

Counties That Border the Bay of San Francisco

POOR CLIMBER IS BUSY IN OAKLAND

Burglar Robs Three Houses of Jewelry and Money, and Police Work in Vain DIAMONDS ARE TAKEN

OAKLAND, Dec. 18.—Efforts on the part of the police to capture the porch-climbing burglar who three days ago robbed the home of J. W. Nuby at 1107 East Twenty-first street and the residence of John Herr at 1272 Webster street have so far been unsuccessful, and last night the burglar resumed operations, entering the home of Henry A. Salaski at 1453 Franklin street. He searched the house, securing a pair of diamond earrings valued at \$250, a lady's gold watch worth \$50 and a silver purse containing money.

The Salaski residence was entered some time between 3 o'clock in the afternoon and 11 p. m., during the absence of the family. The robbery was discovered on their return and was at once reported to the police. The police say that the three houses were entered by a burglar who climbed up the porch to the second story.

R. E. Hill, residing at 462 Ninth street, reported to the police today that thieves had entered his room last night and stolen a suit of clothes and a pair of shoes.

Sneakthieves stole a suit case yesterday containing women's clothing from one of the wagons of the People's Express Company on Ninth street, between Fernald and Campbell streets.

Charles T. Jourdey reported today that pickpockets had stolen some valuable papers belonging to several fraternal societies from him last night while he was standing in the lobby of the Novelty Theater.

Eugene Jacques, residing at 1127 Chestnut street, made the acquaintance of a stranger in Porte's saloon on Seventh street yesterday and later went to sleep in the latter's room. When he woke up he found that he had been robbed of \$100 and a gold watch. He reported his loss to the police.

SAM DAVIS PLANS GREAT INSTITUTION FOR MINERS

OAKLAND, Dec. 18.—Sam Davis, State Insurance Commissioner of Nevada, has presented a project to Oakland capitalists which comprehends the organization of a miners' club, the erection of a \$1,000,000 home, installation of a great mining exhibit and the centering here of the coast mining interests. Edson Adams, Sol Kahn, H. C. Appwell, E. P. Miller, Louis F. Titus and J. Y. Eccleston have heard Davis' plan, which has also been under discussion in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

ALLEGED MURDERER NEARS VERDICT

OAKLAND, Dec. 18.—Evidence to prove that Thomas Keough, the septuagenarian accused of murdering George Bedell, was insane at the time of the alleged crime was introduced today in the trial of Keough before a jury in Judge Harris' court. Among those who stated on the witness stand that they thought Keough mentally incompetent were County Assessor Henry P. Dalton, Constable Bert L. Hempstead, Dr. O. L. Jones and Policeman J. McBride.

William Williams, a convicted burglar, now serving time at San Quentin, but formerly a cell mate of Keough at the County Jail, testified to various acts of the defendant tending to show him to be demerit.

Keough, of San Francisco, a son of the defendant, was on the witness stand, but merely stated that his father was 78 years of age. The prosecution will present testimony tomorrow morning in rebuttal of the insanity theory of the defense. Argument will be made and it is likely that the case will go to the jury tomorrow afternoon.

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Teachers Rap "English as She is Being Taught"

Oakland Educators Move for Return to Old Ways

OAKLAND, Dec. 18.—"English as she is taught" in the public schools of the United States is all wrong. This is the firm belief of James H. Pond, principal of the Oakland High School, and the faculty also. To mend the conditions is the purpose of a reform pedagogical move that the Oakland authorities will be invited to inaugurate.

The discovery has been made that the pupils in the secondary schools of Oakland "hate English" as they "hate" other studies in the curriculum. In every instance where the study of English has been elective the pupils in large majority have decided not to study it. Pond and his associate teachers intend to go back to the old and simple methods of instructing the youth in their native literature and tongue.

This revolt resulted from a request which was made by the principal and the English department teachers of the Oakland High School that Charles Mills Gayley's work, "Classic Myths," should be eliminated from the list of textbooks in English. The work no longer appeals to the high school authorities, who have indicated that they are looking to the simpler, less critical methods of imparting knowledge of the English language.

Principal Pond says the main reason that impels him to approve the recommendation as regards Professor Gayley's work is his belief that it is really a reference work. Principal Pond said today:

"The critical method whereby the minds of pupils are distracted with footnotes and their interest dulled by the labor of giving the exact shades of meaning of similar words cannot survive much longer. Our attention was called to the defects of the present methods by the discouragingly small proportion of third and fourth year students who chose to continue the study after reaching the period in their high school course where they may elect the studies they wish to take up. Frequently out of a third year class of 125 pupils barely eighty would elect English. The showing was such that the English staff became convinced that there was something wrong and investigation has led to the conclusion that the method, rather than the pupils, is at fault. Just how far-reaching is this movement, or whether it is shared at other institutions, I am not prepared to state, but in the light of our own experiences a change is inevitable."

OAKLAND TO HAVE ST. MARKS HOTEL

OAKLAND, Dec. 18.—Application for a permit for the erection of an eight-story fireproof reinforced concrete building on the northeast corner of Twelfth and Franklin streets was filed in the office of the building inspector today by Mrs. Harriet Marks, who is about to begin the construction of the Hotel St. Marks on that site. The hotel will have a frontage of 100 feet on both Twelfth and Franklin streets and will cost \$1,000,000. The plans for the structure were prepared by Architect B. G. McDougall of San Francisco. The building contract has been let to Lindgren & Hicks.

FRUIT CAR FAMINE AT LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—There is a shortage of Armour refrigerator cars in Southern California. Unless it is rectified immediately 3500 carloads of celery and other vegetables will be a total loss and a great part of the citrus fruit crop of Southern California endangered. This is a business which means from \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000 a year to this territory. On Armour cars the Southern Pacific and the Salt Lake roads have placed their orders for 6500 refrigerator cars, which when finished are to take the place of the Armour cars, the management of that great private car line said nothing. No protest was made. This silence is now regarded as particularly ominous.

The question is, Have Harriman and Armour locked horns in a finish fight? Has Armour taken advantage of his great adversary to withhold the needed supply of cars at this most critical moment?

CLEVERMAN ARRESTED

Murphyshores, Ill., Dec. 18.—William Gordon Cummings, former pastor of the Christian Church here, who is under two indictments, one charging arson and the other attempting to defraud an insurance company, was arrested in Des Moines today.

WOMAN SLAYER GIVEN LIFE

STOCKTON, Dec. 18.—Edward Wilson, convicted of the murder in this city last September of Lou Hill, a woman of the half world, was sentenced today by Judge Fulkerth of Stanislaus to life imprisonment at San Quentin. Wilson stabbed the woman in the neck.

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RABBI LEVY OFFICIATES

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CALIFORNIA POSTMASTERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Postmasters appointed: California—Lanaha Flana, Amador County, Ella E. Crail, vice A. F. Adams, resigned; Lemon, Los Angeles County, Willard B. Mulholland, vice A. W. Lee, resigned.

ARMSTRONG NOMINATED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The President sent to the Senate today the following nominations: Register of the Land Office at Sacramento, Cal.—John F. Armstrong.

Receiver of Public Moneys—Charles W. Waller, Independence, Cal.

Chaplain, retired, with rank of captain, to be chaplain, retired, with rank of rear-admiral—Frank J. Rose.

ENTERS PRESENCE OF MRS. EDDY

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 18.—Lord Dunmore of England, who called on Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy today in response to an invitation from her, gave out the following statement:

I was immensely struck with Mrs. Eddy's personal appearance and with the activity with which she got out of her carriage unaided, and stepped into the hall. When we entered into her presence I could not help remarking to her how well she looked, and younger than when I saw her last.

During the whole of our interview, which lasted for upward of three-quarters of an hour, I was struck with the remarkable vigor of her mind and the extraordinary memory she displayed. She had taken me into her confidence and I first had the privilege of seeing her, about seven years ago.

Mrs. Eddy showed wonderful interest in everything that pertained to the Christian Science movement in Europe, and was most interested to hear how well the lectures were attended and received by the English people.

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BERKELEY TRUSTEES BLIGHT THEIR FOND HOPES REGARDING SCHOOL ELECTIONS

AMEND THE CHARTER

BERKELEY, Dec. 18.—Woman suffrage advocates who were instrumental in having a provision put in the proposed new Berkeley charter by which members of the gentler sex would be allowed to vote for school directors received a setback last night when the Town Trustees, during consideration of the new charter, decided to strike out the woman suffrage clause. The votes of Trustees Horst and Ferrel were given in favor of the suffrage provision, but Trustees Rickard, Shaad and Olsen voted against the ladies, and the measure was lost.

The vexed question of a local-option-by-wards provision in the charter, which the saloon men favor and the churchmen oppose, was brought up, and settled for the time by an expedient devised by President Thomas Rickard. "There has been much of gallery play in this saloon license business," quoth Rickard. "Let us end that by having a committee of trustees meet a committee of saloon men and a committee of churchmen, and in executive session discuss this local-option business."

The trustees approved the suggestion. President Rickard will name the committee of trustees, and the men will meet the trustees of the night.

The saloon men were encouraged to hope last night that a modification of the order revoking their licenses on January 1 would be made, President Rickard stating openly his belief that the action taken a fortnight ago was hasty, amounting to practical confiscation of the liquor men's business. Rickard voted for prohibition, but is expected to favor a compromise next Thursday night.

VALLEJO TO VOTE ON BONDS

VALLEJO, Dec. 18.—The voters of Vallejo will be asked on January 15 next to vote upon the question of issuing \$100,000 of bonds for the purpose of building a new high school building. This was decided at the special meeting of the Board of Education held last evening.

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Conners told the police that he married the woman in San Francisco in August last. He says that she went into the kitchen while he was asleep on the sofa. He awakened some time during the night and found her. She was partly conscious, and he says he picked her up and placed her in bed. When he awoke at 8 o'clock this morning he found her dead. Conners has been held without bail pending further investigation.

J. A. Conners is well known in this city, where he lived for a year prior to his going to Tacoma. He has worked in nearly every large city in the country. While here he lived at the Hudson House in West Oakland. There he fell in love with the beautiful young housekeeper, who was known to the boarders in the hotel as "Chris."

About two months ago Conners went to Tacoma. He sent for "Chris" soon after, and she went to that city to meet him. Her letters to friends here showed that she was despondent. Conners' associates here scout the idea that he killed his wife and think she committed suicide.

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GRANDFATHER OF CHILD ASKS COURT TO REMOVE HER PROTECTOR AS BEING UNFIT

MANY CHARGES MADE

OAKLAND, Dec. 18.—A petition to remove Alexander Murdock as guardian of the person and estate of Clara E. Cane of San Francisco, a minor, under the age of 14 years, was filed today by John Cane, the child's grandfather. The petitioner alleges that Murdock has mismanaged the estate of his ward in that he has rented property belonging to her at the southwest corner of Steiner and Ellis streets in San Francisco for \$50 a month when it should produce at least \$300 a month.

Cane claims that in the leasing of this property Murdock made a large profit for himself, of which he returned no account to the court, and also that Murdock appropriated for his own benefit various pieces of jewelry, furniture and other property belonging to the girl.

The petitioner alleges that Murdock is a man of bad moral character and that he has represented himself to many persons as being an unmarried man, whereas he has a wife living from whom he has never been divorced. Murdock was appointed guardian of the girl by the Superior Court of Alameda County on July 6 last.

Upon the application of Attorney Bert Schlesinger, who represents the minor's grandfather, the County Clerk issued a citation to Murdock to appear before the Superior Court in Department 4 and show cause why his appointment as guardian should not be revoked.

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