ROYAL TIME FOR DUBOCE AND MEN AT SANTA CRUZ

A Patriotic Welcome Awaits Them.

CITY READY FOR THE FETES

TO-NIGHT THE NIGHT OF THE BIG PARADE.

Grand Marshal Dockery Names Aids to the Division Marshals—Procession Will Start at 7 O'Clock.

The Natives have nothing left to wait for except the command of Grand Marshal Dockery to fall into line and march to the train. Dockery will start things off at 7 o'clock to-night, and for an hour Market street will see the most enthusiastic lot of San Francisco's sons that ever marched in wild disorder to a celebration. Every parlor is ready and in its costume. Uncork the red fire and the procession is begun.

To-night's parade will start from Mason and Geary streets and will be led down Mason to Market, then directly down Market to the ferry, where the special boat will be waiting. It is not a long line of march, and those who would see it must be on hand at the appointed hour, as the railroad company has announced that its special will leave at 8:30 o'clock, whether the parade is over or not. The Natives will see to it that the parade is over.

Arrangements for quarters in Santa Cruz are completed. Every parlor is satisfactorily placed and every spare room in the town has been taken by the accommodation committee, and the assurance is renewed that there will be room for every one who can buy a ticket. The local parlors are located as follows:

Stanford Parlor 76 and Yerba Buena Parlor 84, St. George Hotel; Pacific Parlor 19, El Dorado 52, Alcatraz 145 and California 1 of San Francisco, and Athens 195 of Oakland, Pacific Ocean House; Golden Gate Parlor 29, Neary Hall, on Mission street, near Pacific avenue; Rincon Parlor 22, Y. M. I. Hall, Walnut avenue; Alcalde 154, Arion Hall, in Farmers' Union building; Minnesota and Pacific avenues; Nilantic Parlor 165, Duncan House; Piedmont 120 of Oakland, Olympus 189 and National 118 of San Francisco, County Court house; Precita 187, Knights of Pythias Hall; Sequoia Parlor 160, De Lamater Hall; Marshall Parlor 202, Staffler building, Pacific avenue, opposite Locust street; Hesperian Parlor, Pease building; San Jose parlors, Sea Beach Hotel.

Late last night Grand Marshal Dockery announced the following as aid to the division marshals in to-night's parade: First Division, Edward Taaffe, marshal; aids, J. W. Bonney, W. P. Gilbert; Second Division, Leon Vieller, marshal; aids, H. A. Fritz, A. H. Milletz; Third Division, Del P. Bowley, marshal; aids, J. W. Cushing, T. A. Ryan; Fourth Division, John Lenehan, marshal; aids, J. Godeau, E. Lastratto.

The following telegram from Santa Cruz sets forth just the state of affairs in that city:

SANTA CRUZ, Sept. 7.—The California Volunteers is the topic of conversation. For the time being the general celebration is forgotten and the coming of the 600 men of the Gallant First to this city is to be the event in the history of Santa Cruz.

This city has entertained more soldiers and has had more military encampments than any other city on the coast; it has had encamped in its midst soldiers of all kinds; regulars, State militia, Boys' Brigade and League of the Cross Cadets, but never has it appreciated the honor as much as in the present case. "California Volunteers, We Are Proud of You," is the banner of the banners that have been stretched across Pacific avenue.

When word was received by Grand President Frank Matteson last evening that the boys would be here Saturday on a special train the Natives went wild with excitement. The Volunteers are to be the feature of the parade; the welcome they will receive, and the whole surrounding country will be here en mass, will amount to an ovation, a welcome such as was given them in San Francisco. They will find Pacific avenue a second Market street and the electric lights stretched across the avenue will remind them of San Francisco's royal welcome.

Colonel Duboce's announcement puts a climax on the whole celebration and will make this year's event by far the grandest ever witnessed in this city.

The work of decorating is completed except for the grand arch, which will be begun to-morrow. The welcome to be accorded the San Francisco parlors to-morrow night is to be a magnificent affair. Every Native Son has received orders to meet at half-past 10 o'clock to-morrow evening at the N. S. G. W. clubrooms to form in line and march to the depot. The town will be ablaze with colored lights, which are to be burned the entire length of the line of march.

But this will only be a beginning of the big welcome, as special trains from the surrounding country, San Jose and San Francisco will be arriving all day Saturday.

Santa Cruzans were awakened last night by the shrill whistle of the steamer Gypsy. She had just arrived from Monterey and had on board the mussels gathered at Monterey by the Japanese hired by Ralph Miller. There were 120 sacks of the juicy bivalves, each having 150 pounds of them, and they are to be used in the big mussel bake at the beach on Monday morning. There are enough mussels to feed 5000 people.

The decoration of the Native Sons' hall and clubrooms was completed this morning. The clubroom, which is the general headquarters of the 9th of September committee, is done in the national colors. At each gas-jet are numerous silk flags of small pattern. Festooned in graceful folds is bunting over the large archway, between the reading and billiard room; over this is a silk shield; above the shield is a golden eagle. On the rear wall is a similar design, and on the side walls are festoons and satin banners.

In the lodge room, which is to be used as a reception room, the decorations are of the softer colors, yellow and white. The entire distance around the room is festooned in those colors.

The work of decorating the armory will be commenced to-morrow. This will be the finest decorated ballroom that Santa Cruz has ever had. Golden banners, with Columbia in heavy gold silk upon them, are to be placed everywhere. Artistic creations in tinsel, butterflies and sunflowers are to be suspended from the ceiling. The bandstand will be entirely hidden from view by a lattice work in bamboo.

Sheriff Besse, the grand marshal, is the busiest man in town, getting his divisions read for the parade.

CAPTAIN OF THE TEAM.

Red Men Appreciate the Work of One Who Instructed Them.

The members of Altahmos Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, recognizing that the tribe captured the Great Council prize of $100 through the instructions it received from V. F. Northrop, decided to show its appreciation of his services and did so last Wednesday night in the wigwam in B'nai B'rith Hall, by presenting him with a beautiful tomahawk of silver, appropriately inscribed and having upon it the following names, those who composed the team: V. F. Northrop, captain; J. H. Hutaff, F. W. Bishop, W. T. Lyon, J. E. Towers, F. Hardy, H. Cills, H. C. Brown, G. A. Treadwell, A. E. Wessling, R. L. Apple, J. L. Sanders, G. A. Heintz, G. W. Baltic, J. Heaney, F. M. Kay, A. L. Adams.

The presentation speech was made by A. L. Holder, great junior sagamore and the recipient made a pleasing response.

Veteran Firemen Go to Fresno.

The Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association of this city having accepted the invitation of the people of Fresno to spend Admission day with them will leave today for that city. Between seventy-five and eighty members in uniform will go on the excursion and about one hundred ladies will accompany them. The association's big engine was sent to Fresno on Wednesday and will be in the parade in that city

YEARS IN JAIL FOR ACTS OF HASTY ANGER

Volunteers Who Must Pay the Piper.

COURT-MARTIALED IDAHO MEN

MEDALS FOR THE CALIFORNIA MEN WHO FOUGHT.

Adjutant General Corbin Says Major General Shafter Will Remain in the Service as a Volunteer Officer.

The life of the volunteer is not an easy one, but it becomes particularly hard when he tries to indulge in little breaches of the law of the land, which out of the service are looked upon as censurable but not necessarily punishable. To strike a man is not considered serious by a jury, but it is very serious before a court-martial, and the law makes no distinction because of station, while a soldier multiplies his offense by three or four when he selects an officer as the object of his wrath. That is what some men of the Idaho Regiment are now finding out.

Four of them were sent to the guard house at the Presidio yesterday and formally turned over to Colonel Freeman, commandant of the post. They are Meade Barr of Company F, sentenced to two years' imprisonment at hard labor, forfeiture of all pay and allowances due or to accrue and dishonorable discharge from the army of the United States; Edward Thierolf, Company H, under similar sentence; Edward Callam, Company H, sentenced to one year, forfeiture of pay and allowances and dishonorable discharge, and George Guyett, Company D, sentenced to six months' imprisonment, forfeiture of pay and allowances and dishonorable discharge.

All the men except Guyett were in the Billbid, a prison at Manila, for nearly a year, so they will serve only a part of their sentences here. They will be removed to Alcatraz to-day or to-morrow.

The crime in the case of Barr and Thierolf is striking an officer; Callam's case, threatening to strike an officer; in Guyett's case, shooting at a soldier. The charge against all is conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in violation of the articles of war.

Barr, Thierolf and Callam were incarcerated in the guardhouse at Manila for some minor offense. They were all more or less intoxicated, and they rowed with the officers of the guard. Thierolf, who is a big, burly miner, took two of the officers of the Fourteenth United States Infantry, which was on guard duty with the Idaho troops, and knocked their heads together. Barr struck one of his own officers, who came to quiet the men, and Callam got only so far as to show a willingness to mix in the fight.

Guyett was arrested and charged with an attempt to kill a soldier. The witnesses against him did not give sufficient evidence to prove so grave an offense, so he was convicted of what in common law would be an assault. A general court-martial tried and sentenced the men in Manila and they came here as prisoners.

Since the regiment has been at the Presidio the men have been kept in the guard tent. They expected all along that they would be released as soon as they arrived here, and they made no attempt to escape—a wise move on their part, for the army never forgets a missing prisoner. There has been no commutation of the sentence, however, and yesterday the four were placed in keeping safer than the guard tent of a camp.

The offenses of Barr and Thierolf are very similar to that of McVeigh of the Wyoming battalion, who came here under sentence of death for striking Lieutenant Wrighter. Under the circumstances the sentences imposed were light. They serve as a warning to other volunteers, however, to remember that there are certain offenses in time of war which even the sentiment of voluntary service cannot condone. Courts-martial have not been hard on the volunteers, and what sentences were passed have been forgotten or buried by the various commands, but from stories that keep coming back with the troops it is evident some of the articles of war have been severely strained down in the islands.

Saturday, September 16, is the date set for decorating the California men who fought in the war. P. J. du Py and W. D. Shea of the Native Sons' medal committee called on Colonel Duboce yesterday and reported the date to him, as well as what arrangements had been made. Colonel Duboce promised to assist in every way possible to make the affair a success, as the ceremony of giving is going to be made as important, if possible, as the medal itself.

The regiment will be drawn up on the parade ground at the Presidio, and each man will be called up to have his medal pinned on his blouse by one of the Native Daughters. Every man will be given a certificate with his medal, on which will be his name and rank and the reasons for his decoration. The medals will be numbered and a careful record of those presented will be kept, so the decorations will be fully protected and no one not entitled to the honor may wear one. A medal will be given for every man. If he be present he will get it before his comrades and in the presence of the people. If he be absent it will be sent to him when he can be properly located. If he is dead, his nearest relative will be given the honor for which he paid his life.

After the men of the First Regiment and the Heavy Artillery have been decorated the committee will take up the case of the men who served at home. It will be some time before the medals for them will be ready.

Surgeon Major McCarthy of the First California is dividing his time between camp and the city, for some of his patients have escaped him and have been attacked with disease out of bounds. There are three men of the regiment who are seriously ill with pneumonia. They admit themselves it is the result of wearing their khaki uniforms and light flannels in the San Francisco fogs, but that admission makes their case no better. They were taken sick at home and Dr. McCarthy dare not remove them to the military hospital, so he is treating them at their own residences. He makes his rounds through the city every day.

This is the last official day for the Colorado regiment. At 10:30 this morning the paymaster will arrive and open his money bags, and then the men will be discharged as fast as they can be paid. The work will be finished in the afternoon, and then, after a night of freedom, the boys will be taken home on a special train. It will start at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, and will travel East in four sections.

First Lieutenant Eugene T. Wilson, Third Artillery, a lieutenant colonel in the volunteer army, and a man who made a record by his work during the war, has been made an aid on the staff of Major General Shafter. Colonel Wilson was the officer who had charge of the laying of the submarine mines for the protection of this harbor during the early part of the war and of the plans for their placing. That work completed, he was ordered to Porto Rico for duty. He was recalled for service in the Philippines, but that order has been canceled in his assignment to General Shafter's staff. Colonel Wilson is well known in this city.

Captain Edwin V. Bookweller, Ninth Infantry, has reported for duty at the Presidio under assignment to service with the recruits pending his transportation to Manila.

Privates William H. Mead and Burt Johnson, Hospital Corps, U. S. A.; Private Neil McNeil, Company I, Seventeenth Infantry, and Corporal Fred E. Henche, Company B, First North Dakota Volunteer Infantry, all insane, were sent to the Government hospital at Washington yesterday in charge of a sergeant and four privates from the Third Artillery.

First Lieutenant Sherrard Coleman, Thirty-fourth Infantry, has been detailed to act as quartermaster and commissary of the transport Belgian King. The Belgian King will sail in a few days with seven companies of the Thirty-fourth. The headquarters, band and five companies will board the Columbia to-day, and they will probably start for the islands before evening.

Joseph Wurcus, Company B, North Dakota Infantry, died at the general hospital yesterday. He went directly from the transport Grant to the hospital and had lingered since August 30. He was suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis.

Leave of absence for one month has been granted to Captain Joseph M. Califf, commanding Light Battery C of the Third Artillery. Captain Califf and his battery have been familiar figures in all the escorts for volunteer troops that have turned out.

First Lieutenant William J. D. Horne, Ninth Cavalry, who has been on duty in the adjutant general's office, has been ordered to return to rejoin his command.

Hereafter cavalry horses to be purchased will be inspected at the Presidio by Lieutenant Colonel Wallace F. Randolph, Third Artillery, assisted by Veterinary Surgeon Creely and William Reichelt, an employe of the quartermaster's department.

The following letter has been addressed to Colonel O. F. Long, quartermaster in charge of the transport service here:

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7, 1899.

Colonel O. F. Long, U. S. A.—Dear Sir: On behalf of the executive board, California Red Cross, State Association, permit me to thank you most cordially for the generous use of the transport and courtesies to the Red Cross on the occasion of the return of the First California Volunteers from the Philippines. Your kindness and courtesy on all occasions are sincerely appreciated. Very sincerely yours,

MRS. L. L. DUNBAR, Secretary.

A meeting of parents and friends interested in the recently discharged soldiers now on their way home was held last evening at Armory Hall. The following officers were elected:

President, John McGeary; vice president, Ed A. Brackett; secretary, Miss Philita Mohun; treasurer, Mrs. Russell Bassett. Committees were named as follows:

Reception—Mr. Burson, Mr. Baird, Mrs. Cummons, Charles Haines, Mr. Krant, Mr. Lennard, Mrs. V. C. Baird, Mrs. Hayden, Mrs. W. A. Smith.

Press—J. J. McCarthy, Mr. Burson, Mrs. Kennedy.

Committee on order of business—Mr. Mann, E. A. Brackett, Louis Jacobs, J. J. McCarthy.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That most of the discharged soldiers from the Fourteenth, Eighteenth and Twenty-third Infantry, Third Artillery, and Fourth Cavalry regiments, being on the transport City of Para, this committee make arrangements to see the discharged soldiers from the same regiments that will be on the transports Sheridan, Zealandia and Valencia, to arrive before the City of Para, and notify them of the reception to be held, and that the reception be held on the day after the arrival of the City of Para.

SOLDIER INJURED IN A DANCE HALL

John Doyle Knocked on the Head With a Chair During a Riot.

A crowd of soldiers got mixed up in a free for all fight in the Eureka dance hall on Kearny street about 2 o'clock this morning, and John Doyle, a private in the Thirty-fourth Volunteer Infantry, was knocked on the head with a chair and seriously injured. He was removed to the Receiving Hospital, and a man who refused to give his name was arrested and charged with being the man who assaulted him, at the California-street police station.

Last night was a wild one all over the Barbary Coast, and the police were kept busy suppressing incipient riots in the many dives in that unsavory district. A provost guard from the Presidio was also active in rounding up drunken soldiers.

Golden Gate's Welcome.

Golden West Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows tendered a reception last night to R. H. Good, a member of the First California Volunteers, who belongs to the lodge. Henry C. Gesford, P. N. G., delivered a patriotic address of welcome, which was received with great applause. Corporal J. G. Morrison of the Nebraska regiment told of what the Odd Fellow soldiers did on the island of Luzon in carrying out the work of the order. Morris Cramer entertained with ragtime music on the piano. J. H. Applegate, P. N. G., of Apollo Lodge, delivered a short address on the beauty of Odd Fellowship. C. H. Goldberg of Redding Lodge gave a recitation, after which William J. Hynes entertained the audience with a quarter of an hour of humorous sayings and songs. Then followed a number of short talks, songs and stories, together with a collation and cigars.

California's Soldiers.

California Parlor No. 1, Native Sons of the Golden West, through its committee on good of the order, consisting of W. D. Hobro Jr., W. H. Staniels and Benjamin Davis, gave a supper in a Post street cafe to its two soldier members, M. O. Alexander and P. D. McCarthey, recently returned from Manila.

About 150 were present to welcome the soldiers. James P. Dockery acted as master of ceremonies. There were addresses by Henry Lunstedt, grand secretary, and Myron Wolf, talks of times in the Philippines by the guests of the evenings, songs by B. F. Hanlon, L. Lacaze and Benjamin Davis, piano selections by R. H. Morse and remarks by many others present.

Yesterday's Insolvents.

Delos D. Snyder, San Francisco, liabilities $8860 on promissory notes executed in Kansas and Ohio; no assets. William T. Maynard, solicitor, San Francisco, $875; no assets. Julius Hirshberg, Oakland, merchant, liabilities $20,724 57; assets $6000 stock in trade, machinery, etc., $1075, debts on open account $75, insurance policies $9000.

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JOHN NICHOL'S CHILDREN MAY BE WITNESSES

Sensational Trial Is Promised.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Sept. 7.

Miss Jane Hodge will tell from the witness stand next Tuesday the remarkable story of the matters of love, affection and separation that have transpired between her and the wealthy old capitalist, John Nichol of East Oakland. The case has been set for trial, and as all parties are eager for a determination as to the legal value of the sufferings she has sustained, if any, there will probably be no delay.

Miss Hodge believes that she is entitled to $50,000 for her disappointment, and Mr. Nichol does not believe he ever said anything that could have caused the least flutter of anguish in her maidenly heart.

One of the most interesting features of the trial will be the argument as to whether a man can make a promise of marriage with a condition, and as to whether, having made the promise, he can urge the dissatisfaction of his daughters as a reason for breaking it off. Miss Hodge has deposed that Mr. Nichol assured her that it would be absolutely impossible for him to live out the few remaining years of his life without her. While making these professions in a buggy on a cold, gloomy day Mr. Nichol, who is nearly an octogenarian, did not stipulate that his warm affection was to be subject to the wishes of his grown daughters. The old gentleman says that it was expressly conditioned and understood even while he was breathing fond nothings to his sweetheart that it was to be, as he says in a letter, "all off" if the daughters disagreed.

Apparently from the matter which has crept into depositions the daughters were very far-sighted and philosophical. They reduced this matter of affection and marriage to a cold financial basis and began to figure on their respective shares when the Nichol estate should be distributed. They hinted at many things that Miss Jane resented, and it was only after convincing herself that she had not been even honorably treated that the lady determined to punish them all by demanding $50,000 of their father.

Miss Jane Hodge is a very entertaining talker and a very bright woman. Enough suggestions and hints were drawn out during the preliminary stages of the suit to show that when put on the witness stand, where the attorneys are entirely unfettered, her narrative will be more than usually interesting, and possibly some things will be told that will indicate that lovemaking on the part of old folks is not radically different from the same experience when indulged in by younger generations.

A MYSTERIOUS HORSELESS CARRIAGE

A Magnificent Six-Seated Affair Being Built With Secrecy for Charley Fair.

A horseless carriage that will astonish the traveling public is now in course of construction in this city. It will be a magnificent six-seated affair and no expense is being spared to make it the fastest and finest thing of its kind ever built in America. The carriage was to have been ready for its trial trip from here to San Mateo next week, but as some of the parts have to be made over again it will be a week after that before it will be seen on the streets and in the park.

The new horseless carriage is being built for Charles L. Fair, and George A. Knight is taking a great interest in the machine. Great secrecy is being maintained over the affair and at least four shops are building different parts of the machine. The Oriental Gas Engine Works is making the crank shaft and igniters; the Union Machine Company is making the hubs and wheels; the California Gas Engine Company is engaged on other parts, while at least two other shops are working on the body and fittings. The whole machine is to be put together under the supervision of J. M. Ough and George Wallenbaugh, and when completed is expected to be the fastest and finest thing of the kind ever seen here. In it Messrs Fair and Knight expect to make the run to San Mateo in an hour.

Fire Department Changes.

At a meeting of the Fire Commissioners yesterday the resignation of E. T. Yeazell of Engine 22 was accepted and Earnest Wilder was appointed to Engine 9. F. H. Casey of Truck 6 and Thomas Rennilson of Engine 13 were each fined five days' pay for neglect of duty.

VICIOUS ST. BERNARD ATTACKS LITTLE CHILD.

OAKLAND, Sept. 7.—Little Walter Earl Southard, the 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Southard, residing at 835 Franklin street, was viciously attacked this afternoon in front of the Reudy Hotel, opposite the Southard residence, by a large St. Bernard dog, and the child's mother is now living in constant dread that the little one will become afflicted with hydrophobia.

According to eye witnesses the child, who is very fond of animals, wandered across the street and put his little arms about the big dog's neck. Instantly the ferocious animal set upon the child, imbedding its sharp teeth in the boy's right arm. His screams brought guests at the hotel and neighbors to the rescue, and the owner of the dog soon induced his vicious canine to let go and follow him. The owner's name was not learned. He showed but little concern and promptly rode away on his horse.

The child was taken to the Receiving Hospital, where Dr. Sanborn dressed the ugly wound. The flesh was badly torn, and for a considerable area about the wound the skin is black and blue, and hydrophobia is feared. The child is unusually bright for his age and is the pet of his neighborhood.

CHANGES WILL TAKE PLACE AT DEAF INSTITUTE

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Sept. 7.

On Saturday afternoon the new board of directors of the State Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institute of Berkeley will make an informal inspection of the institution. Next Monday the board will hold a regular meeting, and more than the usual amount of interest has been expressed regarding the business that may be transacted. Among the State institutions the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Asylum is unique, inasmuch as the law creating it thirty-four years ago has never been amended and Superintendent Wilkinson, who was its first superintendent, is still in absolute control, never having been disturbed.

When the legislative committee made the round of the State institution last year they observed many things in connection with the Berkeley institute which appeared strange in a State institution. The system of obtaining provisions is altogether unique in its way. No bids are advertised for, the superintendent acquainting merchants in a private manner with the needs of the institution and inviting them to send prices. They are opened by the superintendent, who awards the contracts and then tells the board what he has done. The directors apparently have had very little to do but ratify and approve the actions of the superintendent. In the section of the Code providing for the government of the institution it is stated that if the directors permit, the superintendent can employ all the necessary help and teachers. With the exception of the secretary and possibly the physician the directors have allowed the superintendent to have things his own way.

In many instances it was discovered that the system pursued by the superintendent was very commendable, inasmuch as all his contracts for articles whose prices fluctuated during the year were let for very short periods, so that the institute could take advantage of the market.

It is not known whether the new board intends to make many changes in the personnel of the management, but it is known that Dr. O. D. Hamlin of this city has three votes out of the five to appoint him physician in place of Dr. Ben Wall.

There is likely to be more than one candidate for the secretaryship. Harrison Clay is the incumbent, but it is understood that there are two or three others anxious for the place.

Beyond this nothing has been done in regard to the patronage. The directors appear to be of the opinion that Mr. Wilkinson has run the home very efficiently and economically, but in accordance with the recommendations of the legislative committee they will probably compile and adopt by-laws governing their actions and also devise a new system for conducting the domestic portion of the management. It is understood that the home, which now contains 220 children, is fully up to the standard of any similar institution in the country from a scholastic point of view. But there is an impression that if a new man were to succeed the present superintendent the system of management now in vogue would not be so economical or efficient.

First to Recover Road Tax.

OAKLAND, Sept. 7.—R. J. Montgomery is the first to recover money paid for road taxes in the annexed district of this city under the levy made by the Board of Supervisors in July, 1897, and subsequent to the annexation proceedings. To-day Montgomery was given judgment as executor of the estate of Margaret P. McCourtney against the county of Alameda for $100 74 road taxes of 1897 paid under protest, and $6 75 costs.

A STRANGE DEATH.

Mystery surrounds the death of Charles Edward Hutchinson, a local surveyor, who died on Nineteenth avenue near K street yesterday afternoon. The man had been suffering from severe headaches and took a teaspoonful of a patent medicine known as "Celery Soda" and expired about two hours afterward. Dr. Quigley, of 1501 Waller street, who attended the case, stated that he believed death was the result of narcotic poisoning. Coroner Hill will cause an autopsy to be performed on the body this morning.

Hutchinson was employed as a foreman for the City Street Improvement Company. He was sitting in a temporary structure on Nineteenth avenue about noon yesterday when he called one of his men, George Sanders, and stated that he had just taken a dose of the Celery Soda for headache and was ill. He rapidly became worse and at 1 o'clock Dr. Quigley was called. Upon the arrival of the physician the man was unconscious and all efforts to save his life were of no avail. He died at 2:30 p. m., or about two hours after his first complaint of illness.

Deceased was well known in this city and leaves a widow and son, both of whom are spending the summer at Green Braes. He was about 35 years of age.

Cause of Mrs. Grace's Death.

The Coroner's jury yesterday rendered a verdict to the effect that the death of Mrs. Sadie C. Grace, who died under suspicious circumstances at 179 Stevenson street, was the result of an operation performed by some person or persons unknown.

BANK TELLER ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLEMENT

OMAHA, Sept. 7.—Ned Copeland, for years receiving teller of the Nebraska National Bank, is accused of the embezzlement of $10,000 on August 2, at which time he left for Adrian, Iowa, where his relatives reside.

The theft was not discovered for nearly a month after Copeland's departure, suspicion arising only when he did not return at the expiration of his vacation. Detectives are on his trail. Last week he was in Washington.

MRS. BLANCHARD DIVORCED.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 7.—Marion Tucker Blanchard, the last Queen of the Fiesta here, was granted a divorce from Frederick Blanchard this morning. She was formerly a society woman of Boston. The grounds were failure to provide.

Walker Brothers at Odds.

SANTA ROSA, Sept. 7.—This afternoon two sons of the late John Walker, a well-known and wealthy pioneer, filed separate petitions for letters of administration on their father's estate. Last Tuesday Judge Dougherty revoked the letters of administration held by J. M. Walker, he having failed to file the additional bond required. The present petitioners are J. L. and W. Y. Walker, each of whom will contest the other's right to become administrator.

OAKLAND CAN HAVE A FINE FREE LIBRARY

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Sept. 7.

From Skibo Castle, Scotland, comes the information that Oakland can have a beautiful free library building if she will undertake to provide a place upon which to build it, and to guarantee that she will spend the modest sum of $4000 a year in maintaining it.

A few weeks ago Henry A. Chittenden, a member of the Oakland Tribune staff, wrote to Andrew Carnegie telling him of the great need of a library building in this city. To-day the following reply was received:

"If Oakland would do as other cities have done, i. e., provide a site and agree to maintain the library at a cost of say $4000 per year, it would give me pleasure to give the necessary $50,000 to build it; but I must be sure that the community is obliged to maintain it as above. No use building libraries unless we are sure of their future."

For many years Oakland has needed a library building. The city now has a really valuable library housed in a very unsafe wooden building near the City Hall. It has long been a standing joke that the only thing that has saved the library building from destruction is the fact that it adjoins a fire engine station. In the messages of Mayors for many years back reference has been made to the old shack, and a hope has been expressed that something might be done to improve matters. The hope has always ended in disappointment, and although the Board of Library Trustees expends many times the amount named for maintenance by Mr. Carnegie, nothing has been done toward providing a more solid building.

This opportunity to have a $50,000 building merely for the obtaining of a site, is one that will undoubtedly commend itself to the citizens, for the library is ready to move into it, and under the law governing such matters Oakland has permanently decided to maintain a free public library, and for its maintenance a regular amount must be put in each year's tax levy.

"I have not had an opportunity yet to examine into this matter," said the Mayor, "but if it is as good as it appears to be, it is something that the city should at once take advantage of. Really, within a week we should be able to notify Mr. Carnegie that the site is ready and he can send his check to the Free Library Trustees."

COACH COCHRAN NOW ON HIS WAY TO BERKELEY

BERKELEY, Sept. 7.—Late this evening a telegram was received from Silver City, New Mexico, stating that Coach Garret Cochran had left there this afternoon and would arrive in Berkeley next Monday, September 11.

The telegram came to Football Manager Irwin J. Muma. As the big coach was not expected till the 15th of this month, the news of his intended early arrival is received with much satisfaction by the students. There is likely to be something unique in the line of college demonstration as soon as the gridiron veteran reaches the university town. Preparations for the event are now in progress, and it will be of such a character as to start the season going with an outburst of enthusiasm far above anything which has been seen here before.

Cochran is expected to turn out upon the football field the evening after his arrival. With the assistance of Kelly of Princeton, who accompanies him, he will start in immediately with the Varsity team, which is to meet Stanford at the next Thanksgiving game. The freshman team will receive some share of attention at the beginning, as their match with the cardinal freshmen is scheduled as one of the first games of the season. The college men expect to organize a rooters' club similar to that of last year to lead in the yelling and cheering.

DEAD BODY FOUND HANGING FROM A TREE

OAKLAND, Sept. 7.—The dead body of an unknown man, apparently that of a person aged 40 years and weighing about 170 pounds, was found dangling by a thick rope from the branch of a tree near San Pablo this morning. The deceased had first divested himself of his black diagonal coat and vest and white shirt. The latter he had tied to a higher branch, and its wavings in the breeze had arrested the attention of passers-by, who discovered the remains. The corpse does not appear to be that of a laborer, but one well groomed and that had been in fair circumstances. His dark hair and mustache are streaked with gray and the eyes are brown. The remains are awaiting identification at the Morgue in Martinez.

The Bauerle Estate Contest.

OAKLAND, Sept. 7.—A. H. Bauerle filed a demurrer to-day to the complaint in the suit brought by Public Administrator B. C. Hawes whereby the latter seeks to recover to the estate of Louise Bauerle, deceased, valuable property alleged to have been secured by the first named through fraud, undue influence and threats. Defendant demurs that the complaint does not allege facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action and that several causes have been improperly joined. Bauerle was appointed guardian ad litem of his 6-year-old son, Henry A. Bauerle, who is also named as a defendant and who has been served with summons.

The Felis Divorce Case Still on.

OAKLAND, Sept. 7.—The divorce suit and litigation over the property rights of Refugio Bernal Felis and Jose Felis might have been determined to-day in Judge Ellsworth's court, but objections made by Carl Wood, attorney for the plaintiff wife, to two depositions submitted by Attorney D. M. Connor for defendant resulted in continuing the case until September 13, in order that the witnesses whose depositions were ruled out might be produced in court. The trial has occupied the past three days. The parties reside near Livermore.

Want Santa Fe and Improvements.

OAKLAND, Sept. 7.—At the meeting of the North Oakland Improvement Club last night considerable discussion was had on the question of filling in and improving the marshes. The consensus of opinion was in favor of an appropriation of $35,000 for filling in the marsh lands, though a motion was adopted leaving the exact amount to be asked for to the judgment of the delegates to the Central Association. The action of the City Council in appointing a committee to take all possible steps to bring the Santa Fe Railroad to this city was indorsed.

HIS HYPNOTIC POWER HOLDING LENA RENNER

Arlington Is a Modern Svengali.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Sept. 7.

Behind the gray walls and iron bars of the Alameda County Jail there languishes a hynotist whose powers almost rival those attributed to the fictitious Svengali. He is none other than Arthur Arlington, the arch bunkoer of unsuspecting women, whose nefarious transactions and his recent conviction on a charge of robbing a woman named Mrs. M. M. Smith, who dared to throw aside all dreads of notoriety and prosecute him, have been fully exploited in The Call heretofore.

His unfortunate Trilby, the heart-broken woman whose friendship for this hypnotist through his past seven years' checkered career has never once wavered and who is now penniless and all but starving because she has given her all to this arch deceiver and gay Lothario, is Lena Renner.

The story of how she met Arlington at Los Angeles seven years ago; how he suddenly departed with another woman, going to San Francisco; and how Lena Renner afterward also moved to San Francisco, where Arlington soon hunted her up, were told by this unfortunate woman in last Tuesday's Call. In an interview at that time Lena Renner said that she was no longer deceived; she had realized her awful mispiaced confidence in this ex-convict and she stated that she intended leaving her home on Larkin street, San Francisco, to return to her relatives in New York.

But a letter received by her from Arlington has changed all plans and the fact of the powerful hypnotic influence exercised over her by this modern Svengali was disclosed to-day through a visit paid Arlington by a stranger from San Francisco, who did not make known his name, but who announced that he wished to hold council with the prisoner on extremely important business.

"I came over here," said this stranger afterward, "to try and induce this man Arlington to let go his hold, whatever it be, on this woman, Lena Renner. She had made up her mind to return to her folks in New York, and a first class ticket had already been purchased for her; but she has since received a letter from Arlington wherein he professes his innocence and imploring her not to desert him now; that he would soon be free again. The power he exercises over her is marvelous. It is hypnotism and and nothing less.

"I implored Arlington to sit down and write to Lena Renner a letter advising her to return to her old home and friends in New York, but he stolidly refused, and I've given it up as a bad job. I do not know what to do."

It was afterward learned that Lena Renner's true name is Goodman, and her relatives back in New York are wealthy and prosperous business people, and that the stranger who called on Arlington today is their Pacific Coast representative. It appears that for years the Goodmans had lost all trace of Lena, and only recently, while the Arions were out here on their jubilations, was she recognized by one of their number, when her people were promptly notified. A check was forwarded to the Goodmans' agent here and a ticket purchased for Lena Goodman's return. Now Arlington is all that holds her, and she refuses to believe him a cruel heart-breaker. How Arlington has managed to get a letter to her is beyond the ken of the jailers, for they have steadfastly refused to allow the arch bunkoer to send letters through the regular channels, and Lena has, moreover, been denied the privilege of visiting the hypnotist in the County Jail.

"If Mr. Arlington had told me I should return to my folks I would gladly go," is all the satisfaction the agent can get from her since she changed her mind, and this the hypnotist refuses to advise her.

In a few days Arlington will appear in court for sentence. Less than ten years he cannot get in view of prior convictions, and the law allows life sentence to be imposed in his case.

NEVER MARRY TWICE SAYS BIGAMIST WOLF

OAKLAND, Sept. 7.—Charles Wolf, the alleged bigamist, who has been meditating over his defense in the County Jail awaiting his trial in the Superior Court, has without solicitation admitted his guilt in black and white in a communication wherein he tells of his readiness now to talk for publication. Following is an excerpt from his manuscript:

Now if the people really knew my condition they would do as I did (but not to marry the second one and get bilked the second time). The reason that I married her was through a tender heart, but it got me where I am today. She told me that she was maltreated by her first husband, and I told her of my experience in the East. We were married and were geeting along very nicely until some one came between us, and then she left me. * * * Now I know I have done wrong and regret it with all my heart, for I must stand the consequences of my wrongdoing. * * * Now these two women have been my downfall thus far, but I'm hoping I shall build myself up again with the help of my Savior.

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KNIGHTS OF HONOR GOING TO LOS GATOS.