BOOKS ARE NOT PUBLIC RECORDS SAYS MR. DALTON

Technical Fight Commenced Against Grand Jury Proceedings.

Judge Hall Indicates That He Will Support the Demurrer to the Indictment, but Takes It Under Consideration.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, June 19.

County Assessor Henry P. Dalton demurred to-day to the indictment against him and the accusation demanding his removal from office, and while Judge Hall took the demurrers under advisement until next Thursday it is probable, from his remarks from the bench, that he will hold the demurrer against the indictment as good, if not that against the accusation.

"An effort is being made to get Dalton on the stand," said R. M. Fitzgerald, his attorney, "and so I have interposed a demurrer to both the indictment and the accusation. They are not sufficient to hold him." So a long and technical fight was made against the form of the indictment, which was followed by the same kind of a fight, though not so long, against the accusation.

Mr. Fitzgerald took the stand and declared that the form of the indictment was not sufficient because it did not state how the destroyed books became public records. He asserted that they were not public records, and that the statutes did not require that they be kept. To this District Attorney Allen replied that he had a number of decisions to cite to show that the records of a public officer became public records by operation of law. Mr. Fitzgerald then declared that if this were the position taken by the District Attorney, the indictment was defective in that it did not set out how these records became public records.

Mr. Fitzgerald took the position that the assessment roll of the county did not become such until it was turned over to the Board of Supervisors, and that the destroyed books never having been turned over to the Supervisors and the law not requiring that they be turned over to the Supervisors, they never became public records. He also lodged several objections to the form and sufficiency of the indictment.

Upon the accusation Mr. Fitzgerald held it was insufficient in that it did not state the names of those whom it is alleged the County Assessor left off of the personal property roll.

Judge Hall took both demurrers under advisement, and will render his decision upon them on Thursday.

ELOPEMENT SPIRIT FILLS SULLIVAN FAMILY

BERKELEY, June 19.—Orinda Park, one of the outlying districts of Berkeley, has the distinction of a second elopement within two months. Herbert Sullivan, a farmer, and Miss Rose Garcia are the interested parties concerned. They have been married since last Christmas, though the parents of the bride have just become acquainted with the fact.

Mr. Sullivan's sister, Belle, eloped with William Geerdtz last April, and has only recently received the parental blessing. Young Sullivan was the most earnest searcher for his sister when the elopement was made, though he himself had secretly gone through the same sort of a performance. Both couples, however, are now settled at home in Orinda Park, as the parents of the young ladies have forgiven and blessed them. Both girls are under age, and were told to wait a year or two before entering into matrimony.

RENO BRIDE OF TWO DAYS RUNS AFOUL OF LAW

OAKLAND, June 19.—John A. Kaler, a motorman on the Grove-street electric road, wedded Mrs. Mary F. Sargent of Eighth and Wood streets at Reno on June 12. The journey to Nevada was taken because Mrs. Sargent had been divorced only last April. The couple arrived in Oakland on their return trip the day Judge Belcher's startling decision against the validity of the Reno marriages was made public. Now, like many another California couple, they are wondering what their exact status is.

Mrs. Sargent is an accomplished musician and was for several years leading soprano in an Alameda church choir.

BERKELEY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT MARRIED

BERKELEY, June 19.—S. D. Waterman, Superintendent of Schools of Berkeley for the past ten years, will be united in marriage to Mrs. Ida Marie Sanor of Alameda at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening. The wedding will take place at the residence of the bride's father, J. B. Vosburgh, 2625 Central avenue, Alameda. Rev. John Coyle, formerly of Berkeley, will perform the ceremony.

After a short honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Waterman will reside at 2213 Haste street, Berkeley. They will be ready to receive after July 10.

DEATH OF THE WIDOW OF A FAMOUS ARTIST

ALAMEDA, June 19.—Mrs. Annie J. Nahl, widow of the late Arthur Nahl, the famous artist, passed away to-day at the home of her son, Perham W. Nahl, at 1624 Bay street. Death was due to heart disease, from which the deceased had been a sufferer for the past three months. A fire at Mrs. Nahl's home at 1601 Central avenue on the night of June 8, during which she was carried out of danger in the arms of her son, greatly excited her and probably hastened her death.

Mrs. Nahl was a native of Boston, Mass., aged 56 years. Her children are Perham W., Arthur C., Virgil F., Constante A. and Augusta A. Nahl and Mrs. Edna J. Powell. The funeral will be held Thursday from the residence of Mrs. C. L. Woods, 1624 Bay street.

OLD MAN ATTACKED BY A FEROCIOUS ANIMAL

ALAMEDA, June 19.—A ferocious dog belonging to Dr. Arthur Gore of 1702 Paru street attacked Alvan Roundy, an elderly man, yesterday as he was entering his home, a few doors removed from that of the owner of the animal. The dog backed Roundy against the fence surrounding his residence and bit him on the hands and face. His wife witnessed the attack and came to his assistance with a pistol. He shot the brute, but only wounded him severely. Roundy's wounds were dressed by Dr. C. H. Lubbock.

Now Dr. Gore wants Roundy punished for shooting his dog. He has had the old man arrested for willfully injuring a dumb animal. The case will be tried before Justice of the Peace Morris.

Who Is John C. Stewart?

OAKLAND, June 19.—J. J. Warner, secretary of the Masonic relief board, to-day received a telegram from Galveston, Tex., stating that John C. Stewart, a carpenter, had fallen from the docks of the Southern Pacific Company in that city and been drowned. He is supposed to have been a member of the Masonic fraternity in this city, but there are no records of his having been identified with any lodge in this neighborhood. Any information regarding him can be sent to Mr. Warner at 1118 Broadway.

Lecture in Aid of Famine Fund.

Dr. Frederick W. D'Evelyn will deliver an illustrated lecture to-night at Golden Gate Hall, 625 Sutter street, on "The Boer and Briton in the Field." The lecture will be given under the auspices of the Geographical Society of California and the proceeds will be subscribed to the Indian famine fund.

HAD THE KNOT TIED BUT DID NOT PAY FEES

Stranded Elopers Who Meet a Friend in Need at Oakland.

Claude Raymond Harris and Alice Genevieve Phillips Had Not the Fee, but Were Wedded at Last.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, June 19.

With $3 in their pockets and with hearts as light as their purses Claude Raymond Harris and Alice Genevieve Phillips eloped from San Francisco to-day. They braved the dangers of the voyage across the bay and landed about 10 o'clock this morning at the County Clerk's office, bent upon securing all of the necessary and preliminary legal paraphernalia to a quiet little wedding.

But after the love-sick groom had parted with $2 for a marriage license he counted up and found he had left only 80 cents. There was not a Judge within hailing distance, and the youthful elopers found that Oakland Justices of the Peace do not marry on the cut-rate fee basis. So the cup of happiness, nearly full, was almost shattered. The law allows a Justice of the Peace $3 as a marriage fee. The would-be groom was shy exactly $2 20.

For five hours the pair sat on the courthouse steps discussing their troubles, when kind fortune in the person of Raymond T. Baker, deputy county clerk, hove in sight.

Baker issued the license in the morning, and as he drifted back from his lunch he observed the dejected pair. Something impelled him to address them. They poured out their tale of woe, and it reached sympathetic ears.

"Oh, is that all? I'll fix that in a minute," said Baker, jauntily. "I've got a friend up the street who will attend to you. Come along."

All smiles, the couple, escorted by the clerk, headed up Broadway and speedily were in the presence of Police Judge Mortimer Smith.

"Some friends of mine," cheerily announced the guide. "You fix them up, old man."

Nothing loth to accommodate the blushing couple and his friend Baker, the Justice, after examining the license, tied the knot.

"You are now man and wife," declared the Judge, and, sotto voce, "the fee is $3."

"Oh, I forgot to say," interrupted Baker, "that they are a little shy. But I'll be responsible for that, old man."

The marriage license will be returned to the young people indorsed, "No fee collected." They reside at 38 Perry street, San Francisco.

FORTY-EIGHT DOGS IN THE MIDWEEK STAKE

Greyhounds of Class Will Course at Ingleside Park—Sport at Union Park.

The customary midweek stake will be decided to-morrow at the Ingleside Coursing Club. Forty-eight dogs will go to the slips, the sport commencing at 12 m. Lowe & Thompson will start a new one in Society Belle, while David Dillon will also send a new one to the slips in Snowdrop. The class is somewhat better than the usual midweek stake. The draw last night resulted as follows:

M. Michillki's Terronite vs. M. J. Kelly's Night Time; P. Dingle's Storm King vs. Lowe & Thompson's Prince Hal; Farley Bros.' Morse Patrol vs. A. Frank's Lotterer; R. E. de B. Lopez's Sara vs. Lowe & Thompson's St. Oran; A. Massey's Hadiwist vs. P. J. Nolte's Fire Queen; F. Passon's Merry Maiden vs. D. Dillon's Prince George; J. H. W. Muller's Cruiser vs. H. H. Gray's Commander; J. I. O'Brien's Wandering Tom vs. P. Dingle's Cash In; Maher & Reid's Singleton vs. T. J. Cronin's Thornhill; G. Sharman's Wait a Bit vs. J. Flower's Keystone; Lowe & Thompson's Society Belle vs. M. Tiernan's Mary Ann; D. Dillon's Snowdrop vs. J. R. Smith's Victor; J. Perry's Sweet Belle vs. G. Lahusen's Firefly; A. Johnson's Tod Sloan vs. Lowe & Thompson's Over the Border; J. Charleton's Temple vs. G. Sharman's Wait a Little; J. H. W. Muller's Terrona vs. N. P. Whiting's St. Anthony; J. R. Smith's Lady Sears vs. J. Farrell's Cash Day; J. Rock's Minerva vs. G. Buehn's Monogram; H. H. Gray's Bannockburn vs. Sterl & Knowles' Olita; N. P. Whiting's Wadena vs. R. E. de B. Lopez's Carmencita; G. Lee's Canyon vs. Welsh & Heenan's Sacramento Boy; F. A. McComb's One Spot vs. D. Dillon's Europa; W. J. Leonard's Daylight vs. J. Carroll's Erin's Hope; M. Welch's Bendalong vs. S. Handy's Lady Hugo.

A fifty-six dog stake will be decided to-day at Union Coursing Park. The sport will commence upon the arrival of the 11 a. m. train.

POLICE COMMISSION PASSES ON LICENSES

Sullivan and the Green Brothers Will Comply With the Sideroom Ordinance.

The Board of Police Commissioners at their meeting last night passed on a large number of applications for liquor licenses. "Pap" Sullivan of the Hoffman cafe promised the commission that he would close the side entrance to his place and would cut down his partitions to conform with the provisions of the ordinance. Green Brothers, proprietors of the Columbia cafe, agreed to close the side entrance leading to the private rooms in their saloon and to partition the place for a first-class restaurant. The commission declared itself willing to grant licenses to both places if the conditions were complied with.

Policeman Henry N. Prouse was before the board, charged with reading a newspaper while on quarantine duty. He was found guilty and fined $5.

The case of Officer John P. Woest was taken under advisement. Woest was found asleep and in an intoxicated condition on the night of June 7, when he should have been on duty in Chinatown. The commission found him guilty and ordered him to report to the surgeon of the department. Some time ago Woest was struck on the head, and it is claimed that the blow injured his mental faculties. The commission decided that if the surgeon reports him unfit for duty Woest will be retired, but dismissal will follow if it is found that his injuries have not affected him. Woest has been a member of the department for twenty-four years.

Officer Kramer's Daring Act.

Officer John Kramer of the California-street police station, who made a daring attempt to stop the horses attached to a wagon belonging to the Lytton Springs Company that were running away on Monday evening, is suffering considerably from the fall he received. Kramer was on a car when he saw the horses running. It was at a time when Market street was crowded with pedestrians, and he concluded to stop the animals even at the risk of his own life. He jumped from the car and climbed into the seat of the wagon. After two blocks had been covered he succeeded in almost bringing the horses to a halt, when one of the reins broke and he was thrown to the street. One of his legs became entangled in the remaining line and he was dragged some distance before he could disentangle himself.

Denied Healy's Charges.

At a meeting of the directors of the Mechanics' Institute, held last evening, the published charges of Director Healy against the management of the library were denied by resolution. Some little indignation was expressed, but there were no scenes when the matter was being discussed. The following notice of a special meeting was also announced:

"There will be a special meeting of the members of the Mechanics' Institute to-morrow (Thursday) night to take action on the matter of authorizing the board of trustees to sell the Sixteenth and Folsom street ball grounds, which belong to the institute."

WOMAN'S HAT ABLAZE IN CROWDED CHURCH

MRS. J. D. LAWRENCE.

HAYWARDS, June 19.—While kneeling in prayer at the celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi at the Haywards Catholic Church Sunday morning Mrs. J. D. Lawrence narrowly escaped a horrible death by fire. Mrs. Lawrence, with a number of other communicants of the church, held lighted candles as they knelt in devotion. Suddenly the flames communicated to Mrs. Lawrence's light summer hat.

Before the frightened woman or her terrified friends could gather their wits the hat had been consumed. Mrs. Lawrence reached for the charred remnants of her hat and tore them from her head, at the same time extinguishing the sparks which threatened to totally destroy her luxuriant hair. She sustained painful burns about the hands and arms while attempting to throw the blazing hat into the aisle of the church.

The sight of the woman's head all ablaze alarmed the congregation to such an extent that for a few minutes a panic appeared imminent. A dozen men sprang to the assistance of Mrs. Lawrence, while several women fainted. When quiet was restored the devotional services were resumed. Mrs. Lawrence was removed to her home where a physician dressed her burns.

SPLIT OCCURS IN THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR

Two Factions Formed, Each Seeking to Oust the Other From Power.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Two gatherings of the Knights of Labor of North America, each claiming to be the regular and legally constituted executive body of the order, were in full swing here again to-day, each assembly having for its avowed object of deposing and removing from office of the rival faction. Neither faction expects to fully accomplish what it has set out to do without invoking the aid of the civil courts; and even then it seems doubtful if a split in the organization can be averted.

The faction headed by General Master Workman Parsons heard the report of the general executive board submitted by John A. Connor. It recommended that the charter of the District of Columbia Assembly be revoked; that Secretary John W. Hayes be removed from office and title be secured to the property of the order in this district. Without action further than referring the recommendations to the proper committees the assembly adjourned.

General Worthy Foreman J. D. Chamberlain of Colorado presided over the deliberations of the Hayes faction and heard the report of the committee on appeals and grievances. This report recommended that Parsons, O'Keefe, Conners, Armstrong and Unks be expelled from the order on charges of misconduct made against them by local Assembly No. 300.

RUMORS CURRENT THAT H. CLAY EVANS MAY RESIGN

Report That the Pension Commissioner May Seek Nomination for Congress.

CHATTANOOGA, June 19.—A rumor has been current here for several weeks that H. Clay Evans would resign the pension commissionership and seek nomination for Congress from this district. His friends emphatically deny the story, although they freely admit he has given the President to understand his resignation can be had when the President feels he needs it.

Santa Clara Improvement Club.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN JOSE, June 19.—The Santa Clara County Improvement Club, which was recently organized here for the purpose of advancing the interests of the city and county, to-day elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, G. M. Bowman; secretary, D. M. Burnett; treasurer, J. E. Auzerais; board of managers—W. F. Foss, A. K. Whitton, J. H. Rucker, V. A. Scheller, Fred. W. Moore, Henry Doerr, M. O'Brien, Henry Lion, O. A. Hale, William M. Ginty, W. G. Alexander, Ralph W. Hersey, George W. Worthen, George P. Snell, J. D. Radford, Joseph R. Ryland, J. J. Miller, J. W. Davy, W. S. Clayton, J. H. Henry, D. O. Druffel, Frank Stock, A. J. Koch, George B. McKee and J. L. Stull. The club now has a membership of over 300. It will shortly begin the systematic advertising of Santa Clara County resources in the hope of attracting tourists and homeseekers.

Ordered to Cambria.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, June 19.—The West Indian regiment to-day received orders from the War Office to hold itself in readiness to proceed to Cambia, Western Africa, to fight the Sofas. Demarara has offered 400 volunteers and a Maxim gun for service against the Ashantis. About 275 men of the Kingston infantry militia volunteered for the same service yesterday.

Laborers Scarce.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

WOODLAND, June 19.—A dispatch received by The Call representative from the local agent of the Earl Fruit Company at Guinita makes an urgent appeal for help to harvest the fruit crop of Capay Valley. There is a great scarcity of labor that is likely to result in an enormous loss to the fruit growers.

Desperate Mexican Arrested.

GLOBE, Ariz., June 19.—A posse arrived here to-night with a heavily ironed Mexican, who is believed to be one of the gang of four which killed two station employes at New River Wells, robbed a stage coach and committed numerous other depredations two weeks ago. The officers refuse to talk but there is reason to believe they came upon the gang and killed three.

Reception to De Vries.

STOCKTON, June 19.—Congressman Marion de Vries returned from Washington this evening and was given a rousing reception at the depot. A band headed a parade through the principal streets, and the Congressman in a carriage followed the long procession. Fireworks were burned and the Elks gave Mr. de Vries a grand reception to-night.

Destroyed by Fire.

PITTSBURG, June 19.—The adjoining plants of the Carroll Porter Boiler and Tank Company and the James Rees & Sons Company, engine builders, were destroyed by fire to-night. Loss $115,000.

Owens Convicted.

SANTA ROSA, June 19.—The jury in the Owens murder case to-night returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. Owens shot Ed Hale in a cottage at Lytton Springs on April 18.

HOMEOPATHS GATHER IN ANNUAL SESSION

To-Morrow There Will Be Presented to the Government a Statue of Dr. Hahnemann.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—The American Institute of Homeopathy began its eighth annual session here to-day, Dr. Charles E. Walton of Cincinnati presiding. The chief feature of the convention will be the dedication and presentation to the Government of a beautiful statue of Dr. Hahnemann on the east side of Scott circle on Thursday afternoon. The President will attend the dedicatory exercises, and addresses will be delivered by Attorney General Griggs and other well-known men. The same evening the President will give a reception to the members of the convention at the White House.

President Walton in his annual address to-day earnestly advocated uniformity of medical laws in every State in the Union. He said the right to practice medicine in one State should carry with it the right to practice in every State.

Dr. George B. Peck of Providence presented a paper on the condition of homeopathy in the United States. He said there are 9369 homeopathic physicians in this country, of whom 1158 are women. There are now twenty-one homeopathic medical colleges, with 1320 alumni.

Florence N. Ward of San Francisco was among the delegates who read papers during to-day's session.

FATALITIES RESULT.

Four People Will Die From Injuries Received at a Fire.

BUFFALO, June 19.—Three deaths have resulted from a tenement house fire last night and a fourth will follow. The dead are:

Mrs. Guiliana Milanda and her son, aged 8 years, and daughter of 5 years.

An infant child of Mrs. Milanda was so badly burned that it cannot survive.

Standing Grain Burned.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

WOODLAND, June 19.—There was a grainfield fire near Blacks this afternoon. It started from a steam thresher. The loss was forty acres of grain for H. Clausen, a lot of fencing for L. T. Ridley and considerable pasture burned over for E. E. Robinson.

To Form New Ministry.

ROME, June 19.—Signor Saracco, President of the Italian Senate, who was summoned to the Quirinal yesterday after the resignation of the Cabinet, has been intrusted by King Humbert with the task of forming a new Ministry to succeed that of General Pelloux.

Town Wiped Out.

MADISON, Wis., June 19.—The entire business section of the village of Middleton, eight miles west of here, was wiped out by fire to-night. The insurance loss is $75,000 to $100,000, with actual loss much greater.

Carpenters Win Their Strike.

DENVER, June 19.—The carpenters' strike in this city ended to-day, the contractors having agreed to the union's demand for wages of 41 cents an hour and a half holiday on Saturday throughout the year.

Death of Mrs. Rule.

SANTA ROSA, June 19.—Mrs. Rule, widow of John Rule, a well known pioneer, and one of the best known women in Northern California, died this evening at the Rule ranch, near Duncans Mills.

Sentenced to Be Hanged.

TUCSON, Ariz., June 19.—William and Thomas Halderman, the cowboy brothers who killed Officer Ainsworth and Deputy Sheriff Moore, were sentenced to be hanged at Tombstone August 10.

Democrats in Control.

FRANKFORT, Ky., June 19.—The State Treasurer's office was turned over to Treasurer Hager to-day. The State offices for the first time since 1895 are now in exclusive control of Democrats.

Rescind Resolution.

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 19.—The Supreme Lodge, Knights of Honor, at to-day's session rescinded a resolution classing Christian scientists or faith curists as hazardous risks.

Bulgarian Peasants Killed.

BUCHAREST, June 19.—The insurrection in Bulgaria is spreading. Fifty peasants have been killed by the military at Duran-Lekah.

Clears for Cape Town.

NEW ORLEANS, June 19.—The steamer Knight Bachelor cleared to-day for Cape Town with 1000 horses for the British Government.

Big Fire in Germany.

BERLIN, June 19.—The large Schmelzer spinning works at Werdau have been destroyed by fire.

Journeymen Barbers Meet.

The local union of Journeymen Barbers held a meeting last night at its headquarters. Ed Rosenberg, secretary of the Labor Council, addressed the meeting and advocated the organizing of all labor to better its condition.

PHILBROOK SAYS JAMES MERRITT IS INCOMPETENT

He Would Be Guardian of the Father as Well as of the Children.

Nephew of Mrs. Catherine Garcelon Alleged to Be in Danger of Spoliation by Designing Persons.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, June 19.

Following closely his petition to be appointed guardian of the children of James P. and Mary Webster Merritt and Frederick A. and Mary Browne Merritt, Attorney Horace W. Philbrook to-day applied for letters of guardianship on the estate of James P. Merritt, who he declares to be an incompetent person.

According to the petitioner, James P. Merritt is, by reason of his weakness of mind, mentally incompetent to manage what property remains to him out of the valuable estate inherited from his uncle, the late Dr. Samuel Merritt, and is in constant danger of being deceived and imposed upon by artful and designing persons. By reason of his mental condition Merritt is said to be in imminent danger of being stripped and despoiled of his property and left penniless and destitute.

With regard to Frederick A. Merritt, Philbrook asserts that he has from childhood exercised a complete mental ascendency over his brother, James P. Merritt, and that being also incompetent to manage his financial affairs he is likely to be used by artful and deceiving persons as a tool for deceiving and imposing upon James P. Merritt.

James P. Merritt was at one time the possessor of a large estate, recites the petition, but because of his incompetency and the wrong advantage taken of him by different persons he has been stripped of almost his entire belongings, except a few personal effects of trifling value and a part ownership in heavily mortgaged Oakland real estate.

The estate of the late Catherine M. Garcelon, the aunt of James and Frederick Merritt, is brought to the front by Philbrook. He declares that the contest to their aunt's will instituted several years ago by the Merritts is a just action and that if a proper guardian be appointed they may realize on their claims against the estate. The estate is valued at over $1,000,000.

It is for the purpose, concludes the petition, of preventing unscrupulous persons from despoiling him of his possible share in the Garcelon estate that a guardian is needed for James P. Merritt.

The petition of Attorney Philbrook is general in its statements regarding persons who would defraud Merritt. It makes no specific accusations.

JOSEPH CLEMENT IS KILLED IN AFRICA

OAKLAND, June 19.—The news has been received here of the death in South Africa of Joseph Clement, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Clement of this city. Clement was a member of the engineer corps of the British army and is thought to have received his death wound while in company with Major Seymour on June 16.

Joseph Clement was 28 years old. He was one of the best known young men of this city, where he was born and educated. After graduating from the High School he went to Africa and secured employment in the diamond mines at Kimberley. Later he went to Johannesburg and was employed by the Rand syndicate as an electrician. When the war broke out Clement enlisted in the engineer corps of the British army. He was with Major Seymour when that officer was killed in a skirmish on the Zand River.

Clement left a wife in South Africa. His parents and two brothers and a sister also survive him.

UNIVERSITY GRADUATES BECOME TEACHERS

BERKELEY, June 19.—The following named graduates of the University of California have been placed in schools in various parts of the State: Miss Lena Macauley '00, teacher of Latin and Greek in Mills College; Miss Lily Hohfeld '99, in Yreka High School; Miss Rose Hohfeld '99, assistant teacher in Red Bluff High School. Miss Gertrude Allen '00 succeeds Sidney Elston in the San Diego High School. Mr. Elston will take a similar position in the Berkeley High School.

Roswell Wheeler '96 goes to the head of the history department in the Alameda High School. Miss Emma Garretson becomes a teacher of French and German in the Alameda High School. Miss Beatrice Reynolds has resigned from the faculty of Vassar College to accept a position as teacher of Greek and Latin in the Los Angeles High School.

Lecture by Henry A. Adams.

OAKLAND, June 19.—Henry Austin Adams, the distinguished Catholic lecturer, addressed a large audience this evening at the Macdonough Theater, his subject being "The Spirit of the Age." The entertainment was interspersed with vocal numbers by Mrs. I. Goose, Mrs. S. Calderwood, Miss L. Cavalli, Miss M. McDonald, Miss M. Gilbert, Mrs. P. Wand, Mrs. O. Lenze, Miss G. Breslin, Miss N. Hurd, Miss A. Cavalli, Miss V. Rapin, Miss A. Canty and A. B. Fately. The lecture was for the benefit of the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Builders' Contracts.

George Jones (owner) with J. C. Nielsen (contractor), architect A. W. Smith—All work except painting, plumbing, sewering and whitewashing for 2-story frame building on E line of Stanyan street, 100 N of Frederick, N 25, E 106:3, S 25, W 100:3; $2546.

Andrew Christensen (owner) with Cotter & Jones (contractors), architect W. McMillen—Excavation, concrete, brick, carpenter, plumbing, plastering, tinning and glass for 2-story frame building (flats) on E line of Hartford street, 137:4 S of Seventeenth, S 26 by 125:2; $3734.

John J. Mundwyler (owner) with H. R. Schmuckert (contractor and architect)—Alterations to a 2-story and basement building on W line of Leavenworth street, 116:6 S of California, S 21 by 60; $1894.

Mrs. Annie J. Boardman and Mrs. Harriet F. Tompkins (owners) with John G. Cook & Co. (contractors), architect Albert Sutton—All work for alterations and additions except plumbing, gas fitting, sewering, heating and elevators to present 3-story brick building known as Commercial block to be altered to a 6-story building on SE corner of Front and California streets, S 85, E 41:8, S 4:6, E 50, N 89:6, W 91:8; $33,800.

Same owners with Ickelheimer Bros. (contractors), architect same—Plumbing, sewering and gas fitting for same on same; $6300.

Same owners with George H. Tay Co. (corporation) (contractors), architect same; $2320.

Same owners with Cahill & Hall Elevator Co. (a corporation) (contractors), architect same—Two electric passenger elevators for same on same; $4500.

William M. Hoag (owner) with Campbell & Pettus (contractors), architect Hermann Barth—Excavations, brick, concrete, carpenter and tin work, plastering and hardware for alterations and additions and annex to a 3-story and attic frame building to make a 5-story building, on NW corner of Sutter and Leavenworth streets, N 47:6, W 37:6, N 8, W 53, S 8:6, W 5:6, S 47, E 96; $14,390.

Same owner with William F. Wilson (contractor), architect same—Plumbing and gas fitting for same on same; $4398.

Bombarded With Glass.

Robert Harvey, a boy 16 years of age, was arrested yesterday on a charge of battery. He is collector for his stepfather, J. W. Duffle, 21 Sheridan place, who sells paintings, and Monday he and a man called upon Mrs. Charles Johnson, 95 Bosworth street, to collect 50 cents. Mrs. Johnson told them she did not have the money just then, and she alleges that they broke one of the front windows and threw the broken glass at her, cutting her lips.

May Not Alter the Books.

Auditor Wells yesterday refused to allow ex-Tax Collector Sheehan to alter the books now in possession of Tax Collector Scott. Sheehan desired to make certain credits so that a number of errors and omissions might be rectified.

RATIFICATIONS ARE TO BE HELD ACROSS THE BAY

Big Demonstration to Take Place Saturday Night in Oakland.

Many Alameda County Towns Will Hold Celebrations in Honor of the National Republican Nominees.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, June 19.

The Republicans of Alameda County are preparing actively for the coming Presidential campaign. Big ratification meetings will be held following the action of the Republican National Convention.

Oakland will celebrate Saturday evening. Berkeley has selected Thursday evening. The committee will give a fireworks display and there will be a mass-meeting at Shattuck Hall. Among the speakers will be Congressman Metcalf, H. J. Morehouse, Judge Ogden and others. The following vice presidents have been selected:

Paris Kilburn, John C. Lynch, Charles S. Spear, A. R. Frame, W. L. Overstreet, Charles Sleeper, A. S. J. Woods, Dr. E. A. Kelley, J. K. Wier, W. D. Wooster, Hugh Forgie, Judge W. A. Gray, Captain W. H. Marston, E. J. Wickson, A. L. Ott, J. M. Foy, P. Reymond, Frank M. Wilson, E. J. Martin, Dr. H. N. Rowell, W. R. Pond, Duncan McKinley, George Schmidt, P. A. Needham, B. F. Arnold, E. C. Marhive, C. C. Piehn, Harry S. Scott, Morgan Rider, Charles Jensen, W. H. Waste, Thomas C. Dowd, H. W. Taylor and Judge W. E. Greene.

A McKinley club has been organized at Haywards. George A. Oakes and J. W. McCoy are temporary president and secretary, respectively.

A call has been issued by the following named for organization on Saturday night at Haywards of a Metcalf club: I. B. Parsons, J. L. Hollis, W. E. Meek, A. Bradford, H. A. Schafer, J. J. McDonnell, H. E. Brunner, Charles Prowse, H. W. Rice, A. J. Powell, A. Ramage, C. B. Harmon, E. H. Clawiter, J. J. Haines, S. Ransom, W. O. Emerson, E. K. Shortridge, John T. Stanton, H. M. Brownell, George Gray, D. Tamalier, H. W. Meek, E. F. Champeney, James O'Neil, E. O. Webb, Frank C. Winton, H. D. Rice, A. G. Roberts, L. B. Chandler, C. Winton, A. Tamalier, A. Harrington, George C. Baster, L. Linekin, P. H. Hoare and F. F. Allen.

The candidacy for State Senator from the Twenty-seventh District of William H. Waste, a prominent young attorney with an office in this city, has been taken in hand by a committee of Berkeleyans. Mr. Waste is a resident of the college town.

Eighty thousand elephants are required annually to supply the world with ivory, and most of them come from South Africa. The Boer has shipped lions from the Transvaal to all lands, and he has killed 7000 of the beasts within its borders.

PETITION GOING UP TO RAILROAD HEADQUARTERS

Five Hundred Commuters on Narrow Gauge Want a Better Service.

Board of Trustees of Alameda Take the Matter in Their Own Hands and Make Demands.

ALAMEDA, June 19.—Although Division Superintendent Frazier of the Coast Division has said that he would consign to the waste-basket any petition the citizens of Alameda might present urging improvement in the narrow-gauge service the City Trustees are undeterred and will see that the protest of the people reaches somebody in authority higher than the nearsighted Mr. Frazier.

Five hundred commuters have signed their names to the petition. It is quite a lengthy document. It recites the inconveniences the traveling public is compelled to put up with in the way of crowded and unsanitary cars, delayed trains and frequent accidents. The demand is made for a change from narrow-gauge to broadgauge trains on the local line from High street to the mole. It is pointed out that turntables should be placed at each of the terminals so that engines can be operated without the tender running "head on," thereby minimizing the number of accidents on account of the kangaroo machines.

In answer to the statement of Superintendent Frazier that Oakland was given the broadgauge service so that Alameda's narrow-gauge service could be improved the petition sets forth that the superior service is discrimination in favor of the former city against the latter, which suffers materially from the effects of poor train service.

In addition to sanctioning the protest of the 500 commuters of Alameda who demand better service the Board of Trustees will forward to railroad headquarters a strong communication urging that the wishes of the people receive due respect and consideration.

VALUABLE ESTATE OF MRS. JULIA BACON

OAKLAND, June 19.—The estate of the late Julia A. Bacon has been appraised at $294,216 23 by F. A. Page, E. A. Heron and C. D. Olney. According to the inventory filed by the appraisers the principal assets of the estate are: Cash, $25,093 21; promissory notes of the Bacon Land and Loan Company, $68,016 27; 25,000 shares of stock in the Bacon Land and Loan Company, $200,000. The estate holds twenty-three bonds of the State of North Carolina of the face value of $1000, but as they have been repudiated by the State they are appraised as being of no value.

SUMMER READING

of the most satisfactory sort—entertaining and at the same time delightfully instructive—will be provided for CALL readers in the summer term programme of THE CALL'S HOME STUDY CIRCLE commencing Friday, June 15. The list of contributors embraces the names of such eminent writers as Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D. D., Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, Harriet Prescott Spofford, Jesse Macy, LL.D., William J. Rolfe, Litt. D., and a score of other prominent authorities.

The summer term will run from June 15 to October 14, presenting six new courses, as follows:

I. AMERICAN POLITICAL PARTIES.

A continuation of Dr. Macy's popular papers, timely and very interesting; illustrated with many portraits, maps and diagrams. The outline of topics is as follows:

1. The Last Whig Campaign.
2. The Origin of the Republican Party.
3. The Dred Scott Decision.
4. The Douglas Democrats.
5. The Election of 1860.
6. The War and Anti-War Parties.
7. Lincoln, Johnson and Reconstruction.
8. The Reorganized Democratic Party.
9. Horace Greeley and the Democracy.
10. Disputed Succession. End of Military Rule.
11. Martyrs of the Spoils System.
12. Democracy in Power.
13. Tariff Ascendent.
14. Cleveland's Second Term.
15. Third Parties.

II. DISCOVERERS AND EXPLORERS OF NORTH AMERICA.

Half a dozen specialists in American and Canadian History will prepare the papers for this course, presenting the following subjects:

1. Early French Discoverers and Explorers.
2. Early English Discoverers and Explorers.
3. Later English Discoverers and Explorers.
4. Early Dutch Discoverers and Explorers.
5. Early Spanish Discoverers and Explorers.
6. The Discoverers and Explorers of the Mississippi.
7. The Discoverers and Explorers of the Middle West.
8. The Discoverers and Explorers of the Mountains and the Great West.

III. FAMOUS ART GALLERIES OF THE WORLD.

F. Hopkinson Smith, Arthur Hoeber and other distinguished art critics will write entertainingly of the art treasures exhibited in large cities abroad. The course will be generously illustrated and will include the following papers:

1. The National Gallery, London.
2. The Louvre and Luxembourg Galleries.
3. The Italian Galleries.
4. The Madrid Galleries.
5. The St. Petersburg Gallery.
6. The Vienna Gallery.
7. The Berlin and German Galleries.
8. The Dutch Galleries.
9. The American Galleries.

IV. HISTORIC STUDIES IN HOME FURNISHING.

This course will be enjoyed particularly by THE CALL'S large constituency of women readers—the thousands of progressive homemakers who are ambitious to add in every way possible to the beauty and attractiveness of their home environment. The studies have been prepared by Margaret Ainslee—the pen name of a widely known writer—and will be embellished with many very unique and unusual illustrations. The outline of topics is as follows:

1. Old Clocks and Their Makers.
2. The Evolution of the Piano.
3. Tapestries and Oriental Rugs.
4. Historic Desks, Chairs and Bedsteads.
5. Decorative Features of Home Interiors.
6. History of Embroidery and Lace.
7. China, Pottery and Porcelain.

V. COMPARATIVE STUDIES OF TWO CENTURIES.

Frank A. Vanderlip, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; O. P. Austin, chief of the Bureau of Statistics; G. Stanley Hall, president of Clark University, and many other prominent authorities will contribute papers for this course. The outline of topics is as follows:

1. Foreign Trade in 1800 and 1900.
2. Government in 1800 and 1900.
3. Communication in 1800 and 1900.
4. Transportation in 1800 and 1900.
5. Manufactures in 1800 and 1900.
6. Geography in 1800 and 1900.
7. Geology in 1800 and 1900.
8. Navigation in 1800 and 1900
9. Education in 1800 and 1900.
10. Surgery in 1800 and 1900.
11. Medicine in 1800 and 1900.
12. Chemistry in 1800 and 1900.

VI. LITERARY TALKS AND REMINISCENCES.

To those who love literature this will be the most popular course in the entire series. THE CALL has secured "literary talks" from men and women who knew Longfellow and Holmes and Whittier and other prominent American authors personally. The purpose of the course is to present the men rather than their essays or poems. No set programme has been arranged. The contributors—Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D. D.; Thomas Wentworth Higginson, William J. Rolfe, Litt. D.; Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, Harriet Prescott Spofford and Professor Lewis E. Gates—have been asked to talk simply "out of the fullness of their hearts." Their names are a guaranty of the delightful treat they are certain to provide for Home Study Circle readers.