

NEWS OF THE BAY CITIES.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL OF PRESBYTERIANS

Appropriate Addresses Were Delivered by Well-Known Clergymen

One Afternoon of the Session of the Synod Devoted to the Celebration of the Occasion.

BERKELEY, Oct. 18.—The semi-centennial of the founding of the Presbyterian church in California was celebrated at the afternoon session of the synod of California, held to-day in the First Presbyterian church.

The morning hours were given over almost entirely to business. Reports of various committees were heard. An invitation from Napa to hold the next synod in the First Presbyterian Church of that city was accepted.

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BRYAN AND STEVENSON ORIGINAL REPUBLICANS

Most of Them Were Lately of the People's Party and Ran for Office.

AKLAND, Oct. 18.—Much has been said by the Democratic press and the Democrats about the organization of a "Bryan and Stevenson League of Original Republicans."

ALAMEDA WOMAN'S CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION IS TO BE THE BENEFICIARY OF A DARK TRANSACTION

Bright Members of Gentler Sex Prepare to Make "Coal Black Ladies" of Themselves and Entertain the Public With Gags and Songs for Charity's Sake.



SOCIETY LADIES WHO ARE LENDING THEIR AID TOWARD MAKING GREAT AFFAIR OF THE COMING MINSTREL SHOW, BY MEANS OF WHICH IT IS HOPED TO SECURE MANY DOLLARS FOR WORTHY CAUSE.

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The trust that owns the hall is having ar lamps strung about where they can be seen. Arithmeticians are trying to figure out how many articles will be needed to discourage the gloom that will effervesce from the features of the female burn-out.

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SENSATION'S FILE

Documents Have Disappeared From Office of the City Clerk.

Councilman Stetson Protests Against Methods of Attorney McCutcheon and Court Reprimands the Lawyer.

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What extent the records of the city clerk's office, in connection with the water rate suit, have been mutilated or have been abstracted, City Clerk Tompkins says he cannot say.

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BILLY SHAW, LEADER OF STRIKE, ACCEPTS TERMS

He Is Thoroughly Subdued, as Result of Arguments Advanced at Home.

AKLAND, Oct. 18.—Manager Ellis of the telephone company congratulated himself that he quelled the recent messenger strike in his department. But while the local manager of the telephone company conducted the negotiations with the strikers and prevented any serious damage being done to the company's property without calling upon the National Guard the manager has overlooked one very important factor in the great strike.

FATAL FALL DOWNSTAIRS

Aged Woman Dies as the Result of Injuries Received.

ALAMEDA, Oct. 18.—Mrs. Elizabeth A. Graves, three aged women who sustained severe injuries by a fall downstairs at the home of her son, at 1812 Willow street, last Monday, died yesterday. Mrs. Graves was 82 years of age and her physical condition was such that she could not overcome the shock of the fall.

TEMPERANCE LODGE OFFICER IS ACCUSED

Oakland's Good Templars Much Agitated Over Report That Brother Drank Alcoholic Liquor.

ALAMEDA, Oct. 18.—Somebody has said that he took a drink of alcoholic liquor with one of the grand officers of the Independent Order of Good Templars during the recent meeting of the Grand Lodge in this city, and now there is trouble in the order. Of course, no one believes it, but one of the members wants an official denial and so a special meeting has been called to quiet the slander.

ALAMEDA REGISTRATION FINALLY COMPLETED

Two Thousand New Names Added to the List of Four Years Ago.

ALAMEDA, Oct. 18.—The registration of Alameda County has been footed up and the total number of names on the Great Register just closed is 27,322, a gain of 222 over the registration of four years ago. The greatest gain has been in Berkeley, which has increased 525 voters since that time. The rest of the gain has been distributed over the county. The registration by wards and townships is as follows, the wards being those of Oakland:

CALHOUN-WUNDENBERG SUIT IS DISMISSED

Sugar Planter Soothes Pretty Widow's Blighted Affections With Good Red Gold.

ALAMEDA, Oct. 18.—In accordance with an agreement reached about six weeks ago by the parties to the action, the \$50,000 breach of promise suit of Mrs. Julia A. Calhoun against Frederick Wundenberg, was dismissed to-day by Judge Ellisworth. The stipulation to dismiss was dated September 10.

DEATH TAKES SURVIVOR OF THE COLIMA WRECK

Charles H. Cushing, Permanently Weakened by Exposure, Becomes a Victim of Pneumonia.

ALAMEDA, Oct. 18.—Charles H. Cushing Jr., one of the few survivors of the wreck of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer Colima off the Mexican coast five years ago, died to-day at his residence, 870 Adeline street, after an illness of one week. Pneumonia was the cause of death.

LAVIN WILL BE TAKEN BACK EAST FOR TRIAL

Conscience-Stricken Hotel Thief Must Answer for His Crime in Minneapolis.

ALAMEDA, Oct. 18.—Francis O. Lavin, who troubled conscience induced him to deliver himself up to Sheriff Rogers on a charge of grand larceny, will be taken back to Minneapolis to be tried for his crime. A telegram was received to-day from the Chief of Police of that city instructing Sheriff Rogers to hold the young man. While acting as night clerk of the Harvard Hotel last March Lavin suddenly left with a large sum of money belonging to his employer, Edward Hall.

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