NEWS OF THE COUNTIES ABOUT THE BAY

MISS STRATTON WINS CONTEST

Daughter of Collector of the Port Is Made President of the Associated Students

RESULT OF RECOUNT

Claim That Oakland Maiden's Supporters Had Voted Illegally Is Not Sustained

BERKELEY, April 17.—Cornelia Stratton is to be president of the Associated Women Students of the university. The contest between Miss Stratton and Miss Carmel Riley, complicated by a question regarding the right of a number of Miss Stratton's supporters to vote, was decided in the latter's favor by the election officials late this afternoon. Miss Stratton's majority of votes is but three, and this constitutes the smallest majority and the closest election that the women students have ever provided.

When the election committee, made up of women students, counted the ballots last night they found that Miss Stratton had a majority of twelve. The keen-eyed supporters of Miss Carmel Riley discovered, however, that a number of Miss Stratton's supporters were seemingly not entitled to vote, their dues, it was said, not having been paid. By tarowing out seventeen ballots Miss Riley appeared to be the victor, with a majority of three, and so the decision went. A protest was made, requiring an official investigation, and this investigation results in Miss Stratton's triumphant entry into the chair set apart for the president of the Associated Women Students of the university. She is an Oakland girl, the daughter of F. S. Stratton, Collector of the Port of San Francisco.

NAMES COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

OAKLAND, April 17.—Councilman George Fitzgerald, who was recently re-elected president of the City Council, has named the following commitees of that body for the ensuing year. Few changes are made in the committees, which are as follows:

Auditing and finance—Meese, chairman; Baccus, Hahn, Donaldson, Aitken.

Ordinance and judiciary—Hahn, chairman; Aitken, Pendleton, Elliot, Baccus.

Street—McAdam, chairman; Baccus, Aitken, Burns, Hahn.

Park and boulevard—Elliot, chairman; Hahn, Donaldson, Thurston, McAdam.

Municipal license—Baccus, chairman; Hahn, Burns, Meese, McAdam.

Street lighting—Donaldson, chairman; Hahn, Elliot, McAdam, Meese, Thurston.

Wharves and water front—Thurston, chairman; Burns, Aitken, Elliot, Pendleton.

Fire and water—Burns, chairman; Pendleton, Meese, Thurston, Donaldson.

Street railroads—Aitken, chairman; Baccus, Pendleton, Donaldson, Burns.

Public improvement — Pendleton, chairman; Elliot, Meese, Thurston, McAdam.

TAKE STOCK AT UNIVERSITY.

BERKELEY, April 17.—Clerks in the office of Secretary Victor Henderson of the board of regents are occupied in the task of taking stock of all the university property. The State law requires that this be done at stated intervals. The inventory will include every article belonging to the university. The valuation of the entire properties is expected to aggregate about $7,000,000. Some of the largest items on the inventory are those relating to the collections in various buildings. The collection of birds and animals in the zoological department is valued at $60,000. The valuations of the buildings are provided by Architect John Galen Howard.

OAKLAND INVENTOR DIES.

OAKLAND, April 17.—Word has been received in Oakland of the death in Chicago of Horace F. Brown, a well-known mining engineer and inventor of this city. He died at the home of his niece, Miss Inez Verplank.

The body will be brought to Oakland for interment and the funeral will be held Sunday afternoon from the family home, 130 Ninth street. Deceased leaves a widow, Mrs. Mary C. Brown; three daughters, Mrs. Laura E. Pinkston, Mrs. Bertha M. Carson of Chicago, Miss Clara N. Brown, and one son, Dr. Harry L. Brown, U. S. A., now stationed in the Philippines.

GROOM OUTWITS MAMMA.

OAKLAND, April 17.—When genial Dan Hallahan, the debonair letter carrier, wedded Miss Edith Percival yesterday at San Rafael, he outwitted a stern mamma who, it was said, opposed the match. But Dan Cupid would not be denied. Mrs. Percival thought her daughter was too young to marry. She is only 18, while Dan Hallahan is 37 years of age. It was only on that account that the objections were made, but it will be all right now. Dan and his bride are off on a two weeks' wedding tour.

WILL REACH NEW DISTRICT.

OAKLAND, April 17.—The San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose Railroad has applied for an extension of its franchise along Fifty-fifth street, from Telegraph avenue to Claremont and Vincente avenues, which will enable the cars of the Key Route to reach a new district in the northeastern part of the city. The application has been referred to the ordinance and judiclary committee of the City Council.

ALL READY FOR "COUNTY FAIR"

Unique Exhibition Will Be Given by Co-Eds.

Merriment Is to Be Dispensed With Free Hand.

Tomorrow Will Be a Gay Day at University.

BERKELEY, April 17.—All the habiliments that go with academic dignity are to be doffed by the women students of the university next Thursday, when an old-fashioned county fair is to be held under the auspices of the Associated Women Students, at which the merry snake eater, the famous mule Maud, popcorn and pink lemonade will be on exhibition, all for the purposes of enjoyment.

The varsity girls are planning a series of weird stunts that will be calculated to make the event memorable. It is the first time in the history of "co-ed" entertainments that so original and picturesque a proceeding has been projected. "Co-ed" Canyon has been selected as the scene of the county fair and on Thursday the fastnesses of that beautiful spot will reverberate with the shouts and laughter of college maidens who will be having the time of their lives.

Miss Phoebe Binney, president of the Associated Women Students, appointed committees several weeks ago to attend to all the details of the county fair programme and the committees have now finished their work. Everything is in readiness for the sport of the year. The college girls are in a fever of anxiety about it all and when Thursday dawns but one thing will occupy the minds of the "co-ed"—the county fair and its joys for the day.

The campus has sprouted unique posters during the last few days announcing the event and some of these posters have caused little gasps of astonishment. The posters are on the "small bills" order, the sort that go with circuses and shows on the "kerosene circuit."

The work of supervising the details of the county fair has been delegated to a committee, of which Miss Alice Johnston is head. The entire list of committees is as follows:

General arrangements—Alice Johnston, Marion Craig, Sue A. Ross.

Stunts and spieler committee—Cornelia Stratton, Hazel Lyons, Adelaide Stafford, Maud Cleveland.

Poster and handbills committee—Louise Mequefee, Marion Morrow, Margaret Summers.

Invitation—Alice Berry, Marguerite Daniels, Francis Woolsey, Ethel Morton.

Booths and decorations—Carmel Riley, Laura Rau, Mattie Zander, Madge Cunningham, Lelig Lawrence, Ruth McClelland, Jeanette Morgan, Anna Barney.

Refreshments committee—Helen Eschenberg, Julia Damon, Ethel Deriny, Florence Weeks.

PERMANENT EXHIBIT OPENS.

OAKLAND, April 17.—The new quarters of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce at Twelfth and Franklin streets were crowded this evening, when the large rooms and gallery, filled with Alameda County products and literature, were formally thrown open to the public. After the regular quarterly meeting speeches were made by Mayor Mott, H. C. Capwell, Secretary Edwin Stearns and others. Vice President Frank W. Bilger presided.

Mayor Mott spoke briefly of the good work the Chamber of Commerce was doing.

After telling of the work already done by the chamber, Secretary Edwin Stearns, in his report, made the following resume:

Not a day passes but from one to a half dozen newcomers visit these rooms and bring with them letters sent out by your secretary varying in date from four years ago up to a few weeks ago.

The present membership of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce is in round figures a few over 1000, and with the assistance of each member of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, your secretary will conclude his first quarterly report with the hope that at the next meeting of members the membership may be at least 1500, with a goal of 2000 to look forward to six months hence.

LAST TRIBUTE OF LOVE PAID.

OAKLAND, April 17.—When the name of William Fieldwick rang through the lodgeroom of Oakland Lodge of Elks this morning and there came no answer from the lips which had been forever stilled in death, tears welled from the eyes of many men and women who, by his acts of kindness in life, the genial horseman had won to deepest friendship. They had [illegible] to pay a last tribute of love to him.

The funeral [illegible] at 10 o'clock, the services being conducted by the officers of Oakland Lodge of Elks according to the ritual of the order. A large delegation of the Foresters, of which order Fieldwick was also a member, attended the services. The eulogy was delivered by George W. Reed.

THREE CALIFORNIA CO-EDS, WHO HAVE ASSISTED IN ARRANGING NOVEL SHOW.

TAKES CHARGE OF SUBURBAN SYSTEMS

Southern Pacific Company Promotes Trainmaster W. H. Norton.

OAKLAND, April 17.—William H. Norton, trainmaster of the Southern Pacific Company, and for thirty years with that company in various capacities, has been promoted to be assistant superintendent of the Western Division, with special charge of the suburban system.

The position has been created for Norton, who is accounted one of the best railroad men in the United States. He has had charge of the intricate running schedules for years. His last important work was preparing the new schedule for the "horseshoe" runs on the new Alameda, Fruitvale and Oakland locals.

Norton will handle 330 trains a day in and out of Oakland pier, and 210 trains at Alameda pier. This is the largest suburban system of one railroad in the United States.

PREPARE FOR CONVENTION.

OAKLAND, April 17.—Dr. A. S. Kelly, State president of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, has appointed the following committees to prepare for the State convention of the society, which will be held in Berkeley from July 4 to 8:

Chairman, L. S. Rodgers, Berkeley; first vice chairman, R. R. Patterson, printing and press, 2169 Shattuck avenue; second vice chairman, W. N. Jenkins, finance, 1067 Broadway, Oakland; secretary, Miss Anna A. Ronaldson, 944 Sixty-first street, Oakland; treasurer, Neil E. Munro, P. O. box 15, Berkeley; reception, A. Soloman, 2231 Dana street; entertainment, Miss Margie Smith, 2435 Virginia street; registration, Miss M. E. Robinson, 2923 Grove street; decoration, Joseph Cobbledick, Monte Vista avenue, Oakland; halls, Gus White, Stiles Hall; guides and ushers, E. McKinlay, Dimond, Cal.; music, H. E. Keifer, 533 Thirty-second street, Oakland; pulpit supply, Rev. W. H. Scudder, Rio Vista, Cal. Headquarters, Y. M. C. A. building, Allston way, near Center street, Berkeley.

OYSTERMEN GET RULING.

OAKLAND, April 17.—The order of Judge W. W. Morrow remanding the suits of the Darbee-Immel Oyster Company against the Smith Company for trial in the courts of this county was filed with the County Clerk here today. It sets forth the fact that the Federal court will not take jurisdiction in the matter, and holds that the local courts are the proper tribunal before which their differences should be decided. The two companies have been fighting over certain oyster beds in the vicinity of San Leandro for more than a year.

CHURCH ENTERTAINMENT.

OAKLAND, April 17.—Faith Circle and Loyal Sons of the First Christian Church gave an entertainment tonight at Hamilton Hall. Jay Roberts, Miss Grace Blodgett, Allen Anderson, Miss Mabel Gray, Miss Audrey Dodson, James Taylor and Miss Gertrude White took part in the programme which preceded the production of a farce, "Matrimony," the cast being filled by Floyd Smith, Ethel McClure, Bertha Marcum, Audrey Dodson, Eugene Ford, Carl Forgey and Sadie Christine.

AFTER WATER COMPANY.

OAKLAND, April 17.—Although the City Council, as a committee of the whole, voted to allow the Contra Costa Water Company 6 per cent on a valuation of $5,000,000 in fixing water rates, Councilman Aitken has introduced a resolution reducing the interest to 5 per cent and the valuation at $4,500,000. The new resolution will be acted upon at the next meeting of the committee of the whole.

DANCING IS COMING INTO FAVOR AGAIN

BY ZOE GREEN RADCLIFFE.

OAKLAND, April 17.—Although the Burnham home on the Oak street shore of Lake Merritt is one of the most beautiful and spacious in Oakland, Miss Lucretia Burnham transferred the scene of her hospitality to the Claremont Club, where she entertained about thirty guests today in honor of two married brides and one about to be married. The two young matrons were Mrs. Fred Dieckmann and Mrs. Whipple Hall, while Miss Marion Goodfellow was the third in this charming trio. Some of the sunshine that flooded the earth out of doors was imprisoned in the Easter lilies and delicate bridesmaid roses that blended in delightful profusion on the tables and brightened the spirits of the happy little coterie of maids and matrons.

Miss Burnham's guests today were: Mrs. Dan Belden, Mrs. Hugh Goodfellow, Miss Ruth Knowles, Miss Alice Knowles, Miss Florence Hush, Miss Carolyn Palmanteer, Miss Jessie Fox, Miss Ruth Kales, Miss Rose Kales, Miss Viva Nicholson, Miss Katherine Brown, Mrs. Irving Burrell, Miss Florinne Brown, Mrs. Murray Orrick, Miss Bessie Palmer, Miss Arline Johnson, Miss Lolia Wenzelbeger, Miss Ether Wilder of Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Philip Clay, Miss Helene Robeson, Miss Noelle de Golia, Miss Bonnie Downing, Miss Edith Beck, Miss Bessie Reed, Miss Claire Chabot, Miss Mollie Mathes, Miss Ethel Sims, Miss Anita Oliver, Miss Elsie Everson, Mrs. E. Kenneth Lowden, Miss Gertrude Allen, Miss Lillian Downey and Miss McDermott.

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The Cosmos Club met today at the residence of Mrs. Harry Gordon and enjoyed its usual interesting game of whist, among the players being: Mrs. Pedar Sather, Mrs. Q. A. Chase, Mrs. R. W. Gorrill, Mrs. T. L. Barker, Mrs. J. R. Burnham, Mrs. T. C. Coogan, Mrs. E. J. Cotton, Mrs. C. M. Goodall, Mrs. W. S. Goodfellow, Mrs. John L. Howard, Mrs. E. H. Kittredge, Mrs. E. G. Lukens, Mrs. William Meek, Mrs. Egbert Stone, Mrs. E. T. Taylor, Mrs. E. M. Walsh, Mrs. Prentiss Selby, Mrs. Edson Adams, Mrs. E. B. Beck, Mrs. George Cook, Mrs. S. R. Church, Mrs. George W. McNear Sr., Mrs. Melvin Chapman, Mrs. T. P. Cutting, Mrs. Charles Houghton, Mrs. Henry Morris, Mrs. Andrew Moseley, Mrs. William E. Sharon, Mrs. Albert Sutton.

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The Oakland Civic Club held its annual meeting yesterday in the rooms of the Palette, Lyre and Pen Club, and the following officers elected: President, Mrs. Clarissa Morris; first vice president, Mrs. Sarah C. Borland; second vice president, Mrs. A. D. Thomson; third vice president, Mrs. Edward Booth; fourth vice president, Mrs. H. L. Cutting; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Alma Kower; recording secretary, Mrs. Francis Williamson; treasurer, Miss K. M. Turner; executive board, Miss Mary Tyrrell, Mrs. C. A. Buschell, Mrs. J. N. Bonham; delegate to the State Federation, Mrs. J. M. Cushing; alternate, Mrs. J. C. Bullock.

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In the spring a young man's fancy turns, if not to thoughts of love, to something sometimes conducive to such a state, for a ballgown is highly becoming to most girls and fine feathers have been known to work havoc in many a masculine heart—to say nothing of his pocket later. At any rate some of our very nicest young bachelors are planning a grand ball for May, a sort of return for the many social favors they have been receiving during the winter, and they say it is going to be the smartest affair ever given here. If attention to every detail can make it so. Joe Rosborough is one of the leaders in the scheme, and at least twenty-five or thirty of the most popular chaps in town are interested, so it's sure to be a great success.

Then, too, the "boys" of Athens Parlor, N. S. G. W., have sent out invitations to another grand ball in May, and there is the greatest planning and scheming among them, for they are bound to make it the most elaborate affair of the kind they've ever given. There has been so much skating and so little dancing this winter that devotees of the two-step are looking forward to the two events with pleasure.

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The final meeting of the Junior Dancing Club for this season will be a masquerade party, to be held Friday evening, April 20, at Reed Hall. Members can obtain guest tickets from Mr. W. H. Johnston at the Narrow Gauge news depot. The patronesses are Mrs. J. H. Harrold, Mrs. M. Ehrenberg, Mrs. F. B. Ogden and Mrs. M. W. Kales, and the committee of arrangements includes Agnes and Harriet Ehrenberg, Susie Harrold, Marguerite Ogden, Gulette Mauvais, Spencer Kales, Warren Harrold, Franklin Bangs, Dudley Bernays and Edgar Stone.

MRS PREBECK FOUND NEAR PESCADERO

Enjoys Farm Life Unmindful of Frantic Search for Her.

OAKLAND, April 17.—The mystery of the disappearance of Mrs. Heloise Prebeck, also known as Mme. Cavasso, who has been missing from her home at Oakland avenue and Pearl street since last Friday morning, was solved this afternoon when Mrs. Prebeck was found at the home of her niece, Mrs. Mayer, near Pescadero. A message received late this afternoon by I. L. Cavasso, a stepson of Mrs. Prebeck, contained the information that she had been located at the Mayer home. No reason was given for her leaving home without a word of farewell to her relatives in this city.

The first clew to the whereabouts of the missing woman was secured this morning by Mrs. B. Larkin, a sister of Cavasso. In her diligent search she found a woman in San Francisco who had seen and talked with Mrs. Prebeck last Sunday morning. On this occasion Mrs. Prebeck said that she intended to visit the home of her niece near Pescadero, but did not say when she intended to go.

On receipt of this information this afternoon Cavasso at once communicated with the authorities at Pescadero, asking that a messenger be sent to the Mayer home, which is situated about ten miles from Pescadero.

Without waiting for Mrs. Prebeck to explain the cause of her strange action in leaving her home without making known her purpose the messenger hastened at once to Pescadero to inform Cavasso of the whereabouts of the missing woman. On receipt of the news that his stepmother was safe Cavasso at once notified the local police department, which was engaged in an active search.

PALO ALTO WOMEN FORM A NEW LODGE

Camp Madrone of the Royal Neighbors of America Organized.

PALO ALTO, April 17.—Another lodge of women, affiliated with one of the most prominent fraternal organizations in the State, has been formed here. It begins its existence with more than fifty charter members. The new lodge is Camp Madrone of the Royal Neighbors of America. It is auxiliary to Camp Manzanita of the Modern Woodmen of America. The officers of Camp Madrone are as follows: Past oracle, Miss Bertha Nyman; oracle, Mrs. T. N. Fuller; vice oracle, Mrs. H. Mosher; recorder, Mrs. Etta Lucas; chancellor, Mrs. W. W. Prewitt; inside sentinel, Mrs. C. E. Henry; outside sentinel, Mrs. H. Ludke; marshal, Mrs. Marsh; assistant marshal, Mrs. L. D. Balderson; musician, Mrs. W. H. Couch.

W. W. Prewitt has been elected to serve as one of the members of the board of managers. Two others are yet to be chosen.

WILL FIGHT MOSQUITOES.

POINT RICHMOND, April 17.—The mosquito pest has become so annoying that the Ladies' Improvement Club has begun a campaign against the insects. Entomologists of the University of California have been requested to lend their assistance.

ELDERLY WOMAN INJURED.—Mrs. F. Beals, an elderly woman residing at 1710 Baker street, while crossing Kearny street, near Post, yesterday was thrown to the ground by the catching of her heel in the cartrack. Her right arm was fractured.

FILES REQUEST FOR FRANCHISE

Western Pacific Discloses Proposed Route Through Fruitvale to Oakland

PETITIONS SUPERVISORS

Matter Will Come Up at the Next Regular Meeting of Board for Consideration

OAKLAND, April 17.—The Western Pacific Railway this afternoon filed a petition with County Clerk Cook, to be presented to the Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting next Monday, for a franchise for the proposed railway through Fruitvale, and for the first time discloses the exact route the new line will take through the eastern portion of the city. The line will go through some properties which are now sought to be condemned. At other places it goes along public streets. The distance covered in the present petition is about a mile.

The route begins at the eastern boundary line of the city of Oakland at Twenty-fourth avenue and East Twelfth street and proceeds diagonally across the private lands of the Derby Estate Company, T. F. Chatfield, William J. McKee, Wellman Estate Company, Ruth Wellman, Lucy C. Grimwell and Samuel Tevis. At Twenty-sixth avenue it approaches the Southern Pacific tracks from the north and parallels the tracks until Fruitvale avenue is reached. Here the line bends to the north again until Putnam street is reached, when the line proceeds out Putnam street for a considerable distance beyond High street.

The petition only covers the distance out to High street, but as far as it goes sets at rest any doubts as to where the proposed line is to run. Most of the land through this section of the city is held at such figures that the railway is bringing condemnation suits against the owners.

ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS.

INJURED BY RUNAWAY—Oakland, April 17.—Frank G. Silva, residing at Fruitvale, was badly injured in an accident Sunday. He was struck by a team of horses frightened by a passing automobile.

GRAND JURY ON INSPECTION.—Oakland, April 17.—The Grand Jury met today and went out to the County Infirmary near San Leandro to inspect the institution. It will meet again next Tuesday.

MOLDERS ON STRIKE—San Leandro, April 17.—Iron molders at the Best Agricultural Works went on strike today, a demand for an increase in pay from $3.50 to $3.75 a day having been refused.

ORGANIZE IMPROVEMENT CLUB—Oakland, April 17.—The North Fruitvale Improvement Club has been formed, the officers being: President, Dr. R. L. Jump; vice president, R. G. Johns; secretary, D. P. Decker.

PEMBROKE TRIAL IS SET.—Oakland, April 17.—The trial of Percy Pembroke, which had to be abandoned yesterday on account of the illness of a juror, was set down for its third trial by Judge Waste today for May 7 next.

HASSE TRIAL IS BEGUN.—Oakland, April 17.—The second trial of Otto L. Hasse on a charge of having presented false and fraudulent claims for stationery to the Board of Supervisors was begun today. No jurors have been accepted.

OPPOSE WATER WORKS—Oakland, April 17.—A meeting has been called for tomorrow evening at Centerville of residents interested in the campaign against the Spring Valley Water Works operations in the Niles Cone region.

LOGAN TO FACE JURY.—Oakland, April 17.—Henry A. Logan, charged with enticing away Ethel Cook, a youthful Sunday-school teacher, will be placed on trial in the morning. This is the second trial, a jury having disagreed on his first trial.

MANY BUILDINGS ERECTED—Oakland, April 17.—During the twelve months ending April 13, the Board of Public Works issued 2524 permits for buildings in Oakland, which represent an outlay of $3,458,671.25 for new structures, and $112,851.19 for alterations and repairs.

DISCUSS CONSOLIDATION—Oakland, April 17.—Mayor Mott, former Mayors Olney and Davis, H. C. Capwell and A. Jonas will be among the speakers tomorrow evening at a meeting to discuss consolidated city and county government which will be held at Idora Park.

JUDGES ATTEND FUNERAL. — Oakland, April 17.—The courts closed this afternoon out of respect to the memory of Mrs. Anna L. Ellsworth, wife of Superior Judge John Ellsworth, in order to allow his brother Judges an opportunity to attend the funeral at Alameda this afternoon.

CLERGYMAN TO LECTURE—Oakland, April 17.—The Rev. J. Stitt Wilson will deliver a series of addresses on "The Reign of Greed and Graft," beginning Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at Hamilton Hall. Lectures will follow Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

BRING SUITS FOR DIVORCE. — Oakland, April 17.—Dusena Peterson brought an action for divorce against Peter M. Peterson, charging him with failure to provide and desertion; Manuel V. Alexander asks a divorce from Manuel P. Alexander for desertion; Leanora B. Heyns has sued Charles L. Heyns for divorce for cruelty.

ASK NEW TRIAL FOR MITCHELL.—Oakland, April 17.—Attorneys for David Mitchell have filed an affidavit with Judge T. W. Harris, in which they express dissatisfaction with the verdict of a jury that recently found him guilty of an assault on Evelyn Walker, a young girl, and ask to have the transcript of the testimony written up.

DALE IS ACQUITTED. —Oakland, April 17.—E. H. Dale was acquitted by a jury today of a charge of assault with a deadly weapon on P. J. O'Connell. Dale charged O'Connell with having offered an insult to his wife and tried to force an apology at the point of a pistol. O'Connell took the gun away from Dale and had him arrested.

CONTRACT IS SIGNED—Oakland, April 17. The contract between the city and J. H. Dockweiler, whereby the latter will receive $2500 for acting as consulting engineer for the city in the water rate suit instituted by the Contra Costa Water Company and $25 a day as a witness, was signed today by Dockweiler and Mayor Mott, representing the city.

COLORED WOMEN SENTENCED—Oakland, April 17.—Elsie Brown and Willie Grizzard, colored women accused of picking the pockets of pedestrians whom they engaged in conversation, pleaded guilty to petty larceny before Police Judge Smith this morning and were fined $360 each. As they are without funds each will spend the next 180 days in jail.

BENEFIT MUSICALE—Oakland, April 17.—A musicale for the benefit of the Young Women's Christian Association extension work in East Oakland will be held Thursday evening at Hamilton Hall, Thirteenth street, near Jefferson. The programme includes numbers by Miss Elizabeth Simpson, Miss Alice J. Andrews, Mrs. Carrie F. Snyder, E. James Finney and Charles Blumenthal.

DEATH OF OTTO NIEHAUS.—Berkeley, April 17.—Otto Niehaus, a prominent citizen and pioneer of Berkeley, died at noon today at his home, 1728 Ninth street. He was 59 years old, and had resided here for twenty years. His business was that of a lumber merchant. Death was due to nervous complications. He was a member of the Charter revision committee until a week ago, when he resigned the position because of illness.

PRESBYTERY MEETS. — Berkeley, April 17.—The Oakland Presbytery held its semi-annual session in the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley today. Professor H. C. Biddle of the department of chemistry of the State University was elected moderator. Business and devotional sessions were held throughout the day. Tonight D. Edward Collins of Oakland and Rev. E. A. Wicher of the San Anselmo Theological Seminary delivered addresses.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Oakland, April 17.—The following marriage licenses were issued by the County Clerk today: Eugene B. Allen, 22, and Mabelle I. Roth, 21, both of Point Richmond; Edward B. Ring, 26, San Francisco, and Mabel H. Buckingham, 19, Oakland; Selonan Ehrlich, 27, and Bertha Schwartz, 18, both of San Francisco; James McDougall, 20, and Louise Francis, 21, both of Newark; Leonard O. Adams, 26, Berkeley, and Millie M. Adams, 23, Oakland; James McCall, 47, and Jeanettie Connell, 36, both of San Francisco; Johannes Schmidt, 47, Fruitvale, and Eda H. Mengel, 42, San Francisco; Nels O. Mauritz, 34, and Emma Gustafson, 30, Burlingame.

MULATTO GIRL MISSING.—Oakland, April 17.—Alma Davis, a 15-year-old mulatto, is missing from her home at 1072 East Seventeenth street.

BURGLARIES REPORTED.—Oakland, April 17.—A number of burglaries have been reported. The victims are: Harry Wolbald, Mrs. J. Schumate, T. F. Marshall and C. D. Wetherell.

FURNISHES HEAVY BAIL. — Oakland, April 17.—W. B. Sadler, a horseshoer, who was arrested for battery upon his wife, and threats against her life, furnished $500 cash bail in each case today and was released.

WHEELMEN ARRESTED.—Oakland, April 17.—As the result of a crusade against wheelmen who fail to ring a bell or blow a whistle at street crossings, Policeman Thomas Brown this afternoon arrested a dozen bicycle riders at Fourteenth street and Broadway. Each deposited $5 bail and was released.

SON OF FORMER TRUSTEE JAILED.—Alameda, April 17.—Elwood Miller, a son of former City Trustee George Miller, is confined in the City Prison awaiting trial on a charge of having applied vile and obscene epithets to Mrs. Henry Vogt. Miller has been in trouble with the police authorities many times.

DISMISSES CIGARETTE CASE.—Alameda, April 17.—City Justice R. B. Tappan today dismissed the case of Howard K. James, a local bill collector, charged with violating the cigarette ordinance. James caused his own arrest in order to test the validity of the law on a writ of habeas corpus, which he expected to secure, but which he was unable to obtain because he had been released on his own recognizance.

MONTGOMERY FOUND GUILTY. — Oakland, April 17.—Edward Montgomery, accused of attempted extortion by Lee Quinn, was found guilty by a jury this afternoon and recommended to its mercy of the court. His arrest grew out of charges he filed against Quinn, whom he accused of attacking his wife. Before having Quinn arrested he demanded money from him. Police Judge Samuels will sentence Montgomery Monday, when a similar charge against Mrs. Montgomery will be dismissed at Quinn's request.

RUN DOWN BY CAR.—Oakland, April 17.—John J. Barry, a clerk in the employ of the Southern Pacific Company residing at 873 Peralta street, was struck and badly injured by an electric car at San Pablo avenue and Thirty-eighth street at 11 o'clock tonight. He was carried to a near-by saloon and Dr. H. L. Dietz was called to attend him. It was found that Barry was badly cut about the head, and his condition indicates a fractured skull. The car was in charge of Motorman Youkum and Conductor J. W. Black.

FUNERAL OF MRS. ELLSWORTH.—Alameda, April 17.—Funeral services for the late Mrs. Ada Louise Ellsworth, wife of Superior Judge John Ellsworth, were held this afternoon at the Ellsworth home, 3000 Central avenue. Rev. Frank S. Brush of the First Presbyterian Church officiated. The judiciary and bar of Alameda County was largely represented. Hymns were rendered by the Golden Gate Quartet. The pallbearers were James Thursted, A. D. Grimwood, C. E. Tabor, H. K. Jackson, William Patton and C. H. Bradley. Interment was in Mountain View Cemetery.

ACTUARY WOLFE OPENS INVESTIGATION.—Actuary Wolfe of New York began to make the investigation of the affairs of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company yesterday, as requested by President Tupper of the insurance company. Mr. Wolfe arrived from the East Monday night. He conferred with Insurance Commissioner Wolf yesterday, then went to the offices of the Pacific Mutual Life and set four expert accountants to work on the books. Last evening Wolfe went to Los Angeles to examine into the affairs of the company in the south. He will probably be in Los Angeles during the remainder of this week and will return to this city next week.

MAYOR FAVORS NEW CHARTER

Thinks Amendments Are Too Numerous to Be Approved Separately by the Voters

CHANGES SUGGESTED

Says Boards and Commissions Should Be Appointed and Taken Out of Politics

OAKLAND, April 17.—That the present charter of Oakland is unsuited to the requirements and growth of the city is agreed by all office-holders and those interested in civic improvement, and there is a general discussion as to how the charter might be improved—whether it should be revised or amended. There is a difference of opinion as to method, but all agree that some steps should be taken immediately to change the charter provisions that have hampered the administration.

Mayor Mott has come out flatly in favor of a new charter, and he points out that it would expedite matters materially by reframing the document instead of adopting a series of amendments. He says:

There are so many obvious changes required in the charter that I fear if it is attempted to make them all by amendments, which must be voted upon separately, the voters might become confused. It would be better, it seems to me, to rewrite the city charter and submit it as a whole to the people. That would require a board of freeholders, but a majority of voters could adopt a charter, while it would require a two-thirds vote to approve each amendment.

Other cities are adopting new and up-to-date charters to meet future expansion. I would have the legislative branch of the city government elected, but all boards and commissions appointed. That would take such bodies out of politics. There is more worry for the executive in appointing an extraman for the Fire Department than there would be in considering a million dollar bond issue. In the new charter we should make provision for every emergency and eliminate the red tape procedure under which we have been acting.

STANFORD MEN RECEIVE HONORS

Three Graduates and as Many Students Elected to Sigma Xi Scientific Society

OFFICERS ARE CHOSEN

W. F. Durand, Head of Mechanical Department, Is President of the Fraternity

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, April 17.—Three graduates and three graduate students of Stanford University were elected to membership in the Sigma Xi Scientific Society at a recent meeting of the local chapter. Solon Shedd of Pullman, Washington, who graduated with the class of '96 from the department of geology, Rennie W. Doane of Pearson, Washington, who took his degree in '96 in Entomology, and John E. Coover of Los Angeles, who graduated from the psychology department in '04, were the three "grads" honored. The students elected are: F. F. Fitzgerald, '05 of Palo Alto; W. O. Clark, '06 of Yale, and D. D. Schaffer, '05 of the entomology department.

At the meeting of the chapter officers were elected as follows: President, W. F. Durand, head of the mechanical engineering department; vice president, S. P. Slonaker, assistant professor of physiology; corresponding secretary, R. E. Swain of the chemistry department; councilor, G. A. Miller, associate professor of mathematics.

The newly elected members of the society will be formally admitted to the ranks of the fraternity at a joint banquet of the Stanford and California chapters, which will be held in San Francisco on April 21.

GOES TO PRISON TO STOP DRINKING

Huckster Believes Term in Jail Will Kill Love for Liquor.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

SAN RAFAEL, April 17.—William Scott, a huckster living at Sebastopol, was today sentenced to one year in San Quentin for stealing a horse belonging to John McDonald of Marshalls. When brought before Justice Magee yesterday, Scott stated that he had been drinking when he committed the crime and asked to be sent to jail at once, as he thinks that by serving a short time in prison he can kill his craving for liquor.

BOYS' CLUB OF PALO ALTO IS GROWING VERY RAPIDLY

Society Is Divided Into Two Sections and Each Branch Elects Officers.

PALO ALTO, April 17.—So rapid has been the progress of the Palo Alto Boys' Club that it has been found necessary to divide the organization into a senior and a junior section. Each section has elected officers, as follows: Senior section—B. Parkinson, president; Harold Soper, secretary; Jasper Harold, vice president. Junior section—Donald Brown, president; Ray Lovett, secretary; Carlyle Worthy, vice president. This society of the young men of Palo Alto has won an enviable name for itself and deservedly ranks among the most potent forces for good in this city.

PALO ALTO PROPERTY LOOKS GOOD TO SAN FRANCISCANS

Pays $36,000 for Jordan Block, in Business Section of the Suburb.

PALO ALTO, April 17.—An evidence of the exceptional value of Palo Alto property in the eyes of metropolitan purchasers is the sale of the Jordan block in this city to a San Francisco purchaser for $36,000. The building is a three-story structure situated on University avenue and Ramona street. It is equipped for stores and lodge-rooms and was erected only two years ago. The sale is the largest that has ever taken place in business property in Palo Alto.

FILES ANSWER IN SUIT OVER BOLINAS-SAN RAFAEL ROAD

District Attorney Claims Court Has No Jurisdiction in Action Concerning Change of Grade.

SAN RAFAEL, April 17.—District Attorney Thomas P. Boyd to-day filed an answer to the petition of the O. L. Shafter Estate Company and others for a write prohibiting the Board of Supervisors from changing the route of the Bolinas-San Rafael road. Boyd contends that the Superior Court has no jurisdiction in the matter.

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