JUDGE REBUKES THE GRAND JURY

Warns Members to Be More Attentive to Their Duties.

Threatens Punishment if Negligence Is Further Persisted In.

Judge Murasky took occasion yesterday afternoon to give the members of the Grand Jury a much-needed rebuke for neglect of duty. The members of the Grand Jury filed into Judge Murasky's court for the purpose of placing an indictment upon the secret file. As they took their seats and the clerk called the roll the Judge noticed that as usual there was barely a quorum present and, having been informed that much time had been wasted and much telephoning necessary to secure a quorum at all, he addressed the members with the following remarks:

"Gentlemen of the jury, I wish to complain of the neglect of duty shown by this jury. It has gone too far and must stop. My chief complaint is in the failure of the members to attend promptly the meetings. Now this business must stop, and I warn you that if there is much more of this some one will find himself asked why he should not be made to suffer for contempt of court. Now that is all. I hope to see you all present at the next meeting."

The remarks of Judge Murasky were delivered in decisive tones and admitted no misconstruction. They were undoubtedly prompted by the general lax attention to duty which has characterized this present body almost from the beginning of its official tenure. Even when the most important matters were to be considered it has been almost impossible to secure the attendance of a quorum of members and most of the time that should have been spent in considering matters for the jury's inquiry had to be given to sending telephone messages to the absent members in order to secure their attendance.

As a consequence, whenever a quorum was secured, the matters before the body were passed over with only perfunctory examination, so that the members could get away again to their various vocations. Judge Murasky evidently felt that this manner of performing public business should be stopped and he said so in no uncertain terms.

At the meeting of the Grand Jury yesterday the Eppinger case was taken up long enough to be laid over until next Wednesday evening. Nearly the entire remainder of the afternoon was devoted to hearing the evidence in the case of Fire Commissioner Parry, charged with having received money for a colt belonging to the Fire Department.

Parry was present with a large number of witnesses. Parry's testimony was the same as given before the Mayor, or a denial of having received any money for the colt.

Several other witnesses were examined, the burden of whose testimony was to the effect that they had not seen Parry receive any money in the transaction.

After some deliberation a ballot was taken, which showed the jury to be almost evenly divided as to a decision on the matter, but those opposed to an indictment of the Fire Commissioner finally prevailed.

STOCKHOLDER ACCUSES DIRECTORS OF FRAUD

Alleges That Affairs of a Big Seattle Corporation Are Being Grossly Mismanaged.

SEATTLE, June 19.—The Alaska Petroleum and Coal Company, one of the largest Seattle corporations doing business in Alaska, was to-day haled into court on a showing of threatened insolvency by C. E. Crockett, a stockholder. Crockett avers that the affairs of the corporation have been fraudulently conducted and that by reason of internal dissensions and gross mismanagement the company is liable to become insolvent. He prays for the appointment of a receiver and a strict accounting of all sales of shares since the inception of the company.

The capital stock is $5,000,000. The complaint avers the debts and liabilities are in excess of $1,000,000 more than the assets.

See Named for a Bishop.

HONOLULU, June 12.—Bishop Libert, the new Vicar Apostolic of the Hawaiian Territory, will be known as the Bishop of Zeugma. He has received formal announcement of his election to the episcopacy under this title. The See from which it is taken is one of the unoccupied Sees of Asia that was most recently filled by Archbishop Farley of New York when he was coadjutor to Archbishop Corrigan of that city. The date and place of Bishop Libert's consecration have not yet been determined.

POSTUM CEREAL.

A HEALTHY COUPLE.

An Old Soldier of 90 Had Some Coffee Experience.

An old soldier's wife described her coffee experience as follows: "My husband and I have been accustomed to the use of tea and coffee for a very great many years and we were very fond of the coffee.

"Some time ago we received from a dear friend in St. Louis a Christmas box that included a package of Postum. I prepared some without reading directions and my husband said: 'Oh, nonsense; this tastes just like the crust water that was one of the luxuries they allowed to invalids eighty years ago.' Then I looked up the directions, made the Postum as it should be made and we both found it delicious.

"My husband is a broken-down soldier and was a dyspeptic and suffered from severe headaches, but from the time we commenced to drink Postum we have not taken a cup of tea or coffee. During the hot weather we have eaten no meat, depending for food upon Grape-Nuts. My dear husband's headaches have disappeared since we left off the coffee and began Postum, and I find myself mentally stronger and much better able to concentrate my thoughts than for several years past. Husband has a good appetite now and nothing disturbs his stomach.

"I believe that when mothers come to pay more attention to their children's diet there will be more health and happiness in the world and in domestic life generally. Little by little this change must come.

"Yours very sincerely for all that pertains to health and happiness. Use our names if you wish." Names furnished by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

This letter is in the handwriting of the old lady herself and there are many people half her years who cannot write half so good a letter. The case is one of remarkable vitality and apparently the only ills of their old age were those due the coffee drinking. These disappeared when Postum was used in place of coffee.

PARK WINDMILL SCORES SUCCESS

Water Lifted to Irrigate Large Area Near the Ocean.

Commissioners Intend Making New Athletic Grounds and Polo Field.

A regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held yesterday at the Lodge in Golden Gate Park. President A. B. Spreckels presided. Commissioners Rueben H. Lloyd and A. Altman also attended.

Communications were received from enterprising citizens of the interior who desired to dispose of white owls, male deer and coyote pups. The secretary was directed to notify the owners that the board did not desire to purchase the specimens.

H. D. Merchant, on behalf of the automobilists, called the attention of the Commissioners to the sharp compound curve on the south drive. He advised that the roadway be widened at the curve and that the lower branches of trees on either side of the road be trimmed, so that danger of collision would be lessened. A crossroad from the Cliff House to the South Drive was also desired by the automobile owners. The communication was referred to Superintendent John McLaren.

On motion of Mr. Lloyd the superintendent was directed to make a survey and submit plans and estimates for a circular half-mile track in the region of the park between Strawberry Hill and the ocean.

NEW ATHLETIC GROUNDS.

In discussing the subject the Commissioners indicated that the present straight mile track would be abandoned, and that inside the circle of the proposed new track athletic grounds, running track for footmen and polo field should be established. A petition signed by 1000 citizens, praying that an athletic track for the youth of the city be constructed in the park, was considered at length.

President Spreckels expressed the opinion that Frank Carolan, Joseph S. Tobin and others of the Burlingame Colony would co-operate with the Commission in providing for polo grounds within the circle.

Commissioner Altman was requested to furnish a design for a house for the keeper of the new windmill. The dwelling is to be in keeping with the style of the windmill.

President Spreckels turned over to the secretary of the commission the sum of $49 25, being the amount collected by the Custom-house authorities of San Francisco as duty on bamboo plants shipped from Japan. Barbour T. Lathrop sent the bamboos to the park as a gift. Mr. Spreckels maintained that the plants were entitled to come in duty free. He paid the duty under protest and appealed to the judgment of the National Board of Appraisers. His protest was sustained. The rule is now established that plants, shrubs, etc., for the park can enter free of duty. The amount of money involved in the payment was not the real source of contention. The Commissioners are highly gratified that the policy of admitting such gifts free of duty is proclaimed. A vote of thanks to President Spreckels for his work in the cause was given by the board yesterday.

A communication from Major Sherman relative to a proposed monument in Portsmouth square was referred to Commissioner Altman.

GOOD WORK OF WINDMILL.

After the adjournment of the board the Commissioners and Superintendent McLaren drove to the new windmill on the ocean beach and later inspected the pumping well, the reservoir and the model yacht lake. The windmill has met every expectation of Commissioners Spreckels, Lloyd and Altman, who insisted on carrying out the enterprise in the face of the objection of others. The mill is pumping from 15,000 to 20,000 gallons of water every hour of the day, lifting the water through a pipe from the well to a height of 150 feet and emptying it into a reservoir nearly a mile distant from the pumping plant. Water sufficient to irrigate 100 acres of the park lying west of Thirtieth avenue is available. The city is now paying the Spring Valley Water Works $1050 per month for watering seventy acres of park grounds. The windmill, which cost $16,000, develops seventy horsepower, and only one man is needed to manage it. In the summer season, when the water is most needed, the wind comes with the greatest force. The reservoir to which the water is pumped holds 200,000 gallons, but channels are provided to convey the overflow to the new lake.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the water was ten feet in the well, although the pumping had been continuous since 9 o'clock in the forenoon. The supply of fresh water in this well, seventeen feet above tide, seems very nearly inexhaustible. Copious streams of water flow under Golden Gate Park to the ocean. Power to lift the water and distribute it over the surface of the ground is all that is required.

The Commissioners who had the courage to take the initiative in this enterprise are elated over the practical demonstration. At the outset they were ridiculed and told that the Dutch windmill wouldn't pump water, even if water could be found. As a result of the new development the area of the park nearest the ocean will soon embrace the most enchanting places of the entire reservation.

Closing Exercises at Santa Rosa.

SANTA ROSA, June 19.—The graduating exercises of the Santa Rosa High School took place at Assembly Hall this evening and twenty-six young people received their diplomas. Five of the class were graduated with honors, all of them being young ladies—the Misses Ruth E. Berger, Emma A. Gaige, Gertrude M. Joost, Gertrude E. Smith and Frances S. Woolsey. The other members of the class included Mattie I. Adams, Ethel M. Abeel, Harry J. Briggs, Mary E. Brand, William B. Davis, Olita A. Gates, Thomas J. Geary Jr., Marie G. Griffith, Edna I. Purrington, Mamie A. Pearce, Esther B. Rhodes, Marion A. Sullivan, Claud H. Sanborn, Lathrop B. Wright and John Lemon Warboys.

Veterans Hold an Encampment.

NAPA, June 19.—The seventh annual encampment of the Veterans' Association of Northern California is now being held at Camp Governor Morton at Calistoga. To-day was devoted to receptions, songs, recitations and similar features. An address of welcome was delivered by C. W. Armstrong, chairman of the board of trustees of the town of Calistoga. The response was made by Comrade A. H. Buckles of Solano County.

San Franciscans Purchase a Mine.

REDDING, June 19.—The famous Oro Fino mine, owned by Under Sheriff Charles H. Behrens and A. Leevsay of Shasta is reported to have been sold to San Francisco parties for $25,000. They have had a bond on the property for nearly a year. The mine is located near the Mount Shasta property on Clear Creek.

Floral Display at Santa Cruz.

SANTA CRUZ, June 19.—A floral show was given in the rooms of the free library to-day. Many visitors were present, including California's leading florist, Luther Burbank. The display of sweet peas, carnations and gladiolas was particularly attractive.

GENERAL YOUNG NAMED AS THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Corbin and Carter Are Assigned by Secretary Root to Duty as Members of the New Corps and Tasker H. Bliss Is to Succeed to the Presidency of Army War College

GALLANT OFFICER WHOM SECRETARY ROOT HAS ASSIGNED TO DUTY AS CHIEF OF STAFF, AND GENERAL WHO BECOMES PRESIDENT OF THE ARMY WAR COLLEGE.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Secretary Root to-day issued an order assigning Major General S. B. M. Young as chief of staff, with Major General Corbin and Brigadier General W. H. Carter as the other general staff officers. Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss is to become president of the War College. The order will take effect August 15.

The order of the Secretary is as follows:

Pursuant to the provisions of the act to increase the efficiency of the army, approved February 14, 1903, the President makes the following details to complete the organization of the General Staff Corps, to take effect August 15, 1903:

Major General Samuel B. M. Young to be chief of staff.

To be members of the general staff—Adjutant General Henry C. Corbin, Brigadier General William H. Carter. Brigadier General Carter will be relieved from his detail in the General Staff Corps at such time as it shall seem advisable in the discretion of the Secretary of War, then to proceed to his station in the Philippines under orders hereafter made.

Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss is detailed to be a member of the General Staff Corps to take the place of General Carter, whenever relieved.

Major General Samuel B. M. Young is relieved from duty as president of the Army War College.

Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss is detailed as president of the Army War College, this to take effect on the 15th of August next.

ELIHU ROOT, Secretary of War.

It was stated by Secretary Root that upon the retirement of General Young next January Major General Adna R. Chaffee would become chief of staff.

Both Generals Young and Chaffee will be made lieutenant generals.

STATE LUNACY COMMISSION HOLDS IMPORTANT MEETING

Considers the Matter of Raising the Salaries of the Hospital Attendants.

SACRAMENTO, June 19.—At a meeting of the State Lunacy Commission this afternoon with the superintendents of the State hospitals, the question of the proposed raise in salaries for the attendants at the various hospitals, as provided for by the last Legislature, was discussed at length. It is hoped to give a uniform increase of 15 per cent, but it is regarded as doubtful whether this could be done. The subject was finally referred to a committee consisting of Dr. F. W. Hatch, Superintendent of State Hospitals; W. S. Melick, secretary of the State Board of Examiners, and Assemblyman Dunlap, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the last Assembly. It is expected that a report will be ready to-morrow as to whether the 15 per cent raise is possible under the amount appropriated.

It was decided to recommend to Governor Pardee the matter of having M. Knott, confined at the Ukiah Asylum, sent to prison for life. He was under sentence to be hanged for murder. Insanity developed, and while he has partially recovered, the commission believe it would be improper to carry out the death sentence.

It was decided to employ an expert plumber to inspect all the hospitals. The commission adjourned until to-morrow, after considering a number of minor matters in connection with the management of the State hospitals.

Artilleryman Is Badly Injured.

PORT TOWNSEND, June 19.—Private D. A. Smith, Ninety-fourth Company, Coast Artillery, was seriously injured today during practice with the rapid-fire battery at Fort Flagler through the blowing out of a heavy primer. The metal struck Smith between the shoulders, inflicting a deep and dangerous wound and his recovery is doubtful. This is the second serious accident since gun practice was commenced at Fort Flagler, the first victim being a private in the target-marking squad, who accidentally exposed himself and was punctured by a heavy rifle ball.

Federal Court Will Try the Suit.

FRESNO, June 19.—The damage suits growing out of the wreck of the Owl train on December 20 last at Byron station in Contra Costa County are to be tried in the United States courts. To-day the only action begun in this county was so transferred. This was the suit of Mrs. Carrie A. Owen and her children against the Southern Pacific Company for $50,000 damages for the death of the husband and father, Charles Owen, the noted horseman, who was coming home to attend his daughter's wedding when killed.

Coal Miners' Strike Is Ended.

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 19.—A special from Nanaimo says that the strike at the Extension coal mines was settled to-day after fourteen weeks' fighting between the Western Federation of Miners and the owner, James Dunsmuir, formerly Premier of British Columbia. Last night the union, by a large majority, carried a motion to return to work and end the strike. Dunsmuir came to Extension to-day and agreed to take the strikers as individuals, back to work.

SEARCHERS FAIL TO FIND TRACE OF MISSING MAN

Friends of Clarence J. Fremont Still Hope to Locate Him in the Mountains.

COVELO, June 19.—News from the Eel River section to-day gives further particulars of the Fremont searching party. Up to a late hour no trace had been discovered of the missing man, although the mountains and canyons are practically covered by searchers. Something like 100 men have been organized to patrol all the possible trails. Thirty hours have now elapsed since Fremont disappeared, and if he is lost in the mountain fastness, no alarm is entertained for his safety, as the country abounds with game and good water.

Clarence J. Fremont is the full name of the missing man and his San Francisco address is given as South Park. His camping party numbers four others, who are young men from Oakland. Their names are not obtainable. Considerable mystery is attached to the finding on the river bank of Fremont's hat. This incident alone has served to excite the gravest fears for the safety of Fremont.

Sheriff Takes No Chances.

TOPEKA, Kan., June 19.—Chauncey Depew and his cowboys will remain in the county jail at Goodlands and the Governor will withdraw the troops now stationed there. The Governor believes the Sheriff is making a mistake by keeping the prisoners in Northwest Kansas, but as the Sheriff's authority in this matter is supreme he alone will be responsible, should any trouble occur.

Narrowly Escape Drowning.

SAUSALITO, June 19.—Two men, giving their names as John Walsh and Chester Lynch of San Francisco, were nearly drowned in Richardsons Bay this afternoon by the capsizing of a boat. Neither of them could swim, but they succeeded in getting hold of the boat's keel and kept themselves above water until they were rescued by a boat from a tramp gram ship anchored near Sausalito.

Expect to Soon Discharge Receiver.

BAKERSFIELD, June 19.—T. M. Rigney, local manager for Porter Brothers, has received a letter from the principal officers of the company in Chicago to the effect that it is expected that the troubles of the company will be soon terminated and the receiver discharged, as the outlook is now very favorable. The company is doing business at all points under the management of the receivers.

Of Interest to Pacific Coast.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Postmasters commissioned: Washington—Annie L. Kay, Chester; Maggie F. Layton, Knab.

Navy orders—Lieutenant O. D. Duncan, detached from New York to home and three months' sick leave.

Army orders—Captain Francis G. Kernan, Second Infantry, relieved from duty as aid de camp on staff of Major General Arthur MacArthur and will join his company.

Murder Charge Is Dismissed.

SAN JOSE, June 19.—The charge of murder against Edward Gilbert was dismissed to-day, the District Attorney deeming a conviction improbable. The arrest grew out of a street fight, in which N. Martinelli was struck and killed with a wagon spoke, in June of last year. The evidence has been conflicting as to who wielded the club.

YOUNG TEACHERS EARN DIPLOMAS

Big Class Is Graduated at San Jose Normal School.

Senator Perkins Delivers a Farewell Address to the Pedagogues.

SAN JOSE, June 19.—One hundred and seventeen young teachers were graduated from the State Normal School this morning. Of the entire number eight are young men. This is the largest class ever graduated from a Normal School in California. The big assembly hall of the school was crowded with friends and relatives of the young pedagogues. Members of the faculty, trustees, Rev. H. C. Meredith, United States Senator George C. Perkins and Mayor Worswick occupied seats on the rostrum. An overture by the D'Ablaing Orchestra opened the exercises. Rev. H. C. Meredith pronounced the benediction. Milton Farmer, the president of the graduating class, on behalf of the class, presented the school with a copy of a famous Roman frieze, ten feet long by two feet wide. Warren Rice, on behalf of the student body, accepted the gift.

Senator Perkins was then introduced by President Dailey as the orator of the occasion. It was under the administration of Governor Perkins that the present Normal School was built. The Senator spoke to the graduates for half an hour, giving them excellent advice and urging them to perform their duties as teachers well. He said to-day was the brightest day of all for the young teacher, for it was the day of reward for years of honest toil and labor.

Miss Elizabeth Blaisdel rendered a vocal solo, after which President Dailey presented the diplomas to the graduating class. Among the graduates was Henry Miller, who because of his trouble in getting through the Normal has gained him such notoriety.

The full list of graduates is as follows:

Belle May Abraham, Helen Elizabeth Baker, Maude Evelyn Baker, Grace Adaline Betts, Florence May Blair, Rose L. Bliss, Hulda Annette Boding, Grace Wilcox Bond, Lily Elaine Brichman, Hazel Edith Brower, Lena Myrtle Brummett, Mary Ingeburg Buck, Edith Mary Bull, Anna Lillian Cabalan, Alice Mae Cain, Jessie Frances Calder, Ethelwyn Althea Caldwell, Lou Anna Capel, Annie J. Christiansen, Esther Hazel Clemence, Alice May Cline, Emma Graves Conway, Everett Crane, Arthur M. Crcop, Sadie Dagger, Lorena Belle Daly, M. Florence Delahunty, Robert Hodge Down, Abbie Driver, Pearl Evert, Milton T. Farmer, Edna H. Finley, May A. Fitzgerald, M. Louise Fleming, Charles Ilwin Fox, Ida Mae Freeman, Lillian May Freeman, Lettie M. Fulkerth, Blanche Gaine, Bessie Lillian Gratz, Nellie Victoria Gratz, Ethel V. Gray, Kathryne Griffiths, Myrtle Jones Hall, May Hamlin, Helen Katherine Hanley, Jessie A. Hardacre, Eva Haughn, Charlotte M. Hayford, Helen May Hepburn, Leona Huffman, Harold Frank Hughes, Edith Maude Hunt, Floy I. Joiner, Alice C. Jordan, Emma Myrtle Kaney, Edna A. Kennedy, Edna May Kipper, Lottie Lawrie Lambert, Birdie Ruby Lenz, Winifred K. Lewis, Mamie Adelaide Lima, Nina Gertrude Lindsey, Clara Frances Luebberke, Eva Mackinnon, Vera Elizabeth MacNeal, Mary Emma McAdams, Teresa V. J. McKenna, Alice F. McMillan, Hazel Marie Main, Ivy Ann Martin, Edna E. Metzger, Henry E. Miller, Martha Miotke, Mary C. Moellering, Emily Florence Morrison, Sarah Belle Nicholson, Mary E. O'Connor, Elizabeth H. Ogier, Leolia Mabel Perry, Iva Eleanor Phillips, Clara Belle Posey, Emma Marian Powell, Bertha E. Price, Dora Mae Pullen, Mae Rafter, Lillian Adele Raney, Alta Cecilia Richardson, Olivena M. Rivard, Jessie Emiline Robertson, Jessie Perkins Rose, Nettie E. Scribner, George A. Serfling, Anna Pearl Sherburne, Ada Shirley, Katherine Showalter, Alice E. Silberhorn, Lottie Ray Sinnamon, Pearl Evelyn Spaulding, Nellie Leona Steele, Mabel Annie Stuart, Margaret Summers, Cora F. Wallace, Hazel Watrous, Mary Elizabeth Wells, Ethel White, Gertrude H. Williams, Margaret Wood, Nell Adel Thompson, Mabel E. Thomson, Florence E. Vanderoort, Anna Ward, Georgie Ethel Wayne, Louise Wheeler White, Goldie V. Zumwalt.

This evening a reception was held in honor of the graduating class.

MRS. ASHTON REGAINS POSSESSION OF CHILD

Husband, Who Is in Jail at Seattle, Does Not Offer Any Resistance to Her Demands.

SEATTLE, June 19.—Mrs. Mary Ashton, divorced wife of Frank Ashton, formerly of Berkeley, Cal., arrived here to-day and took possession of her daughter, Aytla Leonie, 5 years old, who was in the care of the police matron pending the father's release from prison. He is serving a sentence for vagrancy.

The Ashtons were divorced last August, the decree being granted in a San Francisco court. The custody of the child was awarded the mother. By an arrangement between the husband and wife the child was to be kept by Ashton's mother for six months, after which it was to be turned over to the mother. Instead of keeping the agreement Ashton, it is said, kept the child and brought it here to Seattle. When arrested he was leading her through the streets and into saloons. Mrs. Ashton was armed with the decree of the court when she made her demand for the child. She left the city within an hour after obtaining possession of her daughter. The husband declined to make a statement when interviewed at the police station to-night. His daughter was born in Honolulu and her mother is of that lineage. Ashton is the son of a well-known San Francisco real estate man.

To Stop Prize Fights at Portland.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 19.—The church people of the city have taken initial steps in what they propose shall be a determined and active campaign for the suppression of prize fighting in the city of Portland. The statement is made that last night's fight is the last that will be seen in this city. District Attorney Manning says that on proper complaint being filed he will prosecute any violators of the law.

Lopez Is Caught at Agua Mansa.

SAN BERNARDINO, June 19.—Rafael Belarde, alias Rafael Lopez, who shot Constable P. Burke at the Picacho mines in San Diego County six months ago, was arrested to-night at Agua Mansa by Sheriff Ralphs. He is in the county jail here awaiting instructions from Sheriff T. W. Broadnax of San Diego.

San Jose Strike Is Settled.

SAN JOSE, June 19.—The laundry workers' strike was definitely settled to-night. Mutual concessions were made, the new schedule granting ten hours' pay for a nine-hour day and allowing 95 cents' worth of free washing to each worker. All laundries will resume work Monday.

Murderer Mortally Wounded.

ATCHISON, Kans., June 19.—Nick Beirich, a German, aged 40 years, proprietor of a saloon on Eighth street, was shot and killed by Theodore McKim. McKim was mortally wounded later in an exchange of shots with the officers attracted to the scene. At the hospital McKim admitted the killing and said they fought over a game of dice.

Consuls Are Appointed.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Announcement was made at the State Department to-day of these consular appointments: John G. Foster of Vermont, Consul General at Ottawa; Robert Woods Bliss, Consul at Vienna; James V. Long of Pennsylvania, Consul at Patras; Edward Higgins of Massachusetts, Consul at Berne.

VALUABLE OIL LAND IN DISPUTE

The Shamrock Company Brings Suit Against Associated.

Important Litigation Is Commenced by Dissatisfied Stockholders.

BAKERSFIELD, June 19.—The Californian to-night says: "A suit that may be fraught with the greatest importance to the great combine that now virtually controls the oil output of Kern County and to oil men generally was filed in the Superior Court this afternoon by Attorney C. C. Boynton of San Francisco in behalf of the Shamrock Oil Company against the Associated Oil Company. Damages to the amount of $500,000 and the restoration of the Shamrock property at McKittrick, which was transferred to the Associated Company by a former board of directors, is asked.

According to the allegations of the plaintiff three members of the late board of directors of the Shamrock, Messrs. Porter, Green and Whittier, were also interested in the Associated, and they, constituting a majority of the board, transferred the property of the company to the combine. This action, it is claimed, was never ratified by the stockholders, and the latter have now elected a new board.

The property is the land at McKittrick on which is located the famous gusher of the Shamrock, which is producing some 1000 barrels a day. The result of the suit is of the greatest interest not only on account of the property interests immediately involved, but on account of the effect that an adverse decision, it is said, might have upon other holdings of the Associated.

SKIRMISH AT DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE CLUB MEETING

Thirty-Second District Politicians Hold Stormy Session and Demand Help of Police.

There was a small-sized riot at the meeting of the Democratic League Club of the Thirty-second District, which was called together by George J. Cleary at Maennerbund Hall, Twenty-fourth street and Potrero avenue, last night. The McNab faction, supported by two wagon-loads of voters from Butchertown, tried to elect J. J. Donovan and George F. Welsh, president and secretary, respectively, when a disturbance followed and a riot call was sent in to police headquarters. In short order the patrol wagon arrived full of policemen, and without ceremony the hall was cleared.

During the early part of the meeting the following officers were elected:

President, T. B. Slevin; first vice president, John F. English; second vice president, Dr. David B. Todd; third vice president, Augustus Linehan; secretary, George J. Cleary; treasurer, John Stack; sergeant-at-arms, Jeremiah J. Noonan; representatives on executive committee or Democratic League—James J. Cronin, John J. Sheerin, George J. Cleary; representatives on general committee of Democratic League—Precinct 1, John F. English; 2, John V. Sullivan; 3, John Donohue; 4, J. J. Noonan; 5, James W. Kelly; 6, William S. Hackett; 7, Joseph L. Fitzgerald; 8, Thomas B. Slevin; 9, Thomas Godsil; 10, Thomas J. Doyle; 11, Peter T. Langan; 12, John White; 13, Augustus Linehan; 14, N. P. Hallinan; 15, Dr. D. B. Todd; 16, George Coyle; 17, James C. O'Brien.

The faction that was ousted from the meeting by the police met later and began on its own account to organize. Its followers entered their names on the books. The officers elected were: President, J. J. Donovan; vice president, J. Regan; secretary, George F. Welch; treasurer, Charles Dugan.

Iroquois Club Meeting.

The Iroquois Club held a meeting last night. A new sample ballot designed by Henry Zemansky, chief deputy of the Registrar's office, was submitted for inspection. This ballot was recently adopted for State use by the last Legislature. A resolution was adopted for presentation to the Board of Supervisors protesting against the issuing of bonds, with the exception of those needful for the municipal ownership of the water works, the Geary street road and a new hospital.

Perfect Organization.

The United Republican League Club of the Forty-first Assembly District, held a well-attended meeting in Steimke Hall last evening and perfected organization. Following are the officers:

President, Louis S. Bartlett; vice presidents, M. H. Esberg, William J. Dutton, Henry J. Crocker, A. A. Moore Jr.; secretary, Charles Barsotti; treasurer, J. I. Walters; sergeant at arms, William J. Barton. Speeches were made by Henry Ach, Dr. McNutt, Captain Selfridge, A. Heyneman and others.

CALEDONIANS GATHER AROUND SOCIAL BOARD

The Caledonian Club had a "stag party" in Scottish Hall last night to celebrate the great success of the annual gathering and games on May 30 and it was the jolliest and most enthusiastic affair of the kind ever held by the club. The hall was crowded when Chief A. M. Macpherson, who presided, opened the proceedings by making a few well-chosen remarks as to the occasion.

Toasts were proposed and responded to as follows: "Past Officers of the Club," F. F. Finley; "The Press," Charles Morrison; "Sister Societies," Hugh Fraser; "Strangers From the Mother Land," Captain Quayle of the British ship Ellisland.

John M. Duncan of the games committee recited a poem on features of the annual gathering and Colonel Thomas McGregor made a few happy remarks in reply to the toast of his health as one of the most enthusiastic members of the club.

Songs were rendered by Horace Cookson, Clifford McClellan, Archie Lauriston, William Kirby, Captain Keith of the British bark Invercoe, Joseph Fisher, Andrew McNair and others. Among the guests were Captain Quayle, Captain Keith, Captain Ross of the ship Inversnald, Captain Jackson of the ship Invernell, Captain Mitchell of the ship Invergarey and Captain Wilson of the ship Lismore. Bagpipe music was rendered by Neil Lindsay, R. McD. Murray, James McKenzie and James Bennett.

CAUSES OF MILLMEN'S STRIKE ARE VENTILATED

OAKLAND, June 19.—At a conference to-night between representatives of the Building Trades Council, the District Council of Carpenters and Joiners, the Mill Owners' Association and the Master Builders' Association the causes of the millmen's strike were ventilated, all sides of the difficulty being presented. At midnight the conference adjourned until to-morrow night without reaching a settlement.

The chief point in controversy is the demand of the District Council of Carpenters and Joiners that its national association stamp shall be recognized on all mill work. The Building Trades Council does not concede the carpenters right to such recognition.

The conference members are hopeful that a settlement of the contentions will be reached and the strike ended in time for the millmen to return to work Monday.

CROP CONDITIONS ARE IMPROVING

In the South and West Trade Demands Are Stronger.

Buying Is Slow and Production Heavy in Pig Iron and Steel.

NEW YORK, June 19.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say:

Evidence multiplies that the second week of June saw the turning point for the better in crop, trade and labor matters. Improvement in these lines, continued and accelerated by the weather of the last week, has begun to be reflected in actual demand at the West and South. Although cool, rainy weather is still a drawback at the East, many signs of progress in the right direction are noticed. Northwest advices are, of course, largely favorable and the same is true on the Pacific Coast. Cereal prices favor holders not, as heretofore, because of feared domestic crop damage, but because of expected increased foreign necessities. Some drawbacks are, of course, to be noted. Pig iron and steel are weaker, buying is still slow and production is at an enormous rate.

Wool is steady at the East, while selling readily enough at the leading Western primary markets. Lead has lost half a cent this week and tin is lower, but cotton is ostensibly unchanged. Lumber is feeling the effects of existing strikes and the discouragement caused by labor troubles generally, but is still well held at leading primary points.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ending June 18 aggregate 3,617,415 bushels, against 4,191,317 last week, 3,880,434 this week last year and 5,520,831 in 1901. Wheat exports since July 1 aggregate 218,089,537 bushels, against 245,285,548 last season and 218,613,577 in 1900.

Corn exports aggregate 1,089,356 bushels, against 824,815 last week, 110,979 a year ago and 2,435,477 in 1901.

For the fiscal year exports are 64,364,880 bushels, against 26,192,811 last season and 172,628,950 in 1901.

Business failures for the week ending June 18 number 165, against 181 last week, 177 in the like week of 1902, 188 in 1901, 187 in 1900 and 199 in 1899.

In Canada for the week the failures number 25, compared with 16 last week and 15 in this week one year ago.

NEW YORK, June 19.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade to-morrow will say:

Unseasonably low temperatures, together with excessive precipitation at many points, have retarded the distribution of merchandise. Taking the country as a whole, however, the net result has been satisfactory, better crop prospects accelerating forward business and enlarging order lists of manufacturers. The railway earnings thus far represented for June exceed last year's by 5.8 per cent and those of 1901 by 14.8 per cent. Conditions in the iron and steel industry are sufficiently confusing to prevent any definite tendency, although factors calculated to produce weakness appear to preponderate.

Failures this week were 213 in the United States, against 194 last year, and 24 in Canada, compared with 19 a year ago.

ENTERTAIN ON BOARD BATTLESHIP NEW YORK

Officers and Jackies Enjoy Exhibition of Boxing and Wrestling by Olympic Club Members.

An enjoyable reception and athletic entertainment by the members of the Olympic Club of San Francisco on board the United States flagship New York was given last evening.

The ship was beautifully decorated with flags and colored lights, and with the jackies from the different battleships now in the bay perched upon the guns and clinging to the rigging the sight was picturesque.

A stage was erected in the center of the stern decks, and excellent music was furnished by the ship's orchestra. Admiral Glass was present, and among those as his guests were: Charles Webb Howard, J. F. Cunningham, William Greer Harrison, Captain Geo. A. Sage, John J. Gleeson, H. V. Ramsdell, John Hammersmith, Captain Thomas of the United States gunboat Bennington, Captain Cottmann of the Wyoming, Captain Philips of the Marblehead and Captain Hunker of the New York. The officers and crews of all the battleships in the bay and a large number of the members of the Olympic Club were also present.

An entertaining programme, which included some clever exhibitions of boxing and wrestling, was rendered, followed by a reception.

The following was the programme:

From the Olympic Club.		From crew of the New York
S. Berger	190 lbs.	W. O'Brien
J. Angell	150 lbs.	W. Harris
J. Collins	160 lbs.	H. Richling
B. Cairns	140 lbs.	T. Max

Battle royal, consisting of four men boxing at once blindfolded.

Boxing contest with blackened gloves.

Wrestling—E. Phillips vs. G. Williams; J. Crowley vs. H. M. Kevitt; C. Pentony vs. M. C. Rapp; G. Gondorf vs. H. Imhoff, and M. Hewitt of the U. S. F. S. New York vs. W. Jenkins of the Olympic Club.

Recitations, monologue and songs by George Ryan, Martin Healey and Joe Malery of the New York.

Paget Buys Haggin Yearlings.

NEW YORK, June 19.—The last of the Rancho del Paso yearlings were sold to-day at Sheepshead Bay. The yearlings from the Elmendorff stud, also the property of J. B. Haggin, were sold. The best sales were:

Rancho del Paso stud—Ch. c., by imp. Watercress-Sweet, Newton Bennington, $1750; b. c., by Abercorn-imp. Thankful Blossom, Dr. Rowell, $1250; b. c., by Indio-Trolley, Sidney Paget, $1000; b. c., by imp. Watercress-Troyene, Newton Bennington, $2500; b. c., by imp. Andrew-Vernette, S. Deimel, $1200; ch. c., by imp. Goldfinch-Widow Clicquot, Newton Bennington, $2250. Elmendorff stud—B. f., by imp. Bathampton-Cloverdale II, $1000; b. c., by imp. Raphaelo-Court Dance, $1000; b. c., by Arkle-Dareka, $8000; ch. c., by Ben Holliday-Gualala, $1000. Sidney Paget purchased all four.

Cricket Game at Alameda.

There being no scheduled match to be played on the ground at Webster street, Alameda, to-morrow, a game has been arranged between a team of Veterans and an eleven of the Pacific Cricket Club captained by F. A. Bennion. The Veterans' team will be chosen from the following: A. E. Acklom, F. S. Price, C. Banner, J. J. Theobald, George Wiseman, C. B. Hill, J. H. Harbour, A. E. Aitken, W. H. McNaughton, J. H. Saunders, Henry Ward, Taliesin Evans, Edwin Hood and J. C. Colton Clayton.

The Pacific Cricket Club team will be selected from the following: E. H. M. Lannowe, E. T. Langdale, F. A. Bennion, C. P. Webb, W. B. Kysh, Dr. O. N. Taylor, H. N. Storrs, T. W. Tetley, C. C. Y. Williamson, H. O. Watson, L. W. Robitaville, G. L. Hurst and A. W. Wilding.

Crushed to Death by Elevator.

LOS ANGELES, June 19.—Walter Hohn, an electrician, was crushed to death today by an elevator in the Laughlin building. Hohn had gone into the shaft below the ground floor, presumably to inspect the machinery or to remove an obstruction. There is a space of five or six feet below the ground floor level, but it is supposed the cage was allowed to settle and Hohn was caught and crushed to death. Hohn was 36 years of age and leaves a family.