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BUSINESS MEN ARE INVESTIGATING FIRING OF THE CALIFORNIA HOTEL

Refusal of Dennis Landregan, the Proprietor, to Procure Warrant Against Suspected Man Causes Citizens to Act and District Attorney Is Asked to Find Out the Cause of Boniface's Stand



Berkeley, Aug. 31.—Because Dennis Landregan, the owner of the California Hotel, which was set on fire by an incendiary last Sunday morning, refused to swear out a warrant against the man suspected, several prominent business men of Berkeley have set on foot an investigation. A consultation was held with District Attorney Allen this afternoon, and an effort will be made to discover the cause of Landregan's hesitancy to expose the firebug who imperiled the lives of fifty guests at his livery.



BERKELEY'S "SPEAK EASY," WHICH WAS SCENE OF MYSTERIOUS FIRE.

ning a "speak easy" in connection with his hotel, and now has his case on appeal before the Superior Court. Several of the leaders in the movement which has been directed against the illicit saloons in town have begun an investigation. The citizens interested in the case have taken the first step by appealing to the District Attorney.

RAILROAD MEN ARE TO PARADE

Southern Pacific Closes Its Yard Shops on Labor Day.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1115 Broadway, Aug. 31.—The Southern Pacific Company has given notice that the shops at the West Oakland yards will be closed to-morrow. Thus the 3500 men there employed will be given opportunity to take part in the parade which will be given as a part of the celebration of the day in Oakland by the labor unions on this side of the bay.

DEALERS REPORT A GOOD MARKET

Real Estate Sales Show Steady Demand for Home Sites.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1115 Broadway, Aug. 31.—The realty market in Oakland and the adjacent cities and suburbs shows an excellent demand for residence properties. Brokers generally report that the inquiry for home sites is steady and that there is a satisfactory tone.

OUTLINES BUSY COLLEGE WEEK

Official Programme Is Replete With Interesting Events.

BERKELEY, Aug. 31.—The official programme for the events of the coming week at the University of California is as follows: MONDAY. A holiday in all departments of the university.

THREE ALAMEDANS ARE NEARLY DROWNED IN TIDAL CANAL

Boat Is Capsized Near the Pier of the Park Street Drawbridge.

ALAMEDA, Aug. 31.—Frederick S. Cone, William B. Hinchman and A. G. Bell, vice president, secretary and treasurer, respectively, of the Alameda Boating Club, were nearly drowned this afternoon in the canal pier of the drawbridge across the tidal canal at Park street. Cone's presence of mind alone saved Bell from death, after the latter had sunk twice and was going down for the third and last time.

BELL FALLS ONTO BOAT

Cone, Hinchman and Bell are members of the Aquatic Survival Committee, representing the Alameda Boating Club. For the purpose of ascertaining whether the boat was in working order so that the span could be opened and closed during the coming winter, the three committee men obtained a yawl at the Chestnut-street boathouse, rowed up the canal and slipped on the pier.

GETS GRIP ON SUSPENDERS

It required some effort to restore Bell. He was rolled on a pontoon and put through other vigorous treatment. Cone and Hinchman soon recovered from the effects of the battle.

BURGLAR LOOTS HOMES OF CHURCH MEMBERS

Enters Residences During Absence of Families at Worship and Makes a Haul.

OAKLAND, Aug. 31.—A burglar entered the residences of three families of church-goers to-night during their absence at evening worship and gathered an assortment of jewelry to the value of \$200.

SABBATH WORSHIP IN CHURCHES OF OAKLAND

Several Pastors Exchange Pulpits and Preach to Congregations Other Than Their Own.

OAKLAND, Aug. 31.—The Women's Home Mission Union of Northern California will hold its fifteenth annual meeting on September 12 at the First Congregational Church.

FRESHMEN ARE ENTERTAINED

Berkeley, Aug. 31.—The Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Women's Christian Association gave a joint reception to the members of the freshman class Friday night at Stiles' Hall.

BRAVE SOLDIER WILL MARRIED FAIR CITY BELLE

Engagement Is Announced of Miss Nellie Jackson and Lieutenant Greenough—The Marriage Is to Take Place Next Year



AKLAND, Aug. 31.—Mrs. E. Jackson announces the engagement of her daughter Nellie to Lieutenant Ernest Greenough of the Artillery Corps, United States army. The announcement was given publicly on Wednesday evening at a dinner given by Mrs. Harry W. Bishop, sister of Miss Jackson, at her home at Geranium place, Fruitvale.

GARBAGE PILES GROWING HIGHER

Health Board Powerless Until Ordinance Is Amended.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1115 Broadway, Aug. 31.—The refusal of the scavengers to carry the city's refuse to the new dumping ground on Bay Farm Island, Alameda, has rendered the Board of Health powerless to relieve the city from a situation that has already grown dangerous.

DECLINES CALL TO A NEBRASKA CHURCH

The Rev. William Nat Friend Refuses to Accept a Very Flattering Offer.

OAKLAND, Aug. 31.—The Rev. William Nat Friend, former politician, collegian and newspaper man of Oakland, now pastor of the Presbyterian church at Golden, Colo., has declined a call to one of the largest churches at Lincoln, Nebraska.

WANT COMMENCEMENT DAY EXERCISES REVISED

ALAMEDA, Aug. 31.—Members of the class of December, '03, of the High School are circulating a petition that will be submitted to the Board of Education asking that the old practice of holding commencement day exercises be re-established.

ROBBERIES ATTACK A COLLEGE MAN

Ralph Pierce Is Held Up on Crowded Street by Two Men.

They Take Watch and Coin Although Pedestrians Are Near By.

BERKELEY, Aug. 31.—Two daring footpads held up Ralph Pierce, a university student, on the corner of Fulton street and Dwight way last night. The robbery took place about 200 yards from an electric light and at a crowd of passengers from the 10 o'clock train.

SACRED HEART SPIRES ARE MOUNTING HIGHER

Edifice for Father Serda's Parish to Be Ready for Dedication by November.

OAKLAND, Aug. 31.—Sacred Heart Church, the handsome new structure that is designed to take the place of the edifice that was burned several years ago, is rapidly nearing completion at the corner of Fortieth and Grove streets.

The new structure is being built of Colusa stone at a cost of \$30,000, exclusive of furnishings. It has been designed to seat 700 people.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY

Table with financial data for Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society, including assets and liabilities.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE INDEMNITY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Table with financial data for Indemnity Fire Insurance Company, including assets and liabilities.

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