NEWS OF THE COUNTIES ABOUT THE BAY

OAKLAND'S SAFETY HIS CONCERN

Mayor Mott Advocates Installation of Salt Water Plant.

Says Warning Should Be Taken From Disaster in San Francisco.

Presents Views on Matter to City Council on Eve of Departure.

OAKLAND, June 12.—Mayor Frank K. Mott advocates the immediate installation of a salt water pumping plant as an auxiliary to the fresh water supply of Oakland. He has presented to the City Council his views on the subject, urging the construction of such an auxiliary for street sprinkling and for fire protection purposes. On the eve of his departure for the East the Mayor last night addressed the City Council on the matter of additional water facilities. In the course of his remarks the Mayor said:

We should profit by the lessons growing out of the San Francisco disaster. No city is better situated to profit thereby than Oakland. The earthquake cracked one of our two main water-pipe lines, but fortunately it was repaired within two hours. But suppose the dam of the reservoir had been broken by the earthquake, and the water thus emptied? It will be seen that our condition then would have been a most serious one. It seems to me that it is time we should prepare to install a salt-water plant, at least for street-sprinkling purposes. Some time ago Councilman McAdam and myself presented a plan for such a plant, which, it was estimated, could be put in for about $15,000. Such a plant would enable us to effect a great saving in the sprinkling of our streets, as our bill for street sprinkling is enormous. It is more than any other city of like population. Fresh water for street sprinkling lasts but a short time at the best—perhaps not more than half an hour on a warm day until the dust is flying again after the sprinkling cart has gone along. But salt water, when sprinkled upon the street, forms a sort of crust which prevents dust and likewise does not permit the street to get muddy. Salt water preserves the street surface and keeps it more compact than fresh-water sprinkling. As a dust-reducer, street-preserver and money-saver salt water is certainly the best thing for the streets. We ought to inaugurate this system this coming fiscal year.

$15,000 FOR BEGINNING.

We should be able to expend at least $15,000 for such a starter. We could also lay auxiliary pipes to be used for fire protection. Other cities have salt-water plants for these purposes, where they are situated on the sea coast, as we are here. I have been in correspondence with the officials of Boston, where there is a large salt-water plant, and expect documents from there soon showing the cost, etc.

Another thing along the line of protection from fire is the plan which City Engineer Turner presented in a letter to this body several weeks ago—that of having wide places or strips separating the different parts of the city, so that in case of fire these wide places would prevent any further spread of the flames. We all know what an important part this played in the recent San Francisco conflagration. Where there were extremely wide streets the fire stopped.

Touching new conditions which have been created in Oakland, the Mayor said:

We all should recognize the great responsibility which has been thrust upon us by the changed conditions following the San Francisco disaster. One of the most important matters for us to consider is that of funds. Sufficient funds should be provided to conduct all of our business affairs in a manner proportionate to the greatly increased business conditions and population. All of this calls for an increase in nearly all of our departments in making our estimates for the coming fiscal year. This is particularly true of our Police and Fire departments. Then our schools and library must be carefully looked after along this same line. Before the County Assessor does his work his attention should be called to this matter, and valuations should be fixed accordingly, that we may have a proportionate increase in the income from taxes. It is well known that the assessed valuation of this and other counties is away below what it should be. The County Assessors have a little rivalry, I presume, in keeping the assessments as low as possible. If the law was strictly followed and the assessments made in proportion to real value, as contemplated, we would have a much greater sum with which to meet our expenses and for betterments than we now have.

GOOD START IS MADE.

Another thing which we should keep in mind is the acquirement of lands for parks and the extension of boulevards. We have made a good start the past year, but we must not stop. I am satisfied the people will sustain the Council on any such propositions which are rightly handled. I wish especially to commend to your careful consideration the report of Mr. Robinson, which was read to you a week ago, concerning plans for beautifying Oakland. He calls attention to how we may proceed along these lines. Our problem is a very simple one—so simple, in fact, that it is difficult to suggest anything especially new. We all know about what should be done, but he has shown us how to do it.

It is a matter of satisfaction to myself, and I am sure to this honorable body, the manner in which our city acquitted herself during the trying times following the disaster to our sister city. The relief committee, which was promptly organized and which has done such good work, will soon close its work, and there will be no scandal following, for everything has been well done and in a systematic manner. Not only has this body, the City Council, done its part well, but every other department in the city government has also done well, the officials and employes of the city working incessantly, many times far into the night, in order that the pressing duties resulting from the extraordinary occasion might be discharged. I want to thank the Council, and through the Council, all others who have helped to sustain the good name of Oakland in these extraordinary times. The city today stands in a more exalted position than ever before.

CAR BURGLAR SENTENCED.—Oakland, June 12.—August F. Voss, a Fruitvale carpenter, who was arrested for robbing freight cars at Sather station and who pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary, was today sentenced by Judge Harris to serve three years in San Quentin.

HAPPY SECRET IS NOW OUT

Engagement of Miss Gomes to W. J. Campbell Is Announced.

Wedding Will Take Place in Another Week at San Leandro.

OAKLAND, June 12.—The engagement has been announced of Miss Lulu Gomes of Berkeley and W. J. Campbell, a young business man of this city. The groom-prospective is connected with a large tea importing house and resides at 672 Thirty-third street. Miss Gomes' home is at 2635 Etna street, Berkeley. The wedding date is set for Saturday, June 16.

The home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Eva Castro, at San Leandro, will be the scene of the wedding. The young couple will reside in this city after enjoying a honeymoon tour.

McDONALD'S CASE CALLED.

OAKLAND, June 12.—The trial of Al. C. McDonald, a Pleasanton trotting horse trainer with a local reputation, charged with the murder of Joseph Mello, whom he shot on March 22 last for making love to McDonald's wife, was called in the criminal department today. Owing to the fact that the regular jury panel was still in the hands of attorneys selecting a jury to try Percy Pembroke, the case was put over until tomorrow. McDonald is represented by Attorneys Asa V. Mendenhall and R. M. Fitzgerald, while the prosecution will be conducted by Deputy District Attorney Phil Walsh, assisted by A. L. Frick, who has been retained as a special prosecutor by the dead man's friends.

Mello was a Portuguese and considerable feeling was aroused at his tragic death, especially among his countrymen, who declare that he was the victim of undue jealousy and that he was murdered by McDonald as the result of a plot.

McDonald on the other hand says that he is only too anxious to go to trial and declares he could do no less than he did to protect the honor of his wife and his own life.

SITE FOR PEOPLE'S COLLEGE.

BERKELEY, June 12.—The board of councilors of the People's College met last night for the purpose of securing a permanent site for the establishment of the new college in South Berkeley. Several sites were offered for the use of the college as a temporary headquarters until a desirable site can be found. A course of lectures will be begun as soon as a hall can be found.

Professor Stephens of the University of California has been named as one of the faculty of the new college. The historian will deliver lectures on "The Study of History." His first lecture will be given on the evening of July 2. Don E. Smith, also of the faculty of the university, will give instruction.

The college course will comprise eight addresses by distinguished men, the cost of the lectures being $1. Single tickets will sell for 25 cents. The subjects covered will include art, humor, literature, philosophy and music. The funds accruing from the lectures will be entirely devoted to the support of the college.

CORPORATIONS FORMED.

OAKLAND, June 12.—A firm of bakers, caterers and restaurant men are to engage in business in Oakland and to this end a corporation has been formed to be known as Ruediger, Loesch & Zinkand. The principal place of business of the concern is to be in this city and the capital stock is $24,000. Th three organizers are the directors.

Articles of incorporation of the San Francisco and Oakland Building and Realty Company were filed with the County Clerk today. The principal place of business is in this city and the capital stock is $500,000. The directors are Naph B. Greensfelder, J. A. Bloch, James V. Jeffress and C. M. Willard of this city and R. H. Adams of Berkeley.

The San Francisco Neckwear Company also filed its articles of incorporation today. Its capital stock is $25,000 and the directors are Clifford Conley, Marcus Hart, Julius Hart, Alfred Hart and Charles L. Barsotti, all of San Francisco.

NAMES CHAMBER COMMITTEES.

OAKLAND, June 12.—President Edson Adams of the Chamber of Commerce has named the standing committees for the ensuing year. W. J. Laymance, Henry Abrahamson, J. C. Downey, A. J. Snyder and C. H. King have been appointed to arrange for the lighting of Twelfth street, from Jefferson across the Lake Merritt drive, and the boulevard with electroliers similar to those which will shortly adorn Broadway and Washington street. The new patterns are being made for the lights to replace those which were burned.

Members who intend to attend the quarterly meeting of the California Promotion Committee at Napa Saturday are requested to notify Secretary Stearns before 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

DEMANDS HUSBAND'S SUPPORT.

BERKELEY, June 12. — Notwithstanding the fact that her husband has been rendered penniless by the San Francisco fire, Mrs. Jeschin wants her spouse, whom she has not lived with for several years, to contribute to her support. This morning she appealed to the town marshal to bring her erring husband to justice. He was arrested, but released on bail. Jeschin was a shoemaker in San Francisco, but was burned out. He came to Berkeley shortly after April 18.

DROWNED BABE BURIED.

OAKLAND, June 12.—The body of Theodore Bressen, the 6-months-old son of Captain Bressen, wrecked off Bodega Heads on June 5, was interred in Evergreen Cemetery today. While attempting to reach shore in a lifeboat a huge wave overturned the craft, sweeping the children from the captain's grasp. The body of the elder child was recovered on the same day, but it was not until yesterday that the other body was found.

FINAL DECREES GRANTED.

OAKLAND, June 12.—A delayed final decree of divorce was filed with the County Clerk today in the case of John A. Borge against Lena Borge. Judge Hall granted the interlocutory decree on January 6, 1905, on the ground of desertion. A final decree of divorce was also granted Olive Murphy from Edward F. Murphy and she was awarded the custody of the two minor children.

H. Schellhaas will give you a start in life. Oakland's furniture dealer.

CHARMING ALAMEDA GIRL, WHO IS TO MARRY A YOUNG BUSINESS MAN OF OAKLAND.

PERSONAL.

OAKLAND, June 12.—Charles Goodridge, a railroad man of Denver, is staying at the Metropole.

T. C. West of the firm of West, De Journal & O'Niel of Dawson City and San Francisco, is at the Hotel Crellin looking after the interests of the firm.

A party of business men composed of J. K. Turner of Cleveland, Ohio; D. J. Martin of Salt Lake and W. B. Migginnis of Hoboken, are at the Crellin. They are looking over the situation in San Francisco.

Low Gek Sing, who has been on a fifteen months' tour of the world, is at the Hotel Metropole awaiting a steamer to carry him back to his native land. It was his intention to sail on the Korea. He is a high caste merchant in Siam.

A. H. Potter, a Portland merchant, is at the Hotel Crellin.

A. C. Bilicke, a hotel man of Los Angeles, Mrs. Bilicke and Dr. and Mrs. Kurtz of Los Angeles are at the Hotel Athens after a tour through the State in an automobile. The party will return to the southern metropolis in the car.

J. M. McGee, an Oroville mining man, is at the Crellin for a few days.

Customs Auditor George Cope is sick at his country home at Brookdale in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Californians in New York.

NEW YORK, June 12.—The following Californians have arrived in New York:

From San Francisco—W. J. Ewing, at the Woodward; Mrs. F. J. Gillespie, at the Woodward; Mrs. L. J. Hohl, at the Belvidere; Miss Dannenberg, at the Westminster; Miss V. D. Terscott, at the York; S. K. Thorpe, at the Grand Union; Mrs. B. Allen, at the Breslin; S. Friedberger and wife, at the Broadway Central; E. Jellineck, at the Union Square; T. J. McCoy and wife and J. A. Young, at the Breslin; C. Zuckerman and wife, at the Broadway Central.

From Los Angeles—G. C. Jacoby, at the Herald Square; C. S. C. Johnston, at the Holland; Mrs. F. Gillespie, at the Breslin; W. F. McCann and wife, at the Victoria.

Californians in Paris.

PARIS, June 12.—The following Californians registered at the Call-Herald Bureau today: Mrs. A. Mead of San Diego, Captain and Mrs. Warwick Symondson of Los Angeles and Alfred B. Abbey of San Francisco.

ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS

SAYS HE WAS ROBBED.—Oakland, June 12.—Robert Peters, a railway mail clerk, reported to the police late last night that he had been relieved of $60 in coin by a companion who accompanied him to Fruitvale.

DOCTOR'S CLOTHES STOLEN.—Oakland, June 12.—Dr. J. L. Howell of Amethyst, Colorado, has reported to the police that his suit case containing clothing valued at $160 was stolen yesterday from a Twelfth-street car.

CONDEMN MANY CHIMNEYS.—Alameda, June 12.—Assistant Fire Chief Frank K. Millington reports that of 6000 chimneys that have been examined by the inspector, 800 have been condemned and will have to be practically rebuilt or taken down.

STRIKE IN ROLLING MILLS.—Oakland, June 12.—There is a strike on in the rolling department of the Judson Iron Works at Emeryville. The walkout resulted from a dispute over the time for paying wages. The situation is not serious and it is expected that matters will be quickly adjusted.

AGED ITALIAN MISSING.—Oakland, June 12.—Manuel Francisco, an aged Italian, left his home at 768 Market street early yesterday morning to gather drewood along the bay shore, and, having failed to return home, his wife and family fear that he has met with an accident. No trace of the missing man has as yet been found.

BENEFIT FOR REFUGEE MUSICIAN.—Alameda, June 12.—Mrs. G. W. Emmons has arranged for a musicale to be given at her home on Union street Thursday afternoon for the benefit of Professor Gambardero and family of San Francisco, who lost their home in the fire. The professor is well known in musical circles on both sides of the bay.

ney David Mitchell on a felony charge, were married in the office of County Clerk J. P. Cook this morning by Justice of the Peace James Quinn. When the magistrate had performed the wedding ceremony he was thanked by the groom, who informed the Justice that he had no spare coin with which to pay him for his kindness and that he "might see him later."

GRADUATION EXERCISES.—Berkeley, June 12.—Graduating exercises for the California Institution for the Deaf and Blind were held this afternoon under the direction of Superintendent Wilkinson. The graduates who received diplomas are Mildred Cohn, Golda M. Fitzgerald, Minnie A. Phelps, Roscoe D. Depew, Herbert F. Rossi, Daniel K. Sherman, Golden C. Wood, Barna Haight, Charles Evans, Charles Weile.

Patronize H. Schellhaas'. Furniture delivered everywhere. Corner 11th and Franklin sts.

EAST IS READY TO INVEST HERE

G. N. Scofield, Leading Builder, Says Capital Is Coming.

Truth About the Quake Alters First Bad Opinion, He States.

OAKLAND, June 12.—"From personal observations in the East, carried on since the earthquake, I am able to state that Eastern capital is eager to enter into the work of reconstructing San Francisco," said G. N. Scofield, financial manager of the Scofield Construction Company of Philadelphia, who arrived from New York Sunday evening. The company is building the new dry dock at Mare Island navy yard.

Continuing, Mr. Scofield said:

Since May 1 I have spent a considerable portion of my time in New York, where I am stationed, in getting a line on the attitude of New York capital toward future investment in San Francisco. At first, I must admit, we all thought the damage was chiefly caused by the earthquake, but as further reports began to arrive from the stricken city, we began to appreciate the fact that it was fire and not earthquake that was the cause of the city's devastation.

Of course it was but natural that the people in the East had their confidence in the city temporarily shaken. There were few at first who thought it advisable to invest in San Francisco realty, if earthquakes could in a few seconds wreck the work of years. But later, as it became more and more apparent that it was fire and not earthquake that was the cause of the destruction, Eastern money became more available for the work of reconstruction. Capitalists then knew that money invested in San Francisco would be safe, for under modern construction it is possible to make fireproof buildings.

It takes but a superficial glance at the buildings left standing here in the city to note that the Class A buildings were the ones that withstood the devastating element. In the construction of the modern fireproof building, there are many modes of construction. The principal materials are reinforced concrete, steel, stone, brick and iron. The earthquake and fire here plainly showed the best manner of construction. Where the flooring was not absolutely fireproof, the huge steel girders were badly bent.

In talking with property owners here in the city, I find that they are losing confidence in brick construction. Both in brick and stone structures there is but one material used in binding, namely, cement, or mortar. But in the construction of a building, to make it absolutely fireproof, it is necessary that the component atoms be of articles that are already capable of withstanding intense heat. Therefore it seems that stone of volcanic origin, such as crushed basalt, cement, sand, and steel, are the best elements to be united in the construction of a fire and earthquake proof building.

Scofield added that he had it on good authority that several syndicates are now being formed in the East which will enter heavily into the work of reconstruction in San Francisco. From his observation it seems that money will be invested only in fireproof structures of classes A, B or C types under the new building ordinance now being framed.

"San Francisco," he continued, "has the opportunity of centuries. Here there is a city that is entirely wiped out in its business district. It is necessary to start all over again. Science, applied along engineering lines, will build a city that will be the monarch of the age."

Scofield and his brother, Lynn M. Scofield, Pacific Coast representative, will carry out the interests of the company on the coast. It expects to complete the Mare Island dry dock in two years. The visitor is staying with his brother at 2416 Durant avenue, Berkeley.

FEW CHANGES OF TEACHERS.

OAKLAND, June 12.—But few changes were made in the staff of teachers and principals of the School Department by the Board of Education at the annual election held last night. Paul Uth was retired as physical culture director and C. H. Pfund was chosen to fill the position. Mrs. E. A. Wilson, principal of the Peralta School, was placed on the teaching list, and I. D. Martin, principal of the Grant School, was dismissed. W. Wheeler of Fresno and H. C. Petray of Haywards were elected as principals unassigned. William Schatka was appointed inspector of school buildings, his salary being fixed at $155 a month.

It is estimated by the Board of Education that the State apportionment for salaries will be $2100 short of the amount required, and the directors may ask the local banks to advance coin with which to meet the deficit. Two dollars and a half a month is to be added to the salaries of the primary and grammar grade teachers during the coming school year to make up for the loss of compensation that the instructors sustained while the schools were closed following the earthquake.

INQUIRE ABOUT WILKINSON.

BERKELEY, June 12. — Professor Warring Wilkinson, superintendent of the State Institute for the Deaf and Dumb and Blind, has been the recipient of many hundreds of letters of sympathy from various parts of the world. His well wishers among the correspondents were alarmed by the reports of the fire and earthquake in San Francisco and vicinity, and hastened to express words of cheer and hope for the popular head of the school. The latest letter comes from Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, and is signed by Dr. Risso Patron.

COURT VACATION CHANGED.

OAKLAND, June 12.—Court vacation will end on July 12 instead of August 4, as planned early in the summer. This was determined on today at a conference of the Superior Judges and members of the Bar Association. The Judges stated that they intended to be on hand and the only reason for altering the order in regard to the holidays was to give a number of civil matters an early hearing. All civil matters had been continued over until after the holidays and only criminal matters are being tried at the present time, but it is believed that by July the calendar will be pretty well cleared of them.

NORMAN SPENCER'S DEATH.

BERKELEY, June 12.—The death on last Saturday of Norman Spencer, one of the pioneers of Berkeley, calls to mind the successes on the turf of his son, Henry Spencer. The latter had an international reputation as one of the best jockeys that ever rode. Spencer made his most famous ride in Budapest in 1903, when, astride of Beregvolgy, he won the King's stakes. The feat attracted world-wide attention and won for Spencer a great reputation besides a purse amounting to thousands of dollars.

MARRIED FREE OF CHARGE.—Oakland, June 12.—John Flynn and Bernice Brown, the latter the companion of Evelyn Walker, the girl responsible for the conviction of Attor-

LID IS REMOVED IN BERKELEY

Trustees Reach Agreement for Reopening the Saloons.

Traffic in Marin, San Mateo and Oakland Influences Action.

BERKELEY, June 12.—The saloons of Berkeley are to be reopened. They were closed by the Trustees two weeks ago, when the agitation for general closing of saloons in the region about the bay was at its height. The Trustees last night decided to give the liquor sellers permission to again open their doors. The dealers will begin business at once.

There are ten saloons in this city, all being in West Berkeley. Until six months ago twenty-three saloons operated in Berkeley, this number being reduced to ten on January 1, 1906. This rigorous treatment of the liquor dealers and the popular sentiment against the business in East Berkeley, that being the largest and most influential section of the town, combined to create the idea that when the agitation against liquor shops began a month ago, culminating in a strong fight in Oakland between saloons and anti-saloon men, Berkeley saloonists would get a complete knockout blow. This belief was intensified when the Town Trustees closed the Berkeley saloons two weeks ago, ordering them to remain closed indefinitely.

The town officials announced last night, however, that as the closing of the Berkeley saloons had failed to operate upon saloons of other towns, as it was hoped would be the case, and as saloons in Marin and San Mateo counties, to say nothing of those in Oakland, continued to operate, with the prospect of speedy resumption of the liquor business in San Francisco, the Berkeley liquor men might as well have the privilege of doing business. They were accordingly authorized to resume.

E. J. Martin, representing the interests that favored the closing of the saloons, was present last night and conceded that the closing of the shops had not had the effect desired. His opposition, apparently, was at an end under the circumstances. The liquor men had an attorney present, but his services were not needed. The Trustees' vote was unanimous.

REGENTS MAKE RADICAL CHANGE

Two of Four Years' Medical Term Transferred to Berkeley.

The Regents of the University of California at their meeting yesterday in the Cooper Medical College adopted the recommendation of the committee on colleges of medicine and dentistry, that the first two years of the present medical and dental work be transferred to Berkeley. This will allow a wider scope for clinical practice in the last two years, for there will be more room in the Affiliated Colleges building for a clinic.

The Wilmerding School committee made its report regarding the lease of the lot at the corner of Seventeenth and Kansas streets. The committee stated that it had received an offer from the Duffield Lumber Company for a ten-year lease at the rate of $200 for the first five years and $250 for the last five years. Because of some misunderstanding as to the valuation of the land the matter was referred back to the committee, which was given full power to act in the matter.

The income of the university for the coming year is estimated at $857,423.31. The salaries will amount to $493,913.30 and the general running expenses $363,608.97. These expenditures make a total of $857,522.27, thus showing a deficit of $98.96. This deficit will doubtless be balanced, as the estimate always proves to be less than the actual income.

Prominent among the appointments is that of Miss Lucy Sprague to the position of assistant professor of English. This brilliant young woman is the first to hold the high honor of professor in the University of California.

Following is a list of the other appointments and promotions:

A. Kroeber and P. E. Goddard, assistant professors of anthropology; A. Crawford, assistant professor of practical astronomy; Elmira Hall, professor of physics; Robert du Poey, assistant professor of French; M. W. Haskel, professor of mathematics; Thomas W. Page, professor of history; H. A. Overstreet, assistant professor of philosophy; F. G. Cottrell, H. C. Biddle and W. C. Morgan, assistant professors of chemistry; John S. Burd, instructor in agricultural chemistry; R. D. Moody, assistant professor of anatomy; S. A. Barrett, museum assistant in the department of anthropology; W. C. Hays, assistant to Professor John Galen Howard in the architectural department; Miss Jessica Peixotto, lecturer on sociology; George D. Lauderback, assistant professor in geology; G. B. Blair and E. A. Fath, fellows in astronomy in the Lick Observatory; Dr. W. C. Hocking, instructor in philosophy; J. F. Robertson, instructor in physiology; F. M. Clapp, staff lecturer in university extension; Albert Schneider, professor of bacteriology; Henry B. Carey, professor of botany, materia medica, pharmacognosy and physiology.

MRS. HERRICK PASSES AWAY.

OAKLAND, June 12.—Mrs. Lucy Fimes Herrick, wife of William F. Herrick and the mother of Mrs. M. L. Requa, passed away yesterday at the family residence, 69 Santa Clara avenue. She was a native of England, 77 years of age and had lived in California for fifty-two years. Since 1876 the Herricks were residents of this city and one of the representative families. Besides her husband and daughter, Mrs. Requa, Mrs. Herrick is survived by four other daughters, Mrs. Colin Ross, Mrs. J. W. Stanford, Miss Margaret and Miss Lucy Herrick.

UNDERWOODS FOUND GUILTY.—Berkeley, June 12.—Justice Edgar, after trying the battery charge preferred against J. D. Underwood and his wife by W. S. Andrews, a student of the university, decided that the evidence was sufficient to convict the Underwoods. The testimony of both sides was more or less contradictory, but there were enough facts shown to prove that the Underwoods laid violent hands on the person of the complainant. Andrews lived at 2115A Allston way, in the rooming-house leased by the Underwoods. His rent was raised and upon refusing to meet the demand Andrews was ejected from the premises.

The faint heart that fails to win may have cause for self-congratulation later in the game.

ASSUME DEBTS OF GYMNASIUM

Palo Alto Clubwomen to Pay Bills of Late Institution.

Funds Will Be Raised to Settle Outstanding Accounts.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

PALO ALTO, June 12.—The Woman's Club has taken the action that was expected in the matter of providing for the gymnasium indebtedness. At an adjourned meeting held in the Presbyterian church a full report of the finances of the gymnasium was received. This showed an indebtedness of $850, with $300 available in the treasury. The balance is secured by individual notes of Dr. Baldwin, Mrs. J. R. Gilbert and Mrs. A. P. Zschoke. The members voted almost unanimously to assume the debt and to proceed to raise funds for its liquidation.

When the gymnasium was opened a lease was taken on the quarters in the Mullen building for five years. Only half of the time has expired, but the club will probably be able to sublet the rooms to advantage. The rental is $40 a month. The cost of conducting the gymnasium averaged $95 a month, which was not more than was expected. But the membership in the classes was insufficient, and the dues failed to meet the current expenses. The plan to provide a gymnasium was public-spirited, since such an institution can be made of great physical benefit to the young people. All will regret that it has failed financially, and all will be willing to help the club members in meeting the burden of the debt incurred.

BACK IT GOES TO CONFERENCE

Troubles of the Rate Bill Enter Upon a New Stage.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—With a very large proportion of the members present, due to the activity of the Republican and Democratic whips, the House today passed a rule sending the railroad rate bill back to conference, as asked for by the Senate, without even an expression of its wishes as to any of the amendments to the bill.

The rule was debated for forty minutes. The leaders participated in the discussion, the Democrats taking the position that the time was opportune to concur in the sleeping-car amendment and instruct the conferees as to the anti-pass amendment. Although the Democrats were aided by eight Republicans, they could not command votes enough to defeat the rule, which was adopted—184 to 99.

While the sundry civil bill was under consideration, the House, in committee of the whole, adopted an amendment offered by Bowersock of Kansas, prohibiting canteens in soldiers' homes.

Unexpectedly the Neill-Reynolds report on the condition of Chicago packing-houses came in for severe criticism, Mondell of Wyoming, Slayden of Texas and Fulkerson of Missouri discussing the advisability of the report in scathing terms. Ames of Massachusetts defended both the President and the report and insisted that the packers should pay the cost of inspection.

MAN WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE KILLED TWO MEN ENDS LIFE

Blacksmith, Fearing Harm from Relatives of Alleged Victim, Shoots Himself in Head.

LOS ANGELES, June 12.—William O'Connor, a blacksmith, 25 years of age, who claimed to have been a member of the State militia at San Francisco and to have killed two men during his service, for which acts, he asserted, relatives of the men had sworn vengeance against him, committed suicide at the Hotel Brownstone, 437 East Fifth street, here today by shooting himself in the right temple with a revolver. O'Connor came here about a week ago from San Francisco. He was short of money and appeared to be greatly troubled. He related the story of his killing the two men to a young son of the hotel proprietor, but little credence was given it. Nothing is known here of his relatives.

RECORD PRICE WILL BE PAID FOR PEACHES BY CANNERS

Recent Storm Cause of Increase in Cost of Fruit Wanted for Packing.

FRESNO, June 12.—The California Canners' Association and Griffin & Skelly opened their plants today. Each employs about 500 men and women. Sharp bidding on the part of the canners, together with the scarcity of good fruit, has caused prices to soar and the packers are paying an average of $35 a ton for apricots. The quality of the fruit delivered so far is below the average, being small and marked by blight.

The packers and canners are already in the market for peaches and the price of that fruit will be higher than ever before. Reports from the country show that the main damage done by the recent storm was to these two crops and to hay in the field. Grain did not suffer so much as was at first reported.

ONE BOY KILLED, ANOTHER BADLY HURT IN RUNAWAY

SAN PEDRO, June 12.—Bion Scott, the 6-year-old son of E. B. Scott, formerly editor of the San Pedro Times, was instantly killed, and Robert Wayne, a playmate, severely injured in a runaway yesterday. In turning on Beacon street the carriage was overturned, throwing the boys from the seat. Bion Scott struck his head against the cement curb, his brains being dashed out.

Successor to Senator McCreary.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 12.—The Democratic State executive committee today decided upon November 6 as the date for holding a primary election for all Democratic State offices. At the same time a Democratic nominee for United States Senator, to succeed Senator McCleary, will be selected.

Excursion to Ukiah.

Leave San Francisco at 8 a. m. on Sunday, June 17, and Ukiah at 5 p. m. Tickets, $2 for the round trip, on sale at Tiburon ferry.

WATER RIGHTS ARE IN DISPUTE

Marin County Companies Carry Their War Into Court.

Suit to Determine Ownership of Watershed Is Filed.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

SAN RAFAEL, June 12.—There is war on between the Lagunitas Water Company, a new corporation, and Charles Webb Howard, one of its promoters and holder of large interests in the watersheds of Mount Tamalpais, on one side and the Marin County Water Company, a company incorporated to supply San Rafael with water, and the Marin County Water and Power Company, a new corporation, formed to supply water and power to a larger territory and eventually absorb the Marin County Water Company, on the other side.

Attorney A. E. Shaw, representing the Lagunitas Water Company, and Charles Webb Howard filed a suit yesterday against the Marin County Water Company, the Marin County Water and Power Company, the board of trustees of the Leland Stanford Jr. University, the Union Trust Company, Emma L. and Oscar Shafter, Maud, Frederick P. and Harold Howard, Charles Webb Howard Jr. and several John Does, to determine the interest of the Howards, the university and the Union Trust Company in the watershed. The court is asked to forever bar the defendants from asserting any claim whatever in or to the lands and premises adverse to the plaintiff.

The watersheds are on a large tract consisting of several thousand acres of land on the northwestern slope of Mount Tamalpais known as the Berri ranch and are considered very valuable for water supply purposes.

The Marin County Water Company several years ago leased the watershed. The lease expires in about fourteen years. A few months ago they filed two notices of appropriation of water on all the desirable watershed that would be available for their present reservoirs and the proposed 3,000,000,000 gallon dam on the Bolinas road. Each appropriation is for the immense quantity of 20,000 inches of water. The Marin County Water Company claim that it has the right to the water, while the Lagunitas people claim otherwise.

The Lagunitas Water Company filed its articles of incorporation in the early part of this year and is going to fight for the water supply of Marin.

RUINS OF STANFORD MUSEUM SEARCHED FOR LOST RELICS

Large Force of Men Under Curator Peterson Sift Debris to Find Valuable Specimens.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, June 12.—Curator Peterson, assited by A. S. Dudley and a force of men, is busy cleaning up the wrecked rooms in the Stanford museum. But little damage was done except in the section occupied on the lower floor by the Egyptian collection and on the second floor by the stock farm exhibit. The roof and the upper floor of this section fell, and so great was the mix-up that some of the articles on the lower floor are now upon the roof. All the debris is being collected and sifted, and most of the articles and the few that were broken in the other rooms can be restored. The mummies are under a pile of bricks and mortar, and to the workers it seems like excavating among the ruined cities and tombs of Egypt.

SAN JOSE POLITICIAN AND RAILROAD MAN FIGHT ON STREETCAR

Order to "Move" Provokes Row Between Well Known Residents.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

SAN JOSE, June 12.—Harry J. Edwards, head of the local department of the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company and the best known politician in San Jose, engaged in a fist fight last night with A. A. Hoenn, the new superintendent of the San Jose and Santa Clara street railroad. The corpulent "gas man" is said to have come off second best. The bout while it lasted was a warm one and provided much sport for the occupants of the Alum Rock car on which the fight took place.

Edwards was standing on the front platform, though there is a rule against such a practice. The superintendent undertook to enforce this rule, and Edwards objected. Hoenn by way of persuasion scratched the politician's face. The latter retaliated with a right swing to the jaw. Then they mixed it. Finally the superintendent leaped from the car and after reinforcing himself with several bricks returned to the assault. Friends then interfered.

Neither of the fighters will discuss the affair, though it is the talk of the town.

RACETRACK IN DISFAVOR WITH ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

Organization Calls Upon the Legislature to Suppress Gambling on the Ponies.

LOS ANGELES, June 12.—The Anti-Saloon League, in annual convention at the First Methodist Church here today, re-elected Rev. Dr. Hugh K. Walker of Los Angeles president, as well as other officers of the organization, and adopted resolutions condemning racetrack gambling and calling for legislative enactment prohibiting it. The resolutions pledged the members to support no candidates for the Legislature except those pledged to enact laws prohibiting racetrack gambling.

Murderer Flees to Mountains.

INDIO, June 12.—Gregorio Berdusca was shot and instantly killed by Julian Sabadra at Thermal today. The men were employed on a ranch and the shooting took place just after the employes left the breakfast table. Sabrada fled immediately and was traced through the brush into the mountains for twelve miles.

The Overland Limited.

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