that many millions of gallons had to be run off the lake at San Leandro. As these lakes depend entirely for their supply on the rainfall, and as the earth will be so very dry this fall that it will be a long while before any water gathers in the lakes, their supply cannot be materially replenished until the close of the year. A civil engineer of this city who has studied the water question very closely says that with the growth of towns on this side the bay the question of a permanent water supply is annually becoming more serious. At the present time each of the old water companies is supplying about half of the city, and the new company says it is able, if necessary, to supply the whole town and Berkeley besides without running any risk of its Alvarado wells becoming dry.

No Trace of His Son.

OAKLAND, July 8.—All efforts of J. E. Depue to find his missing son have proven futile. To-day he had Mrs. Sadie Blaney of San Francisco, his second wife, whom he is suing for a divorce; her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Blair, and O. J. Backus, brought before Judge Ogden on a writ of habeas corpus. None of them could tell anything of the boy's whereabouts, although counsel and court questioned them closely. The stepmother testified that the boy left her February 6, but she did not know where he went. Mrs. Blaney saw him last four days prior to that date. The grandparents declared that they had not supplied him with funds to leave and did not know where he was. On this showing the writ was dismissed. The boy is but 13 years of age.

R. F. Coyle Wanted in New York City

OAKLAND, July 8.—Rev. R. F. Coyle, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will leave Monday for New York City, whither he goes to investigate a call given him to become the pastor of the Madison-avenue Presbyterian Church. It is one of the most prominent and wealthiest churches of the denomination in the United States. It is generally believed that Dr. Coyle will accept this call, and begin his pastorate October 1. He came here six years ago from Chicago, and is regarded as the most eloquent orator on the Pacific Coast.

Mangled Beneath Carwheels.

OAKLAND, July 8.—Edward Powers, a switchman in the Peralta-street yards, fell under the wheels of a moving train last night and was badly mangled. There was a compound fracture of both bones in the right forearm, a comminuted fracture of another portion of the same arm, the thumb crushed, the left hand badly injured and the left foot mashed badly. The physicians declare that his condition is good, and that he may live. He was removed at once to the Fabiola Hospital, where he will be cared for.

A METCALF MEETING.

Prominent Republicans Indorse the Oakland Attorney for Congress.

ALAMEDA, July 8.—Leading Republicans of this city met at Linderman Hall last night to take steps to advance the interests of Victor E. Metcalf as a candidate for Congress in the Third District in opposition to Hilborn. It was not an open public meeting, but among those in attendance were many of the best known of the Republicans of this city. It was decided that the Congressional canvass should be kept entirely distinct from any other political fight, and that to mingle in the contest for any other position would be disastrous.

Speeches were made by Dr. C. L. Tisdale, E. A. Randlett, W. H. Davis, Ralph Hamlin and others, and it was decided to call a mass meeting for Monday evening, July 18, to indorse Metcalf's candidacy.

O'Keefe Threatens Suicide.

ALAMEDA, July 8.—Patrick O'Keefe, the milkman, whose wife disappeared over a year ago, and whose children were taken away from him because of his cruel treatment, has sold out and disappeared. He told a neighbor that he went to Oakland to see his daughters and they would have nothing to do with him. Thereupon he had made up his mind that the best thing to do was to kill himself and he proposed to do it. The neighbor agreed with him that that was the best he could do, and O'Keefe departed, ostensibly to carry out his design. Nothing has been seen of him since, but the Coroner, who has been notified, has not yet instituted a search for his remains.

Alameda News Items.

ALAMEDA, July 8.—Letters have been sent to Senator Perkins and to prominent officials in Washington protesting against the rejection of W. E. Lucas from Company G on account of his color.

The officers of the ferry boat Encinal prevented a well dressed lady, who appeared to be in deep distress, from jumping overboard yesterday afternoon while en route to San Francisco. The lady resides in this city. Her name could not be learned.

The Young Men's Institute of this city installed their new officers last evening, and afterward had a musical programme and a banquet.

The following Alamedans are delegates to the Populist convention which meets in Oakland to-morrow: N. A. Manson, E. A. Allen, S. A. Taft, S. G. Mitchell, Green Majors, E. H. Jackson, John Santine, P. L. Lyons, W. M. Cubery, George R. Read, G. W. Bassett, E. Robert and P. N. Anton.

City Attorney Taylor has rendered an opinion that revenue stamps need not be affixed to city warrants. The Board of Education has been using stamps on such orders for money, but will probably desist under the opinion noted.

GAMBLERS HAD TO DISGORGE

Mrs. Murphy Refused to Be a Victim.

HER HUSBAND LOST MONEY

THE LADY QUICKLY PROVED IT BELONGED TO HER.

A Forgotten Power of Attorney Enabled Murphy to Make a Large Loan to Himself.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, July 8.

Mrs. J. D. Murphy is more than a match for the gamblers who won all her money from her husband, and to-night $500 that Murphy lost at craps last night is back in his wife's wallet.

Last night Murphy, a young drygoods clerk, started from home with the idea that he could make a little money by shooting craps. He lives with his wife, and they have some little property interests. About a year ago it became necessary in order to transact some business that Murphy should have his wife's power of attorney. After the immediate use for it had passed it was not revoked, and is still in force.

When the idea came over Murphy that he would like to make some money at crap shooting he exercised his power of attorney to borrow $500 from his wife's account at a bank. He had not far to go to find a game, for within a few blocks of his home he discovered that he could be accommodated with all the crap shooting he desired. The game was located on Broadway, near Ninth street.

Murphy started out in great luck. He won $100 in a few minutes and then nothing could stop him from breaking the bank. He played on and finally found his pockets empty and the necessity of making a confession before him. Murphy went home and told his wife, but she did not propose to suffer on account of her husband's gambling propensities and she at once sought an attorney to secure the recovery of the money.

While the gamblers were congratulating themselves on their good luck Ex-District Attorney George Reed appeared with Mrs. Murphy and explained the circumstances. There was no possibility of compromise, for Mrs. Murphy was obdurate and demanded her money unconditionally. There was no need, however, of her making any threats, for the sports received the lady with becoming respect and rather admired her pluck. When her attorney vouched for the truth of the story the $500 was at once handed to her and she went home happier and wiser.

SOLDIERS SUFFER FROM MAL-DE-MER

NOT AT ALL SATISFIED WITH THE DAILY RATIONS.

A Letter From the City of Para Tells of the Joy With Which the Boys Will Sight Hawaii.

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A letter has been received by the brother of Thomas J. Thompson, who is in charge of the hospital corps aboard the City of Para, one of the last transports which shows that the life on the transport is a long way different from that enjoyed by the men in their homes. The letter was put aboard a passing ship in midocean.

"Nearly all of the men were seasick and suffered terribly," says Thompson. "In fact, several of the men were so entirely overcome by pain that they became delirious and wanted to jump overboard. My three companions from Oakland—George C. Taylor, E. Pierce and J. T. McDermott—were among those who suffered least. The major has been in bed since the time he left San Francisco, so the boys have had things much their own way. All of the hospital boys are called doctors, and on the whole we have a good time.

"The men are packed like sheep, and really they are not fed much better. We four have a stateroom and are allowed to go all over the vessel, and as there is a good supply of whisky in the hospital, it did not take us long to win the cook over to our side. We are serving as a hospital corps of the regular army, and the volunteer officers show us more respect than they do volunteers of the same rank."

Thompson says that one evening a company of the soldiers were so annoyed with the food that was offered them that they went into the officers' quarters and helped themselves to canned articles. He says the heat is intense and the boys will all be glad when they reach Manila, if for no other reason than that they will be able to take a walk without falling over somebody.

The general health of all on board was good, except for seasickness, and when the letter was written the boys were anticipating a great time on their arrival at Honolulu.

Oakland's News Items.

OAKLAND, July 8.—Ex-Mayor John L. Davie, who recently opened an office as an attorney, has purchased the interest of A. B. Dorrell in the Emma Transportation Company, and will go back to the freight business. As Mr. Dorrell was business manager Mr. Davie will probably occupy the same position in the company.

City Auditor Snow, ex-officio City Assessor, will notify the City Council and Board of Education that owing to the reduction made in assessments by Assessor Dalton the city's income will be greatly reduced in comparison with last year, and they must govern their actions accordingly.

Mrs. Mary Flaherty applied to the Prosecuting Attorney's office to-day for the arrest of Conrad Thaler for battery. They are neighbors and she drove Thaler's cow out of her garden, when, she claims, he struck her with a rock. She has two witnesses.

The county general fund is down to $40,000, and $30,000 of this will be needed for salaries for the next four months. All demands upon this fund until taxes begin to come in in November will have to be registered and held over.

Judge Ogden to-day awarded Mrs. Annie Beaudry, widow of the late L. M. Beaudry, a portion of the estate, valued at $187,064 82. It is mostly in real estate and has $20,000 indebtedness against it.

Ah Kay, caught by Sergeant Morrison for selling lottery tickets to Mrs. Morrison, pleaded guilty to-day and was fined $100 in the Police Court. He asked for leniency, as he had a family to support.

State Controller Colgan has apportioned the State school money. Alameda County, with 29,710 school children, will receive $93,289 40.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

A Toy Cannon Nearly Costs a Young Man His Life.

ALAMEDA, July 8.—Al Donald, a 15-year-old boy, made a cannon out of an old bicycle pump, and was practicing with it in a yard on Alameda avenue this evening. He loaded it nearly to the muzzle and touched it off. The cannon proved a success. It went off with a roar. It also went through a board gate and out into the street. A young man named Frank O'Brien was passing at the time, and the ugly missile flew past his face, tearing his left ear and bruising his cheek. Half an inch more and it would have killed him. The noise of the explosion drew a large crowd, and O'Brien was taken to a physician for treatment, while the young cannoneer took to his heels and at this writing has not been found.

Local Lodges Install Officers.

BERKELEY, July 8.—Berkeley Lodge, No. 270, I. O. O. F., installed officers last night as follows: N. G., E. J. Pullen; V. G., Byron Underwood; secretary, W. M. Chase; treasurer, Joseph Chappie; conductor, A. H. Broad; Warden, J. T. Streightiff; I. G., John M. Foy; O. G., L. Wilkes; R. S. N. G., J. W. Striker; L. S. N. G., W. M. Ellis; R. S. V. G., J. Pape; R. S. S., J. Davis; L. S. S., W. R. Stamper; chaplain, D. W. Gilbert.

Court Ocean View, Foresters of America, installed officers at West Berkeley last night, as follows: D. McLaughlin, C. K.; P. Nichelmann, S. C. R.; C. Engebretzen, R. C.; T. Donahue, F. S.; J. Renas, treasurer; H. Dean, S. W.; E. Bave, J. W.; C. Kimbel, J. B.

Not Mr. Fitzgerald.

OAKLAND, July 8.—The Mr. Fitzgerald mentioned as Brother Ambrose lost on the Bourgogne is yet alive and a rising young lawyer in New York. Brother Ambrose, or John J. O'Malley, was educated at Rock Hill College, Maryland. Mr. Fitzgerald is an A. M. of Manhattan College, New York. He is a counsin of the deceased.

Berkeley News Notes.

BERKELEY, July 8.—Mrs. Florence Chick of the Berkeley branch of the Red Cross Society has tendered her resignation as chairman of the committee on materials and bandages. She will be succeeded by Mrs. C. C. Connell.

Professor E. W. Hilgard, of the department of agriculture in the University of California, will leave to-morrow for Denver to attend a conference of leading agriculturists, called to discuss the question of irrigation.

Librarian J. C. Rowell, of the University of California, will return next Monday to take charge of the university library.

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For Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Simeon, Cayucos, Port Harford (San Luis Obispo), Gaviota, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Hueneme, San Pedro, East San Pedro (Los Angeles) and Newport, 9 a. m., July 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, August 1, and every fourth day thereafter.

For San Diego, stopping only at Port Harford (San Luis Obispo), Santa Barbara, Port Los Angeles and Redondo (Los Angeles), 11 a. m., July 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, 22, 26, 30, August 3, and every fourth day thereafter.

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A GLANCE AT REAL ESTATE

The Local Tide Still at a Low Ebb.

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A BURDEN NOT WELCOME BUT CHEERFULLY TOLERATED.

General Review of the Records, New Building Contracts, Recent Sales and Other Notes.

The real estate market still continues to be characterized by dullness and almost a total lack of business progression. Few, if any, large sales have been recorded during the past week, and the majority of these, in prosperous times, would be narrowed down to the ordinary random note. Along with this business depression has come the Government war tax, which since issuance has been a continual source of annoyance to realty brokers generally, as the internal revenue collected on property will undoubtedly have to be defrayed by them. Although the general impression exists that in the "long run" the property-owners will have to pay the tax placed upon transactions made in their favor, it will be at an indefinite period that such a reaction will come. The brokers, however, content themselves with the fact that the money is being expended, and the loss sustained, in the interests of the national cause, and consequently whether the tax imposed will have a tendency to retard or stimulate the progression of the market they are willing to pay it and await the natural and inevitable consequences.

During the past week there were fifty-one mortgages and trust deeds recorded, amounting to $152,513. For the same period forty releases and reconveyances passed to record in the total sum of $149,375.

The principal mortgages and trust deeds are as follows: By the Fidelity Savings and Loan Society to Moses M. and Carrie Stern, $5000 for ten years at 7 per cent, on property in Western Addition block 25, situated on the southerly line of Frederick, 110 feet east of Ashbury, east 26:3 by south 100; by the Security Savings Bank to Sarah D. Sanderson, $8000 for five years at 7 per cent, on property in Western Addition block 319, situated on the southeast corner of Broadway and Fillmore, east 68:3 by south 127:6; by Mary V. Baldwin to Cora W. Morton, $10,700 for one year at 7 per cent, on property in the Western Addition block 11, situated on the northeast corner of Geary and Polk streets, east 80 by north 120; by the Hibernia Savings and Loan Society to Joseph and Minnie Rosenblum, $6250 for one year at 6½ per cent, on property in 50-vara block 184, situated on the westerly line of Mason, 68:9 feet south of Vallejo, south 48:9 by west 100; by the Hibernia Savings and Loan Society to Michael F. Michael, $10,734 for one year at 6½ per cent, on property in the 50-vara block 70, situated on the northerly line of Sacramento, 50 feet east of Kearny, east 44:2 by north 59:6; by the Columbus Savings and Loan Society to Phebe J. and D. D. Shattuck, $5000 for one year at 7 per cent, on property in the 50-vara block 138, situated on the easterly line of Powell, 112:6 feet south of Sacramento, south 25 by east 103; by the German Savings and Loan Society to Joseph Nordmann, $6000 for one year at 7 per cent, on property in the One Hundred block 355, situated on the northwesterly line of Minna, 97:6 feet northeast of Third, northeast 20 by northwest 80; by the Hibernia Savings and Loan Society to John C. Franks, $10,000 for one year at 6½ per cent, on property in the Western Addition block 198, situated on the westerly line of Octavia, 90 feet north of Bush, north 65, west 137:6, south 35, east 37:6, south 30, east 100; by the Hibernia Savings and Loan Society to S. W. and Georgina C. O. Holladay, $17,000 for one year at 6½ per cent, on property in Western Addition block 298, situated on the southeast corner of Clay and Octavia, south 128:4½ by east 275; by Mary V. Baldwin to Cora W. Morton, $10,700 for one year at 7 per cent, on property in the Western Addition block 11, situated on the northeast corner of Polk and Geary, east 80 by north 120.

The principal releases and reconveyances were recorded as follows:

From the Hibernia Savings and Loan Society to Amos A. Sanders, $16,000 on property in the 50 vara block 170, situated on the southerly line of O'Farrell street, 80 feet east of Mason, east 25 by south 87:6; from the Hibernia Savings and Loan Society to Monroe Greenwood, $10,000 on property in the Western Addition block 289, situated on the southeast corner of Page and Webster, east 72:2 by south 137:6; from the Hibernia Savings and Loan Society to George W. McNear, $40,000 on property in the 50 vara block 54, situated respectively on the easterly line of Montgomery, 97:6 north of Pine, north 40 by east 137:6, and the westerly line of Leidesdorff, 85 feet north of Pine, north 52:6 by west 58, by south 72:6, by east 22, by north 20 and by east 36; from the Eatna Mutual Building and Loan Association to Edward and Lucy Dreyfuss, $10,500 on property in the Western Addition block 14, situated on the southerly line of Post, 195 feet west of Larkin, west 25, south 120.

NEW BUILDING CONTRACTS.

On the southwest corner of Broadway and Laguna, west 50 by south 100—All work for two 2-story frame buildings; owner Florence N. Ward; architects, Coxhead & Coxhead; contractor, Hannah Bros.; cost $6595.

Westerly line of First avenue, 84 feet north of Clement, north 26 by west 107:6—All work except brick work, painting, concrete, grading, sewers, gas and water connections and mantels for a 6-room cottage; owner, Samuel McKelvey; contractor, Edward Ginley; cost, $1265.

Southerly line of Clementina, 490 feet east of Fourth, east 120 by south 80—All work for two 2-story brick buildings; owner, H. E. Holmes & Co.; architect, Fred B. Wood; contractors, J. M. & C. B. Abrams; cost, $2250.

Westerly line of Bryant, 175 feet south of Sixteenth, south 25 by west 100—All work for a 1-story frame cottage; owner, J. E. Nieland; contractor, Douglass & Co.; cost, $1200.

Northwest corner of Mission and Second, 112 by 160—All roof work, flashings on same; owners, Wells, Fargo & Co.; architects, Percy & Hamilton; contractors, Paraffine Paint Company; cost, $1325.

Southwest corner of Stevenson and Third streets, southeast 45 by southwest 75—Carpentry, mill work, glass, tin and galvanized iron, plastering, cementing, painting, etc., for a 6-story brick building; owner, F. & A. Baruch; architects, Percy & Hamilton; contractor, D. B. Monroe; cost, $13,577.

Northeasterly line of Fremont, 229:4 southeast of Howard, southeast 45:10 by northeast 275—All work except brought iron for a 2-story brick building; owner, W. F. Whittier; architect, Edward R. Swain; contractors, Hannah Bros.; cost, $9997.

Almshouse Tract, in front of chapel building—All work for a 1-story frame library building; owner, James D. Phelan; architects, Curlett & McCaw; contractor, Z. O. Field; cost, $3038.

Northwest corner of Montgomery avenue and Taylor street—All work for a 2-story frame building, 2 flats; owner, E. H. Bothin; contractor, C. M. Depew; cost, $2000.

Southerly line of Hayes street, 165 feet west of Laguna, west 27:6 by south 120—All work for a 3-story frame building; owners, James J. and Mary E. Silvey; architect, T. C. Cochrane; contractor, R. J. Pavert; cost, $6700.

Westerly line of Jones street, 93:9 north of Lombard, north 31:3 by west 137:6—All work, except mantels, gas fixtures, etc., for a 2-story frame building; owner, Dennis T. Sullivan; contractor, Philip Rive; cost, $4600.

Easterly line of Mason street, 73 feet south of Pacific, south 49:6 by east 35:6—All work for alterations and additions, except painting, mantels, gas fixtures, etc., for a 2-story frame building; owner, Mrs. Annie Drossel; architects, Kenitzer & Barth; contractor, C. Krecker; cost, $1605.

RECENT SALES.

The following sales were recently negotiated by the real estate firm of Getz Brothers:

25x120, lot and improvements, on west line of Nineteenth avenue, 250 feet north of Point Lobos, for $800; lot 20 and 45x197 on north line of Point Lobos avenue, 75 feet west of Nineteenth, for $850; 25x120, on east line of Tenth avenue, 275 feet south of K street, for $600; 25x120, on east line of Nineteenth avenue, 100 feet north of J street, for $400; 25x120, on east line of Seventeenth avenue, 275 feet south of H street, for $600; 50x100, on south line of J street, 52:6 east of Ninth avenue, for $1200; 57:6x100, on northwest corner of Eighteenth avenue and J street, for $800.

Mrs. A. M. Simpson, wife of the lumber merchant of that name, recently purchased the residence at 2010 Pacific avenue from Mrs. Sarah E. Blakely. The lot is 65x137:6. The sale was made through the agency of Shainwald, Buckbee & Co. for $20,000.

The firm of Bovee, Toy & Sonntag were the agents in the sale of the residence property on the northerly line of Post street, 195 feet east of Octavia, in the interest of Mrs. Mary M. Scharine. The lot is 20x100 feet and the price obtained for the entire property was $16,500. The same firm also purchased 109 acres of land in Santa Clara County, four miles from Redwood, for M. J. Smithers. The land, which is being cultivated for the growing of grain and the cultivation of fruit, was bought for $14,250.

The following sales are reported by the firm of Baldwin & Howell:

Lot including improvements on the southwest line of Norfolk street, 357 feet southeast of Folsom, 25x64, $1650; lot and 5-room cottage on the south side of Eighteenth street, 35 feet east of Sanchez, $1600; lot and 5-room cottage on the north side of Clement street, 82:6 east of Fifth avenue, $2250; lot and improvements on the northwest corner of Shotwell street and Precita avenue, 50x100, $1800; lot on the southwest corner of M street and Ninth avenue, 57:6x100, $750; lot on the east line of De Haro street, 66:8 north of Twenty-first, 66:8x100, $600; lot on the southeast corner of Jersey and Diamond streets, 30x90, $1200; lot on the northeast corner of Twenty-fourth and Nebraska streets, 25x100, $1500; lot on the south side of M street, 57:6 west of Tenth avenue, 25x100, $400; lot on the south side of J street, 82:6 west of Eleventh avenue, 100x100, $1500; lot on the west line of Eighth avenue, 100 feet south of J street, 50x120, $1100.

RANDOM NOTES.

The contract for a 2-story frame building to be erected by the Fire Department on the southeast corner of Holly Park and West avenues will be let in the near future. The bids on the building were closed last Tuesday.

The work of remodeling the old Auditorium Theater on Eddy and Jones streets is nearing completion, and it is expected to be in readiness for occupancy by the last part of August.

About $10,000 is being expended in the erection of an additional story on the Langham Hotel on the corner of Ellis and Mason streets. Work has already commenced and will be completed as soon as possible.

Architect A. F. Oakley has taken new offices in the Flood building.

H. E. Pohlman, the real estate agent, has removed his office to the Clunie building, at 503 California street.

St. Luke's Church was moved from its former site on the southeast corner of Van Ness avenue and Clay street to the opposite corner. The work was done for the purpose of clearing the lot for the erection of a new edifice, the plans for which have been already submitted and accepted.

Mrs. Hannah Liebes has had plans prepared by M. J. Lyon for a $10,000 residence on the lot purchased by her on the north side of Broadway, west of Fillmore street.

Shainwald, Buckbee & Co. report that within a few weeks they have made an aggregate of $60,000 of small sales. Among them are the following: Lot 30x99:9 and cottage of D. A. McIntosh, at 2408 Franklin street, near Vallejo, to Mrs. E. B. Hamilton, for $3500; lot 27, and improvements, on the south line of Jackson street, 137:6 west of Scott, to Miss Edith D. Solomon, for $9250; lot, 47x60, and house on the southeast corner of Jones street and Broadway, to J. D. Smiley, for $2500; and a lot, 50x120, on the west line of Ninth avenue, 155 feet south of California street, for $1500.

James Murphy has sold his 9-room residence and the lot, 18:9x100, on the south line of Green street, 100