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PROMINENT MEN AT TABLE WITH NOTED VISITORS

Senator Fairbanks and Hon. F. E. Holloway Guests of Honor.

Union League Club Gives Them Informal Luncheon — Campaign Movements of Candidates and Speakers.

An informal reception and luncheon was given to Senator C. W. Fairbanks and Hon. F. E. Holloway by the Union League Club at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Many prominent Republicans gathered in the clubrooms at the Palace Hotel to greet the distinguished guests.

Seated with Senator Fairbanks and Mr. Holloway at table were the following named members of the club and invited guests: Senator George C. Perkins, Congressman Julius Kahn, Colonel George Stone, Senator W. M. Cutter, Colonel George H. Pippy, Colonel John P. Jackson, Joseph S. Spear Jr., Judge Van R. Paterson, Judge W. C. Van Fleet, Samuel M. Shortridge, A. G. Booth, president of the Union League Club; Wakefield Baker and H. D. Loveland.

Senator Fairbanks and Mr. Holloway left at 2:45 p. m. for San Jose, where they spoke last night at the opening rally of the campaign in the Garden City. They were accompanied by Colonel Stone, Wakefield Baker, Joseph S. Spear Jr. and Congressman Loud.

The distinguished visitors from Indiana will be entertained at luncheon to-day at the home of Charles N. Felton at San Mateo, and will then return to San Francisco to take the 7 o'clock train for Portland, where both Senator Fairbanks and Mr. Holloway are billed to speak.

Hon. Samuel M. Shortridge will speak at Fresno next Thursday night and at Bakersfield the following night.

Frank L. Coombs left yesterday afternoon to take up active campaign work in support of his candidacy for Congressman from the First District. He will deliver his first speech of the campaign at Covelo, Mendocino County, Monday night.

The German Republican Club will hold a rally at Metropolitan Temple next Friday night. Dr. E. Markbreiter of Chicago, a noted German-American orator, will deliver the speech of the evening, in German.

The Republican State Central Committee will next week carefully route the speakers that it has at its disposal.

D. M. Delmas opened the campaign for the Democrats in Los Angeles last night. He will tour the State somewhat later, speaking at the principal cities, and will close the campaign in San Francisco.

Among other speakers that the Democrats will have in the field will be Stephen M. White, Hon. C. A. Towne, ex-Governor Budd, W. H. Alford, Frank Gould and Frank J. Heney.

Jo D. Sproul, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Second District, opened his campaign at Inyo Friday night, and he spoke last night at Bishop, in the same county.

Colonel George Stone, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, has sent a reply to the proposal by Senator J. C. Sims, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, for a joint debate between leading champions of the two parties. The reply states that the executive committee considered the suggestion and decided against it, "as experiences in former campaigns had demonstrated that such debates had not added dignity to either party, and the practice is no longer considered profitable to either party in the conduct of a political campaign."

CRAZY DISHWASHER TRIES TO KILL HIMSELF

Enters the Basement of the Palace Hotel and Slashes His Throat and Arms.

Fred Kessler, who was formerly employed as a silver cleaner in the Palace Hotel, made a desperate attempt last evening to kill himself. He was discharged from the hotel about a year ago and went to work as a dishwasher in the Union League Club.

Yesterday afternoon he walked into the basement of the Palace and, taking out a penknife, stabbed himself in the breast over the heart. Failing to inflict a fatal wound he slashed his throat and his arms and then lay down to die. One of the employes of the hotel discovered him several hours later and had him removed to the Receiving Hospital, where his wounds, which are not considered fatal, were dressed by Assistant Police Surgeon Starr.

It is believed that Kessler is mentally deranged.

SERGEANT PRICE SUES FOR REINSTATEMENT

Wants Writ of Mandate Compelling Commission to Restore Him to His Old Rank.

Police Sergeant William Price has taken advantage of the suggestion of the Police Commission and has filed suit for a writ of mandate to compel the commission to restore him to his old rank of police lieutenant. The oft told story of Price's disratement is reiterated in his petition for a writ.

On April 19, 1899, Price was disrated from the rank of police lieutenant to sergeant, without right or reason, he alleges. Subsequently on many occasions and more particularly on the 13th inst., he demanded to be reinstated, but the Board of Police Commissioners by an even vote denied his petition. In conclusion Price prays for judgment as stated.

CITY WINS TWO MEDALS AT PARIS EXPOSITION

Exhibits of Health Statistics and Education and Social Economy Accorded Recognition.

Mayor Phelan received information yesterday from the California Paris Exposition Commission that the San Francisco exhibit of statistics of health and that of education and social economy at the exposition have been awarded silver medals by the International Jury of Awards. Certificates will be issued in December and the medals, which the Mayor assured the commissioners would be paid for by the city of San Francisco, will accompany them.

Douglas Tilden, the sculptor, of San Francisco, also received a gold medal for his bronze group, "The Football Players."

A Golden Opportunity.

To-morrow there will be offered by the Bee Hive Shoe Co. as a Monday special $3 to $5 shoes for men and women for $1 85 a pair. These shoes are made of the best vici kid, vesting tops, latest style toe, in all sizes, Louis XIV heel, to-morrow for $1 85 a pair at the Bee Hive Shoe Co., 717 Market street, near Third.

Eastern Star Assists.

Yerba Buena Chapter, U. D., Order of the Eastern Star, at its meeting last night donated $20 to the Galveston fund.

Did you parade? If so, get the Wasp's souvenir edition Native Sons' celebration; handsomely illustrated; 36 pages. Every feature photographed. On sale at all news stands, 25c.

LIFE IMPRISONMENT IS THE SENTENCE OF MRS. MINNIE ADAMS

Judge Lawlor Punishes Fiendish Mother Who Murdered Babe That Stood in the Way of Her Returning to Her Husband.

WOMAN CONVICTED OF MURDERING HER BABY.

MRS. MINNIE ADAMS, convicted of the murder of her infant son, John Richard Gray, was sentenced to life imprisonment in San Quentin prison by Judge Lawlor yesterday. Mrs. Adams evinced no emotion when sentence was passed upon her, although she betrayed surprise when a new trial was denied her.

The crime for which Mrs. Adams must pass the remainder of her days in San Quentin unless the Supreme Court intervenes attracted widespread interest at the time of its commission. John Richard Gray, her baby son, died in agony in her home in March of 1899. Investigation proved that the child had died from carbolic acid poisoning and suspicion rested on the mother. She was arrested and although stoutly proclaiming her innocence was charged with murder. During the trial Mrs. Adams sought to establish her contention that the youngster, while playing in the home yard, found a flask which contained the poison and drank it.

It was proved, however, that on the night preceding the murder the fiendish mother had purchased a bottle of carbolic acid at a drug store on the corner of Geary and Devisadero streets. This bottle was missing when the house was searched and it was assumed that she disposed of the same after pouring its contents down the throat of her babe.

A motive for the crime was also established by the prosecution. Mrs. Adams had deserted her husband and was living in illicit relationship with John Gray, a drayman. While living with Gray the child was born. Finally she quarreled with Gray and he went away. During Gray's absence Mrs. Adams received a letter from her husband stating that he was willing to take her back and would support her and their two children, but refusing to maintain little John Richard Gray. The removal of the child was the only remaining obstacle to a reconciliation with her husband, if she was to accept his offer. Thus she planned the murder and according to the prosecution she took the babe from its playthings, carried him into an outhouse and forced the poison down his throat. Then she raised the alarm that her child had been accidentally poisoned. Circumstances were against her, and she must pay the penalty.

RUSSIANS WERE OUTWITTED BY THE AMERICANS

Colonel W. J. Cotton Tells How Samoa Was Brought Back to Nome.

Captain Deceived the Foreigners and Had the Ship in United States Waters Before Discovery Was Made.

Among the San Francisco people who have recently returned from the Alaskan gold fields are Colonel W. J. Cotton, a former newspaper man, J. F. Donoghue, J. J. Friggs and M. S. Griffith. They have come home for the winter, intending to return to Nome early in the spring and work their claims, of which they have several.

Colonel Cotton tells some interesting facts concerning the experiences of the English and American experts who chartered the steamer Samoa in San Francisco and sailed for Siberia last June for the purpose of exploiting the concession granted the Eastern Siberian Syndicate (limited) of London, on the eastern coast of Siberia. Colonel Cotton thinks there is little doubt that the affair will result in serious international complications between Russia versus England and America.

"When gold was discovered in such paying quantities in Nome," said Cotton, "attention of capital was attracted to Siberia and a corporation organized under the name of the Eastern Siberian Syndicate, Limited, of London, with a capital of one million shares, par value £1 each. The syndicate is composed of very prominent English, Russian and American capitalists. It is rumored that Lord Salisbury and the Duke of Fife are large shareholders.

"The Samoa was chartered by representatives of the company and sailed from San Francisco June 10. Among the passengers was an interpreter named McPherson, who, although born in Russia, travels under an English passport. It is the feeling among the English and Americans that more or less of their troubles were brought about by the interpretation of this latter individual, as he undoubtedly sympathized with the Russians and hated the others. It was understood by the parties representing the English syndicate that George D. Roberts, the well known American mining engineer, would be their leader, as he was one of the principal organizers of the syndicate. Bogdonovich represented the Russian capitalists and as the expedition was going into Russian waters Bogdonovich was agreed upon as the chief while over there.

"After arriving on the Siberian coast and completing a portion of the work Mr. Roberts desired to return to Nome, to which the Russian strenuously objected, but eventually gave in.

"The Samoa returned to Nome about July 25 after taking on board the engineers left behind. She steamed out on the 27th headed for a section of the Siberian coast, where the party expected to meet the Russian gunboat Yakout. Upon arriving at the appointed rendezvous they found the Yakout waiting, but their reception was not as warm as they had anticipated. Bogdonovich and his companions went at once on board, purposely neglecting to invite any of the English or Americans.

"About August 12 Mr. Roberts again requested that the steamer be taken to Nome on September 1, but Bogdonovich absolutely refused, stating that he was the head of the expedition; that he was also there for scientific purposes in behalf of the Russian Government and could not and would not leave this important duty for the purpose of transporting Mr. Roberts to Nome whenever fancy seized him.

"Now, Mr. Roberts has for some years been in the habit of having his own way, especially when in command of a party, and this statement by the Russian made him not only indignant, but angry, and he declared that the Samoa should land him any old place he desired, as she was chartered in America and flew the American flag and under these cicrumstances no Russian could dictate to him.

"To say this was startling news is to put it very mildly. Captain Johnson on the night of the 14th of August, a very heavy fog prevailing, turned the ship's nose toward Nome.

"It was the following morning when the interpreter came on deck he saw by the compass which way the ship was heading and hastening to Captain Johnson, who was on the bridge, asked where they were going. The captain replied with the utmost sangfroid, 'To Nome.' The interpreter collapsed and tumbling down the stairs announced the news to Bogdonovich, his chief.

"Meanwhile the captain lost no time in getting the English and Americans together, informing them of what he had done and advising each man to arm himself and stand by and see the thing through. They at once sprang to positions of vantage and, although poorly armed and few in number, they were prepared to render a good account of themselves.

"Bogdonovich came on deck in a perfect rage and demanded an explanation. The ship was by this time in American waters. Captain Johnson stated that as he felt responsible for the safety of his passengers he had determined to take his ship to some American port for a settlement of the question. Here occurred a dramatic scene, over which it is possible international complications may arise.

"With great dignity, although trembling with rage, Bogdonovich, stepping back, drew from his breast a document, which to the astonishment of all showed that he was not only the declared agent of the Russian capitalists, but officially sent and was a representative of the imperial Russian Government. As such representative, he declared, he and his countrymen were grossly insulted and outraged by being kidnaped from Russian waters.

"Mr. Roberts and his friends were taken greatly aback and instantly realized that serious complications stared them in the face. However, it was too late to back out now. The Cossacks, although prevented from obtaining arms, wanted to fight, so steam was crowded on and in a short time the Samoa dropped her anchor off Nome, near the United States infantry barracks. The captain went ashore, and, explaining the case to Major Evans, a file of soldiers under command of Lieutenant Knudson was sent on board and the English and American contingent came ashore, but the Russians were not permitted to land. Later the ship was anchored under the guns of the revenue cutter Manning and the soldiers were sent ashore.

"A court of inquiry was at once held and after due deliberation it was ordered that the Samoa, under the escort of the Manning, should take the Russians back to Siberia and turn them over to the Yakout there. The Samoa is to return to Nome, pick up Mr. Roberts and his party and take them to San Francisco.

"Apprehensions are felt as to how the Russian officials will act, once they get the American ship in their waters.

"All sorts of overtures have been made to Bogdonovich in the endeavor to smooth over matters, but he refuses to be placated. He is determined to at once report the matter to the Russian military attache at Washington, who, he says, will see that the honor of Russia is upheld and all rights for mining in Siberia by the Eastern Siberian Syndicate withdrawn."

RIDING CLUB SWELLS ENGAGE IN MERRY WAR

Stockholders and Directors Quarrel Over Dilhan's Dismissal.

Board Issues Stock to Circumvent the Captain's Friends, Who Are Now Preparing to Go to Law.

There is a merry war on in the San Francisco Riding Club. The stockholders of the club and the few left over directors are exchanging compliments and there is likely to be an appeal to the courts before the disturbing matters are finally adjusted.

The fight revolves round the warscarerd Captain Dilhan, founder of the club, stockholder to the tune of 350 shares and former riding master of the elite. The trouble started some few weeks ago. The captain was given a three weeks' leave of absence, but at the expiration of his vacation, instead of receiving a welcoming glad hand, he got a frigid note, setting forth that his services were no longer required. Dilhan, however, is not the man to accept defeat meekly. He appealed to his friends, the stockholders, and they put in a petition praying that the former riding master be reinstated. The board paid no attention to the appeal—although the petitioners represented 445 shares, more than one-half of the 775 shares, which constituted the original issue of the club.

Indignant at the treatment they had received at the hands of the directors, the stockholders consulted Attorney John J. Barrett. Barrett's first bit of advice was to have the books of the club examined and that advice was faithfully carried out yesterday.

The examination of the books was an eye-opener to Dilhan's friends, who found that, on Friday, without the formality of calling a meeting and putting the matter to a vote, 400 extra shares of San Francisco Riding School stock was issued, the same being bought up by George Quarre, an employe of J. Dalzelle Brown, one of the club's directors.

"It's this way," said an indignant stockholder last evening, "the four directors intend to run the club to suit themselves and by owning 400 extra shares they could do so, for they would represent the majority in all club matters. But that stock was not issued legally. There was no meeting called and the matter was not put to vote.

"The riding club has not been very prosperous of late," went on the stockholder. "Members have been dropping off and those who still remain have been giving but little attention to club matters. In fact, this inattention has been so marked that there was not enough interest in club matters to get up an election and in default of one the old directors held over. And now only four of the required eight are fulfilling the duties of their office—J. Dalzelle Brown, secretary; W. B. Chapman, president, and Directors Flournoy and Buckingham. Director Sam Knight is in Nome, Miss Farquharson is abroad. Mrs. Fannie Lent, annoyed by the continual petty quarrels, has resigned, and Mrs. Hooper, who is suing the club for the death of a valuable horse, has also resigned. However, in spite of all the misfortunes the club has suffered, the stockholders are determined to once again put the club on its feet and win out. With this end in view we intend to force a meeting of the directors and have that 400 extra share issue recalled. If we are not successful with the directors we shall bring the matter into court."

The San Francisco Riding Club, although it has all the swells on its membership list, is not a purely social organization. It combines business with pleasure. All the business of the club is supposed to be attended to by the stockholders. Members are only entitled to the privileges of the club.

The club is also in a prosperous condition and has $1800 in its treasury.

SAYS VAUDEVILLE IS UNFIT FOR A MOTHER

Kinross Wants Custody of His Baby Because Her Mother Is an Actress.

William H. Kinross believes a vaudeville actress is so environed that she is an unfit and improper person to have the custody of a minor child. He expresses this belief in an answer filed yesterday to the action for divorce recently instituted by his wife, Adelaide Kinross. Kinross denies that he has failed to provide his wife and baby with necessaries of life, as she alleges, but avers that he has always supported her and their child, Pauline Ouida Kinross, as became their station in life.

Some time ago, he further alleges, his wife deserted him and went on the vaudeville stage. For that reason, he says, her environment is such that she is unfit to have the custody of her baby, and he asks that the same be awarded to him.

University Alumni Meeting.

The Alumni Association of the University of California met last night at the Hopkins Institute of Art. It was announced that the Le Conte memorial fellowship fund of $10,000, contributed by the graduates of the university, had been completed and that out of the income for the current year two fellowships had been created. The appointees are Miss Alice Robertson, M. S. (Biology), Cand. Ph. D., and Knight Dunlap, M. S. (philosophy), Cand. Ph. D.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Charles S. Greene, '86, of Oakland; vice president, H. W. O'Melveny, '79, of Los Angeles; second vice president, J. D. Mortimer, 1900, of Berkeley; secretary, James Sutton; trustee of the association, T. A. Perkins, '96; trustee of the Le Conte Fellowship Fund, J. M. Whitworth, '72; councilors to Associated Alumni—Miss Emma Hefty, Herbert Dam and Rev. W. A. Brewer.

Money Loaned to Pay for a Mass.

In a complaint filed yesterday by John H. Roche against Patrick McKenna and Elizabeth Kennedy in the Justice's Court the plaintiff alleges that the defendants became indebted to him in the sum of $20 for money loaned for the purpose of having mass said for the repose of the soul of the mother-in-law of Patrick McKenna; that although able to pay the money and repeatedly requested to do so, the defendants have refused to pay any part of the $20 loaned by plaintiff.

Baptist Church Anniversary.

The First Baptist Church, Eddy street, near Jones, will celebrate its fifty-first anniversary to-day. Rev. E. A. Woods, pastor of the church, will preach a special sermon. A programme of music and addresses has been prepared for the occasion.

Appointed Guarding Inspectors.

Port Collector Jackson yesterday appointed J. Toland, H. Z. Verney and L. A. Heiner guarding inspectors at salaries of $3 per day.

Two Years for Walters.

Walter Walters, the Santa Rosa counterfeiter, was sentenced yesterday by United States District Judge de Haven to two years' imprisonment in the penitentiary at San Quentin and to pay a fine of $100.

CRAZY COACHMAN TRIES TO END HIS EXISTENCE IN A GRAVEYARD

Butts His Head Against a Tombstone and Then Batters His Skull With a Hammer and a Chisel Until Overcome by Spectators.

DEMENTED MAN WITH A SUICIDAL MANIA.

THOMAS CRONIN, formerly a coachman for Sanders & Johnson, Phelan building, has been for some nights terrorizing residents in the vicinity of the Masonic Cemetery by his peculiar actions. The man's mind is unbalanced, and yesterday morning he made a desperate attempt to kill himself at the corner of Masonic and Central avenues. Leon Strauss, who lives in the neighborhood, saw him attempt to butt out his brains against a tombstone, and tried to capture him.

Cronin ran to the corner, where men were working on tombstones, and, seizing a hammer, tried to batter his brains out. He threw away the hammer, seized a chisel and cut himself seven times on the scalp with it before he was disarmed. He was so violent that it took the combined strength of fourteen men to hold him down until the patrol wagon arrived from the O'Farrel-street station.

Cronin was taken to the Receiving Hospital, where his wounds were stitched and dressed. He was then locked up in a padded cell and a straitjacket put on him. He had been coachman for Sanders & Johnson for four years, but was discharged about three weeks ago owing to his peculiar actions. He had been roaming at the Soto House, but spent most of his nights wandering around the cemetery and scaring the wits out of people in the neighborhood.

TEACHERS TO BE RESTORED TO POSITIONS

Board of Education Finds Additional Classes Necessary.

Mark Promises That All Teachers Appointed Will Be Employed by the Priority of Service System.

Miss A. A. Duffy, assigned to additional class in the Peabody School: Miss M. A. Rollins, to additional class in the Bernal Heights School; Buena Vista School, additional class, teacher not selected; Hawthorne School, additional class, teacher not selected; Haight School, additional class, teacher not selected.—School Board's action to relieve crowded condition of schools.

As a result of the first inspection made of schools reported by Superintendent Webster to be in a congested condition the Board of Education yesterday decided to establish an additional class in each of five schools in the Mission district, namely Peabody, Bernal Heights, Hawthorne, Haight and Buena Vista schools. This will necessitate the appointment of five additional teachers, and two have already been selected. Miss A. A. Duffy, who was consolidated out of the Peabody School, will be reassigned to a class of fifty pupils which are to be transferred from the Marshall Primary, found by the board to be overcrowded. Miss M. A. Rollins, who was consolidated out of the Henry Durant School, will be assigned to the class to be formed out of the overflow in the Bernal School. This class will be established outside of the school. Other schools which will in all likelihood be equipped with additional classes include the Buena Vista, Hawthorne and Haight schools and possibly the Fairmount. As two vacant classrooms are to be opened in the Haight School, two extra teachers may be appointed. Other schools in the district may require additional teachers, and if so will be provided by the board. The full list of appointees will be announced at next Wednesday's meeting.

Chairman Mark says that the congestion was practically as Superintendent Webster has reported it, though found in some cases to be exaggerated. Superintendent Webster explains by saying that the attendance may have been lighter on Friday, but the enrollment would be the same. The Marshall Primary was crowded, and results in an extra class in the Peabody. The Fairmount was found not crowded, but if the classes fill up a vacant room will be utilized. The average attendance at the Bernal was 45, but on account of the mixed grades it is deemed expedient to form another class. The Hawthorne is not crowded, and a vacant classroom could accommodate 45 pupils. In the Columbia School some pupils have no desks, but they were all sitting on some kind of seat, Mark said, though he denied a rumor that some were sitting on soap boxes. The school is congested in the primary grades, and fifty pupils will be transferred, with the option of attending the Hawthorne or Haight, either of which will have an additional teacher. So many applications have been denied at the Buena Vista School that an outside room will be rented and an extra teacher appointed. The Agassiz is crowded in certain classes and the overflow will be sent to the Hawthorne, Haight or Edison, as pupils desire.

Mark says that all pupils attending the Horace Mann have desks and the enrollment is 984, or 32 less than last year, with the same number of teachers. One hundred pupils of the advanced eighth grade will go to the High School at Christmas, but no further disturbance of the classification will be made.

To-morrow the board will visit the Everett, Douglass, Crocker, Dudley Stone, Hamilton and other schools in the vicinity, and it is almost certain that at least two additional classes will be formed.

Mark's Annual Report.

Chairman Mark filed his annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, with the Mayor yesterday. In his report Mark refers to the changes inaugurated by the charter in the administration of the department. He considers the centralization of authority in the principals and the increased supervision of schools to be in the nature of improvements. The report says:

The board has abolished special privileges for the reason that the department should be considered a unit. What is of real worth for one school should also be of value to another. This has led to the introduction of special lines of instruction, to make them uniform in all schools, thereby giving equal rights and privileges to all.

The board intends to formulate a plan and adopt it, which will settle, once and for all, the method of electing teachers into the department when needed. The charter provides for civil service, but this plan cannot apply to the School Department, as teachers are properly certified and have already passed one test, in either graduating from the university, the normal school or having secured their certificate upon examination.

The question of promtion of pupils from grade to grade should, in a properly supervised department, be left entirely with the principal and class teacher. However, opinion on this question is somewhat divided, and the board has adopted a conciliatory measure, thereby excusing certain pupils who are honorary and recommended from examinations, and examining others, allowing the year's standing to count for one half and the examinations of the board to count for the other half, thereby adjusting the matter fairly for all.

The most important work that the board has accomplished is the adoption of a new course of study for four years. After most careful consideration it was finally agreed to change the present nine years' course of study of the primary and grammar schools to an eight years' course, thus following the plan adopted by nearly all of the large cities of our union.

Manual Training.

The following figures show the extent of the introduction of manual training: Number of centers or laboratories, 7; total approximate cost of equipment, 26000; number of special teachers (all highly qualified to perform the work), 5; number of schools sending boys, 31; number of boys taking manual training, about 2000.

The following figures show the extent of the introduction of domestic science: Number of centers or laboratories, 7; total cost of equipment, $2220; number of special teachers (especially qualified to perform the work), 5; number of schools sending eighth grade girls, 30; number of girls taking cooking, 1200.

The board intends to purchase out of the revenue of this fiscal year $2000 worth of indigent books and $2000 worth of supplementary books. It is hoped that during the coming year more money will be expended for this most worthy purpose.

In order that a small number of books can reach a large number of children the board intends to establish distributing centers in various parts of the city. The principals of the schools selected as centers will be responsible for the proper distribution and care of the books, and each principal will be responsible for the further care of the supplementary books used in his school.

The extra expense of administration imposed by the new charter, payable out of school fund for six months	$10,056 37
Payment of water bills, heretofore paid out of general fund for six months	6,240 00
	$16,296 37
Introduction of special lines of work and other extra expenses incurred—	
Introduction of manual training (approximately)	$6,000 00
Introduction of cooking	2,220 00
Placing new shades in all school buildings	2,683 76
Improvements on Lafayette School, destroyed by fire	2,500 00
Purchase of indigent and supplementary books	4,000 00
Total additional expense	$33,700 13

Promotion by Priority.

Perhaps the incident which is of most vital importance to teachers already in the department is involved in the assertion made by President Mark yesterday that all teachers appointed now will be employed in the priority of service system. To teachers this means the only just method of promotion. It was absolutely and unfailingly followed by the predecessor of this board, and when it was overthrown The Call showed the evil which resulted. Favoritism and scandal took the place of merit, and women who had been in the department less than two months were advanced by favor to stable positions, while women without a pull or influence were relegated to the unassigned list without pay.

The Call exposed this traffic, and now President Mark says that priority of service will govern advancement. He says there will be no more consolidation of teachers out of the department and the congestion of schools will be relieved.

Court Southern Heights.

Court Southern Heights of the Independent Order of Foresters celebrated the eighth anniversary of its institution by an entertainment, banquet and dance, in Shiels building, last night. There were present about three hundred and fifty persons. The following was the programme of entertainment:

Vocal selections, quartet, Mrs. Longworth, Mr. Longworth, Miss Taubman, Mr. Jones; piano solo, Miss May Gardner; soprano solo, Miss Pengelly; cornet solo, Miss Winnie Johnston; song, Mr. Jones; sailor's hornpipe, Mr. Rentoul; remarks, G. A. McElfresh, H. C. R.; duet, Messrs. Longworth and Jones; recitation, Miss Cotton; song, Mr. Hansen; cornet solo, Miss Violet Johnston; duet, Messrs. Kelly and Marlow; recitation, Master Lloyd Head; trio, Messrs. Kelly, Marlow and Hansen.

The affair was under the direction of the following committees:

Arrangements—H. Duff (chairman), Dr. Siefkes, H. M. Kelly, B. Hedstrom, R. Ellis, T. R. Hamilton, L. C. J. Perry, William Stewart, Dr. Herrington, William Rae and J. W. Hamilton.

Reception—William Stewart (chairman), R. Gillander, George Dow, P. J. Cotton, H. M. Kelly, John Swan and James Greig.

Floor—T. R. Hamilton (floor manager), B. Hedstrom (assistant floor manager), J. P. Jarvis and R. Ellis.

Divorce Suits Filed.

Suits for divorce were filed yesterday by Lucy M. Hawthorne against Layet A. Hawthorne for failure to provide, Sadie Blackwell against George M. Blackwell for desertion and Lucinda Vanderpool against R. F. Vanderpool for desertion.

PENNILESS AND DESERTED WOMAN ENDS EXISTENCE

Beside Her Child's Ashes Mrs. P. Walewski Shoots Herself.

Police Batter Down Door and Find Woman Lifeless With a Bullet Through Her Heart.

Mrs. P. Walewski, a Polish woman residing at 730 Vallejo street, committed suicide last night by shooting herself through the heart. Her husband and son had left her two months ago and when her purse was empty and the cupboard bare she laid the ashes of her dead daughter beside her and fired a fatal shot. Little is known of the woman and her family, as they came from Chicago almost destitute but a short time ago. She left a note, which could not be interpreted, and this, with her body, was taken to the Morgue.

About three months ago Walewski, his wife and 15-year-old son came here from Chicago. Two weeks later the son disappeared. Where he went no one seems to know, but it is presumed that he found employment somewhere. Only another week had passed when the father passed out of the dingy apartments and was not seen afterward. The neighbors think he went to work in Oakland.

Since the departure of her husband, Mrs. Walewski has given little information to any one. She was very poor and lived alone. Charitably inclined people kept the wolf from her door. Last night about 7 o'clock she called to A. Marchlewicz, who occupies a room adjoining hers, and complained that the boys were making much noise in the street. He replied to her that such a thing could not be avoided and their conversation ceased. He heard her turn the key in the lock and soon afterward was startled by two reports from a pistol. He heard a slight movement in the room and then another shot. Other occupants of the building heard the same thing and Police Officer James Ward was called. The officer found the door locked and broke it in.

Mrs. Walewski lay on the bed. She grasped a smoking pistol in her right hand and to her left lay a casket containing the ashes of her daughter Lucili, who died in Chicago. The pistol used was a cheap thirty-eight-caliber weapon and a bullet from one of its chambers had passed through the woman's heart. On a table close by was a note which had been penned by her, but it has not yet been interpreted.

There were two bullet holes in the wall at the head of the bed. Both holes were powder burned. This fact caused Deputy Coroner Brown to call Detectives George McMahon and Ross Whittaker into the case. It is probable, though, that Mrs. Walewski turned the weapon against the wall to test it, then placed herself in a reclining position and ended her existence. She was about 40 years of age.

CITY WOULD BE HELD LIABLE FOR DAMAGES

Chief Engineer Holmes Objects to Filling In of Foot of Spear Street.

Commissioner Manson of the Board of Public Works received a letter yesterday from Chief Engineer Holmes of the Harbor Commission, in which he states that if the city should fill in its portion of the foot of Spear street he would advise the commission to receive from the city government an agreement to keep the wharf in repair during such construction and to indemnify the State against any damages that might occur during such time. The solid bottom in the vicinity of the street is shelving and any filling that might be made would tend to displace large quantities of mud, not only filling the adjacent slip, but would displace the standard piles in the adjacent structure. Holmes says the Harbor Commissioners, under section 2542 of the Political Code, would have the right to stop any such construction unless the conditions referred to were agreed upon.

The Board of Works will adhere to its original intention, announced two months ago, to construct a plank roadway on the city's portion of Spear-street wharf.

NETTIE R. CRAVEN IS SHAMMING, SAYS COOK

Though Eminent Physicians Pronounce Her Mentally and Physically Ill, the Court Believes Otherwise.

Judge Carroll Cook took occasion yesterday morning to excuse his action in peremptorily ordering Mrs. Nettie R. Craven to be taken from a bed of pain and brought to court for arraignment. The court declared he placed full reliance in the reports and testimony of Drs. D. D. Lustig and Theodore Rethers to the effect that Mrs. Craven was able to come into court. He further said that from his own observation of the appearance and actions of the accused, he believed that she was not only in a physical and mental condition to come to court without injury to herself but had she desired could have come into court alone and unassisted.

On the opening of court Judge Cook made an order on the treasury for the payment to Drs. Lustig and Rethers of $10 each for their services in examining Mrs. Craven. He then expressed his opinion as stated.

Yerba Buena Chapter.

Yerba Buena Chapter, U. D., Order of the Eastern Star, the baby chapter of this order, was officially visited last evening by the worthy grand matron, Mrs. F. T. McComas; the grand patron, G. L. Darling; associate grand matron, associate grand patron, grand secretary and grand conductress. There were present about 200 members of the order in Golden Gate Hall, among the number several past grand officers and officers and members of all the local chapters. During the evening the work of the order was exemplified for the benefit of the visiting officials by the initiation of fourteen candidates. Twenty applications for membership were presented. After the close of the meeting there was an adjournment to the lower hall, where an excellent banquet was served.

Music at the Park.

Following is to-day's park music programme:

Overture, "Die Irrfahrt ums Gluck".....Suppe
Concert mazourka, "La Czarine".....Ganne
Selection from "The Grand Duchess".....Offenbach
"The Lion Chase".....Rolling
"Musical Tour of Europe".....Conradi
Fantasie from "Faust".....Gounod
Selection from "Belisario".....Donizetti
Solo for Barytone—W. H. Colverd.
"Postilion" waltz.....Fahrbach
"Hunt in the Black Forest".....Voekler
"Sons of the Golden West" march.....Brenner

Bankruptcy Matters.

Guy E. Gross, real estate broker, Santa Rosa, filed a petition in insolvency yesterday in the United States District Court. His debts are $13,389 05 and he has $335 assets.

Michalitschke Bros. and other creditors of E. F. La Croix of Salinas filed a petition in the United States District Court yesterday to have La Croix declared an involuntary bankrupt. They allege that he owes them $1000.