News of Four of the Counties Bordering On the Bay

BAY CITIES HAVE BUILDING BOOM.

Enjoy Great Prosperity, Which Results From Rebuilding of San Francisco

OAKLAND, Nov. 4.—Noteworthy activity in the realty market during the past week has developed the fact that both business and residence properties are in demand. Never in the history of the city has the inquiry been so far reaching. It has spread over the city proper and extended until one can see its efforts for miles beyond the municipal limits.

The bay cities are booming with the upbuilding of San Francisco.

The building record continues to keep pace with the realty demand. Permits were issued last week for new structures valued at $311,000, 137 in number, including repairs and renovations. Merchants are realizing the necessity of meeting with public spirit the new conditions. The electrical illumination of the main thoroughfares is progressing so that in a short time brilliant electroliers will adorn the main streets. This work is in its beginning and results largely from Mayor Mott's successful crusade to "underground" wires in the business district. The companies concerned are working in that direction as rapidly as supplies of labor and material will permit.

BEAUTIFUL HOME SOLD.

Confirmation has been made of the reported sale through the Laymance Real Estate Company of Rose Crest, the beautiful home on Vernon Heights of the Alexander Youngs. The purchaser, Tyler Henshaw, paid $100,000 for the property, said to be the highest price ever reached for an Oakland residence.

The plans for the new Orpheum theater building to be erected on the north side of Twelfth street, between Clay and Jefferson, have been completed. The structure, four stories in height, will occupy an eighty-foot frontage and run back to Thirteenth street. The theater entrance will face Twelfth street, with two large stores on each side. Above will be sixty apartments. The building will be of terra cotta with steel frame. The theater will seat 2000 persons. M. J. Laymance, president of the Laymance Real Estate Company, will erect the building. It will be completed June 1, 1907. The Orpheum Company takes a ten years' lease on the theater.

George W. Austin has moved to elegant offices at 1018 Broadway. The expansion of Austin's business is one of the noteworthy features of realty affairs in Oakland. Austin, in reviewing the market, said:

"There is no let up to the activity of the real estate business, but rather an increase. Investors and purchasers generally appear to fully realize that the development of Oakland is a sure and permanent quantity. For a time after the advents of last April there was a doubt in the minds of many as to whether the boom were transient or permanent. As a result of this many people were deterred from buying real estated. Now that doubt has passed away and everybody is satisfied that the wonderful activity has come to stay and that it will increase both in interest and in volume.

"Two very good sales were made in our office this week at Eighth and Clay streets, and we also sold the northwest corner of Eighth and Alice. Alameda property is the center of much interest and we sold one large tract over there two days ago.

"We now have pending three of the largest deals in the heart of Oakland that have been reported in years. They are not yet closed, although they will be in a few days. Each of them involves $100,000. It is interesting to note that the fifty feet on Franklin street adjoining the St. Mark Hotel that we sold last week for $55,000 could be sold today at a big advance, but the owners are satisfied that within ninety days they can sell and realize a very handsome profit. This is no uncommon incident; such are taking place all over town.

"Three months ago I directed attention to the interest that was being shown in property west of San Pablo as far as Grove street. This interest has increased until it is now general and all this section is being held at very healthy figures. Many large halls and commercial buildings are being erected in this section and it is only a matter of months before Clay street will be a rival of Broadway. Those big merchants who acquired large blocks of business property on Clay street through as a couple of weeks ago are already consulting architects regarding buildings. It is impossible for anybody to be too enthusiastic regarding Oakland today."

John A. Jones, a specialist in large realty transactions, has associated himself with Austin.

George W. Austin reports the following sales:

Lot on Ninth avenue and East Twenty-third street, for C. H. Daly to George J. Farmer.

House and lot on Santa Fe avenue, near San Pablo, in Emeryville, for J. V. A. Frates of Sonoma Count to Mrs. Margaret A. Hutchinson.

Lot on Telegraph avenue, near Prince street, for Gueseppi Vincento to Fred Harris, who will immediately begin the construction of a pair of elegant flats on the property.

Lot on Ninth avenue and East Twenty-second street, for C. H. Daly to D. D. Banta.

House and lot on Mead avenue, near San Pablo, for Mrs. Susan Smith to John Hartz, who has just sold his store property on the avenue.

House and lot, 377 Walsworth avenue, for John Lutz to M. H. Goldwater.

House and lot on Twenty-third avenue for A. E. Kertcher to John H. Staehle of Contra Costa County.

Store and flat on Seventeenth street, near San Pablo avenue, for W. H. Wellbye to a non-resident buyer.

Three flats on Adeline street, near Seventh, for E. J. Shepardson to Henry C. Kayser.

Cottage on Franklin, near Twentieth street, for L. T. Haskell to A. Mierson & Sons, a corporation.

Store and flat on corner of Tenth and Center streets for A. E. Wollitz to S. Benedetti.

Two lots on College avenue, near the Country Club, for H. S. McKeen to Herman Windmuller.

Lot on West street, near Apgar, for E. N. Walter to Mrs. V. E. Armacost.

House and lot on Market, near Twenty-second street, for William Austin to Max Levy.

House and lot on Twentieth street, near San Pablo avenue, for Mrs. Elizabeth Oberg.

CHURCH HAS OFFER.

It is understood in realty circles that the Bailey property, 150 feet frontage on Fourteenth street, adjoining the First Presbyterian Church, is under bond for $175,000. The trustees of the First Presbyterian Church have under consideration an offer of $150,000 for a piece 100 feet by 100 feet, comprising part of its holdings at Fourteenth and Franklin streets. Acceptance of the offer would require the removal of the church.

James Presho has awarded a contract for the erection of a four-story business block on the east side of San Pablo avenue, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets.

Berkeley, Alameda and Emeryville respond to the general prosperity on the east shores. The college town market for residence property is strong and in the business district the improvements keep pace with the steady demand. High-class architecture is a noteworthy feature there.

The warehouse and factory districts are booming with new enterprises. This is one of the strongest elements in the growth on this side of the bay.

More than 1200 documents were filed with the County Recorder last week, of which more than one-half were deeds to real estate.

The California State Realty Federation has made announcement that it favors the adoption of Senate constitutional amendment No. 8, repealing the mortgage tax.

Mother of Two Lads Sent by Mail Puts in an Appearance.

Calls at San Jose Police Office to Claim Them

TWO YOUNG LADS, SHIPPED FROM DELTA, WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO BE HOMELESS WAIFS UNTIL THEIR MOTHER, LEARNING OF THEIR PRESENCE IN SAN JOSE, CALLED AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND CLAIMED THEM.

SAN JOSE, Nov. 4.—The two little Bilderback boys who arrived here last Friday "addressed" to their mother, Mrs. Thomas Beattie, care "General Delivery," have safely reached their destination after a somewhat strenuous trip. For a time it looked as if the lads were homeless waifs, but the appearance of their mother at a late hour quieted the fears of the officers.

Mrs. Beattie resides about three miles from the city with her husband, having moved here since the San Francisco fire. The Beatties are refugees, and, being unable to care for the two boys during the few months immediately following the disaster, turned the children over to the boys grandmother in Delta. She sent them here when she was unable to care for them any longer.

Fossils Prove That Great Continent Once Existed.

CONSUL GENERAL GEORGE E. ANDERSON of Rio de Janeiro reports that the Brazilian movement to find the extent and value of its coal deposits developed considerable scientific information about the Southern Hemisphere, which leads him to write:

"Concerning the recent official investigation of Brazilian coal fields, a Rio de Janeiro authority says that "it has furnished further proof of the one-time existence of a great southern continent which included South America, South Africa and Australia.

"The report of the commission headed by Dr. White of West Virginia added largely to the paleontology of the world with new species found in Brazil. There were included among the vegetable fossils collected by the commission three distinct genera and many more new species.

"The raptilian fossil, which was found in the petroleum-bearing black schist at Iraty, in the State of Parana, is of an entirely new genera here, and of which only one other is known, and that existed in South Africa. The Stereosternum tumidum Cope of Sao Paulo has been known, but we have now the Mososaurus braziliensis Osborn of the black-schist formation of Parana. The vegetable fossils, as well as the reptile fossil, show that the Permocarboniferous formation of the south of Brazil is identical with that of South Africa, the south of India, and Australia, and is a further element of proof of the existence during the Permocarboniferous period of the vast continent which Suess, who formulated the hypothesis of its existence, called the continent of Gondwana, and which was composed of South America, South Africa, Southern India, Australia and the Antarctic lands. The study of the geology and paleontology of Brazil has been so incomplete heretofore that these present discoveries are of rare value."

PRICE OF PLATINUM MAKES FALSE TEETH COME HIGH

Market for Precious Metal Advances Till Dummy Molars Become Source of Worry to Dentists.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 4.—As the result of a scarcity of platinum the price of false teeth is mounting at an alarming rate. Within the last thirty days the increase has amounted to over $1 per set, and the end is not in sight. Should the crop of platinum fail entirely, it is asserted that false teeth will become as scarce as proverbial hens' teeth.

In view of the upward tendency of the market local dentists are obtaining supplies of near molars in order to carry out contracts already on their books. New customers will have to pay the higher prices demanded or put up with last year's styles.

MEXICAN ENGINEERS SENT TO STUDY SALTON SEA QUESTION

Discussion of Responsibility for Diverting of the Colorado From Channels to Be Later Considered.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 4.—A committee composed of Mexican engineers and experts has been dispatched by the Mexican Government to the scene of the floods caused by the diversion of the channel of the Colorado River to study the problem, which for some time has called the attention of the United States and Mexican Governments. The Salton Sea question has become an international one, and it is said here in government circles that the discussion through ordinary diplomatic channels regarding the responsibility for the dangers ensuing will be dropped for the time being in order that the immediate action which the situation demands may be properly taken.

WILL MOVE LEPER HOSPITAL.

HAVANA, Nov. 4.—Upon the recommendation of Carlos Velez, Inspector of Public Institutions, the San Lazaro Hospital, in which there are several hundred lepers, probably will be removed shortly to an island off the northern coast of Matanzas.

NOVELIST CHENEY DELIVERS ADDRESS TO YOUNG WRITERS

Gives an Entertaining Talk Before the Members of the Nineteenth Century Literary Club.

BERKELEY, Nov. 4.—Warren Cheney, the novelist and poet, who is a resident of Berkeley, gave the Nineteenth Century Literary Club of the university a treat yesterday in the form of a talk upon the secrets of the successful novelist. Cheney was able to speak from the standpoint of one who knows the secrets of the craft, as several of his books published by Boston and New York houses have been marked successes.

The rising young litterateurs were informed by Cheney that inspiration has a great deal to do with insuring a novelist's success—that mere toil and technical perfection will not suffice. He gave his hearers a lengthy description of the methods by which author and publisher come together and agree upon terms and other features of their co-operation.

The talk by Cheney was the first of a series which the club managers expect to arrange for during the winter. Prominent writers around the bay will be asked to address the collegians.

Decrease in Crime Due to New Liquor Law.

CONSUL F. W. GODING of Newcastle writes that New South Wales has a liquor law that has been in force only six months, yet the results have more than justified the change.

The police have been given increased powers. In the past they were required to prove that the law had been violated; now the onus of proof rests upon the hotel keepers and the offending persons. It is an offense to serve children under the age of 14 with liquor, or to sell to a youth under 18 intoxicants to be drank on the premises. The only persons allowed to obtain liquor during prohibited hours are travelers and lodgers; even a doctor's certificate is not honored, and one occasionally eating at a hotel cannot be served. The strong feature of the law is that when a person is found on licensed premises during prohibited hours, he must go before the court and prove himself to be a traveler or a regular boarder or submit to a fine. In some individual instances the law has worked hardships, but on the whole there has been less drunkenness, fewer cases before the courts, and crime is on the decrease.

It's easy to have large ideas of liberality with other people's money.

Society in the Cities Across the Bay.

OAKLAND, Nov. 4.—The Town and Gown Club, the exclusive woman's club of Berkeley, has reached out a helping hand to those so deeply interested in the proposed Student's Infirmary for the University of California and has offered to furnish and equip one of the rooms. This is appreciated by the women students.

On Monday afternoon, October 29, the informal reception in the artistic clubhouse was one of the delightful features of the year. It was art day, in charge of Miss C. Colby. Mrs. Martin Brigman gave an interesting talk upon the subject of "Art Photography," using some of her own work as illustrations, as well as many fine studies from the studio of Oscar Maurer, which he loaned. Mrs. Brigman treated her subject from an ideal standpoint and the eager questions which were asked by the club women attested their enthusiasm.

The coming meeting of the club on Monday, November 12, calls for the deepest interest. The greatest secrecy surrounds the occasion. All that is being whispered abroad is that it will be dramatic day and that the particular piece which will be presented has been dramatized for the event. The cast will be drawn largely from the club membership.

The delegates who have been elected to attend the District Federation meeting, which convenes in Stockton this month, are Mrs. A. S. Eakle, Mrs. Alex. Lange and Miss W. E. Ritter, with Mrs. J. C. Lynch, Mrs. Fred Torrey and Mrs. D. Winter as substitutes.

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The November meeting of the Ebell at the Home Club will be a pleasurable occasion, taking place on Tuesday afternoon, November 6. The musical programme will be given by Arthur Fickenscher, pianist, and Mrs. Florence Wyman Gardner, vocalist. Mrs. John A. Cruzan, president of the Spokane Federation of Teachers' and Parents' Association, will give an informal talk. Mrs. William R. Davis will be presiding hostess of the day, assisted by Mrs. J. B. Hume, Mrs. John Bakewell, Mrs. A. W. Burrill, Mrs. Ralph W. Kinney, Mrs. C. E. Cotton, Mrs. T. G. Harrison, Mrs. J. H. Wright, Mrs. T. C. Coogan, Mrs. Louis Ghirardelli, Mrs. Edgar Bishop, Mrs. W. E. Milwain, Mrs. Willard F. Williamson, Miss Alma Brown, Mrs. E. C. Morrison, Mrs. E. C. von Helm, Mrs. E. C. Merrill, Mrs. J. W. McClymonds, Miss Jennie Hill, Miss Grace Burrill and Miss Eva Powell, in the receiving party.

Previous to the programme of the afternoon there will be an important business meeting, when plans for the coming meeting in the new clubhouse will be discussed. Although the building will be completed by the first of December, the executive board has about decided that it will not as a club have the opening until early in the year, when the rooms will be furnished and ready for habitation. This first gathering in the new home will be one of the most elaborate affairs in clubdom for the coming year.

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The Adelphian Club had as its guest on Saturday afternoon at its union meeting the Rev. Charles R. Brown of this city, who gave a talk on "Camping Out in Palestine." Mrs. J. N. Young was the chairman of the day. Assisting her at the tea tables were a score of the club members. Miss Clara Freuler gave several songs during the afternoon. She was accompanied by Miss Susie Waterman. Miss Maud Cohen and Mrs. J. A. Trost rendered delightful instrumental solos.

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On Wednesday the Oakland Club will take possession of its new quarters in the Pythian building at the corner of Twelfth and Alice streets. No formal programme is being prepared. Since the opening of the club year the members have been grateful to Mrs. G. J. G. Marsily for her hospitality, her home on Harrison street affording a commodious assembling place.

Mrs. B. N. de Leon was chairman of the meeting of last week and offered a programme of music, the members of the Etude Club, one of Oakland's interesting musical organizations for women, rendering the numbers.

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Each Monday an interested group of seventy-five students of English literature find their places in the lecture hall of Miss Ransom's School to listen to the informal talks of William Norman Guthrie, lecturer on general literature in the University of Chicago, on the modern poet-prophet. "Browning as a Love Poet," followed by "Browning as a Teacher," will be considered at the first two meetings of November. Emerson and Whitman will be the themes completing the month.

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"The busiest, buzziest and hardest to house" will be the toast offered to the Civic Club of Oakland at the District Federation of Women's Clubs, which holds its annual meeting in Stockton this month. The Civic Club since its beginning under the fostering care of ex-Mayor Olney has had an up-hill road to travel, but the dozen or so of women for their city's beautification and purification are not discouraged. They are anxious for the co-operation of all the womanhood of Oakland. The first problem which they are obliged to solve is the question of permanent quarters. They have several interesting projects which will be acted upon during this year. Mrs. Clarissa Morris is president of the club.

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Oakland has an interesting Chautauqua Circle, meeting once a week at the houses of the dozen members. The Shakespeare drama and English Government are the subjects for the year. During October the circle met at the home of Mrs. John Merrileese in Berkeley.

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The Starr King Fraternity will open its new year with a banquet on Thursday evening, November 8, at its quarters in the Unitarian church. The programme will consist of an informal talk by Mayor Mott on the Robinson plans for the beautification of the city, and a paper by D. S. Richardson on the redeeming features of the earthquake. The Golden Gate Quartet will furnish the musical numbers.

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The lecture of Dr. David Starr Jordan on the "Earthquake Rift," before the members and guests of the Home Club last Thursday evening was a thrilling as well as humorous talk, the path of the terrific force being followed with splendid photographs.

The next event of interest at the club will be the luncheon, the first of the season, Thursday, November 15.

PIEDMONT RINK NOVELTIES.

OAKLAND, Nov. 4.—The Piedmont Skating Pavilion, Oakland avenue and Twenty-fourth street, will give a ladies' night tomorrow evening, at which ladies, with or without escorts, will be admitted free. Miss Jessie Darling, an expert in fancy skating, and of much beauty, will give exhibitions each evening. Miss Louise Jones of Oakland and Miss Bessie Barton of San Francisco will start at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow night in a coast championship race.

PALO ALTO GROWS WHILE YOU WAIT.

Building Operations Extend to Tracts Recently Opened Beyond the City Limits

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

PALO ALTO, Nov. 4.—The building boom continues here, and during the past week plans for several fine residences have been completed and construction work will begin immediately. There is scarcely a house for rent within the city limits.

Tracts of land outside of the city limits are being placed on the market. Electric lines insure communication with these properties. The Sunnyside Addition is one that has come into favor, and electric roads will soon connect it with this city. The tract is only a few minutes' walk from the Southern Pacific depot at Mayfield.

The electric line that is to connect this city with the addition and towns of the peninsula is now being graded.

HALFMOON BAY, Nov. 4.—Sales of real estate here have been exceptionally large. Last Sunday many vehicles were required to transport the army of investors who invaded this promising territory. About five hundred homeseekers looked over properties. The T. B. Potter Company estimates their sales for the day at $18,000, and other real estate men reported business as more than brisk.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 4.—The real estate move has been decidedly noticeable during the past week and many applications for homes have been made to the local real estate agents. There is not a single house for rent anywhere in this vicinity, and, although a large gang of carpenters has been kept busy for the last three months building cottages, the houses are all spoken for long before they are completed.

Most of the cottages now going up are owned by men of the working class who are locating here with the expectation of getting employment in some of the large factories which will be built here and put in operation within the next few months. Property, they figure, is cheaper at the present time than it will be in a couple of months, and they wish to take advantage of the cheap rates.

Not only is this town booming in the real estate line, but all the subdivisions in the neighborhood are having a run upon choice lots. The agents for San Bruno Park have opened up another large tract adjoining the park on the north and which extends within a half mile of the factory sites of the city. This tract, it is believed, will prove very popular with the working classes, who will find it a convenient distance from the factories to build cozy little home. The new tract will be ready to be placed on the market within the next few days.

About the Bay

FUNERAL OF MRS. E. J. PATTERSON.—Alameda, Nov. 4.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Ellen J. Patterson was held this afternoon from the family residence on Santa Clara avenue. Services were conducted by the Rev. Frank S. Brush of the First Presbyterian Church.

BURGLAR IS FRIGHTENED OFF.—Alameda, Nov. 4.—An attempt was made last night to rob the plumbing shop of Robert James at Bay Station. The burglar was scared away while endeavoring to pry open a rear window of the shop.

FAVOR NEW STREET LAMPS.—Alameda, Nov. 4.—The City Trustees have agreed to furnish free of cost the current for the new street lamps that the merchants and business men of Park street and Santa Clara avenue intend to install. The merchants believe that the better illumination of the district will result in an increase of business.

FIRE IN TAR WORKS.—Oakland, Nov. 4.—The Fire Department was called out this morning to extinguish a small blaze in the works of the Bay City Manufacturing Company. The company manufactures tar for roofing purposes.

Personal

OAKLAND, Nov. 4.—H. E. Boyer of Urbana, Ill., is at the Touraine.

A. del Toro and wife are recent arrivals from Mexico and are at the Metropole.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Bruce are at the Crellin, registering from Goldfield, Nev.

Peter Cunningham of Auburn, Iowa, is registered at the Touraine.

E. C. Willis of Fairbanks, Alaska, is at the Crellin.

TWO PERSONS SLIGHTLY BITTEN BY VICIOUS DOGS

Benjamin Blanks and John Higgins Are Treated for Wounds on the Legs at Receiving Hospital.

OAKLAND, Nov. 4.—Two victims of vicious dogs—one a boy and the other an elderly man—were treated at the Receiving Hospital this morning for bites on their legs. Benjamin Blanks, aged 15 years, residing at 842 West street, was bitten while playing with a pet poodle, and John Higgins, aged 56, of 564 Thirty-ninth street, was bitten by a stray spitz that he encountered on the sidewalk near his home.

F. Uwano, a Japanese, was also treated at the Receiving Hospital today. He was suffering from concussion of the brain, the result of jumping backward from a car and alighting on his head. He was afterward taken to his home at 2821 Bancroft Way, Berkeley.

PEOPLE SUFFER THROUGH STRIKE.

VALLEJO, Nov. 4.—The strike of the fuel and material wagon drivers who are members of the Federal Union seems destined to continue indefinitely from present indications. The tie-up has closed down Aden's mill and that of the Port Costa Lumber Company, in addition to stopping the delivery of all fuel to local consumers. The strikers ask for an increase in wages from $2.50 to $2.85 a day of nine hours, and the fuel dealers have steadily refused to comply. The dealers have shut down their yards and have refused to sell their fuel to any one, and the town is up in arms, as many families are having a dire time in their endeavor to keep warm.

VALLEJO WANTS HIGH LICENSE.

VALLEJO, Nov. 4.—The Board of City Trustees at its meeting to be held next Wednesday evening will readopt the resolution placing upon the ballot at the special charter amendment election, soon to be held, the proposition for a $400 a year liquor license for Vallejo. The board recently adopted this resolution at a special meeting, but the steps taken in the proceedings were not according to the charter specifications and the high license people threatened to ask the courts to adjust matters unless the matter was righted.

Children born in summer are, generally speaking, stronger, healthier and brighter than those born in winter.

FIRST OF SERIES OF LECTURES.

Rev. Charles R. Brown Tells of Christ's Christianity and Duty of Mankind

OAKLAND, Nov. 4.—Rev. Charles R. Brown, pastor of the First Congregational Church, delivered tonight the first of the series of sermons on "The Christianity of Christ." The subjects announced are: "What Christ Said About God," "Man," "Duty," "Salvation," "Property," "Poverty," "Family Life," "Social Life" and "Heaven."

"The Power and the Glory" formed the subject of the sermon of the Rev. O. St. John Scott, rector of St. Andrew's Church. Holy communion was administered in the morning, following which the rector spoke on "The Door."

Rev. Leon Loofbourow, pastor of the Eighth Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, announces a series of sermons for Sunday evenings during the month of November on the subject, "What Is the Meaning of Life?" The meaning of birth, education, marriage and work will be discussed on successive Sundays.

A series of Bible meetings is being held at Brooklyn Presbyterian Church, Twelfth avenue and East Fifteenth street, by the Rev. William C. Sherman of Sacramento. He will speak afternoons and evenings all next week.

The Rev. Adelbert S. Coats, D.D., pastor of the Evangelical Baptist Church of Berkeley, spoke in part this evening as follows on the subject, "Every Man His Own Keeper": "The doctrine of heredity, the doctrine of the Socialist-Christian and anti-Christian, the doctrine of the reformer wherever found emphasizes the great truth that every man is his brother's keeper. The Lord Jesus on the other hand ever laid the guilt of sin at the door of the wrongdoer himself. His was the manly doctrine of individual responsibility for individual sin. The prodigal son did not lay the blame for his self-wrought run upon his father nor upon his boon companions in the far country, nor upon society nor upon the Government. He said, 'Father, I have sinned.' The publican in like manner said, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner.' No man can compel another to do wrong nor force another not to do wrong. God holds, and man should hold each man responsible for his own wrongdoing. Only he who says, 'I have sinned,' can obtain forgiveness."

THIRTEEN DOLLARS HIS UNDOING.

There Was Also a Woman in the Case of James Zuckerman, the Loser

OAKLAND, Nov. 4.—James Zuckerman of 571 Seventh street was the victim of a female pickpocket last evening and his gallantry cost him $13 in cash and a small diamond. Zuckerman was on his way home when he saw a young and comely woman dressed in black leaning against a post on Eighth street, between Washington and Clay. He went to her assistance and she declared that she was "dreadfully ill." He inquired where she lived, was informed that her home was in West Oakland, assisted her to an Eighth-street car, paid her fare and turned away satisfied that he had done an act of philanthropy.

Then he felt in his pocket for his $13 and it was missing. The woman had extracted the wallet while he was assisting her on the car. The pocketbook contained two $5 gold pieces, $3 in silver and a small diamond wrapped in paper. Zuckerman has reported the theft to the police.

Ole N. Graoley has reported that burglars entered his room at 409½ Twelfth street last night while he was away and stole a watch and a purse containing 50 cents.

Miss Ella Monahan, employed by the Oakland Warehouse at Twelfth and Clay streets, reports the loss of $10 which she accidentally left in an anteroom of the building.

Miss A. Whitney of 2117 Linden street complained to the police today that two trunks that were delivered to her yesterday were broken open before she received them. A watch, opera glasses and a ring were missing.

Newell Small of 371 Oak street, San Francisco, reports that his watch was stolen while he was asleep in the Cozy Corner saloon at Sixth and Washington streets last night.

TWO DIE IN RAILROAD WRECK.

ROME, N. Y., Nov. 4.—A freight locomotive on the Central Railroad jumped the track here today and plunged into a saloon at the corner of James street and the railroad tracks. Albert Brown, the engineer, was scalded to death and Robert B. Vandevort, a brakeman, was crushed to death under the tender.

Would Build a Bridge From Vancouver to Mainland.

CONSUL A. G. SMITH of Victoria writes that the engineers and other deeply interested parties are planning not only new railroads in British Columbia, but are projecting engineering schemes by which, if carried out, they will connect the island of Vancouver with the mainland.

The Canadian Pacific (owners of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railroad in Vancouver Island) are preparing to extend the line beyond the eighty-three miles between Victoria and Wellington to points north and west. One extension of fifty miles is to run from Wellington to the Comox coal mines. Another fifty miles is to connect Nanaimo with Albeni on the west coast.

What the people of Victoria and Vancouver Island most desire, and are persistently endeavoring to bring about, is the extension of the island railroad to Cape Scott, the extreme north of the island, and the briding of Seymour Narrows by a Government railroad toll bridge. Such a bridge, open to all roads, would bring the unbroken trains of transcontinental railroads (whether Grand Trunk Pacific, Canadian Northern or Canadian Pacific) direct to Vancouver Island, with Victoria as the natural terminus. With this in view the Board of Trade and citizens of Victoria have presented strong memorials to the Dominion authorities asking the construction by the Government of a railroad bridge at Seymour Narrows, connecting Vancouver Island with the mainland of British Columbia. Plans have been prepared for the construction of such a bridge. The scheme proposes a series of bridges from island to island. The longest span from Valdez Island to rock would be nearly 1000 feet in length, but as the Quebec bridge across the St. Lawrence has a span of 1840 feet the one contemplated here could be erected without danger, once the pier is built on rock in the center of the narrows. Competent engineers say this is entirely feasible. It is estimated that the cost of this bridge, or series of bridges, would be from $14,000,000 to $18,000,000, to be paid for by Dominion funds.

HORSES BURNED TO DEATH.

SAN JOSE, Nov. 4.—Fire that broke out in a livery stable early this morning threatened to wipe out the business section of the town of Santa Clara. The flames were finally subdued after three buildings had been destroyed, entailing a loss of $12,000. Ten horses were burned to death in the stable of J. Raney, who was the heaviest loser.

THAW CASE NEARING TRIAL.

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—The case of Harry K. Thaw is number two on the revised list of homicide cases and may be called this week. Thaw has been incarcerated since last June for killing Stanford White, the architect, at the Madison Square roof garden.

Shook the Whole Earth.

We have yet to await accurate details of the great earthquake that occurred in the northwest of South America on January 31. The seismographs in this and other countries had told their story of what happened within a few minutes of the catastrophe. All the world felt the earthquake more or less. In two hours the effects of the initial impulses had reached their antipodes, and in the interval between these times every inhabitant of the world had been moved for at least three or four hours on a true ground swell. All the instruments in the world designed to record teleseismic motion had written records, the bubble in every spirit level had been fitfully oscillating to and fro, many magnetic needles had been caused to swing, balances had oscillated, pendulums had been accelerated or retarded—the whole globe, not only on its surface but in its depths, had been shaken.—London Nature.

Germany has 263,517 persons employed in its postal service—a larger number than any other country has.

SHIPBUILDING AT BATH.

The name of Bath, Maine, is as inseparably associated with the history of the merchant marine of the United States, and particularly with the American shipbuilding industry, as that of Pittsburg is with the iron and steel industry in this country, or that of Glasgow with marine construction in the United Kingdom.

As a port of entry, Bath, which once occupied a prominent position and did a flourishing trade with the West Indies and Europe, has sunk into comparative insignificance, on account of the location of its magnificent harbor so far from the great pathways of the present-day American commerce; but as a shipbuilding center it has retained the prestige won when its ships were on every sea and in every port in the world, in that much regretted ante-bellum epoch, when the American flag was as familiar wherever the commerce carriers of the sea penetrated as the red ensign of the boasted mistress of the seas.

Neither the increasing distance of the Bath shipyards from the materials which they consume nor the partial change from wood to steel in hull construction has operated to deprive this staid old Maine community of its still unchallenged sobriquet, the City of Ships.—National Magazine.

TRUE TEST OF PROSPERITY.

No truer test of American prosperity can be found than railroad dividends. The dividend policy of the railroads of the United States is conservative. It is not the habit of the great steam transportation companies to declare dividends that are not justified by existing and prospective conditions. The era of liberal railroad dividends, conservatively declared, should be a golden era, for it reflects prosperous conditions in many branches of human activity.—Hartford Times.

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