

NEWS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

BURGLARS FIRE UPON OFFICERS

Men Exchange Thirty Shots With Deputy Constables Dearborn and Murdock

HOT FIGHT AT STATION

Robbers Get No Booty, but Escape Safely in Wagon After Battle Is Ended

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1916 Broadway, July 22.

A desperate band of men surprised by Deputy Constables Dearborn and Murdock at Fruitvale about 1 o'clock this morning opened fire upon them and a battle in which thirty shots were exchanged took place.

It was nearly 1 o'clock this morning when the deputies saw two men acting suspiciously near the railroad track at Fruitvale. They began to watch the men and as the latter retreated down the track toward Sather they followed them.

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WEDDINGS.

OAKLAND, July 22.—Things are beginning to look up a bit socially, but when will no doubt be returning and one by one the homes that have been closed for weeks are waking up, as it were, and smiling hospitably at the street once more.

It "shows" how which way the wind blows," then will we have a busy winter, for there are promises and plans of innumerable affairs to take place as soon as the dust is gathered within the home.

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MICHAEL AHEARN'S TRAGIC DEATH PROPHESIED BY SEER

For.une-Teller Predicts Violent End of Oakland Working on Government Job in Nevada—Wife and Daughters Prepared for Sad News That Told of the Murder



MICHAEL AHEARN, WHO WAS MURDERED AND ROBBED NEAR RENO, NEV., AND WHOSE TRAGIC DEATH WAS ACCORDING TO HIS DAUGHTER, FORE-TOLD SEVERAL WEEKS AGO BY A FORTUNE TELLER.

OAKLAND, July 22.—The violent death of Michael Ahearn, the Oakland man whose body was found yesterday in the Truckee River, near Reno, Nev., was predicted by a fortune teller and expected by his family.

Ahearn is the second Oakland man who has been found dead in the Truckee River within one week. Only a few days ago the body of Thomas Brown Walker was taken from the waters of the river, but there is no evidence of a crime in this case.

Ahearn's body was badly mangled when brought to Reno. His skull gave evidence of a brutal assault, after which a rope had been used in choking the unfortunate man.

Mrs. Ahearn was not informed of the tragic death of her husband until late this evening. She could suggest no explanation of her husband's death, but thought the motive for the crime, if one had been committed, must have been robbery.

Ahearn left Oakland about six months ago. He had been employed by the San Francisco Construction Company, but took a position with the Government in Nevada. He was employed in the construction of several large irrigation canals in the western portion of the State and received a good salary.

Ahearn's skull was badly fractured and there was a rope about his neck. His body was found floating in the stream and the particular location of the assault is uncertain. Robbery seems to have been the motive for the crime. The victim's pockets were

HINDOO PRINCE PLEADS GUILTY

Man Who Declares He Is Son of Maharajah of Lahore Gets Six Months in Jail

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1916 Broadway, July 22.

Ramina Aramancha Singh, the self-styled Hindoo Prince, who declares he is the son of the Maharajah of Lahore, pleaded guilty to a charge of petty larceny to-day before Superior Judge F. B. Ogden and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 or to serve six months in the County Jail.

The evidence presented was not of a nature that would dispel a mystery and the jury returned an open verdict, leaving the authorities to probe further into the matter, although there seems little disposition to do so, the suicide theory prevailing and all investigation seemingly having been dropped.

Mrs. M. L. Burrall, 614 Sixteenth street, at whose home Dr. Hill resided for about six weeks previous to his death, told what she knew of the man, and then John William Chard, of 381 Geary street, San Francisco, who found the body, testified. Chard's testimony was similar to the statements he has already made, and when he had concluded Under Sheriff J. J. Hanifin Jr. was called. Hanifin told of his investigation, but stated that he could find no pistol, though one might be concealed in the underbrush near by.

Dr. O. D. Hamlin testified that he had made the autopsy on the body of the deceased, and that the wound might have been self-inflicted had the deceased held the revolver in his right

GIVE A NAME TO DEAD MAN

Body Found in Berkeley Hills Identified as That of S. Jackson Spires

LIFTS VEIL OF MYSTERY

Findings of the Autopsy Physician Clear Away Suggestion of Foul Play

Berkeley Office San Francisco Call, 2148 Center street, July 22.

S. Jackson Spires is the name of the man whose body was found in Co-ed Canyon on the State University grounds yesterday by James von Loben Sels. The identification is positive, having been fixed by a sister of the man and half a dozen other people who knew him as "Jack" Spires when he was an employe of the Pacific Coast Lumber Company four years ago in Berkeley.

The body was first recognized by a friend who came from San Francisco this morning, a man who did not leave his name with the Coroner. When the news got abroad that the body of "Jack" Spires was in the Morgue a number of his old friends in town recognized at once that he was the man who formerly lived and worked in Berkeley. Among those who identified him were W. R. Wright, George Thompson, S. J. Sill, Fred Foss and H. F. Dikeman. This evening H. H. Cory of the Union League Club of San Francisco identified Spires.

Mr. Cory said that he met him a week ago in San Francisco while he was walking along Ellis street. Spires was then standing near Corbett's saloon in company with Frank Moses, formerly of Woodland, which was also the home of Spires. Mr. Cory said that he had never heard that Spires was married or that he ever masqueraded under an assumed name.

Spires was a heavy drinker and the theory regarding his death is that he came to Berkeley while under the influence of liquor and wandered about until he came to the spot in the hills where his body was found and lay down, there contracted a chill that resulted first in congestion of the lungs and heart and finally in death. The autopsy physician's findings bear out this theory and there is not any suggestion of foul play.

Spires was a native of Woodland and 32 years of age. He was reared by his grandfather, S. G. Baker of Woodland, his parents being dead. His only other relatives are an aunt, Miss Ella Baker of Woodland and Mrs. Lee Larue of Yountville, his sister. The body will be shipped to Woodland for burial and the inquest will be held next Wednesday night.

J. R. Larue and L. A. Larue of San Francisco, brothers of Mrs. Larue's husband, identified Spires' body to-night. J. R. Larue said:

"Spires had been knocking around San Francisco for several months since he left Woodland. He drank heavily and in his cups would go to Berkeley, his former home. A month ago he was there while drinking. For some time Spires had no steady work, spending most of his time around resorts in San Francisco."

PROFESSOR TURNER RENS WHOLE CIRCUS

American Historian Objects to His Classrooms Being Turned Into a Wild West Show.

BERKELEY, July 22.—If there are to be any circuses in his classrooms during this summer school at the University of California Professor Frederick Jackson Turner of the University of Wisconsin, and instructor in American history, wants to run them himself. In other words, he is going to swing the whip and be the ringmaster. At least, that is what he gave some of the men students to understand when he spoke the following words to-day in his class in history:

"If this is to be a Wild West show I want to have it understood that there is but one circus ring and that I will conduct that myself."

The suggestion for this certain lecture is said to have come from the co-ed element in the classroom, who objected to the way the young men were cutting up in the back of the room.

STAGE ROMANCE

OAKLAND, July 22.—Lloyd C. Ingraham and Miss Maude M. Plopper, both of Chicago, and members of the Elmer Walters theatrical company now playing an engagement at the California Theater in San Francisco, were married here to-day by Justice of the Peace W. R. Geary. The ceremony was made very short in order that the pair could get back in time for the afternoon rehearsal. They were accompanied by Mrs. Walters, wife of the company's manager.

TWELVE NEW TEACHERS NAMED

OAKLAND, July 22.—The names of twelve teachers who have been appointed from the preferred list of public school teachers were announced by the City Superintendent of Schools this morning. They are Nellie M. Sturtevant, Edythe Chapman, Etta L. Ogden, Carolyn Dinsmore, Helen Harrington, Clara Burrows, Elizabeth Whitney, Laura A. Wescott, Mae Baker, Irene Harkinson, Emma Stockton and Genevieve McKeever.

COUNCILMAN MEASE RETURNS

OAKLAND, July 22.—Councilman Edwin Mease, chairman of the Street Committee of the City Council, has returned from his vacation in Southern California.

hand when the shot was fired. When the testimony was all in the jury, consisting of A. Castin, A. M. Jackson, I. Herman, W. H. Nickelson, H. H. Solomander and J. H. Phillips, came to the conclusion "that the wound might have been self-inflicted, and that it might have not." Justice of the Peace James G. Quinn, who conducted the inquest in the absence of the Coroner, approved of the verdict.

BRANCH OFFICES OF THE CALL IN ALAMEDA COUNTY

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REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Alameda County, FRIDAY, JULY 22.

Joshua E. Mead et al. to Joseph Morris et al. N. line of Mead avenue, 660 W. of San Francisco, by N. 100, lot 20, map Mead Park, Oakland, \$10.

James L. and Evelyn M. Martin to J. A. Myers, lot on NE. line of Mead street, 33 1/2 of Mead, S. 55, W. 125, N. 40, E. 25, N. 14, E. 100, Q. Oakland Central Homestead, Oakland, \$10.

Johanna C. and Louis Thompson by William Henshaw and C. E. Palmer, trustees to Louis Thompson, 210 1/2 of Mead, S. 55, W. 125, N. 40, E. 25, N. 14, E. 100, Q. Oakland Central Homestead, Oakland, \$10.

Edward H. and Anna F. Lemoie to R. H. Welch, lot on NE. line of East Twenty-sixth street, 100 NW of Eleventh avenue, N. 75, NE. 125, portion lots 7 and 8, block 100, Clinton East, Oakland, \$10.

George P. Triebman to Mary E. Triebman (wife), lot on NE. line of East Twenty-sixth street, 210 1/2 of Mead, S. 55, W. 125, N. 40, E. 25, N. 14, E. 100, Q. Oakland Central Homestead, Oakland, \$10.

Dennis Searies to Caroline A. Searies (wife), lot 18, block D, Central Piedmont Tract, Oakland, by deed and agreement; \$18.

C. E. and Nellie M. Wines to W. A. W. lot on E. line of Kina street, 120 N. of Kearney street and block 7, portion lot 7, block 2, property John Kearney, Berkeley, University Berkeley, \$10.

Narcis L. Jones to Oliver M. Jones, lot on NE. corner of Louisa and Vine streets, N. 30, E. 45, S. 90, W. to beginning, portion lot 19, block 1, property Taylor Tract, Berkeley, \$10.

Same to O. M. Jones, lot on NE. line of Kina street, 120 N. of Kearney street and block 7, portion lot 7, block 2, property John Kearney, Berkeley, University Berkeley, \$10.

R. O. and Mary Gray to C. B. and Luthera M. Hyden, name Oakland, \$10.

Walker (wife of W. A.) lot on N. line of Tenth street, 480-8 E. of Grove E. 23-4 by map of A. J. Snyder's subdivision of portions of block 2025, Rowland Tract, Oakland, \$10.

John Scudder Jr. and Nellie J. Scudder to R. O. and Mary Gray, lot on E. line of High street, E. 50 by S. 125, lot 108, Hawley Tract, Alameda, \$10.

F. O. and Mary Gray to R. O. Gray, lot on S. line of Eighth street to R. O. Gray, lot on S. line of 160, block 201, Kellersberger's Map, Oakland, \$10.

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