ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS.

HEAVY PENALTY EXACTED FROM MRS. GRIMM

Is Shorn of Children and Property.

PRICE OF HER MISDEEDS

SURRENDERS ALL TO GAIN HER LIBERTY.

Deserted by the Companions Who Were Responsible for Her Downfall She Seeks to Shield Them.

ALAMEDA, June 15.—Mrs. Mamie Grimm, the woman who deserted her four little children, has paid the penalty of her heartlessness. She has sacrificed her all to save from notoriety the male companions with whom she consorted while her little ones were starving. This morning the woman was before a court of justice to answer a charge of cruelty to children. This evening she is free to go where she will, but the price of her liberty was her home and her little ones. She paid that penalty that the unsavory scandal surrounding her and her companions might not be made public property, and that her associates might not be hauled into court to testify their associations with her. She is cast out upon the world, forsaken by those who dragged her down and who go unpunished, while she plods on with her burden of sorrow and shame.

Before Mrs. Grimm was brought into court this morning to plead to the charge against her she consulted with Attorney E. K. Taylor. Later the representatives of the Eureka Society for the Protection of Children, which has charge of her little ones, had a long interview with Mr. Taylor. As a result Mrs. Grimm was advised that unless she relinquished all claim on her children her prosecution for the manner in which she had treated them would be vigorous, and that Joseph McIsaac, a man named Walters and another companion named Jensen would be forced to testify in the case and that punishment would also be meted out to them.

Mrs. Grimm made an unconditional surrender. She joined in the petition of E. L. Wadham, secretary of the Eureka Society, that he be appointed guardian of the children and agreed to turn her property over to the society in trust for her babes. When she had consented to this proposition the charges against her were dismissed.

The property consists of valuable Park-street realty, on which are two good dwellings. It is proposed to put them in repair and rent them.

The police have notified Mrs. Grimm that if she stays in Alameda she must walk the straight and narrow path, or they will not hesitate to arrest her. They also propose to arrest the man McIsaac, who is the cause of her present difficulties, as soon as they find him within the city limits of Alameda. He will be charged with vagrancy.

"TRIM YOUR SAILS TO ONE DOLLAR"

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, June 15.

AUDITOR BREED has issued his ultimatum regarding the expense of running the city for the next fiscal year. "The cost of maintenance shall not exceed the amount raised by a $1 tax levy," said Mr. Breed this afternoon. "In this sum must also be included the $11,000 of deficit for statutory salaries that must be paid out of next year's funds, because there is no money left from this year's income."

There will be a total deficit of $38,000, $11,000 of which is for statutory salaries, and $28,000, the amount in excess of the estimates upon which the last tax levy was made. By a technicality part of of this deficit can be paid this year. The bond interest is due July 2, and naturally should be paid from this year's funds. The new fiscal year begins on July 1, and by spending the bond interest for paying salaries, the situation is a little bit relieved, but it only adds to the burdens to be carried next year.

Auditor Breed expects the total tax levy will be $1.17. This is the statutory dollar for maintenance and the balance for bond interest and redemption. Should there be any desire to add to the park and boulevard fund this levy must be increased. All the estimates of the heads of departments now being filed with the Auditor are being cut by him to conform to his idea of maintaining the city on a dollar levy.

LAKE MERRITT MAY FAIL OF IMPROVEMENTS

Big Surplus Now in Park Fund.

FREE FOR MANY SCHEMES

FOUR VOTES REMAIN OF THE LAST COUNCIL.

Other Portions of the City Are Anxious for Improvements, and the Money in Hand Offers a Tempting Bait.

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There is in the city treasury the sum of $53,000 which may be regarded as a surplus in the park and boulevard fund. This sum is not a Lake Merritt dredging fund, as commonly supposed, but is available for any purpose to which the City Council may elect to use it in conformity with the park and boulevard act. There is no such thing as a legal "Lake Merritt dredging fund"; and as there is not at this time any contract in existence calling for the expenditure of one cent of this $53,000, there is nothing to hinder the City Council from spending it on any park or boulevard improvement in the city.

Although there was a promise on the part of the last Council that it would so far as possible see that the work begun last year should be carried on by its successors, there are but four members of this Council who can be considered as being pledged to the improvement. They are Cuvellier, Girard, Rowe and Upton.

The remaining seven are not in any way bound by any acts of the last Council. Since this Council took office the Lake Merritt proposition has slumbered, with the exception of a speedy action taken in rescinding the ordinance appropriating $50,000 more for building a storm sewer in Cemetery Creek.

West Oakland is clamoring for improvements, the annexed district is entitled to something and East Oakland wants something also. It would not be surprising therefore if pressure were brought to bear on the Council to at least divide up the large sum of money raised partly against popular will for the purpose of dredging Lake Merritt, especially as the time is about to expire when it was guaranteed that the lake improvements should be completed.

MISSING, AND WARRANTS OUT FOR HIS ARREST

John Moriarty Was a Sport.

GAMBLING HIS DOWNFALL

WAS A TRUSTED EMPLOYE AT KELLER'S.

Being at the Head of a Department He Was Able to Pocket Small Amounts With Impunity.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, June 15.

John Moriarty, for many years a trusted head of a department with the M. J. Keller Company, is missing. This afternoon eight warrants accusing him of misdemeanor embezzlement were sworn to by Mr. Keller, and at once search began for Moriarty. His downfall is attributed to the race track.

For a long time Moriarty has been in a position of trust, one section of the large store being completely under his jurisdiction. It is alleged that he has for some time past taken advantage of the confidence of his employers to steal sums of money paid into the firm and for which he should have accounted. These sums range from $2 50 to $50, and only after a thorough examination of the accounts can it be learned how much Mr. Moriarty's accounts are short.

Moriarty has always enjoyed the reputation of being strictly honorable, and he has during the past eight years been steadily promoted in the company on account of his diligence and ability.

Moriarty could not be found by the detectives this afternoon, and it is believed that he knows his defalcations have been discovered. He was discharged from the firm three weeks ago and since then the alleged thefts have been discovered.

The system pursued by Moriarty was a very petty one and consisted in pocketing the deposits made of lady customers in the tailoring department. It became necessary, in order to cover up the theft to add the amount taken to the bill. In this way it is said that $2500 has been taken.

Moriarty's friends say that the sums taken were squandered playing the horses at Emeryville, the salesman having the reputation of being considerable of a sport.

MR. MILLER IS SURPRISED AT THE MAYOR

Anxious Seat Not to His Liking.

ON THE POLITICAL GRILL

WHOM WOULD MILLER LIKE FOR A SUCCESSOR?

Had He Been Elected City Engineer He Would Have Been Able to Vote on That Subject.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, June 15.

M. K. Miller admits being taken by surprise. Mr. Miller is the Superintendent of Streets. In view of the fact that during the past year many important commercial bodies of this city have commended Mr. Miller's work and that only yesterday many influential residents of Mr. Miller's ward asked that he be reappointed, it must be conceded that Mr. Miller is both a popular and an efficient Street Superintendent. The streets have no need to cry out to proclaim this. It is known and admitted.

Mr. Miller's surprise consists in the fact that the Mayor should not hurry to the City Hall in a carriage and four and immediately offer a resolution reappointing Mr. Miller for two years. Many people would be equally surprised should the Mayor do this. Yesterday and a week ago from yesterday Mr. Snow quietly remarked that Mr. Miller is Superintendent of Streets, is enjoying the salary derived from that position and that as there is no talk of naming a successor and as Mr. Miller will hold office until his successor be appointed, there is no use in trying to stir up a little political muss by taking any official notice of the said Superintendent of Streets, M. K. Miller.

Mr. Miller is reported as saying that he had a little conversation with the Mayor a few weeks ago and the Mayor did not indicate what he would do. In this instance, anyway, no gold brick was handed out at the Mayor's office. Now Mr. Miller says he is surprised that the Mayor does not hasten to vote for his reappointment.

If there were no such thing as politics in the city government Mr. Miller would not feel disconcerted in the least, but would be supremely happy and contented, relying upon the city charter, which contains that variously interpreted "no removal except for cause" paragraph.

A few weeks ago Health Officer Dunn was removed from office on the vote of a member of the Health Board, who openly declared that "Dr. Dunn was the best health officer the city of Oakland ever had." This expression was a hoodoo in Dr. Dunn's case, the only inference left being that had he not been so efficient he might have retained his office. In the petition to the Board of Works yesterday it is stated that Mr. Miller "is the best Street Superintendent the city ever had," and now politicians are wondering whether this recommendation will prove as much of a hoodoo as it did to Dr. Dunn.

The Mayor's friends, who seem to size up his Honor's mind very correctly, have another view of it. They declare that Mr. Snow will not be jammed by Mr. Dow or by Mr. Miller. The Mayor, it is said, even heard of the whispers of what would have taken place had Mr. Miller been elected City Engineer, in which event, it is said, his Honor would have had a very remote seat in the rear on the Board of Works. Again, say Mr. Snow's friends, Mr. Miller is in a very illogical position from a political standpoint. He evidently does not consider himself indispensable to the Street Department, for he made two heroic efforts to get out of it and be City Engineer. Had Mr. Miller's ambition been gratified it would have been his sworn duty under the charter to have voted for some successor. If Mr. Snow should think as Mr. Miller would have thought had he been elected City Engineer, it would not be at all surprising. This is the Snow view.

It is hardly likely that the Mayor will take any steps toward the removal of Mr. Miller, and if he be let alone it is more than probable that in the course of a few weeks, when he can do so without loss of political dignity, he will call up Mr. Dow's resolution and vote for it.

HE REMEMBERED THE POOR OF HIS NATIVE HOLLAND

Jas. de Fremery Left a Large Estate.

WILL FILED FOR PROBATE

BEQUESTS FOR FIFTY FRIENDS AND RELATIVES.

The Olographic Will Was Written at Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1897, and Names James Leon de Fremery Executor.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, June 15.

The olographic will of the late James de Fremery, knight of the order of the Netherland Lion and ex-Consul of the Netherlands, who died at Coolidge, Kansas, on May 28 last, while journeying to New York, was filed for probate today by his son, James Leon de Fremery, who petitions for letters of administration, he being named in the will as executor.

The instrument was written at the city of Brooklyn, N. Y., and is dated September 17, 1897, when the testator was aged 71 years. It consists of ten pages in the perfection of penmanship. There is not an erasure or interlineation, and by its terms the large estate, valued at from $200,000 to $500,000, is disposed of among some fifty devisees. The only heirs at law surviving the testator, however, are the son, James Leon de Fremery, aged 40, residing in New York City, and a daughter, Adele Virginie von Loben Sels, of this city. Testator's wife died several years ago.

Under the will a $5000 promissory note made by the executor is canceled, and the executor is empowered to sell, without asking permission of any court, any and all real property of the estate on Poplar, Twenty-first and Washington streets.

To the daughter is bequeathed testator's "Dutch Bible, in tortoise shell and golden clasps," which his forefather, Jacobus Scheltus, gave to his bride in 1729. To the son, who is also president of the American Lucol Company, is bequeathed the genealogies of the family and the family medals. A collection of ancient gold and silver coins of Japan is bequeathed to the son-in-law, P. J. Van Loben Sels, Consul of the Netherlands and Paraguay at San Francisco; to the daughter-in-law, Wilhelmina H. de Fremery, fifty shares in the capital stock of the San Francisco Savings Union; also two shares of the same stock to each of testator's nephews and nieces, Frank, Hendrik N., Annette, Herman and Helen Mary de Fremery. Mary A. and Ellen O. de Fremery, sisters-in-law, are also remembered. To the society called "De Maatschappy der Nederlandsche Letter Kunde," at Leyden, the sum of $500 is given, and $200 to each of the following persons: Miss Emma Herkenrath of Leyden; Captain S. F. Van Nooten of Gorinchen; the Misses C. A. and C. M. Van den Berg of s'Gravenhage; Mrs. Pompseja de Fremery of Groningen; also to the burgomaster of s'Gravenzande for the Grooten Armen (the poor); to the Christian National School at s'Gravenzande, and to Mrs. Josephine M. Klyn de Jongh of Amsterdam. To Aaltje de Groot of Heerenveen, Friesland, $40; to Anna Vellekoop of Ouwendyk, Holland, $40; to Teunis Koenen Sr. of Ouwendyk, $20; to a brother, William C. B. de Fremery of this city, $3000; to B. Charles Cuvellier and E. J. F. Pennink, $40 for every year they have been employed with the firm of James de Fremery & Co.; to Mrs. Maria Virginia Meyer of Germany, $200; Virginia Ryan of Oakland, $100; to Mark Ryan, the stable or barn near the De Fremery Grove on Adeline street; to the Ladies' Relief Society of Oakland, $500; Mrs. Caroline Revalk, $100; the Van Loben Sels grandchildren—Ernest Diederich, Maurits Carel, James Florent, Virginie Therese, Justus Jan—and James de Fremery and Leon Florent de Fremery, each $1000; Adolph Edward and Virginie Elinor de Fremery, $2000 each.

To James L. de Fremery and Adele V. Van Loben Sels jointly $7000 is bequeathed, to be placed on deposit, the dividends to be distributed as follows: One-third to Mrs. Nellie Mel of Santa Cruz; one-third to a cousin, Margaretha Amelia Sprecher Van Bernegg of Switzerland; one-sixth to Mrs. Willie Bestor of Washington, D. C., and the remaining one-sixth to Mrs. Elizabeth B. Reed of San Francisco during their lifetime, the original deposits to remain the property of testator's two children or their representatives. To "Ryksarchief," the historical archives of Holland at The Hague, many rare historical works are bequeathed.

The residue of the estate goes to testator's son and daughter.

W. C. B. de Fremery, the surviving partner, is allowed ten months in which to liquidate the affairs of the firm of James de Fremery & Co.

In the event of the death of the son, James Leon de Fremery, Adele V. Van Loben Sels is named as executrix, and in the event of her demise her husband and Wilhelmina H. de Fremery are to act jointly. Finally, in the event of their death, testator's brother, W. C. B. de Fremery, will be executor.

A BEAUTIFUL HOME WEDDING

OAKLAND, June 15.—In the presence of 400 guests representing the society of Oakland, San Francisco, Berkeley and San Rafael and Alameda, Miss Elizabeth Watt was wedded this afternoon to Donald Y. Campbell. The bride is the daughter of Robert Watt, president of the Valley Railroad. The groom is a San Francisco attorney. Both move in the most exclusive social set.

The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents, 1204 Madison street, and was solemnized by Rev. John Bakewell of Trinity Episcopal Church of San Francisco, and Rev. C. R. Brown of this city. The bride was attended by Miss Virginia de Fremery as maid of honor, and by Miss Louise de Fremery, Miss Nellie Chabot, Miss Amy McKee, Miss Campbell and Miss Crosby.

The groom's best man was William Sproule, and James McKee, Frank Deering, T. C. Berry, David McClure Jr., W. B. Storey Jr., R. M. Fitzgerald, William Watt and Alexander Campbell.

The wedding party occupied places on a dais in the conservatory, and the host of guests witnessed the ceremony from the parlors and dining-room, all of which were thrown into one large chamber. The bride wore a gown of heavy ivory satin, trimmed with old point lace, with a yoke of pleated tulle, and carried orange blossoms. The bridesmaids were gowned in white and carried American Beauty roses. The house was transformed into one large floral bower, with yellow the predominating color.

After the ceremony a reception was held in a floral marquee on the lawn, the guests not departing until 8 o'clock this evening. The invited guests were:

Mr. and Mrs. Edson Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Ayres, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Adams, Miss Edith Buckingham, Messrs. Belden, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Belden, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Bangs, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Bowles, Mrs. E. B. Beck, Messrs. Beck, Miss Edith Beck, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Barker, Miss Barker, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Brown, Miss Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Brown, Mrs. H. A. Bulkeley, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Brayton, A. P. Brayton Jr., Edward Brayton, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Booth, Miss Booth, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Beaver, Misses Beaver, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Beaver, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brigham, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brown, Misses Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Brown, J. W. Byrne, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Bugbee, Mr. Alfred Barstow, Miss Barstow, Alfred Barstow, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Breck, Mrs. Barnett, Rev. and Mrs. Bakewell, Miss Bakewell, Messrs. Bakewell, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bullitt, Miss Barnes, Mrs. H. D. Bacon, Miss Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. George Berton, Mr. and Mrs. Antoine Borel, Misses Borel, Mr. and Mrs. Burke, Miss Conway, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Crane, Dr. and Mrs. Coyle, Mrs. A. Chabot, Miss Chabot, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Coleman, Misses Coleman, Edward Coleman, Mrs. J. W. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Coghill, A. W. Clement, Major and Mrs. C. C. Clay, Miss Clay, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Clay, Mrs. Remi Chabot, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carrigan, Miss Carrigan, W. L. Carrigan, Misses Hutchinson, Messrs. Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. Hume, Mr. and Mrs. Southard Hoffman, Messrs. Hoffman, Miss May Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hubbard, Misses Heron, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Major and Mrs. Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Henshelwood, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Henshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hinckley, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Houghton, Miss Houghton, H. B. Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Herrick, Misses Herrick, Captain and Mrs. C. H. Harrison, Mrs. Charles Webb Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Shafter Howard, Mr. Carl Howard, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Howard, Miss Haight, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Haight, Mr. Louis Haight, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haight, Perry Hayne, Mrs. Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Hush, Misses Hush, Mr. and Mrs. Holt, Miss Holt, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Webster Jones, Miss Belle Jones, Miss Jolliffe, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Livermore, Misses Livermore, N. B. Livermore, Mr. and Mrs. John Leechman, Dr. and Mrs. Lilienerantz, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Little, Miss Little, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lang, Colonel and Mrs. Oscar Long, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lisser, Miss Maud Lewis, Mrs. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. William Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Monteagle, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller, Miss Miller, Horace Miller, Paul Miller, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. A. Miller, Chrissie Miller, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Miller, Major and Mrs. J. B. Moore, Samuel McK. Moore, Miss Moore, Miss Marjorie Moore, Miss Murison, W. A. Murison, Mr. and Mrs. James Moffitt, Misses Moffitt, James Moffitt, Dr. Herbert Moffitt, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Moore, Misses Moore, A. A. Moore Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Percy Morgan, Miss Louise Morgan, Captain and Mrs. D. E. Martin, Miss Mitchler, Alfred Mitchler, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McNear, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. McNear, Miss McNear, Fred McNear, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McNear Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McElrath, Mrs. McKee, Mrs. S. B. McKee, James C. McKee, Dr. and Mrs. J. K. McLean, Miss McLean, A. S. Macdonald, Miss Macdonald, Rev. and Mrs. James McDonald, Miss McDonald, Rev. David McClure, David McClure Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McChesney, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Magee, Fred Magee, Walter Magee, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Magee, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Magee Jr., Mrs. L. M. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Merrill, Miss Susie Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. George Moore, Miss McKenzie, Mrs. Thomas Morris, Miss Morris, Dr. Francis Musser, Judge and Mrs. Myrick, Mr. and Mrs. John Moss, Miss McNeil, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Peris, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Pennoyer, Mr. and Mrs. Orestes Pierce, Miss Josie Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Prather, Mrs. Prather, Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Palache, Miss Laura Prather, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Palmer, Miss Palmer, Mr. Silas Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Palmer, Miss Elizabeth Putnam, Miss Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Parkyns, Mrs. E. Palmer, Miss Pendleton, Mrs. Trenor W. Park, Miss Clare Perry, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Pond, Misses Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Will Romaine, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Requa, Mr. and Mrs. Colin Ross, Messrs. Ross, Dr. and Mrs. Rucker, Miss Carrie Ritter, Miss Lizzie Rowlands, Mr. and Mrs. John Reid, Mrs. James Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Shepard, Misses Shepard, Mrs. Jane Sather, Miss Snell, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Smith, Miss S. Snell, Miss Sperry, Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Stone, Miss Stone, Andy L. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sperry, Mr. and Mrs. A. Schilling, Mr. and Mrs. James Spiers, Messrs. Spiers, Judge and Mrs. Stanly, Mrs. H. A. Stephenson, Mrs. F. W. Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stephenson, Miss Sadie Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sessions, Miss Sessions, Messrs. Sessions, Miss Simmons, Mrs. Prentiss Selby, Misses Selby, Messrs. Selby, Miss Bertha Shafter, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shanklin, Miss Georgia Shanklin, Edward Shanklin, Mr. and Mrs. Irving M. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Minthorne Tompkins, Miss Julia Tompkins, Miss Ethel Tompkins, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Whitney, Misses Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wheaton, W. R. Wheaton, Misses Wheaton, Professor and Mrs. W. B. Wilkinson, Miss Wilkinson, Mrs. David Wilcox, Mrs. Jesse Wall, Miss Wall, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Lovell White, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. T. Watkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wadsworth, Captain and Mrs. H. H. Watson, Dr. and Mrs. P. Lansing Wheeler, Captain and Mrs. Wright, George Wheaton.

SHE WANTS A DIVORCE.

Mrs. Smith, Who Was Bunkoed by Arlington, Alleges Extreme Cruelty.

OAKLAND, June 15.—Mrs. Minnie M. Smith filed suit in the Superior Court this afternoon for a divorce from Norman H. Smith, alleging extreme cruelty as the ground for her cause of action, and asking for the custody of the minor child, a daughter. According to an affidavit also filed the husband has shaken the dust of California and is now in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, hence the plaintiff has been allowed to serve summons on him by publication.

Mrs. Smith is the woman who appeared as prosecuting witness against Arthur Arlington, whom she charged with having bunkoed her out of $250, and who yesterday was held to answer before the Superior Court.

Inventor Edison explains how he hit upon the idea of the electric light in next Sunday's Call.

HEROIC WOMAN RESCUES ANOTHER FROM DROWNING

OAKLAND, June 15.—But for the heroic efforts of Mrs. M. F. Hudson, residing at 1418 Lake Shore avenue, Mrs. Salinda Ford, living at Tenth avenue and East Nineteenth street, would have perished beneath the murky waters of Lake Merritt this morning.

Sixty-six years of usefulness have left Mrs. Ford infirm, and recent illness has caused temporary mental derangement. When she left home this morning she informed her daughters that she intended visiting friends downtown. She was next seen by Mrs. Hudson wading out into Lake Merritt.

There was no one close at hand for Mrs. Hudson to summon, so she proved herself equal to the occasion by rushing into the water and wading in to rescue the aged woman, who had by this time sunk to her waist. At the peril of her life and after the greatest exertion the heroic rescuer succeeded in dragging Mrs. Ford to the shore. She was afterward taken to the Hudson residence, where dry and warm clothing were supplied, so that she could be removed to the Receiving Hospital.

It was supposed that Mrs. Ford attempted to commit suicide, but her daughters refute this theory and say that she probably wandered to the lake unmindfully and that she becomes quite childish at times and bewildered.

Alameda News Notes.

ALAMEDA, June 14.—The litigation between Mrs. Sarah Bancroft and Robert Hamilton has been ended. Mr. Hamilton and family occupied Mrs. Bancroft's house on San Antonio avenue and when they left it Mrs. Bancroft sued him for $97 damages to the dwelling occasioned by numerous pinholes in the walls. Judgment was given for $45 35. To-day the defendant paid the amount together with $12 50 costs.

Margaret Clayton and Laura Stearns, belles of Piedmont, were arrested in Alameda to-day for riding their wheels on the sidewalk.

Professor Hilgard Improving.

BERKELEY, June 15.—Professor E. W. Hilgard, head of the department of agriculture in the University of California, who for some weeks past has been critically ill at his residence on Bancroft way, is reported to be recovering slowly. His physicians say he is now out of danger. Professor Hilgard is suffering from acute nervous prostation, brought on by the heavy work incident to the closing of the college year. He will be unable to leave his house for over two months.

Berkeley News Notes.

BERKELEY, June 15.—The chapter house of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, on the corner of Durant avenue and Dana street, which was recently destroyed by fire, is to be rebuilt upon the same foundation. The contract has been let to Fred Armstrong, and the house will be ready for use before college opens in August.

University Lodge No. 162, Knights of Pythias, have elected the following officers for the coming year: Chancellor commander, A. M. Atwood; vice chancellor, A. M. Ewing; prelate, J. E. Recardo; recorder, C. R. Bryant; secretary, Donald F. Miller; master of exchequer, Captain George Gunn; physician, Dr. George B. Hoagland; master of works, T. R. Elliott; master-at-arms, J. F. Schultze; inside guard, C. M. Norgrove; outside guard, Joseph Alkalay.

ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS BREVITIES

OAKLAND, June 15.—Default of the defendant in the divorce suit of Margaret E. Travers against James W. Travers was entered to-day.

The estate of the late Penn Martin has been appraised at $8650, consisting principally of real estate.

The trial of Dr. Clarence Mars Selfridge, convicted of cruelty to animals in Justice Larue's court and appealed, was commenced before a jury in Judge Ellsworth's court to-day.

The charge against Thomas Cunniff of exhibiting a deadly weapon was dismissed in the Police Court to-day. He pleaded not guilty to the charge of carrying a concealed weapon and will be tried on that charge to-morrow.

Patrick Murphy, an eccentric Alamedan, aged 55 years, was to-day committed to the Agnews Insane Asylum. Mrs. Delphine Lyle of Alvarado was recommended for commitment.

Charles C. Boynton and Miss Flossie Treadwell were quietly married last Sunday by Rev. J. T. Sunderland, pastor of the Unitarian church of this city. The groom is a young attorney, practicing in San Francisco.

A. L. Stone estimates that the present yield of cherries is about one-fortieth of that of last year. He says the crop is the lightest ever known in the cherry producing districts of the State. The failure of cherries was caused by the drought of last year and the heavy rains in March of this year, which came when cherries were in full bloom.

Still Searching for Her Husband.

OAKLAND, June 15.—Although Mme. Deshayes, the wife of the editor of Le Bayard, has been seeking her lost husband ten years, she has not given up the search. M. D. de Trobriand, the present French Consul, believes the woman is sincere and not crazy. To-day he said: "I know Mrs. Deshayes. She has been to see me at my office in San Francisco. She remained there for nearly two hours, giving me a detailed account of the disappearance and alleged assassination of her husband. I have been in this country for a short time only, but I have heard a great deal of this woman. She asked me if I would allow her to make a search of the premises, and I told her she was at liberty to do so. She came here one night late and wanted to search them, but I could not allow it because of the time of the night and because I had an engagement to keep. She has not been here since, but she may come at any time. She is not an educated woman. She told me that she had been married in Brazil before she came here. She has threatened the life of the man she suspects of her husband's murder. I believe he knows of her suspicions, but I think it my duty now to inform him of her threats. I have asked countrymen of mine if they consider Mrs. Deshayes insane, and they say that she is not crazy. They say she is very sensible, because a short time before her husband disappeared he took out a heavy policy in an insurance company on his life.

"People I have spoken to on the subject say that she wishes to find that her husband was assassinated so she may be able to collect on his life insurance policy.

"If I had been in San Francisco at the time Deshayes was assailing people I would have stopped it. I would have telegraphed to France and ascertained what his record had been over there."

Fire in a Smoke House.

OAKLAND, June 15.—The alarm from box 62 at 9 o'clock to-night was for an ugly blazze in the smoke house at the rear of Fred Becker's market on Washington street, between Eighth and Ninth. The Fire Department did excellent work and confined the blaze to the large ventilator, which was wholly destroyed. The damage to the building will reach about $300, but Mr. Becker estimates his loss to fresh and smoked meats at about $2000. The cause of the fire is laid to an overheated smoke house.

Beach Soule as a Rescuer.

OAKLAND, June 15.—Beach Soule is the latest candidate for medal honors as a rescuer of life. Harry Bradley, aged 12 years and son of A. J. Bradley, while playing in a boat in the estuary yesterday fell overboard. Soule witnessed the accident from his yacht and, plunging into the water, reached and rescued the drowning lad just as the latter was sinking for the last time.

Was Buried at Night.

OAKLAND, June 15.—The remains of Miss Lillie Olson, who died from smallpox at her home, 1914 Magnolia street, were buried at Mountain View Cemetery last night. Only Health Officer Todd and the undertaker in charge attended the interment. The personal effects of the deceased were destroyed by fire and the quarantine around the house is still maintained.

PARENTS BRING SUIT AGAINST THEIR SON

LEO HERINGHI'S PLACE ATTACHED.

The Action Said to Be the Result of the Pawnbroker's Unfilial Conduct Toward the Old Folks.

Suit was filed in the Justices' court yesterday against Leo Heringhi, the pawnbroker of 10½ Stockton street, by his parents, Bernardo Heringhi and Minnie Heringhi. The cause of action is for breach of contract, and the complaint states "that in and by a certain contract in writing, dated the 7th day of March, 1895, said defendant promised to pay to plaintiffs the sum of $75 on the first day of May, 1899, and $75 on the first day of June, 1899, and that neither of said sums or any part thereof has been paid."

A writ of attachment was also issued against the premises on Stockton street and the place is now in the hands of the Sheriff.

According to the other members of the family, the suit is the outcome of unfilial conduct toward the old folks on the part of their son, Leo. Samuel Heringhi, another son, in discussing the subject last night, said:

"Leo's actions during the last few months have nearly broken our mother's heart. She is 71 years of age, and I fear that her present troubles will but hasten her end. In September, 1892, she mortgaged her home at 2222 Jackson street for $5000 in order to set Leo up in business. In return for the loan of the money she was to receive $75 a month out of the business for the term of her natural life. He has refused to pay the agreed amounts and the suit is the result.

"A year ago, when she was seriously ill, she sent for him, but he would not go to see her.

"Leo's business transactions have been questionable, to say the least. Two months ago, in order to buy out his brother Aaron, he took pledged goods out of his store on Stockton street and repledged them with the Baldwin Jewelry Company for $10,800. When he was on Sixth street he pawned watches which had been left to be repaired, with the pawnbroker, J. L. Franklin.

"He has made $10,000 out of the money advanced to him by his mother. We regret to be obliged to tell it, but these are the facts and can be verified."

Pleaded Statute of Limitations.

OAKLAND, June 15.—Rev. Marshahll Law, rector of the Church of the Advent, has been sued for a bill of $17 76 for Bibles and tracts supplied to him in the East. The rector has surprised his congregation by pleading the statute of limitations. The case will be tried in Judge Larue's court in East Oakland next Monday. This is said to be the first case on record where a minister has pleaded the statute of limitations in Oakland.

Grand Opera May Come.

OAKLAND, June 15.—An effort is being made to bring the Lambardi Grand Opera Company to the Macdonough. It has not been booked by the management, but Charles E. Cooke has been commissioned to bring the matter before the local public. The subscription list is now open at the theater, and if sufficient encouragement be given the big company will play here on June 26.

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2:05 pm	12:30 am	Bakersfield	2:00 am	11:00 am
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