ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS.

BRANDES SEES EVIDENCE OF HIS GUILT

Tale of Murder Told by the Camera.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF LILLIAN

GHASTLY EVIDENCE SHOWN TO THE COURT.

The Prisoner's Matrimonial Problem, No Matter How Solved, Is Like a Two-Edged Sword.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Dec. 10.

W. A. Brandes was given a surprise in court this morning, when the prosecution produced a number of photographs of Lillian Brandes taken at the Berkeley Morgue, and showing all the cuts and bruises on her body. These photographs are ghastly evidence of the condition of Lillian Brandes at the time of her death.

The pictures were introduced by Prosecuting Attorney Allen, and consisted of eight views, each showing distinctly some evidence of brutality on some part of the girl's body. The defendant's attorneys objected to their introduction, but their objection was overruled.

Edwin R. Jackson, a photographer and chemist, told of the manner in which the photographs had been taken. He said: "I am a photographer, and was employed by Judge Allen to make some pictures of Lillian Brandes. I was given no instructions as to how I was to make the pictures or how many I should make. I took eight negatives of the body in different positions. I have developed them myself and am sure they are correct and that no changes have been made in them."

The witness then produced the pictures, and they were offered in evidence. They showed bruises and marks very clearly, each limb having been photographed separately.

Attorney Bennett cross-examined Jackson at great length as to his ability to make photographs and as to his being an expert on photography and color. The attorney was very particular in examining the witness regarding the detection of the color of an original by looking at a photograph. He wanted to know which of the bruises were red, black or blue and how a photograph could show such distinctions. Jackson related at some length the different processes by which photographs are taken, both for ordinary purposes and for scientific purposes. He also related how by comparing the different shades of a photograph it would be possible to tell the original color, comparatively.

Attorney Bennett cross-examined Jackson at great length as to his ability to and he satisfied the court that he had made photographs for pay for several California and Eastern magazines, and proved by a large falio of his own work that his photographic ability is artistically developed.

Brandes showed plainly that he did not like the look of the pictures. They brought to mind very clearly a sight with which he was only too familiar. He took one look at them and pushed them back toward his attorney, but not again did he express any curiosity regarding the telltale evidence. After the admission of the photographs, the examination was continued till Monday.

Brandes had hinted that he has nothing to fear from his second wife turning State's evidence. He says that he was divorced in Mexico from his first wife, and that he is not bigamist and neither can his second wife, even should she desire to, testify against him.

This predicament, however, is not very comforting to the prisoner for if it be proven that he was divorced from his first wife, then she will be at liberty to tell under oath the damaging testimony against him, which she was prevented from doing a few days ago on the ground that she is still the prisoner's wife.

Superior Court Changes.

OAKLAND, Dec. 10.—Two of the Superior Judges will exchange departments on January 2, 1899. These are Judge Samuel P. Hall and Judge John E. Ellsworth. The rules require that the Probate Court be presided over for but one year by the same Judge. While Judge Ellsworth has held forth in that department, Judge Hall has often acted as substitute in the probate chamber, but after the new year the latter will sit on that bench for the next year. Judges Ogden and Greene will remain in their respective departments. At the same time George Pierce will be made clerk of the probate department, while Ray Baker will be clerk in Judge Ogden's court. Court Clerks Sinclair and Mock will retain their respective positions.

Captain Carson's Funeral.

OAKLAND, Dec. 10.—The funeral of the late Captain of Police Frank B. Carson will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from A. O. U. W. Hall on Broadway, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets. The services will be conducted under the auspices of Keystone Lodge. Chief Fletcher has ordered the entire department of over fifty officers to turn out in uniform. Captain A. Wilson and S. H. Mitchell will represent the force among the pallbearers. Rev. J. K. McLean will conduct the religious service. After the services the remains will be taken to Odd Fellows' cemetery, San Francisco, for cremation. The Police Court adjourned out of respect for the dead this morning.

Minister Breaks His Collarbone.

OAKLAND, Dec. 10.—Rev. V. Marshall Law, rector of the Church of the Advent, has met with another mishap since his return from the Sanitarium at St. Helena, where he went a few weeks ago to be treated for a nervous affection. A few days ago his heel was caught while he was descending the stairs and in trying to hold his balance his shoulder struck against a post and his collar-bone was broken.

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CAN DIVIDE BUT MUST WORK HARD

How Oakland Can Be a Separate County.

GENERAL LAWS NECESSARY

MUST FIRST DIVIDE, THEN COME TOGETHER.

Legal Committee Reports on the Lengthy Process by Which the Desired End Can Be Obtained.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Dec. 10.

There is no legal objection to the consolidation of the city and county government and the separation of Oakland under such government from the rest of the county, but there is a lot of work necessary to bring it about. The matter has been placed before the Alameda delegation of Assemblymen and Senators and they have been asked to push the necessary bill through the next Legislature. Nearly all the legislators have expressed the opinion that the matter is one that needs looking into, and that they are not satisfied that such a move is desired by a majority of the people of this city.

Senator Stratton told the merchants that outside of a resolution passed by the Board of Trade and Merchants' Exchange and one individual whom he met on the ferry boat he had never heard any reference to the matter of dividing the county. He suggested that a mass-meeting be called at which citizens from all sections should be present and give their views. Only by such means, he said, could legislators know how to act intelligently.

The matter was submitted to a legal committee, consisting of Attorneys John R. Glascock and Cary Howard, and they have presented a report in which they say that under certain conditions such a consolidation as is desired may be legally effected. In addition to much other relevant matter the report says:

Under our constitution, article XXX, section 3, it will be necessary to establish the line of the new county at least five miles distant from the present county seat of Alameda County, and the result of such division must not leave the old county with less than 8000 inhabitants; the new county must have at least 5000 inhabitants. It will, therefore, be necessary for you to determine or establish the line at which you propose to divide Alameda County, and to fix that line at least five miles east of the present boundary line of the city of Oakland, and to ascertain if there will then remain in the old county 8000 inhabitants.

The report says there must be a general law passed which must provide for every possible contingency.

This is but half the difficulty.

"If after you have succeeded in dividing the county," says the report, "it shall be desired to merge and consolidate into one municipal government the city and county governments of the new county, it will be necessary to frame and procure the passage of another general law providing for the merging and consolidation of such governments in conformity with article XI, section 7, of the constitution, which provides that city and county governments may be merged and consolidated into one municipal government with one set of officers, and may be incorporated under the general laws providing for the incorporation and organization of corporations for municipal purposes."

In regard to a new charter the committee reports:

There is no reason why, after the new city and county shall have been organized, it may not adopt a charter providing for its government which can be offered to some succeeding Legislature and be made the controlling law of the consolidated municipality.

There is, perhaps, another plan which might be adopted, and which you can also consider, to accomplish this same end, after the county shall have been divided and a portion set off with the city of Oakland.

The contiguous municipal corporations therein may, under the general law now in force, be consolidated into one municipality, leaving, however, the county government still in force. In the new county, which is provided for by the previous act for county division, all outlying territory not within one of the municipal corporations may be annexed to the municipal corporation to which it lies contiguous, under the general laws provided at present for the annexation of territory.

Under the law providing for the consolidation of contiguous municipalities, each of the municipalities sought to be consolidated must cast a majority vote in favor of consolidation or it will fail to carry. In the case of annexation there must be the statutory two-thirds vote in favor thereof in the whole territory sought to be annexed and in the municipality to which it is sought to annex it.

Having by these means made the boundaries of the county and the city co-extensive, under a general law to be drafted for the purpose, provision may be made for the consolidation of the city and county governments into one municipal government, as heretofore outlined.

This would seem to give a complete scheme for accomplishing your purpose; the practical question of the accomplishment of it is one that you are better able to judge of than we, though we shall be glad to give you any information we have or the benefit of our judgment, if you so desire.

It would undoubtedly be better to have the lower end of Alameda County apply for a division, for the reason that the constitution provides, as hereinbefore stated, that in a county division the new county so formed must contain a population of not less than 5000, while the county from which said new county shall be carved shall contain a population of not less than 8000.

This will make a difference of 3000 in population in favor of the initiation of proceedings by the lower end of the county, and if it be a matter of doubt as to the population of the lower end of the county, this 3000 difference may become an important factor in the solution of the problem.

Oakland News Items.

OAKLAND, Dec. 10.—Vijoda Condedo, the aged Italian who attempted to slash young Wildermuth with a knife at West Oakland, has been examined by the Lunacy Commissioners and was, late this afternoon, committed to the Stockton Asylum by Judge Ogden.

A party of distinguished Wisconsin people visited Oakland to-day. They had come to witness the launching of the battleship named after their State recently. Among the party were, Captain Frederick Pabst, the millionaire Milwaukee brewer, and wife, Miss Reynolds of Lake Geneva, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Arnold of Marinette, H. J. Fisk of Green Bay, director of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, and E. P. Hackett of Milwaukee.

Lyon Corps No. 6, Ladies of the Grand Army, has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, Mary A. Woodward; senior vice president, Mary Wells; junior vice president, Ida Bankhead; treasurer, Emma B. Wells; chaplain, Carrie E. King; conductor, Kate Ringhold; guard, Nellie Egelston; delegates to State Convention, Amanda Smith, Mary E. Coleman; alternates, Virginia Remillard, Louise M. Richardson.

William H. Tyson, G. E. Chittenden and H. A. Mayhew to-day filed an inventory and appraisement in the estate of the late Simeon Stivers, showing a total valuation of $83,325, comprising mostly lands in Washington township, Alameda County.

Superior Judge Greene to-day granted a divorce to Florence Bergner from James C. Bergner on the ground of extreme cruelty. Plaintiff is allowed to resume her maiden name, that of Florence Howard.

His Home Was Wrecked.

OAKLAND, Dec. 10.—Attorneys Nusbaumer & Reed to-day filed a $1500 damage suit on behalf of Rasmus Langan against the Western Fuse and Explosive Works. The defendant had taken a wife just prior to the Melrose explosion and had settled down in a neat little cottage when their home was wrecked, wherefore plaintiff sues. This, too, will be a test case, in the suit brought by the San Francisco Theological Seminary against defendant negligence is alleged as the basis of the action; while Langan alleges the maintenance of a nuisance.

ALLEN IS GENEROUS TO A LOST WIFE

Makes a Will on His Deathbed.

LEAVES HER FIVE DOLLARS

MRS. ALLEN DISAPPEARED THIRTEEN YEARS AGO.

Will Is Offered for Probate Two Days After Its Maker Died—Unknown Heirs Remembered.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Dec. 9.

If Mrs. Harvey E. Allen, who forsook her husband thirteen years ago, returns to Oakland she can collect a legacy of $5, which her husband on his deathbed bequeathed to her.

Harvey E. Allen died in Berkeley December 8, and on his deathbed he wrote his will. He was an old man, and thirteen years ago his wife, with whom he had lived many years, and whose family had grown to manhood, left him, and from that time he has heard nothing regarding her.

In his will he orders that all his debts must be paid, and bequeaths to his two sons, William Allen and Edward Allen, the balance of his estate, both personal and real. The old man in his dying hours referred to the romance of his life as follows:

"It is now thirteen years since I lost my wife. I have not heard of her or seen her since she disappeared. I have every reason for believing that she is now dead. If living, I leave to her the sum of $5, if she should appear while or before my estate be fully probated. Should any one appear and prove that he or she is a child of mine other than the sons above mentioned, I give and bequeath to them the sum of $5 and no more. I know of and have never acknowledged any others as my children other than the two sons above mentioned."

The estate consists of a house and lot in Berkeley and five acres of land in Contra Costa County.

Allen died on Thursday, was buried yesterday, and his will was offered for probate this morning.

ANOTHER SURPRISE I ANNIE M'CANN'S SUIT

DR. LILLIENCRANZ DID NOT REMEMBER MUCH.

Claims He Did Not Tell Her That Her Injuries Would Take Five Years to Heal.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Dec. 10.

The trial of the case of Miss Annie McCann against the Piedmont and Mountain View Railway for the recovery of $50,000 damages claimed to have been sustained by the fair plaintiff while she was a passenger on one of defendant's cars is replete with sensational testimony and surprises.

The sensational charges made by witness W. C. Shipley yesterday that Dr. O. L. Jones had said he expected to make a $5000 fee out of the damage suit for his testimony was to-day followed by another surprise, which consisted for the most part of Dr. Lilliencranz's loss of memory as to facts and circumstances existing when he treated Miss McCann for her injuries sustained at the time of the accident.

Dr. Lilliencranz explained at length the various injuries to the spinal columns of patients who have been treated by him and those who have come under his personal observation; but as to what injuries Miss McCann was suffering from when he was called to treat her he wholly failed to remember. In fact, witness said he could not recollect what medicines he had prescribed in her case, and he had never kept any record of the matter.

"Did you not tell the plaintiff that her injuries were of a serious nature?" asked Attorney R. M. Fitzgerald for Miss McCann.

"No, I did not," replied the doctor.

"Did you not tell her," further inquired Attorney Fitzgerald, "that she would probably not permanently recover for at least five years?"

"No, I did not," again responded the witness, and the plaintiff, who was seated behind her attorneys, bowed her head as if considerably put out over the doctor's testimony, which did not help her case in the least, for she had expected more favorable words from her erstwhile medical adviser. Further hearing of the case was continued until next Tuesday.

Unitarian Bazaar a Success.

BERKELEY, Dec. 10.—The Christmas bazaar held in the Sunday school rooms of the Unitarian church closed this evening, after a successful run of two days. Visitors were present on both days from Oakland and Alameda. Entertainments were provided for the two evenings. Friday night a series of tableaux was given under the direction of Mrs. William Carey Jones. This evening one of John Kendrick Bangs' plays, entitled "The Fatal Message," was well presented under the direction of Miss Irish.

Two Casualties of the Windstorm.

BERKELEY, Dec. 10.—The heavy windstorm which swept the bay region yesterday caused two serious accidents in West Berkeley. Louis Rosano of Ninth street, near Addison, while working at the Spofford Chemical Works, was struck by a heavy cap from one of the ventilators on the building. The piece of iron was blown off by the wind and fell on Rosano's shoulder, throwing him instantly to the ground. He sustained injuries to the extent of two broken ribs. Gearhardt Mandering, while turning the corner at Shattuck avenue and Addison street, was taken off his feet by the force of the wind and thrown face downward upon a pile of lumber. His face was severely gashed.

Berkeley News Notes.

BERKELEY, Dec. 10.—Harvey E. Allen died yesterday at the residence of Victor Belfils, on Tenth street, near Delaware. Deceased was 78 years of age and a native of Vermont. The funeral will take place from the residence to-morrow at 1 o'clock.

The City, University and Ferry Street Railroad Company will begin Monday to run an omnibus line between Berkeley station and Virginia street on the Scenic Park tract. Trips will be made so as to connect with all the local trains between 7 and 10 a. m. and 5 and 7 p.m. The route will lie through the university grounds to Euclid avenue, up Euclid avenue to Virginia street and return.

The pupils in the Allston Way School are soon to start a school paper. L. C. Hawley and James Brehm have been elected to the editorial staff, and Sam Humes to the office of business manager.

Vacant Houses Pillaged.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 10.—Petty thieves have been doing so much damage removing lead pipe from vacant houses in this city that several banking institutions of San Francisco having large property interests here have appealed to the Board of City Trustees for protection. Although the police have been on the alert for the thieves three new unoccupied houses belonging to D. Straub were pillaged last night and over $100 worth of lead pipe and hardware was carried away.

COLLIE SHOW ATTRACTS A VAST THRONG

Marked Success of the Exhibition.

JUDGING PROVES ACCEPTABLE

NO OBJECTION RAISED TO THE ALLOTMENT OF PRIZES.

Dogs That Carried Off the Blue, Red and White Ribbons as Tokens of Their Grace of Form.

OAKLAND, Dec. 10.—The first specialty show of dogs was brought to a successful termination to-night. It was, in one respect at least, the most remarkable show ever held in California and possibly in America. Not a single "kick" was registered by any one of the exhibitors. This alone is sufficient to stamp it as unique as an exhibition of its kind.

The score card was an unqualified success. Whether it could be applied to a larger show is more than doubtful, but the results justify its application in the present instance. The best dog won in every case under the system, and the average time of judging was five minutes per dog.

The system is based on the following: One hundred points are the maximum number allowed, and for each defect so many points are deducted as the judge deems warranted by the gravity of the defect. The points are distributed as follows: Skull, 5; muzzle, 5; stop, 2; eyes, 4; ears, 6; expression, 2; neck, 3; shoulders, 4; chest, 4; forelegs, 5; ribs, 4; loin, 5; length of body, 3; hips, 3; hindlegs, 5; tail, 3; feet, 5; undercoat, 8; outercoat texture, 8; quantity, 7; size, 5; condition, 4. In case of a tie the prize goes to the heavier dog.

The attendance was phenomenal, locomotion at times being difficult on account of the crowd. It was evident that the dogs were more popular than the poultry, and, indeed, the narrowness of the passage between the coops, tended somewhat to discourage the visitors. On the other hand, the space between the kennels was large and the doggy part of the show was well managed in every respect.

It is, however, to be hoped that at future shows the practice of ring officials leading dogs before the judges will not be repeated.

Mr. Stewart of Aromas fulfilled his arduous duties of ring steward and secretary with his customary courtesy and efficiency.

The orchestra discoursed sweet music during the evening and was listened to with enjoyment by many of the Athenian 400.

The final results of the judging follow:

Collies (tricolor, black and tan, black and white): Open, dogs—Stewart & Son's Daouil Dhu won, score 85¼; W. B. Frue's Djalma second, score 83¾; W. B. Frue's Mascot third, score 78¾. Open, bitches—W. B. Frue's Phroso won.

Collies (other than tricolor, black and tan, black and white): Novice, dogs—O. J. Albee's Alto Clifton Jr. won, score 88; Stewart & Son's Daouil Roy second, score 82¼; Claire M. Chabot's Donald VI third, score 79¾; Dr. H. C. Brown's Clifton S, reserve; J. C. Berret's Bonnie Duke, very highly commended; John Fairley's Duke, very highly commended; Matt Coffey's Canny Scot, very highly commended; W. Letts Oliver's Don Juan, commended. Novice, bitches—W. B. Frue's Princess Ozra won; Rancho Bonito Kennels' Cragston Moss Rose second; J. C. Berret's Bonnie Bess third. Open, dogs—O. J. Albee's Ormskirk Emerald Jr. won, score 88¼; Stewart & Son's Davie Lad second, score 85¼; O. J. Albee's Alto Clifton third, score 83; O. J. Albee's Major Welton, reserve; Stewart & Son's Donald Roy, very highly commended. Open, bitches—O. J. Albee's Queen's Bounty won, score 83½; Stewart & Son's Iris second, score 83; Stewart & Son's Happy Thought third, score 81¾; Della Beach's Loufra, reserve; Stewart & Son's Cragston Moss Rose, very highly commended; J. B. Eliot's Della Fox, very highly commended.

Special prizes—For best collie in show, case of dog soap, O. J. Albee's Ormskirk Emerald Jr.; for best collie owned in Alameda County, pair of 1899 hatch homers, Claire M. Chabot's Donald VI; for best collie in novice class, a setting of buff Pekin bantam eggs, O. J. Albee's Alto Clifton Jr.; for best collie owned in San Francisco, one year's subscription to Field Sports, Fred Balzer's Sampson Ormonde; for best collie bitch owned in San Francisco, one year's subscription to Fanciers' Monthly, J. B. Eliot's Della Fox; for best collie owned by a member of the California Collie Club, one box of 25 cigars, O. J. Albee's Ormskirk Emerald Jr.; for best collection of collies by one exhibitor or kennel, a trophy, Stewart & Son's Rancho Bonito Kennels.

KAMMER'S FRIENDS BELIEVE HE IS ALIVE

LEFT EVIDENCES OF SUICIDE TO FOOL HIS WIFE.

Domestic Relations Had Been Unhappy for Many Years, and He Threatened to Drop Out of Sight.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 10.—Nothing has yet been heard of the missing Louis Kammer, who was supposed to have committed suicide last Tuesday by jumping from the Bay Farm Island bridge. The theory that his hat, purse and watch were left on the bridge as a ruse and that as a matter of fact the man is still alive is borne out by the statement of J. B. Smith, a well known citizen of this city, who has been intimately acquainted with Kammer for a number of years, and was cognizant of his domestic difficulties.

Smith stated to a Call reporter to-day that Kammer and his wife had not lived happily, to his knowledge, for over five years. "Some time ago," said Mr. Smith, "after Kammer and his wife had engaged in a family row, he told me he was tored of the treatment he had been receiving and that he would fool his wife some day by dropping out of sight, leaving evidence to create the impression that he had committed suicide. I believe he has carried out his intention, and I do not for a moment entertain the notion that the man is dead."

Friends of the missing man, including Mr. Smith, state that his family troubles dated from the time Frederick Sutten became a member of the Kammer household. It is stated that Sutten usurped the management of affairs and that Kammer was forced to "play second fiddle." Stories are told by the neighbors of Sutten and Mrs. Kammer inviting their friends to the island home and locking Kammer in the barn while they indulged in a celebration.

The Kammer home is several miles from the heart of the city. It was a matter of comment that Mrs. Kammer always drove Sutten to town in the only conveyance owned by the family while Kammer was compelled to walk.

George Manley, proprietor of the Hotel Encinal, and also a close friend of Kammer, says positively the missing man is not dead. It is believed that he knows whereof he speaks, but he cannot be coaxed into giving his reasons.

Romance of Camp Barrett.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 10.—A romance of Camp Barrett culminated last evening in the wedding of Sergeant Verdinal Green, late of Company G, and Mrs. Ada Howlett of Oakland. The ceremony was performed by City Recorder A. F. St. Sure at the home of the groom's father, Captain Alonzo Green, Encinal avenue. The bride is a sister of the late Kate Castleton, the comic opera star. The couple met while Company G was stationed at Camp Barrett. Mrs. Howlett took an interest in the soldier boys and was a frequent visitor to the camp. She met Sergeant Green while he was doing guard duty. It was a case of love at first sight. When the company was transferred to Vancouver barracks the soldier boy and Mrs. Howlett kept up a constant correspondence, which resulted in Sergeant Green applying for his discharge. When he was retired from the service he hastened to Alameda and two days after his arrival here he celebrated his wedding to Mrs. Howlett.

Sunday School Anniversary.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 10.—The anniversary services of the Sunday-school of the Congregational church will be held to-morrow evening. Elaborate preparations have been made for the event. In the morning Rev. Dr. Hanson of the M. E. Church, South, will exchange pulpits with Rev. W. W. Scudder Jr., pastor of the Congregational church. The Sunday-school exercises will consist of brief reports on the work of the year and other interesting discourses. The topic for discussion will be "The Modern Sunday-school." The following papers treating of the subject will be read: "Its Origin and Growth," Mrs. J. H. Young; "Its Defects and Excellencies," Professor J. H. Firehammer; "Its Possible Improvement," Rev. W. W. Scudder; "Its Spiritual Power," Hon. J. N. Young.

Alameda News Notes.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 10.—The following officers of Oak Grove Lodge No. 215, F. A. M., were elected at a meeting held last evening: E. E. Johnson, worthy master; C. H. Wever, senior warden; P. S. Teller, junior warden; J. B. Vosburgh, treasurer; Oswald Lubbock, secretary.

The dramatic section of the Verein Germania will give an interesting entertainment Sunday evening at Germania Hall, in which the following will take part: Amandus Roebke, Henriette Warnke, Frieda Kaehler, Amanda Roebke, Lottie Schwerin, Frieda Shanly, Albert Kaehler, Theodor Saling, Max Harwinski Jr., Dora Reschert, Ludwig Warnke, Ad Schubert, Edward Horwinski, L. W. Schroeder, William Rice, Josie Schwerin, Elsa Roebke.

The Encinal Literary Society met this evening at the residence of W. W. Bradford, 1901 Pacific avenue.

HIS DOWNWARD COURSE UNHINGED HIS REASON

SAD PLIGHT OF NICKADEMUS, AN ARISTOCRAT.

Was Formerly an Eminent Insurance Authority and Married a Southern General's Daughter.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Dec. 10.

C. V. Nickademus, who was found unconscious in his room at the Keystone House last Wednesday night, and who after regaining consciousness lost all memory of the use of words, is still being looked after at the Receiving Hospital, and as yet Drs. Stratton and Horn have been unable to arrive at any further conclusion than that his case is an obscure one.

Nickademus has a bit of interesting history connected with his career, and his misfortune is the result of years of overwork. He is by no means the ordinary bookmaker at the Keystone, for some years ago he filled the responsible position of cashier in the Chicago office of the Phoenix Insurance Company of Brooklyn, N. Y. He had over seventy-five clerks to handle, and his salary reached $10,000 a year. In those days he was considered an eminent authority on fire insurance—one of the best in this country.

He is a well-educated man, coming from an aristocratic stock, and was at one time very prominent in society circles at Washington, D. C., where he married the daughter of a Southern general. He was subsequently divorced, and later spent about a year in the insane asylum at Kankakee, Ill. On his release from this institution his former employers sent him to this coast, defraying all his expenses; but his mind again showed signs of failing and he is at present reduced to poverty. He has been in this city about six years, and has managed to eke out an existence by keeping books for his board and lodging. At one time he was employed by Benjamin Wright as clerk at the Galindo Hotel.

Friends of Nickademus say they believe he has been fully aware of the downward course of his career, his reduction from a man of means and thrift and social standing to absolute destitution and social nonentity, and that this sad realization has finally stricken him dumb.

A PATRIOTIC RECEPTION.

Mayor Phelan Wants California to Honor Its Brave Soldier Boys.

Since the War Department has decided to replace the volunteer troops at Manila with regulars, and since the volunteers are to be sent home in the order in which they left, the question of giving a fitting reception to the First California Regiment is already being agitated. This regiment was the first to leave, and in consequence will be one of the first that will be sent home. Mayor Phelan is enthusiastic over the idea of giving the First California boys a reception that will go down in the history of the State as an occasion of unequaled rejoicing. He has as yet no definite plans, but he talks of pleasing generalities that stir the blood and quicken the pulse. He proposes to appoint a committee that will take the matter in charge and "turn the State inside out and bottom up," if that be necessary, to show those boys of the First how proud California is of them.

The mustering out of the Utah Battery of Light Artillery will cause some changes in the Eighth California Regiment. Four companies are at present rather crowded in the barracks at Benicia, and two of them will be brought to Angel Island to replace the Utah Battery. It has not been decided which two companies will be ordered there, but the recommendation of Colonel Henshaw in the matter will no doubt be favorably acted on by General Merriam.

The New York regiment will be transported to New York as a whole. The other two detachments are due here this week on the Scandia and Alameda, so that the regiment in its entirety will in all probability leave next week. Private Grogan, Company L of the New York regiment, is dangerously ill at the division field hospital with typhoid pneumonia. The War Department has ordered that a permanent 1200-men camp be made of the site where the regiment is now encamped, so that it can be used at any time by any regiment.

The construction of the new general hospital will be begun in the near future. It is to be built on the northeastern extremity of the light artillery drill ground. Already $70,000 has been appropriated for its construction, and it will take as much again to entirely complete it.

MISSION CHAPTER INSTALLS OFFICERS

CEREMONY OF THE EASTERN STAR IN PUBLIC.

The Obligations Taken Before an Immense Throng in Mission Masonic Temple Last Night.

There were not less than five hundred persons in the beautiful temple of Mission Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, on Mission street, near Twenty-second, last night, to witness the public installation of the officers of Mission Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. The hall is so beautiful that it needed no elaborate decorations to make it attractive, and the only aid to beauty was the American flag draped over the station of the worthy matron and a garland of smilax at each station.

The installing officer was Mrs. Maria A. Pierce, the worthy grand matron of California, who was assisted by Mrs. Lizzie Christianson as grand marshal and Past Most Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Mary E. Partridge as grand chaplain. The ceremony of installation, always grand and impressive, was conducted by Mrs. Pierce in a manner that won for her many words of commendation, so perfect was it. It was without book, and the delivery of the charges to the officers was given in a clear voice that could be heard distinctly in every part of the large lodgeroom, and was without the slightest hesitancy.

The officers who have assumed the direction of the chapter for the year are: Mrs. Ellen Wilson, W. M.; Andrew Christianson, W. P.; Alice Hickey, A. M.; Mary G. Foster, S.; Sarah M. Flack, T.; Hattie McPhun, C.; Sarah Cox, A. C.; Alexander Cox, chaplain; Maybell Plymeir, M.; Hattie Christianson, organist; Sadie Allen, Adah; Annie Simpson, Ruth; Jessie Lyon, Esther; Annie Herring, Martha, and Katie Zolmer, Electa; Tillie Ordley, W., and J. Parmelee, S. The music that is part of the ceremonial work was rendered by J. R. Ogelsby, first tenor; F. Dellepiane, second tenor; L. A. Larsen, first bass, and Walter Campbell, second bass, with Mr. Dellepiane at the organ. The selections were; "Hail, Sister, Hail," "Les Rameaux," "Invocation" (Mozart), "Hail to Thee, Matron," "From East to West," "Forget Me Not," "God Bless Our Star," "The Lord's Prayer," "Who Treads the Path of Duty" and "I Am King Over Land and Sea."

At the conclusion of ceremonies there were short addresses by Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Partridge, Past Grand Matron Mrs. Mary A. Flint and George L. Darling, associate grand patron. A handsome jewel of the rank of past matron was presented in an appropriate speech to Virginia Fisher, the retiring matron, after which Mrs. Freeman, grand Ruth, was presented a beautiful bunch of flowers, and then the secretary of the chapter, Mrs. Mary G. Foster, presented James A. Wilson, the retiring patron, with a gold matchbox embellished with emblems of the Masonic order and the five pointed emblem of the Eastern Star as a token of appreciation from the chapter.

After congratulations there was presented a short programme of music, songs and recitations, and then followed dancing in the main hall and in the banquet hall.

There were present among the many prominent members of the order in addition to those already named: Mrs. Ada D. Hewes, matron of Oakleaf Chapter; Mrs. Annie Johnson, matron of Harmony Chapter; Mrs. Kate S. Willats, grand secretary; Mrs. Ada R. Duncan, matron of Golden Gate Chapter; Mrs. G. W. H. Patterson, past grand Esther; Mrs. S. H. Millberry, past matron of Harmony Chapter; Mrs. Jennie L. Graves, past matron of Ivy Chapter, and Mrs. Lydia A. Steele, matron-elect of Ivy Chapter.

BUNKO MEN IN JAIL.

They Rob an Unsuspecting Victim in a Card Game.

Detectives Egan and Gibson yesterday arrested seven bunko men, who are accused of robbing A. D. Rambaud, a recent arrival from the interior, of $125 in cash and two checks, one for $125 and the other for $150. Their names are John Hill, Henry Walton, Charles Crawford, alias Rounds; T. B. Johnson, W. J. Hastings, alias the "Painter Kid"; James Gillespie and J. Lewis.

One of the gang met Rambaud in front of Lotta's fountain, and after engaging him in conversation invited him to the headquarters of the gang at 318 Kearny street. A game of cards was proposed, and in a short time the stranger found himself broke.

Hoping to recoup his losses he went to the hotel where he was stopping and wrote out two checks. He then returned to the headquarters of the gang, and placing the checks on the card table called for a hand.

The first one dealt him contained four kings. Thinking he had the "top" hand he threw both checks in the "pot." His opponent held four aces, and after roundly cursing his luck Rambaud left the place after promising to return "with more stuff."

While walking along Kearny street he met a friend, who, after listening to his story, informed him that he had been robbed. Rambaud immediately boarded a street car and went to police headquarters, where he told his experience with the gang to the officer in charge. When arrested the bunko men were in the act of fleecing another stranger. It is said that Walter Martin, who was shot by his wife a few days ago, is a member of the gang. Last night they tried to communicate with him, but the police refused to allow it.

GAMMAGE COULDN'T PAY.

Attachment Issued Against Him on Two Promissory Notes Aggregating $1150.

The rather unusual spectacle of one of the so-called "Law and Collection Agencies" being put to sleep with a dose of its own paregoric was presented in the Sheriff's office yesterday, when an attachment for $1150 was levied against Jules C. Gammage, manager of the Harding Law and Collection Agency on Montgomery street. Judah Boas, a local warrant broker, appears as plaintiff.

Boas' suit is based on two promissory notes signed by Gammage and Mrs. Margaret M. G. Harding, one under date of September 30, 1897, for $900; the other dated October 8, 1897, for $250. Interest is mentioned at two per cent per month. The property under attachment is a piece of realty at the corner of Jackson and Taylor streets, owned by Mrs. Harding.

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