NEWS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

CLAIMS FIANCE DEFRAUDED HER

Anna Welter Alleges That George M. Varrelle Procured All Her Money by Deception

SAYS HE TOOK HUNDREDS

Asserts That She Gave Him Her Savings to Start in Business, but He Squandered It

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Feb. 19.

George M. Varrelle, formerly employed as a coachman by Frank M. Wilson of Berkeley, is charged with having dissipated the savings of a woman who loved him and whom he had promised to marry, in entertaining new acquaintances and making himself a "good fellow" generally. When the money was gone Varrelle, it is claimed, attempted to borrow more, and this led to an investigation, which proved that the money he had been spending so lavishly had been entrusted to him by Miss Anna Welter, who it is alleged had given Varrelle her savings of more than two years, amounting to nearly $400, in order that he might go into business for himself, instead of which he spent the money. He then left town, it is said, but forgot to leave his address.

Miss Welter, who is now in the employ of Mrs. H. E. Wise of 1350 Madison street, says she first met Varelle when she was employed by Frank M. Wilson of Berkeley. When Varrelle first went to work for Mr. Wilson he told Miss Welter that he was an expert electrician, but had taken his present position because he could not get work at his trade. Two weeks later, the girl says, he asked her to become his wife and she consented. It was only a few days later, she says, that Varrelle told her that he had a chance to take a contract to wire a building in Fruitvale, but did not have the necessary money to supply a bond. He asked her to advance him the funds, which she says she did, but instead of taking any contract he came to Oakland and engaged a room at the Hawthorne House, at Thirteenth and Washington streets. It is claimed that he told the landlady, Mrs. M. Peacock, that he was a cattle owner from Phoenix, Ariz., and that he had recently sold a large shipment of cattle to the Russian oGvernment. As the money of which it is claimed he defrauded Miss Welter began to give out he tried to borrow small sums from friends whose acquaintance he had made while masquerading as a cattle owner. In one or two cases it is said he was successful, one of his alleged victims being Dr. Winning of the Boston Dental Company, and another the housekeeper employed at the Hawthorne House.

As a last resort it is said that he tried to obtain credit at the First National Bank on the pretense that he had an account at a bank in Berkeley. He failed to get any money, however, and he left the city. To some of his acquaintances he said that he had been a member of Roosevelt's Rough Riders, and he exhibited a Rough Rider medal.

EVENTS IN SOCIETY

OAKLAND, Feb. 19.—Miss Florence Hatch entertained a few friends informally this afternoon and several hours were devoted very pleasantly to whist. Miss Lottie Hopkins carried off the prize, the other guests being Miss Cornwall of Alameda, Miss Carrie Miller, Miss Grace Langley, Mrs. George W. Humphrey, Miss Helen Crane, Miss Elva Shay, Miss Madeline Kent, Miss Estelle Kleeman, Mrs. Cornwall, Miss Eda Curdts, Mrs. Faulkner and Mrs. Will Westphal.

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The luncheon and card party given by Mrs. Carlton Crane yesterday was one of the prettiest affairs of the week. The table glowed with yellow daffodils and the name cards were dainty painted affairs each card bearing a cluster of scarlet cherries.

Five hundred followed the luncheon, the pretty prizes going to Mrs. J. P. Meehan, Mrs. Oliver Ellsworth and Mrs. E. E. Wade. Among those who enjoyed the afternoon were Mrs. Jesse P. Meehan, Mrs. Felton Taylor, Mrs. J. W. Nelson, Mrs. Charles L. Cotton, Mrs. James Harrold, Mrs. E. E. Wade, Mrs. Warren Swain, Mrs. Will Montgomery, Mrs. W. H. Layson, Mrs. Charles Egbert, Mrs. Charles Allwardt, Miss Elizabeth Meehan and Mrs. Oliver Ellsworth.

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Mrs. E. C. Timerman's card party to-morrow is being pleasantly anticipated by her invited guests, who number about forty. The affair is complimentary to Miss Geraldine Scupham, Miss Edith Larkey and Miss Wilhelmine Koenig, three young brides-to-be; Miss Edith Bergen of New York, Miss Eva Powell, and three young matrons who are still in their honeymoon days, Mrs. Dudley Kinsell, Mrs. David Brown and Mrs. Frank Parcells.

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Mills College will, as usual, present a festive appearance next Monday in honor of Washington's birthday. Mrs. Mills will give a dinner to the school and a few invited guests, and in the evening a colonial entertainment and dance will be given. The girls will be in appropriate costume and some very elaborate dresses have been designed for the occasion. A programme of musical numbers will be given by talented members of the different classes, and everybody concerned is anticipating a delightful time.

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The recently reported engagement of Dr. George Kleeman and Miss Robinson of San Francisco is being strenuously denied by both families. The interested parties attribute the rumor to the inane attempt of some wouldbe wit to play a practical joke. Dr. Kleeman was graduated from a medical college recently and has just begun his career as an M. D.

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The first reception and dance of the Wawone Club last night was a very pleasant affair. There was a good crowd in attendance, the hall and clubrooms were very attractively decorated and many of the young women present were attired in "stunning" gowns made especially for the occasion. The young men of the club were most attentive to the welfare and pleasure of their guests, Clarence Hite, floor manager, and Lyle Brown, his assistant, being particularly zealous in that respect. The bright, prettily adorned clubrooms drew forth many admiring comments.

Marriage Licenses.

OAKLAND, Feb. 19.—The following marriage licenses were issued by the County Clerk to-day: John M. Heinimann, over 21, Fruitvale, and Harriet A. Fry, over 18, Hot Springs, S. D.; Albert C. Honland, 35, Chicago, and Lillian B. Coyle, 40, Los Angeles.

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TOWNSMEN SHOW FEELING

Friends of Harbor Commissioner C. H. Spear Hold Meeting in His Behalf

DECLARE ATTACKS UNFAIR

Resolutions Are Adopted and They Will Be Circulated in the City for Signatures

BERKELEY, Feb. 19.—The friends of Charles H. Spear, president of the State Board of Harbor Commissioners, had their inning last evening in this city, when a number of them met and passed a series of resolutions indorsing and expressing confidence in him.

There has been a bitter fight on for some weeks against Mr. Spear, which apparently came from this city. It took the form of a long address, widely circulated, attacking the new Harbor Commissioner, and later there was issued a small paper which gave publicity to the attacks.

Mr. Spear's friends got together last night and adopted the following resolutions, and then decided to put them in a petition and have them signed generally by the citizens of Mr. Spear's home town. Among those who attended this meeting were Town Trustees Christian Hoff and Thomas Dowd, C. D. Maloney, former Superintendent of Streets; Otto Niehaus and many others. The resolutions read:

Whereas, Charles H. Spear, our neighbor and fellow-townsman, has resided among us for the last twenty years, and whereas during all that time we have known him to be a trustworthy, reliable and progressive citizen; and whereas, by his natural fitness and worthiness for positions of public trust, he had been elected by his fellow-citizens to the office of town clerk of our town and during his incumbency of that office, covering a period of eight years, had proved himself to be responsible and true to his trust; and whereas, as a recognition of his ability, he was appointed by our worthy Governor to the responsible position of president of the State Board of Harbor Commissioners; and whereas, through the fearless discharge of his duties as such officer he has incurred the enmity of the fruit and produce combine, an organization banded together to cinch both the producer and consumer; and whereas, it has come to light that through the agency of this organization a band of irresponsible and notorious characters, styling themselves the "Anti-Spear Club," has been organized and is being sustained and maintained for the sole purpose of defaming the character and good name of our esteemed fellow-townsman, therefore be it

Resolved, That we condemn as vicious and contemptible the vile and slanderous statements and publications that are being put in circulation by this band of hired emissaries for the sole purpose of injuring the character and standing of a public official who has the courage and manhood to execute the law and the duties of his office as he finds them.

WOMAN ESCAPES FROM PROWLERS

Berkeley Office San Francisco Call, 2148 Center Street, Feb. 19.

Mrs. Mamie Murphy of Third and Gilman streets answered a knock at her kitchen door at 8 o'clock last night, and opened it upon two rough-looking characters. They assumed a threatening attitude and demanded something of her, whether money or bread she was too frightened to find out. She retained enough of her self-possession, however, to outwit the would-be robbers.

"My purse is in the next room," she said, summoning all her courage; "wait a minute and I'll get it for you."

She got her purse, but she didn't go back to hand it to the men. Instead she ran out the front door and across lots to the California Ink Works, a block away, to get her husband, James J. Murphy, who is an engineer in the manufactory.

Mr. Murphy heard the breathless story and hurried to the house, in company with his wife and Oliver Parquet, a fellow workman. The men had pistols, and when they reached the back door leveled them at the two men, who were still standing there, waiting for Mrs. Murphy to come out.

The men threw up their hands at the command of the irate husband and made no attempt to resist. They disclaimed any intention to rob Mrs. Murphy, saying that they had simply asked her for something to eat. It is supposed that the men are the same who have been loitering in the neighborhood for several days.

RAILWAY MAY TAKE POSSESSION OF LAND

OAKLAND, Feb. 19.—The Southern Pacific was given the right by Judge Ogden to-day to enter into possession of a block of land bounded by Kirkham, Fifth and Cypress streets. The land was awarded to the company for $4000 by a jury in condemnation proceedings. The decision was appealed from by Gretchen Feldman and her children and their attorney made an endeavor to keep the railway out of possession until the case had been decided by the Supreme Court.

The railway needs the land for the establishment of its new freight yards and secured all the property in the vicinity of this particular piece of land. The company was made to place $1000 in the hands of the County Clerk to indemnify the Feldmans in case of a reversal and in the meantime it will go right on with the improvement of its property.

OAKLAND, Feb. 19.—Judge Ogden to-day denied the petition of the Emeryville Savings Bank to change its name to the Security Savings Bank of Berkeley upon the showing of the Security Savings Bank and Trust Company of Oakland that the similarity of names would cause confusion.

MAGNIFICENT WORKS OF ART WILL HANG IN FOURTH SALON

Annual Exhibit of Starr King Fraternity Opens Saturday Evening at Wendte Hall, and Though Some Pictures Were Damaged in Collision, Six Days' Display Promises to Be Brilliant

TWO OF THE MOST NOTABLE EXHIBITS THAT WILL BE SHOWN AT THE OAKLAND ART SALON, WHICH OPENS THIS EVENING UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE STARR KING FRATERNITY.

OAKLAND, Feb. 19.—The fourth annual art exhibit of the Starr King Fraternity will open next Saturday evening with a blaze of glory, notwithstanding the accident that came so near being disastrous to the plans of all concerned. Few know that when the driver of one of Gump's wagons was struck by a train last week he was on his way to Wendte Hall with some of the choicest pictures loaned for the coming art exhibit. Some were damaged irreparably, but a few were rescued without a scar and will take their places as planned in the salon. The much-talked-of painting by Joseph Greenebaum, "La Priere," which was hung in the Paris salon and which the artist brought with him on his return recently from Europe, was in the wreck, but, barring a small scratch in one corner, was not damaged.

WILL LAST SIX DAYS.

The art exhibit will, as usual, continue for six days, beginning Saturday evening, February 20, with a reception to the patrons and exhibiting artists, and closing Friday evening, February 26. Admission on the opening night will be by invitation only.

The exhibition will come up to its usual high standard, as only the best out of the hundreds of canvases sent for approval have been selected and such well-known artists as Keith, Cadenasso, Yelland, Piazzoni, Martinez, Judson, Yard, Gamble, Seawell, Dixon, Rollins, Griffin and Nielson will be represented in some of their happiest work. Miss Margaret Herrick, who is exhibiting for the first time, has several delightful pictures on display. Aside from its intrinsic merit, Miss Herrick's work will be viewed with added interest from the fact that she is an Oakland girl, being a sister of Mrs. Mark Requa and also of that talented artist, Mrs. Mary Herrick Ross.

Douglas Tilden, Putnam and Gertrude Boyle will represent California sculptors. Miss Boyle's life-size bust of Dr. J. K. McLean of this city is one of the best things that very clever young woman has done. All the fine characteristics of Dr. McLean's benevolent countenance have been carefully brought out and his numerous friends will study with interest this latest success of the young sculptor.

MINIATURE EXHIBITS.

Among the miniature artists who will exhibit are Miss Laura Prather, Miss O'Ryan of San Francisco, Oscar Kunath and Madame Rosa Hooper Plotner. Miss Prather's miniature of her mother, Mrs. W. L. Prather, and of Mrs. H. C. Taft are said to be very fine.

Saturday evening there will be a musical programme under the direction of Miss Pauline Collins, including solos by Mrs. Carrie Brown Dexter and Lowell Redfield and selections by the Orpheus Club Quartet. The reception committee will include the art fund trustees, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Noyes, Mr. and Mrs. C. Claussen, Mr. and Mrs. William Milwain, Miss Elizabeth Gray, Miss Pauline Collins, Misses Gorrill, Will Gorrill, Miss Imogene Hawley, Mrs. Charles Smith, Dr. and Mrs. E. von Adelung, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kluegel and Mrs. W. E. Sharon, assisted by Mayor and Mrs. Olney, Mr. and Mrs. Schlessinger, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Borland, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Creed, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Percy, Mr. and Mrs. John Yule, Mrs. Robert Duncan, Miss Mary Barker, Dr. Pauline Nusbaumer, Miss Elizabeth Yard, Miss Lydia Atterbury, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dorney and Mr. and Mrs. George H. Collins. Mrs. Sharon is chairman of the reception committee.

Do Not Want Car Line.

OAKLAND, Feb. 19.—Former City Attorney James A. Johnson, School Director Evans and others have presented a protest to the City Council against granting a franchise to the Oakland Transit Consolidated to operate a street railway line on Fourteenth street, between Twelfth and First avenues, in East Oakland. The protestants assert that the proposed line should be run down East Twelfth street.

Captain Winslow Laid at Rest.

OAKLAND, Feb. 19.—The funeral of Captain Henry E. Winslow, who died in the Philippines, was held this afternoon from the home of his mother, 876 Wood street, the services being conducted by the Rev. Frederick L. Hosmer of the Berkeley Unitarian Church. The pall bearers were Mr. Phelps, Mr. Davis, Alen Walcot, S. Culden, A. Sicotte and Charles Wines.

Woman Rescues a Child.

BERKELEY, Feb. 19.—Kenneth Scudder, son of the Rev. William Scudder, fell into a pond at Essex street and Shattuck avenue yesterday and was in imminent danger of going to the bottom when Mrs. W. E. Adams of 3104 Shattuck avenue happened along and helped him to safety. Mrs. Adams pushed a board out to the boy so that he could grab it and then pulled him to safety.

IRISH LEADER'S WIFE IS HERE

Mrs. Michael Davitt Comes Home to Consult Relatives Regarding a Will Contest

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Feb. 19.

Mrs. Michael Davitt, wife of the great Irish leader and niece of the late Mrs. Mary Canning, over whose wealth a contest is threatened, arrived from Dublin last night. Her distinguished husband does not accompany her, but her four children do. The purpose of her visit is to hold a consultation with her two brothers, William J. Yore and John M. Yore, of this city relative to the estate left by Mrs. Canning. The two nephews were disinherited and there have been rumors that they would contest the will.

Mrs. Davitt arrived twenty-four ahead of the time she was expected. She was met at the depot by Rev. Father McSweeney, pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church. Mrs. Davitt refused to be interviewed at her apartments in the Metropole Hotel this evening, stating that she was too busily engaged.

She was formerly an Oakland girl.

BARTENDERS PREPARE TO ENFORCE DEMANDS

Saloonmen Will Be Given Time to Submit and Those That Refuse Will Be Boycotted.

OAKLAND, Feb. 19.—The local Bartenders' Union has presented an ultimatum to the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association to the effect that its members either sign the agreement formulated by the union or have their union cards taken away. Every saloonman will be given an opportunity to sign the agreement and those that decline to do so will be declared unfair and a boycott will be placed upon them by the union.

The Liquor Dealers' Association has decided to allow its members to act as individuals in regard to the signing of the agreement and it is expected that a number will accede to the demands of the union. It is known, however, that a number of the large saloons in the business district will refuse to sign the agreement and the proprietors expect a fight.

T. W. Geary, the business agent of the local Bartenders' Union, has resigned the office and as yet no one has been elected in his place.

Lectures by Father Yorke.

OAKLAND, Feb. 19.—The Rev. P. C. Yorke will give a series of Wednesday and Sunday evening lectures at Saint Anthony's Church on the subject of "Man's Destiny and the Fundamental Principles of Life." The lectures will continue through Lent.

RICH MEN PLAN TO ADORN CITY

Will Take Up Matter of Improving Oakland's Most Fashionable Residence Section

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Feb. 19.

In accordance with the plan suggested by the City Council for beautifying the various districts of the city separately, the citizens of Oakland's most fashionable residence district have organized the Vernon Heights and Lake Shore Improvement Club. The officers of the organization are: O. S. Orrick, president; Charles G. Yale, vice president; F. W. Bilger, secretary; F. R. Musser, treasurer.

It is the purpose of the improvement club to see that the Fifth Ward shall be presentable from the standpoint of scenic beauty and convenience. Permanent improvements in the matter of sidewalks, sewers and good streets are now before the committee. Among the residents in the district are Senator Perkins, Councilman Howard, Alexander Young, William Letts Oliver and other prominent and wealthy persons. The membership is as follows:

A. H. Higgins, Dr. E. G. Dow, Claus Kroeger, F. P. Lee, R. M. Lyman, F. R. Musser, O. S. Orrick, R. L. Stephenson, E. A. Cotton, F. A. Stolp, W. O. Badgley, A. L. Swan, Charles G. Yale, William J. Cahill, E. P. Cook, John D. Eby and David Brown.

SUPERINTENDENT BOLTON THREATENS TO RESIGN

Director of the University Grounds Wants to Be the Sole Dictator of Their Appearance.

BERKELEY, Feb. 19.—A. E. Bolton, superintendent of the grounds at the University of California, threatens to resign his office if he cannot have his own way in directing the conduct of the campus. Bolton said to-day that the architect's office of the university had encroached upon his domain in settling upon the work to be done on student labor day and that he may resent it by handing in his resignation.

Bolton denies the story that his resignation was asked for because he had ordered the shooting of any students caught climbing into the windows of the university buildings at night. He says that university authorities have upheld him in this matter.

Labor Union News.

OAKLAND, Feb. 19.—The local union of carpenters and joiners has levied an assessment of 10 cents a week for the benefit of the striking miners of Colorado.

The Alameda County Musicians' Union has applied to the Mayor for permission to hold a parade and concert on the evening of February 22 to advertise a ball for the benefit of the Western Federation of Musicians.

AWARDS CHICO PLANT STATION

Bureau at Washington Decides Upon That Fertile Valley Region for Garden

SETTLES FATE OF OTHERS

Selects the Locality Because of Its Good Soil, Abundant Water and Equable Climate

Berkeley Office San Francisco Call, 2148 Center street, Feb. 19.

Word was received at the agricultural college of the University of California to-day that the bureau of plant introduction of the United States Department of Agriculture had decided upon Chico as the place for locating the plant introduction garden that has been so long talked of. This will be something of a boon to Chico and in fact the whole northern portion of the State, for the Government means to spend a large amount of money on the tract of land it will settle upon.

This award at last settles the fate of the large number of agricultural districts of the State that had put forth claims for consideration by the plant introduction bureau. Boards of trades and other commercial bodies all over the State advertised their communities before the bureau and various influences were brought to bear in behalf of them. Professor A. V. Stubenrauch and J. H. Dorset, representing the bureau, spent a good deal of time visiting the places and then two weeks ago went to Washington to confer with the heads of the department, with the result that Chico is now announced to be the winner.

Chico was selected because of its uniformly good soil surface, its abundance of water and its typically representative California climate. It is at the northern end of a great valley and in the center of one of the largest continuous agricultural strips in the world. Two tracts have been picked out in the valley for the gardens and one of these will be turned into the plant introduction garden.

Santa Clara was next in the consideration of the committee of selection, but its uncertain water supply and variable climate on account of proximity to the coast counted against it.

In addition to the Chico garden there will be a branch garden at Santa Ana, which will be used for the semi-tropical cultures. The tract has not yet been selected, as in the case of Chico.

This plant introduction garden will be the only one of its kind in the United States. It will be used to grow plants of all kinds for distribution all over the United States.

STRAIGHTEN OUT JUNIOR MIX-UP

Berkeley Office San Francisco Call, 2148 Center street, Feb. 19.

All the fuss that was stirred up over an illegal vote at the election for president of the junior class at the University of California was smoothed out today when the election committee decided that another election would be called and Miss Flora Frickstad elected to the office. That is considered the easiest way out of the entanglement and everybody concerned is satisfied with the arrangement.

According to the agreement the committee will suggest at the junior meeting next Wednesday that the office of president be declared vacant. Then Miss Frickstad will be nominated to the office and unanimously elected.

"Both Miss Frickstad and Miss Nellie McCarthy, the contestants for the office, are agreeable to this arrangement," said W. C. Crittenden, the present class president, to-day. "Miss McCarthy does not want the office with a cloud hanging over it and neither does Miss Frickstad. As Miss Frickstad got the highest vote at the election and Miss McCarthy has declined to run again it was decided to elect Miss Frickstad to the office."

The junior class officers deprecate vigorously the statements that fraud was practiced intentionally. They say that the mix-up was merely the result of a student prank.

CHILDREN SAVE PARENTS' LOVE

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Brodway, Feb. 19.

The home of Albert and Bertha Hennig, which was threatened with destruction in the divorce courts, was saved to-day by the two children of the pair. The disposition of the children brought the parents together this morning, and the joy of their offspring in seeing them once more together caused the estranged husband and wife to forget their personal complaints, and they concluded the session by appearing before Judge Ogden and asking that the action be dismissed.

Hennig is in the employ of the Southern Pacific Company, and brought the suit against his wife on account of tales told him by his neighbors of his wife's behavior with other men. These, she proved, had no foundation, and upon her part she was willing to acknowledge that her charges of cruelty against him were not of such a serious character that she could not forget and for give them. The Judge made the order forthwith.

LABORER PARADA BLOWS HIS HEAD OFF WITH GUN

Despondent Man Wanders to Lonely Spot East of Sunol and Terribly Mangles Himself.

OAKLAND, Feb. 19.—M. Parada, a laborer, aged 27 years, blew his head off with a shotgun yesterday afternoon in a lonely spot four miles east of Sunol on the Alameda Creek. The dead man was unmarried.

According to the statement of Deputy Coroner Detjen of Pleasanton the suicide left Sunol early in the morning ostensibly on a hunting trip. That is the last seen of him alive. His friends say he was suffering for the last few weeks from melancholia and had threatened to do away with himself.

There is no indication of foul play. The inquest will be held Monday at Pleasanton.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Alameda County.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

Joseph or Henry Joseph Simons to James Corley, lot on NE corner of San Pablo avenue and Twenty-eighth street, E 116:6, N 70, W 146, S 77:6, lots 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, block 2026, map No. 2, Whitcher Tract, Oakland; $10.

Ellen M. Baird to Samuel L. Baird, lot on E line of Eleventh avenue, 50 S of East Twenty-third street, E 120 by S 50, block 139, Clinton, East Oakland; $1.

John J. and Sarah Shields (wife) to Hugh W. Hammond, lot on S line of Ashby avenue, 50 W of Deakin, W 50 by S 135.33, lot 4, block B, map of part of Woolsey Tract, Berkeley; $10.

Louis H. and Eleanor G. Sharp to F. D. Chase, lot on E line of Shattuck avenue (as same now exists), 354:8 N of Vine street, E 90 by N 250, portion of lots 1 to 9, block 4, map resubdivision blocks 3 and 4, Antisell Tract, Berkeley; $10.

A. A. Baroteau (single) to V. M. Cady, subdivisions 16 and 17, lot 6, block 24, Daly's Scenic Park Tract, map subdivision block 25, etc., Berkeley; $10.

Frank A. and Harry D. Porter to Martha Washington, lot on E line of Shattuck avenue, 60:1¾ S of Blake street, E 124:3, S 100, W 131:4½, N 100:3, lots 10 and 11, Steele Tract, Berkeley; $10.

Anna Maria Farman (widow) to C. E. Farman, lot on N line of Auburn avenue, 926:2 E of San Pablo, E 50, N 192 to N line of plat 38, etc., W along said line to point of intersection of line drawn from beginning at right angles to Auburn avenue, S 193 to beginning, portion lot 6, map part Coggeshall Tract subdivided December 8, 1871, Emeryville, Oakland Township; $10.

Frank G. and Mittie R. Watson to Edward R. Rowland, lot on N line of Delaware street, 50 E of McGee (Hamilton), E 40 by N 135:4½, portion of lot 6, block 3, map State University Homestead Association No. 4, Berkeley; $425.

Blanche I. Ferry (single) to F. D. Connell (single), lot beginning at intersection of E line of Oakland avenue as per ordinance 2228, etc., with S line of lot 4 A, block B, Oakland View Homestead, etc., thence along said line of Oakland avenue, S 50, E 113, N 50, W 118 to beginning, Oakland; also S 50 feet of lot 23, block A, Oakland View Homestead Association, portion of Wadsworth 100-acre Tract, etc., excepting portion dedicated for public use as a highway, etc., Oakland; $10.

W. H. and Jennie Wellbye (wife) to Alexander Murdock, lot on S line of Thirty-seventh street, 105 E of Market, E 34 by S 109.19, portion of Plat 37, Kellersberger's map, Ranchos V. and D. Peralta, Oakland; $10.

Charles O. Peckham (widower) to J. S. Wixson, undivided one-third of lot on E line of Helen street, 100 N of B, N 50 by E 133, being subdivisions A and B, in lot 2, block 790, map No. 2, Watts Tract, Oakland; $10.

Katie L. and George L. Fitz (as attorney) to Carrie E. Bridge (wife of Henry S.), lot on NE line of East Twenty-first street, 145 NW of Twenty-third avenue, NW 55, NE 129.75, SE 50, SW 79.54, SE 5, SW 50.81 to beginning, portion of lots 1 to 3, block E, map subdivision 50, Associates Tract, quitclaim deed, East Oakland; $10.

Samuel and Lillian H. Livingston to Laura B. Trenschel, lot on NW corner of Seventh and Grove streets, W 75 by N 25, lot 22, block 72, Kellersberger's map, quitclaim deed, Oakland; $10.

Laura B. Trenschel (widow) to Mary A. Speetzen, same, Oakland; $10.

Philepine Piepenburg (widow) to Bridget McWalter (single), lot on W line of Magnolia street, 151 N of Fifth, N 25 by W 133:3, lot 32, block 489, map No. 2, Briggs Tract, Oakland; $10.

E. J. Shepardson to James J. Crawford, lot on S corner of Laurel (Monta Vista) and Piedmont avenues, SE 100 by SW 29.12; lot 64, map Piedmont Villa Tract, etc., Oakland; $10.

Mary V. Swift (wife of Theodore) to Deborah A. Swift (daughter), lot SE corner of A (or Thirty-second) and Hannah streets, S 50 by E 75, portion of lot 7, in block N, lands of Peralta Homestead Association, Oakland; gift.

H. M. and Allie E. Orr (wife) to W. F. Wolfez, lot on S line of Thirty-fifth street, 395.25 E of Market, S at right angles with Thirty-fifth 60, S 51, parallel with Market, E 37, N 120, W 21 to beginning, block L, property of Central Land Company, Oakland; $10.

John L. and Anna Bromley (wife) to C. S. Weston (single), lot on E line of Webster street, 606 N of Fourteenth, N 25 by E 150, portion of lot 17, Landers & Casserly Tract, Oakland; $10.

Daniel D. Holland (single) to George Roeth, undivided one-fifth of lot on NW corner of Market and W. First street, W 125 by N 94, block 440, Boardman's map, Oakland; $10.

Ambrose Merritt to Walter P. Woolsey (single), lot 15, block 450, map of subdivision of block 450, same, Oakland; $10.

L. E. Bentley (single) to H. R. Noack, lot on SE corner of Edwards and Elm streets, S 10 by E 125, lots 46 and 47, map of Pacific Theological Seminary Tract, Oakland; $10.

George W. and Rhoda L. Frick (by Myron T. Holcomb, trustee) to Frances A. Wilcox (widow), assignee of Ernest A. Herron, 636 D. 287, lot 13, block J, map No. 2 of Linda Vista Terrace, trustee's deed, Oakland; $3000.

Frances A. Wilcox (widow) to the Heron-Holcomb Company (corporation), same, Oakland; $10.

Citizens' Building and Loan Association of San Francisco to Oscar Luning, lot on S line of Geary (or Thirty-ninth) street, 293 W of Telegraph avenue, W 84:6, S 110.32, E 83.97, N 114.82, lots 8 and 9, block 2071, map of estate of John Evoy in plat 36, Oakland; $10.

Luna P. and Hansford B. Griffith to Joseph Coxen, lot on E line of Grove street, 50 S of Blake, S 40, E 136.62, N 39.90, W 138.68, lot 11, block 9, map No. 4 of Shattuck Tract, Berkeley; $10.

H. G. Rogers to Isabella A. Rogers, all interest in lot on SE corner of Fulton and Park streets, S 90, E 125, lots 14 and 15, block 1455, map of Blake Tract 1 and 2, and portion of plat 69, etc., and property out of county, Berkeley; $300.

James B. Merritt to Catharine E. Merritt, lot on S line of Central avenue, 100 W of Willow, W 150 by S 140, lots 12 to 14, in B ½ of block A, lands adjacent to Encinal, Alameda; $10.

Catharine E. Merritt (wife of James B.) to Paul K. Buckley, same, Alameda; $10.

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