

NEWS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

TELLS ROMANCE OF A FORTUNE

While Under Anesthetic Fred W. Allen Reveals Story That Is Verified

HEIR IS AGED PAINTER

Will Soon Leave for City of Manchester to Claim an Estate Worth \$100,000

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, July 26.

While under the influence of anesthetic at the Receiving Hospital this afternoon, Frederick Waldo Allen of 412 Eighth street, a well-known contracting painter, told the story of a \$100,000 fortune that awaited him in England. The tale seemed so romantic his listeners smiled and accredited his words to the peculiar power of the drug. Later, when Allen was aroused and informed of the utterances he verified it all with correspondence and documents, and what he had revealed under the drug proved to be true.

Allen visited Berkeley this afternoon for the purpose of securing a contract for painting a building now in process of construction. He stepped out on a piece of scaffolding when one of the supports snapped and he was thrown to the ground, twenty-five feet below. His right shoulder was dislocated and he was sent to the Receiving Hospital. The physicians put the patient under the influence of chloroform.

Then Allen began to tell his story. He continually called the captain of a phantom ship to wait for him as he had a steamer reserved and wanted to sail at once for England. In explanation he told the captain to establish a time that awaited him and that he was going to claim it.

As soon as the operation had been completed and consciousness was restored one of the physicians in a joking way told Allen that he had said something that awaited him and to consider a proposal of marriage from a woman who is to be a joint heir, but of whom he never heard until one year ago.

UNCLE LOVED BOYS.

Allen had one brother, William F. Allen, and the two were favorites with their uncle, Edmund Allen, the captain of a British ship wrecked between England and New York.

The boys were reared in Vermont, and when the uncle's ship touched an American port he came to see them, and always reminded them of their promise to him to come to England.

Allen lived in San Francisco many years until his wife died. Then he went to Los Angeles. He became engaged in the purchase and sale of real estate in the southern city. One morning about seven years ago he had a strange acquaintance in the office of another dealer. He had just entered for the purpose of transacting some business, when the announcement of his name caused a stranger who was in the place to step up and question him regarding his blood relations.

When he had answered everything the stranger informed him that he and his brother were heirs to an immense fortune in England. The stranger said he was the New York agent of some English solicitors and that for nearly two years he had been making an effort to find the two brothers. Their uncle Edmund had left a will leaving all his money to his maiden sister, who went to keep house for him. The will also provided that when the woman died the property should be given to the two nephews.

The English solicitors applied to New York, and their agent came to Berkeley and looking over San Francisco he went to Los Angeles and called on the real estate man, who was a boyhood friend of his, when the chance meeting with the object of his search took place.

Allen heard little of the estate until two years ago, when the New York agent informed him that a woman had proved the right to the title of the uncle's wife and had been allowed a third interest in the estate. About one month ago Allen received a communication from this woman asking him to come to Manchester and marry her and that the estate would all be settled within sixty days. He said she would forward a draft to pay the painter's expenses, and this he is expecting every day. He has not given any decision on the proposition of marriage, but says he will certainly go to England and make his money for the estate. He expects to be enriched by about \$100,000.

Canvass for Celebration Funds.

OAKLAND, July 26.—A committee composed of Harry G. Williams, for the Merchants' Exchange, Edwin Stearns of the Board of Trade and E. S. Buxley Jr. of the Native Sons of the Golden West began a canvass of the business district to-day to raise money for the State celebration of Admiration day, which will be held in Oakland.

Fire Threatens Press Club.

OAKLAND, July 26.—Quick work by the Fire Department this morning saved E. C. Thuber & Co.'s paint warehouse, 463 Tenth street, and the Oakland Press Club's quarters from destruction. The fire was started among paint buckets by the boiling over of hot glue. The damage was slight.

William Wagner's Funeral.

OAKLAND, July 26.—The funeral of the late William Wagner, the pioneer capitalist, will be held to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock from the family residence, 869 Campbell street. Interment will be in Cypress Lawn cemetery.

Marriage Licenses.

OAKLAND, July 26.—The following marriage licenses were issued by the County Clerk to-day: Daniel Sullivan, 22, and Lulu Scheiding, 17, both of Oakland; Jiesmol Cortese, 36, and Attilia Anarini, 28, both of Oakland.

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TRouble OVER ALAMEDA BUDY

His Relatives Claim the Remains Were Held by Nevada Coroner for Money

APPEAL TO AUTHORITIES

District Attorney Is Asked to Investigate the Case and He Promises Action

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, July 26.

Trouble in getting the body of Michael Ahearn, which was found in the Truckee River a few days ago, has caused an appeal to be made to the District Attorney's office here by the relatives of the dead man. They want the actions of Coroner Updyke of Washoe County, Nevada, investigated. They intimate that the body was held for money, and when coin was not sent the body was buried.

Mrs. John Martin, a daughter of Ahearn, told Deputy District Attorney W. H. L. Hynes to-day that in answer to a query as to how much it would cost to have the remains sent to this city she had received a reply that it would cost \$55. To this she agreed. Later it developed that more than \$100 was found on Ahearn's person. A message was sent to Mrs. Martin that it would be all right and that the body would leave Reno Saturday last. A local undertaker met the train at the Sixteenth-street depot on Sunday morning, but the body did not arrive.

Another telegram was sent and a reply was received informing the relatives that if they wanted the body they Sweeney are required to give back to the whole affair had a peculiar look to the family. They refused to send any money, and in the meantime the remains have been buried at Reno. The District Attorney of Washoe County, Nevada, has been communicated with and he has promised that an investigation will be made.

WILL WELCOME FIRST CAR ON NEW ROAD

Citizens of Point Richmond to Celebrate Opening of New Street Railway.

POINT RICHMOND, July 26.—The new street railway, which connects the two parts of Richmond and which will connect with the San Pablo line of the Oakland Transit Consolidated system, will begin operations Thursday. The citizens of Richmond are preparing for a big celebration in honor of the event. The new corporation is known as the East Shore and Suburban Street Car Company. It is believed to have the backing of the Standard Oil people. Its present line begins at the Standard Oil Works and passes through the business section of the hill to the new town of Richmond on Macdonald avenue to the Southern Pacific depot, in the new town of Richmond.

The celebration next Thursday will consist of a barbecue, automobile and horse races and various athletic sports. A number of speeches will also be made. Those in charge of the celebration are L. M. Grant, William Richards and J. Murray. Superior Judge William S. Eberm, State Senator C. M. Belshaw and others will speak.

INCORPORATE TO CARRY ON SETTLEMENT WORK

Berkeley Philanthropists Take Steps Looking Toward Reorganization of Important Undertaking.

OAKLAND, July 26.—Articles of incorporation of the West Berkeley University Settlement Association were filed with the County Clerk to-day.

The purpose of the corporation as set forth in the articles is to establish and maintain a settlement which shall be residential center for the betterment of the young people of the town of Berkeley.

The directors are Hart Greensfelder, E. J. Wickson, J. W. Richards, Thomas F. Doyd, Christian Hoff, Ernest C. Moore, S. D. Waterman, Edward L. Parsons, J. T. Renas, Friend William Richardson and Louis Titus.

This move by Berkeley philanthropists looks like a reorganization of the settlement work of which Mrs. Phebe Hearst was formerly the patron.

SCAFFOLDING COLLAPSES AND WORKMEN ARE HURT

Lathers on the Realty Syndicate Building Fall Into a Lot of Timbers and Iron Work.

OAKLAND, July 26.—By the collapse of a scaffold on the Realty Syndicate building, Broadway, near Fourteenth street, four workmen were injured to-day, all of them falling fifteen feet into a mass of timbers and iron work.

The men were putting up iron lathing. Head Lather Bailey and Roy Smith suffered bad sprains of the ankle. W. Donovan and O. O'Brien were cut and bruised. Smith and O'Brien were sent to their homes.

Freight Train Stalled.

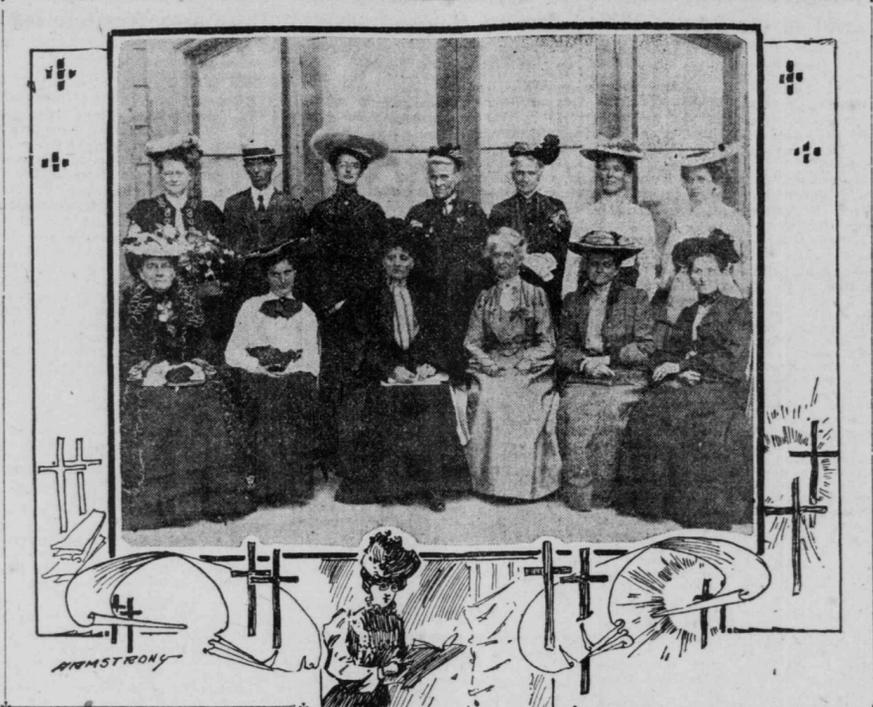
OAKLAND, July 26.—An axle of an oil tank car broke this morning a mile west of San Leandro, stalling a freight train and blocking main line traffic of the Southern Pacific Company for several hours. The train was running fast at the time the accident occurred and several hundred feet of track and ties were torn up before the train was stopped. The Stockton flyer was sent around by way of Martinez.

Aged Mason Dies.

OAKLAND, July 26.—Ambrose Merritt, 77 years old, a pioneer undertaker of Oakland, died to-day in San Francisco. He was a past master of Brooklyn Lodge, F. and A. M., of this city, which has taken charge of the funeral. The body has been brought to Oakland.

HUNDREDS OF DELEGATES ATTEND SYNODICAL MISSION CONFERENCE

After Discussing Many Business Questions Those Assembled Take Part in Social and Reception--Luncheon and Brief Addresses on Features of Society's Work End the Deliberations



FINIGAN GIRLS WIN PROPERTY

Williams and Sweeney, Attorneys, Must Give Back the Land Held as Security

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, July 26.

The three daughters of Colonel P. A. Finigan have bested the attorneys of their father in a suit for a piece of Berkeley property. In a decision to-day by Judge F. B. Ogden, Attorneys George N. Williams and James P. Gilchrist, of Los Angeles, who have taken a block of realty worth \$4000 in consideration of the payment of a \$500 fee.

The land was deeded to the attorneys as security for their fee for defending Finigan in a divorce action. Along with this interesting news came the announcement that the wedding would take place in the spring. Hearts were played during the afternoon, the prizes going to Miss Adelaide Bangs and Miss Louise Eastman.

The question was asked by Mrs. Frank Simpson, Mrs. Thomas Clark, Mrs. Adolph B. Check, Miss Hope White, Miss Mabel Varnick, Miss May Schell, Miss Jessie Craig, Miss Helen Robinson, Miss Alice Marsh, Miss Florence Martin, Miss Juliette Bennett and Miss Helen Bennett.

ALAMEDA, July 26.—City Clerk James W. Gilgilly has returned from a short vacation spent at Guerneville.

Mrs. E. A. Ridley of 1501 Sixth street is home from Camp Bonita, Sunol, where she passed several weeks.

Albert Alberts departed yesterday for Mendocino for a two week outing.

Joseph F. Forderer Jr. of President J. F. Forderer of the City Trustees, is now at the family residence, 1212 Rogers street, after spending two months in a San Francisco hospital as a result of an injury sustained through a fall.

Alameda Teachers Resign.

ALAMEDA, July 26.—Miss Mary E. Kelly and Miss Mabel Miller, teachers in the local School Department, have resigned, both having obtained positions in San Francisco schools. Dr. George C. Thompson, the newly elected principal of the Alameda High School, has moved his family here from Marysville and will reside at 2159 Clinton avenue. Next Monday the public schools will open for the fall term.

Plumbers to Foot Bills.

BERKELEY, July 26.—The plumbers of Berkeley will be asked to pay some bills as voluminous as their own. The Town Trustees have discovered that they have failed to pay a fee of \$4 on some 150 plumbing jobs in Berkeley, so they have ordered Town Attorney Hayne and Sanitary Inspector Haws to begin suit against the recalcitrants.

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WILL REPRESENT CITY.

Mayor Schmitz yesterday appointed W. Barnard to represent the city of San Francisco at the ceremonies for the opening of the New York subway.

MEET AND WED AFTER YEARS

Frank D. Chase and Friend of His Schoolboy Days in the East Are Married

Berkeley Office San Francisco Call, 2148 Center street, July 26.

Twenty years ago Frank D. Chase and Mrs. Atlanta J. Lincoln lost sight of each other in the whirl of the world. In the Eastern city where they were born they had been raised together and they went to the same school, manufactured the same mud pies and danced in the same company when they grew up.

But matrimony finally parted the childhood friends. He married and she married and they drifted asunder, so that they knew nothing of each other for a long time. In time he amassed a fortune by hard work and a year ago came to California to live, his wife having died in the meantime. The husband of his childhood's friend had passed away, too, though neither knew that the other was widowed.

Not long ago Mr. Chase learned that Mrs. Lincoln was in San Francisco. A visit followed, with then a mutual exchange of confidences, and finally it ended, as all romances do, in marriage. Last night saw the culmination of it all, when they were married by the Rev. B. P. Sargent at his parsonage.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Chase took the train for the East. Mr. Chase is fifty-one years old and his bride fifty. He is from Vermont and is investing in Berkeley property. The couple's permanent residence will be in the college town.

POLICEMAN C. E. KENTZ ADVISED TO RESIGN

Chief Hodgkins Has Talk With Patrolman Who Mixed in Brawl at Shell Mound.

OAKLAND, July 26.—Chief of Police Hodgkins has advised Policeman Carl E. Kentz, who was arrested at Shell Mound Park Sunday on a charge of disturbing the peace, to resign from the Police Department and save himself the notoriety that would be given him should he be obliged to face a meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners. No complaint has yet been issued. Kentz will probably follow the Chief's advice.

Husband Accused of Police.

OAKLAND, July 26.—Harry Murray, a Pullman car conductor, has asked the police to assist in the search for his wife, Jessie Murray, who, it is charged, eloped with Joaquin Pacheco. The pair, it is said, were accompanied by Lizzie Fella and Manuel Prates. Murray thinks his missing spouse is at a dance house near Mendocino.

Sent to Naqua.

OAKLAND, July 26.—J. W. Dunning of Berkeley was found to be insane this morning after an examination and was committed by Judge F. B. Ogden to the State Hospital at Naqua. He had threatened to burn down his house and his nephew, J. L. Kennedy, swore to a complaint charging him with insanity.

Face Burned by Powder.

OAKLAND, July 26.—John Mitchell, a schoolboy living with his parents at 1047 Thirty-eighth street, was badly burned about the face to-day by the explosion of a cartridge which some one had thrown into a bonfire about which he was playing. One of his fingers was also cut by a piece of the flying shell.

Machinist Drops Dead.

OAKLAND, July 26.—William J. Currier, 25 years of age, a machinist, dropped dead at 8 o'clock to-night at his residence, 956 Fifth street. A few minutes before he died Currier complained of pains in his chest. He came to Oakland three years ago from Leadville, Colo. A wife survives. The coroner took charge of the body.

MAYOR APPOINTS STENOGRAPHER.

Mayor Schmitz yesterday appointed Miss Henrietta Botcher as stenographer in his office.

VARNEY SUIT OPENS AGAIN

Appeal to Be Taken From Decision Handed Down by Judge Seawell Last May

HEIRS ARE AT OUTS

Compromise Upon Which the Judgment Had Been Based Fails to Hold

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, July 26.

The litigation over the estate of the late Thomas Varney of Livermore has broken out afresh. Notice of an appeal from the decision handed down by Judge Seawell of San Francisco last May was filed with the County Clerk this afternoon. The entire matter of the trust, which is holding together an estate of \$325,000, will be threshed out before the highest tribunal in the State.

When the decision was given by Judge Seawell it was in accordance with a general compromise arrived at by fourteen heirs of the estate, which, it was thought, had the consent of one or two heirs not included in the compromise. This, it now transpires, was a conclusion drawn without warrant and the dissatisfied ones, through the California Title and Trust Company, the present trustee of the estate, are to appeal to the higher court.

The litigation has continued for fourteen years, and the compromise arrived at last May was in accordance with terms offered by the various contestants seven years ago. The estate was originally appraised at about \$500,000 and went to eighteen different heirs. The whole estate, however, has been held together by the trustees in the face of the opposition of fourteen of the heirs, who wished to have the estate distributed so that they might be given their shares. The pretext for holding the estate together was found in the fact that annuities were to be paid to Emily A. Brownell of \$75 a month, Frances Raleigh of \$100 a month and Harriet A. Loomis of \$75 a month. The claim of the heirs was that only a sufficient sum to enable payments of the annuities could be held together, instead of the entire estate, and according to the recent compromise but \$25,000 is necessary for this purpose, and the balance was to be distributed to the heirs.

The claim of Emily King, whose mother, Mrs. Grace English, was left an annuity, was not considered in the recent compromise. Mrs. English died and the daughter claims that the annuity should descend to her and wants \$50,000 held in reserve to satisfy her claim.

GRAND STAMM OF RED MEN NAMES ITS NEW OFFICERS

H. Schulz of San Francisco Is Chosen to Direct Affairs of Body During Coming Term.

SANTA CRUZ, July 26.—The Grand Stamm of Red Men completed its work to-day with the election of the following grand officers: Grand ober chief, H. Schulz of San Francisco; grand sub-chief, G. Griele, San Francisco; grand vice chief, G. Ritter, Sacramento; grand chaplain, F. Wunder, Sacramento; grand secretary, M. Fustscher, San Francisco; grand treasurer, F. Schneider, Sacramento; grand trustees, D. Cohn, J. Rumetsch and P. H. Schreiber of San Francisco.

Grand Treasurer Schneider reported that \$7500 had been disbursed for sick benefits during the past year and \$425 for funeral expenses. The net surplus remaining in the treasury is \$75,000. A banquet was given this evening in honor of the Grand Stamm.

BLIGHT STRIKES PEAR ORCHARDS OF SHASTA

Member of County Horticultural Board Sends Out Warning to the Fruit Growers.

REDDING, July 26.—The blight, which laid low all the pear orchards of the Fresno district, has struck the pear trees of Shasta County. The statement is made on authority of C. N. Tharsing, a skilled orchardist and member of the Shasta County Horticultural Board. Tharsing says that he has found evidence of the blight in the Anderson district, in this county, where some of the finest and earliest Bartlett pears of the world are grown, as well as in the Sillwaster district. Tharsing is warning the orchardists that unless they take prompt action nothing can stay the effects of the blight.

National Oil Company Is Enjoined.

HOLLISTER, July 26.—Bourdieu & Walli, lessees of the E. C.ully stock ranch at Bitterwater, have sued out an injunction against the National Oil Company of Coalinga to stop the building of a pipeline through the Bitterwater ranch and to recover damages for the alleged loss of stock and the destruction of feed. The proceedings have thrown 300 men out of work.

Will Organize a Promotion Committee.

HEALDSBURG, July 26.—The business men of this city met last evening for the purpose of organizing a promotion committee. Edward Rowland, of the Bank of Healdsburg, was elected temporary chairman and authorized to appoint a committee of five to draft a plan of organization.

Santa Cruz to Have New Gas Company

SANTA CRUZ, July 26.—A new gas company is being formed here for the purpose of furnishing gas to local consumers. It will be operated by the light company, which recently built a big plant on the beach.

Gives Reading Before the Assembly.

SANTA CRUZ, July 25.—Mrs. Isabelle McDonald Alden, known in the literary world as "Pansy," gave a reading this evening at the Twin Lakes Baptist assembly.

BRANCH OFFICES OF THE CALL IN ALAMEDA COUNTY

OAKLAND, 1016 Broadway, Telephone Main 1083.
BERKELEY, 2148 Center Street, Telephone North 77.
ALAMEDA, 1425 Park Street, Telephone Alameda 559.

FREIGHT CARS ARE WRECKED

San Jose Passenger Train Crashes Into Them Near Guadalupe Creek Bridge

CREW ESCAPES INJURY

Travelers Who Were Occupying the Coaches Receive a Scare and Shaking Up

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN JOSE, July 26.—The passenger train which leaves here at 4:30 a. m. collided with an engine and freight cars just east of the Guadalupe Creek bridge as it was leaving this city. Two freight cars were demolished and the front of the passenger engine was smashed. No one was injured. The passenger train was almost brought to a stop before it struck the freight cars. Engineer March was making up a freight train from two sections of a train that had just come in and the trains were so long it was necessary to use the main line. As there is a curve at the point the engineer on the passenger train could not see the freight until it was almost upon it. The passengers were jarred a little by the sudden stopping of the train. A two hours' delay to the passenger train was caused by the wrecked freight cars.

COMPANIES THAT NOW INSURE AGAINST THEFT

New York Concerns Branch Into New Field and Find Many Clients.

NEW YORK, July 26.—Insurance enterprise has just taken up a new field in this city, where several prominent companies have made offers for the business of retail butchers and grocers, victims of continued thefts of horses, amounting to a total loss in eighteen months of nearly \$75,000, and the butchers and grocers have decided to insure their horses and wagons against theft.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Alameda County.

TUESDAY, JULY 26.
Mary H. Bennett and John H. Nerney (son), lot on E. line of Fallon street, 125 S. of Seventh, 8 25 by E 100, Oakland, \$115.
Mary C. and James H. Barker (husband and attorney) to W. J. and Grace E. Mortimer, lot on S. line of Thirty-sixth street, 281 W. of Grove, W. line of 12th, portion lots 7 and 8, block C, property of Central Land Company, Oakland, \$10.
John A. Henrietta Korntner to F. P. Wright, lot on N. line of 30th street, 709 E. of Grove, E. 10 by N. 140, portion lot 41, block 2055, Rowland tract, Oakland, \$10.
Ignatius L. O'Rourke et al. to Richard J. Montgomery (single), lot on NW corner of Twenty-third and Alameda streets, 125 N. W. 100, N. 80 W. 2, N. 110 W. 40, E. 220, E. 100, portion lots 1 and 2, map Montgomery tract No. 1, Oakland, \$10.
Mabel Langwin (single) to Lillian M. Atkinson (wife of H. T.), undivided one-half of 1000 sq. ft. of land, containing 120 sq. ft. of East Fifteenth street, N. 100 by W. 100-9, block 3, map Fontainebleau tract, East Oakland, \$10.
J. A. and Emily V. Marshall to Adam Axt, lot 26, block C, Leonard tract, Berkeley, \$10.
George B. and Eva M. Lattinfield to S. D. Ayers (widower), lot on S. line of Ward street, 140 W. of Ellsworth, W. 80 by S. 134-8, portion lots 12 and 13, block 4, State University Homestead No. 3, Berkeley, \$100.
Mary H. and James N. Abbey to Ellen Barlow, lot on E. line of Stanford avenue, 111-40 S. of Essex street, S. 88-83, E. 124-35, N. 52-50, W. 99-17, lot 7, block F, amended map of Newbury tract, Berkeley, \$100.
Frederick and Anna C. Bammann to Sarah A. Roundy (wife of Alvin), lot on N. line of Twenty-third street, 100 W. of 12th, W. 50 by S. 110, lot 1, block E, land adjacent to Encinal, Alameda, \$10.
Mary J. and Joseph Stark to Frederick E. Schmitz, lot on NW corner of 12th and 11th streets, N. 125-8, W. 45, S. 118-5, E. 45-4, lot 43, and portion of lots 42 and 44, Oakland Railroad Homestead, Oakland, \$250.
John A. Knowley & Puffer subdivision of Kennedy tract, East Oakland, \$1450.
Edwin and Anna M. Sutherland to John Johnson, same, \$10.

Is an ordeal which all women approach with indescribable fear, for nothing compares with the pain and horror of child-birth. The thought of the suffering and danger in store for her, robs the expectant mother of all pleasant anticipations of the coming event, and casts over her a shadow of gloom which cannot be shaken off. Thousands of women have found that the use of **Mother's Friend** during pregnancy robs confinement of all pain and danger, and insures safety to life of mother and child. This scientific liniment is a god-send to all women at the time of their most critical trial. Not only does **Mother's Friend** carry women safely through the perils of child-birth, but its use gently prepares the system for the coming event, prevents "morning sickness," and other discomforts of this period. Sold by all druggists at \$1.00 per bottle. Book containing valuable information free.

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