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PROJECT FOR BOND ISSUE IS LAUNCHED

Committee of Hundred Organized.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

Other Officers Elected and Arrangements Made to Push the Work With a Vigor That Insures Success.

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The Committee of One Hundred, which has undertaken the task of shaping the proposed bond issue and placing it before the people in such form as will command attention and enlist the hearty support of the community, held an enthusiastic and largely attended meeting in the rooms of the Board of Trade to-night for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization.

The committee is composed of representative citizens of Oakland, and their selection was largely the work of Senator F. S. Stratton and a few other gentlemen who met last week to make the final arrangements for launching the big project. The full membership is as follows:

Dr. F. L. Adams, Charles R. Allen, Edson F. Adams, S. T. Alexander, P. W. Bellingall, T. L. Barker, E. E. Brangs, Ira Bishop, Gus Bergtold, I. I. Boas, Fred L. Button, Dr. F. S. Bodle, F. E. Bowles, C. S. Bosch, R. M. Braitre, John A. Britton, John L. Bromley, R. G. Brown, J. C. Bullock, A. W. Burrell, P. J. Brophy, F. E. Brigham, W. S. Baxter, F. L. Brown, Charles Boh, Rev. C. R. Brown, G. E. Brinckerhoff, A. H. Babcock, Rev. R. F. Coyle, R. P. Crist, A. B. Carman, N. Collins, R. H. Chamberlain, W. P. Courtney, C. A. Chichester, D. Edward Collins, George H. Collins, T. C. Coogan, W. H. Chickering, Thomas Crellin, Donald Y. Campbell, William R. Davis, Thomas Deasey, W. C. B. de Fremery, Rev. E. R. Dille, M. M. Dunn, Guy C. Earl, Rev. E. R. Edwards, Charles Elsey, Henry Evers, Dr. J. Fearn, W. H. Friend, Dr. N. K. Foster, G. E. Fairchild, G. W. Fisher, R. M. Fitzgerald, Giles H. Gray, W. W. Garthwait, Theodore Gier, Dr. C. L. Goddard, Edwin Goodall, H. P. Gordon, John R. Glascock, Rev. C. H. Hebert, S. P. Hall, Hugh Hamilton, J. M. Haven, Dr. E. E. Lukens, Richard Lyman, F. A. Heron, Cary Howard, John L. Howard, C. D. Haven, G. E. Hawley, E. M. Hall, Dr. T. W. Hall, John P. Irish, John D. Isaacs, L. D. Inskeep, J. A. Johnston, C. H. King, Sol Kahn, H. Kower, M. J. Keller, H. G. Kendall, C. W. Kellogg, F. I. Kendall, W. P. Lemon, F. A. Leach, S. F. Lukens, Richard Lyman, F. W. Leavitt, G. P. Larrabee, A. S. Macdonald, A. Merle, R. J. Montgomery, S. B. McLenegan, Rev. J. B. McNally, Walter Meese, Rev. J. K. McLean, A. A. Moore, Major J. B. Mhoon, Calvert Meade, Rev. Thomas McSweeney, James Moffitt, W. C. Miles, William Moller, Albert Miller, George P. Merrow, W. J. Mathews, H. S. McKillican, James Miller, A. H. McDonald, F. P. McFeeley, J. W. Nelson, H. H. North, F. B. Ogden, F. S. Osgood, W. L. Oliver, Warren Olney, T. E. Pope, C. E. Palmer, Thomas Prather, George C. Pardee, J. W. Phillips, W. F. Pierce, G. W. Percy, H. A. Powell, A. J. Reed, W. I. Reed, W. H. Quinn, C. H. Redington, Rev. M. N. Ray, P. M. Remillard, J. B. Richardson, George Roeth, William Rutherford, George W. Reed, W. A. Rouse, Isaac Requa, H. M. Sanborn, Herbert Swift, J. W. Scott, A. Schilling, W. P. Slattery, F. M. Smith, F. S. Stratton, J. K. Smallman, J. H. Simpson, Louis Tesheira, H. C. Taft, J. P. Taylor, H. C. Trowbridge, Mark Thomas, John Trotter, Wm. Thorner, Joseph Thil, F. J. von Adelsen Sels, J. J. Valentine, E. M. Walsh, George H. Wheaton, W. H. Watkins, Dr. P. L. Wheeler, W. Y. Witcher, A. L. White, J. S. Wixon, R. Watt, William Walsh, E. C. Williams, Alexander Young, John Yule, R. D. Yelland.

Senator Stratton called the meeting to order and made a graceful little speech in which he said that this movement represented the dawning of Oakland's prosperity, and he regretted that the extra session of the Legislature would take him away from active work for the bonds. He then proposed that a complete organization be effected at once, and a set of by-laws was adopted providing for officers, sub-committees and regular dues. Two-thirds of the members of the committee were present, and the absentees sent letters of regret. Warren Olney was chosen chairman without a dissenting voice, and he made a short address.

"Senator Stratton has well said that this is the dawning of Oakland's prosperity," said Mr. Olney. "This is the most important move that has been made for the city since its organization fifty years ago. We must go about this with a determination to work and to accomplish something. We can hope for but little from political moves and from political bodies, but such a move as this can command success if we will bend our energies to work. Now is the time to do something for Oakland."

The other officers were then elected as follows: First vice president, John A. Britton; second vice president, J. S. Wixon; third vice president, A. Schilling; secretary, H. F. Gordon; treasurer, D. Edward Collins.

The by-laws provide for an executive committee of seven, one from each ward, which Chairman Olney asked a few days' time to select. John A. Britton suggested that it was best to get right down to work, and he moved that a sub-committee of five be named to take in hand each proposed bond question, gather data upon it, and finally present a report to the general body of what they deemed best for submission to the people.

On motion of Captain Goodall, the sub-committee was reduced to three members, and Chairman Olney asked time in which to report these names.

The meeting closed with speeches by Giles H. Gray, J. M. Haven, Captain Goodall, John A. Britton, J. S. Wixon, R. H. Chamberlain, Sol Kahn and others.

OAKLANDERS IN FULL SYMPATHY WITH THE BOERS

Big Mass-Meeting at Germania Hall.

SPEAKERS LOUDLY CHEERED

Resolutions Adopted Denouncing the War in the Transvaal and Repudiating Suggestions of Friendship for England.

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Germania Hall was filled to overflowing to-night at the meeting called to express sympathy for the Boers. The audience was enthusiastic to the last degree and Transvaal flags and Oom Paul buttons were seen everywhere.

Burdette Cornell called the meeting to order and Miss Sannie Kruger, a niece of Oom Paul, sang a Boer anthem. Mr. Cornell then introduced Mayor R. W. Snow as the chairman of the evening. Mr. Snow said in part:

Under the Stars and Stripes we are wont to meet together whenever we choose to discuss our own affairs. A little republic in South Africa is likely to be wiped from the map, absorbed by the greed of a powerful monarchy. The relationship is close. We make it our affair and meet together to discuss it. It is undoubtedly the purpose of God that all the world shall ultimately teem with men. It is also decreed—I care not whether you admit that a Supreme Being has decreed it or not—it is decreed by the better man himself, the man whom you respect above all others among your fellows, that men shall love one another. Acknowledgment of the rights of men is love. There is no part of love in injustice. When men are unjust you are offended. If the right is given to you to make the laws you strip the offender of his power. Men of peace teach us to meet injustice with prayer and petition; others bid us to meet it by a call to arms. Our fathers taught us to do both, and I marvel at the forgetfulness and temerity of England, that she dare at this hour to renew the contest with a fighting man who also prays.

They say that the Afrikander never moved with the centuries; that the greedy nineteenth-century Englishman has discovered him in the seventeenth. This may be in a sense true. Instead of the feverish anxiety to grow rich quickly he finds a man delighting in his isolation, loving his bare, wide veldt where his rifle is also his shepherd's crook. The Uitlander would fain make him rich against his will; insists upon the adoption of a new regime—his regime. A vigorous writer under this regime says that the Uitlander's Johannesburg "stinks of money."

The land of the Transvaal was discovered to be rich in gold—gold for another 100 years at the rate of $130,000,000 a year—and also rich in coal and iron. Then the Jameson raid, for which England said: "I am not responsible"; then the petition of March of last year by 21,000 Uitlander money-getters, asking that the Queen of England require a republic to admit as citizens an outnumbering horde.

Rev. Benjamin Fay Mills, pastor of the First Unitarian Church, was the next speaker. He was frequently cheered and said in part:

I sympathize with the Boers, but not because I believe that Great Britain is all wrong. I recognize the noble character and achievements of the British people. I do not think that her leading statesmen have been sitting up nights for years planning bloodthirsty attacks upon the liberties of weaker nations. But in an evil hour, her worst enemies are in power, and the true England is misrepresented by her false leaders.

Neither do I sympathize with the Boers because I think that they are all right. I do not doubt that they have their faults and that in many ways they have been unprogressive and out of harmony with the spirit of the age. In this contest my sympathies are with the Afrikanders who stand representing the fundamental principle of human liberty.

England has clearly been the aggressor. The United States has as much right to dictate law in the Klondike or in Mexico, which are being developed by American capital, as Great Britain has in the Transvaal.

Does the intolerant, bloodthirsty, military spirit truly represent England? Is a selfish, greedy, grasping, ambitious, monocled survivor of aristocratic tyranny—is he England? Do not believe it. Great Britain contains people good, bad and indifferent, but the truly Great Britain is as much above the Rhodeses and Chamberlains as the real America is superior to her plutocrats and politicians.

Do you know that Herbert Spencer, John Morley, Edward Caird, George Meredith, Frederick Harrison and 50,000 of the best men in England signed a ringing protest against the war? Do you know that the congregation of the most popular preacher in London hooted him the other day because he tried to justify this conflict? Have you heard from "Good old Ireland and how does she stand?"

Joaquin Miller made a stirring address, concluding with a recitation of a poem to the Boers. Albert Curlin, Stephen Nye and Judge M. Cooney of San Francisco made short addresses, and resolutions were adopted extending the warmest sympathy of the citizens of Oakland to the Boers, condemning the Government of Great Britain, the hereditary foe of liberty and the oppressor of small nations, and repudiating the assertions of friendship for England made by pretended representatives of this free republic. In conclusion the resolutions declare that the South African republics are but upholding the truest principles of lofty patriotism of this country, which claims for itself "the right in its own territory, in its own time and in its own way to work out its own destiny, free from all interference from alien races."

PRETTY BASKET-BALL PLAYERS WILL DO BATTLE IN STOCKTON

ATHLETIC GIRLS OF ALAMEDA HIGH SCHOOL.

ALAMEDA, Jan. 25.—The Alameda High School team has accepted a challenge from the Stockton High School nine to play a return match at basket ball. The game will be played at Stockton, February 24.

The first match between these teams, played in December, ended in a tie, the score being 0 to 0. Now both nines are anxious for another game that the supremacy may be decided. Interest in the coming match is already great. Partisans of the home team will journey to Stockton to cheer them on to what they think will be certain victory. A large number will leave with the team Friday evening by steamer for Stockton. The return will be made Sunday.

The personnel and positions of the Alameda High School team are: L. Ray Jacobs, touch center; Vida McKean, right center; Clara Houston, left center; Kathleen Lenihan, Lima Schider and Eva Roesch, home goals; Ruth Hebard, Dorothy Bowen and Daisy Agar, guards; Bertha Crawford, Marjory Lynch, Nellie Jamieson, Grace Bruckman, substitutes. Vida McKean is captain and Zona Leonard is manager.

A game with the "Cardinals" of the San Francisco Y. W. C. A. will be played March 4.

ESLABE SAYS HE WILL DIE LIKE A MAN

He Will Be Executed on April 23.

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Before the sun sets on April 23 next Joaquin Eslabe will have expiated his crime on the gallows at San Quentin. Judge Ogden for the second time pronounced the death sentence on the murderer of Charles Gates to-day, and before noon Deputy Sheriff Taylor was on his way to the penitentiary with the condemned man.

Eslabe murdered Gates, who was a cripple, in the latter's tamale parlors, in a basement at Thirteenth street and Broadway, early in 1898, with a piece of gas pipe, beating his victim's brains out. On May 24, 1898, a jury convicted him of murder in the first degree and two weeks later Judge Ogden pronounced the death penalty; but the case was appealed and execution stayed. A few days ago a remittitur from the Supreme Court announced the affirmation of the judgment of the Superior Court.

When Eslabe appeared before Judge Ogden this morning, accompanied by Attorney W. B. White, his face wore a deathly pallor. When the court asked whether he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced, Eslabe stammered: "No, I have nothing to say. My attorney might speak." But Attorney White was silent, and the court ordered Eslabe to be taken by the Sheriff to the Warden at San Quentin and by the latter "hanged by the neck until dead," the execution to take place between 10 a. m. and 5 p. m. on April 23.

While awaiting preparations for his immediate removal to San Quentin, Eslabe declared, with sickly bravado, that he "knew he would be cinched from the start."

"But I am not afraid to die," he continued; "I will face the gallows like a man. I know my last chance is gone, but I'll be ready. They have treated me cruelly, not even allowing my mother to see me, and all my letters to her were stopped."

Referring to the attempted jail delivery several months ago, in which he, W. A. Brandes and others were implicated, Eslabe exclaimed: "They talk about me being hard, but I'll tell you that Brandes is a bad one, and my heart is not half as black as his, for I was not wholly responsible for what I did."

RACCONI BREAKS HIS ARM ON WOODS' HEAD

Fights Three Rounds After Receiving the Injury, But Is Finally Forced to Quit.

OAKLAND, Jan. 25.—Pete Racconi of the Olympic Club broke his left arm in his go with Billy Woods before the Reliance Athletic Club to-night. The men were engaged in a 10-round boxing match. In the second round Racconi landed a peculiar blow with his left on the side of Woods' head, when one of the bones near his left wrist snapped.

Painful as the injury must have been, Racconi continued for three more rounds when he was compelled to make known the fact of his mishap. The decision was awarded to Woods.

In the other two ten-round contests Jockey Maynard of Oakland was given the decision over Billy Murnane of San Francisco, and Ed Smith of Oakland was given the decision over David Barry of San Francisco. Frank Cerini and Jack Kitchen acted as referees. There was a large attendance.

SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY.

The San Francisco section of the Socialist Labor party gave one of its regular weekly lectures on social and economic subjects last evening at the Academy of Sciences Hall, Market street. There was a large audience, and much interest was manifested. The principal speaker was James Andrews of Berkeley, whose subject was "Environment." He handled his argument in a manner that gave evidence of considerable study, and the points he made in favor of the socialist doctrines were thoroughly appreciated by the audience.

C. H. King Sr. presided over the meeting. Preceding the address by Mr. Andrews there was a reading by C. H. King Jr. and a recitation by Charles Noble.

Fire in the Mission.

An alarm was turned in yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock for a fire which was discovered in the residence of Mrs. Muller, 2596 Howard street. The fire had gained considerable headway before the department apparatus arrived on the scene and the building, which is a three-story structure, was considerably damaged by the flames and water. The furniture, carpets and ornaments were also damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars. The loss was covered by insurance.

THREE SUSPECTS ARE CHARGED ON THEIR RECORDS

More Hold-Ups Reported to Police.

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The three suspects, Charles E. McCoy, W. J. Downing and Fred Dannaker, who have been in the Oakland City Prison for some weeks awaiting an examination of their records, will be charged with attempted burglary. Prior convictions will be placed against McCoy and Downing. These two have been repeatedly convicted of crimes and have served terms in the prisons of this State and of Montana for burglary and robbery. Their records have been secured in full. There is no direct testimony against them, but Chief of Police Hodgkins claims to have strong cases of circumstantial evidence, and will depend upon the records of the men to help him out with a conviction.

John Nelson reported to-day at the police station that he was held up by two masked footpads on San Pablo avenue, in Golden Gate. He had no money with him.

Raymond F. Hoagland, a driver for Fisher's bakery, reported that he was held up yesterday morning at the corner of Eleventh and Madison streets as he was starting out on an early delivery. The footpads were masked. They secured all the money Hoagland had with him.

WILL CARRY FREIGHT AND ALSO PASSENGERS

OAKLAND, Jan. 25.—The John L. Davie Transportation Company to-day filed articles of incorporation in the County Clerk's office. The company is organized for the purpose of engaging in the transportation of passengers and freight by boats and ferries in the waters of the bays of San Francisco, San Pablo and Suisun and the rivers tributary. The capital stock is stated at $50,000, of which John L. Davie has subscribed $9980, the other directors each subscribing $5, as follows: J. M. Bassett, A. B. Dorrell, B. C. Robertson and W. H. Rousell.

COMPLICATIONS ARISE OVER A CITIZENSHIP

New Phase of Bridge Controversy.

R. PERCY WRIGHT'S INTENTION

He Brings Suit as an Alien and Is Practicing as an Attorney in the State Courts.

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The citizenship of an attorney has entered into the controversy that is now being waged in the courts over the Webster street drawbridge. A few days ago R. Percy Wright, an attorney of San Francisco, acting as a foreign plaintiff, brought suit in the United States Circuit Court to restrain the Alameda County Board of Supervisors from paying Cotton Brothers the $32,000 yet due on the contract for the building of that bridge. Now an investigation is being made into the relationship which Mr. Wright bears to this country in order to see whether he can maintain an action in the United States courts. The result of these investigations to date show a somewhat tangled condition of affairs with regard to Mr. Wright's citizenship. Mr. Wright is an Englishman by birth, but has been a resident of California for a number of years.

About a dozen or fifteen years ago the State Legislature passed a law which allowed foreign-born attorneys to practice in the courts of the State as soon as they had declared their intention of becoming citizens of this country. Under this law quite a number of foreign-born attorneys declared their intention of becoming citizens of the United States, and were thereupon admitted to practice in the State courts. Among these was R. Percy Wright, who has been practicing in the courts of California under that authorization for a dozen years or more. But Mr. Wright never did more than to declare his intention of becoming a citizen. Though the years have passed he has never fulfilled his intention, and this is admitted in the suit that he brings in San Francisco over the Alameda County bridge. In order to bring the suit within the jurisdiction of the Federal courts he was compelled to set forth that he was not a citizen of this country.

Now the contest over the bridge has become so bitter that this matter of history will be brought up, and it will be charged by those whom Wright has sued that either he is not entitled to practice in the State courts because of his failure to fulfill his intention and become a citizen or he is not entitled to bring this suit in the Federal courts because he is or should be a citizen.

WATER IS STRUCK NEAR REDWOOD PEAK

OAKLAND, Jan. 25.—The Realty Syndicate has struck a 300,000-gallon flow of water on its land near Redwood Peak. The syndicate has been working since last August to find a good flow of water at such an elevation that it could be piped over its land on the sidehills. During that month a contract was made with Williams Brothers, who have been running a tunnel into the hill ever since. The water was struck at a depth of 400 feet in the hill, and it is now flowing at the rate of 300,000 gallons a day.

Sanborn Granted Nonsuit.

OAKLAND, Jan. 25.—Judge Ellsworth to-day granted a nonsuit in the action of Kimball & Easton against Warren G. Sanborn and others. The suit is one of many relating to certain Berkeley street assessments of two years ago, and the granting of the nonsuit virtually knocks out all of them.

Fruit-Growers to Assemble.

HAYWARDS, Jan. 25.—A meeting of the fruit growers of the vicinity of Haywards, San Leandro and San Lorenzo has been called, to be held at the Town Hall next Saturday afternoon. The purpose of the gathering will be to discuss the advisability of joining the State Growers' Association.

IMPURE WATER BEING SERVED TO OAKLANDERS

Attempt to Smother Reports.

EXCUSE OF MAYOR SNOW

Product of Lake Chabot and the Dingee Wells at Alvarado Are Shown to Be Unfit for Use.

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The quality of water furnished by the Contra Costa Water Company to the citizens of Oakland is not good. This is shown by the analysis of the water made by the city chemist, made by the order of Mayor Snow. Two tests were made—one of the water from Lake Chabot, which shows fermentation, and the other from the Dingee wells at Alvarado, which shows an unusual amount of salt and sediment.

These analyses were made by the retiring city chemist, Mr. Tolman, and were furnished to Mayor Snow, who refused to give them to the public on the ground that such reports would injure the city, and it would be better to remedy the evil without publicity. Councilmen Cuvellier and Girard to-day secured an opinion from City Attorney Dow that these reports were public documents, and armed with this they secured the reports and made them public. The reports show that the water supplied to the city is in a very bad condition.

The sample of water from Lake Chabot was taken from the house of Councilman Cuvellier and is analyzed as follows:

Free ammonia, .138 parts per million; albuminoid ammonia, .238 parts per million; oxygen consumed, 5.70 parts per million; total solids, 11.39 grains per gallon; chlorine, .10 grain per gallon; nitrates, traces; nitrites, slight.

This water presumably came from Lake Chabot and shows a decided change from the same water of last summer and indicates probable fermentation, as indicated by the free ammonia and nitrites and nitrates. The albuminoid ammonia in this is above the limit allowable for drinking water. The turbidity is not much greater than is usual at other seasons. The odor on heating is quite strong and also indicating fermentation. Analysis made by L. M. Tolman.

The water from the Dingee wells was taken from the residence of Councilman Girard, and the report reads:

The water from Mr. Girard's residence was quite different. There was a heavy, coarse sediment, which settled readily on standing. The sanitary analysis was quite different from the others and was evidently not from the same source. There was an excessive amount of common salt in the water, which leads one to think it might have come from the Dingee wells. There was an excessive amount of albuminoid ammonia and if the water comes from the Dingee wells it shows that the water must have been contaminated from some source.

Free ammonia, .045 parts per gallon; albuminoid ammonia, .164 parts per gallon; total solids, 45 grains per gallon; oxygen absorbed, 2.55 parts per gallon; chlorine, 9.35 grains per gallon.

The old water fight of years ago will probably be renewed, and as this is the time when the Council fixes the water rates the fight is likely to be on in full force within a very short period of time.

FRANK L. COOMBS WAS THE GUEST OF HONOR

OAKLAND, Jan. 25.—Frank L. Coombs, grand second vice president of the Native Sons, was banqueted last evening by Brooklyn Parlor, the occasion being his annual official visit. During the evening Mr. Coombs delivered an eloquent address on the growth of the order, predicting that it will continue an important factor in the future affairs of the State, as it had in the past. Toasts were responded to by John J. Nagle, Lloyd P. Larue, R. D. Barton, James B. McKeon and Harry Williams. W. P. Geary read a paper historical of Brooklyn Parlor's work; Don Barr, C. K. Townsend and W. R. George gave vocal solos, and Eugene Colby played several violin selections. Many representatives from brother parlors were present.

How Uncle Sam Watches the Immigrant and Catches the Smuggler.

The Shop Girl: What She Earns and How She Lives.

Co-Ed Life at Stanford University.

What Happened at Ravenscourt. By EDGAR PICKERING.

What It Costs a Prima Donna to Dress.

San Francisco's Foundlings.

As the Japanese See Us: Socially, Politically and Physically.

How a Man Should Conduct Himself When the "Only One" Says "Yes." By TOM P. MORGAN.

In the Sunday Call. JANUARY 28, 1900.

Why I Left the Church. By REV. J. C. MacINNES.

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CHILD'S TERRIBLE DEATH.

Thomas Hoeck Crushed to Death by a San Mateo Electric Car.

Thomas Hoeck, four and a half years of age, was knocked down by a car of the San Mateo Electric Railroad yesterday afternoon on Bryant street, near Seventh, and before the car could be stopped the unfortunate child was dragged to death.

The little boy had crossed the street from the residence of his grandfather, Thomas Laughran, 919 Bryant street, and was about to return when the car bore down on him. The child seemed unmindful of the approaching danger and made no effort to save itself, and though the motorman applied the brakes with all possible speed, the little one was struck by the car and hurled to the ground.

As soon as the car was brought to a stop Conductor Ginity picked the child up and carried it to the sidewalk, where the grandfather, who had come from his home to look for the little one, stood speechless with horror.

William E. Irwin, the motorman, jumped and ran from the scene in all haste, but was soon overtaken by Officer O'Callahan and brought back. Crying and tearing his hair, he declared that he had done his best to prevent the accident. He was taken to the City Prison and charged with manslaughter, but was later released on bail. Mr. Irwin declared he did not see the boy until his car was within ten feet of him; that he made every effort to bring his car to a stop in time to prevent the accident, but it was impossible. He said he had turned off the current before reaching the scene and the car was completely under his control, but the suddenness of the child's appearance in front of the car prevented him from avoiding striking him. He said the car was provided with a fender, but that the child's body was so small that the fender passed over it.

The mother of the child keeps a small confectionery store on Twenty-ninth street and resides with her father at 919 Bryant street. She has been a widow for three years.

A St. Louis woman lost her baby in a department store waste basket while making purchases.

SWALLOWS CARBOLIC ACID.

Louise Bernero Quarrels With Her Husband and Commits Suicide.

Louise Bernero, a young married woman, swallowed the contents of a bottle of carbolic acid yesterday afternoon at her home, 7 Chambers place, a small street off Lombard street, between Powell and Mason, and died in a few minutes in great agony.

According to the reports of the neighbors, Mrs. Bernero had frequent quarrels with her husband, who is a saloonkeep at 19 Hinckley alley, and yesterday at lunch the husband left the house after a loud and angry discussion with his wife. Immediately after Bernero left the house the woman put on her hat and went to the drug store at Stockton and Union streets, and under the pretext of using it for a wash, purchased a bottle of the acid.

During her absence Mrs. Bernero's aunt called at the house and the young woman on her return finding her there walked to the porch and swallowed the deadly drug. The aunt noticing her niece's peculiar actions, asked for an explanation but received an evasive answer, and when she saw the young woman staggering sent for Dr. Bacigalupi, who was soon on hand, but too late to be of service, as Mrs. Bernero died soon after his arrival. Deceased was a handsome woman, 22 years old. She had been married two years and leaves a child 9 months old.

Petty Thieves Caught.

Charles Woodruff, an ex-soldier, who was employed as a waiter in the Cosmopolitan Hotel at Fifth and Mission streets, was arrested last night by Detectives Ryan and O'Dea and booked at the City Prison for petty larceny and carrying a concealed weapon. The prisoner occupied a room in the hotel with four other waiters and one of them, Louis Halstead, charged Woodruff with stealing his revolver. The weapon was found on the prisoner's person. As the owner of the pistol is loth to prosecute, the detectives placed a charge of carrying a concealed weapon against him.

Louis Volmeer, a candymaker, was arrested by the same officers and charged with petty larceny. His offense consisted of a theft of a bicycle.

GRIEF CAUSED INSANITY.

Mrs. O'Malley Loses Her Reason Through Her Husband's Death.

The arrest, pending an examination as an insane person, of Mary O'Malley of 56 Minna street yesterday revealed a case of more than pitiful circumstances. At the request of the neighbors, the woman was taken in charge for fear she might kill herself and her children.

The unfortunate woman is the mother of a family of seven children, the oldest of which is a boy of 13 years, while the youngest is but 9 months old. The boy works for a transfer company and gives all his money to help support the family. The father died last week after a short illness and his widow refused to be comforted. Her sorrow so preyed upon her mind that she completely lost her reason, and on Wednesday night was found wandering about the streets with a lighted lamp in her hand calling for her husband.

The neighbors speak very highly of the unfortunate woman, who, though the mother of a large family, is still quite young, and through their efforts the children were taken care of by the St. Joseph's School and the Youths' Directory.

Conductor Burke Not Guilty.

Tobias Burke, a conductor on the Folsom street electric line, charged with battery upon Mrs. Annie Welsh of 122 Ripley street, was declared not guilty yesterday by Police Judge Cabaniss. Mrs. Welsh was the only witness for the prosecution, while the defendant testified in his own behalf and was supported by the motorman and a passenger, who admitted on the stand that two of his sons were conductors on the Market street railway system.

Dewey Loses a Diamond.

Bert Field, colored, was arrested last night by Officer W. H. Burkholder on a complaint sworn to by Joseph Dewey, charging him with grand larceny. Dewey was drinking in a Mason-street saloon and in a scuffle fell to the floor. Field assisted him to regain his feet and it is alleged that in the effort he slipped a $300 diamond ring off of Dewey's finger. The gem was not found on the prisoner when he was arrested. It is believed that he passed it to a confederate, for whom the police are now searching.

FROM JAIL TO JAIL.

Private in the Regular Army Keeps the Turnkeys Busy.

Elmer Jones, alias Frederick Wilson, a private in the regular army, came out of the County Jail yesterday and then went back again. He had just finished serving ten days for stealing a watch from a friend, Henry Hackmeier, late sergeant in the Fifty-first Ohio Volunteers.

Jones, who had deserted from the army, found the ways of the world hard and unsympathetic until he met Hackmeier a few weeks ago. The latter took him to his home, shared his bed and his food with the soldier, and in return lost a watch, which was pawned for $5. After this Jones enlisted in the army under the name of Wilson, but deserted again prior to his arrest at the instance of Hackmeier.

When he was freed from jail yesterday morning Jones was taken to Fort Mason, where it was discovered that in addition to being a deserter twice over, he had stolen a suit of clothes from a member of the regiment previous to his arrest for the watch theft. Jones is in the County Jail again.

Pilot Benson Sued.

Mrs. Kate Benson has sued her husband, Benjamin C. Benson, for maintenance. Mrs. Benson alleges that on October 1, 1899, her husband refused to provide her with the common necessaries of life, and has since refused, notwithstanding the fact that he is a pilot and earns a monthly salary of $100.

Alide Schneck has sued D. O. Mills to recover $10,000 damages for the death of her husband, who was killed July 28, 1899, in an elevator accident in the Mills building.*

Identified by a Ring.

Mrs. C. S. Gegax of Dunsmuir telegraphed to Coroner Cole last evening that she believed the body of the man recovered from the bay Tuesday to be that of her husband. The story told by the woman is to the effect that her husband left home some days ago, saying he was going to commit suicide. She read a description of the effects found on the body now at the Morgue, and found an account of a ring which tallies with one worn by her husband. She will arrive in San Francisco to-day to claim the corpse.

READY TO MUSTER IN.

Excellent Showing Made by the "Fighting First" After Active Duty.

At the request of Major General John H. Dickinson, commanding division, and Brigadier General R. H. Warfield, commanding Second Brigade, N. G. C., the officers of the First Regiment Infantry, N. G. C., met last evening in the banquet room of the California Hotel to perfect the details that still remain to be attended to before the famous fighting regiment will be ready to assume once more its position in the National Guard.

Considering the demoralization that generally attends the mustering out of a regiment after a year of active campaigning at the front, the First is to be complimented on the showing it has made.

Of the original number of men who left here with the regiment 706 had again reported for duty on the 30th of last November, and so active and conscientious have the company and staff officers been in the performance of their duties that all that now remains for the regiment to do in order to pass muster is to complete the physical examination of a few of the new men and to attend to one or two unimportant formalities. If there was a call for troops to-night the First California Volunteers would be ready to take a transport to-morrow morning as far as its drill and readiness for active service is concerned.

A surgeon will be in attendance at both the regimental and Ellis-street armories on Monday and Tuesday evenings next. By that time everything, it is thought, will have been completed and the end of next week will see the regiment once more in its old place among the defenders of the State.

Struck by an Electric Car.

A horse ridden by Milton Hirschberger, a young man residing at 677 William avenue, was struck by an electric car late yesterday afternoon, and the animal and its rider suffered severe injuries. The collision occurred on Kentucky street, near First avenue. Hirschberger was thrown to the ground and rendered unconscious. He was taken to the office of Dr. McLaughlin and later sent to his home in a patrol wagon.