

THOMPSON'S FILES AS A BOOKKEEPER

Alameda City Electrician Keeps Accounts Strangely.

Expert Bullock Fails to Find Entries Which Amount to \$26,000.

ALAMEDA, May 29.—The Board of Trustees to-night received the report of City Expert E. B. Bullock, who was appointed to examine into the books of the Alameda municipal lighting plant.

OLD RESIDENT DIES SUDDENLY

David F. Macy, an Ex-Deputy Sheriff, Expires on Street.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1115 Broadway, May 29. David F. Macy, an ex-deputy Sheriff of Alameda County, dropped dead at the corner of Twelfth and Washington streets this afternoon.

ARMY OFFICERS FACE VERY SERIOUS CHARGES

They Are Accused of Falsifying Records and Embezzling Government Funds.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 29.—The trial by court-martial of First Lieutenant Knudson, Seventh Infantry, and First Lieutenant L. N. Bushfield, Seventeenth Infantry, which is in progress at Vancouver Barracks, is attracting considerable interest on account of the serious nature of the charges in each case.

UNITARIAN ALLIANCE DISSOLVES

SEATTLE, Wash., May 29.—After twelve years of earnest work, the Woman's Unitarian Alliance of the Pacific Coast passed out of existence this afternoon at the closing of a conference held in the Unitarian church.

POSTUM CEREAL THIRTY YEARS AWAKE

Then He Quit Coffee and Found Refreshing Sleep. Coffee causes insomnia and physicians are agreed that this is one of the most distressing of all nervous complaints.

ARRAIGNS THE GOVERNMENT FOR MASSACRES AT KISHENEV

Looks to American Nation to Right the Wrongs of the Jewish Race.

SACRAMENTO, May 29.—The synagogue of the Congregation B'nai Israel was crowded to-night on the occasion of a lecture by Rabbi Bernard M. Kaplan on the subject "Jewish Persecution."

Some ask why are the Jews persecuted in Russia, and why are their women and children outraged? They wonder what the Jew himself has to say to this. What shall he say? It is not for the Jew to offer an excuse for the cruel persecutions in Roumania, for the blood-thirsty murders in Russia, and for the unprincipled calculations in other places.

STOCKTON SUPERVISORS OVERRIDE MAYOR'S VETO

Grant Steamboat Levee Franchise After Chief Magistrate of City Had Refused to Sign It.

STOCKTON, May 29.—Consequent upon the expressed determination of Mayor George Catts of this city to veto the ordinance granting to the Western Pacific Railway franchises to lay tracks upon certain streets in this city, a meeting of citizens with the Mayor and the members of the City Council was held this afternoon.

NO WORK WILL BE SENT TO BREMERTON STATION

Acting Secretary of the Navy Makes Statement Pending Arrival of Mail Report.

ACCUSES WIFE OF DESERTION

SANTA ROSA, May 29.—A. R. Chenoweth, an employe of the United States customs service in the Philippine Islands, has brought the United States Superior Court of Sonoma County to secure a divorce from Minnie Chenoweth.

RUSSIA MAKES MYSTERIOUS MOVES

TOKIO, May 29, via Victoria, B. C., May 29.—The invasion troops have not been withdrawn from Manchuria and the Japanese press shows deep indignation at the delay.

RUSSIAN TROOPS PROTECT LABORERS

TOKIO, May 29, via Victoria, B. C., May 29.—The latest rumor of Russian movements is that 2000 Chinese are engaged in timber cutting for Russian consularies on the Yalu River, and that Russian troops have been sent to protect them.

FAMINE SITUATION IS APPALLING

HONGKONG, May 29, via Victoria, B. C., May 29.—Consul McWade of the United States writes that the famine situation in Kwansi is appalling. The people are uttering many anti-foreign threats and much alarm is felt in the district.

GRAND JURY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY ACCREATES SENSATION BY ITS REPORT

Accuses Assessor Henry P. Dalton of Illegally Obtaining Money in His Method of Securing Duplicate Assessment Rolls and Former Clerk Jordan Is Censured



ASSESSOR OF ALAMEDA COUNTY WHO IS ORDERED SUED BY THE GRAND JURY TO RECOVER MONEY COLLECTED, IT IS ALLEGED ILLEGALLY, FROM THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND FORMER COUNTY CLERK JORDAN WHO IS CENSURED.

OAKLAND, May 29.—The Grand Jury reported to Superior Judge H. A. Melvin late this afternoon and the essence of the report is that the District Attorney was instructed to begin civil suit against County Assessor Henry P. Dalton for \$250,000.

CITY PAYS TWICE

In connection with this matter we are informed that in figuring the folios charged to the city the printed headings are included. As the city pays for making the books, which includes the printed headings, the city is virtually paying twice for the same thing.

JORDAN IS CENSURED

The question of county printing gets a thorough overhauling, and a startling condition of affairs is exposed. The basement of the Courthouse is full of printed blanks and books, over a million and a half of such documents being found stored away.

PRICE IS EXORBITANT

We learn that, including Miller, there were twenty employes about 160 days in making the entire copies, and at the usual salary paid the county for similar work the actual cost of making the city's rolls would be about \$400.

TOO MANY BLANKS

In our judgment the schedule contains far too many blanks, something over a hundred different kinds are enumerated therein. Blank

We therefore deem it our duty to advise the court of the above facts and to recommend that the county should not provide any stationery for the printing of the county's own business.

We also believe that the prices fixed in the schedule are far too high, and we are informed that a good portion of this class of printing is farmed out to brokers and other parties who have no connection with any printing establishment.

We therefore recommend that the Board of Supervisors reduce the number of blanks enumerated in the schedule to the actual requirements of the county business.

The Inquisitorial body went into the charges that have been made that County Tax Collector Barber has been receiving the duplicate tax payments that have been made during his term.

Lay in Wait for Enemy. Romulo V. F. Compton, a solicitor for the Empire Diamond Company, residing at 720 Post street, was arrested by Detective Free last night and charged at the Central Police Station with carrying concealed weapons.

Grand Jury Meets. The Grand Jury yesterday afternoon visited Judge Murasky's courtroom and presented two indictments, which they ordered on the secret file.

Death of Special Officer Field. Special Policeman Nelse P. Field died suddenly yesterday at his home, 290 Pine street. He had been under treatment for heart disease.

J. J. Malone and wife of Tacoma, who have been the guests of Mrs. C. L. Ford while in this city, continued yesterday on their tour round the world.

ELK CLUBSQUET IN THE PARADE

Oldest Living Member of the Order Marches at San Diego.

Annual Pilgrimage in Southern California Is Well Attended.

SAN DIEGO, May 29.—The first annual pilgrimage of Southern California Elks brought a herd of about 600 to San Diego today, the greater portion coming in two special trains this afternoon.

The organizers attended the opera of "Martha," presented by members of the local lodge, this evening, the lower floor of the theater being reserved for Elks.

After the concert an invitational banquet was held in Fraternity Hall. Part of the proceeds of to-night's entertainment will be applied to the purchase of an Elks' memorial window for the new church.

PICTURE FRAMES REDUCED TO A MASS OF CHARCOAL

Fire in Schuster Bros.' Factory on Grove Street Endangers the Mechanics' Pavilion.

A fire, the origin of which could not be ascertained, destroyed a quantity of picture frames belonging to Schuster Bros. in the rear of 39 Grove street at 10 o'clock yesterday forenoon.

The conflagration was soon placed under control. The damages will amount to about \$1000. The property is owned by Mrs. Worth and was rented to the Schuster Bros. as a workshop.

Republican Club Organized. What may be termed a most harmonious assemblage of Republicans assembled in Harmony Hall, Mission street, last night on a call from the Republican organizing committee of the Thirty-sixth Assembly district.

Unhappy Couples in Court. OAKLAND, May 29.—Judge Ogden today denied Mrs. Emma Clifford a divorce from her husband, W. A. Clifford, and gave him the decree on the ground of desertion and the custody of the two children.

Used Rubber Stamp. We are satisfied that the present County Clerk now using all the old blanks and striking out the name of his predecessor and inserting his name with a rubber stamp, and further have his assurance that he will continue to use them.

Hangs Head Downward in Midair. BERKELEY, May 29.—Christian Borchers, a licensed plumber, working at the San Francisco Chemical Works, had a thrilling experience this morning.

Mont Peles Again Active. FORT DE FRANCE, Martinique, May 29.—Much anxiety has been aroused by a recrudescence of the activity of Mont Pelee. The general council urges the immediate evacuation of the entire northern part of the island.

Californians in New York. WASHINGTON, May 29.—Arrivals at the New Willard—James H. Borland and wife, T. H. Speddy, Mrs. G. W. Stafford and Marjorie Stafford, San Francisco; C. B. Jones, Los Angeles, At the Shoreham—J. O. Wood, San Francisco.

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CALIFORNIA FIGURES IN A STRANGE CASE

John Breckinridge to Appear in a Court in Paris.

Remarkable Story Behind the Sensational Proceedings.

Question Is Raised as to the Mental Condition of the Wealthy Young Scion of a Prominent Family.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29.—The discovery that John Cabell Breckinridge, a very wealthy young Californian, will soon be brought up in a legal proceeding to determine his sanity, reveals a most remarkable story of a family disagreement.

One action in the case will come into court to-morrow when President Dittie of the State Tribunal will be asked to restore Breckinridge to the care of his wife. The young man's mother is seeking to have him declared insane. The greatest mystery surrounds her motive.

When the wife got better she tried to see her husband, but was not allowed to do so. Breckinridge left the sanitarium and went to the Hotel La Perouse with Mrs. Breckinridge, one of the children, a son, is dead; a daughter is now ill in Vienna, while the other child, John Cabell Breckinridge, is the principal in the present legal tangle.

This state of affairs continued for two months. Mrs. Breckinridge made an appeal to Joseph D. Redding, a San Francisco lawyer, who happened to be in Paris. Mrs. Sharon engaged Edmond Kelly as her counsel. Mr. Kelly told Mr. Redding that Breckinridge's mind was unbalanced, and a commission should be appointed to inquire into Breckinridge's sanity, with the idea of placing him in an asylum.

Redding obtained a court order to have Dr. Pellereau visit the husband on behalf of the wife. Redding then learned that Kelly had been applying to the court to have a commission appointed to inquire into Breckinridge's sanity, with the idea of placing him in an asylum.

Redding consulted Henry Spearre of Coldert Brothers, who pronounced such proceedings "outrageous" and secured a cessation of the lunacy proceedings.

Argument on whether the commission shall be appointed comes up next month. Counsel will ask to-morrow that Breckinridge be committed to the asylum, but never be given over to the care of his wife. Lawyers say that Breckinridge is perfectly sane, though a sick man. Breckinridge one day jumped out of a window at the Hotel Perouse to the ground, a distance of twenty-two feet, to escape a doctor who had been sent to surreptitiously watch him.

Mrs. Breckinridge will soon become a mother. The child will be heir to the Tevis property. Mrs. Sharon, having been born Tevis, has a claim on the Tevis estate, which she is fighting.

OSTEOPATH MARTIN ON THE EXAMINATION RACK. A Coroner's jury rendered a verdict yesterday of accidental ptomaine poisoning in the case of Miss Phoebe B. Prior, who died on May 15 at 2638 Folsom street.

Nothing new was elicited by the testimony. Dr. Frank Martin, who advertises himself as an osteopath, was rigidly examined by the Coroner and Surgeon and Autopsy Surgeon Bacigalupi as to his knowledge of anatomy. He contended that a certain portion of the nervous system was situated in the second dorsal vertebra, while the Coroner and Surgeon Bacigalupi cited standard medical authorities to show that it was situated in the brain. The jury, not being medical experts, did not pass upon the issue of Dr. Martin's knowledge or ignorance of anatomy.

He testified that he and Miss Prior ate clam chowder in a restaurant on the Sunday preceding her death and that he attended her for two days, using massage as the chief treatment, although the symptoms were those of poisoning. At the expiration of that period a regular physician was called in, but too late to save the young woman.

Boy Accidentally Shoots Companion. OAKLAND, May 29.—Henry Householder, aged 12 years, was accidentally shot and seriously injured by a companion named Alinger while out squirrel hunting to-day on the Householder ranch. Alinger had a rifle, and while following Householder over a levee, he fired at his legs caught the "climber" at a distance of 100 yards, and the bullet entered young Householder's back and passed through his body. Young Alinger is grief-stricken.

Mrs. Roosevelt in Boston. BOSTON, May 29.—Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. W. S. Cowley, arrived here to-day on their way to visit two of her sons at school there.

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