SON OF THE WHEAT KING TAKES UNTO HIMSELF A FAIR BRIDE

John Albert McNear and Miss Julia Noy Are Joined in the Holy Bonds of Wedlock and Will Make Their Future Home in England After an Extended Tour of the United States.

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—John Albert McNear, the son of George W. McNear, the wheat king, was united in marriage this afternoon to Miss Julia Noy of Alameda. The wedding took place at the First Congregational Church in this city, at 4 o'clock, Rev. Charles R. Brown, the pastor, performing the ceremony.

The wedding was very informal, and was attended only by the relatives of the groom and the members of the bride's family. The only ones outside of the relatives who were invited were Mr. and Mrs. Varney W. Gaskill.

The wedding journey will be to New Orleans, Florida and through the Southern States, then to New York, and finally to Liverpool, England, where Mr. McNear represents the interests of his father. Their residence will be in that city.

There is a little romance back of the wedding. Miss Julia Noy went to Europe about a year ago to complete her musical education. She met John A. McNear in Paris, and it was there that the engagement began. They were at several functions together in Paris and afterward at London, where they attended the annual dinner of the Americans in that city. When Miss Noy returned to her Alameda home about two weeks ago it was as the fiancee of Mr. McNear.

Mr. McNear left England shortly after Miss Noy, but arrived in California before her, owing to a sickness which detained her in New York. She was met by Mr. McNear upon her arrival. There was no formal announcement of the engagement, and the wedding was most quiet and informal.

John A. McNear is the eldest son of the grain merchant and handles all of the large interests of the McNears in England and Europe. He is a brother of George W. McNear Jr., Seward McNear, Frederick McNear, Miss Bessie McNear and Mrs. P. E. Bowles, all of Oakland. Having been much abroad he is not as well known in Oakland as his brothers and sisters, who are social leaders.

Miss Julia Noy is a daughter of W. H. Noy, an old resident of Alameda, and a prominent merchant. She is a mandolin performer of great ability and it was to perfect herself in this art she went to Europe.

MRS. JOHN ALBERT McNEAR, THE ALAMEDA BELLE, WHO BECAME A BRIDE YESTERDAY AND WHO WILL MAKE HER FUTURE HOME IN LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND.

PIONEER ENDS HIS LIFE BY HANGING

Strange Suicide of H. H. Lawrence, an Aged East Oaklander.

Kisses Young Grandson and Then Disappears — Daughter Finds Body Suspended From Rafters in Barn.

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After kissing his little grandson farewell, aged H. H. Lawrence, father of former Justice E. L. Lawrence, went to a shed at the rear of his residence, 562 East Fourteenth street, this afternoon and hanged himself.

The old gentleman was missed by his wife, and a daughter, Mrs. Harriet E. Drummond, went in search of her father. She found the body dangling from a rafter in the barn. Rushing back to the house she summoned another sister, Mrs. Mabel A. Post, and the women cut the body down with a pair of shears.

Dr. W. J. Wilcox, whose office is across the street, hurried to the house in response to a call, but the aged man was dead before relief could be given him.

The body was discovered at 4 o'clock. Half an hour before the old man had been conversing with his wife and daughters easily and naturally. There was not the slightest indication that he contemplated suicide. Just before he started out of the house he called his young grandson, Warren Lawrence, to his side and affectionately kissed the little fellow, making some inaudible expressions. This action did not create an impression upon the observers. They knew of the grandfather's strong attachment for the boy and his frequent manifestations of love were too common for this one to excite more than a passing notice.

After he had been out of the house for some time Mrs. Lawrence's attention was called to his prolonged absence.

"See what has become of papa," she said to Mrs. Drummond.

The daughter could not find him in the house and then went out to the shed only to make the horrifying discovery of the suicide. Mr. Lawrence had placed a ladder against the side of the barn, climbed to the rafter, and after fastening a rope to the beams, noosed it around his neck and jumped off.

The distracted family cannot account for the tragic deed, except on the ground that it resulted from the old man's demented condition.

Mr. Lawrence was 75 years of age. For a year or more he had given indications of an unbalanced mind. Dr. Sill, the family physician, was authority for the opinion that his patient, whom he had treated for a year, was insane.

The Coroner took charge of the case. The deceased was a native of New York. He had lived in this city for many years. Before his retirement because of failing health, Mr. Lawrence had been in the real estate business.

AT DEAD PRINCE WALTER'S BIER THE PALMERS WATCH AND MOURN

In Splendid Casket, Surrounded by Swarthy Members of His Tribe, Lie the Remains of Beloved One of Gypsies Awaiting Solemn Procession to Nomads' Plat at Mountain View.

THE LATE PRINCE WALTER OF THE PALMERS, SCION OF THE BOSWELL LINE; ALSO THE GRIEF-STRICKEN GYPSY KING AND QUEEN, WHO IN A TENT ADJOINING THE ONE CONTAINING THEIR DEAD SON'S REMAINS GIVE VENT TO THEIR GRIEF.

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—Guarded by dark and swarthy members of a mourning tribe of wanderers, the body of Walter Boswell, prince of the Palmer gypsies, rests in a rich and elegant casket that would grace a nabob's bier. In the strangely contrasted group of flimsy tents, their canvas sides barely shedding the dripping rain, a picture of wildness is presented to the eyes of those who pass the nomads' camp at Spring and Adeline streets. In spite of every evidence of poverty and lowly habitation, the funeral of the dead tribesman will be conducted with all of the ceremonial of the highest ritualism of the Church of England. They gypsy followers of the departed leader will follow the remarkable customs of their organization, and will give a burial which represents the very best of undertakers' art, combined with the solemn services for the dead.

The funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon at 10 o'clock, and the officiating clergyman will be the Rev. Martin N. Ray, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church of this city. For years the Palmer tribe have made their headquarters in Oakland, no matter where they roamed. Out in Mountain View Cemetery there is a large plat bought many years ago by the Palmers. Here were laid at rest the king, Hameline, and his queen, and the dead prince's grandparents, with others of the tribe who have long since passed away. Here also will be buried the body that now awaits the last rites.

Strange customs mark the gypsy life of these wanderers upon the face of the earth. The half a dozen tents where the Boswells make their home are tightly closed against all comers to-day. In the dingy canvas funeral hall the casket rests in state. At the head of the bier is an improvised altar, upon which is a lighted five-branched candelabrum. Back of that in a small annex, also canvas, are the mourners. The father, 87 years old, with the Queen Onnar, 78 years of age, parents of the dead prince, are holding their vigil over the departed, while the other members of the camp support them in their sorrow.

The history of the Palmer tribe of gypsies is shrouded in deep mystery. More than three score years ago Hameline Palmer, the dead king, came from England, a descendant of those roving wanderers that for hundreds of years had strolled over the country without any home but the spot upon which they pitched their camp. Eventually the forerunners of the present gypsy tribe broke up into various bands, scattering throughout the United States. They married and intermarried. The offspring was numerous, but strange to relate the ties of blood were strong enough to withstand all of the inducements of society and domesticity among which many of the children had been born. There is not of record among those nomads the case of a single descendant of the old Palmers who has forsaken the tribal relation, or abandoned the tents of the family during a period covered by an ordinary life.

The gypsy prides himself upon his station. Walter Boswell, the dead prince, was no exception. He was born thirty-five years ago while the parents were making a temporary camp at Stockton. He was reared in the camp and grew to manhood. Blood told, even if it was gypsy blood, and Boswell was as true to the customs of his people as were any of his ancestors. The young man had talent as a musician, and by that pursuit he contributed to the support of the camp of which he was a member. When the spirit moved the gypsy clans moved and from town to town they have traveled these many years, eking out an apparently precarious existence by their horse trading, fortune telling and bartering.

The Palmer gypsies are reputed to have wealth. Certain it is they have always been able to make a lavish display at the funerals of their dead. When King Hameline died suddenly in San Francisco seven years ago he was accorded a burial that would have done credit to a Lakeside millionaire. He made a fortune in horse-trading and was accounted a clever speculator. At the race course he was a striking figure and the story runs that he turned over several hundred thousand dollars in his day.

Fifteen years ago the first Queen of the Palmers died in Minnesota—shot to death by a renegade gypsy of another tribe. Her remains were brought to Oakland and interred in the cemetery plat at Mountain View. Her body was encased in a magnificent bronze casket of finest manufacture.

The casket containing the remains of Prince Walter is almost as elegant in appointment.

The fatal illness of the Prince began about three months ago at Ione. Recognizing that he was in a serious condition, the camp was broken there and the gypsies returned to Oakland after many months of wandering. A superstitious regard for custom and habit much as anything else prompted the move. But the disease was so deeply rooted that Boswell slowly sank, dying within twelve hours after the trouble reached an acute stage.

At the funeral to-morrow as many of the gypsies as can be assembled will be present. There are a number of bands throughout the State, but they are, for the most part, remote. At the services there will be a strict adherence to the ritualistic order of the church. The gypsy of English descent maintains a strong regard for the religion of his forefathers, and he appeals to the consolation of the church when death takes one of the tribe.

OPPOSE A STATE QUARANTINE LAW

Supervisors Memorialize Legislature Not to Pass Measure.

Supervisor Braunhart presented a resolution, which was adopted, in the Board of Supervisors yesterday memorializing the Legislature not to pass the bills now before it providing for the maintenance of a State quarantine service. There was no discussion on the resolution, which prevailed under the suspension of the rules, and is as follows:

Whereas, The Legislature is now entertaining measures to establish a State quarantine service, involving the appropriation of $100,000 of public money, thus imposing a burden on the taxpayers of the State and also providing for an additional tax on shipping;

And Whereas, There is no necessity nor demand either from the people or the commercial interests for such legislation, but on the contrary there is general and organized opposition to it;

And Whereas, It is the policy of city and State to encourage shipping, which under the proposed bills will have to pay fees and tolls, which are oppressive;

And Whereas, The Federal Government has just equipped a detention station at this port at a cost of $150,000 and spends annually $50,000 for its maintenance;

And Whereas, The Federal Quarantine Service, especially in view of our increased intercourse with the Orient, is an assurance to other States and to the people of the country that the public health will be protected against the dangers of imported disease, which recently afflicted Honolulu and Sydney, and therefore is valuable to the State of California and the City of San Francisco and their business, commercial and tourist interests;

And Whereas, A dual service, Federal and State, is productive of unseemly friction, is costly, burdensome and unnecessary;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, the community most interested in the proposed legislation, that, for these reasons, the Legislature be and it is hereby memorialized not to pass the bills now before it appropriating moneys, imposing a tax on shipping and providing for the appointment of State quarantine officers.

Assistant Trainer Secured.

BERKELEY, Feb. 4.—Graduate Manager Reno Hutchinson has engaged W. L. Heywood as assistant trainer at the University of California. Heywood's present home is in Alameda. He was formerly trainer at the Seattle Athletic Club, and held the all-round athletic championship of the Northwest. Last fall he assisted Trainer George Hufferdine with the Berkeley football men. Walter Christie, the crack Eastern trainer, who is to take charge of the college athletes for the next two years, is expected to arrive here during the early part of next week.

GRAPE-NUTS.

CAN FOOD DO IT?

Importance of the Food Cure.

To discover a food that will cure a nervous wreck is indeed a Godsend. Mrs. Stella Penal, 1227 West Thirty-first street, Los Angeles, Cal., had a very remarkable experience. She says: "About twelve years ago I was run over by a carriage and my spine injured. My left arm was partially paralyzed, walking was difficult and I had continual pains and aches in my whole body.

"To induce a movement of the bowels, I invariably had to resort to mechanical means. I would sit up in bed for hours, suffering severe colicky pains, caused by the non-digestion of the starch of the food. My heart was so weak that at times no pulse could be felt, and it seemed at times as if I must die. I fainted very often, sometimes lying in a half fainting condition for hours, unable to move or speak, though conscious.

"Shortly after Xmas Providence directed me to buy a box of Grape-Nuts food, which I have since eaten twice a day.

"The improvement in health has been wonderful; now I can eat and digest food, my bowels act naturally and regularly, circulation is better, catarrh moderated, and I have gained much in weight and am better every way. I can read and think, while before my eyes and brain felt too weak to do either. I can walk a long ways and have not used my air cushion for some time and I have no further need of it."

This is a direct demonstration of the fact that Grape-Nuts food surely does rebuild the soft, gray matter in the brain and nerve centers, and any depleted person can prove this by use. One cannot get well of nervous troubles without the right sort of food to rebuild this curious substance which is found in the brain, and this must be rebuilt from the food. Grape-Nuts food is made especially for the purpose. *

INDEMNITY BOND FOR HIGH FENCES

Ordinance to Compel Owners to Protect Public From Injury.

An ordinance was passed to print by the Board of Supervisors yesterday which requires all persons and corporations owning or leasing any fences for advertising purposes to file an indemnity bond in the sum of $10,000. The bond shall be satisfactory to the Mayor and conditioned so that the principal and sureties will be liable for any injury to persons or damage to property that may occur by the falling of such fences, which, however, must be erected under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the Board of Works.

The ordinance regulating the maintenance of dairies and requiring the owners to comply strictly with sanitary laws was finally passed. Hotaling opposed the passage of the bill because he claimed it would put the employer at the mercy of the employe, and also that the cubic air law already covered the case.

The resolution directing the Auditor to audit demands for the refunding of poll taxes paid in duplicate only on condition that the Assessor pays into the city treasury the commissions collected by him was adopted. Heretofore the Auditor has refused to sign such demands as the Assessor has deducted 15 per cent from each payment, which percentage has never been paid into the treasury. The poll tax commissions, amounting to some $15,000, are held in reserve by Treasurer Brooks pending the decision of the Supreme Court as to whether Assessor Dodge is entitled to the commissions.

The ordinance to prevent the sale or manufacture of any food adulterant or preservative was postponed for one week to give representatives of packing companies an opportunity to be heard in opposition to the measure.

The Board of Works was directed to install a gas-heating plant in the Hall of Records, at a cost of $350.

The ordinance providing for the inspection of gasoline and vapor engines once every three months was finally passed.

The sum of $500 was set aside out of the urgent necessity fund for the purpose of assisting the State Board of Trade to represent California properly at the Pan-American Exhibition in Buffalo next May.

The various city departments were directed to furnish the board with a schedule of supplies required, so that bids thereon might be invited for the ensuing fiscal year.

The resolution urging an appropriation of $3000 to fit up the Mission police station was withdrawn by its author, Supervisor Curtis.

The amended ordinance prescribing general rules and standard specifications for asphalt, bitumen and basalt blocks for street and sidewalk work was passed to print. The ordinance in its present shape eliminates all reference to wooden pavements in its provisions, and provides for a guarantee of not less than five years on accepted streets. On unaccepted streets property owners may exact a bond or the city may prepare specifications to keep such streets in repair.

The Chutes Company was granted a permit to construct a tunnel of concrete under Tenth avenue from C to D street.

The Board of Works was directed to bituminize the gore lot at the corner of Bush and Battery streets preparatory to the erection thereon of the drinking fountain dedicated to the mechanics of San Francisco, the gift of the late Peter Donahue.

The resolution directing the Board of Works to remove the fence around the old Baldwin Hotel site was rescinded, as progress is about to be made in the improvement of the site.

The offer of $2000 for the Widber orchard at Mountain View made by J. S. Mackbee was accepted, provided the abstract of title shall not cost more than $25.

The board adjourned to meet Saturday at 2 p. m. to continue the water rate investigation.

ERROR IN ONE FIGURE NEARLY SPOILS A WILL

Document Purported to Have Been Drawn at the Close of Twentieth Century.

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—An error of one figure in the date of a will, making it appear to have been drawn a century later than its real date, would have invalidated the will of the late Ludger Pinsonneault had not Judge Hall ruled that it was a clerical error.

The document, which disposes of property valued at $15,000, was dated July 27, 1996.

The deceased was employed as gardener at the Sacred Heart Convent, and left a bequest to the work of that institution. Most of the property goes to relatives living in Canada.

Arrangements for Carnot Debate.

BERKELEY, Feb. 4.—The joint California-Stanford debating committee has made final arrangements for the annual Carnot contest. California will select the question and Stanford will have the choice of sides. The subject for debate must be submitted by February 20.

SUPERVISORS FIX FRANCHISE TERMS

Grant Entrance to City to Bay and Coast Road Under Conditions.

The ordinance granting the Bay and Coast Railway Company the right to enter the city at Twenty-fourth and Illinois streets under certain conditions, was passed to print by the Board of Supervisors yesterday. The conditions are that the company, in return for the franchise, shall expend $25,000 in construction work before next June; that it shall pave the streets over which the privilege is granted from curb to curb; that other roads must be allowed the use of the franchise; whatever other conditions the charter specifically imposes must be strictly adhered to; the road mst be completed within two years, and the franchise must not be transferred to another company.

The City Attorney was directed to give his opinion as to the legality of the ordinance and whether the board has the authority to grant the franchise.

Curtis explained that the ordinance came from the Street Committee without recommendation, as the responsibility of the promoters was involved in some doubt.

Fontana said that the requirement of only $25,000 for construction work was too small and should be increased to $250,000 for a road which would run to Santa Cruz.

Attorney Baggett, representing the company, argued that the $25,000 guarantee was sufficient, as it would be a substantial beginning of the construction of the road.

"We are acting in the utmost good faith," said Mr. Baggett, "and the money to build the road is ready, though only $11,000 has so far been subscribed. We have not yet acquired all the right of way in other counties. The first important step is to raise the money and then we should get the right to enter the city or our road will be of no value. After that we will get material and bonuses from other counties. I cannot divulge the names of the promoters of the road, as I do not know them myself."

The Mayor explained that Eastern brokers were eager to acquire the legal privileges before promoting the project. His Honor argued that the road would be a good thing for San Francisco, as it would invite competition.

Braunhart introduced a resolution, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee and provides for the transfer from the School Department to the trustees of the Free Public Library the easterly seventy feet of the lot at the northwest corner of Clara and Fourth streets, and to the Police Department the westerly eighty feet of the lot. Braunhart stated that Mayor Phelan has expressed his intention to pay for the erection of a branch library on the lot. The westerly portion will ultimately be used as a site for the Southern Police Station.

An ordinance granting permission to the street railway company contracting to convey street sweepings to Golden Gate Park, to construct tracks from the bunkers at Bryant and Eleventh streets to certain designated locations, was passed to print.

The board adopted a resolution memorializing the United States Senate and House of Representatives on behalf of California to pass without delay the bill now before said bodies for Government aid for the exposition to be held in Charleston, S. C., from December, 1901, to June, 1902."

The City Attorney was asked to inform the board as to the right of the Board of Works to award private contracts for street work; also as to the power of the Supervisors to grant a lot on O'Farrell street for State Normal School purposes.

A resolution directing the Board of Public Works not to remove the fences in the University Mound District was referred to the Street Committee.

WARRANTS ISSUE FOR ARREST OF HAMILTON

Two Complaints on File in Police Court Against Missing Clerk of Metropole.

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—Complaints have been filed in the Police Court against Henry E. Hamilton, the absconding night clerk of the Hotel Metropole, accusing him of embezzlement and grand larceny. The complainants are R. M. Briare, proprietor of the hotel, who lost $390, and Andrew A. Oliver, another clerk, who suffered the loss of $260, which he had placed in the hotel safe. The police have taken the warrants of arrest which have been issued, but they claim to have no trace of the missing clerk's whereabouts. Chief of Police Hodgkins declares his opinion to be that Hamilton is a professional hotel thief.

Aged Woman's Sudden Death.

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—Mrs. Mary A. Perkins, 76 years of age, died suddenly to-day from heart disease at her residence at Laurel Grove Park on the Redwood road. She was a widow. The Coroner will hold an inquest.

To Cure the Grip in Two Days

Laxative Bromo-Quinine removes the cause.*

LEAGUE OF THE CROSS CADETS AS MINSTRELS

Entertainment to Be Given for Benefit of Sacred Heart Parish To-Night.

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—The League of the Cross Cadets will give an entertainment at Sacred Heart Hall on Forty-first and Grove streets to-morrow evening for the benefit of the Children of Mary Society of the parish. There is every indication that the entertainment will be a great success, for some of the best talent to be found has been secured. The programme will be as follows:

Overture, orchestra; opening chorus, company; "My Dream of You," Charles J. Parker; "Mister Johnson, Don't Get Gay," J. H. Sheehan; bass solo, selected, Frank Figona; "I Ain't a-Going to Weep No More," J. H. Long; "Wait," Louis Noble; "Linah, Oh! Do You Love Me?" M. F. Hynes; "I Once Had a Sweetheart," Theodore Jacobus; "Lam! Lam! Lam!" Steve Douglas; closing chorus, company; George Clarke, monologue; George Lamb, vocal solo, selected; Fred Jacobus, hobo nigger; "Ma Honey Boy Is More," George C. Monk; specialties; R. E. Maddern, barytone solo, Interlocutor, John J. Burke; ends—Steve Douglas, Henry Long, tambos; Marty Hynes, Henry Sheehan, bones; musical director, John E. Mearns; stage instructor, Steve Douglas; chorus, O. H. Vallière, F. Vierra, J. Rose, George Curtis, Honor Moore, M. Lestrange, M. Noone, J. Dutts, J. Frates, M. Moore, J. Enos, P. Mulligan, F. Carrigan, James Ready, H. McGuinn, L. L. Peters, L. Roberts, E. Cullen.

ONE HUNDRED CANDLES BURN FOR BIRTHDAY

Miss Lavina Wheeler, Centenarian, Receives the Congratulations of Host of Friends.

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—The hundredth birthday anniversary of Miss Lavina Wheeler was made notable to-day by the centenarian's friends, who celebrated the event with much attention. Scores of people paid their respects to the aged woman. Presents and other tokens arrived from all sections of the United States as greetings from friends and relatives.

The birthday reception was held at the residence of Mrs. O. C. Wheeler, 1653 Grove street, the home of the elderly guest of to-day's celebration.

A noteworthy feature of the affair was the immense birthday cake, which was adorned with one hundred ornamented and lighted candles. The cake will be cut and sent to Miss Wheeler's friends as a remembrance of the day.

Rev. O. C. Wheeler, the deceased brother of the aged woman, inaugurated the First Baptist Church of San Francisco in 1854. Subsequently he retired from the ministry and entered the Southern Pacific Company's employ, having been a general baggage master for many years.

Gatemen All Right.

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—The story has gone abroad in West Oakland that the Southern Pacific Company is experimenting with an automatic compressed air apparatus for the operation of the gates on the local trains and that all of the gatemen will soon be dispensed with. This is not likely to occur until the company secures some automatic compressed air method of collecting the tickets that the gatemen now gather. The extra fares secured by the gatemen pay the expenses of the system.

Fire Destroys Hay Warehouse.

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—George Beck & Co.'s warehouse at Altamont, containing 1500 tons of hay, valued at $15,000, was burned at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. A boxcar, loaded with hay, standing on the railroad tracks alongside of the warehouse, was also destroyed. The insurance will reach $12,000. The fire appears to have been of incendiary origin. This is the third warehouse that has been burned at Altamont during the past few years.

Claims She Is Irresponsible.

ALAMEDA, Feb. 4.—The trial of Mrs. Sarah Jaujou for stealing two pairs of shoes from a Park-street shoe store Saturday night will be held to-morrow before Justice Morris. The husband of the accused woman claims she is irresponsible because of a recent sickness. An effort was made to settle the case, but the victim of the theft would not agree to do so.

Neimes Guilty of Assault.

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—The jury in the case of N. W. Neimes, the Haywards sewing machine agent charged with attempted criminal assault upon Mrs. Nellie Carroll of Livermore, brought in a verdict of guilty of simple assault to-night. The jury was out seven hours.

Earthquake at Berkeley.

BERKELEY, Feb. 4.—A slight earthquake was felt in the western part of this city this evening at 5:45 o'clock. The vibrations lasted but a few seconds. No record was made on the university seismograph.

Licensed to Wed.

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—The following marriage licenses were issued by the County Clerk's office to-day: H. L. Hooker of San Francisco, aged 20, to Antonia Heix of Tacoma, Wash., aged 20; John Albert McNear of Liverpool, England, to Julia Ann Noy of Alameda, aged 23; William G. Gaffney of San Francisco, aged 36, to Esther Gaffney of San Francisco, aged 38; F. E. Gilbert of San Francisco, aged 40, to Mrs. Emma Gilman of San Francisco, aged 41.

COTS AND BLANKETS FOR USE OF JURYMEN

Will No Longer Be Compelled to Sleep on Benches and Tables.

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—Hereafter the jurymen confined in the County Courthouse over night will not be compelled to sleep on the benches and tables in the jury-room. The Board of Supervisors have taken pity upon them and purchased cots, mattresses and blankets for the twelve men on the jury and the Deputy Sheriff who guards them.

The grievance thus provided for is a long standing one in the county. Many jurors have complained that they had contracted serious illness by the lack of sleeping accommodations for their use. The only provision formerly made for their comfort was the supply of spare blankets sent over to the courthouse from the County Jail.

College Town Fire.

BERKELEY, Feb. 4.—A dwelling belonging to Mrs. C. C. Calhoun, at 2428 Dwight way, was gutted by fire late last night. The place was occupied by the families of Dr. R. P. Whitlock and Mrs. A. P. Sanborn. They lost a quantity of furniture.

The fire started from a defective flue back of a lower floor grate. The flames were put out after they had burned through to the roof. Mrs. Calhoun's loss was about $1800, mostly covered by insurance.

COMEDY IN THE AMBULANCE.

A Doctor's Story of a Man and a Woman Each With a Broken Leg.

"When I was an ambulance surgeon," said the young family physician, "I used to start like a fire horse at the sound of the call. I was just as much interested in the work at the end of two years as I was the day I began. It was the excitement of the life that made me so fond of it. I had all sorts of experiences at all sorts of hours. There was an element of danger in it, too, but that only added to the charm.

"One night I had a call from the West Side in the neighborhood of Chelsea Square. It was for a drunken man who fell down and broke his leg. On the way back to the hospital with him I picked up a drunken woman to whom a similar accident had happened. There was nothing to do but put her in the ambulance along with the man.

"After that the ride across town was exciting enough for a cowboy. At first the patients sympathized with each other. Then they began to cry in chorus. At Broadway they fell to kissing each other. At Third avenue they were fighting like a pair of Kilkenny cats, and I had my hands full in keeping them apart. The woman had scratched the man's face dreadfully, and he had nearly closed her eye with a punch. When we struck the asphalt in Twenty-sixth street they were singing 'We Have All Been There Before, Many a Time,' and such singing! The uproar attracted a crowd, who evidently thought I had an ambulance full of lunatics. When we reached the gate they swore eternal friendship, and at the office they parted in tears."—New York Sun.

Half of the world is in ignorance of who the other half is doing.

DANCING DERVISH LOSES HIS CHARM

Oakland Girl Divorced After a Hard Year as Wife of a Turk.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Feb. 4.

After about a year of life as the wife of a dancing dervish an Oakland girl has obtained the permission of the Alameda County Superior Court to renounce her conjugal allegiance to Jacob Nalbandain and to resume her maiden name of Annie Agnes Gillick.

Miss Gillick's experience as Mrs. Nalbandain was interesting to a painful degree. Her American ideas of married bliss received a rude shock as soon as the Oriental standards of her swarthy lover showed themselves in his methods of family discipline.

Nalbandain was a member of a troupe of Turkish dancers that showed in Oakland last winter. The twistings and gyrations of the supple dervish captivated the fancy of little Miss Gillick, one of several romantic girls who attended the performances nightly. She managed to secure an tintroduction to her dusky inamorato, and when the troupe left Oakland she accompanied them as their leader's bride. From here they went to Portland, Or., and soon trouble began for the new Mrs. Nalbandain. Oriental discipline was adjudged the proper thing to induce in her that spirit of submissiveness recommended by the prophet. It was laid on thick with lash or staff or naked fist. The young girl watched her chance to escape. She was foiled again and again, but finally slipped away and cast herself on the charity of strangers, who concealed her until her semi-barbarous spouse and his troupe had left the place. Then they gave her passage money to reach her mother's home in Oakland.

Proceedings were immediately begun for a divorce, which was granted to-day by Judge Ellsworth on default of the defendant.

Excessive cruelty was the charge in the complaint and the plaintiff asked to be relieved of her Turkish surname. It was so ordered.

DR. JORDAN SPEAKS ON IDEALS OF EDUCATION

Lectures Before the Town and Gown Club, a Berkeley Ladies' Organization.

BERKELEY, Feb. 4.—Professor David Starr Jordan, president of the Leland Stanford Jr. University, lectured before the Town and Gown Club this afternoon. His subject was "Education." Dr. Jordan was introduced by Mrs. M. L. Rosenstirn, chairman of the committee on lectures. He said:

"The universities of to-day are ready to take hold of any question and make it go. There is not the vanity among them as before when they were working entirely for 'culture.' We are coming to have a higher ideal of education here than in any other country. That ideal is to produce the best individual man; to train him for what he is best suited."

After the lecture the ladies of the Town and Gown Club served tea to the speaker and other guests.

Oakland Divorce Suits.

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—Thomas R. Wright has been granted a divorce from Georgie I. Wright on the ground of desertion. Sarah Perrine was given a similar separation from Edward R. Perrine, whose cross-complaint was thrown out of court. Adam F. Menges was given ten days by Judge Ellsworth in which to amend his complaint so as to show whether or not he knew that his wife was insane when he married her.

Cornelia Mahoney has begun suit for divorce from George T. Mahoney on the ground of willful neglect.

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