

DEATH CLAIMS A FATAL OFFICIAL

Sudden Demise of F. J. Fletter.

ALAMEDA IS IN MOURNING

APPARENTLY IN GOOD HEALTH WHEN HE RETIRED.

Labored Breathing Attracted the Attention of His Wife, but He Died Shortly After Assistance Reached Him.

ALAMEDA, Jan. 13.—This city was shocked this morning to learn of the sudden death of Freeborn J. Fletter, member

treasurer, Dr. W. J. Chisholm and William J. Landers, president of the San Leandro Gas Company. The medical office will be in the Mills building, San Francisco. The capital stock is stated at \$500,000 in 120,000 shares, all subscribed and placed in escrow for three years, and arrangement having been made that during the interim the majority of stock shall not be sold or the company leased to a rival concern.

TOWLE THE LEAGUE'S CHOICE FOR MAYOR

Municipal Voters Hold a Secret Caucus—Snow the Alternative. Other Nominations.

OAKLAND, Jan. 13.—The Municipal League held a secret caucus to-night and decided on the names to be submitted at the open convention to be held to-morrow night. Ex-Councilman Towle is the choice for Mayor, with Auditor Snow second. Should Towle be nominated Snow will be nominated for Auditor. Arthur Breed and D. C. Hindsale will also be placed in nomination for Auditor.



F. J. FLETTER, an Official and Prominent Citizen of Alameda, Who Died Very Suddenly Yesterday Morning.

of the Board of City Trustees, which occurred about 11 o'clock last evening at his home, 2225 Central avenue.

ANNA MENDEL IS NO LONGER IN CUSTODY

ACCUSED MURDERER FINALLY OUT ON BAIL. Her Eyes Filled With Tears as She Extends Thanks to Her Bondsmen.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Jan. 13.

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"I, Frank C. Jordan, County Clerk and ex-official clerk of the Superior Court, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy approving the bail bond of the defendant in the above entitled cause.

"Anna Mendel having this day presented and filed in this court her bail bond, which has been approved and accepted by the Judge of this court.

"Therefore, it is ordered that she be released from custody.

"FRANK C. JORDAN, County Clerk."

"By George C. Pierce, Deputy Clerk." Precisely at 10 o'clock Deputy Judge George Taylor opened the big iron door leading to the inner corridor of the jail and the accused murderer, accompanied by her mother, stepped into the vestibule and was greeted by Mr. Beth and the bondsmen. Mrs. Mendel was heavily veiled, but tears were in her eyes and she glittered with silvery coldness as she uttered her only remark, "I am ever much obliged to you gentlemen for having done so much for me."

She shook hands with her friends and left the jail. Her cause comes up again next Wednesday.

New Gas Incorporation.

OAKLAND, Jan. 13.—Articles of incorporation have been filed by the Oakland Equitable Gas Company, with the following officers: W. J. Dinger, president; Charles L. Ackerman of San Francisco, vice president; William J. Henshaw, vice president of the Oakland Savings Bank

GEN. EAGAN WILLING TO APOLOGIZE DROVES A PARALLEL WITH SOUTHERN RACE

To the Investigating Commission, but Not to the Man He Abused.

General Miles Is Waiting for the President and Alger to See Justice Done Him.

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EAGAN IS CENSURED BY THE COMMISSION

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There is absolutely no reason to believe, however, that he will apologize to Miles, and it would not be surprising if he were explicitly to state that the epithets applied by him to the commanding general of the army still stand.

By this action General Eagan will, for the present, avoid a court-martial, the only result of his indecent vilification of General Miles which the administration foresaw last night.

General Eagan does not dream of disobeying the orders of his superiors. General Eagan, I understand, was in conference with Colonel William L. Alexander and Colonel George B. Davis, of the Substantive Corps, at the War Department this afternoon, examining and revising his statement and preparing the apology he will make to the commission, and this will be submitted to the committee, probably to-morrow.

General Eagan has more subjected to-day than he has ever seen him. He evidently realizes the enormity of the vulgarity he displayed yesterday, and the condemnation he has brought on himself by the violent and abusive language which he used.

Mr. Fletter took a great interest in the city's affairs. Among the employees of the public departments and among the younger office holders he was a great favorite. He was particularly concerned in the success of every young man in the city's employ, and among these to-day the universal sentiment is "We have lost our best friend."

Decided was born in Spencer, Ind., December 12, 1834. He was married to Marietta, Ga. For a time he followed farming in Kansas and later engaged in roadbuilding as a locomotive engineer and conductor.

Mr. Fletter came to Alameda sixteen years ago. He was elected a member of the Board of City Trustees in 1885, and was appointed chairman of the finance committee in 1884. He was made chairman of the Republican County Central Committee in 1887.

Decided was a member of Oak Grove Lodge, No. 215, P. and A. M., Alameda County, and of the Grand Lodge, P. and A. M., E. S., and George H. Thomas Post, G. A. R.

He was a widow and three sons, Charles F. Oliver and Wallace Fletter. The funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Fletter, 2225 Central avenue.

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SPECIAL NOTICES—Continued. THE secretary of the San Francisco Protestant Orphan Asylum, herewith gives notice that the following orphan and half-orphan girls and boys have been admitted to the institution...

SINCE July 1, 1888, the orphan admitted into the San Francisco Protestant Orphan Asylum are as follows: Female—Amelia Antonia, 1; Margaret, 2;...

ABANDONED children in St. Joseph's Infant Orphan Asylum, San Francisco, Cal., are as follows: Margaret Cunningham, 4 years; Hazel Cunningham, 3 years;...

DIVIDEND NOTICES. DIVIDEND notice—The Nevada National Bank of San Francisco. At a regular meeting of the board of directors held on Monday, January 3, 1899, a dividend was declared for the half year ending December 31, 1898, at the rate of 5 per cent on the capital stock...

DIVIDEND notice—Dividend No. 63 (twenty-five cents per share) of the Hutchinson Sugar Cane Company will be paid at the office of the company, 327 Market street, San Francisco, Friday, January 20, 1899. Transfer books will close on Saturday, January 14, 1899, at 12 o'clock noon.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE. WOMAN with a girl desires situation; good cook; best references; country. MISS CULLEN, 325 Sutter st.

NEAT young girl desires situation as nurse or housework; \$10 to \$15; references. MISS CULLEN, 325 Sutter st.

HOTEL waitresses, cooks and servants for all work supplied promptly. Apply to Mrs. J. F. Crockett & Co., 316 Sutter st.

EXPERIENCED, refined young lady desires position as seamstress in private family; good references. Address by letter, M. C., 331 Lyon st.

WOMAN, first-class cook, wants cooking or general housework in private family; good city references. Box 1428, Call office.

PROTESTANT girl wishes situation to take care of a baby or assist in upstairs work. Address box 1428, Call office.

YOUNG lady wishes position as stenographer; very best of references given. Apply room 24, Flood building.

MIDDLE-AGED woman of years' experience wishes situation as nurse. 454 Clementina st.

SITUATION by a girl 15 years of age in a respectable private family without salary to assist in light housework for room and board. Address F. M., box 1448, Call office.

SITUATION WANTED by a respectable woman as nurse, would assist with laundry, etc. stairs work; good references. 587 O'Farrell.

COMPETENT Norwegian woman wishes cooking or laundry work at the day or washing and mending at home. 287 Tehama st.

RESPECTABLE woman wants situation as working housekeeper or in family. Call at 120 Sixth st., room 1, first floor.

ALL the consideration and respect shown to ladies who are temporarily embarrassed at UNCLE HARRIS, 15 Grant ave.

SCANDINAVIAN woman wishes chamberwork or any kind of work by the day or week. 326 Minna st.

YOUNG man cook wishes situation; wages \$10 to \$12 a week. Apply to Mrs. J. F. Crockett & Co., 316 Sutter st.

EXPERIENCED cook and baker; hotel or mining camp; references. Address box 1428, Call.

LADY wishes position as cashier; safe or restaurant preferred; city or country; references. Address box 1259, Call.

YOUNG German girl wishes situation to do general housework; prefers good home more than wages. Address 117 Juniper st.

YOUNG girl wishes position to do light housework. Apply 172 Russ st.

SITUATION WANTED—Young girl wants work in factory or mill; high remuneration with attending college. Address G. C. S., Alameda office.

WINCHESTER House, 44 Third st., near Market. Good table, 20 Gray; 12 Gray; 20 week; convenient and respectable; free bus and baggage to and from ferry.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE. JAPANESE-CHINESE Emp. Agency; all kinds help. 414 1/2 Farnell st. tel. East 438.

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SITUATION by practical American pruner; 30 years' experience; orchard and vineyard work; 4 years last place; best references; sober and reliable; strictly reliable. Address or call room 11, 111 1/2 Minna st.

EXPERIENCED man around house wishes position as janitor, light housework, etc. References given. Address box 1428, Call.

YOUNG man as collector, office work or any position of trust; good security; capable. 311 Farnell st., room 29.

A QUEER DEFENSE IN A DIVORCE SUIT

OAKLAND, Jan. 12.—The divorce suit of Mrs. L. A. Levison against Olympe during the nuptial barge in Manila Bay, returned last week and relates a story, which, if true, will welcome news. About six years ago Frank Bassford of Vacaville went on a whaling expedition and the boat and crew were reported lost on the Asiatic coast.

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FRANK BASSFORD PERISHED DURING A GALE ON THE BAY

SAN QUENTIN, Jan. 13.—While the storm was raging fiercest last Wednesday morning John George, a Greek fisherman, and proprietor of a saloon at San Quentin Point, caught sight of a small boat with a sail set scudding down the bay toward San Francisco. Its erratic movements showed that something was wrong, so George hastily summoned a companion and the two bent to their oars in an endeavor to head the boat off. After a half hour's hard pull they had themselves

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ROOSEVELT WRITES OF BAD BEEF SUPPLIED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—General Miles to-day made public the following letter bearing on the quality of army beef which he had received from Governor Roosevelt:

"State of New York, Executive Chamber, Albany, N. Y., January 9. To General Nelson A. Miles, War Department, Washington, D. C. I have the honor to distinctly understand about this beef controversy, but possibly what I have to write about it may be of some use. The canned corned beef we found to be good. The so-called canned roast beef that was issued to us for travel rations, both on the transport and on the train, and which was used by the men, was practically worthless. Unless very hungry the men would not touch it, and even when they did, it did them no good. It never ate a fifth of it. At the best, it was tasteless; at the worst, it was nauseating. There was also a supply of beef (in the shape of quarters) which was put aboard our transport at Tampa. It was supposed to be fit for some purpose, but it withstood no heat. It at once became putrid and smelled so that we had to dispose of it for fear of its creating disease. I think we threw it overboard. At any rate, it was condemned. The beef we got at Santiago after the 24th or 25th of July, that is, after the siege had ended, and when my brigade had been without fresh meat or vegetables for many days, was of a good quality. I think we threw it overboard. At any rate, it was condemned. The beef we got at Santiago after the 24th or 25th of July, that is, after the siege had ended, and when my brigade had been without fresh meat or vegetables for many days, was of a good quality. I think we threw it overboard. At any rate, it was condemned.

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THE Quartz Mining Company of Grass Valley has re-elected the old board of directors. W. L. E. Matteson as president and J. W. H