NEWS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

KNOWLAND WINS BIG DECISION

Campaign for Congress Is Opened With a Joke That Will Become a Reality

PREPARES FOR BATTLE

Resignation as State Senator Is Sent to Governor Pardee at Sacramento

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, Sept. 16.

"The case of Knowland against McPike is called. There being no answer upon the part of the defendant, judgment is entered for the plaintiff for one seat in Congress."

This was the way in which George W. Reed opened the session of the Republican Congressional Committee of the Third District to-day. The meeting was held in the courtroom of Justice of the Peace Quinn, and with a pile of legal books and dockets in front of him Mr. Reed decided that this would be about the proper introduction. The spirit of the joke was caught up by the committee, and the members got right down to work as if it was play.

W. L. Crooks represented Solano County and G. E. Milnes of Martinez represented Contra Costa County, and there was a full gathering of the Alameda County members. The work was principally to begin the campaign in the interests of J. R. Knowland for Congress, to succeed Victor H. Metcalf, and the different committeemen gave expression to the desires from their section of the district.

Mr. Knowland was present and expressed a desire that the first meeting of the campaign be held in Oakland, and that after that he was ready to do what the different committeemen thought best.

Mr. Milnes of Contra Costa County said that his portion of the district was loyal to Mr. Knowland and the Republican ticket, and that he would suggest five good meetings in Contra Costa, one in Richmond, one in Martinez, one in Antioch, one somewhere in the San Ramon Valley and another on the coast line. Mr. Milnes was very sanguine about Contra Costa County.

Mr. Crooks from Solano County wanted one big meeting in Vallejo, one in Benicia and one in Suisun. He also expressed the belief that Solano County would be strong for Mr. Knowland.

A provisional list of meetings was drawn up and will be submitted to the State Central Committee at its meeting next week, and the State Central Committee will be asked to help with speakers. When an agreement has been reached upon these meetings the dates will be announced. A special committee upon meetings was announced, consisting of Dr. C. L. Tisdale of Alameda, W. H. Church of Oakland, F. W. Richardson of Berkeley, W. L. Crooks of Solano and John Birmingham Jr. of Contra Costa.

Mr. Knowland to-day forwarded his resignation as State Senator to Governor George C. Pardee. This will leave a vacancy in the district, but as the election intervenes between now and the next session of the Legislature a special election will have to be held. According to the call for the last Republican County Convention the delegates that at that time constituted the Fourteenth Senatorial District were given power to nominate a successor to Mr. Knowland. City Attorney W. M. Simpson of Alameda will be nominated by the Republicans.

Mr. Knowland has rented the rooms in the Delger block, on the corner of Tenth street and Broadway, formerly occupied by Congressman Victor H. Metcalf, and will open them as headquarters during the campaign.

PRESBYTERIANS SEEK DR. MINTON'S RETURN

Members of Congregation Circulate Petition Asking for Former Pastor's Recall.

BERKELEY, Sept. 16.—Members of the First Presbyterian Church are seeking for the return of their former pastor, the Rev. Henry C. Minton, now of the First Presbyterian Church of Trenton, N. J. A petition is being circulated among the congregation and through this it is hoped to prevail upon Dr. Minton to return. The petition, which is addressed to the officers of the church, reads as follows:

"To the session of the First Presbyterian Church: We, members of the church and society, most respectfully petition that you call a congregational meeting for the purpose of voting upon the question of extending a call to Dr. Henry C. Minton to become our pastor."

Marriage Licenses.

OAKLAND, Sept. 16.—The following marriage licenses were issued by the County Clerk to-day: Charles W. Atkins, 32, San Francisco, and Alice Manlove, 23, Oakland; Charles W. Lund, 28, Wheatland, and Etta Steinegger, 25, Fruitvale; Manuel R. Simas, 30, Oakland, and Mary Dutra, 18, Haywards; Shusaku Miho, 28, San Francisco, and Sada Hasaba, 19, Oakland.

Board Disciplines Contractor.

OAKLAND, Sept. 16.—Superintendent of Streets C. F. Ott filed a complaint with the Board of Public Works to-day that the Sunset Lumber Company had neglected to furnish supplies according to its contract. Ott was directed to buy lumber in the open market and charge the cost against the contractors.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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CROWLEY MAKES NO APPEARANCE

He Allows Divorce Action Pending Against Him to Be Settled by Default

DEXTERS ARE NOW FREE

Husband of Soprano Soloist Is Given His Decree Upon the Ground of Desertion

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, Sept. 16.

A default judgment was taken to-day against Dr. D. D. Crowley in the divorce action brought against him by Alma E. Crowley, charging him with desertion, and the matter was referred to the Court Commissioner to take the testimony. The troubles of the pair have become more or less public during the last year, owing to Mrs. Crowley's attempt to horsewhip her husband one evening as he was leaving the home of a lady patient, to whom Mrs. Crowley had taken an aversion. There will be no contest and the property rights will be settled out of court.

Deputy County Assessor H. C. Dexter was granted a divorce to-day from Carrie Brown Dexter, soloist in the choir of the First Presbyterian Church, on the ground of desertion. They were married in 1889, but for the last five years have not been living together. She took a dislike to her husband and refused to live with him, and taking their three children went back to the home of her parents. By the consent of the parties the children will continue to live with their mother and grandparents.

Suit for divorce was begun this afternoon by Hattie M. Pritchard against Owen R. Pritchard, a horseshoer, on the ground of cruelty. In the complaint Attorney Pulcifer sets forth that Pritchard has abused his client and sworn at her times without number.

Pending the trial of a divorce suit brought by W. B. Heyer of Haywards against Carrie C. Heyer an order was made to-day that he pay her $20 a month alimony.

Elizabeth Archard was granted an allowance of $6 a week for herself and seven children pending the decision of a divorce action brought by her against Charles Archard.

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

BERKELEY, Sept. 16.—Dr. Alonzo Englebert Taylor, professor of pathology, will deliver the first Herzstein lectures on a problem in scientific medicine this year. His subject will be "Ferments and Fermentations." The Herzstein lectures have been made possible through the generosity of Dr. M. Herzstein of San Francisco, the giver of the equipment of the new physiological laboratory. These lectures will be given at 4 p. m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning October 4, in the Students' Observatory. The public will be welcomed. A particular invitation is extended to physicians and to students of medicine. The programme for the Herzstein lectures is as follows:

October 4—"General Considerations"; "Definition of Types."

October 6—"Kinetics of Katalysis"; "Present Application to Fermentations" of biological order).

October 11—"Fermentation of Polysaccharides, Di-saccharides and Glucosides."

October 13—"Fermentation of Monosaccharides; Alcoholic Fermentation."

October 18—"Fermentation of Fats."

October 20—"Fermentation of Protein."

October 25—"On the Chemical Nature of Ferments and the Chemical Nature of Fermentative Accelerations"; "Specificity of Ferment-action."

October 27—"Relations of Fermentations to Chemical Metabolism."

El Circulo Iberico, the Spanish association, is preparing to present a Spanish comedy at the end of the present term, the production to be in charge of Miss Josephine Seavey, Miss Lillian Williams, I. D. Wheeler and L. H. Cromwell.

The seniors decided at the singing last night to give a banquet next Thursday evening at an Oakland restaurant, this to take the place of the regular singing.

Max Thelen, president of the Associated Students last year and the class medalist, will continue his studies in law at Harvard University. He left for the East to-day.

Chess is about to be revived at the university and three members of the old club, A. D. Weitbrec, E. M. Strong and Leslie Dobbins, are seeking to interest students in the game. Regular tournaments will be held and a final tryout for a team to be sent against Stanford.

Grand Jurors Are Scarce.

OAKLAND, Sept. 16.—The selection of a Grand Jury from a venire of thirty names drawn a week ago resulted to-day in only thirteen being secured and a special venire of twelve was drawn, out of which it is hoped to get the required six to make nineteen. Upon calling the list of names this morning but eighteen answered. It was found that one of the men was dead, several were out of the State and a number were exempt from jury duty. The jurors to date are H. D. Nichols, Henry Schellhaas, P. A. Rasmussen, George H. Payne, Henry W. Taylor, W. E. Knowles, E. Schween, H. D. Eliason, S. Diavilla, H. D. Cushing, Edward Bronson, D. H. McLaughlin and F. D. Granger. The twelve men from which the other selections are to be made are R. M. Anthony, E. C. Niehaus, John F. Towle, James Keller, C. J. Heeseman, S. P. Meads, James Tyson, A. F. Edwards, Hugh Hogan, Clayton F. Hollis, Maas Ludus and E. P. Flint. They are cited to appear next Monday morning.

LAKE LINES IN NO DANGER.—OAKLAND, Sept. 16.—City Engineer F. C. Turner has investigated the reported staking of a portion of Lake Merritt, suspicion having been directed to a number of surveyor's marks found along the northeast arm of the lake. In reporting to Mayor Olney, who requested the engineer to make inquiry, Turner said the stakes were quite innocent, having been set to fix the lines of the regatta course on Admission day. Engineer Turner also set at rest rumors concerning supposed attempts to encroach upon the lake boundary lines. He reported that the lines have been definitely surveyed and the boundaries are located accurately so far as the city's interests are concerned.

PITCHER ESTATE LOSS.—Oakland, Sept. 16.—A decree of foreclosure was signed to-day by Judge Melvin in a suit brought against Anna Pitcher as executor of the estate of H. H. Pitcher by the Livermore Bank. Pitcher was at one time cashier of the bank, but he committed suicide at the starting of an investigation into the manner in which the Varney estate had been handled.

SAVED FROM DROWNING.—ALAMEDA, Sept. 16.—Harry Schmidt, 10 years of age and living at 1820 Alameda avenue, fell from the Bay Farm Island drawbridge this afternoon and was saved from drowning through his presence of mind. Although carried along in the rapid current, the lad managed to grasp a pile, from which he was rescued by Joe Vecchi, a fisherman.

FOLEY IS ACQUITTED.—Oakland, Sept. 16.—Edward Foley was acquitted by a jury to-day of a charge of grand larceny. He was accused by W. H. Bell of having stolen a watch and chain from him valued at $12. Two days were consumed in the trial of the case and this afternoon the jury brought in a verdict of acquittal.

It may not be easier to coax a woman than it is to drive her, but it is safer.

ACCUSED MAID RELEASED ON OWN RECOGNIZANCE

Sick and Unable to Obtain Bail Grace McNaughton Is Discharged From Jail Pending Her Examination for Larceny

GIRL CHARGED WITH STEALING FINERY FROM HOME OF MRS. THOMAS MEIN, JAIL MATRON AND OFFICER IN WHOSE CUSTODY SHE HAS BEEN UNTIL RELEASED YESTERDAY ON HER OWN RECOGNIZANCE.

OAKLAND, Sept. 16.—Grace McNaughton, under examination on a charge of stealing finery from the residence of Mrs. Thomas Mein, where she had been employed as a maid, was released from custody on her own recognizance this afternoon by Justice of the Peace James G. Quinn. This action was taken after the second day's hearing of the grand larceny charge. Attorney A. L. Frick made the request on behalf of his client, pointing out that Miss McNaughton was in wretched physical condition and could not obtain bail. To the request, District Attorney J. J. Allen and Attorney G. W. Baker, special counsel for Mrs. Mein, made no objection.

After her release Miss McNaughton was taken to San Francisco by her sister, Mrs. Maud Ramsey.

During the examination this afternoon before Justice Quinn, Clara Haggett, who also had been a maid at the Mein residence during Grace McNaughton's stay there, threw volleys of "I don't remembers" at District Attorney Allen. He tried to bring out the occurrences and conversations that took place in Chief of Police Hodgkins' office when Miss Haggett, Grace McNaughton, Mrs. Mein, Detective A. Shorey and Hodgkins, it appeared, were holding a "heart to heart" conference, at which the girls had confronted each other in the police inquiry concerning Mrs. Mein's complaint of theft.

Miss Haggett, as she declared her own name, though she is known as La Perle, from her stepfather, vaguely remembered about a valise and a yellow box that had been seen in Miss McNaughton's room. The questioning of Miss Haggett by the District Attorney continued as follows:

Do you remember a conversation you had with the Chief of Police in which you enumerated the things taken from Mrs. Mein's house?

I don't remember.

Do you remember what you told him?

No.

Didn't you tell the Chief of Police who took the things?

I don't remember.

Didn't you, in the presence of Grace McNaughton, enumerate the things taken? and didn't you say Grace had taken them? and didn't she deny it? and didn't you then say "You know better, you little thief, you did"?

Yes.

Now what did Grace say in response?

I don't remember.

"Well, there were others present at that interview," said Allen, replying to objections from Attorney Frick, "we can call the Chief of Police."

"Call him, call him," declared Frick. "I wish you would call him, but I don't think you will."

This colloquy excited interest as hinting that the defense will contend that the police made promises to the McNaughton girl which would, if proved, negative any testimony they might give against her. Both sides excused Miss Haggett, her testimony having amounted to nothing. Mrs. William Howlett, wife of a police patrol wagon driver identified hose supporters, a piece of jet-beaded lace sleeve material and a bed pillow as having been given to her by Grace McNaughton, who had roomed at the Howletts'.

The examination will be resumed Tuesday.

BLOCKS WORK ON MOCHO ROAD

Building of Highway Into the Magnesite District Stopped by Injunction

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, Sept. 16.

By an injunction granted to Harry N. Morse by Judge Ogden to-day the hands of the Board of Supervisors have been tied and further steps toward the building of the Mocho road leading from Livermore into the magnesite district south of that city have been blocked until the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors can be reviewed. Morse claims the road is unnecessary, and technical objections have been made to the procedure of the board.

The matter of building this road has been before the people for a year. Viewers were appointed and a survey was made. With the exception of claims aggregating $460 for the removal of fences, the entire right of way for a distance of 12.84 miles was obtained free of cost. In the tax levy of last year a special tax for the purpose of building this road at an estimated cost of $50,000 was included, and last Monday a contract for building the road was awarded to W. J. Schmidt, whose bid was $43,000 and the lowest received.

At this juncture Morse has stepped in and makes objection to the completion of the work. He is a resident of Oakland, but claims pro bono publico that the county generally should be spared this tax. By those in favor of the road it is stated that it taps one of the richest portions of Alameda County, as the mineral claims of that region have recently been purchased and the work of development on a large scale is to begin.

The hearing of a writ of review will be taken up next Friday.

Lucky is he who marries a widow whose first husband was mean to her.

WORKMAN FALLS TO HIS DEATH

Detley Nissen, Carpenter, Leaves Task Unfinished to Answer the Last Summons

Oakland Office San Francsico Call, 1016 Broadway, Sept. 16.

Just across the street from his home at 1219 Santa Clara avenue, Alameda, Detley Nissen, a carpenter, drove his last nail to-day and fell from the building upon which he was at work. When found he had been dead for several hours. A member of his family went across the street to summon him to his evening meal, but Nissen did not hear the call. He had been shingling a house and the work, incomplete, was as he had left it. No one saw him fall, but he was found beside the building with his skull fractured, and the ground gave evidence that his fall had been heavy.

Nissen was 60 years of age and had a grown-up family. He went to his home for his noonday meal, but when 6 o'clock came he did not return. At 6:15 o'clock some one was sent to call him, and then the body was found. A doctor was summoned, but Nissen had long passed the stage where medical assistance could be of any aid. In falling he had either struck a joist or the contact with the ground hurt his head. The left temple was crushed in and his death must have been instantaneous.

Coroner Mehrmann was notified of the death and the body was removed to the Alameda Morgue, where an inquest will be held on the remains.

Home From Outing.

OAKLAND, Sept. 16.—Superintendent of the Mint F. A. Leach returned to his home to-day from his vacation, which was spent at McKinney's on Lake Tahoe. He has entirely recovered from the effects of a slight accident that occurred on his trip.

STUDENTS MUST ENTER POLITICS

William Kent Advises All Americans to Take Interest in Civic Affairs

APATHY CAUSES EVILS

Leader in Chicago Reform Tells How That City Was Cleansed of Corruption

Berkeley Office San Francisco Call, 2148 Center Street, Sept. 16.

William Kent of Chicago advises all Americans to enter the realm of politics—women as well as men. Only through the interest of the good folk of the land, he says, can Americans hope for clean municipal government. It is the apathy of the American people that is responsible for municipal evils, and this must be overcome. Practical politics must take the place of spasmodic reform movements, and the people must deal with their problems in a practical way.

Mr. Kent said these things, and a great many more, in the presence of a thousand students this morning at the University of California, before which he had been invited to speak upon "Municipal Reform." This is a subject with which Mr. Kent has had a great deal to do, for he has successfully fought the allied corruptionists in Chicago for ten years. His knowledge of municipal affairs extends not only to his own great city, but to others. That he has an intimate knowledge of San Francisco affairs was manifest when he referred to the conditions of the new charter and the Mayor, whom he described as weak. In part Mr. Kent said:

I suppose it was my inherent pugnacity that prompted me to "butt" into Chicago politics in 1895. They elected me an Alderman and I went in to learn things. Before long I learned that the city government was totally inadequate and rotten. There were sixty-eight Aldermen in the Council and there were only ten of those who wouldn't steal door mats and milk cans.

By hard work we succeeded in changing things, so that now the city is governed in a fairly economic way and with little or no corruption. We succeeded in awakening an interest in civic affairs. The situation is now more hopeful, because the people have been educated to higher ideals of citizenship.

In the methods of work those hostile to decency find nothing better than the party to serve their ends. Now, there are no such things as parties among the grafters. The grafters are always non-partisan. The parties are really divided betwgen the men who steal door mats and those who do not. That is the line of cleavage. It is absurd to talk about parties doing anything in municipal politics. The Republican party freed the slaves and it looted Philadelphia. The Democrats, if they have ever done anything admirable, have also corrupted Louisville and robbed St. Louis.

You will find that rottenness in most all municipal governments. In Northern cities the Democrats ordinarily use the police for graft. The Republicans go in for bigger things and use legitimate power for their ends. The commonly attributed cause of municipal rottenness is the apathy of the people. It does not seem common sense to be minding the business of the State when you could be more profitably minding your own business. We found many people applauding our efforts until we began to probe too deeply for them. Then it was that we dug up the connection between evil legislation and the business interests. There was a "howl" and we were called anarchists, enemies of the city and other unpleasant things. This proved that more people were profiting by the reign of graft than was commonly supposed.

As for the methods of cleaning a corrupted city, publicity is the most potent. In Chicago we had some good honest newspapers back of us and we got the crowd awakened. We had to get into practical politics. There is no better educator than practical politics. It reveals people as they really are. I would advise a young man to get into politics. With disinterested motives and a willingness to learn from mistakes great results can be accomplished. The time is ripe. The people are ready to respond to higher ideals if you get them stirred up, and in this direction the press of Chicago and elsewhere is doing excellent work.

The game of politics is worth while. It is a game that I recommend to every one within the sound of my voice. It is more complicated than chess and more strenuous than football. It will satisfy you if you are pugnacious. But I advise you not to attempt politics for mere ambition's sake, for a man then discounts himself. It is better not to be handicapped by any weight or ambition, for then you lose your influence and people lost their interest in you.

San Francisco offers a beautiful field for this kind of work. It is an easy field, because San Francisco with its new charter has the mechanical foundation for good government, and this makes reform easier. One trouble with San Francisco is that its new charter is an attempt to concentrate power in the hands of the Mayor. It worked very well until the people elected a weak man. In Chicago the aim has been to distribute the power somewhat.

A word to the women. There is no reason why the women cannot interest themselves, too. I should like to tell you about the work of Jane Addams in Chicago. Her services there, I dare say, have been more valuable than those of the men. You who have the privilege of an education ought to have the strength and equipment to accomplish things. If you were to analyze what you are here for you would find that it means service. It is the duty of you all to enter the realm of politics, and if you do not interest yourself you had better, in the language of Bill Nye, "wrap your cellar door about you and lie down to pleasant dreams."

In the absence of President Wheeler, Professor E. W. Hilgard acted as presiding officer for the meeting. Mr. Kent was preceded by Professor Thomas R. Bacon of the history department, who was welcomed back to the university after a year's trip abroad.

Warren Heaton Dies.

OAKLAND, Sept. 16.—Warren Heaton, a well known attorney of this city, died at his home at 1216 Filbert street in this city this morning. He was 81 years of age and had been a resident of Oakland for many years. He leaves one daughter, Miss Mary Heaton. The funeral will be held under the auspices of the Odd Fellows.

STUDENT GOES TO JAIL.—Berkeley, Sept. 16.—Earl A. Sargent, the university student accused of robbing the house of Benjamin Dallerup, for whom he was working as a carpenter, was held to-day by Justice Edgar to answer before the Superior Court on a charge of burglary. In lieu of $1000 bail Sargent was taken to the County Jail.

MARSHALL PLEADS GUILTY.—Oakland, Sept. 16.—Dave Marshall, colored, pleaded guilty to a charge of grand larceny to-day. He will be sentenced next Monday. He robbed Edwin Brown of a gold watch and pin valued at $150.

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See announcement on Classified Page.

TALK STRONGLY FOR THE BONDS

Colonel Irish and Father McNally Plead for Needs of Oakland of To-Morrow

MUST LOOK TO FUTURE

Eloquent Priest Says Town Should Not Be a Garden for Sleepy Silurians

Oakland Office San Francisco Call. 1016 Broadway, Sept. 16.

In eloquent words John P. Irish and the Rev. J. B. McNally, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, drove home to-night before an audience at West Oakland solid arguments in favor of the bond issue, which will be submitted to the voters of Oakland on September 27.

Both speakers, endowed above the average with gift of tongue, presented to the residents of the western side of the city a mass of facts, figures and strong points. Particularly was it shown to those assembled at Alcatraz Hall that West Oakland had been well favored in the number of items in the bond issue, which were to be of direct benefit to that section of the city.

In his address Colonel Irish specially called attention to the fact that the bonding proposition called for the purchase of the De Fremery property at Sixteenth and Adeline streets; the park playgrounds at the edge of the northwestern end of the city, and the allowance for the improvement of the West Oakland Park. He showed that this balanced the amount allowed to East Oakland, with the overweight centered in the project to buy the "Central Park" site, the Sather foothill tract, to form the keystone in a magnificent arch of municipal improvements, for which the present bonding plan is but the beginning.

Father McNally dwelt more upon the esthetic side of the subject. The clergyman argued that there could be no improvement of the city that would not be of advantage to every one in it. "Oakland is beautiful to the man with thousands of dollars," said the cleric. "It is equally beautiful to the man with ten cents. The man with the dime has just as much interest in this proposition as the man with the thousands. We have Oakland, endowed magnificently with natural charms. To make them more magnificent it is our duty to expand upon them. Let us do that and to invite of her very beauty thousands to come to us and enjoy with us the beauties and advantages which we can obtain by the spending of this money."

COLONEL IRISH APPEARS.

W. W. Morrison, president of the West Oakland Improvement Club, was chairman. He presented Colonel Irish, who said:

It is singular that such a proposition as is before the city should attract such languid public attention. It may be that a majority of the people have concluded the debate in favor of the bonds. I feel that this is a serious matter for Oakland. This bond proposition has been advertised all over the coast. If Oakland defeats the bonds it will have a very bad effect upon the city. It were better if they are to be beaten that the bonds should never have been proposed. San Francisco's bond issue of $18,000,000 for surface improvements, like those proposed here, has been validated by the Supreme Court. Los Angeles, progressive city that it is, without a natural water park, issued bonds and made one. Portland, Seattle and other coast cities are going ahead. I am satisfied that it would be a very alarming matter for Oakland if these bonds are beaten.

Now it is going to raise our taxes. Of course it is. But for the first year it will be only 31 cents on the $100 and each year of the forty-year issue there is a reduction steadily and undoubtedly there will be a steady increase in our assessment roll. For myself, I own considerable property in Oakland. Some of it is not worth as much now as it was twenty-three years ago. I am not afraid to pay a few more taxes. In fact I should be mighty glad to pay taxes on more valuation if I could be sure that the bonds would carry.

There has been in West Oakland some complaint concerning the bond projects. I assure you West Oakland has received average fair treatment and this is only a beginning. I call your attention to the projects for this section of the city. We have no just cause to make complaint. And Sather Park ought to be bought. It is a splendid location. This is only the commencing of a very comprehensive park system. Whenever the people realize the value of and benefits from surface improvements they always want more. This proposed park system stretching across the city is the start of a splendid work. And we must make this start.

ABLE RULERS AT WORK.

We have an able, honest and upright city government. We have a Mayor and City Council composed of men of such character as cities seldom secure for their public servants. Rarely does a city get the splendid services of such a man of affairs as John L. Howard, who, with his committee, devoted hours and hours of labor to the work on these bonds. If we want to continue to have the services of such men as these we must stand behind them in their labors. Otherwise it is a case of any old thing in the way of government is good enough for Oakland. I feel strongly and firmly that failure to carry the bonds will give this city a black eye that will outlast our lifetime and the lifetimes of our children. Men talk about taxes. For myself, I would like for once in my time to pay taxes that would mean something for the beautification, the health and convenience of our city.

When the late N. W. Spaulding was Mayor of Oakland twenty-five years ago he bought a lot of school sites. For that he was abused and vilified as a real estate speculator. You and I have cause to regret that he did not buy five times the amount of land that he did purchase for the city. Take time by the forelock. Secure these properties when you can. We bonded 160 acres ten years ago in West Oakland for park purposes. You cannot get them to-day for three times the figure for which we made options. We need not mourn about the so-called burdens our bonds will lay upon posterity. By the time posterity begins to pay taxes the property which we shall buy now will be worth five times what we shall pay for it. If we desire to stand well in the eyes of those who shall come after us we will earn the thanks of posterity by voting these bonds.

I am convinced that the thing to do is to vote for all of the bonds and to make these splendid improvements that are contemplated. If the bonds fail to carry, I shall feel that every foot of property that I own in this city will be injured.

Chairman Morrison introduced the Rev. J. B. McNally as one who had always spoken for progress and betterment. Father McNally said:

IMPELLED TO SPEAK.

I feel that if I did not come forward and say a word for the bonds I should be remiss in my duty to the people. Our city has suffered in the past from a dreamy drowsiness, a financial malaria. In the midst of our lovely homes we have been looking across the bay to criticise. Rather should we have kept our eyes upon ourselves and put a strong hand at the wheel of improvements. We should unite to help out nature. We should make one great effort rather than to let the feeble spasmodic movements of the past be all that we can record.

For nearly thirty years I have been in this fair city of ours. I have seen and heard a great deal about its progress and setbacks, its health, wealth and morals, its schools, churches, its beauty and taste and so on, the same old tune. Some of us long for a change. We are awake at last to the need of putting on speed. Already this city has grown apace in three or four years, and just now there is being opened a field of progress and prosperity where every one can work. In the past we have had to do with a child, but already our city is a young lady. The infant's days are past. If we love our city it is time now to show her off at her best. Carry out this idea in all its phases and belongings and then without hesitating you conclude that it requires money. If you will have beauty and utility you must pay for it. If you do not want to fulfill your ideal of a city as one should be, let her remain unkempt, in rags and dirt, as she was in the forbidding drowsy past—the silurian's garden, the mosseback's plantation, the same old back yard.

I have figured out the expense, the yearly payments, the increase of taxes, and I take all this as simply a matter of course. For homes, for religion, for education, for beauty, good air, clean streets, parks and all the like we must pay. Therefore those who stand in the way of providing all these good things so conducive to our city's happiness seem to run counter to the true course of the law of nature. If we clamor for more wealth, you know the trite saying, "Money makes money." Spend money and you will make money. Your property will be worth more. You will be richer and certainly better pleased in every way if you bond your city as you are asked to do on September 27. There is no valid reason why you should not.

I don't propose to do the thinking for my fellow-citizens. I simply tell you what I think and in winding up my machinery belt my last coil of thought is that every man has a right to think for himself. In pursuance of this I here give expression to the ultimate conclusion of my mind—my sincere and honest conviction—namely, that it is my duty, my earnest, conscientious citizen duty, to vote for each and every bond proposition to be submitted on September 27.

I feel that I shall be proud of the progress our city will make if my vote shall be a factor in the making. I shall be happy in this grand result that our city will be healthier, wealthier, more cozy and comfortable. The last and climaxing thought of my mind will be that I have been a factor in providing a vast amount of work for the poor at good wages in the expenditure of such an enormous amount of money and the incalculable amount of labor that will follow the development of the city after the sure and certain success of September 27th's election for bonds in Oakland.

POLICE PISTOL PRACTICE.—OAKLAND, Sept. 16.—Police scores, out of possible 75, at pistol practice to-day follow: Chief of Police Hodgkins 74, Walters 69, Hammerton 68, Moore 68, Andrews 67, Murray 67, Forgie 67, Curtiss 66, Sherry 66, Cox 66, Gilbert 66, Sergeant Lynch 65, Fahey 64, Detective Holland 63, Scanlan 56, Detective Shorey 56, Gardner 45.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OVERCROWDED. OAKLAND, Sept. 16.—The Board of Education will open a new class in the Garfield School Monday, with Miss Alice Davis as teacher. Several other schools are overcrowded and other new classes will be organized, enrollment being heavier than last year, despite the temporary setback from the operation of the vaccination law.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

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Lea Myers (single) to Margaret B. Bowen, lot 26, Austin Park, Oakland; $3600.

George A. and Fortuna Lewis to Myron T. Holcomb, lot on E line of Webster street, 138.60 S of Bay place, S 50 by E 125, lots 13 and 14, block A, map of subdivision of Webster, Twenty-fourth and Valdez streets property, Oakland; $10.

John and Dorette Feyht to John W. Ledgett, lot on E line of Chestnut street, 170:2½ S to its intersection with the Encinal line, S 89 by E 132, lots 2 and 3, block 612, subdivision of map of Alfred Barstow Tract, Oakland; $10.

Willietta Ward (widow) to Lizzie Schultze (widow), lot on S line of Thirty-fifth (or Walton) street, 144 W of Telegraph avenue, W 50 by S 119:10, portion of lot 14, map B, map portion of estate of A. C. Brown, Oakland; $10.

Frank and Minnie Seifert to James T. Foster, lot 2, block E, Klinknerville Tract, Oakland Township; $10.

R. M. and Laura C. Fitzgerald to J. L. Darms, lot on N line of Pagoda avenue, 679.75 E of College avenue, N 169 by E 113:6, being E 43:6, lot 56, all of lot 55 and W 10 feet of lot 54, revised map of Rose Lawn Park, Oakland Township; $10.

Louise and Lottie H. Titus to S. J. Holmes, lot 11, map of University Heights, Oakland Township; $10.

George L. Payne (by C. R. Lord, Tax Collector) to D. Lambert, lot 101, block 10, Regent-street Homestead, tax deed, Berkeley; $3.

Frederica F. and Charles A. Kraus to Mary F. Feltshans, lot on E line of Arch street, 150.42 S of Hillgard avenue, S 50.14, E 142.08, N 50, W 138.325, lot 2, block 4, corrected map of Daley's Scenic Park Tract, Berkeley; $10.

James L. and Mary C. Barker, by J. L. Barker, attorney, to Charles E. Miller, lot on E line of College avenue, 120.20 N of Russell street, N 103 by E 120, lots 3 and 4, block A, map of University Villa Tract, in plat 77, V. and D. Peralta Rancho, Berkeley; $10.

Marie K. and Harold Andresen to Oakland School District, lot on N line of Third street, 125 W of Harrison, W 25 by N 100, lot 25, block 33, Kellersberger's map, Berkeley; $350.

James N. and Mary H. Abbay to William H. Abbay (son), lot on SW corner of Taylor and Willow streets, S 27 by W 102:6, lot 18, block 696, Casserly Tract at Point, Oakland; $10.

Joseph R. and Susan Ualsbitt to Willietta Ward (widow), W 33:4 of lot 7, block D, map of Broadway and Telegraph-avenue Homestead, Oakland; $10.

Julia A. Pennoyer (widow) to Joseph W. Legault, rerecord 995 D. 100, lot on NE corner of Thirty-fifth and Grove streets, N 50 by E 115, portion of lot 1, block B, Central Land Company Tract, Oakland; $10.

F. H. (or Frank H.) Rice to the Realty Syndicate, lot on E line of San Pablo avenue, 208.24 S of Forty-first street, S 124.44 by E 249.70, lot 2, map H. C. Dohr's Homestead, Oakland Township; also lot on N line of Fortieth street, 290 E of Market, E 50 by N 256, lots 37 and 38, map estate of John Evoy, in plat 36, Oakland Township; also lots 32 and 33, block 2092, Paradise plat; $10.

C. Helen Thomas to Linda M. Adams, lots 19 and 20, block F, map Broadway Terrace; $10.

Minnie E. and Charles C. Crowley to W. Andrew Knowles, lots 10 and 11, block E, same map, Oakland Township; $10.

Frances A. Atkinson to Linda M. Adams, lots 47 and 48, block F, same map, Oakland Township, quitclaim deed; $10.

Robert O. Bergson (single, son of Sarah Haney, formerly Bergson) to Sarah Haney (Bergson), lot on S line of Channing way, 158 W of Fourth, S 84.14, W 40, N 82.61, E 40, being portion of fractional lot 2, block 131, corrected map of Raymond Tract, Berkeley; gift.

Martha G. Bailey, et als. to Francis Ferrier, all interest (being an undivided one-half interest) in lot 1, block D, lying SW of line parallel to and distant at right angle 15 NE of SW line of said lot 1, map Valley Road Tract, Berkeley, quitclaim deed; $10.

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