ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS.

THE OTHER SIDE OF ALAMEDA'S SCHOOL FIGHT

Dr. Tisdale Replies to B. C. Brown.

THE TELEPHONE INCIDENT

SOME DEPARTMENT SECRETS MADE PUBLIC.

The School Director Scorches J. K. Lynch and George Scott of the Municipal League.

Alameda Office San Francisco Call, 1428 Park street, April 2.

Dr. C. L. Tisdale, member of the Alameda Board of Education, who was made famous by his celebrated telephone interview with Brainard C. Brown, replied last night to the charges of corruption made against him and other members of the board by the school committee of the Municipal League. His address was made at a meeting of the Non-Partisan party before one of the largest political gatherings ever witnessed in this city. The speaker was wildly cheered throughout his address. In part he said:

I am here to say to you that I am a candidate for re-election to the Board of Education. You may have heard—by telephone perhaps—(laughter) that I am a candidate. I have served in that position for the last eight years and I am not ashamed of any act that I have performed during that period. I have lived in this city for fourteen years, and never before has any man or any party or any organization of a political or other character dared to vilify or throw mud upon the candidates of a rival organization. It is the first time, fellow-citizens, that this kind of a fight has ever been made. Alameda has been the pride of her citizens. She has sat here upon the peninsula, occupying a proud and lofty position. She has said other town have crooked officials, other towns have had municipal scandals, other towns have had disagreements in their body politic, but we, the city of Alameda, have never had men in office of whom we were ashamed. We have made that statement and we have believed it, and in believing it we have brought here thousands of the best people of California to build their homes in our midst. They have come here because they believed that Alameda was pure. They have come here because they believed its municipal government was clean. Fellow-citizens, if the sort of fight that was begun lately is kept up, Alameda will receive a black eye from which it will take her years to recover.

The speaker paid a tribute to the high character of the opposing candidates, and stated that they were not responsible for the inauguration of the "mud-slinging campaign." He said that there had never been a scandal in the Alameda School Department, and that its financial affairs had been conducted in a strictly honest manner, and that its supplies had been purchased at closer prices than by any other city in the State. Getting down to the authors of the attack upon him Dr. Tisdale paid his respects to J. K. Lynch, George A. Scott and Brainard C. Brown, the Municipal League committee, in the following style:

The next charge that has been made against the present management of the Board of Education is that the schools are overcrowded. We know it. Whose fault is it? The critical gentlemen of the Municipal League say it is the fault of the present Board of Education. Gentlemen, our record in that direction is a matter of public knowledge. Six years ago the citizens of Alameda voted for bonds to erect a primary and grammar school. The City Trustees purchased a lot and paid $700 deposit on it. One of the triumvirate whose name is signed to the attack upon the Board of Education is Mr. James K. Lynch of Sherman street. Mr. James K. Lynch, you will remember, is the man who served an injunction upon the city of Alameda, and so prevented the building of the primary grammar school at that time. Fellow-citizens, if we had that school to-day there would be no congestion in this department. This is the same James K. Lynch who selfishly said that no school should be built in his neighborhood, the same man who is reported to have said that no school children should pass by his house, the same James K. Lynch who caused the city to lose the $700 deposit that it put up on the lot, the same James K. Lynch who, trusting to the short memory of his fellow-citizens, has now decided to cast the blame for his own selfishness upon the Board of Education of this city. (Applause.)

Another member of this triumvirate, who signed these attacks upon Mr. Lanktree and myself, is George W. Scott, the anxious father of a School Director. He has signed this statement. He has charged that a ring controls the department in this city; that Mr. Lanktree, Mr. Brown and myself have captured all the committees of any value in the department, leaving his son to the solitary grandeur of the presidential chair. (Laughter.) How was this position obtained? Dr. Scott agreed to appoint us if we would vote for him that he might become president and so satisfy his own ambition and that of his father, who, until outraged public opinion became too strong, occupied the undignified position of member of a committee which was publicly vilifying and insulting his son's colleagues on the board. If our record in the preceding years had been so very bad, why did these gentlemen return us to those positions of alleged importance? I have told you.

Referring to Brainard C. Brown, with whom he had the telephone interview, the speaker said:

The third member of the triumvirate, to whose venomous pen is due the series of political classics that have disgusted this community during the present campaign, pays the enormous sum of 52 1-3c per annum toward the school fund of this city. No wonder that he guards with a jealous eye the expenditure of this munificent amount and feels anxious for fear it may be misapplied. (Applause.) For months this person has been maliciously and falsely attacking me on every occasion. Believing that he was misinformed; believing that he was honorable enough to desist from these attacks when told the facts, I called upon the gentleman at his office in San Francisco and talked the situation over with him freely. I said to him, "You have made these charges against me. Do you know that they are true?" He replied, "I do not. Some one told me so. I am opposed to you and have got to beat you." We talked the matter over. I explained it to him in a fair, square manner, as one man talking to another, the exact truth as to every one of these assertions that had been made against me. I invited him to come to my office, to look at my books and see the enormous amount of money that I had made out of the School Department during the period I have been in it. I asked him to come and see that in fifteen months past I had made exactly $16 out of the School Department of Alameda, treating the teachers professionally. He didn't come. I left that gentleman that day with the feeling in my mind that the matter was ended. He grasped my hand in parting and said: "I didn't know this—I was misinformed of these facts." A few days after at a meeting of the Municipal League he attacked me in the most vicious and malicious manner. His slurs were communicated to me late at night and I so far forgot myself as to use my telephone injudiciously. (Applause and laughter.) Put yourself in my place, gentlemen, and answer me honestly if you would not have said as much as I did. I admit that I was angry at such unwarranted and unexpected attacks upon me from a person who had so recently taken me by the hand. I regret my hasty remarks, and the more so as by so doing I raised to a position of importance and prominence a person who never could have attained to that by his own personal merits or character. (Applause and laughter.)

EASTER DAY IN OAKLAND.

In Church Decorations the Poppy Shared Honors Equally With the Calla.

OAKLAND, April 2.—Joyous music specially arranged, beautiful yet modest decorations in which the California poppy shared honors equally with the calla lily, and interesting sermons apropos of Easter, were the special features at most of the local churches to-day. As for the attendance, it strongly recalled Mr. Moody's declaration that the people of California are growing in Christianity, for the churches were filled to their utmost capacity with audiences in Easter attire.

At St. Paul's Episcopal Church the evening prayer and song service was particularly elaborate, the large vested choir of soloists being a special feature.

The First M. E. Church also had Easter praise service, choral and orchestral, in the evening, and this morning Rev. Dr. E. R. Dille spoke upon "The Dead and the Living Christ."

"The Resurrection" was the topic of Rev. R. F. Coyle's sermon to-night at the First Presbyterian Church. But the sermon was short and a praise service appropriate to the Easter festival occupied the greater part of the evening.

At the First Congregational Church Rev. C. R. Brown spoke to-day on "The Resurrection Foretold by Moses," with special praise service to-night.

Rev. C. H. Hobart, pastor of the First Baptist Church, spoke this morning on "The Shattered Sepulchre," and to-night his topic was "Walking in the Light."

"The Great Miracle" was the subject of Rev. William Kelly's sermon at the First English Lutheran Church to-night. Special music was a feature.

At Asbury Methodist Church the pastor, Rev. Mr. Andrews, preached this morning, and this evening Rev. Dr. C. B. Riddick spoke and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

"The Message of Easter" was the subject of Rev. E. M. Hill's morning sermon at the Twenty-fourth Avenue M. E. Church, and this evening was occupied with the Easter cantata "The Glory of the Garden," given by the Sunday-school.

Rev. J. R. Knodell, pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, to-night preached on "The Story of Elijah."

At the Church of the Advent here were Easter services at 8 and 11 o'clock this morning and at 7:30 p. m., with six new anthems by the choir. Rev. V. Marshall Law preached, and was assisted by Rev. J. N. T. Goss.

A FALLING LILY SPOILED SERVICES

CREATED CONSTERNATION AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

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Easter services at the First M. E. Church were rudely interrupted this morning by an unfeeling calla lily that fell from a cross high above the pulpit and struck the minister, Rev. E. P. Dennett, squarely on top of the head. The occurrence happened during one of the most solemn portions of the ceremonies, but it made such a humorous impression on the congregation that their feelings overcame them and every member gave forth a loud laugh.

E. T. M. Eckert was in the midst of an impressive barytone solo when the members of the congregation were attracted by a movement on the calla lily cross, followed by one of the lilies falling from its place and swinging gently to and fro by a white thread that had bound it to the skeleton of the cross. The lily did not start on its downward flight until Mr. Eckert had finished his solo and Rev. Mr. Dennett had stepped up to the pulpit to deliver his Easter sermon. The minister had just given voice to the first words of his address when the lily let go. Its course for the reverend gentleman's head was as straight and true as a shot from one of Dewey's guns. It sailed through the air like a parachute. The stamen struck the preacher upon the crown, scattering the yellow pollen through his hair. This, with the color the incident brought to his face, gave his head the appearance of a beautifully colored Easter egg.

Rev. Mr. Dennett hid his face behind a handkerchief, but his embarrassment was complete when a gentle titter, which finally developed into an outburst of mirth, arose from the pews. It was some minutes before the congregation and the minister regained their composure. They could not arise to the solemnity of the occasion, however, and the services were cut short.

Yesterday's Handball Sport.

It was a warm day at Phil Ryan's handball court, 858 Howard street, yesterday. There were eleven good games played, with some of the crack performers before the walls. Jim Nealon redeemed himself for the indifference shown at last Sunday's play. He was in fine trim and his manner of sending out sidewall deads puzzled his most active opponents. In fact, he walked away with the honors of the court. Professor Riordon was in good condition also, but he lacked the sending home of shorts by which he has heretofore distinguished his inside play.

The scores made and lost were as follows:

T. Clements and A. Hanson defeated W. Hassell and E. Antron. Score: 21—13, 16—21, 21—15.

J. Oaks and B. Clements defeated B. Collins and G. Smith. Score: 21—11, 8—21, 21—14.

J. R. Bockman and L. Waterman defeated D. J. Sheehan and N. J. Prendergast. Score: 21—18, 12—21, 21—10.

D. Rodgers and P. McKinnon defeated G. McDonald and M. McNeil. Score: 21—14, 16—21, 21—11.

E. McDormough and W. H. Sieberst defeated M. Basch and W. H. Kedian. Score: 21—19, 14—21, 21—17.

G. Smith and T. Leach defeated A. McVicker and M. McLaughlin. Score: 21—18, 15—21, 21—14.

M. McLaughlin and T. Leach defeated J. Condon and J. Hogan. Score: 21—12, 15—21, 21—17.

F. Elliott and H. Dinmore defeated J. Cutler and H. Schultz. Score: 21—16, 15—21, 21—20.

A. Whiteman and H. Mauter defeated E. White and R. Hussey. Score: 21—13, 15—21, 21—18.

The event of the day: J. C. Nealon and E. Maloney defeated A. Hampton and J. Harlow. Score: 21—15, 13—21, 21—19.

Arrest of a Hard Gang.

Detectives Fitzgerald and Graham and Policemen Callaghan, Connell, Bolton and Brown raided a cabin at the corner of Fourteenth avenue and H street last night and arrested Cornelius Callahan, a prize-fighter; Al Smith, alias "Hoop" Smith; James Condrin, alias "Jimmy the Whale," and John Wilson. Wilson resisted, but was finally subdued and the gang was taken to the Seventeenth-street station pending investigation.

The prisoners are suspected of having committed a dozen burglaries in the Mission. They have robbed hen roosts and committed other depredations. It is thought that these are the men who entered a house on Fourteenth avenue, and after wrecking the place carried away everything portable in an express wagon.

Scientific men generally believe that the bed of the Pacific Ocean was once above water and inhabited by men.

A BARBAROUS FATHER APES BRANDES' ACTS

Charles H. Fay Lands in Jail.

ENRAGED AT A PETTY THEFT

THRASHED HIS DAUGHTER BLACK AND BLUE.

The Merciless Man in His Rage Barely Spared the Life of His Thirteen-Year-Old Child, Laura.

BERKELEY, April 2.—The university town has hardly rid itself of one inhuman child-beater before another has come upon the scene. Yesterday morning Brandes, the notorious, was convicted of murder in the second degree for beating his child to death. Hardly had the news of the jury's verdict spread to West Berkeley ere there was enacted in a small cottage back of the Hoffburg brewery a crime of similar nature, a most aggravated and fiendish thrashing of a helpless young girl. Save for the fact that the outcome did not amount to actual murder the main particulars of the revolting incident resemble almost detail for detail the shocking treatment meted out to the unfortunate Lillian Brandes.

The perpetrator of the crime is Charles H. Fay. He is now behind the bars of the Alameda County Jail.

Fay's house stands opposite Curtis street in West Berkeley, between University avenue and Addison street. He is said to be a shiftless character, unwilling to work, and forcing the entire support of his family upon his wife. Among his neighbors he is known as a heavy drinker and his family suffers frequently from his whisky-inflamed anger.

It was during one of these drunken rages that he returned home yesterday evening. His daughter, Laura, a bright, intelligent girl of 13, was in the house. Without provocation apparently he accused her of having stolen a piece of cake. She pleaded innocence. Making violent threats of killing her the father took what must have been a heavy trunk strap, old and hard. With this, doubled and knotted, he dealt blow after blow upon the helpless child till she fell to the ground, dazed with the shock and pain. The beating covered all parts of the body, from the head and shoulders down to the instep. Not an inch was spared upon which the cruel strap did not fall. Again and again the instrument of torture came down upon the unfortunate victim till the insatiate parent became weary of his efforts.

Picking up the body he flung it into an unoccupied room, vowing to carry out his murderous threat later. The girl, left to herself upon the floor, revived slowly, and finding herself able to crawl made her way by degrees to the window, through which she managed to escape. Fortunately neither of her parents discovered her absence and as fast as the bruised condition of her body would allow made her way to a friend's house in South Berkeley.

The matter was taken to Marshal Lloyd, who kept the girl at his house over night. The full extent of the brutal beating was not seen until this morning, when she complained of severe pains in her back and limbs.

Several bruises on the skull first attracted the attention of the police. Further examination revealed the whole story.

The body of Lillian Brandes, maltreated almost beyond recognition, was not worse than that of Laura Fay. From shoulder to hips and thence downward the flesh was a mass of blue and purple ridges.

Marshal Lloyd, in company with Deputy Marshal Rawson, at once decided to place the father under arrest. They found him in an intoxicated state searching for the child. When questioned by the Marshal as to his treatment of the girl he repeated the charge of her having stolen the cake. His wife told the same story.

She admitted later, however, that her husband was in the habit of beating both herself and the girl continually.

Marshal Lloyd took the inhuman man to the County Jail this afternoon. He will have to answer a charge of excessive cruelty to children. Laura Fay is known among her friends as a bright, intelligent girl, modest and well behaved.

MURDERER BRANDES' EASTER.

OAKLAND, April 2.—William A. Brandes, who was convicted yesterday of the murder of his daughter, spent a gloomy Easter day. There were no visitors to see him, except the Salvation Army and Captain White's Christian party, who conducted brief services of prayer and song. But Brandes showed little or no interest in the fact of Easter, and remained in his cell the greater part of the day.

Nor did the advent of a new prisoner, Charles Fay, charged with brutally beating his little daughter at Berkeley to-day, seem to create company for his misery. Tuppin, the man charged with felony embezzlement, was brought a large bouquet of calla lilies by his wife, but even these kindly reminders performed no soothing function for Murderer Brandes, who appeared sullen and gloomy.

Rose Leclerq Dead.

LONDON, April 2.—Miss Rose Leclerq, a well-known actress, is dead.

OLIVER W. STEWART WILL LECTURE HERE

Eminent Prohibitionist Visits This City.

THE Hon. Oliver W. Stewart of Illinois, one of the foremost orators of the Prohibition party, will deliver a series of lectures in this city during the present week.

Mr. Stewart has won a national fame by taking the helm of the party ship when the dispute over the money question nearly wrecked the political strength of the Prohibitionist party. He was made chairman of the Prohibition Convention at Pittsburg, and on that occasion maintained a calm, judicial attitude, bringing together the various factions which at first seemed irreconcilable. Mr. Stewart will probably be the choice of the great majority of his party for the chairmanship of the convention of 1900. He has the reputation of being an organizer and a man of commanding ability.

He will hold two meetings in this city, the first on Monday evening, the second on Friday evening, at Pythian Castle, 909 Market street. On Friday afternoon a conference of Prohibitionists will be held in the same place.

"HOLY MOSES" IS WANTED BY THE POLICE

An Old Hand Swindled Banker Jewett.

HE IS A CLEVER SCHEMER

SOLD MANY BIBLES UNDER FALSE PRETENSES.

He Induced Saloon-Keepers to Think They Needed Them in Their Business and Made a Clean-Up.

The identity of the man who sold the last "gold brick" to Banker John H. Jewett has been fully established. He is not the unknown for which he would pass under the name of E. N. Baker, but a confidence operator who would be willing to lose a nickname by which he is known all over the country. That nickname in all the rogues' galleries in the West is "Holy Moses" Baker, and the law is fairly itching for a good grip of its slippery possessor.

Baker earned the prefix "Holy Moses" and considerable incidental coin by a clever swindle he worked a dozen years ago. At that time he was a temporary resident of Albuquerque, N. Mex., unknown to fame or the police. He wanted coin, but lacked the energy to work for it, so put in his spare hours in the New Mexican town thinking out some plan to get "easy money." At last he hit upon the idea, since so commonly put in practice, of using the mails to catch victims by wholesale. In contradistinction, however, to the methods since pursued by his imitators, Baker's plan was novel. He was an artist in his line. The ordinary "sucker" was not to his taste. He proposed to go after people who were supposed to know it all, so that in after years, while enjoying their coin, he could gloat on the artistic fishing he had done to land them.

Baker wanted "wise" people, and after events approved his judgment. From Albuquerque he sent out circulars to saloon-keepers, cigar-store proprietors and well-known men about the cities and towns of the West. He had a plan, his circulars stated, whereby he could furnish them with the raciest book in the language, one that Uncle Sam could not keep out of the mails, and one that the lucky buyers could exhibit openly in their places of business for the delectation of their friends. It was a great money-maker, he said, and could be had from him for $1 cash, stamps or money order.

How many "wise" people bit will never be known, but there were thousands, judging from the mail Baker received at Albuquerque. So many were the letters addressed to him that the postal authorities became suspicious and began an investigation. They found that Baker had been sending to his various correspondents for the price named Bibles that could be bought for a song. In each book he had put a slip of paper, reading:

"The choicest chapters are from Genesis to the journey of Moses to the promised land."

There was no way to prosecute Baker, apparently, but he was requested to move on and he moved. Letters addressed to him at Albuquerque were held up and returned to their senders, who were informed by the Postoffice Department of the nature of the swindle practiced against them.

Since that time Baker, who had earned the name of "Holy Moses," tried all sorts of schemes through the West. Latterly he has worked the write-up scheme, and in many other cases besides that of Jewett apparently with success. His partner in that swindle and in many others is one A. H. Hansen, who does the "rough work."

PROFESSOR ANTHONY ARRIVES.

Ill-Fated Crew of the Stella Erland Returns on the Curacao.

The Pacific Steamship Curacao arrived yesterday and docked at the Broadway wharf at 7 o'clock last evening. Aboard were Professor Anthony and the crew of the schooner Stella Erland, which went ashore thirty miles north of Magdalena Bay on the night of March 18. The eight men of the crew were as follows: H. B. Keading, R. C. MacGregor, R. H. Beck, Arthur Whitlock, James N. Gaylord, George Spencer, Chase Littlejohn and Charles Jones. All hands have hard luck tales to tell of their experience. When they landed on the beach after the wreck they pitched tents made of tattered sails and lived in comparative comfort until the custom officers at Magdalena seized their provisions. They were then required to subsist on food which they claim was good enough for uncivilized people but hard on the stomachs of white men.

None of the cargo of the Stella Erland was recovered. The accident was due principally to currents which drove the vessel twenty miles inward before its course could be readjusted. Captain Anthony has already made formal protest to the American Consul at Ensenada.

THE BIG SHOOT.

A. Strecker Retains the Crown of Champion.

President Philo Jacoby mounted a table at Schuetzen Park yesterday and with a spread-eagle swoop of his arms announced that the great annual Schuetzenfest of the California Schuetzen Club had begun. With loud cheering the large number of marksmen present made a rush for the shooting stands, rifles came to shoulders and soon the merry popping heralded the inauguration of a contest in which a goodly number of sharpshooters added to their fame and the contents of their pockets.

Shooting began at 9:30 o'clock in the morning, and the last rifle cracked at 6 in the evening. Delegations were present as guests from the Sacramento Rifle Club and the Centerville Rifle Club of Alameda County, and at least one man in each of these visiting organizations made a record he need not be ashamed to mention.

No official scores have yet been made out, but individual computation shows that Adolph Strecker, the Post-street "Sycamore," has again shown himself to be the "noblest Roman of them all" when it comes to pointing a gun at a bullseye. There were two targets—the ring and the honorary—three shots being permitted at the latter and four at the former. On the honorary target Strecker's score was 72, 72, 70, 69. This entitles him to first prize, a choice between a silver dinner set and a target rifle valued at $65, donated by the Winchester Repeating Arms Company. Besides, he will receive a champion silver goblet from A. L. Ott. On the ring target Strecker's score was 93, 91, 90, 89, which places him near the head of the list in that competition and will bring him a cash prize of $20. The performance of the veteran marksman was the more remarkable on account of the fact that in all he shot away only ten tickets, and if he had desired to make himself "too conspicuous," as he himself expressed it, he might have taken first prize on the ring target.

Closely following Strecker came F. P. Schuster, who won first prize on the ring target with a top score of 95, which drew down the first prize of $30. Schuster also made a top score of 71 on the honorary target and will receive a valuable prize for that performance as well.

Jacob Meyer, the "father of the Sacramento Rifle Team," came second on the list on contestants at the honorary target, scoring 72, 71, 70 and 69. This was very close to Strecker's record. D. B. Faktor came in for third place on the same target with a top score of 72, backed by a second of 71. The other members of the Sacramento Club and their scores were: A. Meister, 62; J. Gruhler, 71; E. Schmid, 71; and F. Ruhstaller, 67.

On the public or ring target Dr. Rogers and John Utschig Sr. vied for second place, each scoring 94. Only the official computation will tell which won. Scores of 93, in addition to that of Strecker, were made by C. J. Walden and O. Bremer. A. H. Pape made 92.

C. F. Horner of the Centerville Club made the phenomenal score of 69 on the honorary target with an ordinary Winchester rifle, using open sights. With the same rifle he scored 73 on the ring or public target. The other members of the Centerville Club and their score follow: R. D. Blacow, 59; C. W. Risen, 51. R. E. Smith of the same team did not shoot.

Philo Jacoby, in spite of the fact he and T. J. Carroll were busily engaged in seeing that everything ran smoothly all day, found time to take a hand in the contest and won the plaudits of his fellow members by scoring 66 on the honorary target in 20-23-23 time. Philo is a lively specimen in spite of his age and takes a back seat in shooting for nobody.

The principal prize scores on the honorary target were as follows:

A. Strecker 72, J. Meyer 72, D. B. Faktor 72, Fred Kuhnle 72, J. Utschig Sr. 71, C. Thierbach 71, F. P. Schuster 71, A. H. Pape 71, C. J. Walden 70, R. Finking 69, J. Jones 68, E. Ladd 67, H. Eckmann 67, Fred Rust 67, O. Bremer 67, D. W. McLaughlin 66, A. Flason 66, H. Schroeder 66, J. C. Waller 65, Judge Bahrs 64, E. H. Goetz 63, J. D. Heise 63, R. Langer 62, W. Ehrenpfort 62.

On the ring or public target the following were the principal prize-drawing scores:

F. P. Schuster 95, Dr. Rogers 94, J. Utschig Sr. 94, A. Strecker 93, O. Bremer 93, C. J. Walden 93, A. H. Pape 92, D. B. Faktor 91, E. Schmid 91, R. Finking 91, J. Gruhler 90, A. Breuss 90, Captain Attinger 90, J. Jones 90.

Cash prizes were won in addition as follows: J. C. Waller, for first bullseye in the morning; D. B. Faktor, for first 25 in the morning; C. Thierbach, for last bullseye in the morning, and F. P. Schuster, for the first bullseye in the afternoon.

The California Schuetzen Clu will hold a social next Thursday evening at Eintracht Hall, on the corner of Twelfth and Folsom streets, at which the official scores will be made public and the prizes distributed.

To-morrow, beginning at 9 o'clock, Strecker and F. E. Mason will hold a

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match shoot of 150 shots at Schuetzen Park for a money stake. The match is to determine the relative merits of a Winchester target rifle and a Winchester-Pope target rifle. Strecker uses the old gun, but, if he loses the match, has agreed to buy and use hereafter a Winchester-Pope. He says that he has used his gun for nine years and shot it 30,000 times, and if he wins the match will use the same gun "as long as he is able to peep over a sight."

Women's Relief Corps Home.

Yesterday Department Commander Sol Cahen, accompanied by T. C. Masteller, J. H. Simpson and F. E. Myers, members of his staff, paid an official visit of inspection to the Home for Destitute Female Members of Old Soldiers, which was erected in 1889 by the Woman's Relief Corps of the Grand Army of the Republic at Evergreen, Santa Clara County.

The party was met by C. Mason Kinne of the advisory board and Mrs. E. d'A. Kinne, the treasurer of the home. Under the guidance of Mrs. Geraldine E. Frisbie, president of the home, and Mrs. Cora A. Merritt and Mrs. Masteller of the board of managers, a thorough inspection of the premises was made and everything was found to be in perfect condition. The six acres surrounding the place are under a high state of cultivation, and the fruit trees, some three hundred in all, promise to yield a splendid crop. At least two acres are planted in vegetables, which will produce more than sufficient for the use of the home, which at the present time has room for about twenty more inmates.

The management of Mrs. Frisbie has made the home all that it was ever intended to be. Members of the home universally express satisfaction with their treatment and say that it is "an ideal home in an ideal spot." Although this home has been open for nearly ten years, the entire furnishings, except possibly the carpets, are quite as good as when originally purchased. There is not a dollar of debt against the institution, which speaks well for the management. It is an institution of which the loyal women and comrades of the Grand Army may well be proud.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

PALACE HOTEL.

J E Neplein, Stanford
G Edmonds, Stanford
G P Seward, Stanford
W M Van Anden & w, Brooklyn
Miss L Van Anden, NY
V M Clement, Utah
G H Cross, Boston
R F Trotter, Ky
E C Mix, New York
J Warsman & w, Pa
G Stanton, San Jose
C Downing, Cal
Mrs H M Cupler, Ill
H Bartwell, Cal
R H McLean, Spokane
J G Hoeflick, Cin
J A McNaught, Mont
S Warburton, Tacoma
Mrs S Thomas, N Y
Miss Thomas, N Y
Mrs M Carpenter, N Y
Miss Carpenter, N Y
A O Beebe, N Y
W H Ferguson & w, Paris
C B Barker & w, N Y
J Houick, N Y
H D des Essards, Paris
L Fletcher, Minn
Mrs S Fletcher, Minn
Miss Fletcher, Minn
W J Kelly & w, Ohio
J S Thompson, Md
F Crowninshield, Mass
G T Price, Louisville
J O Smith & w, Ill
J N Boyd, New York
W F Fisher, Chicago
G A Stephens, Ill
A Lundgren, Ill
A B Cody & w, Chicag
St J Otty, Germany
L H Streeter, Va
G Reynolds & w, Mich
T E Bennett & w, Conn
M H Bennett, Conn
E H Bennett, Conn
J B Millett, Boston
H Burnett, Boston
Z Amari, Japan
A Halbert & w, Chicag
E G Snow & w, N Y
E H A Correa, N Y
L Mayer & w, Denver
W S S Douglas, Engld
T Flint Jr, San Jose
A Moller, Russia
A Pustan, China
T M Dwiny, Stanford
A Ross, New York
Mrs C W Waldron, Cal
A C Johnson, Los Ang
A Kaiser, Stockton

GRAND HOTEL.

B L Wertheimer, Cal
S J Rounds, Chicago
H S Chapman, Cal
C C Bailey, Cal
T A Roseberry, Cal
S T Constable, Ariz
H Todd, Oakland
E D Dixon, Cal
T W Hunter, Sacto
W H Cooper, Berkeley
T Rickard, Berkeley
Mrs C F Stewart, Minn
F E Jones, San Diego
E P Drew, Seattle
W L Nichols, Colo
F F Costello, Colo
C T Tulloch, Cal
C B Banner, Fresno
A G Lester, Wis
W P Rice, Boston
J J Siebbron & d, Cal
Mrs B Toland, Chicgo
F E Fernald, Chcgo
C N Hall, N Y
C H Boynton, Frndale
A W Miller, Cal
J W Ginther, Sacto
W C Cobb, Sonora
Mrs F W Henzelman, Sacramento
C Bigelow, N Haven
E Miller, Sacto
Mrs P A Lackey, Ill
W F Wickersden & sn, Los Alamos
E H Price, Pac Grove
W F Fisher, Chicago
B C Sargent & w, N Y
D Campbell, L Angeles
S C Deane, Woodland
C H Schweley, Oroville
T H Farrar, Merced
A B Curbrose, Lockfrd
A W Dix, N J
D J Sheehan, Ariz
F A Jeffries, Newman
Mrs J Miller & d, Cal
H Collins, Cal

NEW WESTERN HOTEL.

P Anderson, Los Ang
F Metcalf, Seattle
O A Vincent, Pa
G Hoft & w, Alaska
Miss M Sauson, Cal
C H Wilson, Pomona
A M Tevery, Tacoma
J Campbell, Pittsburg
A W Shear, Sacto
R W Gates, Chicago
H D Morrow, Benicia
H Anderson, Oakland

SAN FRANCISCO CALL.

BUSINESS OFFICE of the San Francisco Call, corner of Market and Third streets, open until 12 o'clock every night in the year.

BRANCH OFFICES—527 Montgomery street, corner Clay; open until 9:30 o'clock.

287 Hayes street; open until 9:30 o'clock.

621 McAllister street; open until 9:30 o'clock.

615 Larkin street; open until 9:30 o'clock.

1941 Mission street; open until 10 o'clock.

2261 Market street, corner Sixteenth; open until 9 o'clock.

106 Eleventh street; open until 9 o'clock.

2526 Mission street; open until 9 o'clock.

NW. corner of Twenty-second and Kentucky streets; open until 9 o'clock.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

PILES—PETER FREILING'S pile salve, $1 per box; warranted to cure all cases of bleeding, itching, external, internal or protruding piles without fail, no matter of how long standing. 1628 Devisadero st., near Sutter.

BAD tenants ejected for $4; collections made; city or country. PACIFIC COLLECTION CO., 415 Montgomery st., rooms 9-10; tel. 5520.

ROOMS papered from $3; whitened, $1 up; painting done. Hartman Paint Co., 319 3d st.

GOOD home for 2 children; near school. 51 Clara st.

MEETING NOTICES.

ASYLUM of Golden Gate Commandery No. 16, K. T., 625 Sutter st.—Stated assembly THIS EVENING at 8 o'clock. The Order of Malta will be conferred. Visiting fraters are courteously invited. CHAS. L. PATTON, Em. Commander. WM. T. FONDA, Recorder.

SAN Francisco Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, meets THIS EVENING. Business and R. A. degree.

OCCIDENTAL Lodge No. 22, F. and A. M.—Stated meeting THIS (MONDAY) EVENING, at 8 o'clock. By order of the master. WALTER G. ANDERSON, Secretary.

HERMANN Lodge No. 127, F. and A. M.—Stated meeting THIS DAY (MONDAY), April 3, 1899, at 8 o'clock p. m. By order of the W. M. L. SCHUMACHER, Secretary.

HARMONY Lodge No. 13, I. O. O. F.—The officers and the members of the funeral committee of the above lodge are hereby notified to assemble at Odd Fellows' Hall, corner Market and Seventh sts., on MONDAY, April 3, at 1 o'clock p. m., to attend the funeral of our late brother, LOUIS PFEIFFER, P. G. By order CHAS. QUAST, Fin. Sec.

THE regular monthly meeting of the Society of California Pioneers will be held at Pioneer Hall on MONDAY EVENING, April 3, 1899, at 8 o'clock. DR. WM. SIMPSON will address the members. A full attendance is requested. J. I. SPEAR, Secretary.

MAGNOLIA Lodge No. 41, A. O. U. W., will hold open house at their lodge room, 320 Post st., on MONDAY EVENING, April 3. All visiting brothers are cordially invited. C. T. SPENCER, Recorder.

A. O. H. Division No. 2—The regular monthly meeting of this division will be held at Hibernia Hall, 120 Ninth st., on TUESDAY, April 4, 1899, at 7:30 p. m. Committee on by-laws will make report at this meeting and action will be taken on same. Every member is expected to be present. BARTLEY LEE, President. T. L. CLANCY, Secretary.

NOTICE is hereby given by order of the Board of Directors of the OCEANIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY that a meeting of the stockholders of said Company has been called by said Board, to be held on FRIDAY, the second day of June, A. D. 1899, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the principal place of business of said Company, at the building where the said Board of Directors usually meets, namely, at the office of said Company, number 327 Market st., in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California; that the object of said meeting is to consider and act upon the proposition that said Company create a bonded indebtedness of two million five hundred thousand dollars ($2,500,000 00), in United States gold coin, for the purpose of raising money to complete the construction of its steamships and their equipment, for use in the business of this corporation, and to purchase and pay for any other property within the purposes of this Company; and to secure the bonded indebtedness so proposed to be created by a mortgage upon its steam and sailing ships and all other property of said Company now owned or hereafter to be acquired by said Company.

By order of the Board of Directors of the Oceanic Steamship Company.
[Corporate Seal.] E. H. SHELDON, Secretary of the Oceanic Steamship Company.

DIVIDEND NOTICES.

DIVIDEND No. 2 (30c per share) of the Paauhau Sugar Plantation Company will be payable at the office of the company, 327 Market st., on and after MONDAY, April 10, 1899. Transfer books will close TUESDAY, April 4, 1899, at 3 p. m. E. H. SHELDON, Sec.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE.

SWEDISH cook, also Swedish second girl, desire situations; best of references. J. F. CROSETT & CO., 316 Sutter st.

MIDDLE-AGED woman, good cook and housework, $10 to $12. MRS. NORTON, 313 Sutter st.

YOUNG nurse girl wishes situation or would do second work; good seamstress. Apply MRS. NORTON, 313 Sutter st.

SWEDISH second girl; 2 years in her last place; good waitress and seamstress. MRS. NORTON, 313 Sutter st.

YOUNG German woman with a child 3 years old wishes situation; good cook; country preferred. MRS. NORTON, 313 Sutter st.

FIRST-CLASS infant's nurse desires situation; best reference; city or country. MISS CULLEN, 325 Sutter st.

FIRST-CLASS Swedish cook and laundress desires situation; 2 years last place; city or country. MISS CULLEN, 325 Sutter st.

NEAT young German girl desires situation at housework or as nurse; reference; city or country. MISS CULLEN, 325 Sutter st.

AT the German Employment Office, MRS. LAMBERT, 418 Powell, tel. Main 5332, best help, all nationalities, desire various positions.

WANTED—By a neat girl, situation in the Mission to do general housework or assist; wages $15 to $18. Call or address 919 Sanchez st., near Twenty-third.

2 SWEDISH girls wish situations at the same place, one as cook and one to do second work. Call or write to 3 Pfeiffer st., off Stockton, bet. Francisco and Chestnut.

MIDDLE-AGED woman wishes situation as cook or housekeeper; city or country; wages moderate; reference. Call at 805 Geary st., near Hyde.

GERMAN woman wants washing and ironing and housecleaning by the day. Please call 2 Welch st., bet. Third and Fourth.

A COMPETENT girl wishes a situation; understands German cooking or general housework; in a small family; wages $25. 280 Fell.

WOMAN with references desires to be employed half days at washing or housework; terms 50c. Address Call office.

WOMAN wishes situation at general housework; come at low wages; city reference. 308½ Clementina st., near Fourth.

EXPERIENCED nurse will take night nursing or relieve other nurse by the hour. MRS. H., 1503 Leavenworth st., near Jackson.

YOUNG German girl would like to have position for general housework and cooking. Call or address 27½ Tehama st.

YOUNG German girl, good cook, wishes situation; 2 years' reference. 631 Larkin st.; telephone Sutter 52.

WOULD like place to assist with housework. Call at 362C Clementina st.; sleep home.

WOMAN wants washing at home and any kind of work by the day. Apply 422 Second.

SITUATION wanted by competent girl to do housework; good plain cook; city or country. Box 806, Call office.

HOUSEKEEPER, middle-aged German woman, wants position in country; farm or ranch. Address 348 Third st.

COMPETENT lady wishes position of trust, care of children or housekeeping. MRS. WHEELOCK, 541A Castro st.; call or write; references given.

LADIES, now is your chance to go to the springs, as I am idle; good housekeeper and nurse. 1125 Webster st., bet. Turk and Eddy.

YOUNG lady would like a position as governess over children through the day; sleep home. Box 794, Call office.

MIDDLE-AGED Protestant woman and her daughter, 20 years old, wish situations in country; mother as cook, girl to do second work; good references; no postals. 228 Minna.

SWEDISH girl wishes position in a small private family; can cook Jewish and American styles; wages $25. 1412½ Pine st., in the rear; no postals.

YOUNG American woman with experience desires second work and waiting in family; wages $20. Address H., box 7, branch Call office, 615 Larkin st.

RESPECTABLE woman wishes a situation as working housekeeper whe. 7-year-old girl can accompany; reference. Call 111½ Minna.

WANTED—A position to do light housework, or second girl. Call 3232 Seventeenth st.

YOUNG widow with 1 child