ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS.

TAXES ON THE WATER FRONT

Probably Will Be Paid Without Protest.

ASSESSMENT WAR BEGINS

EX-SUPERVISOR PELOUZE IS GRANTED A REDUCTION.

Water Companies, Railroads and Other Corporations Have Not Yet Filed Their Annual Protests.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, July 11.

The annual war over the county assessment roll commenced this morning, and for the next two weeks and longer if the State board be agreeable the Supervisors will hold daily sessions until all petitions, whether for reductions or raises, are passed upon.

The rolls contain that section of the water front awarded to the Water Front Company by the Supreme Court. There is some doubt as to whether this property, valued at $600,000, should be on the roll or not, as the decision of the Supreme Court in the matter was not final. The case was sent back to the Alameda courts to be retried and for judgment to be rendered along certain lines. The situation is being watched with great interest, for there is some doubt as to whether the Water Front Company will object to the assessment or pay its taxes.

For nearly a year, or since the rendering of the opinion by the Supreme Court, the agent for the Water Front Company in this city has been trying to negotiate the sale of some of its property, and has gone so far as to promise a guarantee to prospective purchasers that they shall be forever protected in their title. This information has come to the knowledge of the Assessor, and he will use it as an argument against the company should it object to the assessment.

There is another point in connection with the water front that is also being brought forward. During the time of office of ex-Assessor Leckie, the water front was placed on the roll at a low figure and the company paid its taxes regularly. The payment of taxes for many years was one of the prominent arguments used by the Water Front Company during the trial of the great suit. When Assessor Dalton took office in 1894, he took the assessment off the roll on the ground that the property belonged to the city. For three years the property was not assessed and there is some talk as to whether Mr. Dalton was justified in taking it off the rolls, and if he be not personally responsible for the three years' taxes that have been lost to the county. Mr. Dalton declares he is willing to combat this position, and says he has no fear regarding the legality of all he has done.

The first applicant for a reduction of assessment at to-day's session was ex-Supervisor W. S. Pelouze. After making his plaint his property was reduced from $750 to $500. Another reduction that he asked was not granted. One or two smaller reductions were asked, but no applications from the Southern Pacific, the street railroad companies or any of the larger corporations that annually create much trouble have yet been filed.

Another interesting fight is expected over the assessments of the water companies. When fixing the rates last February, the two companies gave much data regarding the values of their plants. This data showed that the joint value, according to the company's figures, approaches $11,000,000. Owing to the assessment being placed in the different townships and cities, it is difficult to arrive at the total assessment, but as the Assessor has been guided by the sworn statements of the companies there will probably be a warm contest.

RETURNS FROM THE EAST.

President W. D. Heitman of the City Council Tells of the Omaha Exposition.

OAKLAND, July 11.—W. D. Heitman, president of the City Council, who has been visiting his father in Omaha, returned to-day. He was greatly pleased with the evidences of energy, thrift, enterprise and good times he saw on every hand. In speaking of Omaha, the city of his birth, Mr. Heitman said:

They have made more progress in the past few years than have those of any of the Middle West cities. Wherever they have gone as delegates to conventions lately they have endeavored to bring the succeeding National gathering to Omaha. In this they have almost out-Chicagoed Chicago. Omaha, this year, I believe, will have as many large National conventions as Chicago. That will advertise the place and bring thousands of dollars to many lines of business.

As regards the Inter-State Exposition it must be seen to be appreciated. It is really the Chicago World's Fair in miniature. There have been few like it outside of Chicago. It is one of the greatest shows ever put up. They have built a lake there about 1000 feet in length and stocked it with gondolas. The buildings are erected on either side. They are all white and extremely beautiful. At night the place is lighted up with myriads of electric lights, and the effect cannot be described. It is really dazzling in its brilliancy and seems more like a fairyland than it does the work of human beings.

The Government exhibit is a great feature. It contains models of all the great war vessels of this country and a number of other features which are very interesting.

DEATH OF HENRY F. CRANE.

A Pioneer Attorney Makes His Appearance Before the Great Bar of Justice.

OAKLAND, July 11.—Henry F. Crane, formerly a Judge of the Probate Court in Washington Territory, before its admittance as a State, who settled in this State in 1860, died at his home, 1721 Thirteenth avenue, last evening at the age of 65. He was the father of Miss Bessie Crane and William W. Crane, receiving teller of the Union National Bank of this city.

Judge Crane was born in St. Lawrence County, N. Y., and lived there until he was admitted to practice. He then moved to Wisconsin and later to the Territory of Washington. There he served as Judge of the Probate Court with distinction and honor. He came to San Francisco in 1860 and practiced before the United States courts, paying particular attention to Government land cases. He was attorney for the plaintiff in a celebrated case involving the ownership of a large tract of land near Mt. Diablo, which was only decided two years ago.

In 1875 Mr. Crane moved to San Leandro, where he lived some time before moving to this city. Owing to poor health he has not practiced his profession for some time. The funeral will occur to-morrow morning from the family residence.

"Betwixt Love and Duty."

OAKLAND, July 11.—The Lyceum stock company, which consists of an amateur company of our best known young people, who have made a very creditable showing in all the performances they have undertaken, are about to give another production, entitled "Betwixt Love and Duty." It is a beautiful military drama in three acts, to take place at Dietz Opera House on Thursday evening, July 14. Among the members of the cast are Harry Bruhns, Oscar Gehring, Homer Guilbault, Harry Lark, Fred Harmon Roberts, Lyle Renney, Frank Buckingham, Jimmy Toohig, Miss Cora Clark, Miss Mabel Turner and Miss Eva Lucas. There will also be specialties introduced by Miss Ida Maloon and Caro True Boardman.

Found a Long-Lost Brother.

OAKLAND, July 11.—For thirteen years Mrs. H. A. Gittere, who resides on San Pablo avenue, has been searching for her brother, William Barnes. When the Kansas troops arrived at San Francisco Mrs. Gittere heard that a relative of hers was among them. She crossed the bay and found her long-lost brother. He is now spending three days' leave of absence in this city.

TAKEN FROM THE MOTHER

Neither Side Won in the Hurt Contest.

A GUARDIAN IS APPOINTED

JOEL J. HURT REVILES HIS EX-WIFE'S HUSBAND.

Judge Ogden Says the Case Is the Most Difficult He Has Ever Been Required to Decide.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, July 11.

The contest over the children of Joel J. Hurt of Wyoming ended this afternoon. Neither the father nor mother can claim a victory, although the honors are probably with the father, inasmuch as the children have been legally taken from their mother and placed in charge of a guardian.

This morning Hurt took the witness-stand for the first time and told of his experiences. He testified that at one time he was worth $500,000, but he does not believe he is worth a quarter of that just now. While giving his testimony he frequently referred to his ex-wife's husband, Alphonse Schaeffer, as "this thing" and "that thing" and "such a thing." He gave vent to his inmost feelings when he said: "It would be the greatest pleasure of my life to bring this mother and her children together in my own household, but I could never do it while she associates with this horse thief." Hurt also stated that in every letter he sent his little girl he placed $5 and a tinhorn gambler (Schaeffer) stole it. "The Sheriff of Cheyenne County," said Hurt, "told me that Schaeffer took the alimony that I gave my wife before she was married and gambled it off. He also receipted for the alimony at the bank. All this loafer wants is the alimony from his wife."

Mrs. Carrie Mentell of San Leandro, who has known Mrs. Schaeffer for four weeks, created quite a sensation by her eloquent defense of women in general and Mrs. Schaeffer in particular. She told the court that all the procedure being held was highly improper and assured Judge Ogden that if he knew Mrs. Schaeffer as well as she did he would share her (the witness) opinion. Mrs. Mentell, when asked to confine herself to matters before the court, said the Judge had better excuse her because the attorneys objected to her testimony and she was so "riled" that she could not do any better.

Josie Hurt, the eldest of the three girls, told the story of how carefully her mother cared for the children and of how her father had tried to make them believe her mother was a bad woman. She said that her father had told her he would kill Schaeffer if he ever came across him. Alice Hurt was put on the stand, but when she tried to speak and realized that she might be taken from her mother the little girl could do nothing but cry, and was excused.

Mrs. Birchinell, a neighbor of the Schaeffers at San Leandro, created some amusement by stating that even the cats followed Mr. Schaeffer around the yard, and when kittens were in his way he was too kind to even step on them, but drove them out of his path. Several other witnesses testified to Mrs. Schaeffer's character.

In rendering his decision, Judge Ogden stated that he had never felt the weight of responsibility more than in the case at bar. He briefly recited the family history from the time of the divorce to the present. He referred to the fact that the father was able to give the children great advantages and also that they needed a mother's care.

"The court sees great difficulty in this case," said Judge Ogden. "The benefits of the father's wealth, rightly applied, are great. If the mother be a moral woman it is absolutely necessary for the growth of the childrens' character that she attend to their development. I dread to take the responsibility of saying that the children shall not reap the benefit which the father's wealth may bring, and, on the other hand, I cannot take them from the mother and give them to the father where he can have exclusive power outside the control of this court. The second husband's crime is not to be considered, for he was pardoned and restored to full citizenship. Whatever may be said of marrying a man of this character, this court will encourage the two to remain together and to hold fast to the espousal sanctioned at the altar. If this mother would consent to some fit and proper person, who should be so deemed by the court, being appointed guardian of her children, who should have their custody, allowing such access to them on the part of the mother and father as such guardian should consider fit, then this court would recommend such a course."

Judge Ogden suggested that Mrs. S. C. Sanford be appointed the guardian, and hinted that if such an agreement be not entered into by their mother the children should be sent at once to their father and there receive such benefits as he could give them.

This solution of the difficulty was acceptable to Mrs. Hurt, and when the necessary papers were drawn up the children became the legal wards of Mrs. Sanford, and the great struggle for the children, which had lasted two years, was ended.

SUPERVISORS DECLINE THE RAILROAD'S OFFER

WILL NOT ACCEPT THE USE OF ALICE STREET BRIDGE.

Traffic Will Be Seriously Disturbed While the New Bridge Is Building at Webster Street.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, July 11.

The Southern Pacific Company sent a communication to the Supervisors to-day offering to the county the use of the Alice-street bridge as a means of communication between Oakland and Alameda until such time as the new county bridge shall be built at Webster street. The Supervisors refused the offer.

The railroad company has almost completed its arrangements for transferring the Alice-street steam travel and the Webster-street steam travel from these two bridges to its new bridge at Harrison street. Under the old system, the railroad used a large part of the county bridge at Webster street and had a bridge of its own at Alice street. Their Harrison-street bridge, which is now being finished, will accommodate all their travel, and they must within a certain time entirely remove the discarded Alice-street structure. The communication from Chief Engineer Curtis to the Supervisors states that after the tracks are taken from the Alice-street bridge, and while the old Webster-street bridge is being pulled down and the new one built, the public could use the discarded bridge if the Supervisors desired.

It was learned that in order to make the Alice-street bridge fit for teaming, after the tracks were torn up, about $2000 would have to be spent, and consequently the offer was declined by the votes of Roeth, Talcott and Wells. Messrs. Church and Mitchell favored the acceptance of the offer, stating that it would be a great convenience to both towns while the new bridge is in course of construction.

Nothing is known at present of the future of Webster-street bridge. All the plans, petitions and protests have been forwarded to the War Department, and as Secretary Alger is supposed to be very busy at this time, Alameda County's bridge is not likely to be considered as an urgent necessity. The bridge should have been completed a month ago, but with the exception of preparing plans and letting the contracts nothing has been done nor can be done until the War Department issues its ultimatum.

H. G. Rudolph Robbed Theodore Geir

OAKLAND, July 11.—Officer Jack Scanlan arrested Henry G. Rudolph, a printer, at Seventh and Webster streets to-day on a charge of burglary. He was accused of the theft of a sack of coin containing $76 from Theodore Gier's store a few days ago. When faced by Detectives Holland and Quigley, he admitted the charge and returned the sack and $5 30. Rudolph was familiar with Gier's place of business, and often hung around there. The police were satisfied that the crime was committed by some one who knew the place. To the officers Rudolph stated that he had seen the sack hid, and becoming tired of living on 5-cent meals, he could not resist the temptation of taking it and living high. He lived in luxury for three or four days, when he took too much liquor and a friend relieved him of $40. He will appear in the Police Court in the morning.

Antone Smith Accused of Robbery.

OAKLAND, July 11.—Jacob Weil, the free market butcher who has been in the Police Court numerous times for violating the city ordinances, to-day told Captain Fletcher of the police force a tale of alleged robbery to which he was subjected yesterday. He asserts that he went out in the vicinity of the Fish Ranch yesterday to purchase some calves. He declares that when he reached the ranch he was dragged into a barn by Antone Smith and compelled to give up $100 he had in his pocket, under threats of arrest. He admits that he has had trouble with Smith, but denies that he owes him money. As the affair occurred in Contra Costa County, Captain Wilson advised him to apply for a warrant for the man's arrest in Martinez. It is possible that Smith will tell another story when his side is heard.

Oakland News Items.

OAKLAND, July 11.—Kenneth A. Kerr had his lower jaw fractured to-day and his teeth knocked out by the breaking of the forks on his bicycle. He was riding slowly at the time of the accident or he would have been more seriously injured.

Mrs. Mary Raboll, wife of Charles Raboll, of Livermore, 23 years of age, wrote her husband the day before sailing that she had secured a berth on La Bourgogne. Her husband and friends fear she went down in the wreck.

Word was received here to-day of the death of William Reaney of 1219 Peralta street, by drowning last Wednesday in the Columbia River. He is well known in this city. No particulars have reached the bereaved parents.

John Doe Compemenso, charged with violating the liquor license, will be tried by a jury to-morrow. He is one of the bottlers arrested, and the case was continued in hopes of the Council reducing the license to bottlers.

Dr. Charles M. Fisher, the regular County Physician, is dangerously ill with typhoid fever. The crisis is expected this week. Dr. S. H. Buteau is attending him and Dr. M. S. Porter attends to his practice.

FROM ST. MICHAEL.

First News From the Alamedans Who Went Up Last Fall.

ALAMEDA, July 11.—The first news has been received from the party of Alamedans who went to St. Michael last fall with the yacht El Sueno. Captain Ritchie writes under date of June 18, he having arrived there on the 14th, his vessel being the second to reach that place. They found the El Sueno there and some of the men who went up with her. They expected to get on the Yukon in a few days, the ice having gone out on the 12th.

The Alameda party tried to work a coal mine on the river during the winter, but the men they left in charge of it sold out and went off with the money. Wages are not high at St. Michael, but reports were that they were better up the river. The party which wintered at St. Michael had heard nothing from home since November.

Lodge Installations.

ALAMEDA, July 11.—Yosemite Council No. 40, Jr. O. U. A. M., will install officers to-morrow evening in its rooms in the Linderman block. The installation will be followed by a banquet.

Encinal Lodge No. 164, I. O. O. F., will install its new officers to-night, to be followed by a banquet.

Fair Oaks Rebekah Lodge installed its new officers last Saturday evening. District Deputy Mrs. Talbach presided at the ceremonies.

Alameda News Items.

ALAMEDA, July 11.—Rehearsals are now going on for the performance of "Father and Son" at Armory Hall Friday and Saturday for the benefit of the Red Cross.

Yosemite Council, Degree of Pocahontas, of this city will take part in the competitive drill at Red Men's headquarters in San Francisco in August.

The Encinal Recreation Club gave a ladies' night last Saturday evening, which was well attended. The programme included music and singing, as well as athletic performances.

Red Cross Society at Work Again.

BERKELEY, July 11.—The Berkeley branch of the Red Cross society has begun active work again. This morning its headquarters in the Hinkle block were filled once more with ladies busily engaged in rolling up and tying the bandages to be used for the soldiers. By this evening the number finished counted up to over 100. A fresh supply of materials has been purchased which will keep the workers occupied for weeks to come. The bandages upon which they are now engaged are of the plaster of paris kind, used in cases of fractured limbs. Mrs. J. M. Pierce will take charge of the work done at headquarters for this week. She is very much in need of more assistants, as the local society expects to send a large quota of supplies with the next transports that leave San Francisco.

Mrs. F. V. Paget, chairman of the committee on reading matter, has five large sacks of books and magazines ready for shipment. Among them is a complete set of Scott's works and several complete volumes of current magazines. They will be forwarded to San Francisco to-morrow.

Its Colors to Be Left in Berkeley.

BERKELEY, July 11.—Company I of the Eighth Regiment, now stationed at Fruitvale, has asked permission of J. C. Rowell, librarian of the University of California, to deposit its colors in the university library while they are gone to Manila. The request was willingly granted. The colors will be taken to the university within two or three days and stored away in the library basement. Company I received its colors as a public gift from the citizens of Grass Valley and they hesitate to risk them on the Philippine expedition.

Regent Hallidie Returns.

BERKELEY, July 11.—Andrew S. Hallidie, chairman of the committee on finance of the Board of Regents of the University of California, has returned from his trip to the East, and will be present at the regents' meeting to be held to-morrow in the Mark Hopkins Institute of Art, San Francisco. Regent Hallidie has had in charge the selection of a superintendent for the new Wilmerding School, and it is expected that he will hand in his report to-morrow.

MUST PRODUCE A LAST WILL.

Judge Greene Believes Mrs. Bridget Muldoon Responsible for Its Whereabouts.

OAKLAND, July 11.—Mrs. Bridget Muldoon, one of the devisees under the will of the late Mary Sweeney, which has been missing since the day before the maker's death, was ordered by Judge Greene to produce the document. He did this after the examination of Elijah Foster, one of the executors of the will, Mrs. Muldoon, and Nora Johnson, her sister. Mrs. Muldoon's son also receives several small legacies and a one-third interest in the estate for her support. This led the Judge to suspect that she was making an effort to secure the entire control of that portion.

"You will produce that will in court next Monday, madam," ordered the court in his sonorous tones.

"But I cannot do so," announced Mrs. Muldoon in an injured tone.

"Well, madam, you have heard the instruction of the court, and you will have the will here at that time," replied the court as he turned to the next case.

The Hawaiian Commission.

When the Hawaiian Commission arrives in this city the members are likely to be the guests of the Chamber of Commerce for a day at least. Yesterday Hugh Craig, the President, sent the following to Senator Cullom of Illinois: "The Chamber of Commerce desires to tender a public reception to you and the members of the Hawaiian Commission upon your arrival here. Kindly inform us of your movements."

The reception will probably be of an informal nature, and Mr. Craig wishes as many of the public as can attend to be at the rooms of the chamber upon that occasion. It is believed that the commission will leave Washington about August 1, and it will not complete its mission until October.

LEGISLATES FOR LIQUOR

Henneberry Objects to Cigarettes.

BERKELEY CITED AS EXAMPLE

OAKLAND COUNCIL WOULD REDUCE SALOON LICENSES.

Says the War Tax Is a Burden on Everything They Sell and They Should Be Relieved.

OAKLAND, July 11.—There were two little surprises at the meeting of the City Council to-night. Councilman Henneberry submitted an ordinance providing for the suppression of the sale of cigarettes. The ordinance says:

It is hereby declared unlawful for any person in the city of Oakland to sell, offer for sale or give away any cigarette or cigarettes.

No person shall permit any cigarettes to be sold in any place owned, leased or occupied by him.

It is hereby declared unlawful for any minor to smoke any cigarette in any railway car, street, square, public building or place in the city of Oakland.

The ordinance is to take effect, if passed, on and after October 1. It was referred to the ordinance committee.

Councilman Henneberry's second surprise was an ordinance providing for the reduction of the liquor license from $100 to $50 a quarter. In explanation of his ordinance, Mr. Henneberry said: "The war tax has laid a heavy burden on liquor dealers. It has required them to pay taxes on everything they sell, and it is but equitable that they should be shown some consideration. Just across the line, in Berkeley, the license has been reduced to $50 per quarter, and it is but right, in my opinion, that we should do the same."

The ordinance went to the committee.

The Council appropriated $75 to-night to pay for a national flag for the Eighth Regiment at Camp Barrett.

The new Davie Freight Ferry Company applied to the Council to construct a freight shed at Franklin-street wharf.

The protest of property owners against the remacadamizing of Webster street was sustained.

The annual report of the Free Library was presented to the Council. It concludes: "In regard to the needs of the library there is one that is ever present and insistent, and we can but reiterate the statement made last year that the library has almost reached the limit of its usefulness till a more suitable building is provided. The present building, erected thirty years ago, did well enough for the Oakland of 1868, but is hardly consonant with the dignity of the greater Oakland of 1898."

Next Friday night the Council will meet as a committee of the whole to take up the matter of Cemetery Creek.

DEMING SURPRISES A PHILADELPHIA CROWD

AN OAKLAND CRANK COMMANDS THE ATTENTION OF ALL.

Tells of His Peculiar Mission, Which Is to Advocate a Complete Anglo-Saxon Alliance.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, July 11.

Arthur Buel Deming of this city has just created a sensation in Philadelphia. On the 4th of July, at the conclusion of Senator Edmunds' speech at Independence Hall, a patriarchal man of commanding presence arose from the front row, and, with a gesture, bade the audience listen to him.

The chairman and others who had fought in the second war with Great Britain were too much surprised to remonstrate. "Sons of the Revolution," said Deming, "I have come all the way from California to speak to you. My mission is to proclaim the alliance of the Anglo-Saxon races. That alliance is sure to come. My mission is to promote and perfect the amity of our race in the bonds of peace. Such an alliance is absolutely necessary for business, society and religion."

After he had left the platform and been cheered by the audience, the speaker said he was A. B. Deming of Oakland, Cal. He said to a reporter: "A man is greatly impressed by his waking thoughts. I was awakened at 4 o'clock on December 20, 1897, by the idea of an Anglo-American race. I formulated a proclamation and mailed a copy of it to Queen Victoria. She got it, I know, and Chamberlain's recent speech was the result. I suggested to Victoria that she should get herself cartooned, and if you notice lately, her picture has been appearing with that of Uncle Sam, their arms entwined about each other. Yes, Victoria is running the end over there and I am struggling along the best I can with this end of the business. But it will succeed."

A. B. Deming is well known in Oakland as an earnest religionist. He is the inventor of a peculiar preparation of charcoal for rheumatism, and has been a familiar figure for years. He is an intelligent, well-educated man of good address.

Sergeant Hughes Weds Miss Miller.

OAKLAND, July 11.—Sergeant Thomas B. Hughes of the Fourth Cavalry, stationed at the Presidio, San Francisco, called at the County Clerk's office to-night and secured a license to wed Miss Rossina Edna Miller. She accompanied him, and they immediately repaired to Justice Clift's court, where they were married. He is a native of Florida, aged 31, while the bride was born in this State twenty-eight years ago. Both are residents of San Francisco.

Private Alexander Goodman of the First Montana Infantry, now at Camp Merritt, and Miss Alice Wilcox were united in matrimony at the same time. They had intended being married yesterday afternoon by Rev. R. Ritchie, but the ceremony was postponed until to-day. Another soldier, a private, when he saw the two married, wanted Judge Clift to perform the ceremony for him, but having failed to secure a license, the Judge had to refuse. The six then went away together.

THE WOODBRIDGE CANAL.

A Higher Bid for the Property by the Receiver, E. C. Chapman.

The sale for $11,000 of the Woodbridge canal property, which has been the subject of so much litigation lately, came up before Judge Morrow yesterday morning for affirmation. W. C. Chapman, receiver of the property, through his counsel, Judge Fox, made a conditional bid of $23,000, with the understanding that the property be sold to him subject to all costs incurred by the receiver, which amount to $35,000.

The contention was made by parties represented by Attorney Cannon that their claims, amounting to about $5000, be decreed by the court to be preferred over the bonded indebtedness, as they represented money owed by the defendant corporation. The whole matter was referred back to Commissioner Heacock, who will hear it next Monday at 11 o'clock.

A Trick of Peddlers.

J. L. Aiken, 1188 Noe street, swore to a complaint in Judge Mogan's court yesterday for the arrest of Nick Wyley and "John Doe" Lyons, peddlers, on a charge of petty larceny. He alleged that his wife, last Tuesday purchased 85 cents' worth of articles from Wyley and Lyons and gave them a $5 gold piece to get changed. They forgot to return with the change. The police say that similar complaints have been made by other people.

MAMIE GRIFFIN'S GREAT MILE

Lowers Oakland's Track Record to 2:12.

MABEN SPRINGS A SURPRISE

GREEN PACER LOLITA STEPS THREE CLIPPING HEATS.

President Knight's Mare Silver Queen Easily Defeats the Soft-Hearted Favor—Turf Notes.

The racing at Oakland yesterday was gilt-edged and during the afternoon Jimmy Sullivan made a little turf history with Colonel Henshaw's beautiful black mare, Mamie Griffin, by lowering all trotting records over the course to 2:12. Mamie can surely touch 2:10, and her mile was a splendid one and entirely within herself. Every one regretted the absence of the genial sportsman who owns her, for he would have received an ovation most surely.

To beat Toggles and Clay S, two supposedly formidable opponents, was indeed a performance "Oregon Jimmy" can view with eminent satisfaction. Then, too, the rating was to perfection. The quarter 33 seconds—just a 2:12 galt—half in 1:06¼, at the three-quarters it was 1:39½, and the last quarter in 32½ seconds, a 2:10 clip, showing that the contest was not a hollow one. Mamie's old record was 2:12¾. In the books she was 2 to 1 and Toggles, her chief competitor, a 1 to 2 shot.

Still another surprise was the defeat of Resort by the green mare Lolita, by Sidney, from Walter Maben's stable, and driven by Brooks. The mare never saw a crowd till yesterday, cost her owner just $35 at auction and in her initial heat was close second in 2:16, coming from the rear brigade at the half-mile ground. She went her mile, too, with a tire "down." Resort was all out and seemed about done, while the black mare was fresh as a daisy. Early betting favored Resort, but Lolita was 4 to 5 for the second heat; Resort at evens.

The story is soon told, as Lolita, without a skip, closed it out in 2:17, 2:18½. Gaff Topsail and Harry Ramon being the chief contenders. Resort quit like a dog in the stretch. The Los Angeles contingent played Lolita for quite a nice winning, she having stepped work-outs handsomely in 2:17½, and being exceedingly level-headed. Gaff Topsail went a grand race, and in the hopples races far steadier than otherwise. He is a four-year-old and with age will be quite a pacer.

Silver Queen went an honest mile in 2:21, trotting from nowhere and beating Favor where they pay off. She can beat 2:20 her next race, sure. President Knight took a day off, so did not see her splendid performance. She and Favor were at even money, and all there were of any account in it, as Lottie easily outfinished Menlo Belle for show money.

Hijo del Diablo handily disposed of the special for named pacers, in 2:16, away behind his record—2:11¾. F W got the place over Delphi. Rex Alto was not on his good behavior, and finished last, in the dust. Hijo del Diablo and F W were each held at 6 to 5 by the pencil wielders, Rex at 2 and Delphi 10—he might as well have been at 100, for he cannot class with any of the others at present. They stepped away at a 2:10 clip, but the last quarter was only :36, showing how easy it was for Nelson's big horse.

Sullivan won the 2:17 trot with Colonel Henshaw's handsome bay gelding Our Jack in 2:17¼, trotting a very pretty mile. He was favorite at 1 to 2 over the field—May B, Silver Ring and Myrtle Thorne. The latter went a grand heat and finished close up. Our Jack stepped away to the half in 1:07¼. He was backed heavily, as it looked a sure victory for him over that field. In the auctions it was Jack 5, field 3, and the most of the betting went that way.

To-day's card promises grand sport, and some surprises will doubtless be enacted. Among the starters are some new to the game, which have been stepping the track in Grand Circuit style of late. The bookmakers lost considerable money, as at the quotations the favorites are played hard, but then their day always comes, and to-day's winners look to be uncertain and the "wise" money is very apt to get a tumble. The starting is the best ever witnessed in California, and patrons are certain to make the 5:30 boat yet see a great deal of racing.

It should be remembered that ladies are cordially invited to become the guests of the association and will enjoy the enlivening scenes beyond a doubt.

Summaries:

FIRST RACE.

Special for named pacers, one mile dash:
Hijo del Diablo, b. h. by Diablo (J. M. Nelson) 1
F W, ch. g. by Dorsey's Nephew (John Gordon) 2
Delphi, blk. h. by Director (W. Donathan).. 3
Rex Alto also started.
Time—:32½, 1:07, 1:40, 2:16.
Betting: Auctions—Field $7, F W $5. Books—Hijo del Diablo and F W 6 to 5 each, Delphi 10, Rex Alto 2.

SECOND RACE.

2:20 class, special, trotting, one mile dash:
Silver Queen, b. m. by Silver King (W. Hogoboom) 1
Favor, ch. g. by Daly (W. S. Clark)..... 2
Lottie, br. m. by Cupid (James Sullivan).... 3
Menlo Belle also started.
Time—:36, 1:10, 1:44, 2:21.
Betting: Auctions—Field $6, Favor $5. Books—Silver Queen even, Favor even, Lottie 2, Menlo Belle 4.

THIRD RACE.

2:30 class, pacing, one mile heats, 2 in 3:			
Lolita, blk. m. by Sidney (J. Brooks)..	2	1	1
Resort, br. g. by Hawthorn (W. Donathan)	1	4	4
Harry Ramon, b. g. by Ramon (C. A. Owen)	4	3	2
Gaff Topsail, ch. h. by Diablo (J. L. Smith)	6	2	3
Lady Margaret, b. m. by Star Sultan (Frank Purfee)	3	5	Dr
Roderick, b. g. by General Benton (C. Crippen)	5	Dis	
Lindo, blk. m. by Strathway (H. Hellman)	7	Dis	
Captain Hackett, b. g. by Steinway (James Sullivan)	8	Dis	

Time: First heat—:32½, 1:05¾, 1:41½, 2:16.
Second heat—:33, 1:06¾, 1:42, 2:17.
Third heat—:35, 1:09, 1:44½, 2:18¼.
Betting: Books—First heat, Resort even, Lolita 3, Lady Margaret 5 to 2, Harry Ramon, Roderick, Gaff Topsail, Lindo, Captain Hackett 10 each. Second heat—Lolita 4 to 5, Gaff Topsail 10, Harry Ramon 3, Resort even, Lady Margaret 4, Captain Hackett, Roderick and Lindo 10 each. Third heat—Lolita 1 to 3, Resort even, Harry Ramon 2, Gaff Topsail 3 to 2. Auctions—Resort $10, field $8. After first heat—Field $10, Resort $8. After second heat—Lolita $10, Field $5.

FOURTH RACE.

2:13 class, trotting, mile dash.
Mamie Griffin, blk. m. by Blackbird (James Sullivan) 1
Toggles, br. g., by Strathway (C. E. Clark)...2
Clay S, b. h., by Grover Clay (C. Rodriguez)..3
Monterey also started.
Time, :33—1:06¼—1:39½—2:12.
Betting: Auctions—Field $6, Toggles $10. Books—Mamie Griffin 3, Toggles, 1 to 2, Clay S even, Monterey 2.

FIFTH RACE.

2:17 class, special, trotting, mile dash.
Our Jack, b. g., by Steinway (James Sullivan) 1
Myrtle Thorn, b. m., by Grandissimo (W. Donathan) 2
Silver Ring, b. m., by Silver Bow (P. J. Williams) 3
May B also started.
Time, :33¾—1:07¼—1:42—2:17¼.
Betting: Auctions—Our Jack $10, field $6. Books—Our Jack 1 to 2, Myrtle Thorn 5 to 2, Silver Ring 2, May B 2.

TO-DAY'S ENTRIES.

First race, 2:19 class, trotting, mile dash—C. F. Bunch's Iran Alto, C. Ivellman's Ned Thorne, James Sullivan's Dr. J, F. J. Vetter's Lou, E. P. Heald's Myrtle Thorne.

Second race, 2:18 class, pacing, mile dash—W. Masten's Dictatus, W. S. Maben's Wm. Baker, C. Hurburt's Fitz Aymon, W. Mizner's Butcher Boy, E. P. Heald's Chas. David, A. Cohen's Much Better, J. B. Iverson's Dictatress, J. O'Kane's Peanuts, John Baker's Beachwood.

Third race, 2:25 class, pacing, mile heats, two in three—E. C. Gabriel's Mark H, E. A. Falvey's Resort, J. M. Nelson's Royal Sid, W. Masten's Adline, A. S. Cohen's Much Better, Sue's Majella B.

Fourth race, special, mile dash—C. A. Hug's Mojave, W. Durfee's Mamie Riley, C. F. Bunch's Thompson, George E. Shaw's May B.

Fifth race, special for named horses, mile dash—George E. Shaw's Menlo Belle, E. P. Heald's Pilot McLellan, C. E. Clark's Listerine, C. A. Owen's Nellie Bly.

Anna Taylor's Will.

The Supreme Court has upheld the decision of the lower court in the contested will case of Anna Taylor. The action and appeal were not based upon the usual grounds of fraud or that the deceased was of unsound mind and did not comprehend what she did when making the will, but that the execution of the will was not sufficiently proved. The document was made over twelve years ago, and one of the witnesses, named Heard, only remembered that he was present when the several signatures were affixed, many of the incidents having slipped from his mind. The higher court decided that the failure of one witness to remember all that took place on a certain occasion was not sufficient to invalidate the will.

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