

THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

DISCUSS TAXES AND SALARIES

City Trustees of Alameda Confront Problems That Cause Them Much Worry

SCHOOLS DEMAND MONEY

Municipal Legislators Do Not Hesitate to Express Views on the Situation

ALAMEDA, Sept. 13.—Under the direction of the Board of Education a campaign is being waged to induce the City Trustees to allow the public schools the proportionate amount of the coming tax levy, \$43,000, while the employees of the police, fire, street and electric light departments of the municipality are bringing every influence to bear to persuade the City Trustees to increase their salaries. The tax rate is to be fixed on the first Monday of October.

Considerable opposition has developed against raising the pay of municipal employees and there are also many property owners who believe that the Board of Education is asking for an exorbitant apportionment out of the funds to be raised by taxation. The Board of Education is asking for an apportionment of \$43,000, while the employees of the police, fire, street and electric light departments of the municipality are bringing every influence to bear to persuade the City Trustees to increase their salaries. The tax rate is to be fixed on the first Monday of October.

In explaining his position City Trustee Bowers said to-night: "I yield to no one in my loyalty to our public schools, but I believe that economy can be practiced in the School Department as well as in any other municipal department. It is easy to contract an indebtedness and leave it to posterity to pay, but it is frequently the debts fall due before posterity has an opportunity."

SURVEYOR'S STAKES AROUSE SUSPICION

City Engineer Turner Investigates Setting of Boundary Lines on Disputed Lake Merritt Hill

OAKLAND, Sept. 13.—Surveyor's stakes driven across a portion of the northeast corner of Lake Merritt on land that has been uncovered by receding of the lake waters have been discovered by City Engineer F. C. Turner. The official says possibilities of an attempt to "jump" six or seven acres of the lake. Investigation has been commenced to learn by whom and for what purpose the stakes have been set. There is a controversy between the city and property owners abutting on the northeast arm of the lake as to the correct boundary lines. City Engineer Turner suspects that the stakes represent an attempt to claim some lands that have been in dispute. Some of this new land was submerged until the dredging debris working back from the lake waters filled above the surface of the lake waters.

Marriage Licenses

OAKLAND, Sept. 13.—The following marriage licenses were issued by the County Clerk to-day: Gustav David, 26, and Leonora Stiles, 35, both of San Francisco; William W. Giddings, 30, Newman, and Julia V. Johnson, 24, Oakland; Leon de Blain, 26, and Helen M. Dauson, 20, both of Oakland; Roy Owens, 27, Chicago, and Violet Ferguson, 21, Honolulu; Benedict Wilson, over 21, and Nellie Angus, over 18, both of San Francisco; Robert de Lancy, 27, San Francisco, and Daisy P. Smith, 18, Alameda; Frederick C. Rhoades, over 21, Seattle, and Pauline M. Elean, over 18, Los Angeles.

Says Husband Beat Her

OAKLAND, Sept. 13.—Charged with brutally beating and kicking his wife, Hattie M. Pritchard, Owen R. Pritchard, a blacksmith, living at Eleventh and Clay streets, was arrested to-day by Detectives Quigley and Holland after Mrs. Pritchard had told terror-stricken to the police for help. With a baby three months old to care for, the frail woman declares she was so severely treated that she was compelled to go to bed. Police Judge Smith fixed bail at \$1000 because of the aggravated nature of the case and presented to him. Pritchard's trial was set for September 27.

BAPTIST RECEPTION—OAKLAND, Sept. 13.—The Baptist Ministerial Union held a reception at the First Baptist Church this evening in honor of the Rev. C. H. Hobart, former pastor of the church, who is in charge of the First Baptist Church of Pasadena.

JUDGE DENIES WRIT—OAKLAND, Sept. 13.—The temporary writ of habeas corpus asked for by Leonard Vince against the grand jury was denied by Judge Ellsworth this morning, and he was set for tomorrow for the petition for a permanent injunction for September 24.

IS VERY VIOLENT—OAKLAND, Sept. 13.—William Mayer, who was taken into custody by the police on Monday night, after attempting to gain the wheel from the pilot, has become so violent that his examination, which was set for tomorrow, will take place at the hospital. He is strong and hard to manage, and it is feared would make much trouble if taken into the courtroom. Judge Melvin will hold his examination in the man's cell.

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WOMAN, IN MOMENT OF INSANITY, FIRES HOME

Divorced Wife of Eric Thompson Tries to Wreak Vengeance on Him by Burning the Cottage in Which He Had Lived

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, Sept. 13.—The active work in the campaign for bonds is now under way and the campaign committee of the Progress Federation is making energetic efforts to insure the success of the issue at the coming election. The committee has already arranged for a number of bond rallies, to be held in different parts of the city, at which able speakers will deliver addresses.

The first of these meetings will be held to-morrow evening in Cameron Hall, at which the Rev. P. C. York will be the principal speaker. On Friday evening, September 16, three rallies will be held in different parts of the city. Mayor Warren Olney and Edwin Stearns will address a meeting at Becker's Hall; at Alcatraz Hall in West Oakland Colonel John P. Irish, the Rev. Father McNally and Aaron Burtrager will tell of the benefits that the city will derive from the bonds; the third rally will be held at Milton Hall on San Pablo avenue and Twenty-eighth street, at which Bernard P. Miller and others will speak.

A grand mass meeting will be held at Idera Park on Tuesday evening, September 20, at which several prominent citizens will deliver addresses. On the same evening a bond rally will be held at the Union-street Presbyterian Church.

The Civic Educational League of Oakland will hold a bond rally on Wednesday evening, September 21, at department 2 of the Police Court. The speakers for this meeting have not yet been assigned. On the same evening a meeting to discuss the proposed bond issue will be held at Klinkner Hall in Golden Gate.

The last grand mass meeting of the campaign will be held at City Hall Park on Friday evening, September 23, at which citizens will be addressed by city officials, members of the campaign committee and others.

The campaign for the bonds will close with a big parade on the evening of September 25, the night before the bond election.

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

BERKELEY, Sept. 13.—The students in the Greek department are becoming more and more interested in the presentation of the "Ajax" of Sophocles as the time approaches for its final staging. Assignments of the speaking parts have already been made and the lines are being rehearsed daily. The direction of Miss Mabel Barrows of New York. While the burden of committing the lines rests with the nine principals the most characteristic feature of a Greek tragedy is the presence of fifteen sailors and warriors, companions of Ajax, who had followed him from Troy to Salamis. It is the duty of the chorus to sing the action of the play and reflect the emotion of the actor. Without a well trained and sympathetic chorus the drama is impossible. However good the other characters may be. It is for this reason that Miss Barrows has selected for her cast a cast of people to take these singing parts.

Professor Samuel Fortier of the trigonometry department of the school has received the appointment of overseer for the permanent improvement of the Turlock canal. The board of directors of the canal has retained Professor Fortier to prepare plans for the improvements, which will consist of the widening of the canal, the deepening of the locks, the construction of the concrete wall for the canal, and other improvements that will cost \$200,000.

OVERBAY CHARITIES

Annual Report of Alameda County Society Indicates That Results Are Valuable.

OAKLAND, Sept. 13.—The annual reports of the officers of the Associated Charities of Alameda County, which were submitted to the directors of the association at the annual meeting last night, show that a large amount of business has been transacted by the organization during the last twelve months, all of which has been satisfactorily disposed of. More than 1500 cases of various kinds have been brought to the attention of the Associated Charities for investigation, and relief has been afforded in every instance where the applicant has been found worthy. The report of President B. H. Pendleton deals fully with the general work of the association.

FRANK A. LEACH HURT WHILE ON FISHING TRIP

OAKLAND, Sept. 13.—Frank A. Leach, superintendent of the United States Mint in San Francisco, met with a painful injury a few days ago while on a fishing trip to Lake Tahoe. He was trolling in a row-boat and he slipped and fell to the bottom of the boat, striking his back against the seat.

Woman Wants to Carry Pistol

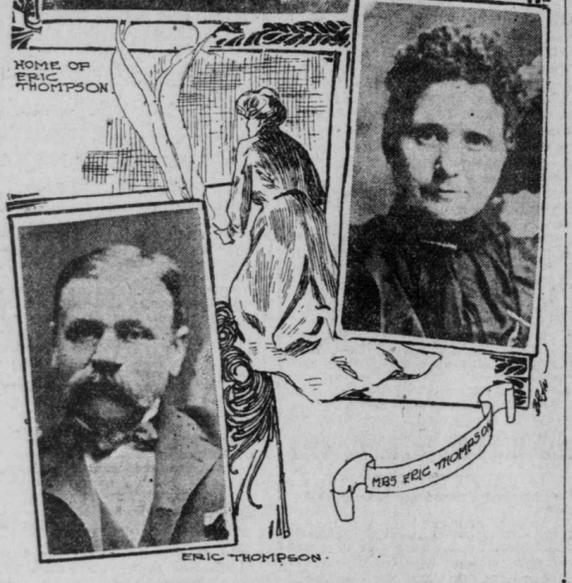
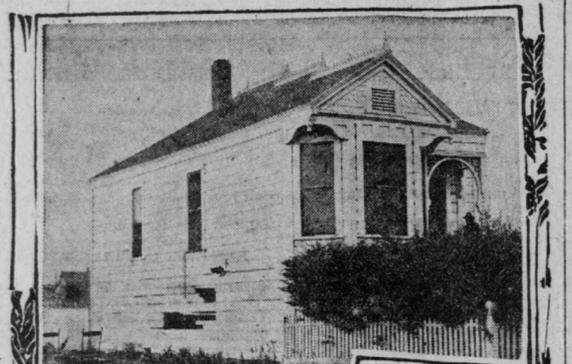
OAKLAND, Sept. 13.—Mrs. F. E. Porter, a woman barber, applied to the police to be permitted to carry a pistol. She said her husband, Charles Porter, had reviled her on the street and had beaten one F. Beal, who had tried to protect her from her spouse's wrath. The Porters' domestic disagreements have occupied much attention in the Police Court.

PATNS WALRATH REQUESTS—OAKLAND, Sept. 13.—An order for the payment of his legal fees by the late Margaret E. Walrath was made this morning by Judge Melvin after a fierce contest that failed to break the tie between the parties. The estate is valued at \$17,245.81, and sufficient money is on hand to pay the legacies, amounting to \$15,440.22.

TO JUDGE JOHN J. DE HAVEN, \$2050.27; ALLEN D. CUSHING, \$2385.27; MINNIE ROBERTS, \$492.50; ELIZA L. FRENCH, \$492.50; GERTRUDE FRENCH, \$492.50; SARAH L. DE HAVEN, \$492.50; FLORENCE CORREA, \$492.50; GRACE LARUE, \$492.50; SARAH A. DE HAVEN, \$985.08; A. H. JOHNSON, \$417.25; MARGARET E. WALRATH, \$221.50; LOUISA L. LARUE, \$421.50.

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CITIZEN OF GOLDEN GATE AND HIS DIVORCED WIFE WHOM HE ACCUSED OF HAVING SET FIRE TO HIS HOME AND THE COTTAGE THAT WAS SAVED FROM DESTRUCTION BY FIREMEN.

OAKLAND, Sept. 13.—In an evidently insane attempt to wreak vengeance upon Eric Thompson, her divorced husband, Mrs. Christina Thompson broke into the little cottage at 1213 Haspell street, Golden Gate, at 10 o'clock this morning and set fire to the house in three places. The residence all her separation from her husband, two and a half years ago, had been her home.

Thompson, a carpenter, was away at work in Berkeley. The only child, Emil, aged 10 years, was at school. Mrs. Thompson had full swing in her apparently crazy attempt at incendiarism. Had it not been for the discovery of the fires by neighbors the home would have been destroyed.

Mrs. E. Stone, who resides next door, saw smoke pouring from the cottage. She ran to George Blomberg's grocery at 3012 San Pablo avenue, a block distant, and gave the alarm.

Blomberg rushed to the dwelling and was astounded to see Mrs. Thompson standing in the dining-room near a pile of blazing furniture, holding in one hand a bottle of kerosene oil and in the other what Blomberg thought was a pistol.

An engine drove by the house to a fire hydrant a hundred feet distant. Mrs. Thompson ran out of the house screaming in a maniacal way: "Don't put out the fire. Let it burn!" The woman then started to run toward Lorin. That was the last seen of her.

Three fires had been started in different places in the dwelling. In the basement a pile of inflammable rubbish had been saturated with oil. It was burning briskly when the firemen broke into the house. In the dining-room half a dozen chairs, a table and some smaller pieces of furniture, heaped in the center of the apartment, had been sprinkled with kerosene and set afire. The third fire was found in a back bedroom under a sofa.

It was the work of a few minutes to pitch the burning furniture into the street and to check the spread of the fire. Afterward Fire Warden George McDonald took charge of the premises and reported the case to the Berkeley police, the house being just within the college town limits. McDonald made an investigation and procured statements from Blomberg and a number of the Thompson neighbors who had seen the woman at the house. Blomberg told the authorities that he had no doubt Mrs. Thompson was insane. She acted like a maniac.

Thompson and his son have been in dread of the woman for a long time. Two of her children died three years ago. It was said they had been poisoned by eating canned fruit that had spoiled. Because of her actions Thompson procured a divorce from his wife shortly afterward. Mrs. Thompson went to San Francisco and had been living on Bernal Heights. The husband believes that she was responsible for an attempt that was made to burn the house about a year ago.

Shortly before this morning's fire Mrs. Thompson tried to buy coal oil at D. K. Trubson's grocery at Golden Gate, but she was not successful, as her queer actions aroused suspicion. The authorities have not learned where the bottle of kerosene was procured.

Mrs. Thompson had a key to one of the doors. There was no force used in entering the dwelling except by the firemen.

Satisfied that the woman is demented, Thompson has decided to institute a search for her, fearing that she might attempt to harm him or the boy who has lived with him since his separation from his wife.

STORY OF SHOOTING CAUSES A SENSATION

Rumor That San Jose Physician Is Killed Starts a Flurry in Police Department.

SAN JOSE, Sept. 13.—Mrs. Belle Dugan caused a sensation on Santa Clara street, near Second, this afternoon by telling San Jose attorney O'Malley that Dr. J. A. McMahon, one of the most prominent physicians and surgeons in the city had been shot and killed. She said that a Miss Annie Fox had committed the deed. While the officer was telephoning the report to headquarters the woman hurried away and could not be found.

BESSIE L. EDMESTER CLAIMS THAT SHE WAS DESERTED UPON HER WEDDING DAY

HUSBAND TAUNTS HER

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, Sept. 13.—Deserted on her wedding day, Bessie L. Edmester, a wife of a few months, has begun suit for divorce against William L. Edmester, a laundry worker, on the ground of extreme cruelty, and asks for a sufficient allowance from his income to keep her from want. The pair were married by Dr. E. R. Dille on the 1st of May last, and a few hours after the ceremony was performed Edmester told his bride that he had married her "just for fun," and he then left her.

The plaintiff alleges that his behavior has been cruel in the extreme; that he has paraded her with other women on his arm, laughed at her, and on the Fourth of July he tried to make her feel more keenly her humiliation by acting affectionately in her presence with other women.

For abuse, failure to provide and intemperance Sarah J. Brown has begun an action of divorce against Samuel C. E. Brown, a railroad painter. She alleges that he has sworn at her and drinks to such an extent that he is disqualified for any great portion of the time, and is unable by reason of his drinking to furnish her with the necessities of life. They have one child, a boy of 8 years, of whom she also asks the custody.

SECRETS ARE OUT

By Zoe Green Radcliffe.

OAKLAND, Sept. 13.—Now that the knights and the Native Sons have had their innings and society has fallen back on its old resource of tea and gossip, the newest engaged girl furnishes an always interesting topic of conversation. Then there are rumors, which need not be taken too seriously, that have been made. Several important "secrets" have been told and retold until the little gloss of secrecy has been worn off and the ill-concealed facts shine through. It has leaked out that beautiful Miss Fox will become a bride next month. She is expected home this week from the south, where she has been visiting. The lucky man is said to be Eugene E. Hewitt, a prominent attorney of San Francisco, and Miss Fox's girl friends who have noted his untiring devotion, have been almost tempted to envy.

Miss Fox is the youngest and most beautiful of the three charming daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Fox. She is a tall, slender girl, of dashing appearance, with an exquisite profile. She belongs to Oakland's smart set and her marriage will equal in interest any that has ever occurred in the city.

Dame Rumor is also exceedingly busy with two other well-known social set. The social set has been waiting impatiently for the F. M. Smiths to return from New York, when their first son will become a bride next month. This city is expected to be announced. Interest has centered about these young people for some time. The young lady in question, though the heiress to great wealth, is a very charming, unassuming girl. Arthur Goodfellow, no longer kept, is a son of W. S. Goodfellow, the well-known lawyer, and it is said, Miss Fox is his first love.

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BOATMAN SAVES MRS. ELLEN PAGE FALLS INTO BAY WHILE SHE IS TRYING TO BOARD THE S. N. CASTLE HAS A NARROW ESCAPE

Wife of the Mate of the Vessel Dragged From the Water Just in Time

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, Sept. 13.—In the act of giving the last few struggles before she sank into the current of the estuary, Mrs. Ellen Page, wife of the first mate of the barkentine S. N. Castle, lying off Adams wharf, was rescued just in time to save her life. In clambering up the side of the ship she slipped and fell. A boatman, who was attracted by the woman struggling in the water, hurried to her assistance. A call was sent to the Receiving Hospital, which was answered by Dr. A. S. Kelly, who found the patient suffering from submersion and almost dead. Vigorous treatment had the effect of bringing her back to consciousness.

BROKERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HARRIMAN'S ILL HEALTH. Depress Southern and Union Pacific Stocks on Learning Magnate Was Not Feeling Well.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—Since the return of E. H. Harriman from his European trip reports have been current in Wall street that his health had not been greatly benefited by his holiday abroad. These reports crystallized to-day into the definite statement that he was ill and they were used by bearish traders as a factor in depressing Union Pacific and Southern Pacific stocks, properties in which Harriman has dominant interests.

Friends of Harriman state, however, that he has not been in robust health since the operation for appendicitis, which he underwent nearly eighteen months ago.

Eagles' Convention Is Opened. BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 13.—The opening business session of the fifth national convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles convened to-day at 2:15 o'clock. Aside from the meetings of the Grand and Acle throughout the week and the grand parade to-morrow the week will be spent in festivity by the visiting members of the order.

LATE SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

OCEAN STEAMERS. NEW YORK—Arrived Sept 13—Stmr Kronprinz Wilhelm, from Bremen; stmr Groser Nord, from Bremen; stmr Finland, from Antwerp; stmr Mosbla, from London.

CHRYSTIANIA—Arrived Sept 13—Stmr Athina, from London; stmr Victoria, from Liverpool.

ANTWERP—Arrived Sept 13—Stmr Montreal, from Montreal; stmr St. Louis, from St. Louis.

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MIRAGE FORECASTS THE COMING OF A VESSEL

Victoria Pilots Make Interesting Discovery That May Be Useful to Shipping.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 13.—Victoria pilots have made an interesting discovery in connection with the mirage that flutters almost daily over the horizon off Cape Flattery. Captain Cutler of the pilot boat Lorne, declaring it reliable as a herald of incoming shipping.

The Lorne was at the cape a day or so ago on the lookout for new arrivals, when the faithful mirage depicted a full-rigged ship reversing, seemingly deep laden, and the Lorne, which appeared to be but about twenty miles distant. She steamed for several hours at full speed. By that time the picture had faded away.

Captain Cutler was not satisfied to confess himself mistaken and held his course, with the result that the British ship Falklandbank was picked up, exactly realizing in every minute detail the picture that had sent the tow-boat on her quest.

DEATH AND DISASTER IN WAKE OF STORM

Hurricane Sweeps Coast of Mexico, Causing Loss of Life and Damage to Property.

TUCSON, Ariz., Sept. 13.—According to detailed advices from Guaymas, Captain Soberan and five of the crew of the Navolato were swept into the sea and drowned by the storm, which that boat encountered off the west coast of Mexico last Saturday.

The General Mena and the Luella, two steamships which left Topolobampo before the storm, have not been reported to have been lost. Three business houses at Topolobampo were wrecked by the storm and nearly every concern in that city suffered some damage.

The pilots of the Agrulla Sugar Company and the Sinaloa Sugar Company were flooded and partially wrecked. Other cities in the State of Sinaloa are coming to the rescue of the unfortunate victims of the Topolobampo, many of whom lost all in the hurricane.

ATTORNEY AND HEIRESS WOULD NOT BROOK DELAY

Grow Tired of Waiting for Wedding Day and Elope From Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 15.—Miss Eda Goff, just 16 years old, who in five years will come into an inheritance of \$100,000 left her by her grandmother, and W. L. Bowers, a promising young attorney, are missing, and their relatives and friends are wondering where they have been married. The elopement occurred this afternoon almost under the eyes of the young woman's mother.

The couple had been lovers for more than a year and it was known that they intended to marry. The only person Miss Goff's parents had was her youth. They promised her if she would go to college she could marry as soon as she graduated.

MINISTER AND LAYMAN FIGHT DUEL WITH GUNS

Divine Receives Charge of Shot in Side and Opponent Is Seriously Wounded.

COLUMBUS, Miss., Sept. 13.—In a duel with shotguns about eight miles from here to-day Rev. E. M. Younghouse, aged 37 years, and James Harris, 36, fought a duel in the stomach, and the life of the latter is despaired of. Rev. Mr. Younghouse received a charge of shot in his side, but is not seriously injured.

BRIEF CITY NEWS.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—The American Federation of Labor elected officers last night as follows: President, Michael Glynn; vice president, John C. McCarthy; secretary, J. J. McLaughlin; treasurer, Thomas McGrath; delegate to Labor Council, John Moore; trustees—James Gill, Robert Kelly, Frank Murphy and J. Natsky. STOLE WATCH FROM A JAP.—Thomas O'Connor is accused of having stolen a watch from a Japanese named Tony Wankner. The watch was valued at \$100 and was found on O'Connor last night by a constable and collector for Sheriff O'Connor. O'Connor was arrested and the watch was returned to the owner.

WOMAN TAKES OWN LIFE.—Dependent Mrs. W. H. White, who lives at 22 Chesley street, McCarthy notified her that she was going to dispose of her services to Mrs. Frank Hall entered the McCarthy house and found the woman on a lounge, with an empty bottle beside her. Life was extinct. The body was removed to the morgue.

ACCUSED EMBLEZZLER CAPTURED.—Detective Ross Whitehead, from Columbus, Ohio, last night with W. Buisinger, who is accused of felony embezzlement, Buisinger was found on a corner and collector for Sheriff O'Connor. O'Connor was arrested and the watch was returned to the owner.

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