NEWS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

SAYS HUSBAND WAS JUSTIFIED

Witness Tells Jury He Believes L. D. Campbell Did Right When He Shot Wife

WANTS PRISONER FREED

He Says Woman Was a Flirt and Persisted in Keeping Man in Much Suspense

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, Jan. 24.

Testimony in favor of Lemuel D. Campbell, charged with the murder of his wife, was introduced at the trial of the case to-day. It is the endeavor of the defense to show that mental worry over his wife's actions caused him anguish. Three witnesses were put on the stand to tell the state of mind of Campbell months before the tragedy occurred. To all of them he talked and expressed the wish that she would leave him alone.

Although divorced, she called him up daily over the telephone and upon one occasion she threatened him with a knife.

In regard to this affair A. W. Anselmi, a butcher, for whom Campbell, worked, said:

Mrs. Campbell either came around to the shop or called him up nearly every day. I went to the shop one day and they were in the back room and she had a pistol and pointed it at Campbell. I told her to get out and took the pistol away from her and put it into a drawer. As she went out she took up a knife and made a stab at Campbell and cut his apron. I then put her out of the shop. In less than a week she was around again. I saw her with a man on one occasion and told Campbell and he cried.

On cross-examination the witness said that he and Campbell had been friends for a long time, and he added: "I want to see justice done him, and I believe he was justified in doing what he did."

J. F. Swart, a druggist, who acted as physician for Campbell, gave testimony in his favor, and Dan McCarthy, a saloon man at the Sixteenth-street station, testified that Campbell often cried over the misdeeds of his wife and also told him that if she ever rang him up to tell her that he was not there.

JUNIOR CLASS ELECTS WOMAN AS PRESIDENT

BERKELEY, Jan. 24.—For the first time in its history, the junior class of the university last night elected a woman as class president, Miss Sue A. Ross being honored. All the other class offices with the exception of that of sergeant at arms were filled by women. The result of the election was as follows: Miss Sue Ross, president; Miss Florence Ward, vice president; Miss Gladys Meyer, secretary; Miss Helen Parker, treasurer; W. R. de Leon, sergeant at arms; auditing committee, Miss Mary Nelson, Miss Marian Morrow and Miss Wright.

Professor Walter E. Magee, in charge of the department of physical culture at the university, has agreed to take the part of the Mikado in the opera of Gilbert & Sullivan, which the Prytanean Society of women students will present for charity sake, at the Macdonough Theater in Oakland next month.

Boy Persists in Thefts.

OAKLAND, Jan. 24.—George Mattheson, 14 years old, residing at 649 Linden street, San Francisco, was arrested to-day on a charge of stealing bicycles. Beton Robinson saw the boy take his wheel from a stand on Twelfth street, near Broadway. Robinson overhauled the youth, who was escorted back to the place after he had said, "I took the wrong wheel," and, mounting another one, rode off rapidly. This bicycle, however, belonged to Edward Carroll, 1162 Campbell street, who also saw the theft and captured the persistent young thief. The boy's parents were notified.

Want to Be Happy.

OAKLAND, Jan. 24.—Rose Battersby was granted a decree of divorce from John J. Battersby, a planing mill employe of Berkeley, this morning by Judge Hall on the ground of willful neglect. He was accused by her of squandering his money for drink and leaving her without the necessaries of life.

Albert L. Sanford has begun an action for divorce against Ida O. Sanford on the ground of desertion. They were married at Carson, Nev., in 1902 and he states that she left him the same year.

Grand Jury Meets.

OAKLAND, Jan. 24.—The Grand Jury held a session this morning and listened to a recital of the facts in the recent police scandal as told by Police Commissioner F. C. Turner. Supervisor Joe Kelley and Treasurer Feidler were called to state what in their judgment was needed in the way of a vault for the accommodation of the county cash. Auditor G. W. Bacon was interrogated in regard to the annual statement of county affairs, which needed some explanation.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE INCREASES.—Oakland, Jan. 24.—Enrollment of pupils for the present term in the public schools is 10,570, an increase of 300 over last term.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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"Having taken your wonderful "Cascarets" for three months and being entirely cured of stomach catarrh and dyspepsia, I think a word of praise is due to "Cascarets" for their wonderful composition. I have taken numerous other so-called remedies but without avail and I find that Cascarets relieve more in a day than all the others I have taken would in a year."
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LOSES WIFE AND HIS COIN ON WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Christian Werren Disappears

AGED INNKEEPER OF NORTH BERKELEY WHOSE WIFE HAS DISAPPEARED, RUMOR BEING THAT SHE HAS ELOPED WITH FRED TROSCH, A MAN THIRTY YEARS HER JUNIOR.

Berkeley Office San Francisco Call, 2148 Center street, Jan. 24.

"Gone with a handsomer man" is, in effect, the message that Christian Werren has received from his wife, a woman of sixty years of age, who has eloped, he says, with Fred Trosch, thirty years her junior.

Mrs. Werren and Trosch have been missing since last Saturday. He was a boarder in the Werren home in the hills of North Berkeley. The woman drew her husband's savings from the Union Savings Bank of Oakland on Saturday, smuggled her clothing from the house and left Werren to mourn the loss of a wife and the savings of a lifetime.

On the very day that Mrs. Werren disappeared there was to have been a wedding anniversary celebration in the Werren home. Thirty-five years ago the Werrens were married. Last Saturday friends of the family had been bidden to a feast and a generally good time in the Werren household.

The guests gathered, prepared to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Werren, but there was no hostess to receive them. Instead, Mr. Werren, bewildered and in agony of mind, informed all who came that his wife had disappeared and he feared that she had not gone away alone.

The would-be merry-makers left and Werren remained alone all of Saturday night. The next day he ascertained that Mrs. Werren had drawn from the bank the joint savings of the couple, that her clothing had been removed from the home and that she had been seen at the saloon of J. Camelong on San Pablo avenue with Trosch on Saturday morning. He then was convinced that his wife had eloped.

The Werrens conducted a hotel and drinking place in North Berkeley, on the road to Contra Costa County. They were regarded as picturesque old persons. Each was a Swiss, he 66 and she 60 years old. Their resort was a favorite ground for merry-making by the university students, who knew the place well.

Trosch was a lodger in the Werren home. The old Swiss proprietor was jealous and suspicious of his attentions to Mrs. Werren and last Tuesday Trosch left the place. The elopement is supposed to have followed.

J. Camelong, the San Pablo avenue saloon-keeper referred to by Werren, says that he saw Mrs. Werren and Trosch together Saturday morning. The Werrens were old friends and patrons of his. He states that he was informed by a friend that Mrs. Werren was seen at the Sixteenth street station in Oakland Saturday evening, preparing to board a train.

Mrs. Werren was a participant in a sensational shooting affair at the resort last spring, in March. A masked highwayman demanded that she deliver up the money in the till. She refused and was shot through the breast. It was thought that she could not live, but her vitality was such that she eventually recovered and is now perfectly well, while her aged husband, who nursed her back to life and strength, is feeble and bent with years.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Oakland, Jan. 24. The following marriage licenses were issued by the County Clerk to-day: Homer C. Caldwell, over 21, Gallipolis, O., and Lena Ehrhardt, over 18, San Francisco; George F. Allen, over 21, Oakland, and Laura Charles, over 18, San Francisco; Edward Bremiller, 31, and Alice McInnis, 30, both of Napa; George Kennedy, 21, and Ethel Hubert, 19, both of Oakland.

GIRL REFUSES MEDICAL HELP

Peculiar Death of Miss Vekander to Be Subject of Coroner's Investigation

Berkeley Office San Francisco Call, 2148 Center street, Jan. 24.

Because of the unusual circumstances in connection with the death of Miss Flora Ann Vekander, a young woman who died this morning in her room in the Thomas block on Center street, the Coroner has ordered an inquest held next Thursday morning.

Miss Vekander was a Christian Science devotee. She refused the aid of all save believers in that cult when disease attacked her two weeks ago.

She was threatened with pneumonia, but received no treatment or attention other than that provided by Professor E. H. Twight of the agricultural department of the State University, who is a Christian Science believer, and his wife. The Twights reside in the same building with Miss Vekander.

Miss Vekander's brother, a viticultural expert, who graduated from the State University and is now employed as an expert at Sacramento, was sent for last Thursday. He states that his sister was of an extraordinarily firm temperament, secretive and independent, so that his entreaties to have her provided with regular medical attendance were unavailing. She had made out a document directing preparations for the disposition of her body in event of death before he came.

The exact nature of the young woman's ailment will be determined at the inquest, though it is believed to have been pulmonary disorder that ended her life.

Haywards School Bonds Sold.

HAYWARDS, Jan. 24.—The Haywards Trustees last night opened the bids for the bonds to be issued for the improvement of the Laurel Common School. The bonds amount to $7500. Six bids were received, of which that of the Oakland Bank of Savings was the highest, being $7684 50, and the bonds were accordingly awarded to that institution. The other bidders were: L. C. Morehouse of San Leandro, the Farmers' and Merchants' bank of Oakland, the Bank of Haywards, the San Francisco Savings Union and the Nevada Bank of San Francisco.

Rainfall in Oakland.

OAKLAND, Jan. 24.—The rainfall for the last twenty-four hours was .34 of an inch, making a total for the present season of 16.39 inches. This is nearly double the amount of rain which had fallen at the same date last year, the total precipitation to January 24 having been 9.67 inches.

BRINGS ANOTHER SUIT.—Oakland, Jan. 24.—Suit was brought by Attorney Gavin McNab for the Continental Building and Loan Association against Rosina and Joseph Groasser to dispossess them of some property at Merrill and Putnam streets in Fruitvale. It is alleged that the Groassers are in possession of the land without right or title and that the same belongs to the plaintiff.

MAKE A FIGHT OVER MATERIAL

Rival Contractors at War Over the Relative Merits of Concrete and Brick Work

SCHOOL BOARD DELAYS

Directors Postpone Action on Bids Until They Can Decide Regarding Matter

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, Jan. 24.

There is a battle on between the contractors of Oakland for the privilege of building the foundations to the new public school buildings shortly to be erected in Oakland. The contest wages between the cement men and the brick handlers. Each side has made a strong fight, the result being that the Board of Education has been called upon to decide whether a concrete or a brick foundation is best.

The situation unfolded itself last night before the board when bids were opened for the building of the foundation of the new Franklin School. Bids for both brick and concrete were called for, the result being that, to the surprise of the board and its architects, the brick men came in with some low figures. The architects had believed the brick bids would be much higher than the concrete. More than that, there was a wide range of difference in the brick bids that gave rise to considerable comment.

Childs & Arlett, at $3600, were lowest on brick, and D. E. Brown's bid of $4450 was the lowest for concrete. The highest brick bid was that of McPhee & Co., $5982.

The board wrestled with the problem and after much discussion deferred action for two weeks. Meanwhile the board will try to get expert information on the subject of construction materials.

SOCIETY WILL HEAR POPULAR SINGER AGAIN

BY ZOE GREEN RADCLIFFE.

OAKLAND, Jan. 24.—Happy the maid or matron who had not planned anything for to-day, for it required real courage this afternoon to venture out into the steady, insistent rain, that not only came down in sheets, but, hitting the pavements, splashed up again to do double damage. Fortunately to-day had been allowed as a sort of breathing spell for the smart set, preparatory to the big events that are scheduled for the rest of the week. So most of us have accepted the moist condition of the weather very philosophically to-day, while sending up fervent petitions for sunshine to-morrow—for to-morrow Mrs. Seth Cushman's friends have been promised a rare treat. Mrs. Cushman, Olive Reed that was, has planned a musicale for fifty or more old friends, and as it has been long since her beautiful voice has been heard here those lucky enough to be on her invitation list are anticipating an afternoon of rare pleasure.

This is to be the first of a series of home concerts that Mrs. Cushman will give, so that all her friends will have an opportunity to hear the popular singer again. She will be assisted to-morrow by Mrs. Ernest H. Hueter, Mrs. John Ramsey Hunter, Miss Lita Schlessinger and Mrs. John D. Sibley. Mrs. George H. Perry will accompany the singers.

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Another card club has been added to an already long list of such organizations. Mr. and Mrs. William Lynham Shiels will be the first host and hostess, and the members will be entertained by them on Thursday evening, February 2, at their Jackson street home. Among those invited to attend this first meeting are: Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Wingate, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Butters, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lacy Brayton, Mr. and Mrs. Beach Carter Soule, Mr. and Mrs. George W. McNear, Mr. and Mrs. R. Augustus Bray, Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus Clement.

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A dozen Oaklanders were entertained by Mrs. William Gruenhagen yesterday at luncheon. The affair took place in her apartments at the Colonial and was charming in every way. Mrs. Clark F. Goddard was the guest of honor and the other guests were: Mrs. Allardt, Mrs. John D. Sibley, Mrs. Coombs, Mrs. L. Ghiradelli, Mrs. W. W. Standeford, Mrs. William R. Davis, Mrs. Harold Warwick, Mrs. James A. Johnson, Mrs. John Gwin, Mrs. E. M. Herrick, Mrs. Arthur Brown and Mrs. Charles Mau.

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The dancing set is looking forward with pleasure to the Country Club cotillion, which takes place to-morrow night. Considerable interest has been manifested in this dance and as the programme will include the old-fashioned quadrilles and a german or two, there will probably be some genuine fun. When the young people of to-day, who are two-stepping through life, eliminated the quadrilles and lancers from their social menu, they cut out a lot of real enjoyment that only the old-timers know anything about.

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Mrs. John Irwin (nee English) is spending the winter with her aunt, Mrs. William D. English.

Upholds Action of Mayor.

OAKLAND, Jan. 24.—The local Barbers' Union has adopted the following resolutions regarding the removal of obstructions by Mayor Olney:

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 23, 1905. Whereas, Mayor Olney has commenced a street and sidewalk cleaning crusade, thereby causing the removal of many signs, including barber poles, be it

Resolved, By Barbers' Union No. 134, in convention assembled, that we approve of aforesaid action of the Mayor; and be it further

Resolved, That we petition the Mayor of the city of Oakland to also cause the removal of bootblack stands, telegraph and telephone poles and all obstructions to pedestrians.

Adopted January 16, 1905.
GEORGE K. SMITH, President.
BEN LITZENSTEIN, Secretary.

Famous Guests at University.

BERKELEY, Jan. 24.—Two distinguished guests from abroad were entertained at the State University today and a third notable man, an American, is announced to be present at a meeting at the university to-morrow. The foreigners are M. A. Cobb of Australia and Ettoreis Pais of Italy. The American who is coming to-morrow is Poultney Bigelow, who is to lecture to the students.

Want Board to Appoint.

OAKLAND, Jan. 24.—The Builders' Exchange and the Masters Builders' Association have requested the Board of Education to appoint the superintendents of construction of new school buildings instead of allowing the architects to name the overseers. The board has deferred action on the request until the schoolhouses and sites committee has reported on it.

Charges made against J. P. Garlick, principal of the Lincoln School, and Miss Sparks, a teacher, by Dr. Richard Fricke, touching the disciplining of his son, Edward Fricke, have been investigated by the board and dismissed. The committee on rules and regulations reported that proper steps had been taken by the principal and the teacher to correct insolent conduct of the boy

HEART DISEASE CAUSES DEATH

Autopsy Proves Miss McKee Did Not Take Her Life as It Was at First Supposed

BODY IS COMING HOME

Sister of Young Woman Says That She Had Been Ill and Under Medical Attention

ALAMEDA, Jan. 24.—According to a telegram received here to-day by relatives of Miss Mary C. McKee, who died on a westbound overland train, and whose body was taken from the train at Albuquerque, N. Mex., yesterday, the young woman's demise was due to heart disease. It was at first thought when Miss McKee was found dead in her berth in a sleeping car that she had taken her own life, but an autopsy has shown that she passed away from a natural cause.

Mrs. L. B. Chase, a sister of Miss McKee, says the latter had been in poor health for some time, and that on her way home from New York she was forced to stop at Chicago for medical treatment. Miss McKee's body is now on the way to Alameda and is due to arrive here Thursday. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made. Surviving Miss McKee are two brothers and three sisters—William K. McKee of Oakland, John I. McKee, Mrs. L. B. Chase, Miss Rose and Miss Jane McKee, all of this city.

MORPHINE MAY HAVE CAUSED THE DEATH OF MISS McKEE

Possible That She Accidentally Took an Overdose to Alleviate Pain.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Jan. 24.—The undertakers who embalmed the body of Miss Mary K. McKee, who was found dead in a Pullman berth on a Santa Fe train on Sunday night, believe that her death was not due to natural causes and intimate that morphine was used. There was no inquest here as the death occurred outside the county.

An undertaker in Alameda, Cal., telegraphed last night asking that the body be forwarded. It was accordingly sent to Mrs. L. B. Chase of Alameda to-night. It is possible that Miss McKee took an overdose of morphine to alleviate some pain and with no thought of suicide.

DUKE'S BRIDE IN THE TOMBS

Arrested in New York on a Texas Indictment and for Want of Bail Put in Cell

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Mrs. Alice Webb-Duke, wife of Brodie L. Duke, was arrested at an office in Broad street in this city to-day on requisition papers issued by the Texas authorities. Mrs. Duke had been indicted by the Grand Jury at Nacogdoches, Texas, on the charge that she and Charles L. Taylor, of Chicago, made false statements in an instrument, on the strength of which a stockholder in one of the national banks in that place was induced to indorse their notes for $20,000.

Mrs. Duke was arrested as she was alighting from a cab to enter an office in Broad street. When Mrs. Duke was notified that she was under arrest she became hysterical and screamed and wept. She declared: "I'm the wife of Brodie L. Duke. His family are trying to hurt me. I have done nothing wrong." She insisted upon making a call in the building as she had intended, but the detective would not permit it and took her to the District Attorney's office in a cab. She sat weeping in that office until her counsel arrived.

When Mrs. Duke was arraigned in the Police Court she was held in $3000 bail. This her counsel was unable to secure and Mrs. Duke was taken to a cell in the Tombs Prison. She appeared to be very much distressed during her brief stay in the courtroom and several times seemed to be about to faint.

The proceedings which resulted in Mrs. Duke's arrest are entirely distinct from her matrimonial difficulties.

EDISON SHOWS SIGNS OF SPEEDY RECOVERY

Doctors Believe the Inventor Will Progress Rapidly Despite Serious Operation.

ORANGE, N. J., Jan. 24.—Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, was recovering rapidly to-day from the surgical operation performed last night for a mastoid abscess behind his left ear. Owing to a similar trouble a few years ago the operation was difficult, but the doctors declared it was entirely successful. Edison was in good spirits to-day. The doctors say they expect an uninterrupted recovery.

LAND IRREGULARITIES ALLEGED IN COLORADO

A United States Commissioner Accused of Accepting Illegal Fees for Filings.

DENVER, Jan. 24.—Judge Moses Hallett of the United States District Court to-day issued a warrant for the arrest of C. A. Morning, United States Commissioner of Routt County, Colorado, on a charge of accepting illegal fees in connection with land filings. The issuance of the warrant followed an investigation which has been made by a special agent of the Interior Department.

TOWN IN THE PHILIPPINES ATTACKED BY LADRONES

Contract Surgeon J. A. O'Neill Killed in Raid on San Francisco de Malabon.

MANILA, Jan. 25.—The town of San Francisco de Malabon, in the province of Cavite, was attacked by Ladrones last night. Contract Surgeon J. A. O'Neill was killed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The House Committee on Naval Affairs to-day authorized favorable reports on the Senate bill providing dental surgeons for the navy and the House bill to increase the efficiency of the hospital corps of the navy.

ALARM OF FIRE STIRS PUPILS

One Thousand Youngsters Calmly March Through Smoke at Lincoln School

DRILL PROVES SUCCESS

Not a Child Hurt in Emptying the Building, Showing Benefit of Drilling

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, Jan. 24.

One thousand pupils of the Lincoln School at Tenth and Alice streets, endangered by fire that broke out in the big frame building, marched out of the structure this morning under perfect control of their teachers, in response to the school alarm of fire that resounded through the edifice at 11:30 o'clock. The building was emptied in less than two minutes. Not a child was hurt and the splendid efficacy of the "fire drill" in time of actual trouble was proven.

Though class rooms and hallways in the rambling schoolhouse were suddenly filled with smoke and the crackling of flames added to the terror of the situation, order was maintained while the children marched in steady ranks, quickly but quietly, to street and yard with the discipline of trained soldiers. Before the firemen arrived responsive to an alarm sounded by Dr. Henry M. Fine, who discovered the fire from the outside, the building was cleared of every occupant.

The fire started from a defective flue connecting with stoves in the primary class rooms of Miss Rosa Kottinger and Miss Mary Jewett. There was a sudden burst of smoke and flame through the walls that for an instant caused a commotion among the children. With precision the teachers gave the command that started their wards out of the rooms, while hurried word was sent to Principal J. P. Garlick. He sounded the school alarm of fire that warned every teacher in the building. In a few seconds the pupils were in line tramping steadily out according to the rules laid down in the "fire drill" regulations. At exits and on platforms and in hallways the teachers stood at their posts, directing the rapid outpouring of children.

The firemen speedily attacked the fire which burned its way through the walls into the roof of the primary department building, which is on the Eleventh street side of the school lot. The flames were quenched after walls and ceilings had been cut away. It was found that the flue had broken between the two class rooms, the stove in each room connecting at the top with the chimney outside.

The primary building is separate from the main structure, but is connected by hallways through which smoke poured into the larger part of the school. At the time of the outbreak, Principal Garlick was in the basement attending to classes there. He was warned by the cry of fire and speedily sent in the school alarm before danger from possible panic had been aroused. So quickly was the difficulty handled that many pupils in rooms remote from the scene of the fire knew of its existence only when they saw the Fire Department apparatus arrive.

Superintendent of Schools J. W. McClymonds was summoned to the school at once. He made a careful investigation of the cause of the fire and he handling of the pupils. Commenting on the episode, Superintendent McClymonds said:

This experience demonstrates, first, the excellent discipline under which the thousand children were marched out so rapidly and under such good control to a place of safety. The feature of the fire drill is the absence of any warning whatever as to the time of sounding the alarm. The children never know whether the alarm is a genuine one or a mere drill call. For that reason they are never frightened when the bells sound. Much credit is reflected upon Principal Garlick and his corps of teachers for their excellent work this morning. We are all glad that the fire resulted no more seriously than it did.

This experience demonstrates the importance of fireproof materials in our school buildings. I am glad that the new ones will be built as far as possible of brick and stone. There cannot be too many safeguards against fire in a school building. That of course goes without saying.

Principal Garlick also gave much praise to his teachers for their services in the emergency.

Rival Jailed; Wife Repentant.

OAKLAND, Jan. 24.—J. H. West, a Pullman Car Company porter, charged with stealing William Wiggins' wife and personal effects, was taken to the City Prison this morning, having been returned in custody from Merced, where he was arrested Sunday. Mrs. Wiggins is stranded there and has written to her husband that she is ready to come back and be forgiven.

ALAMEDA EDUCATOR WINS HONORS IN THE SOUTH

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 24.—Professor Duncan McKinnon, principal of the High-street School, Alameda, has been elected principal of the San Diego High School to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Harley P. Chandler, who resigned on account of sickness. Professor McKinnon is a graduate of the Brunswick State Normal School and Stanford University.

JURY ACQUITS YOUNG.—Bert Young was acquitted by a jury in Judge Cook's court yesterday on a charge of assault with intent to rob. He was represented by Attorney George D. Collins. It was alleged that on October 2 Young and another man took Vincent May of 989 Howard street to a room in a lodging-house on Market street and attacked him with the intention of robbing him.

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SANTA CRUZ BANKER LOST MONEY IN ROULETTE GAME

Hotel Man Paid Losses and Check Drawn by Loser Is Protested. Suit on Trial.

A Santa Cruz banker, who played at a roulette game and lost $1200, and a prominent hotel-keeper of the same city, who drew a check for the loss and took the banker's check in return, only to have it protested, were the parties to an interesting case heard and taken under advisement by Judge Seawell yesterday.

J. C. C. Leonard, proprietor of the St. George Hotel at Santa Cruz, sued H. S. Deming for $1300. Deming answered that Leonard had sublet a room in his hotel to J. P. Peakes and therein a gambling game was conducted. Deming played roulette, first borrowing $100 from Leonard and then giving checks for his successive losses, which aggregated $1200. After the game Deming was anxious that the bank should not know of his unfortunate dalliance with fortune and he had Leonard draw a check for $1200 for the gamblers, giving his own check to Leonard for $1300 to cover the loan and the losses. Deming's check was drawn on the Donohoe-Kelly Bank in San Francisco and was assigned to J. S. Harlan, one of the gambling firm, who left for this city on the first train in the morning following the transaction of July 10, 1903, to get the paper cashed, but he was met with a refusal. Deming said that he had frequently offered to pay the $100 borrowed from the hotel-keeper, but would not stand for the other loss. He testified to these facts yesterday and Leonard was also on the stand. He admitted that he had let quarters to the gamblers, but denied that he was interested in the profits of their game.

COLUMBUS BANK ELECTS TWO NEW DIRECTORS

Resignations of Giannini and Cavagnaro Are Accepted and Successors Are Promptly Named.

Changes were made in the board of directors of the Columbus Savings Bank yesterday. A. P. Giannini and Joseph F. Cavagnaro resigned. C. Sirocco of Sutter Creek, Amador County, and Dr. C. Barsotti of this city were elected directors to succeed them. This second change in the board in a short time made some talk in the Italian colony. The explanation given by members of the majority of the board is simple, being that Giannini and Cavagnaro are paid employes of the Bank of Italy and that the Bank of Italy gave them the choice to remain with but one of the Italian banks of the city. They chose to remain with the Bank of Italy. It was reported yesterday that A. Chichizola would resign from the directorate of the Columbus Bank, but he did not. The explanation given by Attorney Cavagnaro of his and Giannini's resignations is that they found themselves in the minority and concluded that it would be better to withdraw from the Columbus Bank.

RAINS CAUSE LAKE IN WESTERN ADDITION STREETS

Many Ducks Swim in Temporary Pond at Corner of Fillmore and Sacramento Streets.

The lake-like condition of the streets at the corner of Fillmore and Sacramento streets during the recent rains caused one of the wags in that locality to turn loose in that temporary pond a lot of tame ducks. The result was that the following sign was posted up against the telegraph pole:

$25 reward for arrest and conviction of any one caught shooting on this preserve without a permit from Board of Public Works.

A great crowd gathered around the pond and the ducks, but the admonition published in the sign prevented any one from taking a shot.

JUDGE SUSTAINS LAWYER'S OBJECTIONS TO A JURY

Clerk's Failure to Certify to List Gives Man Accused of Manslaughter Short Respite.

SAN RAFAEL, Jan. 24.—The trial of the people against Francis McGrath, charged with manslaughter, came up in the Superior Court to-day. The attorney for the defense objected to the jury panel on the ground that the clerk had not certified to the lists. Judge Lennon sustained the objection, and called another jury for a week from to-day.

McGrath recently killed Quartermaster Taylor of the cutter Bear in a street fight.

CLEAR CHURCH OF DEBT.—Alameda, Jan. 24.—Rev. P. C. McFarlane, pastor of the Christian Church, announces that the debt of $1900 on the house of worship has been cleared away. This was done at a meeting of the church officers last night, when it was said that but $300 of the original debt remained. This amount was immediately subscribed by those present. Officers were elected by the Christian Church last night as follows: Clerk, M. E. MacCauley; treasurer, Albert Hendry; financial secretary, J. G. Spence; members of the board of deacons—Dr. W. W. Chatterton, J. G. Spence and Albert Hendry.

TO GIVE MASQUERADE BALL.—The San Francisco Schwaben Verein will give a grand masquerade ball at the Turner Hall, 555 Turk street, on Saturday, January 28.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Married Women

Every woman covets a shapely, pretty figure, and many of them deplore the loss of their girlish forms after marriage. The bearing of children is often destructive to the mother's shapeliness. All of this can be avoided, however, by the use of Mother's Friend before baby comes, as this great liniment always prepares the body for the strain upon it, and preserves the symmetry of her form. Mother's Friend overcomes all the danger of child-birth, and carries the expectant mother safely through this critical period without pain. It is woman's greatest blessing. Thousands gratefully tell of the benefit and relief derived from the use of this wonderful remedy. Sold by all druggists at $1.00 per bottle. Our little book, telling all about this liniment, will be sent free.

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