

NEWS OF THE CITY AND COUNTRY

EXHAUSTED BY LONG VIGIL AT BEDSIDE OF DYING SISTER, WOMAN FALLS PREY TO FIRE

HELP COMES TOO LATE Mrs. M. A. Smith Found Unconscious in Blazing Room and Dies in Short Time

POINT RICHMOND, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Mary A. Smith, wife of George Smith, a well known liquor dealer here, was fatally burned in a fire which started in her room this morning.

Some time ago Mrs. Almira Braymire, a sister of Mrs. Smith, was attacked by a fatal malady and Mrs. Smith was remaining in her care of the sick woman until her death two days ago.

The deceased was 52 years of age and was well known in Point Richmond, where her husband has been in business for some time.

The flames in the Smith home were extinguished with considerable effort and the amount of insurance has not yet been made public.

ACTRESS COMPLAINS AGAINST RAILROAD SAYS BRAKEMAN BEAT HER AND SHE NOW ASKS FOR DAMAGES

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Because Eva Tangany, actress, and a brakeman employed by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway Company disagreed as to the question as to the amount of air required to properly ventilate a railway car, the railway company has been made defendant in a suit for \$100,000 damages, begun today by the actress.

When the train reached Des Moines Miss Tangany and her manager were put in the custody of a policeman, at the request of the brakeman, but were later released by the chief of police.

MRS. SPERRY FREE BY ORDER OF COURT Wife of Nephew of Princess Poniatowski Obtains a Divorce

SAN RAFAEL, Feb. 14.—Judge Thomas J. Lennon granted Marion B. Sperry an interlocutory decree of divorce from Richard Sperry to-day.

SANTA ROSA, Feb. 14.—The hop-growers of this county are rejecting over the great saving they are making in the purchase of supplies this year as the result of the organization of the Sonoma Hop-growers Association here a few months ago.

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SUISUN CAPITALIST MUST STAY IN ASYLUM Captain Boynton Is Denied Freedom on Same Day His Wife Dies

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Boynton owns property in this county valued at over \$70,000, and despite his 79 years, has the reputation of being one of the highest rollers in this part of the State.

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BEGIN SECOND PERIOD OF CASE

OAKLAND, Feb. 14.—The second trial of Percy Pembroke for the murder of Thomas Cook in Fruitvale on the night of July 23 was begun to-day. He was one of the three youths who were charged with the crime.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—OAKLAND, Feb. 14.—The following marriage licenses were issued by the County Clerk to-day: Angelo Casazza, 26, and Teresa Boala, 21, both of Oakland; William H. W. Phillips, 22, and Bertha Dinninger, 18, both of San Francisco; James D. Miller, 21, and Hazel S. McCracken, 17, both of Oakland; Frank E. Phillips, 22, and Louisa, Phillips, 22, both of San Leandro.

RAISE DR. BROWN'S SALARY. OAKLAND, Feb. 14.—The board of trustees of the First Congregational Church held a meeting to-night and raised the salary of Rev. Charles R. Brown from \$6000 to \$7000 a year.

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WEDS BROTHER'S WIDOW. OAKLAND, Feb. 14.—Frank Phillips, 22 years old, married Louise Phillips, 22 years old, his brother's widow, to-day. The couple reside at San Leandro. When he obtained his marriage license, Phillips jocularly remarked: "She was good enough for my brother, and she's good enough for me."

ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS

PIONEER DIES.—OAKLAND, Feb. 14.—John Lightfoot, a pioneer of California, 91 years old, died to-night at his residence, 1204 Madison street.

FINED FOR BEATING FORMER WIFE.—OAKLAND, Feb. 14.—John Madden was fined \$150 to-day for having battered his former wife, Mrs. Matilda Mikkelsen.

DIES SOON AFTER HUSBAND.—OAKLAND, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Ellen M. Roberts, whose husband, Captain William Roberts of San Francisco, died last night, was reported to have died to-day.

SAYS WIFE LEFT HIM.—OAKLAND, Feb. 14.—Lorenzo D. Matthews has brought divorce proceedings against Lizzie E. Matthews, who he says left him in 1892. They were married in 1890.

TO RETIRE POLICEMEN.—OAKLAND, Feb. 14.—Police Commissioner Thompson has granted his application to be placed on the retired list on account of ailments contracted while on duty.

PATHOLOGIC EXERCISES.—OAKLAND, Feb. 14.—Lloyd G. A. A. will hold public physical exercises at the Oakland Lyceum in celebration of the birthday anniversary of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.—BERKELEY, Feb. 14.—An automobile belonging to Ernest Houghtaling of San Francisco, traveling on Key Route train yesterday afternoon at Ashby station. The machine was wrecked. Houghtaling escaped unhurt.

CONVENT GIRLS IN DRAMA.—Alameda, Feb. 14.—The senior members of the Dramatic Society of the Convent are rehearsing the scriptural play, "Mary of Magdala," which they are to present in Notre Dame Hall on Saturday evening, February 17.

MUST EXPLAIN.—OAKLAND, Feb. 14.—Word has been sent by the District Attorney to W. S. Dunlevy, a trustee of Upper Fruitvale in Kansas, and other trustees, to be carrying on a contract with the school of which he is principal.

RECLAIMING MARSH LAND.—Alameda, Feb. 14.—Dr. J. P. Dunn, who is at the head of the San Francisco Reclamation Company, was seriously ill from appendicitis to-night, but the patient is convalescent.

DEATH OF PIONEER'S WIDOW.—OAKLAND, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Eliza A. Eastman, widow of the late George Eastman, died to-day at her residence, 54 Valley street. Mrs. Eastman came to California in 1852. The funeral will be held at the First Methodist Church at 1:30 o'clock from the First Methodist Church.

SHARPEARED CLUB BANQUET.—Alameda, Feb. 14.—The members of the Sharpeared Club held their twenty-second annual meeting and banquet last night at the residence of Mr. J. W. Rigby, 209 Kearny street.

MITCHELL CASE POSTPONED.—OAKLAND, Feb. 14.—The trial of David Mitchell for an alleged attempt to murder Charles Smith, who was 16 years of age, which was to have been begun this afternoon, was postponed until tomorrow.

AMPUTATED.—OAKLAND, Feb. 14.—P. C. Lassen, who conducts a real estate office on Ninth street, near Broadway, has formally announced that he has been the result of having a corn trimmed by a traveling chiropodist. Blood poisoning followed the amputation, and the patient is now recovering.

ATTACK ON OFFICER.—OAKLAND, Feb. 14.—Blaker, brother of George Blaker, convicted of the murder of Thomas Cook, was attacked by a party of men on the street to-day. Blaker was injured and the party fled.

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SYNDICATE WATER COMPANY TO INSTALL PIPE LINES WHICH WILL COVER A LARGE AREA

ARE TO START AT ONCE Big Force of Men Will Begin Construction of the First Section in a Few Days

POINT RICHMOND, Feb. 14.—A. H. Markwart, the engineer in charge of the work of the new Syndicate Water Company, to-day made an inspection of the plant of the Point Richmond Water Company, which has recently been acquired by the Syndicate, and completed arrangements for the construction of a pipe line to the wells of the Syndicate Company at San Pablo, thence to the site of the dam to be constructed on the Clancy ranch, above San Pablo. Within a few days, Engineer Markwart declares, a large force of laborers will be put to work on the construction of the pipe line, and the work will be rushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

Engineer Markwart said that it was the intention of the Syndicate Water Company to at once begin the installation of a water system which would be extended to all parts of the surrounding territory and would reach every town, which the capacity of the plant would supply. He said that the work would be completed as rapidly as men and money could accomplish it.

The Santa Fe Railroad, which has hitherto been supplied with water for its shops and locomotives from its own plant, has made arrangements to get its supply from the Syndicate Company.

The hearing of a Contra Costa Water Company's injunction suit to restrain the Syndicate Water Company from constructing a dam and reservoir on the Clancy ranch, on San Pablo Creek, was continued by Superior Judge Wells to-day at Martinez, February 22.

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CITIZENS OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO AT LARGE MEETING PERFECT AN ORGANIZATION

EXPECT BIG BENEFITS Body to Immediately Take Steps to Promote the Interest of Suburban Town

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—At a largely attended meeting of business and professional men of this town the South City Board of Trade was organized. The following officers were elected: President, E. W. Laugenbach; vice president, J. W. Postel; secretary, M. E. Glucksman.

President Laugenbach upon his election took the chair, relieving J. R. Luttrell, who had acted as temporary chairman to that time. The president made an appropriate speech outlining the future policy of the board, and concluded by appointing J. R. Luttrell, H. Gaerdes and E. S. Pike as an executive committee.

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FALLS OFF TRAIN AND WANDERS TO NOVATO, WHERE HE WAITS FOR SAN FRANCISCO CAR

BITES MARIN OFFICER Is Confined in County Jail Pending Examination Into His Mental Condition

SAN RAFAEL, Feb. 14.—A demented young German, giving the name of Charley Beckmann and claiming to have a brother in Petaluma and sister, Mrs. John V. Postel, residing at 358 Oak street, San Francisco, was found acting in a very peculiar manner at Novato to-day. He was dripping wet, and when accosted replied in a rambling manner. His said brother was waiting for an Oak street car. As near as can be made out from his statements, he fell off one of the trains.

Constable Devoto and Deputy Hirtzbarren had all they could do to handle Beckmann. During their struggles the insane youth sunk his false teeth into Devoto's hand. Beckmann was taken before Judge Dahl, who made an examination and ordered him sent to the county jail pending an examination into his mental condition. Dahl considers the unfortunate fellow dangerous so to be at liberty. Beckmann wears a Druids button and claims to be a member of Golden Gate Grove in San Francisco.

STEIN IS GIVEN TO POPULAR MEMBER OF THE WOODMEN San Rafael Degree Team Presents Former Captain With Token of Their Regard.

SAN RAFAEL, Feb. 14.—Supervisor V. J. B. Cheda, a prominent business and fraternal man of the city, was presented with a handsome stein, suitably inscribed, by the members of the Uniformed Degree team of Mira Monte Camp, No. 358, Woodmen of the World.

Supervisor Cheda, up to recently, was captain of the team and did much to bring it up to its high standard.

ACCUSED OF STEALING GUNS BY THE SHERIFF OF MARIN Officer Swears Out Warrant for Arrest of Resident of Hog Island.

SAN RAFAEL, Feb. 14.—Sheriff William P. Taylor swore to a complaint before Judge Magee to-day charging Nick Gonzales with robbing the home of Mrs. N. W. Mallory on Hog Island, Tomales Bay in 1904 and stealing two shotguns and one rifle. Joseph Sandoval is also under arrest for the same crime.

STRIKES A GIRL ON HEAD WITH BOTTLE Miss Mary Peters Is Brutally Beaten by James Surman.

BERKELEY, Feb. 14.—For passing a jocular remark Miss Mary Peters was viciously attacked and beaten on the head with a bottle by James Surman, a machinist, to-night at Fifth street and University avenue, West Berkeley. Letitia Stevens, a friend of Miss Peters, witnessed the attack.

The two girls were walking along University avenue when they noticed Surman, whom they were acquainted with, come down the street. He was intoxicated and had two bottles of beer in his pockets. Miss Peters passed a jocular remark in regard to St. Valentine's day, which Surman took offense at, becoming very angry. He advanced upon Miss Peters and dealt her a stunning blow over the head with one of the bottles, which fell her to the ground. The screams of the two girls attracted several persons to the scene. The injured girl was taken to her home for treatment. In the meantime the other girl, who was later arrested by Policeman Atchinson and charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

WOULD RENDER CATTLE IMMUNE OAKLAND, Feb. 14.—By means of the Von Behring serum, the discovery of a noted German, with which it is claimed that tuberculosis among the cattle of Germany has been practically eradicated, City Veterinarian Dr. R. A. Archibald hopes to lessen, if not to put an end, to the ravages of the white plague among the cattle of Alameda County.

Dr. Archibald is now conducting a series of experiments with the serum, which, if successful, will tend to solve the problem which of late has caused the local health department much concern.

More than \$0 per cent of the cattle in this county are afflicted with the disease, according to statistics secured by the various local inspectors, are victims of tuberculosis, and it is to help to remedy this condition that Dr. Archibald is now experimenting with the Von Behring serum. When asked to-day what the result of his work so far had been Dr. Archibald said:

It is much too early yet to tell what the result of our experiments will be, but we hope the new vaccine will prove all that has been claimed for it. It is necessary to inoculate an animal when it is about four months old, and when it is a year old, and then to allow it to mature under ordinary conditions, to discover whether or not it is really immune, and of course this takes a long time.

NEW PRINCIPAL CHOSEN. BERKELEY, Feb. 14.—Joseph Plumb of Martinez was selected principal of the Lincoln school by the school directors last night, taking the place of Principal J. Nichols, resigned.

The directors accepted Contractor W. W. Anderson's bid of \$26,961 to build the Piedmont avenue school.

The board adopted a resolution, by which architects who draw plans for school buildings, after a certain amount is set aside for such a purpose and after having their plans adopted, and revoked the same, shall pay the value difference between the estimate and the lowest bid received. This action is the outcome of the squabble over the responsibility for the delay in getting work started on the \$50,000 Bancroft school building.

FILES SUIT FOR STOCK.—Suit was filed yesterday by W. H. Haylor against E. C. Caries, chemical company, for the value thereof, which the plaintiff alleges the defendant is unlawfully withholding. The stock is said to be worth \$4,000.