

# News of Four of the Counties Bordering On the Bay

## East Side Business Sites Command Attention of Investors

REAL estate agents of Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda and other east side towns report unusual activity in the market. Men of means are interesting themselves in the development of this side of the bay and intend to invest heavily.



Boyd Estate Property Which Was Sold Recently at an Advance of \$20,000 on the Price Paid for It a Month Ago.

OAKLAND, Dec. 16.—Midwinter, usually the slack season of the year in building operations, is witnessing an activity in building here such as never before known in this city at this season. During the last week permits have been issued for the erection of more than fifty new buildings of all kinds, and in addition contracts have been let for structures for which permits have not yet been secured.

Category	Permits	Value
2-story apartment house	1	\$1,000
2-story flats	2	15,250
2-story flats	2	22,250
2-story dwellings	16	29,250
2-story dwellings	4	8,000
2-story dwellings	20	44,925
2-story mill	1	5,500
Sheds, stables, workshops, etc.	23	3,480
Repairs, alterations and additions	85	96,887
<b>Totals</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>\$173,102</b>

One of the districts which is in especial favor is upper Broadway. Already plans have been drawn and a contract let for the erection of a three-story and basement building for the Braley-Grote Furniture Company, which now occupies the ground floor of the Athens Hotel. The new building will be constructed of pressed brick with steel frame. It will occupy a ground space of 60x100x150 feet, and will be one of the finest buildings of its kind in Oakland. The contract has been let to the MacGregor Company, the plans having been prepared by Bakewell & Brown.

Immediately adjoining the Braley-Grote building another three-story structure is to be erected by the Realty Bonds and Finance Company for Frank T. McHenry. This structure will also be of pressed brick and will be of steel construction. Already two large mercantile firms have sought to secure this building, but as yet no definite deal has been concluded.

**BUILD COSTLY HOMES**  
In addition to the erection of business structures in Oakland there are in course of construction many new homes, which when completed will add much to the beauty of this city. Among the finest of these is the residence now being built for Wallace Alexander in Piedmont, which when completed will have cost \$40,000. Mr. Alexander's new home is to be old English in design and the interior will be finished entirely in imported hardwood. In addition to the house there is to be erected a handsome stable, which will cost \$10,000.

Another beautiful home now in course of construction is that of O. M. Vesper on Lewis street in East Oakland. When completed this will be one of the handsomest residences in East Oakland and will cost about \$15,000.

Building operations in the suburban districts are keeping pace with those of the city. Scores of handsome homes are being erected in Fruitvale, Elmhurst and Fitchburg. Emeryville is also securing its full share of the general prosperity, many new business and residence structures being in course of construction there.

**LARGE SALES REPORTED**  
The winter season has so far had apparently no effect on the activity of the market, and although Christmas is but ten days off, there is at present no lull in the market. The largest sale of the last week was that of the Boyd estate, on the southeast corner of Tenth and Washington streets, which was sold by George W. Austin to Max Friedman of San Francisco for \$125,000, \$60,000 being the purchase price. Less than a month ago Klein purchased the property, and by his sale last week cleared \$20,000, which proves the rapid advance in prices of property in this city.

## Accident Awaits Those Who Treat Awaits Those Who Witness Comedy

Mrs. B. H. Webster Is Injured by Flying Section of Wheel Rim

### ACCIDENT IS ODD ONE

ALAMEDA, Dec. 16.—Through the bursting of a tire on an automobile owned by F. W. Van Sicken, Mrs. B. H. Webster was knocked down by a flying section of wheel rim this morning and narrowly escaped serious injury. The odd accident occurred on Oak street, near Central avenue, while the motor car was running toward Santa Clara avenue and Mrs. Webster was on her way to attend services at the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

With a report that could be heard for blocks the tire burst and immediately following Mrs. Webster was observed to sink to the sidewalk. Several persons hurried to her assistance and it was discovered that she had been struck with a piece of the rim of the automobile wheel. The flying section of wood hit Mrs. Webster in the side and caused her to collapse. She recovered quickly from the effects of the blow and was able to proceed to church.

## Taken From Wife To City Jail

Joseph Pigeon, who was accompanied by his wife, was arrested as he stepped off a train at the Southern Pacific station at Third and Townsend streets last night by Sergeant Christiansen, who was acting on advice received from the police of San Jose, where Pigeon is charged with larceny.

Mr. Pigeon, who was dressed in a gown, went to the Savoy after her husband's arrest. She would not discuss the charge.

## LOOK FOR RIOTING TO VISIT TRIBES IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—While today passed without serious incident, it is feared that tomorrow will see demonstrations more riotous than even those of Saturday night, when sympathizers of the striking streetcar men in this city forced the Portland Light and Power Company to abandon its service for the night.

It is freely admitted by the streetcar men that they will leave no stone unturned to prevent the operation of cars tomorrow. Bright and early this morning the strikers were on hand at the car barns, doing missionary work among those who remained faithful to the company, and this missionary work was followed up in every part of the town during the day by the strikers.

**NEW YORK STREET IS UNDEEMED**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—A strip of pavement twenty feet in width and extending for a distance of 100 feet in Wall street caved in tonight, sinking from three to eleven feet below the surface. The depression was due to the breaking of a water main, by which steam, gas and water pipes were undermined.

## EX-DIPLOMAT PIES OPPOSE JUDGE WHO WHP ON COURT AS A MORMON

PARIS, Dec. 16.—Alexander Greger, formerly secretary of the Russian embassies at Washington and Rio de Janeiro, today in the Bois Boulogne horseshopped Count Rodolphe Du Poiseux. The Count says that he was not hurt during the encounter. A duel is expected to follow.

**WAIT FOR THE CUT-OFF**  
Real Estate Men of Palo Alto Expect Boom in Near Future

PALO ALTO, Dec. 16.—A temporary lull has fallen on the real estate market of Palo Alto, due to the approach of winter and the wet weather. The dealers of the college town, however, are more optimistic than ever before. They predict that with spring real estate values here will mount to an unprecedented height.

## HENRY E. HIGHTON SERIOUSLY ILL

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## Treat Awaits Those Who Witness Comedy

Rehearsal of Wilde's Play by Society

### Charity Will Receive the Profits

OAKLAND, Dec. 16.—The chosen few who were permitted to view the full dress rehearsal at the Home Club last night of "The Importance of Being Earnest," Oscar Wilde's comedy, by the members of the Independent Stage Society a treat was given.

The play, which will be given at the Liberty Playhouse tomorrow evening will likewise enjoy a great success. The production is the opinion of the insiders.

**POPE RELIES ON AMERICA**  
ROME, Dec. 16.—Pope Pius today received in private audience Mrs. Daniel Lamont and her daughter. They were presented by Monsignor Kennedy, rector of the American College. To them the Pope exclaimed: "My greatest consolation now comes from America."

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## TANK FALLS: FOUR MEN INJURED

While Descending Ladder Combined Weight of Workmen Tilts Platform

### A STRANGE ACCIDENT

OAKLAND, Dec. 16.—Caught underneath a heavy tank at the plant of the Contra Costa Laundry Company at Fourteenth and Kirkham streets, which tipped over on them as they were descending from the platform shortly before noon today, four men were seriously injured, one of them so badly that he may die. The men were engaged in setting the tank and just before 1 o'clock started down the ladder from the platform on which it rested. Their combined weight on the ladder overbalanced the skeleton structure on which the tank had been placed and it crashed down, pinning the four men under a mass of wreckage.

George Benton's right leg was broken and his right shoulder dislocated. Charles Goodrich suffered a fracture of the right arm. A. M. Lehman escaped with a contused chin and bruises.

## FORMS RULES FOR THE SHOPPER

OAKLAND, Dec. 16.—Practical Christianity applied to the comfort of those who toil has been taken as the text of a discourse by the Rev. Dwight E. Potter, pastor of the Union-street Presbyterian Church. In furtherance of his plan to help the workers in busy walks of life, especially where they come in contact with great masses of the public, the clergyman has begun a crusade, not the least item of which is his urgent plea to the holiday shoppers. Here are some of his appeals to the public for the benefit of the clerks in the shops:

- 1.—To recognize that a clerk is a human being—not a machine without feeling.
- 2.—To shop early—early in the week, early in the day, and the morning, when possible, and never on Sunday.
- 3.—To make a list and know what I want, ask for it, and expect to get it.
- 4.—To be reliable—do not expect two dollars' worth for one dollar, nor be fretful or disagreeable or impatient if I can't get what I want.
- 5.—To carry small packages myself and not demand immediate delivery of goods unless necessary.
- 6.—To practice the Golden Rule and treat a clerk as I would wish my son or daughter, my father or mother, my husband or wife to be treated.
- 7.—To expect some faults in clerks just as I do in other human beings.
- 8.—To radiate the spirit of him who came at Christmas by treating everybody as he would treat me and as I would treat him, and to give thoughtful human kindness as my best Christmas gift to all I meet.

## EVERY HEART BEAT

Forces about 8-ounces of blood out of the heart, and sends it coursing through the veins to the remotest part of the body. This is the amount required by nature to nourish and sustain your body. Every ounce less than this means a shortage in nature's supply of building-up material. A weak heart cannot meet this demand, and consequently you suffer. If your heart skips a beat, or flutters, palpitates, pains you, or you have shortness of breath, you may be sure that the heart is working imperfectly.

Dr. Miles' Heart Cure will strengthen the heart muscles and nerves.

"I had been a great sufferer for 15 years. At the time I commenced using Dr. Miles' Heart Cure I had been confined to my bed for four months. I had frequent sinking spells, sometimes as many as three a day, during which my heart would seem to stop beating, necessitating the calling of a physician to resuscitate me. Before finishing the first bottle of Dr. Miles' Heart Cure, my health and am very grateful for this medicine, for it is the means of my being with my family now."  
—REBECCA BENNETT.

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Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

## ALAMEDA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS HOLD A DEBATE

Grave Question Affecting Status of Cuba is Subject of Forensic Effort

ALAMEDA, Dec. 16.—Miss Irene Welp and Miss Edna Sullivan were adjudged the winners in the debate held by Alameda High School students in Assembly Hall last night for the gold medals offered by the Unitarian Club. The other entries in the contest were Miss Gertrude Grow, Allen Beringer, Lettie Colman and Metcalf Simonson.

## CASTORIA For Infants and Children

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *W. D. Hoagland*

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