

NEWS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

SWINDLER USES FORGED CHECKS

Berkeley Merchants Victimized by Man Who Uses Name of Charles F. Cole

FLOOD OF BOGUS PAPER Clumsy Counterfeit Accepted From Schemer, Who Gets Good Coin in Exchange

Berkeley Office San Francisco Call, 2148 Center Street, Jan. 6.

A flood of forged checks, passed upon merchants of Berkeley during the last few days, came to the attention of the police to-day when four of the victims related their tales of woe, and showed in evidence the bits of worthless paper which they took in exchange for coin.

All the forged checks were on the University Bank and were drawn to the order of "J. Woerd." The name of C. F. Cole, agent for the Spring Construction Company in this part of the county, was signed to the checks. The company has an account at the University Bank, of which account Cole is made a signatory.

The police expect to hear from other merchants of Berkeley who have been victimized by the smooth stranger who picked up the money so easily in West Berkeley. They declare that it is usually the plan for swindlers of this sort to cut a wide swath than four bogus checks would represent. Inquiry is being made among merchants for traces of the swindler.

John Sweetman, one of the victims, said: "The man who got the money from me represented himself as a laborer, who had money coming to him from the quarry near here. His checks were made out in regular fashion. They looked like pay checks. I had no hesitation in cashing them, though I had only known Woerd, as he called himself, a few days."

Fred Munday tells a similar story. A third victim of the forger appeared at the West Berkeley Bank this afternoon, in the person of a saloon-keeper, whose place of business is at Ninth street and San Pablo avenue. His name was not given out at the bank, but he is reported to have lost \$5 through the check passer's operations.

Charles F. Cole, agent for the Spring Construction Company, resides at 2417 Bancroft way. He said to-night: "I have been informed that my name has been forged to at least four checks that have been accepted by merchants of Berkeley. I have no idea who has done the work. Woerd is unknown to me. I hope the swindler will be caught and punished."

New Officers Installed. OAKLAND, Jan. 6.—The newly elected officers of Camp General Lisicum, United Spanish War Veterans, were installed last night at the Foresters' Hall. The officers of the camp were installed by Mayor C. H. Curzon, and those of the auxiliary by Mrs. C. Merritt. The new officers of the two organizations are:

Camp General Lisicum—W. F. Dunne, commander; H. E. Kastner, senior vice president; Andrew K. Weir, officer of the day; J. J. Holwood, adjutant; J. W. Amis, quartermaster; J. S. Huxley, chaplain; R. J. Faneur, sergeant; D. L. Hopkins, R. J. Faneur and Harry Huber, trustees.

Ladies' Auxiliary—Mrs. J. T. Morrill, president; Mrs. S. E. Dunne, senior vice president; Mrs. Lulu Huber, junior vice president; D. Huntley, secretary; Mrs. C. Merritt, chaplain; Mrs. A. Knutson, treasurer; Mrs. D. Annis, inner guard; Mrs. K. R. Todd, outer guard; Mrs. J. R. Todd, conductress; Miss K. R. Todd, Mrs. M. E. Faneur, trustees.

HINCHMAN RETIRES.—Alameda, Jan. 6, William B. Hinchman, secretary of the Alameda Bunting Club and now president of the Pacific Amateur Athletic Association, has resigned from the former organization. Hinchman's retirement from the Alameda Bunting Club was the result of a disagreement of that organization from the Pacific Amateur Athletic Association, because of alleged mismanagement in the distribution and expenditure of money collected for prizes.

Change at Mare Island. VALLIJO, Jan. 6.—Captain B. F. Tilley, captain of the yard at Mare Island, has been detached and ordered to Washington, thence to sea duty. Captain Franklin Drake, formerly chief ordnance officer at Mare Island, succeeds him.

BAYS CHECK WAS WORTHLESS.—Oakland, Jan. 6.—F. W. French caused the arrest of H. B. Gaston on a charge of passing worthless checks for \$500.

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CHURCH CLOSES FIRST HALF CENTURY. EXERCISES AT ST. JOHN'S

OAKLAND, Jan. 6.—The celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of St. John's Episcopal Church of Oakland began this morning with a parochial communion of the members of the parish. The Rev. Edgar F. Gee, rector, conducted the service and afterward addressed the congregation. Many of those baptized or confirmed at St. John's Church during the half-century of its work, who have since moved away from the parish, attended the service this morning, once more meeting old friends.

The first of the regular jubilee services was held this evening, being a union meeting of all the Episcopal parishes of Alameda County, with all the rectors of these parishes participating. The Right Rev. William Ford Nichols, Bishop of the diocese, preached the opening jubilee sermon, in which he told of the great work of Dr. Benjamin Akery, founder of St. John's, during the forty years of his rectorship.

After the reading of the lesson by the Rev. C. T. Walkley, rector of St. Paul's, the Rev. Edgar F. Gee welcomed the clergymen and laity to the church. After announcing the time of the various jubilee services the rector said:

"To this our golden jubilee celebration I bid you welcome. Especially do I extend a hearty welcome to those who have come here from the parish have come once more to the old home. For this is home, the first home of our church in Alameda County. St. Paul's Church, the Church of the Advent in East Oakland, St. Andrew's Trinity and all the other Episcopal churches in Alameda County are the children of St. John's, and in the same sense are the result of the great work of Dr. Akery, the beloved founder and father of our parish."

The address of the rector was followed by the opening anniversary address of Bishop Nichols, who took as his text, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." After speaking at some length of the history of St. John's Church and parish in the work of the diocese, Bishop Nichols said:

In the course of these golden jubilee services you will have a historical address of the great work of St. Paul's parish during its fifty years, and you will hear a part of what may be called the life of Dr. Akery, its founder. But it seems to me that to-night I may take that life, which for four-fifths of the life of this parish was devoted to its welfare, and the welfare of its people, as an example of my text.

Benjamin Akery was a pioneer, and, as your rector has said, he was expansive. Dr. Akery believed that one of the best ways to insure the growth and prosperity of this parish was to send out missionaries. And to-day we see the result of his work in the other churches of Alameda County. But his work was not easy. Dr. Akery was a pioneer and he met the same difficulties as confront others engaged in pioneer work. But with the true pioneer spirit he conquered these difficulties and laid the foundations on which we have since built.

Holy communion will be celebrated to-morrow morning at 7:30 o'clock in memory of departed members of the parish. On Sunday elaborate services will be held.

Peter Barnum Pott's Uncley Stunt demonstrated that a rolling boy may gather a great deal of trouble. In Next Sunday's Call—Comic Section.

FINDS MISSING WARES IN UPSTAIRS FLAT Housewife Plays Detective and Gets Clew That Neighbor Had Bagged Many Domestic Articles.

OAKLAND, Jan. 6.—Friends as well as neighbors were Mrs. F. Walcott and Mrs. Mary Palmer, occupying flats at 1402 Thirteenth street, until Mrs. Walcott missed a quantity of her household effects and suspected her upstairs neighbor of knowing something about the disappearance.

Sheets, pillows, towels, table cloths, aprons and undershirts do not take up much space, and they are easy to carry. Mrs. Walcott had a bolt of silk out of which a wedding gown was to have been made. Mrs. Clark writes that she is glad to know that her neighbor is so sure that she can find out what she thinks of him, with a warning that if they ever meet she will make the meeting memorable. She refers in a jocular way to the marriage license she bought and tells how Proctor left town on a night train on the eve of their wedding day. She mourns still the loss of the contents of her purse and the silk, which she had kept as a treasure.

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YOUNG WEBER'S COUNSEL ATTACKS INDICEMENT Demurs to True Bill Charging Robbery Returned by the Grand Jury.

AUBURN, Jan. 6.—The case of Adolph Weber, charged with robbing the Placer County Bank, came up on demurrer before Judge Prewett to-day. Attorney Tabor, in his demurrer, attacked the indictment on the ground that it did not charge that the money of which the bank was robbed was taken from the person of Bookkeeper Edward McFadyen or from his immediate presence, but that it simply stated the money was taken from his possession. He argued that to constitute robbery the money must have been taken from the person, otherwise it would be grand larceny.

The demurrer was taken under advisement by the court.



TWO BISHOPS OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND RECTOR OF ST. JOHN'S PARISH, OAKLAND, WHO TOOK PART IN SERVICES COMMEMORATING THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THAT PARISH.

ANOTHER WIDOW WANT BALLOTS IS VICTIMIZED TO BE SECRET

Portland Woman Deserted by "Doc" Proctor on Eve of Wedding Day Is Accused

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, Jan. 6. Another widow, this time from Oregon, has arisen to accuse "Doctor" William Proctor, now in the County Jail, accused of inveigling aged and confiding widows to loan him money upon the prospect of his accompanying them to Hymen's altar. Her name is Sarah Clark and she writes from Portland, Ore. The story is the same as told by the others, although the amount obtained by Proctor is not stated. She says that nothing was too small for him to steal and that he went off with a bolt of silk out of which a wedding gown was to have been made.

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NOT TO REPEAT QUEER BLUNDER

Survey Ordered of University Campus to Make Impossible Repetition of Error

Berkeley Office San Francisco Call, 2148 Center Street, Jan. 6. Under the direction of John Galien Howard, professor of architecture at the State University, surveyors to-day began the work of making an accurate and comprehensive survey of the entire university campus, the result of which is expected to be a prevention of any errors in the making of plans for structures thereon, such, for example, as was made when the plans for the mining building were carried out.

At that time if Architect Benard's ideas had been carried out, the mining building would have been left with one corner about forty feet up in the air. This was due to the failure to supply the famous French architect with just such a map or survey as is now being made. A glance at the mining building as it now stands, uncompleted, is said by architects to reveal the original misconception of the ground elevation by the architect who made the plans for the building.

John Galien Howard is to be supplied with a map so fine and complete that the height of every tree on the campus will be revealed. The map will show the elevation of every hillock, and it will also have a table of comparative distances, by the aid of which plans for any of the structures to be built eventually for the "greater university" can be drawn hereafter without the possibility of an error at any stage of the proceedings.

Architect Howard has almost finished the drawings for the new university library, to cost \$600,000, and very soon work on that magnificent structure is to be begun. When completed it will be the best equipped library in the country. Wisconsin University now has the largest library building, with most modern equipment, but the palm is eventually to be California's when all the plans now in abeyance are carried out. It is expected to be sufficient for the university's needs, according to the authorities, for seventy-five years to come.

COYOTES AND WILDCATS BOTHER BUTTE FARMERS Animals Make Raids on Chicken and Turkey Roosts and Appear in Streets of Town.

CHICO, Jan. 6.—Residents of Cherokee, as well as the farmers in that vicinity, are experiencing great inconvenience from the raids of coyotes and wildcats. The animals attack chicken and turkey roosts. At times in broad daylight they appear in large numbers in the very town. So troublesome have they become that the residents are considering the advisability of petitioning the Supervisors to place a bounty on scalps.

Woman Leaves Large Fortune. SAN JOSE, Jan. 6.—The estate left by Mrs. C. J. Martin, wife of Ex-Mayor Martin, is valued at \$16,000. Her will was filed to-day. It leaves the bulk of the property to her husband, stepchildren and brother, John Q. Hewlin, who resides in Victoria.

DIVORCE RUNS IN THE FAMILY

Anzerals' Name Again Appears on Record of Courts in Suit to Sever the Ties

RECALLS HOT CONTEST Man of Pioneer Connections Made Defendant in a Complaint Alleging Desertion

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, Jan. 6. Eva E. Anzerals has sued Raoul Anzerals in San Francisco for a divorce, alleging desertion. The couple have been separated for two years. Anzerals is a member of the pioneer San Jose family of that name, and a brother to Louis Anzerals, whose domestic affairs were involved in sensational litigation in the Alameda County courts. Louis Anzerals had been divorced from his wife, who was the daughter of Llewellyn Williams, a prominent capitalist of Sacramento. She had been married several times. By Anzerals there was a son, John Llewellyn Anzerals, who was the subject of a battle for guardianship.

The boy by his mother's will was left a fortune of \$150,000. Esmond, the stepfather, Mrs. Anzerals from San Jose, his grandmother, and C. W. Clark, trustee of the boy's estate, made a three-cornered fight to be named guardian. Esmond won. The boy's father had remarried and was in Paris. He took no part in the contest.

Raoul Anzerals left San Francisco two years ago and is supposed to be in Chicago. His wife resides in San Francisco.

Thomas J. Mitchell has begun a suit for divorce from Anna M. Mitchell, whom he accuses of cruelty and desertion. Besides being a scold he says that once when she got the house painted she told him it cost \$200 when in reality it only cost \$125 and she pocketed the difference.

The following interlocutory decrees were granted to-day: Frances Brandell from Henry Brandell for desertion; Mary A. Russell from John Russell for extreme cruelty; Emma Matheson from Joseph Matheson for extreme cruelty; Anna P. Miguel from John P. Miguel for extreme cruelty; Hulda Smyth from Robert J. Smyth for desertion.

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ACCEPTS BAY CITIES' PLAN

Council Makes Move Toward Calling a Municipal Water Supply Bond Election

TO BE HELD IN MARCH Contra Costa's Condemnation Offer Referred Back Without Recommendation

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, Jan. 6. The Bay Cities Water Company's proposal to install a municipal water supply of 20,000,000 gallons daily capacity for \$3,750,000 was accepted to-night by the City Council in committee of the whole. City Attorney McElroy was instructed to draw the necessary resolution for presentation to the City Council Monday night. The Contra Costa Water Company's offer to submit to a condemnation suit to determine the value of its plant was referred to the City Council without recommendation.

The Bay Cities' project as definitely submitted to-night recites the company's readiness to enter into a necessary contract with the city as soon as the bond election shall be held to authorize the city to proceed. In its tender the corporation declares it will furnish a sufficient bond of \$1,000,000 to protect the interests of the city under the contract. It proposes to provide the proposed system of water works, including all necessary rights, lands, properties and easements, to make all improvements and to convey the completed plant to the city free of all incumbrance.

The company agrees specifically to meet the following conditions: To maintain the city's rights to take and use the storm waters of Isabel Creek and the Arroyo del Valle; to maintain the city's right to the peaceable possession and use of all the properties, rights and easements included in the water works system; to complete the specified, or other agreed improvements on the properties in substantial and workmanlike manner; to deliver the water works system to the city free and clear of all incumbrance.

The company requires that a resolution accepting the offer shall be adopted within ten days, and that within twenty-five days thereafter a bond election shall be called. If the bonds are carried, the company stipulates that the contract must be signed by March 31. Accompanying the proposal was an invitation to each member of the Council to make a thorough investigation of all the data in the company's possession.

Dates were submitted showing that the election can be called between March 1 and 13. Attorney R. M. Fitzgerald, in reply to Councilman Howard's questions, said he would on Monday night furnish the City Council with a statement concerning the company's position in the matter of title to the watershed. Howard said he thought the company should be willing to pay the cost of the bond election in the event the titles are not acceptable to the city.

The Spring Valley Water Works gave notice it would attack the right of the Bay Cities to Isabel Creek waters. Attorney Fitzgerald replied that the company fully expected and was prepared to meet that litigation. He declared the bond of \$1,000,000 was by no means the extent of the corporation's resources, and that it was fully supplied with the means to give the city what it had offered to supply.

ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS

DEPARTS WITH FUGITIVE.—Oakland, Jan. 6.—Captain Folger, of the California State Police, who had departed from St. Louis with Fred Simmons in custody, is charged with the theft of \$1000 from a London, who had the money in keeping for the Lawyers' Association.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CROWDED.—Oakland, Jan. 6.—Superintendent of Schools, L. C. Clydesdale, has announced that the public schools will be crowded to capacity with pupils who have been enrolled for the present school term. No trouble has occurred in enforcing the compulsory vaccination law this year.

FOLLOWS SISTER TO THE GRAVE.—Oakland, Jan. 6.—Harriet McCord, a sister of the late Eleanor McCord, died to-day at the California Wild Flowers, died to-day at her home, 218 Oak Street. She leaves two sisters, Miss Julia McCord and Miss Alice A. McCord. Miss Eleanor McCord died a month ago, December 5.

CANADIANS TO MEET.—Oakland, Jan. 6. The Sons and Daughters of the Maritime Provinces will hold their first meeting on Monday evening, January 9, at Maple corner of Fourteenth and Webster streets. The principal business of the meeting is the election of officers, following which there will be an entertainment by members of the society.

PIONEER PASSES AWAY.—Oakland, Jan. 6.—Alford de Land, formerly a well-known mining man of this State, died to-day at his home, 628 East Twelfth street, 91 years of age. He was a pioneer resident of California, having come here in 1849. He leaves three children, Charles H. and Harry de Land, and Mrs. C. W. Deane. The funeral will be held Sunday morning from the family residence.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Oakland, Jan. 6.—The following marriage licenses were issued by the County Clerk to-day: James J. Johnson, 26, and Cora Howe, 27, both of San Francisco; Joseph A. Averett, 27, of Oakland, and Espritto Santo, 19, both of Oakland; Manuel Medeiros, over 21, and Rosa Julia, over 18, both of Oakland; Oscar McGee, 25, of Reno, Nev., and Vita B. Priddy, over 18, Hayward.

CHANGES NAME.—Oakland, Jan. 6.—Notice of the change of name and the increase of the shares of stock of the Standard Building Loan Association was filed to-day with the County Clerk to-day. The new name of the corporation is the American Loan and Security Company. Its capital stock is \$250,000, which formerly it consisted of 25,000 shares of the value of \$100 each. The shares have been increased to 50,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each.

FINDS MORE MONEY.—Oakland, Jan. 6.—After persistent search \$2000 has been discovered to the credit of the estate of the late James Dowling, by attorney John de Lancy. Dowling notified the police that some one tried to gain access to his home on Yerkes avenue at 10 o'clock at night by prying up a window. Mrs. R. A. MacLean, a neighbor, saw several months of effort De Lancy has unearthed another deposit, no book having been left by Dowling to indicate it.

BRANCH OFFICES OF THE CALL IN ALAMEDA COUNTY

OAKLAND. 1016 Broadway. Telephone Main 1083. BERKELEY. 2148 Center Street. Telephone North 77. ALAMEDA. 1435 Park Street.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Alameda County. FRIDAY, JANUARY 6. Ellen Buddington (widow) to E. P. Clarrage (single), lot on W line of Chester street, 119-124 N. of Ninth, N 31.3, W 100, S 80, S 108-124, lot 6, block 554, Boardman's map. Oakland (records) January 6, 1905, \$10. Frederick H. and Mabel U. Seares to Frank M. Wilson, lots 21 and 22, block 10, Daley's School Park, Berkeley, deed and warranty dated January 5, 1905, \$10.

Willard F. and Laura L. Nightingale (Powers) to Eva L. Halliwell (wife of Edward L.), lot 14, block C, Oakland, Tract of Oakland, Charles B. and Effie E. Crans to Augustus Crans, lot beginning 40 E of intersection of Crans and Alameda streets, 40 E of Crans, N 40 N of Rose, N 40 of Parker (East of NE line of Alameda street, 40 E of Crans street, S 90 more or less to beginning, portion lot 13, block 2, McKee Tract, Berkeley, \$10.

Same to Kate D. Gester (wife of William B.), lot on W line of Piedmont avenue, 300 S of Parker street, E 40 of Victoria lots 4 and 5, block 6, same map, Berkeley, \$10. Calvin H. and Mary E. Gester to E. S. McKee, lot on SE corner of Linden and Thirtieth streets, E 90 by S 32.6, Oakland, \$10.

Same to R. J. Hancock to same, lots 6, 7, 8, block 6, map Santa Fe Tract No. 4, Oakland, deed and agreement, \$10. Same to same, NW corner of Grove and Fifty-fourth streets, N 45 by W 113.84, lot 11, subdivision 22, map of Contra Costa and Alameda counties, \$10.

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