

MAYOR NAMES RONCOVIERI TO SUCCEED LANGDON.

Director Will Be Superintendent of Schools.

Announcement Is Made at Meeting of Teachers.

When Mayor Schmitz appeared before the gathering of teachers in Alhambra Theater yesterday he began his address with the announcement that he had appointed Alfred Roncovieri Superintendent of Schools of San Francisco, to succeed William H. Langdon, who was elected District Attorney. Roncovieri has served as president of the Board of Education of this city, and the Mayor declared that he had reason to expect that the appointee would fill the office as satisfactorily as Langdon had done.



ALFRED RONCOVIERI, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

SCHMITZ TO RESIGN AS PARK BOARD SECRETARY

Mayor's Brother Says He Will Give Up Political Life to Pursue Insurance Business.

Herbert Schmitz yesterday announced that he will resign his position as secretary of the Park Commission, to take effect on the first of the year. The Mayor's brother says he will retire from political life to go into the insurance business, which he has had in contemplation for some time past.

MOTHER SENDS HER YOUNG SON TO JAIL

Keeps Promise and Notifies Officers When Lad Returns Home.

STABS HIS COMPANION EIGHT TIMES AND FLEES

Spree of Two San Bernardino Men May End in Fatality.

BATTLES WITH GALE ON INITIAL VOYAGE

Uncle Sam's Nebraska Meets Rough Weather on Way to Bremerton.

Dyspepsia

and other stomach troubles quickly relieved and in most cases cured by the use of

Elycozone

Absolutely Harmless

Successfully used by leading physicians. Take no substitute. Not genuine without my signature on label.

One \$1.00 Bottle, Free to any one sending me this advertisement with 25c. to pay postage.

Good until Jan. 15, '06.

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BURNED WHILE PLAYING SANTA

RENO, Dec. 26.—A Christmas party at the Burrus home in this city, which promised to be a brilliant and happy affair, was nearly turned into a tragedy last Sunday night, when the clothing of Ruby Simas, a young lady dressed as Santa Claus, caught fire and the young lady was nearly burned to death before the eyes of her friends and the many little children that had gathered to receive gifts from her hands.

FIGHTS WITH THIEF ON TOP OF A CAR

Conductor Wins by Throwing Robber Off Rapidly Running Train.

KILLS COMPANION AS HE LIES ASLEEP

Indian, Crazed by Liquor, Murders Redman With an Axe.

ANGELS, Dec. 25.—Three Indians, locally known as Jess, Jack and Mary, the last two being man and wife, celebrated Christmas by getting drunk, and this morning Jack's body was found on the trail to the rancharia, with the head and trunk split open. Indian Mary was found at the rancharia. She has several wounds. Jess is in jail charged with the murder. The story is that the three left Carson, a few miles from this place, all drunk, and headed over the trail to the rancharia beyond Vallejo, a few miles east of Angels. Jess and Jack quarreled and Jess went back to John Perano's place, where he procured an ax and followed along the trail until he caught up with Jack lying in a drunken stupor. Frenzied by the white man's liquor he split Jack's head open from the top, and hacked far down into the trunk. Then he attacked Mary, and she received several bad cuts, but she managed to get away and reach the rancharia, to which place Jess followed. This morning an Indian boy coming down the trail found the dead Indian and gave the alarm.

ALICE NIELSEN TRIUMPHANT IN DON PASQUALE

Brava, little Nielsen! Brava! Alice Nielsen came home last night to show what she could do in grand opera. She came as Norina in "Don Pasquale," the Tivoli place, and Pacific avenue, Telegraph Hill and everything between for audience. We had heard here of Milan approving of Naples admiring of Miss Nielsen's London triumphs—but she "had to show us," as they say at the Orpheum. She "showed us" last night, and the local incredulity as to its own was neatly shattered, and those who believed that the fetching little singer had simply dimpled her way into grand opera were fairly confuted. For Miss Nielsen has distinctly "arrived."

The poetic fitness would have been better served had it been the old Tivoli where Alice Nielsen sang last night. It was there that the silvery little voice was first heard and that fascinating little mole first seen. But she did not look a day different last night. She is just the same round-eyed, dimpled, dainty little thing that she has been for some time, though larger, is still as fresh and pure.

But the Nielsen of last night is a very different person from the little singer that used to do "bits" at the old Tivoli. Perhaps of the most charming kind that kind of opera misuses them in the natural merit that she fears to bring to the role. But give Miss Nielsen the aplomb that comes from full recognition, and the operatic style will tell for her and Tetrazini on the grand opera stage. Even Telegraph Hill shouted "Bis!" for her, and the rest of the house heartily added its quota of appreciation.

"As to acting—in spite of the afore-said fear of being wholly her very comical self—she has one, which is completely satisfying, and as to picture, she was the prettiest that grand opera has to give. That was why, perhaps, one forgave the last curtain being rung up while she sang "Good-bye," that had been "requested" by some good but artistic souls. Not that she did not sing it well, but that kind of thing should be left to the Melbas and Patti. Miss Nielsen is much too pretty to do that.

The support includes a little jewel of a tenor, a pocket Gullie, who matches Miss Nielsen's canary note with a little vocal siver of his own that might have been made for the business. His name is Signor Pratti, and his voice is pure tenor, lyric in the fullest sense. And Signor Pratti is as good a singer as he is a tenor. It is not a powerful voice, but so delicately shaded, so nicely used, that all the effect of volume is given. He smiles as prettily as Nielsen, which makes up for acting that is somewhat naive. But Signor Pratti's boyish earnest is a distinctly likable achievement all round, and vocally a small gem. His "Com e Gentili" was delightfully sung, rousingly encored and repeated with artless pleasure in the applause.

The baritone, Fratodi, might be better if he had remembered to bring the rest of his voice along and Signor Rosa is almost a voiceless basso. But Rosa is otherwise a good buffo. The Tivoli chorus, so rejoiced to get into a grand opera again that it came in a scene ahead, did good work with the "scratch" orchestra, and broke all Tivoli records with his white kid gloves.

DANTE RELICS TAKEN BY JESTING THIEVES

Burglars Leave Note Saying "You Florentines Are Idiots."

BRITISH CRUISER LANDS A FORCE IN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, Dec. 26.—All is quiet here. A force of 250 men has landed from the British cruiser Andromeda, and bluejacket guards are maintained all through the foreign concession.

VICHY CELESTINS

Natural Alkaline Water

CURES Dyspepsia and Stomach Troubles

The genuine is always sold in bottles like this

Beware of Syphons, they do not contain VICHY

Kindness is the key to every heart.

HALF PRICE THIS WEEK FOR MANY THINGS

And From One-Third to One-Quarter Off on Many Others

Getting things shipshape to begin 1906 business—disposing of all remaining lots of exclusive Holiday Novelties at much less than cost—goods that have been used in store displays, at one-quarter, one-third and one-half less than regular prices.

Furnish Any Room in the House Now

For About Half the Price You Expected to Have to Pay

If you are planning to do any furnishing, whether it be a single room or a hotel, you will probably never have a better opportunity offered you than the sale now in progress in The Emporium. All Furniture reduced 25 per cent from our usual low prices, which we guarantee are 20 per cent less than exclusive Furniture Houses ask for the same qualities, making your savings now nearly half. This reduction applies to all furniture except kitchen furniture, bed springs and mattresses. Carpets reduced 15 per cent.

Boxed Stationery 1/3 Off

1906 Calendars 1/2 Off

Every Fancy Calendar in the store offered at half price, to close them out before the end of the week.

Squares and Shawls One-Quarter Off

Quite a lot of square and circular knit shawls that have been used for display purposes marked to close out this week:

\$1.50 Shawls for . . . \$1.12
\$2.00 Shawls for . . . \$1.50
\$4.00 Shawls for . . . \$3.00

One-Quarter off Aprons Used in Xmas Display

These are the aprons with which that pretty booth on the second floor was constructed and trimmed. They were handled a good deal during the display, but sustained no injury that laundering will not repair. We, however, could not return them to stock in a soiled condition and so take one-quarter off regular prices to dispose of them this week.

Aprons Marked 35c, 42c, 68c up to \$1.25
Reduced to 27c, 31c, 51c up to 94c

Gretone Novelties Half Price

More or less soiled from handling, but not enough to destroy their usefulness;

75c Boxes for Collars and Cuffs, Gloves, Veils and Handkerchiefs . . . 37 1/2%
75c Work Boxes for . . . 37%
50c Handkerchief and Glove Boxes . . . 25c
30c Handkerchief and Glove Boxes . . . 15c
40c Collar Cases . . . 20c
40c Glove Cases . . . 20c
50c Handkerchief Cases . . . 25c
\$1.25 Picture Frames . . . 62%
50c Cravat Cases . . . 25c
25c Needle Books . . . 12%
Pincushions, one half off

At Half Price

Hurt Toys, Games and Dolls, Matchsafes, Calendars, Piperacks, Jewel Cases, Toilet Sets, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes that were 25c to \$15; now \$13 to \$7.50

One-Quarter Off

On several hundred pieces of rich American Cut Glass—Vases, Rose Bowls, Sugars and Creamers, Water Pitchers, Punch Bowls, Bonbon-Dishes, Decanters, Celery Trays, Water Bottles, etc.

Only Appearance in California

The Gigantic Fairy Soap Bubble Fountain

This Fountain covers a space 8 feet in diameter at the base, and 25 feet in height, surmounted by a life-size Fairy. It produces a flow of about one million connected bubbles each hour. The bubbles are made in such large numbers that before they have time to burst and melt away they collect in a large solid column seven feet in diameter and over ten feet in height.

Underneath this mass of bubbles are numerous electric lights, which cause them to sparkle and reflect iridescent colors.

The Emporium

CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST—AMERICA'S GRANDEST STORE

Your New Year Cigars in Boxes

Holiday Boxes 12 1/2c Cigars

The favorite brands of Key West Havana Cigars—Humboldt, Optimos, Bocks, Van Dykes and Sanches & Hays, the large size—12 in box . . . \$1.35
25 in box . . . \$2.50 100 in box . . . \$9.00

Holiday Boxes 10c Cigars

General Arthur, Humboldt, Bocks and Americans, packed 12 in a box . . . 90c
High Grade Porto Rico Cigars, box of 50 . . . \$2.00
Small Clear Havana Cigars, a fine smoke, 50 in box . . . \$2.00

Holiday Boxes 5c Cigars

John Henry, Old Pine, Magnolia or Renown, 50 in box of 50 . . . \$1.65
Corona Cigars, 12 in box, 60c; 25 in box, \$1.10; 50 in box . . . \$2.00

Read The Big Store's Prices

New Year's Wines And Liquors

O. P. S. Whisky—A very fine \$1.50 quality, bottle . . . \$1.05
Tito Chianti Wine—Red or white, special, quart . . . 85c
Marquette Rye—Worth \$1.25 bottle, special . . . 75c
Rhine Wines—Genuine imported, Rudesheimer or Brauburger—instead of \$1.00 a bottle, case of 12 bottles \$7.50; single bottle . . . 65c
Cordials—Assorted, decanters . . . 75c and \$1.00
Dinner Wines—Sauterne or Zinfandel; good quality, gallon . . . 75c
Whisky—Hermitage or Old Crow, straight goods, gallon . . . \$4.00
Paul Masson Champagne—Finest domestic champagne made, pints, 80c; case of 2 doz. pints, \$18.00; quarts, \$1.50; case of 1 doz. quarts . . . \$16.00
Whisky—Emporium A Bourbon, gallon, \$3.00; quarts, 85c; pints . . . 50c
Hock Wine—A good Sonoma County wine, gallon . . . 80c
Swedish Punch—The best imported, bottle . . . \$1.50
Whisky—Wilson, Rye or Paul Jones, bottle . . . 85c
Fruit Brandy—Applet, Peach or Cherry, bottle . . . 75c
Cherries in Maraschino—Half pint, 25c; pints, 40c; quarts . . . 60c
Flasks—Fancy wicker filled with either wines or liquors from, each . . . 30c to \$1.00
Imported Champagne—Mumm—Pints, \$1.45; quarts . . . \$2.75
Ciquot—Pints, \$1.55; quarts . . . \$2.90
White Seal—Pints, \$1.45; quarts . . . \$2.75

HORSE IS KILLED BY TROLLEY CAR

NAPA, Dec. 25.—A serious accident occurred today on the Vallejo and Napa Valley Electric Railway line about half a mile below Napa. The horse attached to the buggy which contained Mrs. Retty of Napa and B. Cassau of San Francisco was killed and Mrs. Retty was severely injured. Mrs. Retty was driving the horse along the road near the track. The animal gave a sudden jump and landed directly in front of it. The car struck the horse with terrible force, inflicting injuries which caused the animal's death in a few minutes. Mrs. Retty, who was thrown heavily to the ground, sustained severe injuries about the shoulders. Cassau, who also was thrown out, was only slightly bruised.

GOOD SHIP PORTLAND WILL BE TOTAL LOSS

SEATTLE, Dec. 25.—That the steamship Portland will be a total loss is the story received in Seattle from the officers of the Canadian steamship Amur, which reached Skagway last night from Vancouver. The Amur passed the Portland on her trip north. The passengers on the Portland left Ketchikan on Sunday on board the Aiki. The Portland, which ran ashore on December 21, is full of holes from her contact with the rocks of Spire Island, and is leaking badly. The tug Pioneer is getting ready to go north for her. Captain Lindquest and two men are still on the doomed vessel. The Portland has among its cargo 600 tons of ore, which prevents the vessel from slipping off the rocks. At the time of the accident the vessel was running from Valdez and Seward to Seattle. The Portland brought out the first treasure from Klondike to Seattle. She was once used by the opium ring to smuggle Chinese, and also by the Cubans as a filibuster. She was a banana steamer on the Mosquito Coast.

OFFICER ACCIDENTALLY SHOT WEEK AGO TO LOSE HIS LEG

MONTEREY, Dec. 26.—Constable Hinkle, who was accidentally shot with his own revolver about a week ago, will lose his leg. The leg will have to be cut off below the knee. Arrangements have been made to take the man to Gilroy to-morrow, where the operation will be performed. In order to save the man's life amputation of the limb is necessary.

TWO TROOPS OF CAVALRY ON WAY TO PHILIPPINES

SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—A special train arrived over the Great Northern tracks this morning bringing two troops of the Eighth Cavalry from Fort Assiniboine. They were immediately switched over to the Northern Pacific tracks and sent south to San Francisco. From that port they will embark on a Government transport and set sail for the Philippine Islands, where they have been assigned to duty for the next two years.

FIRE DESTROYS AN OLD CHURCH

HEALDSBURG, Dec. 26.—About midnight fire destroyed the old Presbyterian church owned by Rev. J. Overton of Oakland. This church was the first to be constructed in Northern Sonoma County. It was erected in 1857 and had long been one of Healdsburg's landmarks. The church has not been used for several months. It is claimed that the fire was caused from a Christmas tree around which were gathered members of a poor family which dwelt in the rear part of the old structure. Dr. Crocker's large sanitarium adjoining took fire and but for the energetic and heroic efforts of the firemen would have been destroyed. The loss will aggregate about \$1000.

COURT STOPS WORK ON OREGON RAILROAD

PORTLAND, Dec. 25.—The granting of an injunction by the State Circuit Court directing the Portland and Seattle Railroad and Simms & Shields, contractors, to discontinue the work of railroad construction in the vicinity of a proposed crossing with the new line of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company, between here and the Columbia River, marks the first legal clash actually to occur between the principals themselves. In the alleged fight between the Hill and Harriman interests. Both companies have for some time been striving to gain the vantage at the point of crossing in order to establish a grade to which the other company would have to conform. Conditions existing between the contractors Saturday, it is said that in violation of the court's order the Portland and Seattle Railroad continued its work day and night, Sunday and Monday, and has built 300 feet of track across the land and established a grade.

On the other hand, it is stated, no suit was filed or pending under which the Circuit Court could issue the restraining order, and therefore the injunction is of no effect. There is no record in court of the issuance of the injunction and it is not known when the citation is made returnable.

This document, it is asserted, was served on President Flanders and the contractors Saturday. It is said that in violation of the court's order the Portland and Seattle Railroad continued its work day and night, Sunday and Monday, and has built 300 feet of track across the land and established a grade.

Arrested for Opening Mail.
SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—H. H. Randall, a city letter carrier, was arrested to-day and charged with delaying and opening United States mail entrusted to him as a carrier. The arrest was made after an investigation lasting several days by Postoffice Inspector Wayland.

Rain Falls in Bakersfield.
BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 26.—Rain commenced falling at 7:30 this evening and the indications are that it will continue throughout the night. The rain has broken the cold snap.

EXPERT MAKES A LONG REPORT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—Engineer Frank Olmstead, who was engaged by the city of Los Angeles to pass upon the feasibility of the gigantic project to bring the waters of Owens River, in Inyo County, to supply the needs of this city, has made his report. It is a voluminous document, covering every phase of the project, and may be summarized as follows: Length of conduit, 234 miles; estimated total cost of project, \$36,524,663; time necessary for completion of work, eight years; material required—cement, 1,855,595 barrels; steel bars, 128,138.40 tons; steel plates, 28,244.19 tons.

LABORERS ON SPREE SHOOT THROUGH CAR

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The best cast range on the market. Bakes evenly top and bottom; heats water quickly with a minimum amount of coal. We guarantee this range to give absolute satisfaction—to do more work with less fuel than any cast range on the market. Our confidence is such that we will place it in your home on the following terms:

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would require 62 per cent more water than the supply at present.

Rights of way over most of the proposed line of conduit may be secured from the General Government at nominal expense; from private owners, who represent only about 15 per cent of the territory, for not more than \$100,000.

LABORERS ON SPREE SHOOT THROUGH CAR

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 26.—As the first section of north-bound passenger train No. 16 was passing the crossing immediately north of Medford last evening a member of the gang of Greeks and Italians in the employ of the railroad company fired a shot through the observation coach, fortunately too high to strike the passengers sitting opposite the window. The men had been drinking during the day and were somewhat turbulent. The railroad authorities this morning wired instructions to the Sheriff to arrest the entire gang and find the guilty man if possible.