

COAST PROPERTIES ATTRACT INVESTORS

City Realty Outlook Meets Expectation of the Busy Brokers.

A large number of small sales of city realty have taken place in the past week, and a good change of properties of that class have changed owners at rates that are considered satisfactory. The building situation has been largely improved, and activity all along the line is anticipated. A great rush of persons from the West on account of the low collector rates that have been made by the transcontinental railways is expected. The agents of the interior counties are interesting themselves in schemes to make this immigration of permanent value.

Shainwald, Buckbee & Co. have sold for \$50,000 the southeast corner of Hyde and O'Farrell streets. The buyer is Dr. R. A. McLaughlin and the seller is Dr. F. C. Buckley. The lot has a frontage of 70 feet on O'Farrell street and 75 feet on Hyde street. There is a three-story frame improvement on this corner, with a two-story house on the east on O'Farrell street and two stores in the corner building.

Shainwald & Co. have sold 25x115.6 feet and three-story building containing a store and sixteen rooms on the north line of Turk street west from Taylor street, for Mrs. Alminda Woodward to Charles Schlemmer, for \$30,000.

Nelson, Johnson & Co. have sold for \$20,000 to Mrs. Metzger to Amelia G. Catlin lot 20x125 feet, with store and flat, at 22 Third street for \$20,000.

Leahy & Frisvolden has bought from Morris G. Levy 3x120 feet on the north line of Geary street, between Larkin and Polk streets, with improvements renting for \$20 per month, the sale price being \$2,000.

The following sales have been made by A. J. Itch & Co. during the past week:

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HALLETT TO EDIT THIS YEAR'S BLUE AND GOLD

Wins His Fight Against Merwyn J. Samuels After Much Electioneering and Staff of the College Volume Will Now Get Down to Hard Work



SOPHOMORE WHO HAS BEEN ELECTED EDITOR OF BLUE AND GOLD, THE ANNUAL MAGAZINE PUBLISHED IN THE INTERESTS OF THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

BERKELEY, Feb. 28.—The sophomore of the State University have chosen the Blue and Gold staff leaders for 1903, and now have cleared the way for the magazine to get down to hard work. Eugene H. Hallett was elected to the editor's scissors and paste pot without a dissenting voice, but there was a little friendly set-to over the business management. Mark Daniels wanted the post, and so did Merwyn J. Samuels, and after a lot of electioneering Samuels won handily by a vote of 169 against 129 for his opponent.

Eugene H. Hallett's literary attainments are expected to make him a very successful Blue and Gold editor. He is a graduate of the Oakland High School, where he was always active in student affairs. He founded the Blue and White and edited The Idea and The Lyceum, the three organs of the school. Since coming to the university he has been associated with the staffman as editor. He is a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity.

Merwyn J. Samuels is a graduate of the Oakland High School and a son of Deputy District Attorney George Samuels. He was an associate editor of the Oakland High School Aegis and the founder of the magazine The Muse. He was also a leader in the enter-class debating committee and active in other High School societies.

Woolster, Whitton & Montgomery report that they have sold a tract of 170 acres in San Mateo County for \$40,000; also 220 acres in the San Martin ranch in Santa Clara County, in ten-acre subdivisions, for \$100 per acre, the purchasers representing all parts of the United States and British Columbia. The lands bought in the ranch are being planted to vineyards and orchards under one general management. Eventually the settlers will form an association for the marketing of their grapes and fruits, so the brokers represent Easton, Eldridge & Co. have undertaken to colonize the estate of Colonel J. J. Stevenson. There are 20,000 acres of land in the delta formed by the junction of the San Joaquin and Merced rivers, between Newman station, Stanislaus County and Livingston station in Merced County. The brokers report that the Stevenson-Mitchell canal crosses the property from east to west, affording an ample supply of water in connection with the two rivers named, which surround the property on three sides. Plans for subdivision are being made, surveys are run and ditches and branch ditches are to be constructed. The brokers made the following additional statements:

A particularly favorable condition exists in this community, that everything is done on the property that a newcomer would desire, and wants can be provided for at once. The high price of building material is proposed to use brick largely, which are manufactured in the State. The construction of dwellings and barns, although contracts have been made for lumber by the schooner load, being brought straight from the northern ports up the San Joaquin Valley and landed on the property. Special attention is being given to encourage first settlers, of one-fourth acre when the land is secured, another payment in two years thereafter and the final payment in three and four years. No water tax is to be charged for the first twelve months, an unlimited supply of water will be furnished the colonists for one year's planting, and thereafter a charge of only \$1 per acre will be made where the parties actually use the water. In contradistinction to other parts of the State lying under irrigation districts, where a permanent mortgage is on the land and an annual tax for this plan the colonists will pay only for the water they use, and then at the smallest price. McEwen Bros., agents for the Santa Fe tract, Point Richmond, say that they have sold twenty-five lots during the last week and that the market will be even more active this week. The Belt Railroad is being constructed at Point Richmond to connect the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific with five miles of deep water frontage. When it is completed a pipe line will be laid for the distribution of oil along this tract.

SOCIAL SET IS SHAKEN BY THE TRAGEDY

Slayer of Edwin Burdick May Be a Woman.

Detectives Seek Criminal Among His Close Acquaintances.

Crime May Disclose Scandals Involving Leaders in Buffalo's Society and Club Circles.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 28.—The slayer of Edwin L. Burdick, the prominent business and society man who was murdered on Thursday night or early Friday morning, is still at liberty. The police and detective forces of the city have worked assiduously upon the case for thirty-six hours, but nothing tangible has developed.

The lines upon which the police are now working indicate their belief that the murderer will be found among the close acquaintances of the dead man. The District Attorney openly expresses the opinion that somebody in the Burdick social circle murdered the clubman. The circle was composed of a number of married couples, young or in the prime of life. They were intimately acquainted socially. The circle has been disrupted by more or less scandal. In fact, several divorce suits have grown out of it, according to the District Attorney.

The finding of a tuft of hair on Burdick's body, which first appeared to be a promising clue, apparently has fallen flat. Chief of Detectives Cusack says the hair matches Burdick's. Cusack added: "My opinion is that Burdick had an appointment with somebody at his house that night. Whether the person was a man or woman, we do not know. There are indications that it was a woman, but, at the same time, it may have been a man."

Edna Burdick, the widow of the dead man, arrived here to-day from Atlantic City and was closely questioned by District Attorney Coatsworth and Chief Cusack.

Neither know nor can conjecture anybody who would have committed the murder," said she, "except somebody who had an interest in ending the litigation between Mr. Burdick and myself."

Late to-night two women were brought to the District Attorney's office to be questioned. One was handsomely gowned. The other seemed to be a maid. Their examination brought out nothing new, however. Still later the police found the weapon which Burdick was murdered. It is a steel-tipped golfer's putter. Where they got it, the officials refuse to say at present. It is said there are marks upon it believed to be bloodstains.

FIRE IN BUSINESS DISTRICT OF HALIFAX

Flames Cause Heavy Loss and Three Men Receive Serious Injuries.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 28.—A tremendous fire, fanned by a fierce wind, threatened the business district of Halifax with destruction for several hours to-night. Property to the value of \$300,000 was destroyed and three firemen were seriously injured. A ladder on which they were standing fell and the fire started in the starch room of the biscuit and confectionery works of Moir, Son & Co., opposite the City Hall and public library. The employees had just left the building, and the alarm was sounded, calling out all the firemen and police, and the firemen were turned out as a fire-lighting and patrol force, the Royal Engineers manning their own apparatus and preparing for the use of dynamite on buildings should the fire get beyond control.

The high wind drove the flames east and north. All the buildings opposite the Moir building, from the corner where the fire started, were consumed. The west end of the City Hall was next ignited, but after a desperate fight with the advancing flames the firemen won.

In the City Hall was confined the fire, but it spread to the west end, where the public library was situated. The library was considerably damaged. In the meantime, the wind having shifted, the fire spread south along Argyle street, and before it finally checked all but two buildings in the block were consumed. Moir's immense factory, covering almost a block, had become a roaring furnace and approach was prevented. A heavy rain accompanied the gale, and this rain, in part, prevented the further spread of the flames.

HERO RECEIVES REWARD FOR SAVING TWO LIVES

George D. Cobb of the Oakland Lighthouse Is Given the Much Coveted Decoration Bestowed by Service for Signal Acts of Marine Bravery



LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER WHO HAS BEEN AWARDED A MEDAL FOR SAVING THE LIVES OF TWO MEN WHO WERE CAPSIZED DURING A STORM IN OAKLAND HARBOR SIX YEARS AGO.

OAKLAND, Feb. 28.—After waiting six years George D. Cobb, the man who trims the lights for Uncle Sam in the harbor, has come into his reward—the reward of bravery and self-sacrifice. On the rescue of two persons from drowning off the Oakland harbor lighthouse on December 26, 1896, he has earned the honor of wearing a medal on his breast, the souvenir, appropriately inscribed, having been awarded to-day from the lighthouse department at Washington.

It was a stormy day after Christmas in 1896 when Cobb saved two men from drowning at the peril of his own life. He was assistant lighthouse-keeper then at the mouth of the estuary, under the veteran Charles McCarthy. That same day McCarthy's only son was drowned trying to make the lighthouse in a boat.

Cobb saw three men struggling for dear life against a high wind and a strong tide. All of a sudden their boat capsized. Cobb did not wait for anything more, but leaped a boat at once and put off to the rescue.

By the time he reached the men, clinging with desperation to the keel of the up-turned boat, they were nearly exhausted. One, William Burke, was forced to let go, but he had just strength enough to cling to an oar and swim until he reached the rocks. The Oakland harbor lighthouse-keepers have the record for lives saved from drowning, no less than eleven people having been rescued, and all this has been accomplished in the face of difficulties in the way of antiquated apparatus and a boat thirteen years old.

BOARD REQUEST PLANS FOR NEW SCHOOLHOUSE

At a meeting of the Board of Education held yesterday afternoon a resolution was adopted requesting the Board of Public Works to submit plans, specifications and estimates for a new brick school building, which is to be located on the site of the Washington Grammar School. The new schoolhouse is to contain eighteen rooms. L. M. Shelley, the new Deputy Superintendent of Schools, appointed by Superintendent Langdon, presented a demand for his salary. The board at first refused to approve it, as Shelley's right to hold the position of Deputy Superintendent is being questioned by D. J. Sullivan, who held the position under Webster. Sullivan has applied to the District Attorney for permission to begin quo warranto proceedings against Superintendent Langdon's appointment. The board finally decided to approve Shelley's salary demand for February on condition that its action would not be taken as a precedent.

POLICE DO NOT BELIEVE PRINTER'S THRILLING TALE

Archie Hubbard, a printer employed by the Union Lithographing Company, 329 Sansome street, caused a sensation at the Central police station about 10 o'clock Friday night by declaring that while he was at work an unknown person had fired two shots at him, one of the bullets entering his hat and the other going through his left trousers pocket. He fired four shots himself, but it was dark he did not see any one and only fired in the direction which he thought the shots came from. Detectives Dinan and Braig were detailed on the case and on searching Hubbard they found an unloaded revolver in his pocket and four loaded cartridges, which he said he had taken from the weapon. They made a thorough examination of the place where the bullets were said to have been fired, but found no marks. Three empty shells were found in a paper box, where Hubbard said he had put them. Hubbard's hat was powder-burned and so was the inside of his trousers pocket. From this fact the detectives came to the conclusion that he had fired a shot while the revolver was in his pocket, and that there was no powder mark on the outside of the trousers. The detectives accused Hubbard of having fired all the shots himself, but he denied it.

GERMANY DOUBTS CZAR'S SINCERITY

Has Fears of Outcome of Trouble in the Balkans.

Russia Is Again Suspected of Hiding Her Real Intentions.

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BERLIN, Feb. 28.—The German Government is dissatisfied with the Russian official communiqué on Macedonian affairs. Officials I have approached say that the Russian assurances to the Christian population are uncalled for and are an unwarranted assumption. Although the attitude of the German Government in supporting the Macedonian reform note is officially correct, the prevailing sentiment in official circles is one of suspicion toward Russia. The Conservative organs content themselves with chronicling facts, while those more outspoken, like the Morgen Post, claim that no one will be deceived by the paternal assurances of Russia and the movements due to an understanding between Russia and Bulgaria.

The latest Russian communiqué reviews the slumbering fears of Russian designs in the Balkans, which are shared by German financial circles generally, owing to the heavy dealing here in Turkish securities and the German interest in the construction of the Bagdad Railway. That most intimate relations exist between the Kaiser and the Sultan is shown by the fact that the Crown Prince and Eitel Friederich, who will leave here shortly for the East, will be the guests of the Sultan about the middle of March, conveying assurances and presents from the Kaiser.

FREIGHT CAR THIEVES PLACED UNDER ARREST

Detective Peter Lewin of the Southern Pacific Makes Clever Capture. Detective Peter Lewin of the Southern Pacific Company returned to the city yesterday after effecting the capture of four men who have been stealing from freight cars between here and Los Angeles for the last eight months. Their names are Charles Deffenre, alias "Frenchy"; James McAuley; Ray Stevens and Fred Coombs, alias "New Zealand," who have all served terms in the State penitentiary.

Their last plunder was obtained from a car on January 20, and consisted of 240 pairs of silk stockings and ten bundles of fancy quilts. Lewin was detailed on the case about a week ago and traced the thieves to San Miguel, San Luis Obispo County, where, with the assistance of Constable W. M. Sifton, he arrested Deffenre, McAuley and Stevens. He found Coombs in Santa Barbara. The four were placed in jail at San Luis Obispo. A portion of the stolen silk stockings was recovered and will be used as evidence against the four men.

It is estimated that during the eight months their plunder would amount to thousands of dollars. They peddled the stolen goods in the interior towns and cities. Complaints had been made to the company by merchants about their packages being tampered with, and Lewin was detailed on the case with successful results.

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