NEWS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

WED IN STUFFY CLOAK CHAMBER

Charles Johnson and Mary Yates Joined in a Room Hung With Ladies' Hats and Wraps

KNOT IS QUICKLY TIED

Justice R. B. Tappan Marries a Couple and Manages a Whist Tourney at the Same Time

ALAMEDA, Feb. 14.—Standing in a stuffy cloakroom in the City Hall last night Charles E. Johnson and Mary E. Yates took each other for better or for worse, the marriage ceremony being performed by Judge R. B. Tappan in one minute and thirty seconds by the watch. The pair came from San Francisco, bent upon entering into a matrimonial alliance as fast as the law and other essentials would permit. With the assistance of J. A. Munro they found Judge Tappan in the City Hall, where the magistrate was managing a great whist tourney then being given by the Thompson Hose Company of the volunteer firemen.

As his Honor could not leave the tourney apartment for more than a few minutes at a time, he requested that the groom and bride be escorted to the ladies' cloakroom, near by, remarking: "Tell them to make ready and I will be there right after I blow the next whistle for those players and make their happiness complete."

Immediately upon sounding his whistle Judge Tappan hastened to the cloakroom and in a very short time another husband and wife had been added to the list of the married.

"Hearts have been trumps here all evening and I am glad to see that neither of you have reneged," said the record-breaking nuptial knot-tier as he bade the couple good-by and wished them a prosperous future.

Those who witnessed the speedy marriage were George T. Morris, T. R. Hanson and Miss Rosenberg.

EVENTS IN SOCIETY

OAKLAND, Feb. 14.—An announcement of particular interest in the art world is that of the engagement of Miss Bessie Yard and C. Chapel Judson. Miss Yard is the only daughter of Sidney Yard, one of the foremost painters of California, whose exquisite water-color work places him in the front ranks of Western artists.

The young lady is herself a very talented girl, her cleverness as a reader, especially, having charmed the public at many social and charitable events.

C. Chapel Judson is one of the best known artists in this vicinity, his long association with the Mark Hopkins Institute of Art—where he is now an assistant professor—as well as his skill with the brush, making him a prominent figure in art circles. He is also instructor of freehand drawing at the University of California and a member of the Bohemian Club in San Francisco.

The wedding of these two very interesting young people will be an April event and will take place at the residence of the bride's parents.

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The Wawona Club, a recently formed social and literary organization of young men from both sides of the bay, will give its first reception and dance in Maple Hall next Thursday evening, February 18. The club, which was only organized about four months ago, already has a large membership of young men prominent in social and business circles in this city and San Francisco. The object of the organization is to promote discussion on social problems and business methods of the present day.

Arrangements for the dance to be given next Thursday evening are in charge of Lyle M. Brown, assisted by Carlin G. Smith, Earl Burpee, Cester Wilson, William W. White, Emil Fritsch, Clarence Hite and Charles Eggleston.

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The members of Piedmont Parlor No. 87, N. D. G. W., have arrange dto give a prize whist tournament at Loring Hall on February 23. The members of the committee in charge of the tournament are: Mrs. Jennie Jordan, Mrs. G. Bibber, Mrs. A. Messmer, Mrs. F. E. Brown, Mrs. A. McDonald, Mrs. B. Parker, Miss E. Chicon, Miss C. Englehardt, Miss F. Scott, Miss A. Hammerly, Miss M. Kenny.

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BERKELEY, Feb. 14.—Friends and neighbors of Isaac W. Wells, the Town Assessor, tendered him a reception last evening at his new home, 1905 Berkeley way. It was a housewarming affair and was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Cramer, Master Robert Cramer, Miss Pearl Cramer, Miss Ella Cramer, Mr. and Mrs. George Stetter, Mr. and Mrs. John Bachelder, Mrs. Louise Gowen, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Teague, Miss Cora Teague, George Gelder, Henry Penning, Frank Harder, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wells and Andrew Alburtis.

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The wedding of Miss Rhoda Howell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gilson Howell of Dwight way, and Fletcher Ames, son of the late J. F. Ames and Mrs. Ames of Adeline street will take place at the home of the bride-elect, on Saturday, March 5. Miss Howell has selected for her attendants Miss Elsa Ames, Miss Charlotte Hall, Miss Effie Wade, Miss Katherine Sartori and Miss Eugenia Mouser. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. F. L. Hosmer of the First Unitarian Church.

The wedding of Miss Mae F. Gordon of Philadelphia and Harold Cummings of Berkeley will take place as soon as the bride-elect arrives from the East. She is en route and will be here in a few days. Miss Gordon is a young society favorite in Philadelphia and met Mr. Cummings while he was atending the Drexel Institute in Philadelphia. He is a graduate of the University of California, being a member of the class of 1902, and also of the Drexel Institute and the Baltimore School of Forestry. He is now in the employ of the Southern Pacific Company.

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ALAMEDA, Feb. 14.—Probably the largest whist tourney in the history of the popular card game in Alameda County was held in the City Hall last night. Four hundred and twenty-four players participated. One hundred and thirteen prizes were awarded. Mrs. Louis Durein won the first prize for ladies and C. F. Hall captured the first prize for gentlemen. The tourney was held under the management of Thompson Hose Company, Vplunteer Firemen.

SEAMAN REPORTS DISASTER AND LOSS OF FIVE MEN

Schooner Is Rammed in Darkness by Steamer and Is Thought to Have Sunk.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Feb. 14.—George Wright, a seaman, who was picked up by a schooner that arrived at this port to-day, reports that the schooner Dorchester, from Pigeon Cove, Mass., bound for Philadelphia, was rammed Saturday night by an unknown steamer off Montauk Point. Wright believes that he is the only survivor. The others on board were Captain Evans, Mate Lewis, a cook and two seamen. It was snowing hard when the accident occurred and according to Wright it was impossible to see objects 200 feet away. Wright grasped a twelve-foot sharpie and floated in a boat all night.

TWO KILLED AND MANY HURT IN TROLLEY WRECK

Runaway Car Crashes Into a Telegraph Pole With Tragic Results.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Feb. 14.—Two persons were killed and about seventy-five injured, twenty-five of whom were seriously hurt, in a trolley car accident at Frostburg to-day. The car ran away on a steep grade, jumped the track and crashed into a telegraph pole. The car was mashed to splinters and scarcely one of the eighty passengers escaped injury of some sort.

FIRE ORDINANCE FOR THEATERS

New Measure Which Embodies Many Stringent Provisions Is Ready for the Council

HOSEMEN TO BE ON HAND

Two Trained Flame Fighters Will Attend Every Performance of All Playhouses

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Feb. 14.

The new theater ordinance, which has been under course of preparation for some time by Fire Chief Ball and City Engineer McElroy, is complete and will be presented to the City Council to-morrow night.

The proposed measure makes it incumbent on owners, managers and lessees of theaters, opera-houses or places where public entertainments are given, to abide by a number of new and stringent provisions. In the first place a fire wall, to be composed of either brick or steel, must be constructed so as to separate the proscenium from the auditorium. This wall, in conjunction with the fireproof curtain, will cut the stage off completely from the auditorium in case of fire. On the stage the paint shops and the repair shops where combustile material is kept must be separated from the rest of the theater by fire walls.

At each performance in the theater two firemen belonging to the city department must be on hand to use the fire apparatus in event of fire. In the matter of broad exits, electrical wiring and the maintenance of adequate fire appartaus the new ordinance is very stringent. Before the City Treasurer is allowed to issue a permit to any theater to run the applicant for a license must show a certificate of approval to be made out by the Fire Warden, whose duty it will be to make inspections at stated intervals of not less than every two weeks.

Another ordinance will be introduced also, making it a misdemeanor for any person or firm to maintain a smokestack in the residence districts which shall be less than ten feet higher than the tallest house in a radius of 100 feet.

HOODOO CLINGS TO MACADAMS

Young Sailor Is Picked Up Unconscious for a Second Time in Twenty-Four Hours

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Feb. 14.

Douglas MacAdams, the 18-year-old sailor, who tells a remarkable tale of adventure in the Far East—of being shipwrecked and of being taken for a Russian spy and all but shot in a Japanese prison, was picked up in an unconscious state for the second time in twenty-four hours in Alameda this morning. When he left the Receiving Hospital in Oakland last night he said that he was going in search of Captain Richards, who commands a sailing vessel. He evidently did not reach his destination, but fell on the streets. He was taken to the Alameda Sanitorium, where he regained consciousness.

The reason assigned for his unusual malady is that when he was taken for a spy by the Japanese he was stoned and had the top of his head virtually caved in. A bungling operation left him with two holes in his head, considerably larger than hen's eggs. A thin covering of scalp is all that protects his brain from harm. When he lies down his brain protrudes through these apertures. Medical men believe that in time the skull may grow together again, as he is very young.

Young MacAdams, whose home is in Ballard, Washington, has vouchers for the story he tells in the way of passports and credentials from the United States authorities who assisted him to return to America. This is the story the young man told on recovering consciousness in the sanitorium:

Two years ago I shipped on the Nova Scotia sealer Wyneric. We cruised about in northern waters for a few months and finally drifted near the coast of Siberia. We were wrecked near a place known as Osohoff. Every one on board, except Mrs. Thomas, the captain's wife, a sailor and myself, were drowned. From Osohoff I worked my way to Vladivostok. From there I went to Japan and entered the revenue service. I had the rank of a second lieutenant and drew about $20 a month. I worked in the revenue service for seven months. I then wanted to start for America and attempted to walk overland through Japan. When I arrived at Hakata, where a fort was in the process of erection, I was taken for a Russian spy. I had the Russian passports on me that I had gotten at Vladivostok. There was no one there who could talk English and I had to depend on the small amount of Japanese that I had picked up to defend myself. I attempted to communicate with the American Consul at Kobe and the American Embassador at Tokio. They would not let me do either. I was sentenced to be shot. The judge of the court-martial sat on a stool like a tailor when he pronounced the sentence. He said that he was not going to take any chances of Russia getting any information. The day before I was to be shot a Japanese who had been in America called to see me. I explained to him my troubles. He got me in communication with Embassador Griscom, who secured my release and passage on the Logan for America, which arrived yesterday.

When I was arrested as a spy the populace stoned me, breaking my skull open. Since then I have been subject to these epileptic attacks.

The youthful adventurer says he was robbed of $90 last night. He was then on his way home to his parents in Washington. He went to see Captain Richards, in Alameda, to get funds. Inquiries show that the captain is now at sea.

ACCUSED OF MURDERING HER ADOPTED DAUGHTER

Delaware Woman Attends Funeral of the Victim and Is Then Arrested.

DOVER, Del., Feb. 14.—Mrs. Mary Anna Powell, wife of Alfred L. Powell, was arrested, charged with the murder of Estella Allaband, her 21-year-old adopted daughter, whose terribly mutilated body was found last Tuesday in the attic of the Powell farmhouse, near Magnolia, ten miles from here.

Mrs. Powell was taken into custody after the funeral of the girl, which she attended this afternoon. She did not seem surprised.

The detectives say they have secured a statement from Edgar Cooper, the 5-year-old adopted son of the Powells, that Estella had been struck by Mrs. Powell with a piece of wood while she was washing.

DISTINGUISHED BOTANIST PLANS FOR EXPERIMENTS

Professor Hugo de Vries of Amsterdam, Holland, Forwards Flowers to University With Which He Will Demonstrate Theory That All Life Is Undergoing Evolution

PROFESSOR HUGO DE VRIES WILL DEMONSTRATE EVOLUTION THEORY.

BERKELEY, Feb. 14.—In anticipation of his coming to demonstrate his theories concerning the origin of the species at the next summer session of the University of California, Professor Hugo de Vries of the University of Amsterdam, Holland, has sent to Professor W. J. V. Osterhout of the botany department of the university varieties of the evening primrose with which he will carry on his experiments. These seeds will be planted immediately so that they will be in bloom by the time the great botanist arrives in California in June.

By means of the evening primrose Professor de Vries has provided supplementary proofs of Darwin's theory of evolution. The opponents of that theory have repeatedly declared their dissatisfaction with it on the ground that it does not reveal that all life is undergoing a process of evolution—that is, so that it can be seen. So in order to establish the fact that evolution is going on and may be recognized Professor de Vries experimented with the primrose and obtained such results as even to convince the skeptics of his success.

Professor de Vries hit upon the primrose as the subject for his demonstrations purely by accident. He tried a great number of plants before finally discovering that the primrose was in a condition of mutation—that is, in that state of its life where it is evolving new species. This condition in plant life is one of the inexplicable things in nature, something too puzzling for the scientists even to guess at. In the primrose the mutation is shown in a number of ways—in the increasing number of the seeds, the changes in the leaves and flowers. Of course, these changes might have been attained by artificial means, but Professor de Vries reproduced his primroses without these means. It is well known in botany that the seeds of plants influenced artificially do not grow true to that seed, though they do in any new species. A new species will reproduce a new species.

When Professor de Vries comes here next summer he will meet a Californian as learned as himself in the secrets of plant life—Luther Burbank of Santa Rosa. Professor de Vries represents the theoretical aspect of that which Mr. Burbank has accomplished practically in his experimental gardens. These men have been carrying on a correspondence for several years and each is looking forward with great pleasure to this meeting.

WATER COMPANY WANTS A RAISE

Contra Costa Corporation Is to Ask Trustees of Alameda to Increase Hydrant Rates

ALAMEDA, Feb. 14.—Notice has been given the City Trustees by the management of the Contra Costa Water Company that the corporation will ask for an increase this year from the municipality in the rentals of fire hydrants. At present the company is receiving from the city $1 a month for each hydrant in use. David Morris, the local manager for the water corporation, has notified the City Trustees that when the ordinance determining the rates for the ensuing twelve months is introduced at the meeting of the municipal legislators to-morrow night, arguments will be presented by a representative of the Contra Costa Company why Alameda should pay more for its fire hydrants. Of the three cities on the east side of the bay, Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda, this municipality pays the lowest rental for fire hydrants. In Oakland the rental is $5 a month and in Berkeley $1 50 a month.

Last year the Contra Costa Company demanded a raise in the local water rates, but the City Trustees refused to allow it. At present the rate to private consumers is 30 cents a thousand gallons, with a minimum monthly bill of $1. It is incumbent upon the City Trustees to fix the rate before the expiration of this month, and as the ordinance will only be introduced to-morrow night, an adjourned meeting will have to be held to permit of compliance with the law.

Will Celebrate Twentieth Anniversary.

OAKLAND, Feb. 14.—The twentieth anniversary of the organization of Liberty Company No. 4, Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias, wfll be celebrated Monday evening, February 22. The committee in charge of the celebration has arranged to give a grand full dress ball at Maple Hall, and as a large number of tickets have already been sold it is certain that the affair will be well attended.

Old Resident of Niles Dead.

NILES, Feb. 14.—Edward Clark, who has resided at Niles for more than twenty years, died suddenly at his home last Thursday from a stroke of apoplexy. Deceased was a native of England and 79 years of age. He leaves a wife and several sons, two of whom are attorneys in Oakland.

BOND REPORT IS COMPLETED

Committee Will Submit Its Recommendations to City Council To-Morrow Night

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Feb. 14.

The report of the special bond committee will be submitted to the City Council to-morrow night. As nearly as can be estimated the amount of bonds asked for will be approximately $2,500,000. Of this amount approximately $1,000,000 will be devoted to the purchase of school sites and the erection of school buildings. The remainder of the proposed bond issue is apportioned with a view to erecting a new City Hall, improving the boulevard around Lake Merritt and purchasing various parks to be used as children's playgrounds.

The sum of $225,000 is designed for the purchase of the property on which the Hotel Touraine is located, to be used in conjunction with the site of the present City Hall for the erection of a new municipal building. The new City Hall itself will cost, according to the report, $375,000. This makes a total of $600,000 which will be devoted to erecting the hall.

Among the other recommendations of the report are those for the purchase of the "willows" on Lake Merritt at a cost of $120,000 for a park; for a boulevard between Twentieth and Twenty-fourth streets, $50,000; dredging Lake Merritt, $75,000; improvement of the park property between Eighth and Twelfth streets, $100,000; extending boulevard from Lake Merritt up to Perry street, $75,000; park in Piedmont vicinity, $300,000; improving Independence square, $20,000.

Before the report is incorporated in a call for a bond issue a few changes will no doubt be made, but it is the unanimous opinion of the members of the Council that the numerous suggestions that are bound to me from the public cannot be entertained, but that the report of the bond committee must be adopted substantially as it is made, if anything is to be accomplished.

Boy Accidentally Shot.

Charles Sheridan, a 12-year-old boy residing on Twenty-second street, had the thumb of his left finger blown off yesterday afternoon while hunting near Millbrae. The lad was trying to clean the barrel of the gun and the weapon accidentally went off. He was treated at the Emergency Hospital.

Russia suffers from forest fires. It is not unusual for fire to destroy 250,000 acres of forest a year.

AGRICULTURAL MEN DISAGREE

Secretary James Wilson and Professor E. W. Hilgard Dispute Over Vital Question

MAKE COUNTER CHARGES

Soil Analyses and the Work of Colleges Precipitate Controversy in the Newspapers

Berkeley Office San Francisco Call, 2148 Center Street, Feb. 14.

James Wilson, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, says the agricultural colleges of the United States do not turn out men useful to agricultural science, and that nothing had been known about the chemical analysis of the soils until he went to Washington. Professor E. W. Hilgard, dean of the Agricultural College at the University of California and director of the agricultural experiment station, asks, How does Secretary Wilson know all these things when he does not pretend to be a scientific expert or know anything about the history of agriculture?

This controversy between two men to whom the farmers of the country look for a good deal was precipitated by some broad statements that Secretary Wilson made before a Congressional investigating committee last month in Washington. But the fire of dispute had been smoldering long before that, and it needed only one thing to bring matters to the point where the discontented began to wrangle. It seems that Secretary Wilson had invited criticism by commenting adversely on the work of the agricultural stations whenever he made a public address—comments that were not likely to please the men in charge of them.

HILGARD MAKES REPLY.

In one of these addresses at Rochester Secretary Wilson is credited with saying: "When I went to Washington I found that we had no knowledge of soils, and I went to work and organized a bureau of soils, and I have over 200 scientists engaged in this work."

To this manifest dig at the agricultural colleges Professor Hilgard replied through the medium of Science that Secretary Wilson "does not pretend to by a scientific expert, and we must presume that his ideas on scientific work are mainly the result of his environment. It therefore becomes an interesting question whence has come to him the information that the agricultural colleges have done nothing in the direction of collecting soil data. He has expressed similar sentiments elsewhere, and has been especially critical of the colleges because, as alleged, they fail to train students in such a way as to make them useful to agriculture."

Professor Hilgard then goes on to show that there is considerable data on soils at Washington that Secretary Wilson evidently knew nothing about. For instance, the reports of more than 200 soil analyses from Kentucky and Ohio were filed in Washington fifty years ago. Professor Hilgard himself furnished data on the soils of Mississippi nearly that long ago. In 1892 the department published a paper by him, describing 779 varieties of soils. He ventures to say that there are 1500 analyses in Washington at this moment.

Now, after all these years of scientific investigation and volumes of proof, Secretary Wilson insists that there is no such thing as an agricultural chemist in existence. This ground he took before the recent Congressional committee, where he is reported as saying:

CALLS IT NEW SCIENCE.

"We've hardly an agricultural chemist in the world. It is a new science. The scientists of the past have never proved anything at all."

Even Professor Hilgard is ignored and the dialogue in the committee, when Secretary Wilson was testifying, indicates the estimation in which he is held by the non-scientific Secretary. They even got his name "Hilder" instead of Hilgard.

"There was an article in the papers by a man named Hilder of California, who attacks your methods of investigation," said Congressman Graff.

"Yes," replied Secretary Wilson, "he's a fine old-fashioned chemist."

The recent controversy over soils that was precipitated by the sweeping statements of Milton Whitney, chief of the Bureau of Soils of the Department of Agriculture, figured somewhat in the investigation. Whitney was bold enough to say in a bulletin that soils contain an unlimited supply of plant foods and that fertilization is of no lasting benefit.

Agriculturists all over the country disagreed with Whitney and among them was Professor Hilgard, to whose article Congressman Graff referred. Secretary Wilson admitted that Whitney might be wrong, but defended him on the ground that he is a valuable man to the department.

"Whitney is going so many ways that are valuable," said the Secretary, "that we can afford to have them go wrong once in a while."

Altogether the controversy is attracting wide attention and no man may tell how it will end. Agriculturists everywhere are taking a hand in it and the editors of periodicals dip in, too.

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

BERKELEY, Feb. 14.—Owing to the threatening weather the concert by the university orchestra scheduled for this afternoon in the Greek theater was postponed.

The Young Women's Christian Association will hold a missionary rally and banquet Tuesday afternoon from 4:15 to 8 o'clock in Stiles Hall. "The Worldwide Missionary Movement" will be discussed at 4:15 o'clock, the banquet will be held at 5:15 o'clock and an assembly at 7 o'clock. The assembly will be addressed by the Rev. Dwight L. Potter.

The Rev. E. R. Dille of the First Methodist Church of Oakland will address the Young Men's Christian Association Tuesday evening at 7:15 o'clock in Stiles Hall on "The Manliness of Christ."

The Senate will discuss the question, "Resolved, That the United States should have recognized the independence of Panama," at its meeting Tuesday evening in Stiles Hall. The affirmative will be presented by Walker, '05, and Stout, '05, and the negative by Richardson, '05, and Encel, '07.

"Resolved, That Russian control of Manchuria is for the benefit of civilization," is the question for discussion before the Students' Congress Tuesday evening in North Hall. Gillison, '05, Stanley, '06, and Griffiths, '06, will present the affirmative, and Maroney, '06, Andrews, '06, and Wythe, '07, the negative.

Miss Anita Whitney Will Speak.

OAKLAND, Feb. 14.—Miss C. Anita Whitney, superintendent of the Associated Charities, will address the members of the Women's Civic Improvement Club at the next meeting of the organization, which will be held to-morrow afternoon at 3:30. Addresses will also be delivered by Ezra W. Decoto, probation officer, and C. E. Mirwin, truant officer.

NEW MINISTER IS INSTALLED

Rev. Oscar H. Gruver Assumes Charge of First English Lutheran Church of Oakland

RECITAL BY H. J. STEWART

Compositions of Eminent Organist Are Rendered at the First Congregational Church

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Feb. 14.

The Rev. Oscar H. Gruver, who succeeds the Rev. William Kelly as pastor of the First English Lutheran Church, was installed this evening, the charge being delivered by the Rev. E. Nelander, pastor of the First English Lutheran Church of San Francisco. The installation services were conducted by the Rev. H. Gehrcke, pastor of St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church of San Francisco and president of the Lutheran Synod of California. The new pastor was formerly pastor of the First Lutheran Church of San Francisco. Special music was rendered by the church choir at the installation.

Dr. H. J. Stewart, the well-known organist and composer of San Francisco, gave an organ recital at the First Congregational Church this evening after the regular services and among his selection was a transcription of some of the music from Wagner's "Parsifal." A solo quartet and a choir of sixty voices, under the direction of Alexander Stewart, sang several of Dr. Stewart's compositions. Among them were: "I Behold, and Lo!" (chorus and quartet); "Ave Maria" (female chorus), and "My Soul Thirsteth for God" (soprano solo.) Dr. Stewart rendered the following selections on the organ: "Consolation" (Liszt); "Legend—St. Francis Preaches to the Birds" (Liszt); fantasia, "Rhinegold" (Wagner.)

"Trials and Triumphs of Missionary Life" was the theme of a lecture delivered this evening at the First Methodist Church by the Rev. Egerton R. Young of Canada. "The Apostle of the North," as Mr. Young is sometimes called, has had charge of the missionary work among the Indians of Canada for the last twenty-five years and is well known as an author and lecturer. On next Friday evening he will lecture on "By Canoe and Dog Train," which will be a narrative of adventures among the natives of the Far North.

During the season of Lent the Episcopal parishes of Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda will join in a united service each Wednesday evening. The following appointments have been made by the different rectors: St. Paul's—February 17, Rev. Edgar F. Gee; Advent—February 24, Rev. O. St. John Scott; Christ Church—March 2, Rev. Clifton Macon; Trinity—March 9, Rev. William Carson Shaw; St. Mark's—March 16, Rev. C. T. Walkley; St. Andrew's—March 23, Rev. W. N. Guthrie; St. John's—March 30, Rev. Edward L. Parsons.

The Right Rev. William Ford Nichols, Bishop of the diocese, preached the morning sermon at the celebration of the holy eucharist, held to-day at St. Andrew's Church. The evening service was conducted by the Rev. C. T. Walkley, rector of St. Paul's Church.

The Rev. E. E. Baker conducted both the morning and evening services at the First Presbyterian Church. The subject of the morning sermon was "Why Men Do Not Go to Church" and in the evening Mr. Baker preached on "Abraham Lincoln."

M'KOWEN GOES TO SAN QUENTIN

Defaulting Secretary of the Board of Regents Not Compelled to Wear Handcuffs

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Feb. 14.

The doors of the penitentiary at San Quentin closed this morning on W. A. McKowen, the late secretary of the Board of Regents of the University of California, who confessed to having embezzled more than $50,000 of that institution's funds. Under Sheriff Hanifin escorted him to the prison. At the request of the defaulting secretary, he was not handcuffed.

Contrary to what McKowen's friends had hoped for, the genteel convict will not be given a clerical position to while away the four years and nine months he will have to stay there in actual time. Warden Tompkins recently made an order that no new convict would be allowed to fill a clerical position until he had first shown himself deserving of that favor by working in the jute mills. No doubt in time McKowen will be given a more congenial employment.

After the sentence had been passed on the former secretary, on Friday last by Judge Hall, the prisoner expressed some surprise at its mildness. He said to one of the jailers that he had expected receiving not less than eight years. His sentence was only six years and eleven months.

Disabled Car Stops Traffic.

The Post and Leavenworth street electric car line was tied up for more than three hours last night. A small bolt got stuck in the front axle of car number 715, and before the necessary repairs were made three hours had elapsed.

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FINE PROPERTY ON THE MARKET

Three Thousand Acres of the Dougherty Ranch Near Pleasanton Are Offered for Sale

REALTY SALES ARE BRISK

Heirs of Late John W. Mackay Transfer Block on Eighth Street to James L. Flood

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Feb. 14.

Three thousand acres of the big Dougherty ranch, which is located about three miles from Pleasanton on the proposed line of the Western Pacific Railroad, have just been placed on the market by a San Francisco real estate firm, and the tract will be cut up in lots to suit the purchaser. This ranch is the largest tract in Alameda County and has never been divided before.

Conditions in the local realty market show little advance so far over the first of the year, but this is partly accounted for by the unusually heavy business done in real estate during the holidays. There was almost no holiday depression and the market has been given little chance to show any change. All the larger firms report business good for this season and all are confident that the present year will be better than last.

H. B. Belden of the Belden Company has recently returned to this city after a long absence and he expresses himself as very well satisfied with the present condition of the market. Mr. Belden said:

As I have just returned to Oakland I am not prepared to speak authoritatively upon the conditions of the market just yet; in fact I have hardly got into the swing of business, but so far as I know everything points to a first-class year. Business is good for so early in the spring and I see no reason why it should not continue so.

One of the most important transactions in local real estate during the present month was the transfer, by the heirs of the late John W. Mackay, of half of the fine residence block on Eighth street, between Grove and Castro, to James L. Flood. The consideration named in the deed is merely nominal; but, as nearly the entire block is taken up with handsome residences, the property is valued at several hundred thousand dollars. The conveyance was signed by Mary Louise Mackay, Clarence H. Mackay and Catherine Mackay. The deed states that the signers have transferred to James L. Flood all the property owned by them in Alameda County.

Conditions in the Berkeley real estate market are about the same as in this city. Mr. Swain of the firm of Moran & Swain, said:

We have never before had so great demands for property of all descriptions in Berkeley. Our greatest difficulty lies in getting property for sale. Modern homes, large and small, are in great demand. Vacant property has risen in value about 25 per cent during the past year and the upward tendency is very strong.

Efforts to exchange outside property for Berkeley property are numerous, but unavailing to the outsider. It certainly seems that Berkeley's superiority as a dwelling place has been established beyond question and people from the interior as well as from the metropolis and the East are endeavoring to locate here. Some of our clients in Berkeley who are forced by circumstances to sell are getting top prices for their property, but the prospects for the future indicate that the buyers are making profitable investments.

Labor Union Notes.

OAKLAND, Feb. 14.—The Federated Trades Council has passed out of existence with the organization of the Miscellaneous Trades Council of the the unions formerly affiliated with the old central body are now represented in the new council. The officers of the Federated Trades Council have been installed as temporary officers of the new organization. They are: President, J. P. Reboli, and secretary, C. W. Petry.

The differences between the Master Painters' Association and the District Council of Painters relating to the Saturday half-holiday have been amicably arranged, it being agreed that the expense shall be borne by the journeymen, who will lose half a day's work by the new schedule. If it is found necessary to have the men work after the noon hour on Saturday it is agreed that they shall be paid at the rate of time and a half for the afternoon. The Retail Clerks' Union cleared nearly $300 from their benefit at the Novelty Theater.

SENATOR CLARK'S MINES ARE NOW INCORPORATED

Valuable Properties in Montana Are Consolidated to Simplify Work of Operation.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 14.—The Original Consolidated Mining Company has been incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington by Senator W. A. Clark, C. W. Clark, W. A. Clark Jr., A. H. Wethey, A. J. Johnston and W. M. Bickford with a capital of $10,000,000. The company is to work the Original, East and West Stewart and probably other mines operated by Senator Clark. The object of incorporating is said to be to simplify operation of the property.

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