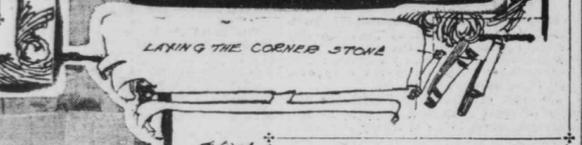


CORNERSTONE FOR BRANCH LIBRARY LAYED WITH BEFITTING CEREMONIES

President H. R. McNoble of Native Sons of the Golden West Conducts Exercises and Addresses Are Made by James D. Phelan and Mayor Schmitz

WITH befitting ceremonies and in the presence of a large concourse of people the cornerstone of the new branch library of the city and county of San Francisco by Andrew B. McCreery, was laid yesterday afternoon.

The ceremonies were held under the auspices of the Native Sons of the Golden West. There were many distinguished guests present. Officials of the municipality and men high in the walks of life attended and applauded the words of praise showered on the generous giver.



LAYING THE CORNERSTONE

The cornerstone was already for the occasion. It was suspended over the place where it was to lie at the northeastern part of the big building. The guests occupied seats close to the stone and the children of the Douglas Primary School were stationed close by. The pupils were dressed in white and carried small flags, which they waved during the singing of patriotic songs.

SCENES AT LAYING OF CORNERSTONE OF NEW BRANCH LIBRARY ON SIXTEENTH STREET.

From this building he good new and forever. MAYOR PHELAN SPEAKS. The school children then sang "The Stars and Stripes" and at the conclusion of the song ex-Mayor Phelan was introduced. The distinguished citizen was accorded a hearty reception. His oration, delivered in behalf of his friend, Andrew B. McCreery, was an excellent one and was received with hearty cheers. In part he spoke as follows:

has changed the history of the world and added treasure to the wealth of nations. Today she has her possibilities for the future far greater than the accomplished facts she has already left upon her pages.

Other cities are constantly the recipients of useful and beautiful gifts and occasionally San Francisco will have a more fitting example of Mr. McCreery's spirit than any other city. I am sure, will be followed. Having come to San Francisco in its early days, his foresight, industry and enterprise have enabled him to accumulate a large fortune, which has grown with the growth of the city and the progress of the state.

President McNoble delivered an address, which was frequently interrupted by applause. He spoke in part as follows:

These three periods of California's history, beginning with the coming of the first settlers to the coast in 1769, are of interest to all Californians. Beginning with the latter date we may divide the history of the State into three periods, which may be symbolized by the wheat, the vine and the olive.

For the order of the Native Sons at large and for the citizens of our entire State I can say that his unusual effort and generous bounty bespeak for him the kindest appreciation and calls for an expression of sincere gratitude.

My friends, I trust that the solemn ceremonies of this occasion may not be lost upon your hearts. In the gift of this magnificent building for the purpose of the entire community, the golden harvest of knowledge and the free education of the masses, for keeping ever burning brightly the torches of friendship, loyalty and charity; and the protection of our republican form of government.

WHAT ORDER REPRESENTS. The order of the Native Sons, while a secret society, is one whose secret work, based not upon the traditions of centuries ago, is constantly in the history of the people that have lived and died and left their characters upon the face of time, where their sins and virtues stand as examples of warning and instruction.

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ATTITUDE OF A. RUEF IS VULNERABLE

Declares That He Must Support Schmitz for Mayor. Fears He Would Be Called Ingrate if He Favored Another Nominee

Asked to Define Position, He Says He Will Do So Before Mayoralty Candidate Is Selected. A. Ruef, in a conversation at the Palace Hotel yesterday with Thomas P. Woodward, president of the Board of Education, declared himself in favor of Eugene E. Schmitz for Mayor and remarked that his obligations to the Mayor were such that should he forsake him his manhood would be involved.

Last evening Mr. Ruef was questioned on behalf of the Call with a view of ascertaining whether he intends to loyally support the Republican ticket or to betray his party at the eleventh hour. Ruef was somewhat reluctant and evasive last night, but he cannot deny his position in the campaign too soon to suit the Republican voters, the Republican press and his Republican associates in the United League.

LOOKS LIKE CROCKER. It is common gossip in political circles that Henry J. Crocker has developed sufficient strength to win the Republican nomination for Mayor. There were several conferences of prominent delegates and party leaders yesterday. The aspirations of Mr. Crocker were considered and the judgment was expressed that he would rally the voting strength of the party at the polls and be elected Mayor of San Francisco.

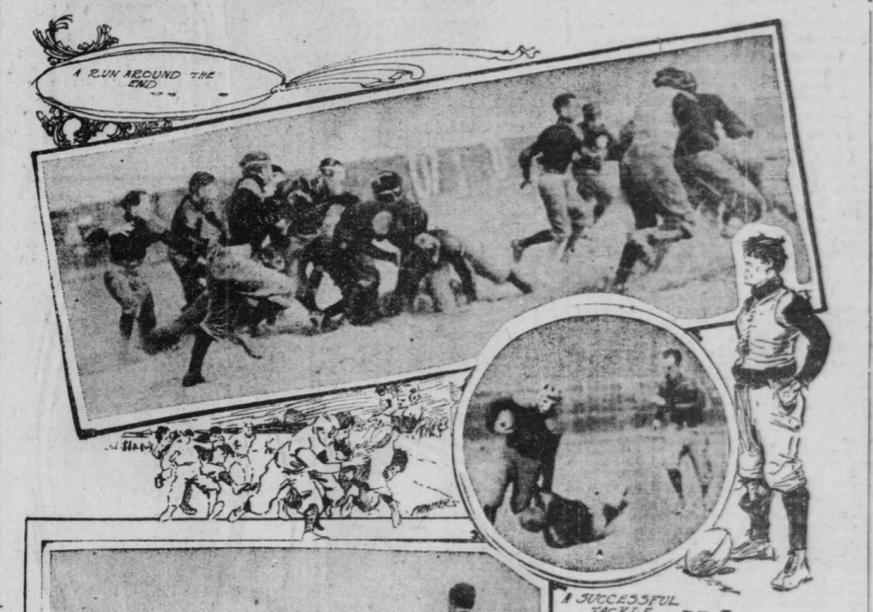
COMING BOND ELECTION. In the proposed bond election about to take place in the city, it is generally expected that this wrong and see that the Mission Dolores shall have its share of public improvements. The people of the city are generally in favor of this bond issue, which will be a considerable step toward the improvement of the city.

MAJOR SCHMITZ APPLAUDED. Mayor Schmitz was not down on the programme for a speech, but was called upon by President Mann to say a few words. The Mayor's reception was also a cordial one. He spoke in part as follows:

Not being on the programme, I hardly expected to be called upon to make any remarks today and after the eloquent words that have just been spoken by my predecessor there is very little left for me to say. However, in accepting this gift on behalf of the city and county of San Francisco, I do so with a feeling of gratitude and pride. Gratitude for a wise and noble and generous man and in the realization that the donor is a pioneer.

STANFORD AND RELIANCE ELEEVNS FAIL TO SCORE IN FOOTBALL GAME

Opening Contest of the Season Is Slow, But the Men of the Cardinal Prove Well Advanced in Physical Condition---Entire Squad Has a Chance on Field



AN EXCITING MOMENT

THE first whistle of the season opened a football game on the Stanford campus yesterday afternoon which was typical of an early season's display. Reliance and the Stanford varsity struggled laboriously through two twenty-minute halves without either side scoring a point. Long spaces of time were taken out for rests and in vociferous squabbling. The game was heavy and painfully slow.

As affording a line on the present condition of the nucleus from which is to be selected the Stanford eleven the contest was of interest. Considering the time of the season, the men of the cardinal seemed in remarkably good physical condition. They were aggressive in the first half of the game and quick to get into action considering that a scant month has been spent in training so far.

MANY PLAYERS TIED. In the game yesterday Coach Lanagan gave almost every man on the squad a chance to get into the game. In fact, it was virtually a freshman eleven which faced Reliance in the latter part of the last half. Either it is too early in the season to take a snap judgment or Stanford is not going to have any pre-eminent star players this year.

California Northwestern Strike Develops No Vital Changes. With all its trains and boats operating on schedule time and with its ability, up to the present time, to handle freight delivered at its wharves, the California Northwestern Railway claims that it has the strike on its road well in hand and expects no further trouble.

Police Catch John Devins, but His Companion Escapes. Louis Lawson was accosted by two men at an early hour this morning at the corner of New Montgomery and Howard streets. The men attempted to hold him up, but he shouted for help, and Patrimen Heinrichs and Tillman came to his rescue.

FOOTPAD SHOT AND CAPTURED. Several reports received at Tiburon yesterday from points up the line were to the effect that a number of new men had joined the strikers and the committee in charge of the strike was exceedingly jubilant over what it considered indications of a general walkout.

RELiance PLAYS STRONGLY. If the honors had been slightly in Stanford's favor in the first half, they were certainly all coming to Reliance in the second. By the substitution of new and raw men the cardinal team was so weakened that big Atkinson, the captain of the club men, walked through the line for the full distance time and again.

FRUITVALE WILL NOT BE INCORPORATED. The project of incorporating Fruitvale was defeated to-day by a large vote at the election held in that place. The forces opposed to the incorporation gathered strongly and polled about 250 votes to 70 for incorporation.

LOU DILLON FAILS TO BEAT RECORD. CLEVELAND, Sept. 19.—Lou Dillon (200) in an attempt to beat the world's wagon record of 2:04, held by the herself, trotted a mile in 2:05, to-day at the Glenville track. The weather was extremely cool, while the track was somewhat heavy as a result of recent rains.

OSMER SMOKES UP. There will be another big time in Cliff Island, the new pleasure resort, near Coney House, this afternoon. Professor Vosmer will ascend in his monster airship. There will also be a refined vaudeville show and band concert.