ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS.

DEATH SHATTERS BLIND PHILOSOPHER'S HOPES

CECIL HENRY SMITH.

OAKLAND, Sept. 29.—Cecil Henry Smith, the post-graduate student in philosophy at the State University, who died of hemorrhage of the lungs at his lodgings, 2320 Bancroft way, Berkeley, yesterday, was the youngest son of the late G. Frank Smith, formerly one of the foremost attorneys of San Francisco, who was prominently identified in the famous Hopkins and Colton cases. He was a native of San Francisco, aged 27 years, and although deprived of his sight at the age of 8 years by sickness, made almost phenomenal advances along educational lines.

Indeed, his great struggle for educational attainments, though backed by a marvelously bright intellect, proved too much for his weak body. Back in 1890 he graduated at the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb and Blind. Then he entered the university at Berkeley, but the climate necessitated a change of location, and he went to Stanford, where he graduated in 1896. Cognizant of the inheritance of a marvelous mind left him by his father, and determined to follow in the latter's footsteps, Cecil next entered Harvard to pursue a course in law, but again the climate frustrated his plans, when he decided upon a new course, returning to Berkeley, there to make philosophy the major object of his life. While a student there he had a reader regularly employed, and being possessed of a remarkable memory he retained ideas readily. He was a ready speaker and once took part in an intercollegiate debate.

On last Tuesday he attended his classes, Wednesday he fell ill and yesterday the end came suddenly. To-morrow afternoon the funeral will take place from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Leroy Harvey, 1128 Filbert street, this city.

Deceased was a brother also of Mrs. Charlemagne Tower, wife of the Embassador to Russia, and of Mrs. Robert Pratt of Alameda, Mrs. Frederick Garrick of New York and Percy and Herbert Smith of Central America.

MARRIAGE CEREMONY IN A SHOESTORE

OAKLAND, Sept. 29.—Robert L. Bourke and Miss Carrie Isaacs, both aged 21 years and residing in San Francisco, demonstrated to-day the truth of that adage "where there's love there is a way," besides the fact that the nuptial knot can be tied just as securely in a place where boots and shoes are fitted as before a church altar or in a parlor of the bride's parents or on a tugboat skipping out on the high seas. The couple called with Miss Isaacs' mother this afternoon at County Clerk Jordan's office and secured a marriage license. Then they hastened out and sought Professor Van de Mark, a Deputy County Assessor, who is also a regularly licensed minister. It was 5 o'clock and the professor had knocked off work for the day, but he was sighted and prevailed upon to officiate. The parties hastened to Louis Jurgen's shoestore on Broadway, near Eighth street, where the knot was tied, Mr. Jurgens and Jerry Cope acting as witnesses.

Marriage licenses were also issued to the following: William James Hanna, aged 22 years, and Annie Joyce, aged 22 years; Harry Archibald Graham, 23 years, and Florence May Laswell, 23 years, all of San Francisco.

FELL THREE STORIES IN AN OLD ELEVATOR

OAKLAND, Sept. 29.—Frank Everett, elevator man at the Pacific Press building, at Twelfth and Castro streets, fell with his elevator a distance of three stories to-day and escaped with only a few painful bruises. While a new hydraulic elevator was being put in Everett made temporary use of the small freight elevator in the court at the rear of the building. He had run up to the top floor, when in some manner the cable became detached, letting the elevator swiftly descend with him. With almost a death grip, Everett clung to the rope, and thus slipped to the ground floor, where he received his bruises as the car bumped on the bottom. His hands were pretty badly burned from his grip on the rope.

WORKMEN ARRANGING THREE DAYS' PROGRAMME

OAKLAND, Sept. 29.—Sycamore Lodge, A. O. U. W., of Haywards is making elaborate arrangements for a three days' programme, to include a reception, banquet and rallies, to be held beginning with October 10, the occasion being the entertainment of the Extension Committee Association of Alameda County, the Past Master Workmen Association of San Francisco and the Degree of Honor lodges of this county. Native Sons' Hall at Haywards has been secured for the purpose, and accommodations for 300 guests are being arranged.

Athearn Comes Out.

BERKELEY, Sept. 29.—Another star football player has been added to the men who are candidates for this year's Varsity team at the University of California. This afternoon Athearn, the man who played center for the Blue and Gold last year, consented to take the field again. Athearn's decision is giving much satisfaction to the Berkeley men. Through pressure of college work he has been unable to go on the gridiron this term, but through the persuasion of Cochran and Football Manager Muma the big veteran has agreed to don his padded football suit for the rest of the season. He will come out for the first time at the regular football practice Monday afternoon.

More Policemen for Oakland.

OAKLAND, Sept. 29.—By virtue of an order issued this evening by Chief of Police Hodgkins, the city's regular police force of sixty-one men will be practically increased to seventy-four on October 1.

ARRESTED AS INSANE, DIED OF PNEUMONIA

OAKLAND, Sept. 29.—John Scanlan, a laborer, who was brought from North Temescal to the Receiving Hospital as an insane subject last Monday, died at the hospital this afternoon from pneumonia. Scanlan had been employed at work for the Spring Valley Water Company in Niles Canyon, and over a week ago wandered away to Temescal, where he was arrested, supposedly as an insane wanderer. Dr. Stratton diagnosed his case as double pneumonia as soon as he was placed in the insane ward, and, together with Keeper Page and the other hospital physicians, did all in his power to bring him through, but the patient had been sinking rapidly yesterday and to-day. Mrs. J. J. Sullivan of San Francisco is a sister of deceased and attended his bedside when he breathed his last. Scanlan was aged 37 years and was born in Ireland, where he has a well-to-do father still living, but his son's demise, declares Mrs. Sullivan, may kill him.

FRED CLEAVES GUILTY.

The Jury Convicts Him of Assault Upon His Aged Father-in-Law.

ALAMEDA, Sept. 29.—Fred Cleaves, who was charged with having struck his aged father-in-law, Rev. George Morris, was tried before City Recorder St. Sure and a jury to-day and found guilty. Cleaves will appear for sentence next Wednesday morning, when a motion for a new trial will be made by his attorney.

Rev. Mr. Morris, who is almost totally blind, told on the stand the story of how Cleaves had attacked him in his own house at the West End and struck him in a most cowardly manner, and how he left the house laughing over what he seemed to consider a huge joke for having beaten a defenseless old man. In answer to a question from Cleaves' attorney Mr. Morris said that he did not exactly love his son-in-law, neither did he harbor any ill will against him.

"I found from investigation," said the witness, "that Mr. Cleaves had deceived my daughter in various ways. He had failed to support her and her children, and under such circumstances I cannot say that I love him."

Rev. Mr. Morris further testified that Cleaves told him last October that he had a position in the quartermaster's department in the United States army that paid him $1600 a year, with a "chance to make as much more." Cleaves' evidence was somewhat contradictory, and while he denied point blank having struck his father-in-law, the jury evidently did not believe his story, for after a few moments' deliberation the jury found the former leader of the Boys' Brigade guilty as charged.

Mrs. Morris corroborated her husband's story and Miss Cleaves appeared as a witness for her brother. Deputy District Attorney Melvin addressed the jury. Cleaves' attorney submitted the case without argument.

DR. O. D. HAMLIN HONORED.

OAKLAND, Sept. 29.—The directors of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institute at Berkeley elected Dr. O. D. Hamlin of Oakland to succeed Dr. B. P. Wall of Berkeley, who has held the office of physician for some years. It is not unlikely that Dr. Wall may contest the legality of the board's action. Dr. Hamlin is among the younger members of the medical profession, and was born in Alameda County in 1870. His college course was taken up at Santa Clara, where he graduated with honors in 1889. He entered the Cooper Institute in San Francisco, graduating with honors in 1894, and returned to the city of his birth, where he began practicing.

After being identified for a brief period with the Order of Elks he was elevated to the position of exalted ruler of the Oakland lodge last March. He enjoys the distinction of being the youngest man ever elected to fill such a high position in that body.

CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH SOUTH

Baptists Are to Hold a Convention.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 908 Broadway, Sept. 29.

The Southern Methodist Conference will be held in Asbury Church, this city, next week. On Tuesday evening the introductory sermon will be delivered by Rev. J. J. Kenney, presiding elder of the San Joaquin district.

The conference will convene on Wednesday morning, the business session being preceded by devotional services conducted by Bishop W. W. Duncan, who will preside over the conference.

The business sessions will as usual be held in the mornings, while the evenings will be devoted to rallies in the interests of missions, education, Sunday schools, etc. Wednesday afternoon will be given to the ladies for a meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and Thursday afternoon the Woman's Home Mission Society will hold its annual meeting.

All the services will be open to the public, and the conference is expected to close by Monday, October 9, the last feature being the reading of the appointments of preachers to their fields of labor for another year.

Bishop Duncan, who has been in the State a week or more, is expected to arrive here on next Tuesday morning and will register at the Metropole. He will be accompanied by Rev. Dr. Whisuer of Louisville, church extension secretary, and judging from the many inquiries for accommodations the conference will be attended by a larger number of visitors than at any previous session.

Beginning with next Tuesday afternoon the nineteenth annual session of the Central Baptist Association of California will be held in the Golden Gate Baptist Church. The opening afternoon will begin with devotionals, appointment of committees and reading of letters. Pastor S. C. Keetch will deliver the address of welcome, Moderator L. W. Elliott responding. Then will follow reports of committees, election of officers, etc. In the evening Rev. W. C. Jenkins will preach the annual sermon.

Wednesday morning will be occupied with devotion, reports and addresses by Rev. J. M. Helsley and Rev. C. M. Hill. In the afternoon the particular feature will be the meeting of the Baptist Home Missionary Society. Dr. E. A. Woods will deliver a doctrinal sermon in the evening. The conference will conclude its labors Thursday afternoon.

FARMER DONLON OF DUBLIN FOUND DEAD

OAKLAND, Sept. 29.—Thomas Donlon, a well-to-do farmer, who has resided near Dublin, this county, for the past twenty years, was found dead in his barnyard this morning. The discovery was made by one of his sons. Death is attributed to heart disease. Deceased was a native of Ireland, aged 67 years. He owned two ranches of about 320 acres and leaves six grown children. His wife died a few years ago.

In the Divorce Court.

OAKLAND, Sept. 29.—Judge Ogden to-day granted Amy Falconer a divorce from John Henry Falconer on the ground of extreme cruelty.

The divorce suit of M. Buckstein against Sarah Buckstein, brought on the ground of desertion, has been referred to Commissioner Babcock, owing to default of defendant to appear or answer. The couple were married in Warsaw, Poland, in 1885.

ELECTRICAL ENTERPRISES.

Large Schemes to Develop the Rich Resources of the Interior of This State.

Large electrical enterprises are about to come into existence in this State. Many smaller ones are engaging the attention of capitalists. One prominent electrical supply house in this city is authority for the information that not one day passes in which an electrical motor is not sold for use in the interior. Many of these are of small power, for the use of private irrigators, who find it feasible to supplant other apparatus with pumps worked by electricity. Power plants of 3000 horsepower are engaging the attention of others, principally large corporations. The Utica gold mine's owners have about finished putting in a plant, with a 3000 horsepower Westinghouse generator, to operate their stamp mill and compressors and to furnish light to Angels Camp and the surrounding country. Eventually they will operate other mines near by with this plant. The cost of the plant was between $90,000 and $100,000, as estimated.

The Butte County Electrical Company, of which Mr. Meysenberg, formerly president of the Siemens-Halske Company, is the president, is concerned in large operations in Butte County. The company has taken up a large water right and will deliver the electric current at Oroville and Chico, with sub-stations, and also to dredgers built for river gold mining. This plant will cost not less than $70,000.

Another large scheme is to be located on the Stanislaus River at Six Mile bar. The work has already begun. The projector is the Stanislaus Water Company, in which Mrs. C. D. Lane, wife of the Utica mine millionaire, and C. D. Tulloch, who owns flouring mills at Oakdale, are concerned. The purpose is to furnish power to the grist mills at Oakdale and other places, and also to the mines and mill of the Royal Consolidated Company at Hodson; also to Lane's Alta mine, on the Wright grant, near Copperopolis.

The Visalia plant has a 3000 horsepower and gets power from streams on Mount Whitney. It has seventy miles of pole lines and delivers power to Visalia, Porterville, Tulare and Hanford. By the aid of this plant the foothills are irrigated and have been turned into a fine fruit country.

The electricians in this city see a bright future for the State. They say that there is water enough for irrigation if it is properly conserved for, and that it can be largely used also for power without interfering with its use on the land.

The Porterville Light and Power Company has purchased the plant of the Porterville Electric Light Works.

Contracts have been made, according to reports, by the San Bernardino Electric Company with the Santa Fe railroad providing for the operation of such machinery belonging to the road at the San Bernardino shops as can be worked with electricity.

NEW CALIFORNIA THEATER.

Inspection of the Playhouse, Which Has Been Entirely Refitted.

The new California Theater was thrown open last night for inspection. The interior has been transformed. In place of the heavy dark Moorish coloring the auditorium is now decorated in white and gold. New fixtures of polished brass studded with incandescent lights lend additional brightness to the playhouse, which is now the handsomest in the city.

The improvements have not been confined to the decorations or the disposition of incandescent lights, which make a most brilliant interior. The seats have been rearranged and the upholstering and the trimmings of the boxes are entirely new. The stage has been refitted, the dressing rooms renovated and the reception rooms refurnished.

At the reception last evening the orchestra furnished music for the guests and a punch bowl in the reception room supplied the refreshments. The theater will open on Monday evening with Kendrick's "A Yenuine Yentleman."

St. Ignatius Services.

Devotions in honor of the Feast of the Holy Rosary will begin in St. Ignatius Church this evening. Benediction will follow the rosary devotions before the blessed sacrament. Rev. Father Berchard, S. J., will preach at the 10:30 o'clock mass to-morrow. In the evening Rev. Father Sasia, S. J., will deliver the discourse.

FAVORABLE DAY FOR LUCY HITE

Signatures on Hotel Register Identified.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

MARIPOSA, Sept. 29.—This was a red-letter day for Lucy Hite, the Indian woman who is trying to get a share of the millions of John R. Hite. The hotel register was brought in evidence and produced something of a sensation. The inscription, John R. Hite and wife, under date of October 30, 1877, had not been erased, as was supposed, but another portion of the book, containing Hite's individual signature, had been tampered with.

The case opened mildly this morning, each side taking turns and producing testimony for and against Lucy Hite. Then the plaintiff called Sherman Reynolds to the stand and asked him to identify the register of the El Capitan Hotel of Merced. Reynolds swore to finding both signatures in the book of the hotel at Merced. He stated the signature "John R. Hite and wife" was not as legible as when he first saw it. He also said that he had seen Hite's signature under date of January 13, 1878, but that this line is now blank on the register.

Thomas Gibbs was the next witness introduced for the purpose of identifying the signature of John Hite. The inscription was so dim witness said he was only sure that the word Hite was in the defendant's handwriting; the balance he could not see plainly.

Sherman Reynolds was again put on the stand by Foote and put through a drilling that must have made him long for the floor to open and swallow him up. Foote forced him to admit that he had lied against Judge Paterson, whose side he was supposed to be employed on; had deceived him systematically, and that he had accepted $10 and expense money from the plaintiff.

Richard Finn took the stand and swore that by general report Lucy and John R. Hite were man and wife. He was unable, however, to name any particular person who had heard her called Mrs. Hite. The old man's testimony was not considered of any importance. The testimony of a few minor witnesses closed the day's proceedings. The case will be resumed in San Francisco on October 5. Judge Jones allowed $250 for the plaintiff on account of the transfer of the case to San Francisco. This was not to be considered as alimony.

GENERAL EAGAN'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

Rumors Revived That the Commissary General Will Ask to Be Retired From the Army.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—The presence in Washington to-day of Brigadier General Patrick Egan has given rise to a report that he is here in connection with his prospective retirement. Although the President and War Department would be much gratified to receive an application from him to go on the retired list, Secretary Root said to-day that he did not make any such request when he called at the War Department to-day. It is known that mutual friends, upon the suggestion of the President, have been trying to induce General Eagan to retire in order that the way may be opened for the promotion of Colonel Weston, who is now acting commissary general. The President feels that he made a great mistake in mitigating General Eagan's sentence from dismissal to suspension from duty on full pay. Colonel Weston is really suffering the penalty of the sentence, as he is required to perform the duty of commissary general on the pay of colonel, while General Eagan is practically enjoying a leave of absence on full pay.

The President is powerless to direct his retirement without his consent, and up to this time General Eagan has refused to listen to overtures which have been made to him.

SUIT AGAINST THE ESOTERIC FRATERNITY

Manager Williston Wishes to Have It Dissolved and the Property Divided.

AUBURN, Sept. 29.—The Esoteric Fraternity at Applegate, publishers of the Esoteric Magazine and kindred publications, is in trouble. T. A. Williston, manager and one of the trustees, has filed a complaint in the Superior Court asking that a hearing be had, a receiver appointed and the property sold and the proceeds divided pro rata among the members. The complaint also contains sensational charges against President H. E. Butler.

The Esoteric Fraternity was originally organized by Butler in Boston, and in 1891 was transferred to California. The property consists of sixty acres of improved land, a printing establishment and residence buildings. The Esoteric Fraternity claims to be a scientific association with philanthropic principles for working out the best that is within the human heart and soul and giving the results to the world through its publication. One of the strongest principles is celibacy.

FIRE AT HEMET.

Whittier Block Destroyed and Two Men Injured.

RIVERSIDE, Sept. 29.—Word has been received here of a big fire which destroyed the Whittier block in the town of Hemet to-day. The fire was caused by the explosion of gasoline. The fire originated in the drug store of W. J. Prugh. His stock was partly saved, and the furniture of the bank, in the same building, was saved. The block contained a fine opera-house, the Hemet Land Company's office, a butcher shop and the Prugh drug store. There were several lodge rooms in the building also. W. J. Prugh and George Boalich, a clerk, were badly burned. Ed Robertson was crushed between a safe and the wall and was seriously injured. The total loss is not stated. The insurance on the building is $35,000; Prugh's insurance is $1200.

BADGER'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Almost Ran Ashore in the Fog Near Santa Cruz.

SANTA CRUZ, Sept. 29.—The Badger arrived at 9 o'clock this morning with the Naval Reserves, who landed fifteen minutes later. While making for this port, six miles up the coast the Badger came dangerously close to shore owing to a fog, which fortunately lifted in time for the breakers to be seen. She was within 100 yards of the shore at the time.

Mrs. Ryerson's Trial.

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 29.—Mrs. Ryerson, widow of the late Governor Ryerson, who was arrested several months ago at Ensenada charged with hanging a boy to a tree near her residence, has had her preliminary trial, and the evidence has been forwarded to the City of Mexico. As a result of the examination, it is believed that Mrs. Ryerson will soon regain her liberty, as the only damaging testimony against her was the fact that several days prior to the boy's body being found hanging to a tree she was seen beating him. Under the Mexican laws, the evidence to secure a conviction must leave no question of doubt as to the person's guilt.

Murderer Captured.

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 29.—The steamer St. Denis, which arrived this morning from Ensenada, brings the news that Patricio Almadras, the Mexican who murdered Sevelino Rodriguez at El Cajon on Saturday, September 16, is confined in the jail there. Almadras was arrested soon after he crossed the line on a charge for an offense he had committed some two years ago in Lower California. The description of the man incarcerated at Ensenada corresponds exactly with Rodriguez's murderer.

Cattle Diseased.

WOODLAND, Sept. 29.—It is reported that blackleg has appeared among the cattle ranging in the hills that surround Capay Valley. One firm has lost four from a herd of thirty. Losses are reported from other herds. The county officials have been requested to make an investigation.

TRAMP KILLED BY AN OFFICER

Desperate Midnight Battle in Jail.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SANTA ANA, Sept. 29.—A tramp giving the name of Herbert Glover died at the County Jail this morning from wounds inflicted on him by Officer Murray.

Officer Murray was summoned to Orange at midnight by telephone to assist Deputy Sheriff Bush to bring over two hard characters arrested earlier in the evening and placed in a little old wooden jail. Upon the arrival of the officer Bush and Murray went to the jail, and as they opened the door Glover and the other tramp, John Leonard, drew guns on the officers and began firing.

The first shot grazed Bush's forehead, and he fell. Murray pulled a gun and fired once through a crack in the door, then slammed the door shut, holding it against the combined force of both the men. Both men in the jail continued firing through the transom and a side window at Murray, but their aim in the total darkness was bad.

Bush recovered from the shock, jumped to his feet and began discharging his revolver into the jail door, imagining the tramps were breaking through. In all nine shots were fired, when one of the tramps cried enough. He was ordered to pass out his gun, which he did, also the gun of his companion, who was shot through the abdomen. Both men were landed in the County Jail shortly after midnight.

Glover said that his home is in Springfield, Ill., and that his father's name is G. C. Glover and that he has an uncle, L. S. Glover, in San Diego. The other man's name is Leonard, and his home is in Flagstaff, Ariz. Both these men are wanted for a burglary committed at San Bernardino last week.

The Coroner's jury this afternoon exonerated Officer Murray from all blame, finding that he was fully justified in killing Glover.

MRS. SMITH ENTERS SUIT FOR DAMAGES

Charges Robert and Elizabeth Patterson and Others With Having Seriously Injured Her.

SAN RAFAEL, Sept. 29.—Through Attorney W. H. Mahony of Larkspur Mrs. Amanda Smith has brought suit in the Superior Court against Robert and Elizabeth Patterson, Jane Doe Hill and Rodger Cutler for damages in the sum of $5000 for forcibly ejecting her from her house at an unseemly hour and subjecting her person to violence of a severe nature, in addition to forcing upon her the shame and humiliation consequent upon such action. After declaring that the true christian name of Jane Doe Hill is unknown, and asking that it be inserted when learned, the complaint reads as follows:

"That on or about the 21st day of June, 1899, at or about the hour of midnight, and after said plaintiff had entered her bedroom for the purpose of retiring, said defendant and each of them aforesaid, entered said bedroom of said plaintiff without any cause or provocation on the part of said plaintiff, grabbed said plaintiff by the arms and with force and violence threw said plaintiff upon the floor; that while said plaintiff was lying upon said floor said defendants forcibly and violently dragged her, in a semi-nude condition, out of said bedroom and ejected her out of said house; that while said defendants were ejecting said plaintiff from said dwelling as aforesaid, the said defendants beat and struck said plaintiff and pulled and wrenched her arms, body and legs, thereby causing her to become sick, sore and disabled, and compelling her to suffer great bodily pain and injury.

That by reason of said acts of said defendants, as aforesaid, said plaintiff was damaged in the sum of $5000, whereby plaintiff prays judgment against said defendants in the sum of $5000, and for costs of suit.

NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD IN LONDON

Committee of the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance Announces the Selection It Has Made.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—By the committee charged with the selection of the next place of meeting of the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance, it was decided this morning to hold the meeting in London, Eng. No determination was reached, however, as to the time for the meeting, but it will be either four or five years from the present month.

At to-day's session of the alliance the Presbytery of South Africa was admitted to membership. A formal letter of thanks to the President of the United States, expressing grateful appreciation for his reception to the delegates last Wednesday evening, was sent to-day, the bearers of the letter being the president of the alliance, the Rev. Dr. J. Marshall Lang of Scotland, and the Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe of Washington.

HOSKIN INQUEST.

Pendergast Is Exonerated by a Coroner's Jury.

GRASS VALLEY, Sept. 29.—The Coroner's jury in the case of Charles Hoskin late last night brought in the verdict that deceased came to his death through a misadventure in a glove contest. The charge of murder which was placed against James Pendergast as the result of his entering the contest in which Hoskin lost his life has been withdrawn, and he is now free. Pendergast and Hoskin both declared before the contest that this would be their last fight. The unfortunate result has sealed Pendergast's resolution to quit the prize ring.

KILLED BY A TRAIN.

A. W. Blumberg Loses His Life at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 29.—A. W. Blumberg, proprietor of the Malilija Hot Springs resort in Ventura County, was struck by a Terminal train while out bicycle riding with his wife last night and died several hours after the accident. He attempted to cross the track in front of the train. The dead man has been a resident of California for twenty-seven years. He leaves a widow and four children.

New Steamship Line.

GUADALAJARA, Mex., Sept. 29.—It is announced here that General Canedo, Governor of the state of Sinaloa, has resigned his office and will remove to San Francisco, where he will become president of a new steamship company that will operate between California and Mexican ports.

Repairs at Whittier.

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 29.—The State Board of Examiners held a special session this morning with the trustees of the State Reform School at Whittier, and the result was that the trustees were allowed to create a deficiency of $15,000 to be expended in putting a new roof on the building.

Robbery at Gilroy.

GILROY, Sept. 29.—The home of S. G. Babb was entered some time during Thursday night and a purse containing $57 taken from a pair of trousers. The thief walked to the bedroom and back to the kitchen, leaving the trousers in the kitchen, and did not disturb any one in the house. There is no clew to the burglar.

Firemen Installed.

GILROY, Sept. 29.—The annual installation of the officers of the Gilroy Fire Department took place last evening, and was followed by a banquet given by the citizens. One hundred citizens and firemen engaged in the affair. Mayor H. R. Chesbro acted as toastmaster, and both Gilroy bands furnished lively music during the evening.

Monument for Farley.

SALINAS, Sept. 29.—The Native Sons of this city have taken in charge the movement to build a monument in honor of Sheriff Farley, who was murdered on September 18. At the last meeting of the Santa Lucia Parlor, N. S. G. W., the matter was discussed and plans perfected to make the proposition a grand success. Every voter in Monterey County and almost every citizen will contribute to this fund.

CROCKER'S GIFT GRACES THE ART INSTITUTE

GEORGE CROCKER'S munificent gift to the Art Association, "The Escape From Pompeii," was installed yesterday in the great gallery, and was much admired by all who were fortunate enough to view the splendid work of the master sculptor. There are three figures in the artistic group, a man, a woman and a child, and the perfect modeling graphically tells the tale of the flight from the doomed city.

The figures are half life size and the proportions exceptionally fine. The whole story breathes life.

The pedestal on which the figures rest stands three and a half feet high, and the story of the destruction of Pompeii is carried out in the bas relief figures. The magnificent piece is modeled of the finest Parian marble, and is the work of the celebrated sculptor, G. M. Benzoni, of the Florence Academy, Italy.

MRS. WALTERS TESTIFIES.

Admits She Wrote the Letter That Brought Cook to Napa.

SUISUN, Sept. 29.—The prosecution in the McKenzie murder trial has nearly completed its long list of witnesses and will probably close its case on Saturday. The principal witness to-day was Mrs. Jesse Walters. Her evidence was evidently disappointing to the prosecution.

Mrs. Walters stated that she had known Cook about five years, having first met him at Oakville, Napa County. Cook at that time was employed as bartender for her husband. She testified as to having written several letters to Cook while he was employed at Walkers Landing under the name of Dorman. She also testified that Cook had written to her about obtaining employment for him in Napa and that she had seen McKenzie regarding the matter. McKenzie informed her he would secure a position for Cook later on. Witness warned McKenzie not to mention the affair to her husband. Witness admitted that some time later she wrote the letter that brought Cook to Napa. She admitted having seen Cook with two pistols. District Attorney Bell showed Mrs. Walters the revolver which was found by the body of Cook, but witness could not recognize it as Cook's property.

WATER FOR POWER.

Notice of Appropriation Filed by R. Clark.

WOODLAND, Sept. 29.—R. Clark, an attorney of this city, has filed a notice of appropriation of one million inches of water, measured under four-inch pressure, at the Seely mill site on Putah Creek, three and a half miles above Winters.

The claim is made for the purpose of power to propel machinery for the generation and distribution of electricity. The water is not to be diverted from the bed of the creek, but a restraining dam, to cost $10,000, will be built. Mr. Clark says the site is an excellent one and that he can obtain power enough to supply the Sacramento Valley.

BLAZE IN OREGON.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Sept. 29.—The most destructive fire in the history of Grants Pass began at 12:30 to-day in the Palace Hotel, a two-story frame building.

Inside of an hour and a half sixteen business houses and eight warehouses and smaller buildings had been destroyed. The origin of the fire is not known, but is supposed to have been a defective flue. The total loss is about $75,000. The insurance is $20,000.

Mrs. Chatham Testifies.

REDWOOD CITY, Sept. 29.—During the afternoon session in the Mills estate trial case Judge Buck ruled that the testimony of Mrs. Chatham was proper and admissible as evidence. She was again called to the witness stand and subjected to a searching cross-examination by Attorney Richards, who probed mercilessly into her career and laid bare every detail of her life from the time of her meeting with Robert Mills down to the day of his death. She said her husband knew of her relations with Mills because she had told him of them in 1862, and he was aware that he was not the father of Robert and Maria Chatham.

Pensions Granted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 29.—Pensions were granted to-day as follows:

California: Original—Nathaniel S. Wentworth, San Francisco, $6; Michael McQuade, San Francisco, $6. Increase—Rudolph Blezi, Veterans' Home, Napa, $6 to $8; Leonard C. Beckwith, Hydesville, $6 to $8; Josiah Countryman, Corona, $6 to $8.

Oregon: Original—Lewis Wentz, Albany, $6; Nathaniel Shonkweiler, Oregon City, $8.

Washington: Original—John Wheerret, Tenino, $6. Increase—William H. Snow, Chelan Falls, $6 to $8.

Rio in Port.

PORTLAND, Sept. 29.—The United States transport Rio de Janeiro arrived this evening from San Francisco, and it is understood she will sail next Tuesday for Manila with two battalions of the Thirty-fifth Infantry. The steamship Lennox was turned over to the United States Government to-day. The Lennox will carry a cargo of mules and supplies for the army in the Philippines.

Accidentally Shot.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 29.—Mrs. Ealses was accidentally shot and slightly wounded this afternoon in taking a revolver from her brother, W. E. Buck, who was trying to kill himself. Buck said that he did not want to live after his mother died, and in a fit of despondency tried to kill himself. Mrs. Ealses received a painful but not dangerous wound in the right thigh.

AT THE FAIR.

There is but one more week of the Mechanics' Fair, and the management is busy arranging for extra attractions. Last night's extra programme consisted of a vaudeville show, in which Gibson and Worrell, Musical Fletcher, Miss Pearl Hickman, Etta Aronson and Harry Mangels participated. A grand cakewalk has been arranged for to-night, in which fourteen couples will take part. Paul and Rosie Williams, Everett Brown and Miss Beatty and Williams and Kelly are among the stars.

The amateur billiard tournament has created considerable interest, and the championship games will be played to-night. This afternoon there will be a number of fancy dress dances, executed by children from different dancing schools of the city. Amusement Manager Buckley announces that he has babies galore for exhibition at the baby show next Monday afternoon and that babies representing all nations will compete for prizes.

Celebration at St. Francis.

The solemnity of the rosary will be observed to-morrow at St. Francis Church, Vallejo street. The rosary indulgence is attached to this church, as it was in charge of the Dominican Fathers for years, and it is announced that all who visit the church to-morrow and comply with the other conditions can gain the celebrated indulgence.

The sermon at vespers will be preached by Rev. Father Lagan, rector of the Sacred Heart Church, and after the sermon there will be a procession of the various sodalities of the parish through the aisles of the church. The church has been lately rewired and it will be brilliantly illuminated to-morrow evening.

Feast of the Rosary.

The feast of the Holy Rosary will be celebrated at St. Dominic's Church to-morrow. The characteristic ceremony of the day, the blessing and distribution of roses, will take place before the intonation of the solemn high mass at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. Leo Heagen will preach the sermon. When the mass is concluded the sodalities and societies connected with St. Dominic's Church, together with the parishioners, will take part in the rosary procession. A new mass composed for the occasion will be sung by fifty professionals from the Tivoli grand opera company. At the evening service, beginning at 7:30, there will be special music, a sermon and the recitation of the rosary.

Meeting of College Women.

The Association of Collegiate Alumnae, an organization composed of the women graduates of the more important universities and colleges, will hold its annual meeting on Saturday at 2 o'clock at Sorosis Hall, 1620 California street. After the reports of the retiring officers and the election, tea will be served at 4 o'clock.

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