NEWS OF THE COUNTIES ABOUT THE BAY

WOMAN FREED IN FRAUD CASE

Police Judge Samuels Holds That the Evidence Against Mrs. Odell Is Insufficient

INTENT IS NOT PROVED

Magistrate Unable to Tell Whether Victim Was After Wife or Fabulous Wealth

OAKLAND, April 16.—Another attempt to prosecute women who are alleged to use matrimonial bureaus and newspapers devoted to that cause to swindle susceptible men failed this afternoon when Police Judge Samuels dismissed Martha E. Odell, whose name out of the spot light of publicity is Mrs. W. W. Henderson and who was accused of fraudulently inducing John A. Horn to invest $800 in a mine in Amador County.

Horn said he made the investment because he thought the woman loved him; she produced a husband in court to show that she could not have married Horn for legal reasons.

It came down to the arguments today and former Judge Low of San Francisco and Attorney R. L. Mann, representing the prosecution and the defense respectively, had a verbal set-to when the latter suggested that an attempt had been made to extort money from the woman with the understanding that the case would be dropped.

"Let the counsel make those statements under oath," interrupted Judge Low, whose face was white with anger, but Mann did not take the stand.

Attorney John W. Stetson, chief counsel for the defense, made a motion this afternoon that the case be dismissed on the ground of insufficiency of evidence and Judge Samuels granted the motion. In doing so he said:

"The court has serious doubts as to whether Horn parted with his money because of the false and fraudulent statements of the defendant that she was capable of contracting legal marriage or whether it was a desire to invest his $800 in a gold mine or alleged gold mine, hoping to reap financial benefit. But rom all the testimony that has been presented it is my judgment that there is not sufficient to hold the defendant. It is a case of failure to establish corpus delicti. But I may say this: That the Grand Jury is now in session and if the complaining witness still feels aggrieved he will find that body ready to give him respectful attention."

THIEVES BEGINNING THE SUMMER RAIDS

Two Homes Are Visited in the Early Morning Hours.

OAKLAND, April 16.—The thieves that broke into the home of W. H. Ingels, a San Francisco mining man, at 1315 Oak street last night and stole jewelry valued at $150, visited several other homes in the lakeside district, according to the reports received by the police today.

While the family was away from home the burglars broke into the Ingels home by smashing the large plate glass panel in the front door and ransacked the house. That was shortly after midnight. Less than an hour later they effected an entrance in the same way into the home of Dr. H. E. Carlton at 1436 Webster street, but were frightened away by the barking of a dog. So far as known Dr. Carlton's loss is only a pair of gold sleeve buttons, but it will be necessary for him to take an inventory of the household effects before he can ascertain his loss, as the house was ransacked.

The home of Emma Rhodes at 771 Twenty-first street, not far from the Carlton residence, was also ransacked, but an investigation proved that nothing was taken. In this case, too, the thieves were probably frightened away.

Room thieves were also at work last night and two victims made reports to the police this morning. R. S. Stoker of 785 Washington street reported the loss of two overcoats and a razor and C. J. Wilson reported that his dress suit case, containing clothing, had been stolen from his room at 1229 Broadway.

MANY MOURNERS VISIT THE MORGUE

Hundreds of Persons View the Body of William Fieldwick.

OAKLAND, April 16.—Never in the history of the Oakland Morgue has a body been held there that has caused more genuine or general grief than that of William Fieldwick, late superintendent of the New California Jockey Club and Town Trustee of Emeryville, who was killed early yesterday morning by a Berkeley train. All day yesterday and today large numbers of men and women viewed the remains, and few turned away from the casket without shedding tears. It was not unusual during the day to see a man high in the walks of political or social life clasp hands with a colored stable boy beside the bier and mingle their tears. The body lay in state today at a local undertaking parlor, and it is estimated that not less than 300 men and women called to view the remains.

The funeral will be held from Elks' Hall at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, and the eulogy will be delivered by George W. Reed. The honorary pallbearers will be Thomas H. Williams, W. H. Christie, F. J. Stoers, J. T. Doyle, P. W. Treat and Judge J. G. Quinn.

MAYOR APPROVES MEASURES.

OAKLAND, April 16.—Mayor Mott has approved many ordinances recently passed by the City Council, among them being those accepting abandonment of Oakland Traction Consolidated franchise for rights of way on Broadway and private rights of way; authorizing the Board of Public Works to extend the boulevard on the east side of Lake Merritt northerly and appropriating $15,000 therefor; authorizing the employment of J. H. Dockweiler as consulting engineer in the matter of litigation between the Contra Costa Water Company and the city of Oakland.

TAKEN TO SAN QUENTIN.

MARTINEZ, April 16.—John Zimmerman, convicted of being one of the men who held up John E. Daly on the road between Martinez and Oakland a year ago and robbed him of $10,000, was taken to San Quentin by Sheriff Veale today to begin a sentence of forty-five years for his crime.

PEMBROKE MUST BE TRIED OVER

Owing to Continued Illness of Juror M. Mattos a New Beginning Is to Be Made

WILL MAKE THIRD TRIAL

This Time a Thirteenth Man Will Be Sworn In to Act as a Substitute, if Needed

OAKLAND, April 16.—Owing to the continued illness of Juror M. Mattos of Irvington the jury engaged in the trial of Percy Pembroke for complicity in the murder of Thomas Cook at Fruitvale was discharged by Judge W. H. Waste today, and the trial must be gone over again before another jury.

The chances of Mattos ever being able to go on with the trial are remote, and as the case has been delayed for three weeks on account of his illness Judge Waste decided that the only thing to be done was to begin with another jury.

The case will be called in the morning and set for trial. To provide against any such emergency recurring a thirteenth juror will be sworn in and will act as a substitute to take the place of any that may fall by the way. The first jury disagreed and the second trial had reached the argument stage when Mattos was taken ill. Each of the trials has consumed three weeks, and every one concerned in the case has been worn out with the repeated strain.

ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS.

GALE PLACED ON TRIAL.—Oakland, April 16.—E. H. Gale, charged with having assaulted P. J. O'Connell with a deadly weapon, was put on trial today for the offense.

VISITING RABBI PREACHES.—Oakland, April 16.—Rabbi H. N. Keller of Richmond, Va., who is visiting this city, preached his second sermon at Beth Jacob Synagogue tonight.

FILE BUNNELL WILL.—Oakland, April 16.—The will of James S. Bunnell, late auditor of Wells, Fargo & Co., was filed for probate today. It leaves his three children $5000 each and the balance of his estate to the widow.

YOUTH SENTENCED.—Oakland, April 16. Grant Trask, a youth 19 years of age, on parole from the Whittier Reformatory, pleaded guilty today to having stolen a bicycle and was sentenced to one year at San Quentin by Judge Harris.

BEGIN TAKING SCHOOL CENSUS.—Oakland, April 16.—The work of taking the school census was begun this morning by Census Marshal Henry L. Chase and a corps of assistants. It is expected that the work will be completed by May 1.

ASSESSOR'S NOTICE.—Berkeley, April 16. Town Assessor W. Wharff has given merchants of Berkeley notice that unless their personal property taxes are paid by April 20 he will seize their goods and sell them to procure money for the taxes due.

CHURCH FOR FRIENDS.—Berkeley, April 16.—The Friends Church is planning to erect a new church building in Berkeley. The church owns property on Haste street, between Shattuck and Fulton, which probably will be used as a site for the building.

RECTOR'S WIFE IMPROVING.—Oakland, April 16.—Mrs. Clifton Macon, wife of the rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, who has been seriously ill for the last two weeks, is reported much improved, although she is not yet considered entirely out of danger.

McNULTY TRIAL IS SET.—Oakland, April 16.—The third trial of Lester C. McNulty on a charge of having committed an assault upon Dorothy Olsen of Berkeley was set for trial this morning for June 25 next. Twice juries have failed to arrive at an agreement.

WILL APPEAL FOR WRIT.—Oakland, April 16.—An appeal will be made to the Appellate Court tomorrow by Attorneys Bradley and Mendenhall for a writ of habeas corpus in behalf of Alfred McDonald, now in custody for shooting Joseph Mello at Pleasanton.

UNHAPPY COUPLES.—Oakland, April 16.—Suit for divorce was begun today by Adelaide V. Allen against Charles A. Allen for cruelty. Samuel McCall and Bertha McCall, who were divorced some time ago, have made up their differences and were remarried here today.

GRAND JURY TO MEET.—Oakland, April 16.—The Grand Jury will convene tomorrow and will take up the consideration of several matters now unfinished before it. The question of the defalcation of the late Treasurer A. W. Feidler is one of the matters yet to be disposed of.

RAISES LARGE SUMS FOR CHURCH.—Oakland, April 16.—The Rev. Alexander Allen, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, yesterday secured more than $5000 as an Easter offering for the purpose of raising the debt on the new church site recently purchased by the congregation.

ATHENIAN CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS.—Oakland, April 16.—The members of the Athenian Club have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Charles T. Rodolph; vice president, C. D. Bates Jr.; directors, Frank W. Bilger, Thomas Crellin and Edward W. Engs.

ATTACH REW'S CIGAR STORE.—Alameda, April 16.—John Rew's cigar store has been attached and closed by Tillmann & Bendel of San Francisco for non-payment of a bill for goods. Rew was recently arrested for bookmaking and last week pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined $50.

VETERAN LAID TO REST.—Oakland, April 16.—The funeral of John A. Vincent, a veteran of the Civil War, was held yesterday under the auspices of Company A, Veteran Reserves, and Appomattox Post No. 50, G. A. R. The remains were laid to rest in Mountain View Cemetery with military honors.

WESTERN PACIFIC SUITS.—Oakland, April 16.—Condemnation suits were begun today by the Western Pacific Railway against the Derby Estate Company, T. F. Chatfield, William J. McKee, Wellman Estate Company, Ruth Wellman, Lucy C. Grimwell and Samuel Tevis for right of way through lands in Fruitvale.

EASTER BONNETS INJURED.—Berkeley, April 16.—Easter bonnets and gowns worn by Berkeley ladies were given an unexpected wetting last night, when a water main on Telegraph avenue and Bancroft way burst. Occupants of seats on a passing car suffered from the shower, as did a bevy of maidens in the vicinity.

WOMEN INJURED.—Berkeley, April 16.—Mrs. J. W. Skelton, wife of a Tonopah mining man, was injured by a collision yesterday, a colt attached to a cart bumping into her carriage on College avenue, demolishing her vehicle and throwing her and a sister, Rosetta Murray, to the ground. The women were bruised and cut.

CHURCH DEBT PAID.—Berkeley, April 16. The congregation of the Unitarian church was informed last night by Rev. J. H. Lathrop that a debt of $1050 owed by the congregation has been assumed by the American Unitarian Association upon condition that the local church at once raise $350 of the debt. The offer has been accepted.

WOMAN STILL ILL.—Oakland, April 16.—When the case of Mrs. Rose McQueeney, accused by Policeman Underwood of violating the bicycle ordinance, was called in the Police court this morning it was stated that she was still suffering from the injuries received when, she alleges, Underwood threw her from her wheel. The case was therefore continued until April 30.

HASSE CASE TO BEGIN.—Oakland, April 16.—The second trial of Otto L. Hasse on a charge of having presented false and fraudulent bills for stationery to the Board of Supervisors was set for trial this morning, but owing to a lack of jurors the case was put over until tomorrow morning, when it will be heard by Judge Melvin.

PRESBYTERY IN SESSION.—Oakland, April 16.—The Oakland Presbytery began its regular quarterly meeting today at the First Presbyterian Church. The officiating clergymen are the Rev. H. K. Sanborn, the Rev. O. E. Hart, the Rev. Franklin Rhoda, the Rev. H. H. Wintler, the Rev. E. A. Melcher and the Rev. Dwight E. Potter. The meeting will be continued tomorrow.

CHINESE LOTTERIES RAIDED.—Oakland, April 16.—Captain of Police Petersen, assisted by Policemen Green, Poulter, Shannon and McCready, made another raid on Chinese lotteries this morning and took four Orientals into custody. The men arrested were: Gee Num, known as the "Lottery King," 416 Seventh street; Ah Sing, Ninth and Webster streets; Ah Sue, 471 Eighth street; Ah Sam, Eighth and Webster streets. Two charges were placed against each of the gamblers, who were all released on cash bail.

ACCUSES BARTENDER.—Oakland, April 16.—John Carlson, mate of the steamer Robert Dollar, who was robbed of $100 and a gold watch on a ferry-boat and who was found asleep Saturday morning at Seventh and Cedar streets by Policeman McCarthy, today swore to a complaint charging Daniel O'Connor, a bartender, who lives at 1816 Seventh street, with robbery. He thinks O'Connor was among the three men who picked his pockets.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Oakland, April 16. The following marriage licenses were issued by the County Clerk today: Arthur E. Morrill, 30, and Alice L. Hunt, 18, both of Piedmont; George S. King, 21, and Eulalie E. Prior, 18, both of Oakland; Samuel McCall, 45, and Bertha F. McCall, 35, both of San Francisco; Charles R. Holland, 21, and Olive M. Farnsworth, 20, both of San Jose; Bradford H. Welch, 22, and Tillie F. Cuneo, 22, both of Oakland.

WANTS NO HUSBAND.—Oakland, April 16. Mrs. Lillian Fiest called at the County Clerk's office this afternoon and ascertained that Jesse U. Dungan had secured a marriage license for herself and himself, and wished to know if she had to marry him. She said she had been married twice and was in no hurry to marry a third time. She also said that Dungan gambled and borrowed the $2 necessary to buy the license, although at that time she did not know what he wanted it for.

CHANGES NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL.—Oakland, April 16.—The Board of Education tonight changed the name of the Oakland Polytechnic High School to the Manual Training High School to differentiate it from a private polytechnic school of the same name. Large cracks in the new school building at Market and Thirty-ninth streets caused the board to stop all further payments on the building until the cause has been remedied.

BARTENDERS FINED.—Alameda, April 16. Robert Benjamin and William Kochendorfer, bartenders, arrested five weeks ago for selling intoxicating liquor to minor girls in the back rooms of local saloons, withdrew their pleas of not guilty today in City Justice R. B. Tappan's court and pleaded guilty. Each was fined $100. The charges of having permitted minors to loiter in saloons, which had also been preferred against Benjamin and Kochendorfer, were dismissed.

SUMMONS BANK OFFICIALS.—Oakland, April 16.—It developed today that Mrs. Minna T. McGauley has summoned the entire list of the heads of the departments on the San Francisco Savings and Loan Society as witnesses in her divorce action against F. McGauley, who is employed at the bank, and if they are all forced to be present the bank will have to close for the day. Attorney Sidney Van Wyck today made an effort to get some of them excused, but owing to the absence of the Judge the matter went over.

ENGINEER IS BURNED.—Oakland, April 16.—Charles Linde, an electrical engineer, living at 333 Twelfth street, San Francisco, was badly scalded by steam at the United Engineering Works here today. A plug blew out and the force of the steam knocked him down. He stayed by his post long enough to shut off the supply of oil to the furnace, but his face and hands suffered in consequence, and he was taken to the Receiving Hospital, where it was stated that it would be some time before he could resume work.

CONTEST WAGNER WILL.—Oakland, April 16.—A contest of the will of the late Charles F. Wagner was begun today by his daughter, who says that her father was unduly influenced and was not competent to make a will. Wagner died and left all of his estate to his little grandson, the child of S. C. Porter, employed in the Subtreasury in San Francisco. The estate is valued at about $8000. The widow and daughter, it is said, are both independently provided for.

BISHOP CONFIRMS CLASS.—Oakland, April 16.—Bishop William Ford Nichols confirmed the following class at Trinity Episcopal Church yesterday: Gladys Eugene Francis, Gladys Hazel Ely, Lillian Campbell, Helen Douglas Woodward, Juanita Cynthia Marquette, Frances Ruth Nelle, Edna Jane Williams, Edna Cornell Ford, Estelle Ferrin, Irving Edward Veitch, Edna Colette Jones, Eunice Viola Schaner, Clifford McElrath, Frederick William Knight, Edna Ethel Stephens, Judge Henry Leon Bradford, Edith Hale Cramer, Rowena Winter Reynolds.

WATER SUIT DISMISSED.

MARTINEZ, April 16.—The Syndicate Water Company today withdrew its injunction proceedings against the Contra Costa Water Company relative to the Clancy ranch, and they were dismissed by Judge Wells. This was done to simplify the litigation, as the merits of the case will be decided on the Contra Costa Company's cross-complaint, which applies for a similar injunction.

SLOT MACHINES ARE PROHIBITED

Alameda's Marshal Directed to Enforce Law as Read by City Attorney Simpson

MORGAN STILL ACTIVE

Makes Application for Two Franchises for Railroad Way on Bay Farm Island

ALAMEDA, April 16.—City Marshal John Conrad was instructed by the City Trustees tonight to enforce the law relative to slot machines. City Attorney M. W. Simpson, at the request of the municipal legislators, rendered an opinion in which he held that the slot machines are gambling devices and that the contrivances are being operated here in violation of section 330 of the Penal Code of California. City Marshal Conrad was further instructed to refund all licenses paid for machines that might be abolished.

W. J. Morgan, represented by General W. H. H. Hart, E. K. Taylor, Baron A. A. Baroteau and Cragie Sharpe, made application tonight for two railroad franchises on Bay Farm Island.

City Trustee W. M. Bowers reported that because of numerous complaints made of fast running of automobiles through the city the speed ordinance was to be enforced by the police and arrests made in cases of violation of the ordinance.

PRESIDENCY WON BY MISS RILEY

Defeats Miss Stratton in Women Students' Election by a Very Narrow Margin

BERKELEY, April 16.—After one of the most spirited elections ever held at the University of California, Miss Carmel Riley, of the class of '07, was today elected president of the Associated Women Students of the university, defeating Miss Cornelia Stratton of the same class by only three votes. Miss Riley received 162 votes and Miss Stratton 159.

There is a possibility, however, that Miss Riley may yet lose her hard-won honors, as a protest has been made against the legality of 12 of the votes cast on the ground that the dues of the voters as members of the Associated Women Students have not been paid up, and that they are not entitled to vote.

Should this protest be allowed Miss Stratton would be elected.

LONG LIFE OF PIONEER IS CLOSED

PIONEER RESIDENT OF ALAMEDA, WHO DIED WHILE ON A VISIT TO STOCKTON.

James Millington of Alameda Goes to Last Rest.

ALAMEDA, April 16.—James Millington, Mexican War veteran, California Pioneer of '49, a member of the first Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, the first Justice of the Peace of Alameda, the first City Clerk of this city, a prominent Freemason and Odd Fellow, passed out of life last night at Stockton, where he and his wife went one month ago to visit their daughter, Mrs. Eva McLean. He was 81 years of age and settled in Alameda fifty-three years ago.

James Millington was born near the city of New York June 19, 1825. After serving his country in the Mexican War he returned to New York and there assisted in organizing an expedition of gold-hunters that set sail from the Eastern metropolis in June, 1849, on the ship Arkansas, bound for California. The vessel arrived in San Francisco Bay on December 19 of the same year.

The night after the Arkansas dropped anchor in the bay she drifted upon Alcatraz Island and her hull was pierced by a rock. Shortly thereafter the ship was floated to a point that is now the corner of Pacific and Battery streets. There the Arkansas was fitted up as a storehouse and saloon.

For two years Millington mined on the Feather, Sacramento and Merced rivers and then embarked in the coal and wood business in San Francisco.

In 1853 Millington removed to Alameda and resided here permanently. In 1854 he was elected a member of the first Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, local Justice of the Peace and a member of the Board of School Commissioners. He organized the first public school here and with his own hands erected the schoolhouse, which was a building 16 by 20 feet. The teacher was paid partly by private subscription and partly by the State. The original building of the First Methodist Church was also erected by Millington. The structure is now located on Webb avenue and is known as Blanding Hall. In 1884 when Alameda was incorporated as a city Millington was chosen City Clerk and filled the office for ten years.

Millington was a life member of Oak Grove Lodge No. 215, F. and A. M., of this city and the last surviving charter member of Yerba Buena Lodge No. 15, I. O. O. F., of San Francisco, which was organized fifty-five years ago.

Millington was married in 1852 to Mrs. Lydia Emeline Fish, who came to California on the Arkansas, a member of the gold-hunters' expedition. She survives her husband as do the following children: Mrs. May Hardy of Seattle, Mrs. Eva McLean of Stockton, Mrs. George Hildreth, Mrs. D. W. Martin and Frank K. Millington of this city.

The funeral of the late pioneer will be held Wednesday afternoon and will be conducted by the Freemasons.

FUNERAL OF W. F. BOARDMAN.

OAKLAND, April 16.—The funeral of William Fayette Boardman, pioneer resident and former County Surveyor and City Engineer, was held this morning from the family home, 1315 Grove street. The Rev. C. R. Brown, pastor of the First Congregational Church, conducted the services, and the music was furnished by the Knickerbocker quartet of San Francisco. The attendance was large and the floral pieces many and beautiful. The pallbearers were E. P. Flint, E. C. Sessions, J. S. Emery, A. C. Henry, Grant I. Taggart and F. W. Schutz.

TO INSPECT CADETS.

BERKELEY, April 16.—On account of the annual inspection of the University of California Cadets by an officer detailed by the War Department, all work in courses primarily for freshmen and sophomores will be suspended on Wednesday, April 18. Work in all other courses will go on as usual. Seniors and juniors, however, who are officers in the cadet corps will be excused from their courses on this date. Major Dickman is the officer who will represent the War Department. President Wheeler, who is absent from the university, will be represented at the review by Professor Soule.

POPULAR ELK TO MARRY.

OAKLAND, April 16.—A marriage license was issued in San Rafael today to D. J. Hallahan, a popular member of the local lodge of Elks, and Miss Edith Percival, whose home is at 108 Telegraph avenue.

THEY ASK FOR DAMAGES.—William F. Perkins filed suit yesterday against Harry M. Stetson to recover $5000 damages for personal injuries received October 9, when, alleges Perkins, he was knocked unconscious by an automobile driven by the defendant. Mike Lukie has sued the Southern Pacific to recover $10,000 damages for personal injuries. Lukie says he was knocked down by a falling pile while working on the Bayshore Cutoff and severely injured.

COULD RAILWAY GETS CROSSING

Western Pacific Victorious Over Southern Pacific in Fight Before the Council

TRACKS TO INTERSECT

Decides That the New Line Need Not Tunnel Under the Roadbed of Rival

OAKLAND, April 16.—The Western Pacific Railroad was victorious in its clash with the Southern Pacific over the crossing at First and Chestnut streets when the City Council tonight unanimously passed to print an ordinance granting to the former company a franchise connecting its franchise on Third street with that on its property west of the Southern Pacific yards. The Western Pacific insisted on a grade crossing at First street, and its rival desired separate grades.

The Southern Pacific offered to go overhead six feet if the Western Pacific would go down eighteen feet. This the latter company positively refused to do and Chief Engineer McCartney of the Western Pacific and Division Superintendent Scott of the Southern Pacific would neither agree to go up or down twelve feet. Attorney C. E. Snook, representing the new road, said that it would be impracticable to do either.

By the terms of the ordinance that was passed to print the crossing will be on the regular grade, but the Western Pacific has stipulated that a proper block system will be provided.

A petition of the property owners favoring the widening of Broadway from Fourteenth to Fifteenth streets, that it be ascertained whether the property belonged to the city, was referred to the City Attorney.

ORPHEUS CLUB TO ENTERTAIN AT A CONCERT

OAKLAND, April 16.—Social as well as musical interest will be centered about the Orpheus Club tomorrow, for it begins its thirteenth season with what promises to be one of its most successful concerts. It speaks well for the standard that the Orpheus Club has maintained that interest in its affairs does not wane. Each time larger crowds are present to signify approval and appreciation.

A feature of more than passing interest on tomorrow night's programme is that Dr. H. J. Stewart, the popular San Francisco composer, will be represented in three delightful choral numbers—"Sweetly Blows the Breath of Spring," "The Chamber of Sleep" and "Under the Spreading Branches"—the last a selection from Dr. Stewart's opera, "Bluff King Hal."

The Brahms Quintet, which includes Mrs. Millie Flynn Gish, Mrs. Carrie Decker Cox, A. A. Macurda and Henry L. Percy and their accompanist, Miss Julia Rapier Tharp, will do the single quartet work, Mrs. Gish and Mr. Percy being the principal soloists. Lowell Redfield, Ernest McCandlish and Charles Lloyd Jr. will be the club soloists.

Edwin Dunbar Crandall is director of the club and Paul Mohr of Berkeley is the secretary.

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Mrs. George Reed returned yesterday from a short visit to Del Monte. The Reed household is a very busy one just now, putting in the final touches to preparations for the wedding of Miss Mabel Reed and Harry Lane on the 25th. Mr. Lane, by the way, is expected Friday and then there will be more entertaining for a few days, several informal little affairs having been planned for the last single days of the popular couple.

Miss Reed's wedding gown is a dream in white lace and her trousseau—but that's another story for next week.

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The Claremont Country Club was the scene of a brilliant affair today when Mrs. Lillian Brown Everts and Miss Florinne Brown entertained at luncheon in honor of Miss McEwen of Chicago. Luncheon was served on the veranda of the club. In the center of the table was a basket of wistaria, and at each place was a large American Beauty rose.

FICKLE MAID DRIVES A MAN TO SUICIDE

Lover Takes Life When He Hears of Sweetheart's Marriage to Another.

LOS ANGELES, April 16.—Love for a woman whom he expected to marry, but jilted him in his absence, caused Otto Preuser, a bricklayer, to shoot himself through the heart here last night. His body was found today in his room in a lodging-house at 506 East Third street. Preuser came to Los Angeles last November, leaving in St. Louis the girl whom he expected to make his wife. He prospered here, built a home and had saved $600 to provide for wedding expenses and the necessary outlay in setting up housekeeping. A short time ago he received a letter from St. Louis telling of the marriage to another man of the girl whom he intended to make his bride. Preuser at once took to his room, morose and broken hearted. Today he failed to arise, and when the door to his room was forced his dead body was found on the floor with a bullet hole through his heart. Letters left by the dead man told the story of his life.

Fatal Wreck in Kentucky.

CINCINNATI, April 16.—Passenger train No. 7 on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, which left Cincinnati at 11:30 a. m., was wrecked at Verona station, Ky., twenty-six miles south of Cincinnati, this afternoon. Engineer John Grady of Louisville, Ky., was killed and Fireman H. F. Dunnaway of Irvington, Ky., was seriously injured. None of the passengers were injured.

LATE SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED.

Monday, April 16.

Stmr City of Topeka, Reilley, 92 hours from Victoria.
Stmr Eureka, Jessen, 25 hours from Eureka.
Stmr Rainier, Hansen, 74 hours from Bellingham.

SAILED.

Monday, April 16.

Stmr Rival, Sears, Eureka.
Stmr Greenwood, Adler, Monterey.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

ABERDEEN—Arrived Apr 16—Stmr Norwood, hence Apr 13.
Sailed Apr 16—Schr Honolpu, for San Pedro.
PORT HARFORD—Arrived Apr 16—Stmr Coos Bay, hence Apr 15, and sailed for San Pedro.
TATOOSH—Passed in Apr 16—Schr Argus, hence Apr 9, for Port Gamble.
FORT BRAGG—Sailed Apr 16—Stmr Phoenix, for San Francisco.

COSTLY CHURCH FOR PALO ALTO

Presbyterians Ask for Bids on Handsome Structure to Cost Nearly $25,000

TO BE BUILT OF STONE

Plans for Sacred Edifice Have Been Accepted and Work Is to Be Begun Soon

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

PALO ALTO, April 16.—The congregation of the Presbyterian church of this city, through its building committee, has advertised for bids for the construction of the handsome sacred edifice which has already been authorized and for which plans have been drawn. The new church will be one of the most imposing in Palo Alto. It will be located on the corner of Waverly street and Forest avenue. It will cost nearly $25,000 and will be in the Romanesque style of architecture. The two towers and parts of the gables and up to the water line entirely around the building will be of buff San Jose sandstone. The remainder of the exterior wall surface will be of artificial stone.

The extreme dimensions of the edifice are 117 feet by 97 feet, with a tower 74 feet high. The interior arrangement provides for a vestibule, a lobby and a main auditorium, with galleries, a Sunday-school room, parlor and pastor's study. The Sunday-school room is to be so located as to be used as a banquet hall upon occasion. It is the purpose of the congregation to make the church the finest in this part of the State. Bids for the stone work will be received up to May 1.

MOUNTAIN VIEW IS PROGRESSIVE

Within Three Months Lively Little Suburb Will Have Fine Gas Lighting Plant

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, April 16.—Within three months a modern gas lighting and heating plant will be in operation in this town. This improvement, so persistently agitated and so much desired, has been made possible by the action of the board of trustees which advertised for the sale of a franchise, and after a spirited competition awarded it to the highest bidder.

Some time ago R. V. Burns and William P. Wright made application to the trustees for a right to manufacture gas and to pipe the streets of the town. Bids were advertised for. No sooner were the bids opened than William Neuroth offered 10 per cent more than the highest. He received the prize and within three months will begin work.

VOTE FOR NEW CITY HALL IN SAN RAFAEL

Town Decides to Make $25,000 Bond Issue for the Building.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

SAN RAFAEL, April 16.—The city decided today to float a $25,000 bond issue to construct a city hall. Very little interest was taken in the election. But one-third of the registered voters deposited their ballots. Opponents of the issue worked quietly and for a while it looked as though they would win out, owing to the indifference of many prominent citizens. Of the 364 votes polled 259 were for the bonds and 105 against. The new hall will be located on A and fifth streets and face the courthouse.

RIGHT TO SELL GOODS IN SAN MATEO A COSTLY PRIVILEGE

Supervisors Arrange a Schedule of Licenses for Peddlers of All Kinds.

REDWOOD CITY, April 16.—The Board of Supervisors in session today re-enacted the license ordinance of the county and placed upon pack peddlers from without the county an annual license of $100, wagon peddlers $200, peddlers of perishable goods $50, and solicitors and canvassers $250. The action of the board was in accordance with the wishes of the merchants from all over the county who have been suffering from competition with peddlers of all kinds from San Francisco.

CONTRACTORS' BIDS TOO HIGH FOR THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Must Make New Tenders If They Wish to Build Carnegie Institution in San Mateo.

SAN MATEO, April 16.—All of the bids submitted for the construction of the $10,000 Carnegie library have been rejected by the board of library trustees and new bids will be advertised for. Coxhead & Coxhead drew the plans for the proposed building and gave every assurance that $10,000 would cover the cost of erection. Competing contractors thought differently, however, and must try again.

HEAVY CHERRY CROP IN VACA VALLEY

Season Opens With Shipment of 10-Pound Box to Philadelphia.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

VACAVILLE, April 16.—The cherry season opened here today with the shipment of a ten-pound box by the Frank H. Buck Company to the California Fruit Distributors, Philadelphia. The fruit was well colored and was grown on the Cherry Glen ranch, owned by J. M. Bassford. The opening of the season is nine days later than last year. There is a heavy crop in the valley and shipments are expected to increase rapidly.

Traveler Dies Suddenly.

VISALIA, April 16.—Frank Bradley Taskitt, a commercial traveler for an Oakland firm, died suddenly at Exeter, near this city, this evening. Apoplexy caused his death.

EIKERENKOTTER IS EXONERATED

Superintendent of San Mateo Poor Farm Is Not a Grafter, Say Supervisors

CHARGES ARE NOT TRUE

Grand Jury's Accusations Are Found Groundless by Board of Investigators

REDWOOD CITY, April 16.—The Board of Supervisors in session today exonerated Albert Eikerenkotter, superintendent of the county farm, of charges made against him by the last Grand Jury. The exoneration is in the shape of a detailed statement of what the board found after its investigation of the various charges made against the official. The report fully exonerates Eikerenkotter of all acts of a criminal nature.

PROFESSOR JORDAN BACK FROM THE EAST

Returns to Stanford After Attending Carnegie Institute Meeting.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, April 16.—President David Starr Jordan returned to the campus last night from his Eastern trip, which he took for the purpose of attending the meeting of the trustees of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. He was elected to the vice presidency of the organization, Dr. Pritchett being chosen president, and Dr. Elliott secretary. The Foundation has provided that in the accepted institutions any professor retiring at the age of 65 or later is entitled to receive about 60 per cent of his salary for the rest of his days and his widow half that amount yearly. Any retiring earlier, after twenty-five years of professorship, may receive 40 to 60 per cent, according to age, and his widow half that amount. No one retiring before April 16, 1905, is eligible, as the provisions are not retroactive.

On his way East Dr. Jordan spoke before the teachers of Indiana. In Indianapolis he gave sittings to R. B. Steele, who is painting his picture for the library of the Indiana University. Dr. Jordan visited the universities of Wisconsin, Chicago, Columbia, Indiana and Purdue. In New York the president was the guest of thirty Stanford alumni at the Adeline Club.

MAYFIELD IS NOW VERY "DRY" TOWN

Hotel Keeper Gives Up Long Fight Against Temperance People.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

MAYFIELD, April 16.—The Mayfield Hotel is a memory. The closing of its doors today marked the end of the bitter struggle that for seventeen months has been waged to make Mayfield once more an open town free for the patronage of noisy students and bibulous wayfarers. During all this time the proprietor of the resort, Charles Meyer, has maintained it against the protest of the town and in the hope that a contest of the ballots would make Mayfield again a place where liquor might be sold in saloons. But the battle came and Meyer lost. The anti-saloon forces won and for many a moon Mayfield will not know the sound of revelry by night. Meyer has been submitted to fines and now he has packed bag and baggage and moved to Menlo Park, where in the proposed plan for incorporation he must practically fight again for the big profits of the saloon.

REFUSES TO BECOME TEACHER IN ORIENT

Stanford Senior Declines Offer of Chair in Chinese University.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, April 16. Walter Y. Wentz, a senior in the department of English at Stanford University, has refused a call to the chair of English and History at a Chinese university in the vicinity of Peking. Wentz, who intends to return for graduate work, has decided that it will be more profitable to remain at college another year. The offer was presented to Wentz by H. Richards Jr., who is visiting this country to obtain teachers for the Oriental seat of learning.

SAN MATEO ODD FELLOWS' LODGE HAS FINE RECORD

Though It Has but Seventy-five Members It Owns a $40,000 Building.

SAN MATEO, April 16.—After fifteen years of well-directed and enthusiastic labor San Mateo Lodge No. 265, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of this city, has won a unique distinction in the fraternal annals of the State. The lodge has a membership of seventy-five and has just cleared its property from debt. It owns its own building, valued at $40,000. The lodge challenges any other lodge in any fraternal organization in the State with such a limited membership to make as good a showing. Fortunate investments and a remarkable regularity of payments are responsible for the success so well won.

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