NEWS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

Clever Women of Clubdom Enjoy Brilliant Function

Oakland Ladies Are Entertained at Breakfast.

OAKLAND, Oct. 19.—The Oakland Club certainly outdid itself to-day and the annual breakfast will be recorded in the club minutes as the most brilliant episode in its existence. Never has Maple Hall presented a more attractive appearance and few programmes have been akin, in general interest and cleverness, to that participated in by the distinguished guests of the Oakland Club to-day. Some of the cleverest women in clubdom were among the speakers, the music was excellent, and while enjoying this "feast of reason and flow of soul" the eye was pleased with a vista of elegant gowns, and the inner woman was satisfied with a menu well worth discussing. What more could one desire?

The tables were arranged in the form of a star, the round table at which were the guests of honor being in the center and from it six long tables radiated. Asparagus fern wound its graceful length down the center of each table entwining vases of pink roses and brass candelabra. A huge bunch of pink roses, nestling in billows of rose-hued silk and maidenhair, adorned the round table. The tiny stage was a restful spot with its garniture of trailing vines and potted plants, while overhead yellow songsters chirped and twittered in their swaying, gilded cages. Daylight was excluded and the scene illumined with electricity. The whole effect, while elaborate, was graceful and delicate, and too much cannot be said in praise of the ladies in charge.

Mrs. M. L. Broadwell was chairman of the decoration and was assisted in her artistic work by Mrs. C. S. Chamberlain, Mrs. W. M. Beckwith, Mrs. Frank E. Buckley, Mrs. Henry Abrahamson, Mrs. E. Bahls, Mrs. R. Bahls, Miss Lita Lavell, Mrs. C. N. Akins, Mrs. W. J. Brown, Mrs. Loran P. Crane, Mrs. P. Kisick and Mrs. Frances Gray. Mrs. Robert Duncan, though not a member of the club, aided very materially in the arrangements, and she it was who sent the exquisite roses that adorned the tables. Mrs. Kisick was chairman of the table committee.

During the luncheon Miss Isabel Seal, a musicianly young violinist, contributed several delightful numbers, her accompanist being Miss Estelle Drummond, one of Oakland's most promising young pianists.

The post-luncheon music was given entirely by Mrs. Mabel Gray Lachmund, who to a happy degree is doubly talented, singing as well as she plays, which is saying much for her performance. She is a graduate of the conservatories at Leipsic and Berlin and has studied elsewhere with famous teachers, and her work betrays a scholarly interpretation.

The speeches were all so good I wish I might give you a bit from each one. One always sits up and takes notice when Mrs. Hume begins to talk, and one keeps right on noticing, too. Her subject to-day was, "Is Club Life Inimical to Church Work?" and though her speech was short when she was through one was quite convinced that the club was a sort of front door to the church. She said that the "clubs that stand for high ideals are actuated by the same principles that underlie church work." She said, too, and with truth, that "the woman who gets most out of club life and church life is the woman who puts most into it."

Mrs. George Law Smith and Mrs. Mary Wood Swift, than whom there are no more popular club women in California, were, of course, among those who made bright, witty speeches. Mrs. Smith has traveled many thousands of miles since she was last in Oakland and in her own delightful fashion touched briefly on various things she deemed of interest to her auditors.

Mrs. Bunnell, president of the Oakland Club, established an innovation to-day in the way of toastmistresses. Each speaker was introduced by a different member of the club and the little two-minute introductions added to the brightness of the programme, which, in its entirety, was as follows:

Introductory remarks, Mrs. G. W. Bunnell; vocal solo, (a) "Moonlight" (Schumann), (b) "Spring Night" (Schuman), (c) "I Will Not Grieve" (Schumann), Mrs. Mabel Gray Lachmund; Dr. Susan J. Fenton, introducing Mrs. I. N. Chapman, president of the Adelphian Club, "The Recent Political Equality Convention at Los Angeles"; Mrs. W. S. Peters, introducing Mrs. J. B. Hume, president of Ebell, "Is Club Life Inimical to Church Work?" piano solo, "Spring Song" (Wagner-Liszt), Mrs. Lachmund; Mrs. John Bakewell, introducing Miss T. E. Brown, president of the Mutual Benefit Club, "The Noon Rest"; Mrs. Sara Rismer, introducing Mrs. George Law Smith, president of the California Federation of Woman's Clubs; vocal solo, Mrs. Lachmund; Mrs. C. S. Chamberlain, introducing Mrs. J. M. Cushing, "Happy Thoughts at a Happy Moment"; Mrs. Cora E. Jones, introducing Mrs. C. S. Borland, president of the Woman's Civic Improvement Club, "What the Civic Club Can Do for Women and What Women Can Do for the Civic Club"; piano solo, Piano Ballade in G minor (Chopin), Mrs. Lachmund; Mrs. S. F. Mikel, introducing Mrs. Mary Wood Swift, president of the national and local councils, "Incidents at the Council at Berlin."

Mrs. C. S. Chamberlain was chairman of the breakfast committee and the day's success reflects much credit on that lady's executive ability.

ACCOMPLISHED WOMAN WHO SANG AND PLAYED YESTERDAY FOR THE OAKLAND CLUB.

The guests at the breakfast to-day were:

Mrs. Bunnell, Mrs. Hume, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Cushing, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Borland, Mrs. Swift, Mrs. G. L. Smith, Mrs. Sanborn, Mrs. Bakewell, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. de Leon, Dr. Fenton, Mrs. Reamer, Mrs. J. B. Wheeler, Mrs. W. D. Smith, Mrs. McMath, Mrs. Mikel, Mrs. Grandjean, Mrs. E. Bahls, Mrs. D. Bahls, Mrs. H. Bahls, Mrs. Humphreys, Mrs. Kergan, Mrs. Schrock, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Broadwell, Mrs. Kisick, Mrs. Seal, Miss Seal, Miss Drummond, Mrs. Abrahamson, Mrs. Lehter, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Lovell, Mrs. Judson, Mrs. Grady, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Buckley, Mrs. Dorsaz, Mrs. Dey, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Chadwick, Mrs. Bartholomew, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Beckwith, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. R. S. Cole, Mrs. East, Mrs. Swale, Mrs. A. W. Palmer, Mrs. Samuels, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Akins, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. W. S. Palmer, Mrs. Tennant, Miss Jane Palmer, Mrs. Voss, Mrs. McCormack, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Crowell, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Forrester, Mrs. Brock, Mrs. Dabney, Mrs. Swaner, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Woolley, Mrs. Baltz, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Rhunel, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Bassford, Mrs. Ellison, Mrs. Ryle, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Meguire, Mrs. McClunie, Mrs. Whitehead, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Luning, Miss Worley, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Connors, Miss Elsey, Mrs. Remillard, Mrs. Standeford, Mrs. Hogan, Mrs. Lachmund, Mrs. Radcliffe, Mrs. Koenig, Mrs. Schuneman, Mrs. Marsily, Mrs. Van der Naillen, Mrs. Keranke, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Chase.

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

BERKELEY, Oct. 19.—Robert Dupouey is to give four French readings, in prose and verse, from the works of Victor Hugo, in room 7, East Hall, on the following dates: October 25, October 27, November 1, November 3. Each reading will begin at 4 o'clock. Mr. Dupouey is a graduate of the Ecole Normale Superieure of Paris and holds the rank of a professor in the University of France. He was sent to Harvard by the French Government, and made last spring an extended tour throughout the United States as a lecturer for the Alliance Francaise.

At the half hour of music in the Greek Theater next Sunday afternoon the programme will be rendered by Dr. Bruce V. Hill, a singer; Fred A. Harney, flute, and Paul Thelen, accompanist.

Oscar Schober, who for thirteen years has been a mechanician in the electrical department of the university, is to start on a two years' trip around the world on November 1. He will go by way of Honolulu.

The humorists on the staff of the Pelican have threatened to strike unless each receives a Pelican pin and is supplied with materials used in his work. The pins cost $1 50 each. Manager Samuels says the men who now complain should have received these pins last year. He refuses to accede to their demands, declaring that he can easily procure a lot of humorists to take the places of all who may leave the staff of the Pelican.

John Galen Howard, architect for the university, announced to-day that plans are being drawn in his office for the new library building, the gift of Charles F. Doe. He also states that the granite and steel work of California Hall is nearly completed.

The Mining Association held its banquet tonight at Barnum's in Oakland.

DEMANDS MORE ROOM FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

School Superintendent of Berkeley Declares That the Present Buildings Are Inadequate.

BERKELEY, Oct. 19.—Superintendent of Schools S. D. Waterman declared last night at a meeting of the Board of Education that fifty new pupils had been admitted to the schools of Berkeley during the last two days and that he will soon have to turn children away unless more room is provided.

"The need for school bonds with which to enlarge our buildings and erect new ones is imperative," said Superintendent Waterman.

"Many of the schools are very crowded now, and the congestion apparently is to be worse soon. The pupils keep coming. There will be no place for them if something is not done to provide accommodations."

Boys Play at Burglary.

OAKLAND, Oct. 19.—According to Harry Brewis, 14 years old, he and a companion named Newall, 12 years old, hid in Gribben & Hill's second-hand furniture store, 447 San Pablo avenue, last night, waited until the shop closed and stole a mandolin, a rifle and some drills, escaping in true burglar fashion. Brewis was arrested at his home, corner Twenty-second street and San Pablo avenue. The boy's father says his son is weak-minded. The boy will be given in charge of proper authorities.

STRYKER IS ACQUITTED.—Oakland, Oct. 19.—James Stryker, charged with grand larceny for having stolen a horse valued at $450, was acquitted this morning by a jury, which took the view that Stryker was not responsible owing to his having been on a debauch for several months.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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TWO FATHERS WANT CHILDREN

The Mother Married Two Men of the Same Name and Both Press Claims

STEP-PARENT HAS THEM

Was Appointed Guardian and Now Resists Every Effort to Get Control

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, Oct. 19.

A father and a stepfather, both of the name of Sorenson, have begun a struggle for the possession of the two children of John Sorenson, whose wife afterward married a man by the name of Richard Sorenson. For more than six years Richard Sorenson treated the two children of his wife as his own. They are a boy and a girl, aged 14 and 11. A few weeks ago the mother died and now the real father wants his children back again.

As soon as the wife died, Richard Sorenson, the stepfather, went before Judge Coffey, in San Francisco, and secured an order appointing him legal guardian of the children. This morning John Sorenson sued out a writ of habeas corpus here, claiming that the children were being illegally withheld from him. Judge Hall denied the writ, as at the time of the appointment of the stepfather as guardian the real father had his day in court. The matter, however, will now be taken back to Judge Coffey, with a petition to reconsider and give the real father an opportunity to interpose his claim.

PROFESSOR STEPHENS OPENS LECTURE COURSE

University Extension Series Begins Under the General Charge of the Teachers of Oakland.

OAKLAND, Oct. 19. — Professor Henry Morse Stephens began a series of lectures on the French Revolution this afternoon at the Common School Assembly Hall in a university extension course which has been organized by an Oakland center, composed largely of the Teachers' Club. The lectures will be given at intervals of two weeks, running into next April. The opening lecture was on Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette. The second lecture will cover the work of the States General and the influence of Mirabeau.

The center has elected the following officers: President, Miss Elizabeth Sherman; secretary, Miss M. E. Norton; treasurer, Miss M. A. Sullivan. There is an advisory committee, composed of J. W. McClymonds, the Rev. E. E. Baker, J. P. Garlick, Mrs. Shafter Howard, Miss Helen Glenn and Miss Mabel Thayer Gray.

DIES FROM GRIEF OVER SON'S DEATH

Shock Contributes to Cause Last Illness of Mother of Late George S. Evans.

OAKLAND, Oct. 19.—Grief over the recent death of her son, former Library Trustee George S. Evans, contributed largely to the demise last night of Mrs. Mary N. Evans at her residence, 536 Twenty-second street. Mrs. Evans has been an invalid for some time. Her son had returned from a hunting trip, when he contracted typhoid fever, which ended fatally.

Mrs. Evans was a member of the Ebell Club and was active in that organization and in the Women's Alliance of the First Unitarian Church. She was 57 years old, a native of Iowa. Her husband, James Evans, and a son, Fred, survive. The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon from the Evans residence. The Rev. W. N. Jones, minister of the First Unitarian Church, will officiate.

PROMINENT BERKELEY CITIZENS FAVOR BONDS

Speeches Made in Support of Proposed Improvements at Meeting of Ashby Improvement Club.

BERKELEY, Oct. 19.—Enthusiastic speeches favoring the issuing of bonds for municipal improvements were made last night at a meeting of the Ashby Improvement Club in the Peralta fire engine house by the following citizens: Dr. Biehl, Professor Albin Putzker, C. C. Emslie, Trustee R. C. Staats, S. W. Gibbs, A. F. Hess, A. S. J. Woods, W. R. Batten, J. T. Short, W. A. Gates, S. N. Wyckoff and President Robertson of the North Berkeley Club.

The necessity for improving the Fire Department was emphasized, as was also the need of a manual training school and street improvements, all of which are covered in the bond issue which the Town Trustees are preparing to submit to the people at a special election soon to be held.

Sousa in Greek Theater.

BERKELEY, Oct. 19.—The performance to be given by Sousa in the Greek Theater on Friday afternoon will be the first appearance of the band in Berkeley and is expected to afford a better opportunity of hearing it than in a closed theater. That no one may be forced to remain away on account of the expense the price of tickets has been made exceptionally low. The whole of the upper part of the auditorium is unreserved, and the price of admission is 50 cents.

Must Try Again.

OAKLAND, Oct. 19.—Mrs. May Weed is trying to obtain a divorce from Frank Weed, whom she married under the belief he was wealthy. He talked of buying a mine, but the day after the wedding she found he had no money. She has had to support her husband, and Judge Ogden held to-day that this prevents her from getting a divorce on the ground of "failure to provide." Judge Ogden suggested further effort in other directions.

KEEPS HER HAT ON IN PRISON

Mrs. Mabel Sheahan Spends an Uncomfortable Night in Jail for Contempt

SHE REFUSES ALL FOOD

Woman Free, After Neither Eating Nor Sleeping During Her Incarceration

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, Oct. 19.

Without so much as taking off her hat, Mrs. Mabel C. Sheahan spent last night and to-day in the County Jail, where she was committed by Judge Melvin for contempt of court for interrupting the proceedings during the trial of her divorce suit yesterday. This afternoon she was examined by Dr. C. L. Tisdale, the County Physician, at the suggestion of the authorities, for insanity, but his only report was that he found "a very strong-minded woman."

During the long hours of the night Mrs. Sheahan sat at a table or paced up and down the corridor of the woman's department and in conversation to-day said: "Do you suppose I would sleep in one of those bunks or eat the stuff they have here? Not much. I sat right here all night and I will wait until I get out of here before I eat or sleep."

She was liberated at 5 o'clock this evening, as her second day began at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Attorney Johns, her lawyer, endeavored to have her apologize to Judge Melvin, but she refused to do it.

GETS MONEY FROM BANK AND HAS DISAPPEARED

Delos Brace, Seventy-Two Years Old, Drops Out of Sight and Police Are Puzzled.

OAKLAND, Oct. 19.—After drawing $100 from a bank, Delos Brace, 72 years old, disappeared October 10 and not a trace of his whereabouts has been found by the police. Brace lived at the Arlington Hotel, Ninth and Washington streets, his sister, Mrs. Henry Meyers, being the proprietor's wife. Mrs. Meyers departed a month ago to attend the St. Louis Exposition. Brace was anxious to go with his sister, but she felt that his age was against him; that the trip might overtax him.

The old man decided to leave, so it is thought, and drew the money. But inquiry has failed to disclose any clew to him among the railroad offices. Brace was quiet in his habits. His friends fear some accident or worse has befallen him.

DISCARD ONE MORE WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

Oakland's Advisory Committee Says That Mokelumne River Plan Is Not Sufficient.

OAKLAND, Oct. 19.—The Sierra Nevada Water and Power Company's proposal to supply 16,000,000 gallons of water a day from the Mokelumne River, delivered at the northern boundary line of Berkeley, has been rejected by the special advisory committee on water supply. Mayor Olney said the committee did not favor the project because it did not include a complete water plant for the city. The estimated cost of the company's plan as presented is $5,500,000.

CAST CHOSEN FOR JUNIOR DAY FARCE

"Just About Now" Selected as the Title of Walter de Leon's Composition.

BERKELEY, Oct. 19.—"Just About Now" has been selected as an appropriate title for the junior farce written by Walter R. de Leon. It is to be produced at the Grand Opera-house on November 25. The complete cast of characters was announced to-day. It is as follows:

Jack Howard, Walter de Leon; Charles Burkhaldt (Jack's friend), Will Henry; Reginald von Barkley Montravers, Percy Wicks; a traveler, "Pat" Bryant; Howard Higgins (Jack's valet), Edwin Rust; William Courtley, George Dickie; Iva Notion, Miss Sophie Treadwell; Grace Wiseland, Miss Isabelle McReynolds; Alice Burkhardt, Miss Ann Thacher; Mrs. Burkhardt, Miss Phoebe Binney.

Marriage Licenses.

OAKLAND, Oct. 19.—The following marriage licenses were issued by the County Clerk to-day: Eugene E. Hewell, over 21, San Francisco, and Ione H. C. Fore, over 18, Oakland; Charles A. Anderson, over 21, and Ophelia Westermann, over 18, both of Oakland.

Train Knocks Him Out.

OAKLAND, Oct. 19.—Charles Emson, a Scandinavian seaman on the American ship King Cyrus, was taken to the Receiving Hospital this evening after being hit in the stomach by the Seventh-street local train at Brooklyn station.

Literally the dazed mariner, who had been picked up for dead, did not know what had struck him. Emson had been drinking. His injuries are not serious.

WOULD DISTRIBUTE ESTATE.—Oakland, Oct. 19.—Petition for the settlement of the final account of distribution of the estate of the late Leontine C. L. Janssen was filed by E. A. Janssen with the County Clerk to-day. The estate to be distributed amounts to $18,173 44. The property goes to the widow and children of the deceased.

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Case Needs a Solomon

Two Women Fight For One Man

JUDGE DEMANDS THE ELDER CLAIMANT'S PROOF

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, Oct. 19.

"Either you are a deeply wronged woman or you are insane," declared Police Judge Mortimer Smith to-day after he had heard the story of Mrs. Kjerstine Jacobson, who insists that she is the wife of John B. Ampuero, an engineer residing at 1216 Clay street. Mrs. Jacobson was on trial, charged by Mrs. Bessie Ampuero, who also asserts her wifehood with the same man, with disturbing her peace by visiting the house and insisting upon establishing herself as Ampuero's rightful spouse.

"If what you assert is true," said Judge Smith, "you have made out this man a bigamist. It is a very serious situation and I shall demand proof before I disposeof the case."

Mrs. Jacobson testified in defense of her action in going to the Ampuero residence that she wedded Ampuero by contract October 6, 1894, at Pleasanton. That was one year before the Legislature annulled the contract marriage law. The woman declared she had lived with Ampuero for eight years as his wife in Pleasanton, San Jose, Tres Pinos and San Francisco. She insisted that Ampuero had deserted her to marry the woman who now bears his name. The second Mrs. Ampuero is young and not devoid of beauty. In support of her story, Mrs. Jacobson offered a long list containing names of persons in the places at which she had resided with the man she claims as husband. Judge Smith directed subpenas to issue.

The second Mrs. Ampuero was vociferously indignant at the narrative. She was positive that her rival had no legal hold upon the man in the case.

"This woman has followed us for years," said the younger wife. "She has asserted herself everywhere. I had an attorney investigate her story and I know there is nothing in it." Ampuero was not in a communicative frame of mind. He and the complainant departed together after Judge Smith continued the case until October 22.

POLICE CAPTURE YOUNG BURGLAR

W. F. Kennedy Is Taken Into Custody in Alameda for Robbing Several Houses

ALAMEDA, Oct. 19.—W. F. Kennedy confessed to Chief of Police John Conrad to-day that he entered and robbed the residence of J. C. Henkenius, 1210 Paru street, on the 11th of this month, and that he is also the person who burglarized the home of George Murdock, 1809 San Antonio avenue, and the house of Louis Newbell, 1837 San Antonio avenue.

Kennedy was arrested last evening by Policeman E. A. Willing in the vicinity of the Henkenius place. Under pressure he confessed that he was the house-working thief who has been busy here for six weeks.

Kennedy gives his age as 22 years, and says that he is from Kansas City. He affirms that he has not been engaged long in the illegal calling of robbing houses. Kennedy was taken to San Francisco this afternoon by Chief Conrad, and considerable of the property stolen by him was recovered from shops where he had placed it in pawn.

His plan of robbing houses was to ring the front doorbell, and if no one responded to try other doors. If he thought there was no one within he used a skeleton key. When persons responded to the doorbell Kennedy passed himself off as an upholsterer seeking repair work. It is suspected that he is the same Kennedy who shot a woman named Shoemaker in Kansas City, where he was a footpad, engaged with Jesse James Jr. and others, who escaped.

REAPER CALLS HENRY FOWLER, NAPA PIONEER

Henry Fowler of Napa, the well-known capitalist and one of the oldest pioneers of the State, died Tuesday afternoon at his residence in Napa after a brief illness. Mr. Fowler was 82 years of age. He came to California fifty years ago and settled in Napa, where he accumulated a fortune.

Probably no man in Northern California was better known or more universally beloved than Henry Fowler. He was strongly identified with the early history of Napa County and was interested in many of her enterprises. He was a man of pure character and strong intellect and was widely known for his many kindly acts.

Mr. Fowler is survived by a widow and four daughters—Mrs. John H. Mallett, wife of the vice president of the Renters' Loan and Trust Company; Mrs. E. E. Kindlespire, wife of the capitalist of this city; Mrs. Sherwood Bird and Mrs. Dinwoody.

The funeral, which will take place this afternoon, will be one of the largest ever held in Napa. The interment will take place in Toulocay Cemetery.

ACTOR DIES IN POVERTY.

Maurice C. Pike Passes Away While Serving Sentence for Vagrancy.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Maurice C. Pike, 67 years old, once widely known as an actor, is dead on Hart's Island, where he was serving a sentence of six months for vagrancy. His first role was played in a Bowery theater fifty years ago. Three months ago the old man was found sleeping in a hallway and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. His last appearance on the stage occurred one year ago.

Friends missed him along Broadway, and afew days ago began a search which ended at the morgue.

Admiral Van Sittart Is Dead.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—Admiral Van Sittart is dead. He was born July 21, 1818, and retired in 1873.

McCabe's Shortage Increases.

A further examination of the accounts of James McCabe, the missing clerk of the Southern Pacific Company, has resulted in the discovery that his shortage is nearer $4000 than $1200, as first reported by the officials of the company. Yesterday Fred Larkin, who has been employed in the passenger department of the company for many years, was appointed to the position formerly held by McCabe.

GARDNER'S BIG FORTUNE GONE

Financial Ruin Overtakes Former San Franciscan in the British Metropolis

Frank Gardner, formerly of San Francisco, who, for a number of years, was a power in the Stock Exchange of the British metropolis, has gone to the wall and is a bankrupt in Paris. Within a few months his wealth has been dissipated, his valuable country and city residences sold and his name discredited on the Stock Exchange.

Suits have been entered against him in the British courts, where he has been charged with bigamy, misappropriation of various persons' funds and where proceedings have been brought to have him declared a bankrupt. With the arrest of Whitaker Wright and the latter's tragic end, began the adversities of Gardner, although none of them are chargeable to any financial relations he may have had with Wright. At one time Gardner was rated on the London Stock Exchange as a millionaire forty or fifty times over.

Frank Gardner's financial career began in this city, where, while a ticket collector in the old Standard Theater, he met Carrie Swain, the actress, and eloped with her to Australia, leaving behind him in this country a wife and child, who arrived here just as the steamer bearing Gardner and Carrie Swain to the Antipodes was steaming out of the harbor. In Australia Gardner obtained options on properties which he floated in London. He was soon recognized as one of the greatest promoters in the world.

His financial ventures proved disastrous investments for the Britishers. Strangely, however, he continued to command their confidence until a short time ago. Millions of the people's money had been sunk in such enterprises as the Boulder, Perseverance and the Avena mines and then came the collapse of his mining project in Fresno County, in this State, where he bought the Copper King mine for $15,000 and floated it in London for over $3,000,000. He was represented here by William Daily, whose disastrous management of the mine and a smelter plant at Bay Point is recorded in the Federal courts, where the properties were recently forced through bankruptcy. Daily left the city and later turned against Gardner, who had repudiated him to save his own reputation in London.

Following closely on this affair, London was startled by the announcement that he had abandoned Carrie Swain, whom he had openly acknowledged as his wife, and had married a Spanish actress, with whom he went to Paris, when the financial crash came. Carrie Swain has since charged him with bigamy in the British courts and has instituted divorce proceedings against him in this country. Meanwhile an aged Spanish woman of Paris has sued Gardner in London for an accounting, alleging that he had induced her to part with nearly $3,000,000 in American and British securities, and hardly had these accusations been made against him before he was sold out of the London Stock Exchange and a suit brought to have him declared bankrupt. At present the London financiers are marveling at the manner in which Gardner accumulated wealth and at the reckless way in which he got rid of it.

TRAFFIC MEN ARRANGE FOR COMING CONVENTION

Citizens of San Jose Are Preparing to Give Their Guests a Royal Welcome.

The members of the Association of Traffic Agents are completing arrangements for their annual convention to be held in San Jose in February next. The citizens of the Garden City, represented by the local Chamber of Commerce, are preparing an elaborate programme for the entertainment of the traffic men. On Tuesday evening the association held a smoker in the rooms of the Transportation Club in the Palace Hotel, and took advantage of the presence of D. L. Bliss, president of the Lake Taboe railroad, to present him with a handsome set of resolutions, thanking him for the courteous treatment accorded the members of the association on the occasion of their recent outing at Tahoe.

WAGON WHEEL PASSES OVER BOY'S LEG.—Cecil Starr, a 10-year-old boy, while riding on a bicycle collided with a buggy on Folsom street yesterday afternoon. He fell in front of a wagon belonging to the American Box Factory, the hind wheel of which passed over his ankle, causing a contused injury. The driver of the wagon, Charles Kyne, carried the injured youth to the Emergency Hospital, where Dr. Carl Winson treated the injured limb.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Alameda County.

Mary H. Peters (single) and Arthur S. Peters, and, as her attorney, and Nellie S. Peters (widow) (single) to Anna L. White, wife of T. A., lot on SW corner of Tenth and Grove streets, S 50 by W 100, lots 15, 16 and portion of lot 14, block 114, Kellersberger's map, Oakland; also lot on W line of Grove street, 50 S of Tenth, S 25 by W 100, lot 17 and portion lot 14, block 114, same, Oakland; $10.

William and Margaret Austin to Jennie Edwards (wife of Albert I.), lot on S line of Walton (or Thirty-fifth) street, 626:11 E of San Pablo avenue, E 30 by S 140:4, portion lots 17 and 18, Cotter Tract, Oakland; $10.

Mary A. and Rose T. Mulholland and Ellen E. Saunders to John R. Mulholland, lot beginning at SW corner of lot 15, thence SE to SE corner of said lot, NE 34, NW 65.06, S 36, to beginning, being S portion of lot 15, block A, lands of Oakland View Homestead Association, deed made to partition above described and other lands, Oakland; $1.

John R. Mulholland to Annie May (single), same, Oakland; $10.

John R. and Rose T. Mulholland and Ellen E. Saunders to Mary A. Mulholland, lot on E line of Walsworth avenue, 25 S from NW corner of lot 14, thence SE 79.08, SW 35, NW 74.77, N 37:6, portion S part of lot 14, block A, same map, deed made to partition above and other property, Oakland $1.

John R. and Mary A. Mulholland to Rose T. Mulholland, lot beginning at NW corner of lot 14, SE 82, SW 24, NW 79.08, N 25, to beginning, being N portion of lot 14, block A, same map, same, Oakland; $1.

Mary A., Rose T. and John R. Mulholland to Ellen E. Saunders, lot on E line of Walsworth avenue, 36 N from SW corner of lot 15, block A, thence SE 65.06, NE 35, NW 74.77, S 37:6 to beginning, being N portion of lot 15 and extreme S portion of lot 14, block A, same map, same, Oakland; $1.

Hugh and Anna S. Hogan to Thomas D. Sullivan, lot on E corner of East Twenty-sixth street and Thirteenth avenue, NE 40.12, SE 146.36, SW 40, NW 143, lot 1 and portion of lots 2 and 42, Hogan's subdivision map block 87, Highland Park, East Oakland; $10.

Kristen L. Spangard to J. A. Spangard, lot on SW corner of Carlton and Grove streets, W 137.90, S 51.88, E 134.08, N 52 to beginning, lot 8, block H, map Crystal Springs Tract, Berkeley; gift.

Leah F. Mott (single) to Margaret A. Smith (widow), lot on W line of Lafayette street, 93 S of Buena Vista avenue, S 30 by W 100, portion lots 17 to 20, block 45, map near Encinal station of Columbus Bartlett, Esq., Alameda; $10.

Wellington Gregg Jr. (by William R. Berry, his attorney) and Leonie Gregg (wife) to A. W. Kelly, lot on S line of Seventh street, 100 E of Chestnut, E 50 by S 90, block 486, Oakland; $10.

Nellie T. and Herbert A. Swift to J. W. Hoag, lot on N line of Thirty-fourth or Brown street, 241 E of West, E 75 by N 129:3, lot 23 and E ½ of lot 24, block D, property of Central Land Company, Oakland; $10.

St. Joseph's Home for Deaf Mutes (corporation) to city of Oakland (corporation), for uses and purposes of public road, etc., land beginning at NE corner of Fortieth street and Telegraph avenue, N 20 by E 289.80, being S 20 feet of block O, map of Central Oakland Tract, excepting E 30 feet thereof, now owned by the Realty Syndicate, Oakland; val. cons.

Leo L. and Estelle H. Nichol to Emma K. Berg (wife of L. J.), lot on SW line of Monte Vista avenue, 750 SE of Piedmont or Webster avenue, SE 37.64, SW 115.44, NW 41.70, NE 115.50, lot 34, and portion of lot 33, map of Piedmont Villa Tract, Oakland; $10.

Hiram Tubbs Estate Company to Alice L. Tubbs, lot on SW line of East Seventeenth street, 100 SE of Fifth avenue, SE 25 by SW 150, lot 20, block 82, Clinton, East Oakland; $10.

Eugene Colby to H. H. Colby, undivided half of lot on NE line of East Twelfth street, 100 SE from — line of Eleventh avenue, NE along said line of Twelfth street 50, NE at right angle 150, NW at right angle 50, SW 150 to beginning, lots 5 and 6, block 41, Clinton, East Oakland; $10.

Edna and Robert D. Connolly to Lowell J. Hardy, lot on NW line of Fifteenth avenue, 65 SW of East Fifteenth street, SW 35 by NW 75, portion of lots 13 to 15, block 16, San Antonio, East Oakland; $10.

Edwin P. and Hellen M. Littlefield to Lewis Newhard and Emily Maude Snyder (wife), lot on SW line of East Seventeenth street, 120 NW of Twenty-second avenue, NW 30 by SW 140, lot 18, and portion of lot 17, block 37, San Antonio, East Oakland; $10.

Annie and Frederick J. Fernhof to Charlotte Brauer, lot on NE line of East Eighteenth street, 175 NW of Twenty-fourth avenue, NW 40 by NE 150, portion lot 6, block 1, map of subdivision 50 Associates Tract, East Oakland; $10.

H. E. Brittain to John S. de Lancey, lot on SE line of Third avenue (formerly Chase), 265 NE of East Sixteenth (formerly Munroe) street, SE 1750 by SW 37.92, East Oakland; $10.

Continental Building and Loan Association to Rosa M. Henkle, lot on E line of Ellis street, 100 S of Prince, S 50:6 by E 120, portion of lot 114, block 4, lands of Regent-street Homestead Association, 1870, Berkeley; $10.

John C. and Mary L. Lynch (wife) to Carmelita Alice Martinez, lot on S line of Hearst avenue, 150 W of Grove street, W 37:6 by S 125, portion of range 2, map of Hardy Tract, Berkeley; $10.

Herman and Amelia E. M. Cooley to George C. Alexander and E. M. Norton, lot on E line of Shattuck avenue, 87.14 S of Center street, S 48.71, E 123.54, N 47.56, W 117.55, lot 4, block B, Berkeley property maps 1 and 2, Blake Tract, etc., Berkeley; $10.

Frank H. and Fannie M. Lawton to Samuel S. and Addie McCurdy, lot on SW corner of Channing way and Grove street, W 100 by S 47, portion of lot 1, block 24, McGee Tract, etc., Berkeley; $10.

Emma L. E. and W. T. Gillihan (husband) to Roy T. Kimball (single), lot on NW corner of Haste and Fulton streets, N 50, W 100, N 40, W 50, S 90, E 150, portion of lot 5, block 3, property of College Homestead Association, Berkeley; $10.

Joseph Westall (widower) to Freeman H. Rogers, lots 31 and 32, block D, Laurel Grove Park, Brooklyn; $10.

WOULD END TROUBLES.—Oakland, Oct. 19.—Suit for divorce was begun this afternoon by Mamie Hornberger on a charge of intemperance and cruelty resulting therefrom against Elmer E. Hornberger. They were married a little more than a year ago, but she states that his conduct has become so abusive that she is no longer able to live with him. Final decrees of divorce were granted this afternoon to Mark Kevan from Rachel Kevan for adultery and Ida J. Breen from John M. Breen for cruelty. They were granted interlocutory decrees a year ago, which have now been made final.

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