NEWS OF THE COUNTIES ABOUT THE BAY

SWALLOW POISON IN VEXATION.

Daughters' Actions Drive Two Mothers to Seek Death.

ONE SUCCEEDS IN HER QUEST

OAKLAND, May 31.—Family quarrels are responsible for the suicide to-day of Mrs. Agnes Brown at Ashland, near Haywards, and the almost successful attempt at self-destruction of Mrs. Chauncey Morse of Pleasanton. In both cases the troubles were engendered by reason of objections on the part of the mothers to their daughters' actions.

Mrs. Brown is the wife of a well-to-do farmer who has resided for many years at Ashland. For some time she had been at outs with her daughter, and to-day their disputes culminated in a serious family quarrel. Shortly after the outbreak, Mrs. Brown went to the kitchen pantry, where she spread a lot of strychnine on some crackers and ate them. In a few minutes she was in fatal convulsions. Dr. Reynolds was called from Haywards, but could be of no service. Mrs. Brown was 58 years old, a native of the Azores Islands. The coroner took charge of the case.

Mrs. Morse took carbolic acid Sunday. She lies in a critical condition at the residence in Pleasanton of Mrs. J. A. Philpot, and is under care of Dr. S. J. Wells. She is the wife of Chauncey Morse, a butcher. Sunday morning the Morses made serious objection to the company kept by their daughter, Miss Pearl Morse, eighteen years old. The quarrel led the girl to leave home. Her failure to return led the mother to fear she had unduly upbraided her daughter. In her despondent frame of mind she took the poison. Mrs. Morse went to the Philpot home and disclosed her condition. Physicians were summoned and saved her life. The daughter, learning of what had occurred, rushed to her mother's bedside, where the two were reconciled.

WOMAN BURNED BY OIL.

OAKLAND, May 31.—Mrs. Annie Shaylor, residing at 807 Pine street, was badly burned on the face and neck to-day by the igniting of kerosene oil which she was pouring into a lighted coal oil stove.

The fluid flashed and exploded, covering Mrs. Shaylor with the flaming oil. With cool presence of mind the injured woman grabbed a towel and smothered the blaze before her garments had caught. But she suffered severe burns before the flaming stuff was extinguished.

ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS.

POLICE CHANGES.—Oakland, May 31.—Patrolman H. M. McCready has been appointed bailiff of Police Court Department No. 2, in place of Policeman L. D. Tobin.

GRANTED DIVORCE.—Oakland, May 31.—A final decree of divorce was granted Minna E. Thaisen to-day from Peter Thaisen on the ground of his intemperance. She was also allowed to resume her maiden name of Miller.

ADVANCERS SELECT SECRETARY.—Alameda, May 31.—John H. Hartog of Chicago has been selected permanent secretary of the Alameda Advancement Association and will have charge of the bureau of information and advertising that is to be maintained by the organization on Park street.

WOMAN IS FOUND DEAD.—Oakland, May 31.—Mrs. Jane M. Grant, a widow, 68 years of age, was found dead this morning in her home in Allendale. The deceased was a native of England. It is believed that death was caused by heart disease, but the case was referred to the Coroner and an inquest will be held to-morrow.

LOSES HER MIND.—Oakland, May 31.—Mrs. Catherine Ryan, whose home at Twenty-sixth and Magnolia streets was burned recently, made her escape from the County Infirmary to-day and was found sitting near the ruins of her home. It is believed that her loss has completely upset her mental balance and she will be sent to an asylum.

GRANTS CERTIFICATES.—Oakland, May 31.—The County Board of Education granted the following certificates to-day: High school, Lee S. Pratt, Beulah Potts; grammar grade, Anna L. Bertolacci, Edith Church, Marie Edgington, Mary B. Leslie; permanent grammar grade, M. G. Donnelly. Louis J. Holling was recommended to the State Board for a high school life diploma.

FOLLOWS MOTHER TO THE GRAVE.—Oakland, May 31.—Miss Annie E. Jeffress, the daughter of Thomas W. Jeffress of Twenty-third avenue, in East Oakland, died yesterday, her death coming within a few weeks of that of her mother. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon from the Twenty-third Avenue Baptist Church. She leaves two brothers, William and John Jeffress.

WILL CALL BOND ELECTION.—Oakland, May 31.—The Melrose Sanitary Board has decided to call a bond election on June 19 for the purpose of submitting to the residents of the district a proposition to issue bonds to the amount of $31,000 to raise a fund for the sewering of the district. The increase in the taxes of the district if the bonds are carried will be 88 cents on each $100.

WILL HOLD ANNUAL OUTING.—Oakland, May 31.—The members of the First Methodist Church will hold their annual outing at Leona Heights next Saturday and the feature of the occasion will be two games of baseball between the young men of the church. The first of these games will be between the members of Hugh K. Hamilton's class and a picked nine of the married men of the church and afterward the members of Miss Fearn's class will play the winners. Dr. Dille will be umpire.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Oakland, May 31. The following marriage licenses were issued by the County Clerk to-day: Victor Hatto, 22, Mountain View, and Serafina Cuneo, 20, Oakland; Thomas A. Boyle, 26, and Edna J. Martin, 19, both of Oakland; Arthur Martin, 31, and Leele Luske, 24, both of Oakland; Nelson T. Shaw, 28, San Francisco, and Julia Andrews, 20, Berkeley; Fred C. Osler, 27, and Esther M. Daunt, 27, both of Oakland; Frank P. Bradford, 25, Berkeley, and Amy Bosworth, 19, Oakland.

RECOVERS BODY FROM BAY.—Alameda, May 31.—James Ross, employed at the Alameda pier, found the remains of a man floating in the bay near that place this afternoon. From papers and receipts found for dues paid to the Sailors' Union of the Pacific in San Francisco discovered in the pockets of the clothing it is judged that the body is that of Carl Carlson, a sailor. The receipts are signed by H. G. Lundberg. The remains appear as if they had been in the water about ten days. Deputy Coroner Hugh C. Gallagher took charge of the body.

SICK HEADACHE

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

Positively cured by these Little Pills.

They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

SMALL PILL. SMALL DOSE. SMALL PRICE.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. CURE SICK HEADACHE.

Genuine Must Bear Fac-Simile Signature

Brent Good

MAINE ASSOCIATION TO HOLD REUNION

Natives of Pine Tree State Will Meet in Annual Gathering at Shell Mound.

OAKLAND, May 31.—The State of Maine Association of California will hold its twenty-seventh annual reunion at Shell Mound Park on Saturday, June 3, and the committees in charge of the affair has planned an interesting programme for the entertainment of the members and their friends. The annual dinner of baked beans, brown bread and coffee will be served in the open air from 12 to 1:15, and will be followed by the literary exercises, which will begin at 1:30 o'clock.

The afternoon will be spent in outdoor games and sport, and the committee in charge of this feature of the programme has secured a large number of prizes to be distributed to the winners in the various races and games.

The officers of the association and the members of the various committees in charge of the annual reunion and picnic are:

Officers for 1904-1905—Henry L. Corson, president; Edwin H. Black, first vice president; F. W. Durgin, second vice president; William H. Wharff, secretary; Albert Shorey, treasurer.

Executive committee—Henry L. Corson, Edwin H. Black, F. W. Durgin, William H. Wharff, Albert Shorey, J. W. Jackson, S. W. Wood, M. A. G. Smith, Lewis W. McGauflin, F. B. Moulton, Mrs. H. J. Shorey, Mrs. S. H. Parsons, Mrs. H. A. Randlett, Mrs. Susan A. Bell, Mrs Carrie A. Hager.

Grounds—S. W. Wood, Susan A. Bell, Susan P. Cooper.

Printing—William H. Wharff, Mrs. J. A. Jordan.

Dinner—Mrs. H. J. Shorey, Mrs. N. C. Kendall, Carrie A. Hager, Noah C. Kendall, S. W. Wood.

Music—Mrs. H. A. Randlett, Henry L. Corson.

Games—F. D. Durgin, F. L. Wharff, L. B. Sibley, F. B. Moulton, M. A. G. Smith, E. F. Barry.

Badges—J. W. Jackson, J. S. Handley.

Registration—Edwin H. Black, M. A. G. Smith, Mrs. S. H. Parsons, Ethel Murphy.

Reception—Lewis W. McGauflin, Mary S. Jackson, Mrs. J. W. Gage, Mrs. B. M. Newcomb, Mrs. N. C. Kendall, Mrs. Laura J. Robinson, Hattie B. Sibley, A. Wilson, Mrs. H. E. Godfrey.

Literary—Albert Shorey.

Programme—William H. Wharff, Mrs. Susan A. Bell.

Prizes—Mrs. S. H. Parsons.

Press—Carrie A. Hager, J. W. Jackson, S. W. Wood.

FOUND HALF CLAD AND NEARLY DEAD IN A POOL OF WATER

Aged San Franciscan Cannot Explain the Strange Plight That Overtakes Him.

WALNUT CREEK, May 31.—Half naked and standing in a pool of water, August Krueger, eighty years old, who disappeared Sunday from his home, 1927 Howard street, San Francisco, was found last night on the Buckley ranch, near the Tunnel road, by Henry Buckley.

The old man was nearly dead from exposure. He was given proper attention. His son, H. J. Krueger, of 2165 Hayes street, San Francisco, who was notified, took charge of his father to-day. Krueger, the elder, appeared to be demented. He could give no coherent explanation of his movements since he left home three days ago.

FILIPINOS ARE ANGRY.

OAKLAND, May 31.—The Filipino students at the University of California have adopted resolutions assuring Miss Alice Roosevelt that she will not be offended by the sight of any dog feasts when she visits the Philippine Islands with the Congressional party in July, and, furthermore, that the stories of the natives feasting on roast dogs are untrue. A copy of the resolutions has been sent to Miss Roosevelt.

According to Felipe Buencamino, son of Aguinaldo's former Secretary of State and who is general manager of the Filipino magazine at the university—the organ of the Filipino contingent in the United States—the story printed and sent broadcast in some American journals that Miss Roosevelt will encounter roast dog, "a favorite delicacy among the well-to-do natives," when she attends Filipino banquets in her honor, will thoroughly dishearten and sicken the Filipino people.

"I do not know," said Buencamino to-day, "that Miss Roosevelt will believe these stories. We hope not. It is to reassure her and to set our people at home right that we have prepared and will print in our university magazine here resolutions explaining the entire affair."

BOARD OF WORKS BUSINESS.

OAKLAND, May 31.—The Board of Public Works has revised specifications for street sweeping by machinery to permit the use of improved methods. Bids will be called for under the new specifications Friday. Bids for general municipal supplies were opened to-day by the board, and referred to the City Attorney for examination.

George P. Marcus was granted permission to lay 2000 feet of water service pipe on Fifty-fourth street and San Pablo avenue to connect with a private water supply he has developed.

J. J. Kennedy, a coal dealer, has filed charges against Harry G. Williams, asserting that Williams is supplying a grade of coal to the Fire Department inferior to that called for under Williams' contract with the city.

Charles Roeth made explanation to the board to-day concerning his alleged unlawful construction of a culvert over Cemetery Creek, at Linda avenue. Councilman McAdam, W. P. Ferguson and J. Q. Brown of the Oakland Traction Consolidated were also heard and the matter was taken under advisement.

SAYS SPOUSE SHOT AT HER.

OAKLAND, May 31.—Charged with having attempted to murder his wife, F. F. Clay, a Southern Pacific Company switchman, was arraigned to-day before Judge James G. Quinn on charges of assault and attempt to commit murder. The examination was set for Monday.

Mrs. Clay charges that her husband fired a shot at her from a pistol while quarreling with her at their home in West Oakland. The trouble occurred in April.

MOTHER RACES AGAINST DEATH

Runs With Her Child to Hospital and Saves the Little One From Acid Burns

BABE DRINKS POISON

Cruel Scars on the Infant's Hands and Face Will Remain During All Its Life

OAKLAND, May 31.—A distracted mother raced with death this morning to the Receiving Hospital, where she took her year-old baby, who in some manner had obtained a bottle of carbolic acid, which it had attempted to drink. The poison, smeared over its face, burned and gouged the soft flesh on its cheeks. The scars it will carry to its grave, but it is not believed that the little one swallowed enough to cause its death.

The mother is Mrs. H. Pasant and she lives at 305 Third street. In telling her trouble to Dr. L. L. Riggin she said she had left the child for a few minutes and in some way it got hold of the acid and extracting the cork, put the bottle to its mouth in childish ignorance of the nature of the stuff it was trying to drink. The screams of the infant brought her into the room. She gathered the child in her arms and raced with it to the Receiving Hospital, where the proper antidote was applied, relieving much of its suffering.

GIRL ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

OAKLAND, May 31.—Miss Mae Greenleaf, 19 years old, attempted to commit suicide at her room at 411 Fifteenth street at 10:30 to-night by taking carbolic acid. Antidotes saved her life.

Shortly after the girl's attempt at suicide Thomas Gin Dup, an Americanized Chinese, who conducts a restaurant at 369 Ninth street, informed the police that the young woman had been formerly employed by him as a waitress and that they were engaged to be married. Dup said that he had called at Miss Greenleaf's room this evening and found her engaged in conversation with a man whom he knows only as Frank, who lives in Alameda. The Chinese said that this Frank had expressed doubt that the girl had ever worked for Dup and that they had both left to prove the truth of the latter's assertion. A few minutes after they left the girl she drank the acid.

SAVANT CANNOT COME.

BERKELEY, May 31.—A cablegram was received at the University of California from Dr. Wilhelm Ostwald announcing that he cannot attend the summer school of the university this year as an instructor. It is supposed that the University of Leipsic, where Ostwald is professor of physical chemistry, requires his services, although the famous physicist gives no explanation in his cablegram of why he finds it impossible to come to the Pacific Coast. Ostwald is famous for his attempts to provide a new foundation for the sciences by substituting the energistic for the atomistic conception of nature. His lectures were to indicate the new aspect in which the sciences of physics and chemistry and biology appear according to this formation.

Carmen to Entertain.

OAKLAND, May 31.—One of the features of the annual outing and picnic of the local Carmen's Union, which will be held at Idora Park to-morrow, will be a game of baseball between teams picked from the men of the East Oakland division on one side, and the remaining carmen of Oakland on the other. In addition to the baseball game there will be races for young and old, including eleven races between the motormen and conductors. The regular programme of the Idora Park Theater will be a part of the day's entertainment. The races and games will be under the direction of J. F. Anderson, and in the dancing pavilion George Williams will act as floor manager. A Swanson has been selected as marshal of the day.

SCHOOL GIRLS IN TROUBLE.

OAKLAND, May 31.—A quintet of school girls on their way to take their final examinations at the Lincoln School fell into the arms of the law today because of their haste to arrive at the school on time. The young women were speeding along the sidewalks on their bicycles and failed to observe the regulation requiring them to turn out when meeting a pedestrian. Patrolman McCready took charge of the girls, who were Miss Juan Connor, Miss Irene Hopkins, Miss Ada Sterling, Miss Dorothy Sheller and Miss Dora Schilties. Bail was fixed at $2 in each case, but the girls were allowed to continue their interrupted journey, that they should not be late to school.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL'S VISIT.

BERKELEY, May 31.—Dr. Walter H. Evans, chief of the bureau of insular experiment stations of the Agricultural Department at Washington, arrived at the university to-day. He is to inspect the work of the agricultural experiment station for the Government. He has just come from Hawaii. He attempted to start a movement there to increase diversified farming and hopes that eventually sugar will not be the only or principal crop of the islands. This is Dr. Evans' eighth visit to the coast.

PIONEER WOMAN'S DEATH.

WALNUT CREEK, May 31.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Esther A. Stone, a pioneer resident of San Ramon Valley, was held to-day from the Presbyterian Church at Danville. Mrs. Stone was 74 years old, a native of Pennsylvania. She crossed the plains and settled in Contra Costa County in 1853. Her husband, W. Z. Stone, and two children, H. B. Stone and Sarah J. Stone, survive.

WILL SPEAK ON EDUCATION.

SAN RAFAEL, May 31.—The commencement exercises of the San Rafael High School will be held on next Friday evening. Congressman Duncan E. McKinlay will deliver an address entitled "Education as a Practical Preparation for Life." An attractive musical and literary programme has been arranged.

MAYOR TO ADDRESS WOMEN.

OAKLAND, May 31.—Mayor Frank K. Mott will deliver an address on "Municipal Affairs" to-morrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the First Presbyterian Church chapel before the Woman's Civic Improvement Club. The meeting will be open to the public.

BEGIN FIGHT OVER ESTATE

Heirs of Late Charles B. Slicer Appear in Court to Prove His Incompetency

UNCLE IS FORGETFUL

Pretty Niece Says He Said She Was His Favorite and He Would Remember Her

OAKLAND, May 31.—The contest over the will of the late Charles B. Slicer opened in earnest to-day and the taking of the evidence by which it is proposed to show that the old man was unduly influenced and inveigled into leaving an estate valued at about $10,000 to his only surviving sister, Mrs. Harriet Carpenter, to the exclusion of a number of anxious relatives, was begun.

Mrs. H. T. Shelly, one of the pretty nieces of the old man, was on the stand the whole of the afternoon and told of how her uncle would pat her cheek and tell her she was his favorite, and that he would remember her in his will. Her disappointment was without bounds when she found that he seemingly had forgotten her very existence.

The deceased was a well-known character about this city for years, and lived at different hotels until he got sick and then went to live with his sister, Mrs. Carpenter, at her home at 2167 Santa Clara avenue, in Alameda, where he remained for about three months before he died. It is claimed that the excessive use of morphine caused him to lose his reason and that he was unable to make a will.

SMALL AFFAIRS MARK CLOSE OF SEASON

BY ZOE GREEN RADCLIFFE.

OAKLAND, May 31.—Piedmont Park was the scene of several festive gatherings today, the members of the Oakland Club enjoying a basket luncheon in a rustic retreat, while in the clubhouse Mrs. Nora Ryle entertained the young girls who will graduate next week with her daughter, Miss Jemima Ryle, and several of the older graduates. Miss Ryle is an unusually bright girl, and as her mother is a prominent club woman it is probable that much entertaining will be done in the young lady's honor now that her school days are over.

The tables for the luncheon were adorned with American Beauty roses and around them were seated Miss Fernande Brassy, Miss Genevieve McCormick, Miss Bessie Atwood, Miss Della Robinson, Miss Loretta Chipman, Miss Clare Cushing, Miss Marguerite Gunn, Miss Marie Rosse, Miss Lila Tulock, Miss Nora Hammond, Miss Florence Gruber, Miss Lillian Atwood, Miss Sarah Dineen, Miss Frances Hammond, Miss Mima Ryle and Mrs. Nora Ryle.

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While the Oakland Club was enjoying a day in the sunshine the Ebell women were participating in a farewell compliment to Mrs. C. W. Kinsey and Mrs. George M. Shaw, two retiring officers. The club directors were hostesses at a luncheon, among those who enjoyed the affair being Mrs. Kinsey, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. James B. Hume, Mrs. M. C. Chapman, Mrs. C. W. Kinsey, Mrs. S. J. Taylor, Miss Eva Powell, Miss Jennie Hill, Miss Carrie Gorrill, Mrs. Ralph W. Kinney, Mrs. E. H. Benjamin, Mrs. George M. Shaw and Mrs. John Bakewell.

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An end-of-the-week card party that is being arranged by Miss Helen Dornin is in compliment to her cousin, Miss Helen Chase, and will include about thirty guests.

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To-morrow evening Miss Winifred June Morgan will give an "orchestra evening" at Kohler & Chase Hall. Miss Morgan is the director of an amateur orchestra that has shown great progress of late and is a credit to the young leader.

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Now that Miss Jeanne Anderson is Mrs. Edmund Whitman she is kept busy explaining how it all happened. Miss Anderson that was had a large circle of friends, who, of course, expected to participate in any wedding festivities that might occur in the Anderson household, and they were all mightily surprised to learn that the young lady had decided to marry without the usual announcement and formality. Mr. and Mrs. Whitman intended to keep their little secret until after the groom's return from Goldfield, where he has business interests, but happiness has a way of bubbling out and telling on itself and in no time everybody knew.

Mrs. Whitman is a very pretty girl of the chic blonde type and has considerable musical talent. Her husband was originally a Berkeley man, but is now identified with that great mining center in Nevada, Goldfield, where the happy couple will make their home.

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Among those who enjoyed a merry time at the home of Mrs. William Hamilton Morrison this afternoon—the guest of honor being Miss Ethel Whitney—were Miss Violet Whitney, Miss Jean Downey, Miss Lillian Downey, Miss Ethel Whitney, Miss Ethel Crellin, Miss Mona Crellin, Mrs. Robert M. Fitzgerald.

THE "FREE ZONE" STRIP ALONG MEXICAN BORDER

Why the European Manufacturers Have Advantage Over Americans in Securing Trade.

Of imports into Mexico through the "Free Zone," John A. Bonnet, United States Vice Consul in charge at Ciudad Porfirio Diaz, reports as follows:

The "Free Zone" is a strip of Mexican territory twelve miles broad, extending along the entire frontier between the United States and Mexico. It was first established as far as Matamoras in 1855, when goods were admitted free of duty. In 1885 it was extended along the entire border, and duties amounting to about eleven per cent of the national duties, including fees for certificates, were assessed. A reduction of eighty-nine per cent in duties admits of considerable importation of goods from Europe, which cross the United States in bond and then come into direct competition with American goods in the stores of the "Free Zone."

The imports of European manufactures consist chiefly of dry goods of a high class, among which are woolens from England, silks and cashmeres from France and cutlery from Germany. It is claimed by the European importers that European prices are lower, the quality of the goods better and the terms easier (this latter is certainly true) than ours. But the only advantage possessed by European over American manufacturers in the free zone is that the former grant better terms, giving from six to twelve months' credit at six per cent interest, against thirty, sixty and ninety days from American houses at a higher rate of interest. As a rule credit can be safely given. The Mexican merchant is "good pay" and will keep up his credit at all hazards.

Goods manufactured within the free zone when shipped across the free zone line into Mexican territory must pay the full national duty—the same as foreign goods. The very low tariff rates charged on goods entering the zone—almost no duty—apply only to goods consumed in the free zone, for which reason there are no factories therein.

He who expresses his willingness to die for a woman always reserves the right to fix the date of his demise.

SLOT MACHINES ARE BOY'S RUIN

Sixteen-Year-Old Herbert Adams Steals Money for Stake in Petty Gambling

ROBS HIS BENEFACTRESS

When Arrested He Confesses He Betrayed Trust of One Who Befriended Him

OAKLAND, May 31.—Love of slot machine gambling and a mania for visiting cheap vaudeville shows has caused the downfall of 16-year-old Herbert Adams, who was arrested last night on a charge of burglary preferred by Mrs. Adelia Schindler of 560 Tenth street. Mrs. Schindler says that the boy came to her house, where he had formerly lived while out of employment, and asked for something to eat. He was told to go into the pantry and help himself, while Mrs. Schindler went to a nearby butcher shop.

The complainant alleges that while she was absent from the house. Adams broke into one of the rooms and forgetting the debt of gratitude he owed his hostess, stole $19 50 from a purse which had been left in the house. When Mrs. Schindler returned both the boy and the money had disappeared.

Mrs. Schindler at once reported the theft to the police and a warrant was issued charging Adams with burglary. He was arrested last night by Detective Quigley and as soon as he was taken to the police station he confessed that he had stolen the money, giving as a reason that he wanted it to go to the 10-cent theaters and to play the slot machines with.

Adams was formerly a member of the choir of St. Paul's Church, and it was while engaged as a singer that he first became acquainted with the woman whom he later robbed. The lad is an orphan and when he lost his position in the church because of some trouble with the pastor Mrs. Schindler used her influence to secure for him a position with a local tailor. He failed to hold the place, however, and yesterday, being out of funds, he again appealed to his former friend, repaying her kindness by stealing the money left in the house.

BRITISH COLUMBIA PLANS TO TAKE MEXICAN TRADE

Has Contracted to Subsidize Line of First Class Steamships Making Monthly Trips.

United States Consul Smith at Victoria, B. C., in October, 1904, made the following report in regard to the new subsidized steamship line between British Columbia and Mexico:

"The contract for the new British steamship line between British Columbia and Mexico has finally been awarded. The successful bidders were Andrew Weir & Co., of Glasgow, Scotland. This firm agrees to put on first-class steamships, capable of carrying 4500 tons of freight each and fifty first-class and from 300 to 400 steerage passengers. The negotiations have been completed by cable, with the aid of an authorized representative resident in Victoria. One of the members of the firm will be here early in November to conclude arrangements as to dates of sailings, ports of call, etc.

"It is definitely arranged that the port of embarkation will be Vancouver, and that Victoria will be a port of call. As yet no positive steps have been taken regarding the calling of these vessels at any American port en route to Mazatlan and Acapulco, although correspondence is in progress to induce them to call at San Diego, California.

"The steamers will carry the British flag and are to make monthly trips. It is expected that the first vessel will arrive in time to make the first sailing from Vancouver about January 15, 1905. The contract runs for five years, and the line receives subsidies from both the Canadian and Mexican Governments—$50,000 per annum from each.

"The great growth of exports from Mexico to the United States, which increased from $6,500,000 in 1880 to $42,250,000 in 1903, has been largely the cause of subsidizing this line, and every effort will be put forth to divert a portion of Mexican trade from the United States to British Columbia.

FOREIGN BREADSTUFFS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Imports From United States and Canada Decreasing, From Russia and Argentina Increasing.

United States Consul Bagle, Liverpool, England, says in a recent report: "There are three or four noticeable points of the present condition of the wheat and flour trade of this country: (1) The decreasing supply from the United States; (2) the increasing production of flour in England, particularly in Liverpool; (3) the decreasing supply of native wheat and its admitted inferiority in quality, and (4) the increasing importations from Russia and Argentina.

It is well known that for some months past the British Government has been making, through a royal commission of which the Prince of Wales is chairman, a thorough inquiry into the question of the sources of supply of food, and particularly wheat and flour, with special reference to the situation should this country go to war. It is understood that the evidence secured by this commission will not be made public for the present at any rate, and it is not known whether even the commission's report will be published for general distribution. There seems to be a consensus of British expert opinion that this country must in the not distant future look elsewhere than to the United States for its main supply of wheat. Canada has been doing much self-advertising as the "granary of the Empire," but for the present it will have to content itself with anticipation; indeed the Canadian importations for the first six months of this year show a decided diminution as compared with those of the first six months of 1903. A marked feature of the trade of the United Kingdom this year has been the increasing imports from Russia and from Argentina as an offset to the great falling off of the imports from the United States and Canada. The expectation, however, is that both the United States and Canada will come to the front again.

The imperial kitchen of the Austrian Emperor at Vienna costs about $250 a day, says a German contemporary. In this sum, however, are not included the extra expenses for court dinners, etc.

Where girls are concerned liquid glances will make a fellow solid.

BATTLE GROUND TO BE GARDEN

Scene of Modoc Outbreak in the North to Be Made a Rich Region by Irrigation

GOVERNMENT AT WORK

Thousands of Acres to Be Reclaimed in California and Oregon in Klamath Project

BY JAMES S. TYLER.

CALL BUREAU, POST BUILDING, WASHINGTON, May 31.—Into the uncanny regions of the lava beds and out upon the stretches of silent deserts that are near the beautiful Crater Lake district of Oregon, and where with a southward trend the country merges into the somber forests and shadowed canyons of Northern California, the reclamation commissioners of the United States are slowly but surely edging their way. Not so many years ago, where soon the millions of the United States Government are to be used to develop the untenanted lands, the fiercest of all Western Indian wars was fought and the sly, cruel Modocs kept the soldiers constantly on the defensive and offensive.

It seems strange that so short a time could have brought so great a change. Little by little, according to the reports of the United States Geological Survey, the settler has cultivated the rims of this comparatively unknown empire until now he has reached the limit of his narrow resources and the Government must do the rest.

And the Government is doing it. California and Oregon will soon fully realize the magnitude of the reclamation projects and the tremendous importance of them in adding to the agricultural resources of the country. It was only a few weeks ago that the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, noting that the northern neighbor, Oregon, was somewhat slow in grasping the opportunities presented in the reclamation district known as "The Klamath District," put on foot a movement to encourage this latent section to become tributary to San Francisco. The settlers of the district have declared that they will favor the Pacific Coast metropolis and San Francisco has awakened and is asking many questions as to what sort of a country the Klamath district is and how much work the Government intends doing there.

EXTENT OF THE PROJECT.

The Klamath district includes part of Klamath County, and Siskiyou and Modoc counties, Cal. The reclamation service intends, on its present project, to irrigate about 250,000 acres of land and when this project is well under way it would be possible to double the acreage at some future time.

Water for this immense area is in plenty, although some parts of the land are far removed from the source of supply. But the grades are of such a nature that only simple engineering work is necessary. Three lakes are to be the reservoirs for the district, and all of them are situated at elevations that insure ample pressure and fall. These lakes are Upper Klamath, 4142 feet elevation; Lower Klamath, 4086 feet, and Tule, 4056 feet. Clear Lake, a smaller body of water situated at an elevation of 4533 feet, feeds Lost River, which stream helps to feed Tule Lake. Lost River meanders through a rich valley country that is to be irrigated from a branch system. Clear Lake will also furnish water for the California project, 60,000 acres of which system will also have an auxiliary at what is known as Horsefly reservoir, now being built near the boundary line of Oregon. None of the acres of this section will be opened to homestead entry until they shall have been thoroughly drained and cleared by the Government.

In the Klamath system, proper, are 190,000 acres. This vast region, and part of the Clear Lake district, are to be drained before they are made ready for irrigation. This is no doubt a surprising statement to those who are not familiar with the situation. The fact is that nearly half of the land to be reclaimed is constantly under water. In the summer season the depth of the water is only about two feet, but in the winter and spring it is frequently fifteen feet deep. Drainage of this territory will require three years of time. Lower Klamath Lake will be entirely emptied and only part of its supply utilized by diverting it to storage reservoirs. Tule Lake will be partly drained to expose some of the rich lands that it frequently overflows.

TRADE FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

Upper Klamath Lake will not be tampered with except to be made to furnish water for the larger part of the irrigation project on the Klamath side. The "dry lands" in the reclamation district are mostly held by private owners and are part of a private system of irrigation known as the Klamath Water Users' Association, incorporated for $3,000,000 with headquarters at Klamath Falls, Oregon.

At present the irrigated section of Klamath is isolated and the crops are principally hay, grain and alfalfa. Stock raising is extensively carried on, but the output of products is necessarily restrained on account of the lack of transportation facilities. The Southern Pacific Company has given its tacit agreement to put in a spur road to Klamath Falls and way stations and this line will connect with the Portland-San Francisco route at a point in Northern California. Work on the road will commence very shortly.

Settlers in the "dry district" give glowing accounts of the richness of the country and declare that with irrigation they can raise almost any sort of crop. The district, when opened to settlement, they say, will send to San Francisco a large business and will be a heavy buyer in the middle California markets.

Wonderful Marble Bible.

Great as has been the amount of labor expended on the various Bibles of the world the palm for execution must be given to the Kutho-daw, which is a Buddhist monument near Mandalay in Burma. It consists of about a hundred temples, each containing a slab of white marble on which the whole of the Buddhists' Bible, consisting of more than 8,000,000 syllables, has been engraved. The Burmese alphabet is used, but the language is Pali. This wonderful Bible is absolutely unique. The Kutho-daw was erected in 1857 by Mindon-Min, the last King but one of Burma. The vast collection of temples together form a square, with a dominating temple in the center. Each of the marble slabs on which the sacred texts are inscribed is surmounted by an ornamental canopy in pagoda form. London Tattler.

The fellow who plays poker should be supplied with the proper calling cards.

KING SECURES HOUSE FOR REID

Word From Edward Enables the Embassador to Lease a Much Coveted Mansion

VERY BEST IN LONDON

Owned by the Equerry of His Majesty, Who Generally Is Averse to Renting Place

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LONDON, May 31.—Although it has been announced that Whitelaw Reid will occupy Dorchester House as a London residence while he is American Embassador at the Court of St. James, it is known to only a few persons that it was through the good offices of the King that he obtained the lease of the Park Lane palace.

The house is owned by his Majesty's Equerry, Captain Holford. The captain is a bachelor and enormously wealthy. Dorchester House is much too big for his requirements. He has a soldier's love of simplicity and when he lives there himself he occupies only two rooms. But he is very proud of the place, and as he stands in no need of the money to be obtained by leasing it he has never sought a tenant for it. In fact, he dislikes the idea of strangers occupying it. Many rich folk have previously tried to lease the place, for it is regarded as the most desirable private residence in London, but Captain Holford refused even to entertain their offers. At the request of the King he allowed the Duke d'Aosta to stay at the house for a brief period, and the King himself has made use of it on two or three occasions.

AN ACT OF DIPLOMACY.

It was at the King's request that Captain Holford consented to hand Dorchester House over to Reid and his family. He would never have agreed to do it otherwise. In speculating on the probable London residence of the new American Embassador, Dorchester House was frequently mentioned in society journals as the most suitable mansion for his purpose that could be found in London, but always that statement was coupled with expressions of regret that such an arrangement was impossible, owing to Captain Holford's aversion to letting it. A few weeks ago one paper announced that Reid had secured a lease of the house, but that was before the matter had been settled and a score of other journals contradicted the statement and ridiculed the idea. It was soon after that that his Majesty gave Captain Holford the hint that has secured for the American Embassador what is acknowledged to be the finest private mansion in London.

His motives for this were two-fold. No one in England has a better appreciation of cultivating the friendliest possible relations with the United States. Shrewd diplomat as he is, the King regards doing the American Embassador a good turn whenever occasion offers as a means to the attainment of that end, which it would be folly to overlook. In the second place, Whitelaw Reid is distinctly a "persona grata" with him. On the two previous occasions that he has visited London on an official mission the King took a great liking to him, and, therefore, for purely personal reasons also was glad to lend him a helping hand in the house-hunting business.

ROOM FOR ENTERTAINING.

Standing in Park Lane at the corner of Dean street Dorchester House is the most sumptuous residence in what has been popularly designated Millionaires' Row. The house itself, built in ornate Italian style, occupies a parallelogram 135 by 105 feet. It contains twenty-four bedrooms and boudoirs, twelve sitting-rooms and six reception-rooms. These latter are so arranged that they can be easily converted into what is virtually one apartment, where over a thousand people might be entertained with ease.

At the rear of the house are beautiful sunken Italian gardens and stabling accommodation for eighteen horses. The whole design of the house lends itself admirably to luxurious entertainments and the display of the most lavish hospitality. Reid will encounter no difficulty whatever there in spending three or four times as much as his official salary in upholding Uncle Sam's reputation as a most generous host, when his servants pay the bills out of their private pockets. London society is already rejoicing in anticipation of many sumptuous feasts and functions.

They Never Have Time.

Here and there and everywhere are to be found the man and the woman who "never have time."

If you are one of those who "never have time" change your ways. Try this: Make up each day a schedule of what you shall do at each hour and do not budge from the schedule. It will surprise you to find how readily you can dispose of a task within a certain time if you convince yourself that you have to. It is the feeling that you must that will force you to do it. Let each item on the schedule be regarded as an inviolate engagement with yourself and do not let the business of one item cut into the time set for the next. These definite engagements with yourself will enable you to have time for work, reading, calling, churchgoing and recreation.

Do not stop to think it over. You will forget about it if you delay. Try the plan at once.

What will you do at 4 o'clock this afternoon?—Louisville Courier Journal.

An Atchison man played solitaire all day yesterday, and, having lost four thousand dollars, threw the deck in the fire in disgust.

Hunyadi János

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