NEWS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

WOULD OFFSET BOND OPINION

School Board in a Dilemma Because of the Ruling as to the Sale of Securities

DESIRE TO SEGREGATE

Directors Hope to Find a Plan to Prevent Interest Payments on Whole Issue

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, June 1.

The Board of Education is in a quandary over the opinion given by the District Attorney, which declares that the school bond issue of $960,000 must be sold as a whole and not in parcels, as was contemplated by the board. It had been the purpose of the school directors to sell at once not more than $500,000 of the issue and to reserve the remainder until such time as it should be considered advisable to dispose of them.

This plan was devised that interest payments might be saved pending the development of plans for new buildings. The general idea had been to use about $200,000 in the immediate purchase of new sites and additions to old lots for school buildings and to spend about $300,000 in the erection of two new school buildings.

To offset the opinion members of the board hope to arrange a contract of sale that shall provide for a surrender to the board of all interest payments on such bonds as shall not be immediately drawn upon. Unless some course shall be devised to enable the board to move along its originally planned lines the State will be unable to make an investment in the bonds as the Board of Examiners had hoped to do. There is in the State school lands fund $500,000, which is available por purchase of school bonds. The State board has expressed a desire to buy that amount of Oakland school bonds.

The questions that have arisen will be discussed at the next meeting of the Board of Education.

GET READY TO PLANT FIRST DATE PALMS

Culture of the Desert Fruit to Begin at Once in Southern California.

BERKELEY, June 1.—Date culture in California is about to begin in earnest. Professor A. V. Stubenrauch of the University of California has just received from the Sahara Desert a consignment of 140 suckers of date palms and will at once set them out in fifteen acres of land set apart for the experiment in the Colorado Desert near Mecca, Riverside County. Great care will be taken to preserve the suckers against injury. They will be wrapped with burlap and excelsior, so that they will be protected from the scorching sun. For the first six weeks water will be applied to them daily and the ground around them will be fertilized with green manure.

It will be three years before the trees bear fruit. If in the meantime, however, the trees thrive as expected more will be planted. It is estimated that enough dates will be secured from these trees to supply the demand of the United States, which is surprisingly low. A demand will be created for the fruit in time, however, and then a new industry will be added to the many of the country.

Marriage Licenses.

OAKLAND, June 1.—The following marriage licenses were issued by the County Clerk to-day: George L. Williamson, 25, and Carrie Crane, 19, both of Oakland; Warren W. Cameron, 29, and Hannah Artett, 39, both of Oakland; Frank L. Clark, 49, St. Louis, and Blanche B. Clark, 38, Berkeley; George Cosgrove, 34, Fresno, and Irene M. Copeland, 23, Alameda; George W. Darbey Jr., 36, and Esther W. Love, 28, both of San Francisco; Glen E. Murdock, over 21, Santa Rosa, and Abby P. Elliot, over 18, Ukiah; William P. Willard, over 21, San Francisco, and Myrtle J. Mecartney, over 18, Alameda; Alfred R. Pettigrove, 24, and Emily Jund, 21, Oakland; Charles F. Hearther, 28, and Hattie A. Tanbe, 24, both of Oakland; Otto Tanbe, 28, and Emma Hearther, 21, both of Oakland; Clement P. Rust, 18, and Ada M. Trefethen, 24, both of Oakland; James Dalziel, over 21, and Susie A. Paul, over 18, both of Oakland; Edward H. Kimball, over 18, Oakland, and Mary E. Palmer, over 18, Boston; Herbert R. Erwin, over 21, and Irene L. Holmes, over 18, both of Oakland; W. E. Gilman, 32, Santa Monica, and M. Josephine Sublette, 28, Berkeley.

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DIVORCE GOES TO HUSBAND

Florence Richards Loses Her Suit and the Basso Actor Is Given the Decree

FATHER GETS CHILDREN

Judge Ogden Holds Plaintiff Guilty of Improper Conduct With George Cotton

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, June 1.

At the close of a sensational day's testimony in the Richards divorce case the end came suddenly this afternoon, Judge Ogden without hesitation giving the decree of divorce to the husband. Unless the pair make some arrangement between themselves the three children will go to the father.

Damaging testimony of improper conduct on the part of the wife with George D. Cotton, who holds a good position with the Southern Pacific Company, was introduced. Attorneys Walsh and Pulcifer, for the husband, then stated that while there was more cumulative evidence they were willing to submit the case and also willing to stipulate that the other side could call Mrs. Richards and Cotton and that they would make a general denial. With this understanding the case was submitted.

Judge Ogden stated that it had been with reluctance that he had listened to the last two days' testimony. "While there might be room for doubt as to the guilt of the wife from what had been testified to," he said, "the letters which had passed between the pair made the proof as positive as though all of their acts had been done in the light of day. The very denials of the wife only go to make the proof against her more conclusive."

The parties will meet to-night and try to effect some sort of a compromise as to the disposition of the children.

WILL HOLD A DEBATE ON THE BOND ISSUE

Colonel John P. Irish and E. P. E. Troy to Speak Before Common Good Alliance.

OAKLAND, June 1.—Colonel John P. Irish and E. P. E. Troy will hold a debate on the "Bond Issue" to-morrow evening at Foresters' Hall under the auspices of the Oakland Common Good Alliance. After the speakers have opened the discussion a recess of twenty minutes will be taken in order that any questions asked by delegates may be answered. This discussion will be open only to delegates, and each speaker will be limited to five minutes.

If after the discussion the Alliance decides that the proposed bond issue is a good thing, the members will support it.

Press Club Benefit.

OAKLAND, June 1.—As more than 2000 tickets have already been sold it is assured that the audience which will attend the entertainment for the benefit of the Oakland Press Club at the Macdonough Theater to-morrow night will be the largest ever seen in a local playhouse. The principal performers at the local vaudeville theaters, all of whom volunteered their services, will have numbers on the programme. Managers Barnett of the Star and Peck of "Pex" will themselves do song and monologue turns. In addition to the professionals several of the leading local amateurs will take part. The stage will be under the management of G. M. Fairchild.

The souvenir programme is elaborate and artistic. The frontispiece is by Homer Davenport and there are sketches by such well known local artists as John L. McVey, Miss Ethel Mott, J. B. Gum, Chester J. Wilson, Harry Rogers and T. A. Durgin ("Tad").

Young Men's Institute Ball.

OAKLAND, June 1.—The members of Oakland Council No. 6 of the Young Men's Institute will give their nineteenth anniversary ball at Maple Hall next Friday evening. The committee in charge of the affair is composed of the following named:

Floor manager, George P. R. Clark; assistant, Dan J. Hallahan.

Floor committee—S. L. Snow (chairman), C. R. Mulgrew, L. P. Snaer, J. B. Roberts, H. R. Gulchard, C. E. Shields, W. D. Motts.

Reception committee—Grand President James D. Whelan, M. A. McInnis (chairman), William McCarthy, Gerald E. Goggin, Dr. O. D. Hamlin, W. Y. Harrington, W. F. Duddy, John F. Smith, A. D. Gervais, J. W. Burke, D. H. Harkin, C. Chisholm, A. W. Waters, John E. Fox, Charles L. Smith, Dr. B. Stetson, J. T. Harrington, T. J. Gallagher, R. F. Gulchard Jr., Dr. S. A. Cloutier, D. S. McIntyre.

Salvation Army Wedding.

OAKLAND, June 1.—Captain Cameron and Adjutant Artett of the Salvation Army were married this evening at the headquarters of the local corps at 23 Ninth street. The ceremony was performed by Colonel French. Adjutant Artett has charge of the children's home of the Salvation Army at Beulah Park. The wedding was part of the celebration of the twenty-first anniversary of the organization of the Salvation Army on the Pacific Coast.

Daughter to Succeed Mother.

OAKLAND, June 1.—The City Council has recommended the appointment of Mrs. C. F. Baxter as matron of the City Prison to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her mother, Mrs. S. B. Reed.

Wins Place on Preferred List.

OAKLAND, June 1.—Miss Amy M. Badger has been added to the preferred list of teachers selected by the Board of Education for the ensuing school year.

Sonoma's Treasurer Marries.

OAKLAND, June 1.—Glen E. Murdock, treasurer of Sonoma County, secured a license here to-day to marry Abby P. Elliot of Ukiah.

PIEDMONT GIVES WELCOME TO LINE TO SAN FRANCISCO

Citizens Celebrate Arrival of the First Key Route Train, Which Inaugurates Direct Service Between Pretty Suburb and This City---Reception Is Full of Enthusirsm

SCENE DURING THE DELIVERY OF CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS UPON THE ARRIVAL YESTERDAY IN PIEDMONT OF THE FIRST THROUGH TRAIN OVER THE RAILS OF THE KEY ROUTE SYSTEM.

OAKLAND, June 1.—The first Key Route train, and the first train to give Piedmont direct communication with San Francisco, whirled into the terminal station on Piedmont avenue at 10:33 o'clock this morning. The people of this pretty but hitherto out-of-the-way district united in giving the train a welcome that was a miniature of the generous reception given the first Santa Fe train at Oakland. There were prominent citizens, and school children with flags and flowers and speakers and enthusiasm, for with the coming of that train Piedmont was given the best of car service with both Oakland and San Francisco.

The first train was driven by Assistant General Manager J. Q. Brown, and carried President E. A. Heron of the company, General Manager W. F. Kelly, Attorney Harmon Bell, General Superintendent J. P. Potter, Engineer E. M. Boggs, Claims Agent John Ferrin and Master Mechanic George St. Pierre. This train was run alongside a flatcar that had been improvised into a platform and was covered with floral decorations prepared by the Piedmont Improvement Club and individuals of the district. On this platform were:

Chairman of the day, Captain George W. Kelley; J. S. Emery, John Touhy, W. Thompson, Francis Kelley, A. W. Smith, John Remmey, John Adshead, W. H. Blake, City Auditor Arthur H. Breed, Secretary Edwin Stearns of the Board of Trade, President A. Jonas of the Merchants' Exchange, Councilmen Elliott, Fitzgerald and McAdam, Secretary Wilber Walker of the Merchants' Exchange, Dr. E. R. Tait, Captain C. P. Welch, President Barnett of the Piedmont Improvement Club, City Engineer F. C. Turner, Street Superintendent Charles Ott, Dr. H. B. Mehrmann, A. J. Snyder, Captain Welch of the Independent Square Improvement Club, Walter Fawcett and others.

Captain George W. Kelley told of the open fields that constituted Piedmont when he came there seventeen years ago. The school children sang "America" and Rev. Miles B. Fisher delivered the address of welcome, in which he said:

Piedmont welcomes to its territory a company that has given evidence of its real statesmanship in the projection of its affairs as well as the secrecy of its deliberation. To one who has seen the days of rocking horsecars, then the age of rival and mutually unaccommodating lines, it is very gratifying to see a day ushered in when, under one management and with the most improved equipment, a vast network of lines is serving the public. Piedmont welcomes you with the outstretching arms of her hills to her salubrious airs and sunny slopes.

Harmon Bell, attorney for the Key Route, replied in a few happy words, expressing the pleasure of the officials of the company at the cordial welcome. Councilman Elliott spoke for the Oakland City Council. General Manager Kelly informed the people present that every one would be taken to San Francisco and back free at the close of the exercises, and there were short addresses by President A. Jonas of the Merchants' Exchange and Secretary Edwin Stearns of the Board of Trade.

The train was then bombarded with roses by the children. The flag that floated from the top of the station was one of three made of silk grown at Piedmont and is owned by Warren B. Ewer.

A new timecard has gone into effect on the Key Route, because of the opening of the new branch. The Berkeley train will no longer stop at San Pablo avenue and passengers from San Francisco for Oakland will have to take the Piedmont train. The cars for San Francisco from Oakland will leave two minutes earlier than formerly. The train will leave the Piedmont station at two minutes, twenty-two minutes and forty-two minutes past the hour.

APPOINTED PRINCIPAL OF ALAMEDA HIGH SCHOOL

George C. Thompson of Marysville Is Chosen to Succeed Dr. A. W. Scott.

ALAMEDA, June 1.—George C. Thompson, at present superintendent of the Marysville public schools and principal of the high school of that city, has been elected principal of the local high school to succeed Dr. A. W. Scott, who has been appointed principal of the Girls' High School of San Francisco.

Mr. Thompson is a graduate of Yale and is highly recommended by President Benjamin Ide Wheeler and Professor Henry Morse Stephens of the University of California. He was for four years principal of the Pierce Joint-Union High School at College City, California, and for two years was head master at the Selborne school, San Rafael. Mr. Thompson is now engaged in preparing a book on the place of high schools in American education. The new principal is thirty-four years of age and is married.

Young Man Dies Suddenly.

LIVERMORE, June 1.—H. C. Halverson, aged 20 years, died suddenly this afternoon while on his way to camp with a party of friends near Pleasanton. An inquest will be held to determine the cause of death, which, it is believed, occurred from natural causes.

Batters Fellow Prisoner.

OAKLAND, June 1.—Robert Busack, a husky painter, who is serving a sentence in the City Prison, was taken from his cell this morning and charged with battery on aged Edward Tighe, a cellmate. Busack will appear to-morrow in the Police Court.

SAN JOSE, June 1.—W. F. Parker, who successfully contested the election of Martin Murphy to the office of County Auditor, to-day began suit against the county to recover $4569, alleged to be due as salary for about fourteen months during which time the office was filled by Murphy.

SACRAMENTO, June 1.—A fire in the carriage factory of J. F. Hill, at Thirteenth and J streets, this morning, caused a loss of $5000. The property was insured.

SURPRISES HER FRIENDS BY SECRET MARRIAGE

Miss Lillian Bertram of Mount Eden Elopes and Weds Lover in San Francisco.

MOUNT EDEN, June 1.—The secret marriage of Miss Lillian Bertram, a school teacher who for some time past has resided at Mount Eden, to Antone Brown, employed as a farm hand by Henry Gansberger, at whose house Miss Bertram lived; has just been announced in a letter from the young lady.

The ceremony was performed in San Francisco, where the bride had gone ostensibly to spend her vacation. A week ago Brown left the employ of Mr. Gansberger, telling his employer that he was going north. Instead he went to San Francisco, where he met his sweetheart and the pair were made one.

OFFICIALS WILL WATCH FOR DISEASED CATTLE

Supervisors of Napa County Pass an Ordinance to Prevent Possible Contagion.

NAPA, June 1.—The Board of Supervisors to-day took action in regard to the prevention of the entrance of diseased cattle from other counties and for detecting disease among cattle already here.

This was necessary in view of a recent shipment of cattle infected with ticks to Napa County from Monterey County. A new ordinance provides that the District Attorney or Supervisors may at any time employ licensed veterinary surgeons to examine cattle or other animals supposed to be affected with diseases and may establish a quarantine.

Wedding in the Garden City.

SAN JOSE, June 1.—Miss Jessie Drake, a popular young woman, became the bride of Edmond J. McDaniel at noon to-day. The wedding occurred at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Drake, at 495 West San Carlos street. The Rev. L. O. Herold performed the ceremony.

COUNTRY CLUB HAS NEW HOME

Acquires Rockridge Park, Livermore Homestead and Thermal Vale Properties

WILL SPEND $150,000

Location Is Already Under Beautiful Cultivation With Palms, Lawns, Shrubbery

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, June 1.

The Claremont Country Club has become the possessor of one of the most ideal homes for such an organization in the country. Deeds were placed on record to-day by which it becomes the owner of 134 acres of land, embracing what is known as the Rockridge Park tract, the Horatio P. Livermore place and Thermal Vale, which is to be converted into one of the most beautiful and attractive pleasure grounds to be found anywhere in America.

A large portion of the tract is already beautifully laid out with trees of many years' growth, handsome shrubbery, vines and arbors. It also includes the Livermore home, a house well constructed for the purposes of the club. It contains thirty-four rooms and is to be further enlarged by the erection of an extensive porch and other additions, at an expense of $15,000.

The purchase is the result of nearly a year and a half's work. For a long time little or no progress could be made in the matter. The outlay will involve the expenditure of $150,000. There are to be golf links, tennis courts, croquet grounds, with provisions for playing polo, hand ball and other recreations. The site of this home is at the foot of the Contra Costa hills and within fifteen minutes' ride by carriage from the center of the city.

EVENTS IN SOCIETY

OAKLAND, June 1.—Few receptions have been so permeated with the spirit of hospitality as that given by Mrs. C. B. Parcells to-day in honor of her charming young daughter-in-law, Mrs. Frank Parcells, who was Miss Shreve of Alameda. One was made welcome at the very threshold, where, in the vine-inclosed and carpeted portico, a delicious punch tempted the thirsty to linger. In the wide hall and artistic parlors wax white blossoms lent their beauty and fragrance to the scene and by contrast added to the exquisite effect of the dining-room decorations, which were in delicate pink and green.

Mrs. Parcells' calling list is an unusually long one and more than 400 guests were invited to to-day's affair. The hours were from 3 to 6, and in the fashionable throng that passed in and out of the pretty Webster-street residence were many from neighboring cities and from across the bay, notwithstanding that the summer hegira has already begun and numbers of the invited ones have betaken themselves to the mountains and seaside.

Noticeable among the guests were two recent brides—Mrs. George Lackey (nee Scupham) and Mrs. Morey (nee Koenig). Mrs. Lackey was a member of the receiving party and looked very well indeed in her wedding gown, a dainty combination of silk crepe and lace. Mrs. Morey wore one of her trousseau gowns, a handsome and very becoming old rose silk, with which she wore a big black hat.

The guest of honor, also in her wedding gown, was an attractive figure in that assemblage of fair women, as she is well above medium height and carries herself with a stateliness that is most becoming. The elder Mrs. Parcells, who belongs to that kindly, motherly type of women that is beloved by everybody, always wears black, and her gown to-day of heavy silk was brightened with a fichu of rare white lace.

Mrs. J. R. Scupham wore a very handsome gown of gray silk trimmed with black thread lace.

There were any number of beautiful white gowns, the wearers of some of them being Mrs. E. C. Morrison, Mrs. Churchill Taylor, Mrs. Stuart Smith, Miss Elizabeth Scupham, Miss Pauline Collins, Miss Lillian Moller, Miss Eva Powell, Miss Helen Powell, Miss Aphia Vance and Miss Cordelia Bishop.

Mrs. Melvin C. Chapman—who, by the way, is one of Oakland's handsome women—wore a pale pink creation of some soft cloth. Mrs. Harry P. Carlton was also in pale silk. Others in the receiving party were: Mrs. C. R. Brown, Mrs. W. S. Noyes, Mrs. R. H. Chamberlain, Mrs. Giles Gray, Mrs. George H. Collins, Mrs. Joseph Chanslor, Mrs. E. C. Timeman, Miss Alice Heller, Miss Shreve, Miss Pauline Collins, Miss Mary Barker, Miss Grace Barnard and Miss Annie Flint.

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The Roosevelt, which is one of the coziest studio buildings in San Francisco, was the scene of a pleasant little musicale this afternoon very informal and thoroughly enjoyable. Miss Caroline Little was one of the participants in the programme, the others being Mr. Salmon, the pianist, and Mr. Cogswell, the barytone, all of whom are delightful artists. Miss Rose Shallott Mitchell of New York, who plays both mandolin and guitar most artistically, was also a contributor to the musical feast. Miss Flora Bell of Oakland, the clever china painter, has her studio in this building and dispenced the hospitality of the entertaining coterie of artists in her always gracious fashion.

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Mrs. Frederick S. Stratton, wife of Collector of Port F. S. Stratton, was hostess yesterday at a delightful afternoon on the bay which was given to a company of more than one hundred guests. The party left the Washington-street wharf before noon in the United States customs steamer Golden Gate, Captain J. C. Cantwell, and went to Sausalito, where the revenue cutter McCulloch was boarded.

Captain H. B. Rogers had the vessel in gay colors, ship being dressed in honor of the occasion. On deck an Oriental luncheon was served to 110 guests. Particularly unique were the viands, the dishes being Chinese, Russian, Japanese and Filipino in character.

After luncheon the party was taken to the naval training station at Yerba Buena Island, where they were received by Admiral Whiting, the commandant, and his staff. The ladies were presented to Mrs. Whiting. In honor of the visit 320 naval apprentices gave a drill on the station parade ground. The Oakland members of the party were later sent to Broadway wharf, Oakland, in the Golden Gate, and those from San Francisco were taken to the city in the Lucum. The ladies were: Captain H. B. Rogers, Lieutenant R. O. Crisp, Lieutenant H. H. Wolf, Lieutenant Eben Parker, Lieutenant H. O. Slayton, Captain and Mrs. J. C. Cantwell, Lieutenant Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Stratton, Mrs. Walter C. Good, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Prather, Mr. and Mrs. Edson Adams, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McNear, Miss McNear, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Spear Jr., Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Metcalf, Professor and Mrs. Bernard Moses, Colonel and Mrs. George C. Edwards, President and Mrs. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Harry East Miller, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Moore, Miss Ethel Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Olney Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Bernard P. Miller, Miss Prather, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Stone, Miss Cornelia Stratton, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tasheira, Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. D. Henshaw Ward, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Batchelder, Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Monteagle, Colonel and Mrs. John P. Irish, Mrs. A. D. Wilder, Alvin D. Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Brigham, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Fitzgerald, Captain and Mrs. Charles Minor Goodall, Mrs. H. P. Gregory, Miss Elise Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Brown, Miss Florine Brown, Mrs. Lillian B. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Bowles, Mr. and Mrs. J. Athearn Folger, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hathaway, Mrs. Jennie Cook, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Coogan, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cope, Miss Georgie Cope, Miss Jennie Craig, Paul Pennoyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cadman, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Folger, Mrs. J. A. Folger, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Kenny, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Koser, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Knowles, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McChesney, Miss Clara McChesney, Mrs. Emil Barrangan, Mr. and Mrs. Clem G. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Greenwood, Sterling A. Campbell, Professor and Mrs. G. M. Stratton, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Derby and Miss Alice McChesney.

CHURCH PEOPLE MEET IN TENTS

California Conference of Seventh Day Adventists Begins Annual Session

EIGHTY DELEGATES GO

Reports of the Officers Show Healthy State of the Denomination's Affairs

Berkeley Office San Francisco Call, 2148 Center Street, June 1.

Bushrod Park has been turned into a city of tents, and the next twelve days the white roofs of a hundred canvas houses will cover the delegates to the annual meeting of the California Conference of the Seventh Day Adventists. More than eighty delegates gathered at the first meeting this morning, and in a day or two the whole 107 delegates sent by their respective churches will answer the rollcall. It is estimated that 250 people will be present throughout the session, many of whom have come from distant parts of California and Nevada.

The conference got down to business bright and early this morning. Dr. A. F. Jones, its president, called the delegates to order, and reports of officers were at once entertained. The report of J. D. Rice, secretary of the conference, covering the period from April, 1903, to December 1, 1903, showed a healthy condition of affairs. It revealed that $33,800 had been collected in tithes, against $33,186 for the same period the year before. The general receipts were $78,459 and the disbursements $78,875.

A. J. S. Bourdeau, secretary-treasurer of the California Tract Society, rendered a report showing that the income in his department had been $12,486, against $10,356 for last year. Out of the earnings of the concern $753 had been spent in printing and spreading tracts to the number of 1,114,108 pages, and 64,000 copies of the Signs of the Times.

Of the church school work, the educational institution of the conference, J. S. Osborne, the superintendent, reported that it had prospered wonderfully. The total enrollment is now 720, and within the year twenty new schools, with twenty-six new teachers, have been added.

Mrs. Carrie R. King, secretary of the Sunday-school department, reported that the membership of the Sunday-schools now is 3286. These members contributed $3756 to the cause, of which $1617 was devoted to paying expenses. Of the surplus $1756 went to home missions and $173 to orphans.

The reports of four missionary superintendents were all encouraging, these having been submitted by the Rev. Andrew Brosen of the Humboldt district, the Rev. D. T. Fero of the San Jose district, the Rev. C. M. Gardner of the Fresno district and Professor E. J. Hibbard of the San Francisco district.

The following committees were appointed to arrange for the details of the convention:

Omnibus committee—C. H. Jones, George W. Mills, William Saunders, H. P. Gray, E. E. Otterbeck, W. H. Brown, J. D. Rice, Joseph Greenwood, E. E. Parlin, A. J. Osborne, C. M. Garner, M. C. Wilcox, J. O. Corliss, M. E. Cady, B. F. Richards, A. Brorsen, T. J. Evans, C. H. Fowler, F. T. Lamb, A. S. Kellogg, A. J. Bourdeau, H. E. Colby, J. I. Ireland, G. W. Rime, A. T. Jones, C. E. Leland, D. T. Fero, M. C. Israel, A. J. Sanderson and J. A. Burden.

Nominations—C. H. Jones, Reuben Gray, A. J. Sanderson, B. F. Richards, A. J. Jones, L. M. Bowen, George W. Mills.

Plans—A. J. Bourdeau, M. H. Brown, A. J. Evass, M. C. Wilcox, M. E. Cady, A. S. Kellogg, D. T. Fero.

Credentials and licenses—J. O. Corliss, M. C. Israel, C. M. Gardner.

Business sessions of the conference will be held daily, and twice a day religious meetings will carry the people to the big congregation tent. Among the prominent men who will speak are Dr. A. T. Jones, J. O. Corliss of England; the Rev. William A. Spicer, secretary of the foreign missions board; Professor M. E. Cady, educational secretary of the Pacific Union Conference; the Rev. M. C. Wilcox, editor of the Signs of the Times, and Dr. T. J. Evans, superintendent of the St. Helena Sanitarium.

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

BERKELEY, June 1.—President Wheeler will attend and speak at the semi-centennial jubilee ceremonies of the University of Wisconsin and the inauguration of Professor Charles R. Van Hise as president of the institution, which are to be held in Madison on Wednesday, June 8. Among the other speakers will be Daniel C. Gilman, president of the Carnegie Institute; Richard H. Jesse, president of the University of Missouri; Cyrus Northup, president of the University of Minnesota, and James B. Angell, president of the University of Michigan.

Professor Carl Copping Plehn of the department of economics will deliver the commencement address at the University of Nevada, June 2, in Reno.

Dr. Willis L. Jepson of the botany department, under whose direction dentistry was practiced on the university oaks last year, to preserve them against rot, believes that the operations have all been successful and that the lives of the trees will be greatly extended. The treatment of the trees consisted in sawing off dead limbs and digging out the rotted places and then filling them with cement, so that the air might be kept out. In time, it is hoped, the bark will grow over the filling and thus hide it from view.

Professor Charles Mills Gayley delivered the commencement address at the Mount Diablo Union High School last Friday evening. Carleton H. Parker, '04, former editor of the Occident and Pelican and one of the authors of the senior extravaganza, is preparing to spend three years abroad, and will leave for Europe in a few days. He will spend some time in England and will visit Oxford University.

PLANNING TO RAISE FUNDS TO FIGHT THE MOSQUITOES

Society Ladies of San Rafael Will Assist in the Work of Exterminating the Pest.

SAN RAFAEL, June 1.—Society ladies of this city will give a unique entertainment next Saturday afternoon for the purpose of raising funds to carry on the work of exterminating the mosquitoes. A wild west pony show will be given and the sons and daughters of some of the wealthiest residents of San Rafael will take part in it. Fully one hundred ponies will be exhibited and none but amateur riders will perform. During the afternoon the ladies of the San Rafael Improvement Club will serve refreshments to the guests.

Mrs. Dr. Keck will have the direction of the entertainment and will be assisted by Mrs. J. L. Buck, Mrs. George T. Page, Mrs. George Pinckard, Mrs. William Babcock, Mrs. George Boyd, Mrs. Vincent Neale and others.

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CALL AGENCY REMOVAL NOTICE.

After June 1 the Oakland agency and news headquarters of this paper will be removed from 1118 Broadway to 1016 Broadway, Oakland.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Alameda County.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1.

J. M. Merrell to Elizabeth Merrell (wife), lot on NW corner of Twenty-fifth (or Laurel) street and Telegraph avenue, N 200 by W 100 (deed made to correct and confirm 946 D. 359), Oakland, quitclaim deed; $5.

Albert S. Bigelow to Charles F. and Helen S. Whitton, lot on S line of Hawthorne avenue, 222:2½ W of Webster street, S 174:6, W 150, N 165.84, E 150, Oakland; $10.

Mary and John B. Treadwell to Charles M. Sloan, lot on E line of Center street, 161:8½ N of Ninth, N 50, E 166:5½, S 29.84, W 166:3, being portion lot 18, block 552 map Eighth-street Tract, Oakland; $10.

J. Louis and Caroline S. Martin to Frank H. Graham (single), lot on E line of West street, 50 N of Twentieth, N 35 by E 100, being S 35 feet of lot 2, Curtis & Williams Tract; $10.

Gertrude K. Bayley (widow) to Lila May Ellis (wife of Julius H.), lot on N line of Sixteenth street, 100 E of Brush, E 35 by N 103:6, block 273, Boadman's map, Oakland; $10.

John and Lillian McCaslin to I. Wollin, lot on SE corner of West and Eighteenth streets, S 35 by E 70, being portion of lot 4, block E, property North Oakland Homestead Association, Oakland; $10.

A. J. and Sophie M. Snyder to Hattie J. Mills (wife of J. B.), lot 36, block 2035, map A. J. Snyder's resubdivision of portion of block 2035, Rowland Tract, Oakland; $10.

Mary Coyle (widow) to John Boyle, lot on S corner of East Fourteenth and Second avenues, SW 90 by SE 80, block 80, Clinton, East Oakland, gift.

Christopher Mahep (single) to the Realty Syndicate, 9.12 acres beginning at SW corner of T. L. Walker's land, being SE corner of land formerly of R. Cummaford, thence NE 10.80 chains, NW 11.51 chains, SW 12.25 chains, SE 5.57 chains to beginning, portion plat 33, Kellersberger's map Ranchos V. and D. Peralta, Oakland Township, excepting land described in deed to Horatio P. Livermore, 166 D. 359, also excepting land deeded to C. E. Livermore, 166 D. 361, Oakland Township; also 1.04 acres, beginning at a stake set at E corner of Stafford and Waldo streets, thence NE 192.65, SE 80, NE 276.54, SW 256.74, NW 231.60 to beginning, lot 25, map plat 13 of aforesaid rancho and fractional portion plat 33, etc., Oakland Township, said above described piece being also designated as lot 41, map Rock Ridge, Oakland Township; also all interest in lot on Waldo, Stafford and Charles streets and McAdam from Clifton to Union, said last map, Oakland Township; $10.

Same to Claremont Country Club (a corporation), 28.21 acres, being all of lots 35, 41, 46, 47 and 49, map Rock Ridge, Oakland Township; $10.

Realty Syndicate to Edwin Goodall, William Pierce Johnson and Robert M. Fitzgerald, 34.27 acres, being lots 31 to 34, 39, 40, 42 to 44, map same, Oakland Township; $10.

Phila V. and H. A. Adrian to R. W. Roble, lot on E line of Shattuck avenue (as now existing), 50 N of Virginia street, N to S line in lot 8, E to W line of land conveyed to M. S. Parnell, 800 D. 116, S to line drawn at right angles with point of beginning, W to beginning, portion of lots 1, 2, 3, block C, Percy Tract, Berkeley; $10.

Nellsmae Wadell to Mathilde Weinmann, lot on E line of Fourth street, 152:6 N of Jones, N 50 by E 125, lots 24 and 25, block 47, Map Tract B, Berkeley B. and T. I. Assn, Berkeley; $10.

O. N. and Mary McAuliffe to Henry R. Baker, lot on S line of Boehmer street, 37:6 W of Lancaster, W 37:6 by S 100, lot 3 and portion of lot 2, block 9, map North Alameda Tract, etc., Brooklyn Township; $10.

R. A. and Annie J. Smith to Elsie Caroline Lucas, lot on SW corner of Clinton avenue and Willow street, NW 100, SW 119:10 to shore line of Bay of San Francisco, SE to NW line of Willow, NE to beginning, block 78, Map lands adjoining Encinal, Alameda; $10.

Henry and Margaretta Pinkus to Edward T. Planer (single), lot on SE corner of Filbert and Twenty-fourth streets, S 167:6 by E 100, portion of lots 9 and 10, block I, map survey of Golden Eden, Oakland; $10.

Frederick William and Johanna M. Dobbel, Emma H. and Henry Kluver to Augusta E. Schrieber (wife of Christian), lot on NE corner of Eighth and Willow streets, NE 55:10, SE 53:5, S 38:6, W 67, lot 1, block 680, Casserly Tract at the Point, Oakland; $10.

Samuel and Caroline de Moop to William and Emma Holub, lot on N line of Taylor street, 107:6 E of Pine, E 31:6 by N 135, portion of lot 42, plat and subdivision of block 402, Oakland Point, Oakland; $10.

Jefferson D. and Emma C. King to Thomas and Mary Burke, lot on E line of Wood street, 50:7¼ S of Atlantic, S 25 by E 90:7½, lot 19, block 28, map of lands in Oakland Point (Railroad Ferry Landing), Tract 406, Oakland; $10.

L. Olive Hume (single) to Martha D. Hume (widow), lot on E line of Union street, 100 N of Thirty-second, N 50 by E 133:3, portion lot 2, block 678, map No. 2, Watts Tract, Oakland; $10.

L. W. Burnham to Mat Bodem, lot on E line of Manila street, 50.86 N of its intersection with S line of block 3, N 36 by E 112, lot 6, block 3, map blocks 3 and 4, Berkeley Park, etc., Oakland; $10.

I. Magnes (administrator estate Rebecka Wilke) to J. D. Thompson, all interest in lot on S line of Alcatraz avenue, 235.55 W of Racine street, W 40, SE 136.85, NE 40, NW 136.95, lot 12, Littlefield Tract, Oakland; $800.

James L. and Grace A. Gould to Isabella Bristol (widow), lot on E line of Grove street, 159.28 N of Ashby avenue, N 40 by E 122.50, lot 21, block 11, amended map Central Park, Alcatraz and Newbury stations, Berkeley; $10.

F. D. Cornell (single) to F. W. Gibson, lot on N line of Dwight way, 100 E of Bowditch street, E 75 by N 150, portion lots 1 and 2, block S, property College Homestead Association, Berkeley; $10.

Annie and John T. Mabey to Juliet I. Thomas, lot on W line of Louisa street, 362:12 N of Gilman, N 40 by W 134.64, block 16, property Berkeley Villa Association, Berkeley; $10.

Calvin S. and Mary L. Winchell to Charlotte Stevenson, lot on W line of Lorina street, 220 N of Ashby avenue, N 40 by W 110, lot 10, block C, Adeline Tract, Berkeley; $10.

Samuel P. Poland (single) to W. J. Mortimer, lot on E line of Walnut street, 120 N of Rose, N 92 by E 165, portion lots 3, 4 and 5, block 22, property of N. Byrne, in Berkeley Villa Tract, Berkeley; $10.

Henry O. and Sarah A. McCabe to Frank M. Seconover lot on E line of Spruce street, 235.33 N of Rose, N 50 by E 124.26, lot 5, block A, map of part of Hopkins Terrace, Berkeley; $10.

William G. and Hetty T. Henshaw (wife) by George W. Reed, attorney, to Alfred C. and Pauline G. Christensen (wife), lots 4 and 71, block C, Linda Park, Brooklyn Township; $10.

Andy L. Stone (married) and E. B. and A. L. Stone Company (a corporation) to W. H. and R. E. Taylor, lot on NW corner of Walnut street or Grand avenue, 116.08 NE of Elm, thence at right angle NW 120 by NE 40, lot 300, map E. B. and A. L.