EIGHT-YEAR-OLD FIREBUG CAUGHT BURNING A BARN

Son of Castro Valley Rancher Develops a Mania for Arson.

Father Traces the Destruction of One of His Large Hay Warehouses to His Mischievous Young Offspring.

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The mystery surrounding the burning of a large hay warehouse on the ranch of J. Brickel at Castro Valley has been cleared by the discovery that the well known farmer has an eight-year-old son who is an incendiary. It was this youthful firebug's act on Tuesday night that caused the destruction of $800 worth of hay and a fine building. Horses and cows stabled near the burning structure were saved with great difficulty.

The farmer was completely at sea to account for the burning. No one had been in the warehouse and there was absolutely no clew to relieve the mind of the rancher, who felt the loss keenly.

The discovery of the culprit was accidentally made this morning by Brickel. He was busy among his stock and was called away to attend to some chores in another barn. As he walked into the big stable he saw a form moving in one of the mangers. Hastening into the stall to ascertain what was there the father found his youthful son in the act of setting fire to a bundle of hay he had carefully wisped and made ready for a blaze in the manger. The boy had a bunch of matches and was evidently enjoying the sport. Brickel managed to stop the youngster in time to save a second barnful of hay and grain from going up in smoke. The boy confessed that he was responsible for the destruction of the other barn. The parents cannot account for the peculiar actions of their boy. They have decided to place him in the hands of physicians to determine whether he is a pyromaniac. The boy is bright and intelligent, but appears to have suddenly developed a strange mania for setting fires. Efforts will be made to restrain him, and a close watch is to be kept upon the little firebug until his condition can be discovered.

TRANS-PACIFIC FARES ARE TO BE RAISED

Sub-Committee of Oriental Traffic Conference Decides Present Rates Are Too Low.

The sub-committee of the Oriental Traffic Conference has determined to raise the trans-Pacific fares. When the conference adjourned last Friday the matter of fares was placed in the hands of a committee, consisting of Robert Kerr (chairman), R. P. Schwerin, Alexander Center, J. S. Van Buren, W. H. Avery, D. E. Brown and R. A. Donaldson.

The committee has advanced the first-class or cabin fare from Hongkong via Pacific Coast ports to London from £57 to £62. A similar advance is to be made by the Suez lines at a meeting their officials are to hold in London next week. The Suez lines are said to have suggested the advance of about $25.

Rates from Oriental ports to Pacific Coast ports have been advanced to the basis of fares from this coast to the Orient. The rate from San Francisco, Seattle and other coast ports to Hongkong and Shanghai has all along been $225 for cabin passage. From Hongkong and Shanghai to this coast it has been $185, but is to be advanced to $225. None of the outgoing fares is to be disturbed and all of the incoming fares are to be raised. From Yokohama to this coast the new rate will be $200. That is the outgoing rate. Similarly the rate from Kobe to all coast ports will be increased to $207 50. The fare from Nagasaki is to be raised to $218.

The steerage rate of $40 from this coast to Hongkong and Shanghai is to be increased. The amount of the increase and the date it will become effective has not yet been settled. The steerage rate from China ports to this coast is to remain at $30 Mexican. From this coast to Yokohama the steerage rate of $35 will not be disturbed. The rate on steerage business from Japan to this coast was fixed at 50 yen or about $25. The committee, however, realizes that the steerage rate from Japan must vary and range below 50 yen so long as the present tide of Japanese immigration to the coast continues.

WELL-KNOWN PHYSICIAN ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT

Dr. D. D. Lustig and Miss Irene Ackerman Surprise Their Many Friends.

The engagement of Dr. D. D. Lustig to Miss Irene Ackerman was announced yesterday to the surprise of all but a few of the intimate friends of both parties.

Miss Ackerman is a young society woman of prepossessing personal appearance, with a charm and grace of manner. She is the cousin of Charles Ackerman, the well-known local attorney. Dr. Lustig is one of the successful young physicians of San Francisco. At present he is a prominent member on the Board of Insane Commissioners and is rated highly in the specialty of nervous cases. Until the last few months, when he forsook the ways of bachelordom, he was an active member of several of the leading clubs.

LADIES OF THE CORONA CLUB AT BREAKFAST

Officers Were Elected After the Menu Had Been Thoroughly Discussed.

The Corona Club gave its annual breakfast yesterday afternoon in the banquet rooms of the Mission Masonic Hall. One hundred and sixty-four guests attended.

After the breakfast an election of officers was held, resulting as follows:

Mrs. Frank Dalton, president; Mrs. A. L. Barry, vice president; Mrs. J. K. C. Hobbs, second vice president; Miss Lizzie Deacon, corresponding secretary; Miss Frances Meeker, recording secretary; Mrs. E. C. Denniston, treasurer; board of directors—Mrs. H. N. Stevens, Mrs. E. S. Robey, Mrs. J. D. Jessup, Mrs. L. A. Boynton and Mrs. W. C. Doane.

Gala Night at Veterans' Home.

The seven hundred war veterans domiciled at the State Home at Yountville crowded into the theater last Saturday evening to be entertained by the Nellie Holbrook-Blinn troubadours, who, under the escort of Mrs. Blinn, went up from the city to gladden the hearts of the old soldiers. The stage was very prettily set and presided over by Commandant Waltz. The entertainment commenced by an overture by the home band under the leadership of Professor Bradley. William Hallett of West's Minstrels sang several songs and was recalled three times. Professor Keane gave some mysterious tricks with cards, money, etc. Oscar Franks, San Francisco's favorite barytone, rendered in good style several ballads, followed by the prince of comic entertainers, Billy Hynes, whose songs, "I Want to Go To-morrow," "The Bigger Family," etc., completely captivated the audience. German and Hebrew specialties were given most artistically by Professor Barnett. Mrs. Blinn gave in her own inimitable style several recitations.

Indictments Declared Invalid.

United States District Judge de Haven yesterday declared defective and invalid the indictments against Jerome Churchill, Isaac G. Straub and Pressley A. Dorris, accused of enclosing with a fence Government land in Siskiyou County. The District Attorney was instructed to resubmit the case to the Grand Jury. The defendants are out on bonds.

ENDEAVORERS TO DISCUSS USE OF THEIR SOCIETY

Topics to Be Considered at the County Quarterly Convention.

Members Will Be Given Details Concerning the Trip to the Annual Gathering of the State Unions.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, May 10.

The quarterly convention of the Alameda County Christian Endeavor Union will be held to-morrow at Market-street Congregational Church. The first session will open at 4 o'clock and the second at 7:30 o'clock p. m. The general theme of the convention is "Christian Endeavor Usefulness."

During the afternoon the discussion will be directed to forces that have been and are instrumental in the use of the society. During the evening session speakers will present their views upon dangers which menace the future of the society.

Final arrangements will be made for the delegation to go to the Stockton State convention. The programme for the afternoon is as follows:

Praise and devotions, led by Rev. William H. Fulton of Alameda; address, "The Juniors," Mrs. Nannie M. Arnold of Berkeley; hymn; address, "Training for Service," Rev. Dwight E. Potter of Oakland; solo, Mrs. R. C. Brooks of East Oakland; address, "Our Conquering Covenant," Alfred W. Hare of the Pacific Theological Seminary; hymn; committee conferences from 5:30 to 5:50; prayer meeting committee, led by Rev. Paul M. Spencer; lookout committee, led by Mrs. J. A. Cameron; social committee, led by Edwin Bothwell; missionary committee, Tenth Legion and Floating Work, led by Miss Edna B. Kinard; good citizenship committee, Lord's day observance and temperance work, led by P. M. Fisher; Junior committee, led by Ira Sanford.

Rev. C. M. Hill will preside at the basket lunch, when reports from chairmen of committee conferences will be heard.

The evening session will be opened by Rev. M. Halsey of Berkeley. The Stockton convention transportation committee, Messrs. Lyon, Waters and Rodgers, will present its announcements. The offertory solo will be sung by Miss Jessie Barstow. The address on the evening theme will be delivered by Rev. William A. Scudder, recently from Tacoma, Wash. Rev. R. C. Brooks of East Oakland will conduct the consecration service.

Indian Woman Killed by Train.

OAKLAND, May 16.—An Indian woman was run over and killed this afternoon by the Stockton westbound local train near Pleasanton. The woman was crossing the track, and evidently did not see or hear the train approaching. The body was taken to Pleasanton to be held for the Coroner's inquest. She belonged to a rancherie on the edge of the town.

Boxing at Reliance Club.

OAKLAND, May 10.—Besides a couple of try-outs, the Reliance Club will put on three ten-round boxing goes at its gentlemen's night Friday evening. The men matched are: Mike Joyce and George Watson, 115 pounds; Charles Troast and Joe Sullivan, 123 pounds; Billy Martin and Jack Sullivan, 135 pounds.

Suit to Condemn Property.

OAKLAND, May 10.—City Attorney Brewton A. Hayne of Berkeley has begun suit against the Southern Pacific Railroad Company to condemn for public use a strip of land about 100 by 50 feet, adjacent to Shattuck avenue, near Channing way. It is stated in the complaint that the land is needed in order to widen Shattuck avenue.

Varney Case Continued.

OAKLAND, May 10.—The Varney case, which was to have been resumed before Judge Seawell, sitting in Judge Ogden's department of the Superior Court, was to-day continued until Tuesday next by consent of counsel.

Overacker Divorce Case.

OAKLAND, May 10.—The action for divorce instituted by Charles B. Overacker against his wife, Mrs. Ella Mary Overacker, has been set for trial on May 11 before Judge Hall.

STANFORD HAPPENINGS

Special Dispatch to The Call.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, May 10.—Preparations are being completed for the celebration of the ninth annual commencement at Stanford. The official programme, which was issued yesterday from the president's office, is as follows:

Thursday, May 24—8 p. m., senior reception in Encina Club room.

Friday, May 25—10 a. m., dedication of the volunteer memorial plate in the quadrangle; 3 p. m., reception to the graduating class by President and Mrs. Jordan at Roble Hall; 8 p. m., senior farce, in assembly hall.

Saturday, May 26—10:30 a. m., Faculty-Senior baseball on the campus; 8 p. m., concert by the university glee and mandolin clubs in assembly hall.

Sunday, May 27—11 a. m., baccalaureate sermon in assembly hall by Rabbi Jacob Voorsanger, D.D., of San Francisco; 4 p. m., ivy planting at the new memorial church; 7:45 p. m., anniversary of the Christian associations in the chapel.

Monday, May 28—10:30 a. m., class day exercises in the chapel; 11:30 a. m., dedication of the '00 plate in the quadrangle; 9 p. m., senior class ball in Encina Club room.

Tuesday, May 29—10 a. m., annual business meeting of the alumni in room 21; 11 a. m., annual alumni meeting in the chapel, addresses by David Samuel Snedden '97 and David Hutton Webster '96; 12:30 p. m., alumni reunion and luncheon in Roble Hall; 3 p. m., address to the graduate club, by Professor George E. Howard, in the chapel; 8 p. m., promenade concert in the quadrangle.

Wednesday, May 30—Ninth annual commencement, assembly hall; commencement address by Professor William H. Hudson; conferring of degrees; address to the graduating class by President Jordan.

STREET FAIR FOR SAN JOSE.

Project Is Being Discussed by Elks and Board of Trade.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN JOSE, May 10.—The project of holding a street fair commencing July 4 and continuing for four days is being considered by the Board of Trade. The local lodge of Elks is also preparing for a grand Fourth of July celebration, and the two organizations will probably combine and make it one of the greatest events in the history of the county and city.

The affair will possess floral and mardi gras features in connection with the street fair and the four days will be devoted to grand street pageants, with the Horribles and Chinese division with their great dragon, firemen's tournament and athletic games and sports. The time will be most auspicious for Santa Clara County, as fruits will be ripe and thousands of visitors can see its great resources. The order of Elks will invite the various lodges of the State and these and thousands of others are expected to attend.

WAGES ON VALLEY ROAD.

Engineers Consult With Officials of Santa Fe System.

LOS ANGELES, May 10.—C. E. Cramer and G. W. Parks of Albuquerque, N. M., and M. Meyers of Fresno, the grievance committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, are in the city in conference with officials of the Santa Fe road as to a satifactory wage schedule for engineers employed on the Valley road.

No agreement as to wages has been arrived at, but the conference is amicable and will no doubt result satisfactorily to all parties concerned.

"FRAT" SOCIETIES KEEP OPEN HOUSE

BERKELEY, May 10.—Though the weather seemed so unpropitious that the class-day exercises of the graduating class of the University of California had to be postponed until Saturday night the fraternities entertained. All the "frat" houses were prettily decorated and the guests were entertained at luncheon. Nearly all the societies had orchestras to furnish music at the afternoon's receptions, the music of the Hawaiian orchestra of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity being especially fine. The fraternities and their members who entertained were:

Beta Theta Pi—Carl B. Burnham, Charles Coleman, Jack D. Hoffman, Reno H. Hutchinson, Paul Selby, E. B. Marsh, William W. Mein, Charles H. Smoot, Willard G. Parsons, W. B. Bakewell, R. T. Fisher, Charles McConaughy, H. M. Nock, F. C. Doremus, N. W. Hush, T. N. Bell, Earl McBoyle, N. L. Brown.

Phi Delta Theta—McDonald Spencer, A. J. Remmel, J. R. Moulthrop, Rea Hanna, J. M. Taft, Homer A. Boushey, F. V. Bugbee, F. J. Stilson, A. R. Faull, W. K. Crawford, M. P. Stansbury, H. A. Kluegel, B. W. Reed, E. P. Gardiner, Harold L. Paddock, John Reid Jr., E. C. Anthony, S. V. Walton, D. D. McLaren.

Chi Psi—Frank W. Phelps, Ivan de Lashmutt, George A. Sharman, J. Harry Cooper, Ralph A. Fenton, Fred Parker Morey.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon—Vance G. Osmont, James C. Sperry, George Wilhelm, John A. Reid, W. E. Sauer, Richard E. Hyde, Robert Belcher, Arthur Nahl, William R. Childs, J. B. Southard, Elwood Woodburn, Ralph L. Phelps, Frank E. Ely, R. W. Ritchie, Forest B. Caldwell, B. T. McLaren, Charles B. Jones, L. D. Hyde, Jay C. Nurse.

Delta Tau Delta—Conrad Loring, N. Bailey, M. L. McCollough, P. Dolman, E. W. Oliver, P. W. Hall, W. C. Hunter, R. H. Curtiss, Alex Colt, B. A. Hammond, H. S. Bonifield, C. C. Crystal, E. M. Rector, R. S. Springer, R. P. Wheelock, Alfred S. Holmes, Frederick Adam Spengler, John Neri Carrigan, Clarence Carrigan.

Phi Kappa Psi—Joseph V. de Laveaga, H. M. Seele, James J. Kline, George H. Masters, S. G. Masters, Carl Schilling, Thomas H. Emerson, Edward Thomas Ford, Hugh L. Love, H. T. Moore, Grover C. Nable, Charles S. Davidson.

Psi Kappa Psi—F. A. Gowning, H. Ed Hendricks, A. J. Howell, S. J. Smith, C. H. Wood.

Delta Upsilon—N. H. Garrison, Benjamin F. Driver, Robert Collins, R. W. Simonds, E. G. Kuster, C. H. Parker, Ray Howell, H. C. Bradley, R. L. Oliver, E. L. Oliver, H. M. Moran, William B. Greeley, Frank G. Goodenow, F. E. Cooley, H. H. Harvey, C. R. Parker, J. R. Pinkham, W. A. Powell, C. H. Tracy, J. M. Kendall, E. M. Garrison, J. A. Brewer, J. A. Moriarty, Ralph L. Langworthy, E. H. Brooks, C. F. Stern.

Delta Kappa Epsilon—Eugene E. Hewlett, William K. White, Arthur W. Goodfellow, George A. Harker, William B. Schaw, Stanley Moore, Henry C. Melone, Frank G. Noyes, Laurence L. Greene, Hugh Goodfellow, Ed Frances Bishop, R. D. Merrill, Bosworth Sawyer, Hewitt Davenport, Frank E. Bishop, Frank M. Ballard, Lloyd A. Womble, Logan B. Chandler, Harold H. Braly, John J. Valentine, F. M. Evans, C. H. Hudson, Charles E. Hume, L. W. Symmes, T. W. Haskins.

ANCIENT FORESTERS END THEIR LABORS

At the night session yesterday of the Subsidiary High Court of the Ancient Order of Foresters the work was closed. During the day a special tax of $1 per capita was voted in order to clear off all indebtedness and extend the order during the current term. The regular per capita tax was fixed at 80 cents.

The proposition to do away with the Foresters' Advocate and have the order run an official organ on its own account was defeated.

A new ritual which had been prepared under instructions given at the previous session was presented, but it was decided not to adopt it. It was decided that the next session be held in San Francisco.

The election in the evening resulted in the choice of the following: M. Boehm, subsidiary high chief ranger, re-elected; J. B. Sanford, sub chief; G. W. Lunt, treasurer, re-elected; J. W. Chutes, secretary; J. J. Roberts, senior woodward; W. F. Jones, junior woodward; L. F. Stephenson, senior beadle; C. J. Gould, junior beadle; A. V. Peters, D. W. Mickley and J. W. Pouning, trustees; G. Braacksma, W. J. Claus and George Monk, auditors; H. Beaver, O. M. Goldaracena, George E. Williams, F. C. Butler, Dr. E. Besker, E. Strohmier and L. Kahrs, arbitrators. These officers were installed by Past High Chief Ranger Case, assisted by Past High Chief Ranger Case.

A banquet followed, at which H. Beaver, P. H. C. R., presided, and toasts were responded to by M. Boehm, E. G. Case, Dr. P. J. Smart, J. B. Sanford, W. J. Bell, G. W. Lunt, J. Hagan, O. M. Goldaracena and H. Beaver.

Supreme Grand Circle.

The next session of the Supreme Grand Circle of the Companions of the Forest will be held in this city next week, commencing on Monday. The following are the names of the circles of this order and the names of the delegates who are to represent them:

Washington No. 1, Miss Daisie S. Falconer and Mrs. L. Schenerin; Eureka No. 39, Fannie E. Jones; California No. 103, Mrs. M. Wilson; Justice No. 104, Mrs. A. Lopez; Mazzini No. 106, Marie Valerti and Virginia Cervelli; Franklin No. 115, Mrs. M. Smith; Artimes No. 120, Mrs. L. L. Gale; Valley No. 121, Mrs. Seibert and C. Ball; Pride of the Forest No. 122, Elizabeth Norton and Mary Murdoch; Ivanhoe No. 125, Annie Pemberthy; Sherwood No. 129, Kate M. Howard; Sequoia No. 137, Mrs. M. Meyer; Golden No. 150, Mrs. Sophie Graf; Cro Fino No. 161, Lillie Oliver; Piedmont No. 164, J. J. Roberts and Mrs. Mary E. Peterson; Sunshine No. 170, Olive Bone; Alba No. 175, Mrs. M. Lock; Loyal No. 179, Annie Page, Mary Large and Lizzie Pritchard; Knaresborough No. 189, Mrs. G. Turner; Tuolumne No. 196, Mollie Teague; Webster No. 198, Mrs. J. C. Peterson; Bournemouth No. 197, Joseph R. Sands; Bohemian No. 200, Mrs. A. Boehm; Diana No. 201, Mrs. E. Epplett; Amador No. 202, Mrs. J. A. Bennett; Fidelity No. 203, Mrs. P. A. Follett and G. W. Corwin.

Mrs. M. E. Falconer, supreme grand chief companion, will be a candidate for re-election, and opposed to her will be Mrs. Madge Ash, present sub chief; Mrs. Virginia Cervelli of Mazzini Circle and Mrs. L. Miller of Oakland.

Chinese Woman Robbed.

A Chinese woman named Ah Quey was chloroformed and robbed of $500 worth of jewelry yesterday morning in a resort kept by Ong On on Cum Cook alley. The thief was apprehended by servants in the house, but was not turned over to the police, as rich relatives made the loss good and satisfied the injured parties. Some time during the night the thief entered the woman's room, chloroformed her, and when she was sleeping took two gold bracelets from her arm. He then proceeded to search the house and made away with property valued at about $500.

SWEEPING CHANGES IN AMERICAN WIRE COMPANY

NEW YORK, May 10.—Changes of a sweeping character in the affairs of the American Steel and Wire Company were announced to-day after a session of the board of directors.

John W. Gates resigned the chairmanship of the board of directors and is now on his way to Europe. He is succeeded by Alfred Clifford of Chicago.

John Lambert, the president of the company, resigned in favor of William P. Palmer. Isaac L. Elwood resigned as chairman of the executive committee and his place is taken by William Edenbern.

The office of treasurer, made vacant by the elevation of Mr. Clifford, is filled by the election of F. E. Watson. Henry Seligman and Frederick Strauss, both of this city, who resigned from the directory last Monday because of their opposition to Mr. Gates and his policy, are succeeded by Randall Morgan of Philadelphia and Herman Sielcken of New York. All the new officers, directors and committeemen named are said to be in absolute harmony with Mr. Gates and his policy.

May Drive Out Saloons.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

MILL VALLEY, May 10.—On Saturday night a mass-meeting will be held here for the purpose of discussing the advisability of incorporating this place. The idea of incorporating is a new move to close the saloons which now exist here, running wide open, and as many as care to open up. If the people favor incorporation and it is voted for by the majority the saloons will be so licensed that it will be impossible for them to exist. The move is strongly backed by the residents.

PHARMACY COLLEGE CLOSING EXERCISES

BERKELEY, May 10.—The commencement exercises of the Department of Pharmacy of the University of California will be held at Berkeley May 16. The graduating class is as follows:

Louis Michael Aguirre, George Washington Beck, Will David Burton, Nathan A. Cahn, Frank Martin Carter, Sanford Warren Cartwright, B. S.; Will Stacker Cherington, Warren Hilson Cole, Isaac Henry Cory, Paul Gerald Dorsey, William Charles Eppenheimer, Robert Howard Eveleth, Richard Mitchal Fernald, Emmett Mahew Fowler, Otto George Freiermuth, Warren Flammund Geary, Alfonso Robert Gustave, Gustave Albert Hutaff, Robert Benson Heath, Elsie Bell Higgins, Walter Edward Jackson, Alfred Ben Jacobs, Frederick Schneider Klinker, Gustave Oscar Klotz, Joseph Jeremiah Mahony, Patric James McGarry, Daniel Newcomb McMillan, George Oliva, Mark Alvin Sawrie, Leo Amandus Schmitz, Harry Christian Stauffer, Frank Marmion Teass, James S. Torrence, Alice Caroline Ward, John Witmer.

FAMOUS SINGER TO APPEAR HERE

ISABELLE UNDERWOOD.

THE first appearance here of Miss Isabelle Underwood will be on next Monday evening at the Grand Opera-house when she will be seen in "The Lady Slavey." Her opportunities have hitherto been confined to the rendition of solos, but even this proved her to be the possessor of a rich and highly cultivated contralto voice.

Miss Underwood belongs to one of the most celebrated and historical families in the East. Her grandfather was Governor of the State of Delaware. She received her education in Chicago, and in one of the most exacting competitions ever held in the Conservatory in that city carried off the diamond studded medal. She was a prominent society belle in the Windy City.

Miss Underwood was at one time the principal contralto soloist in St. James' Catholic Cathedral in Chicago, where the fame of her singing attracted attention of George Fair, the well-known impresario, who engaged her for leading contralto roles in his company. She is not only a brilliant vocalist, but a graceful and fascinating actress. Her debut here is destined to be a fashionable event on account of her family connections and friends in this city. Her uncle is C. W. Hinchcliffe, assistant manager of the Sunset Telephone Company.

Primaries in Solano.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SUISUN, May 10.—The Republican primaries for the election of delegates to the State convention were held to-day and excited but little interest, as there was but one ticket in the contest. Following is the full list of delegates elected to represent Solano County: Hon. J. J. Luchsinger, F. W. Willis, P. H. Heegler, George H. Savage of Vallejo, W. L. Crooks of Benicia, R. D. Robbins of Suisun, G. F. Wooderson of Vacaville, Charles Schirmer of Dixon, L. P. Larsen of Rio Vista and M. Dinkelspiel of Birds Landing. O. C. Shuize of Dixon was elected delegate at large and will be chairman of the delegation. R. D. Robbins, the delegate from Suisun, is a candidate for delegate to the national convention and will be supported by the Solano delegation.

Salt Lake Convention.

SALT LAKE, Utah, May 10.—The Republican State Convention met here to elect six delegates to the National Convention at Philadelphia. The convention was called to order at 12:30 by Chairman Walton.

The call for the convention was read and W. D. Livingston of San Pete County was made temporary chairman. He made a brief address, calling attention to the prosperity of the country under the present administration.

The following delegates were elected: G. M. Hanson, Ogden; C. E. Loose, Provo; Thomas Kearns, Park City; George Sutherland, Salt Lake; Heber M. Wells, Salt Lake; Arthur Brown, Salt Lake.

Instructed for McKinley.

PUEBLO, Colo., May 9.—The Republicans of the Second Congressional District in convention named D. B. Fairley of Colorado Springs and Dr. John Grass of Trinidad as delegates to the national convention at Philadelphia. Richard P. Chinn of Dumont and George R. Hurlburt of Ouray were named as the alternates. The delegates were instructed for McKinley. The convention adopted resolutions indorsing the administration of President McKinley and the course of Senator E. O. Wolcott.

Yolo County Convention.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

WOODLAND, May 10.—The Republican County Convention will be held here next Saturday. Delegates were appointed today in all precincts except Winters. In that town a primary was held. There was only one ticket in the field and that is reported to be anti-Metcalf.

John P. Irish to Lecture.

OAKLAND, May 10.—John P. Irish will lecture Sunday evening at the First Unitarian Church, his subject being "The True Civic Spirit." This will be the concluding address in the series on Greater Oakland which has been conducted by the Starr King Fraternity.

PLUNGE TWENTY FEET FROM AN UNSAFE BRIDGE

Dr. O. D. Hamlin and Marshal Ramage Narrowly Escape Death.

Swept With a Double Team Into a Swollen Creek and Injured in the Entangling Wreckage.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, May 10.

A double team of horses driven to a buggy in which were Dr. O. D. Hamlin of this city and Town Marshal W. J. Ramage of Haywards plunged off a bridge in Millers Canyon, four miles out of town, this morning, falling twenty feet into the creek below. The creek was running ten feet of water. One horse was drowned, the other so badly injured that it will be useless for work, the buggy was wrecked and Marshal Ramage barely escaped with his life, suffering a broken collar-bone, sprained ankle and bad bruises. Dr. Hamlin was bruised, but saved himself from fractured limbs.

That the accident was not fatal appeared almost miraculous. The occupants of the vehicle were pitched headlong into the stream below and were tangled up among the horses and the wreckage of the buggy. Ramage is a very heavy man and his escape from death was even more marvelous than that of his companion. They managed to scramble out on the bank of the creek and save one of the horses, but the other was so badly entangled in the harness and debris that it could not be hauled out.

Hamlin and Ramage had gone out this morning to attend a family who were ill in the canyon. While returning to Haywards the horses were crossing a narrow plank bridge, unguarded by any railing. One of the horses shied and stepped into a hole. This threw the horse down and carried the other horse over. The buggy swerved and was tipped off the insecure planking before the driver, who was Ramage, could save himself. Down the team and its occupants plunged into the stream below. Then it was a fight to extricate themselves from the kicking horses, who had demolished what was left of the buggy.

WORKMEN'S HONORS TO TWO GRAND OFFICERS

OAKLAND, May 10.—Grand Master Charles E. Snook and Grand Medical Examiner Dr. J. L. Mayon of the Ancient Order of United Workmen were the guests of honor this evening at a reception and banquet given by Pacific Lodge No. 7 of this city. Both of these grand officers, elected at the last session of the Grand Lodge, are members of Pacific Lodge.

Representatives from many lodges of this city and San Francisco were present. Among those who responded to toasts were Past Supreme Master William H. Jordan, Past Grand Masters Barnes, Hirshberg and Danforth, Grand Recorder C. T. Spencer, Grand Receiver Samuel Booth, Grand Overseer E. A. Freeman, Special Deputy Wells, Past Master Marston and Past Master Browning.

Grand Master Snook spoke at some length upon the work of the order and bore with considerable emphasis upon his plans for the year in his jurisdiction. He was in hearty accord with everything that would tend to advance the individual lodge interests and the order at large. Dr. Mayon made an address in as happy a vein.

Collided With a Tartar.

OAKLAND, May 10.—J. I. Harriman, an engineer who has been engaged in operating a steam plow in the construction of a bridge across the estuary at Fruitvale, was arrested to-day for battery and on pleading guilty was fined $10 by Judge Larue. It seems that P. Gaffney, another engineer, came over from San Francisco and bragged that he was about to secure Harriman's job. The two quarreled and finally came to blows, the result being that Gaffney sustained a broken jaw, a bad cut over the right eye and several contusions of the scalp. He was taken to the Receiving Hospital for treatment.

Emeryville's Town Hall.

OAKLAND, May 10.—President Thomas H. Williams Jr. of the California Jockey Club has promised to give an Emeryville day during the racing season next year, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the building of a new town hall for Emeryville. The Realty Syndicate, which owns considerable property in the town, has agreed to donate a suitable site.

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SHE COULD NOT LIVE WITHOUT HER HUSBAND

Mrs. C. F. Cetti, Formerly of This City, Ends Her Life in a Stockton Hotel.

STOCKTON, May 10.—Mrs. C. F. Cetti, registering at the Commercial Hotel last night from San Francisco, committed suicide this morning by inhaling illuminating gas through a hose. She left a note to the hotel proprietor expressing sorrow at putting him to trouble, and asking that her body be allowed to remain in the Morgue as short a time as possible, as no one would call for her. She stated that her husband was dead and that she could not live without him. Among the woman's effects were found endearing letters from her husband, dated Paris, France, and two letters, one from a cousin of her husband, and another from a friend, gave the details of the suicide of her husband by shooting at Paris on the 22d of April last. A cablegram, dated April 23, contained the news of his death. The letters had been addressed to Mme. Cetti, in care of Mrs. W. H. Crocker, 1150 California street, San Francisco.

Mrs. Cetti was until lately employed by Mrs. W. H. Crocker as a maid. The woman's husband was then in this city. He had a theory that it was ridiculous for a man to work, especially when he had a wife. At the solicitation of her maid Mrs. Crocker gave the man money enough to go back to his relatives in Paris. He went to Paris, and his relatives, who are prosperous bourgeois, received him so coldly that he hied to the cemetery and blew out his brains on the tomb of his ancestors. He left for a legacy to his wife an infallible system of beating the races.

A cablegram announcing his death was received by Mrs. Cetti, and she became almost insane. Mrs. Crocker, who took an interest in the woman, did a great deal to comfort her, but when letters arrived, written before death by the husband, in which he told of his intent to die, and described his system of betting on the races, Mrs. Cetti relapsed. Mrs. Crocker provided a home for Mrs. Cetti with the Young Woman's Christian Association, and had her well cared for, but Mrs. Cetti left town and went to Stockton, where she committed suicide.

Smallpox at Marysville.

MARYSVILLE, May 10.—Dr. Hanna of the State Board of Health, in conjunction with the Board of Health of the city of Marysville, reports five suspicious cases which have been brought to their attention to be those of modified smallpox. The persons and premises of the five afflicted with the disease have been closely quarantined, and local physicians are of the opinion that no spread of the infection is to be anticipated.

WILL TEST THE ASSESSMENT ON BONDS IN BANKS

Oakland Bank of Savings Sues to Recover Tax Payments.

Protested Against the Assessor's Action in Going Behind Affidavit as to Holdings of the Corporation.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, May 10.

The Oakland Bank of Savings has brought suit against Alameda County to recover $7428 taxes paid upon bonds and franchises assessed to it last year. The action will be a test of the County Assessor's right to make an assessment arbitrarily when a statement of property has been filed with him. The question is also involved if the $554,000 worth of bonds held by the bank are assessable, as well as $3000 in franchises and $5000 placed as safe deposit and vault values.

In making his return to the Assessor last year Cashier Garthwaite of the bank omitted these items, which were subsequently placed upon the roll by the Assessor. The bank's contention is that this was an illegal act, and that it is entitled to the return of all money paid for taxes on any property placed on the roll by the arbitrary action of Assessor.

When the bank paid its taxes a protest was filed that the suit might be properly brought against the Assessor as soon as the second installment of taxes had been liquidated. According to the valuation placed upon the bank properties by Garthwaite the taxes would have amounted to $2066 26, but the taxes paid upon the assessment by Dalton were $9495 22. Judgment is asked for the difference between these amounts. County Assessor Dalton holds that the bonds held by banks are assessable and the courts will be invited to adjudicate the contest.

Metcalf to Leave Soon.

OAKLAND, May 10.—Congressman Victor Metcalf expects to leave this city for Washington, D. C., on Saturday morning.

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