News of Four of the Counties Bordering On the Bay

BURTON OPPOSES IMPROVEMENTS

Chairman of Rivers and Harbors Committee Objects to Oakland Basin

IS PRIVATE PROPERTY

OAKLAND, Dec. 26.—Senator George C. Perkins and Representative Joseph R. Knowland have sent a joint letter to the Chamber of Commerce detailing the work thus far accomplished by them in regard to Congressional appropriations for the improvement of Oakland harbor. They point out that Representative Burton, chairman of the House committee on rivers and harbors, has raised objections to the proposed improvement and channeling of the East Oakland basin. But they hope to meet the objections he has raised concerning private ownership of the frontage satisfactorily. The letter follows:

We had a conference today with Mr. Burton relative to the Oakland harbor matter, having made an appointment yesterday. Burton is unquestionably the busiest man in Washington, as he has appointments ahead for a week or so. We presented the project as approved by the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, the San Francisco Board of Trade, San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and the Ship Owners' Association. What we dwelt particularly upon was the great increase in the population of Oakland, and in the number of manufacturing concerns. We called his attention to the fact that while in 1900 the population of Oakland was 55,560, the growth had been so rapid that a conservative estimate placed it at 225,000. The number of manufacturing concerns having recently located in Oakland and the new belt line skirting the harbor, to be used by present and prospective railroads, was called to his particular attention.

He intimated that he realized fully the significance of this argument, but he showed considerable objection to the tidal basin project, making his old contention that this work should be done by individual interests. In answer to this we maintained that every owner of property around this basin was obliged to spend two or three dollars for every dollar of Government appropriation in order to reach the channel. He had to admit that this was the fact. He intimated that owing to the importance of the subject he might send for Colonel Heuer. We asked him if there was any additional information which our commercial bodies of Oakland could furnish, and he said he did not know, but if anything arose he would notify us, and we could wire and have the representatives come on. The bill will probably be reported about January 14.

We left data with Mr. Burton, and the chief points made by us were taken down by a stenographer, to be considered by the committee when the matter is up for final disposition.

SLAPS WIFE'S FACE WITH BEEFSTEAK

OAKLAND, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Elizabeth Sieg, who wants a divorce from Jacob Sieg because he slapped her face with a beefsteak, today secured a citation from Judge Waste, commanding her spouse to appear in court on January 4 and explain why he has not paid her alimony. Mrs. Sieg recently had her alimony raised from $20 to $25 a month upon the assertion that she had just recovered from severe sickness.

Jacob Sieg brought the divorce suit against her and she replied with a cross-complaint. He charged her with taking a trip to Stockton with a young man. She alleged that Sieg treated her most cruelly, citing the episode of the slapping with the beefsteak as his most humiliating act.

Judge Ellsworth today granted a final decree of divorce to Annie Hamden from James Adolphus Hamden, formerly a negro politician of Oakland. The defendant was familiarly known as "Senator" Hamden. The decree was awarded on the ground of the defendant's extreme cruelty.

LITTLE GIRL HAD DOCTOR WORRIED

OAKLAND, Dec. 26.—Ignorant of the trouble she was causing with her desire to enjoy the pleasure of driving a horse, 7-year-old Margaret Finch, the daughter of E. C. Finch of 387 Orange street, twice within two days appropriated the horse and buggy of Dr. F. R. Jordan, while the latter was making a professional call at the home of her parents. In each case the disappearance of the horse and buggy was reported to the police.

When first little Margaret went for a drive in the doctor's buggy she left the rig on the street and returned home without telling her parents of her adventure. The horse and buggy were taken from in front of the Finch residence on December 24 and were found by the police and returned to their owner.

Shortly after noon today the horse and buggy again disappeared from in front of the Finch home. Late this afternoon little Margaret was seen by a policeman driving the horse, and, as the animal tallied with the description of Dr. Jordan's missing turnout and the child could not give a satisfactory explanation of her possession of the rig, the patrolman took both to the police station. Dr. Jordan was notified that his horse and buggy had been recovered and the child was sent home.

MERRY WIVES OF BERKELEY WAR

BERKELEY, Dec. 26.—Mrs. J. Armstrong of 1932 Home street, North Berkeley, and Mrs. Esther Johnson, one of her tenants, clashed yesterday and the police interfered when Mrs. Armstrong procured a warrant for the arrest of her tenant. She declared that her mild protest against the Johnson lady's methods of keeping house had so angered the latter that harsh words were used in retort, and soon the Johnson fist landed with force on the Armstrong eye. Result, one over-decorated optic on a lady's face. The court of justice will arbitrate the dispute.

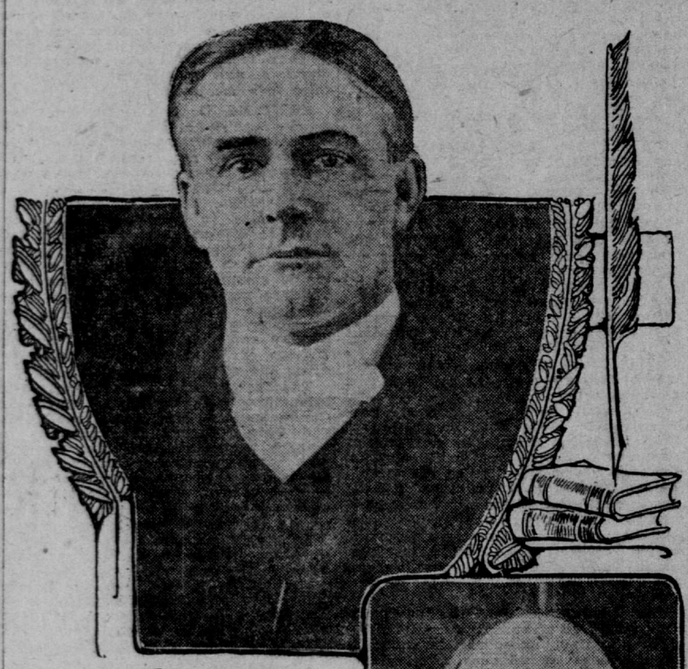
MUNICIPAL LEAGUE CALL

OAKLAND, Dec. 26.—A call has been issued for a meeting of the Citizen's Municipal League tomorrow night at Odd Fellows' Hall at the corner of Seventh and Franklin streets to discuss matters pertaining to the next municipal campaign in Oakland. The meeting will be presided over by Cary Coward, president of the league.

According to the officers of the league it will take an active part in the next city election. It is the policy of the league to indorse candidates of other parties where it considers them worthy. It also nominates its own candidates for some offices.

Commercial Educators of State Assemble

Annual Meeting of California Teachers' Association Is Opened in Oakland



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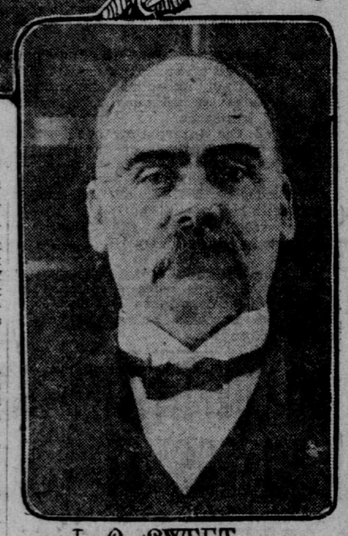

J. S. SWEET

OAKLAND, Dec. 26.—The annual convention of the California Commercial and Shorthand Teachers' Association was called to order by President J. S. Sweet of Santa Rosa at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the auditorium of the Polytechnic Business College at Twelfth and Harrison streets. The attendance was large and more delegates will arrive tomorrow.

Mayor Mott delivered an address, bidding the delegates welcome to the city. He spoke of the recognition given in Oakland to all educational matters and testified to the growing reputation business colleges are making for themselves as factors in equipping the young people of the land for a successful life work.

Taking as a text Elbert Hubbard's famous paragraph, "So here is a handgrasp for the man who is educating the youth of the land to do things—not merely to talk about them," President Sweet in his response expressed the animating spirit behind the movement for business educations and predicted a great future for the work.

W. W. Cooley of San Francisco spoke on the "Qualities Essential for Success in Business," his address being followed by a general discussion led by D. C. Ahlers of Santa Cruz.

The reading of papers by members formed the work of the evening session, after which a social and reunion was held.

The delegates are being entertained by a committee headed by W. E. Gibson, president of the Polytechnic Business College. Among the features of the convention is an elaborate display of work performed by the college students.

FILLS VACANCIES IN GRAND JURY

OAKLAND, Dec. 26.—To fill the vacancies caused in the Grand Jury panel by the excusing of a number of men, Judge Harris has had fifteen new names drawn as follows: Richard Crooke, Ernest Schween, P. H. Auseon, W. T. Sagehorn, G. L. Curtiss, Theodore Gier, F. Deickhoff, Antone Rogers, C. T. Rodolph, George Cox, J. J. O'Toole, F. W. Bilger, Theodore W. Eisfeldt and P. B. Smith. The drawing for the Grand Jury will take place December 29.

The first men summoned on the panel who were not excused are as follows: Frank Mitchell, Adolph Uhl, Calvin M. Verrell, Charles Ingler, Mailler Searles, John L. Bromley, Thomas Stevenson, Philo Mills, John Hinkle, George Adams, J. B. John, Anthony Kretz and D. W. Martin. Those who were excused are as follows: E. E. Johnson, T. C. Landregan, J. R. Little, J. F. Towle, Martin Ryan, J. T. Renas, A. D. Smith, E. L. Sargent, James P. Taylor, Theodore Westphal and W. W. Garthwaite. Six of those first summoned failed to appear. They are J. C. Ford, C. J. Lynch, Henry Meinecke, A. M. Sanborn, Maas Luders and R. W. Kinney.

SUES CORPORATION FOR DAMAGES

OAKLAND, Dec. 26.—Clara E. Lewis today filed a suit for $10,000 damages against the Hutchinson-Ransome Company and its allied corporations for injuries she received last December by falling into a culvert at East Fourteenth street and Fifth avenue. Mrs. Lewis had both bones in her right leg above the ankle broken. Her husband, I. C. Lewis, today filed a separate suit in connection with the same accident for $427.90 against the same defendants to recover for medical and surgical treatment for his wife, for which he has paid. The claim is that the defendants removed some of the boards over the culvert.

PRISONER ESCAPES

OAKLAND, Dec. 26.—A dispatch received this morning by Chief of Police Wilson announced the escape of E. E. Loomis, who was arrested in this city on telegraphic instructions from New York on a charge of embezzlement. The telegram simply announced that Loomis had escaped from Detective F. G. Parker, who came to this city to take Loomis to New York for trial.

BISHOP McCABE MEMORIALIZED

OAKLAND, Dec. 26.—Memorial services in honor of Bishop Charles C. McCabe were held in the First Methodist Church here tonight.

STORM WELCOMED BY FARMERS

MARYSVILLE, Dec. 26.—The heavy rain and wind storm which visited this section last night was accompanied by thunder and lightning. The rainfall during four hours was two inches, making the season's total 10.20 inches. Last season's total to the same date was only 1.60 inches.

The electric power, telegraph and telephone wires were put out of commission for a while.

The heavy storm has washed out 500 feet of Southern Pacific tracks at Honcut, on the Oroville division, tying up traffic.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 26.—The storm continues today, the local rainfall up to this morning having been 1.10 inches for the storm and 6.46 inches for the season, as against 3.14 inches up to the corresponding date last season. In the foothill section the precipitation has been fully twelve inches.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 26.—Rain which started in showers during the night continued this forenoon until a precipitation of .35 of an inch was recorded at 11 o'clock, making over 2.5 inches for the season. The rain is general throughout the county and is likely to continue during the day.

NAPA, Dec. 26.—Rain began falling here yesterday morning and continued in heavy downpour during last night and today. The rain was much needed by farmers to start grass on the pasture lands, as the recent north winds had dried the ground out so that there was but little food for cattle. The rainfall for this storm has amounted to 1.76 inches. The total amount of rainfall for this season is now 8.37 inches.

ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF SHOTGUN KILLS LITTLE GIRL

TACOMA, Dec. 26.—Christmas was a sad day in the home of Frank Thomas, a rancher, living half a mile from the Stellacoom car line, in the direction of Lemons Beach. He had been out hunting, and on his return set his double-barreled shotgun in a corner of one of the back rooms.

His nephew, Frank Benes, a German boy, 14 years old, picked up the gun and while he was handling it the weapon was discharged, the load striking Thomas' little 4-year-old girl in the side and killing her instantly.

"SANTA CLAUS" FATALLY STABBED CHRISTMAS EVE

TACOMA, Dec. 26.—"Santa Claus" was fatally stabbed in Tacoma Christmas eve. Finmore Fader was impersonating St. Nicholas for his employers and employers' brothers' families. While running from one house to the other on South I street he ran into two boys, one of whom became frightened and stabbed him in the neck and chest. Fader was taken to the hospital, where he lies in a precarious condition, with his wife and baby at his bedside.

WILL JOIN THE STRIKERS

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 26.—For months the conductors, both freight and passenger, in the employ of the Mexican Central have been requesting an advance in wages. A referendum vote has been taken to determine whether or not the conductors shall strike January 1. The vote will be counted here tomorrow. The count, however, will be a mere formality, as it is known that the conductors are practically unanimous in favor of striking. The walkout, if it occurs, will include the Mexican Central from El Paso to Mexico City and all the branches.

CARRIAGE PLUNGES INTO DITCH

Miss Bessie McNear Painfully Injured by Blow From Hoof of Horse

REMOVED TO HOME

OAKLAND, Dec. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Rickard and Miss Bessie McNear, well known in Oakland society circles, narrowly escaped serious injuries Monday night when the closed carriage in which they were returning home plunged down an embankment of a creek and was overturned.

The accident occurred when the carriage had reached a corner of Piedmont and Pleasant Valley roads and was due to the horses swerving suddenly. The team further added to the risks of the occupants by kicking and plunging at the bottom of the embankment, and in their efforts to free themselves the hoof of one of the animals struck Miss McNear in the face, breaking her nose. The driver sustained a broken collarbone and was cut by flying glass.

The injured persons were removed upon the arrival of assistance to the home of Miss McNear's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McNear, on Linden street, where the Rickards have been staying since their marriage some weeks ago. The driver was taken to a hospital.

BRIDGE ANSWERS C. W. HEYER

OAKLAND, Dec. 26.—W. B. Bridge, whose election to the position of Supervisor for the Second Supervisorial District is being contested by Charles W. Heyer, today filed a demurrer to the proceedings instituted by Heyer. He alleges that Heyer has set forth no legal grounds for a contest and asks that his action be thrown out of court.

The hearing of the contest was to have commenced today before Judge Waste, but the latter was busy with a railroad condemnation suit and had to postpone the Heyer-Bridge case to January 2 to be set. Attorney A. F. St. Sure, who represents Bridge, made a motion to dismiss the contest this morning in Judge Waste's court when neither Heyer nor his attorneys, J. E. McElroy and R. M. Fitzgerald, appeared at the calling of the case, but he subsequently withdrew his motion, as the lawyers came down to the courthouse on a telephone call. They explained that they had been informed the case must go over.

The majority of Bridge over Heyer was only forty-three. Bridge had the Republican nomination, while Heyer had the nominations of the Democratic, Union Labor and Independence League parties. The contest will be keenly fought in court on both sides.

About the Bay

WOMAN FALLS FROM CAR—Alameda, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Walter Plummer is confined at her home, 1034 Santa Clara avenue, as a result of falling from an electric car near her residence Monday evening. She is in an unconscious condition and is suffering from concussion of the brain.

PLAN FOR BIG STEEL WORKS—Oakland, Dec. 26.—Allen C. Rush of Los Angeles is in Oakland looking for a site upon which to erect a steel plant, to cost $750,000.

REPORTS HE WAS ROBBED—Alameda, Dec. 26.—E. J. Jarratt, a local mail carrier and deputy constable, reported to the police that he was robbed of $6.50 by a tall man in the Louvre saloon, on Park street, last night. Detective G. H. Brown, who investigated the story told by Jarratt, declares that the mail carrier was not robbed and that Jarratt's imagination was too active.

CENSURES POND OWNER—Alameda, Dec. 26.—At the inquest held today in the case of eight-year-old Paul Girard, who was drowned Sunday afternoon by falling into a pond near the north end of Paru street, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death and censured the owner of the pond for not having the dangerous pool fenced in.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE—Alameda, Dec. 26.—The children of the Sunday-school of St. Joseph's Church are to receive a visit from Santa Claus Friday night in Lafayette Hall. There will be a large Christmas tree and gifts for all of the little ones.

ARTIST GOES ON TOUR—Berkeley, Dec. 26. E. T. Dooley, an artist, left today for a tour of the Central American republics. He plans to take photographs of scenes in the region of the Panama canal and combine business with pleasure by photographing views of the big rubber plantations.

TOOK UNSUSPECTING WOMAN'S MONEY—Oakland, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Sarah Lee of 468 Sixth street this morning applied to the Prosecuting Attorney for a warrant for the arrest of Gilly de la Rue Rolien, whom she charges with having secured $125 from her after having asked her to become his wife.

SUE TO CLEAR TITLE—Oakland, Dec. 26.—The Madison Street Planing Mills today filed suit against A. B. Johnston, as administrator of the estate of the late A. B. Johnston, to quiet title to the block of land bounded by Jackson, Madison, Fourth and Fifth streets. The action was made necessary through the spelling in a deed of the name Johnston as Johnson.

REALTY COMPANY INCORPORATES—Oakland, Dec. 26.—Articles of incorporation were filed today by the Webster Realty Company, whose principal place of business will be in Oakland. The incorporators are Charles Roeth, George B. M. Gray, M. H. Pascoe, R. C. Beach and Mary Roeth. The capital stock is $50,000, all of which is subscribed.

BURGLARS AT WORK—Oakland, Dec. 26.—T. H. Maubert reported to the police this morning that burglars had entered his home at 574 Seventeenth street on Christmas eve and stolen a gold watch and chain. H. V. Sloan of 666 Sixth street reported the theft of tools from a new building at Ninth and Webster streets.

STRIKES BOY WITH SHOTGUN—Oakland, Dec. 26.—A warrant was issued this morning for the arrest of Charles Grazer, 15 years of age, who is charged with having knocked Frank Donnelan, a boy about his own age, down with the butt of a shotgun.

SUES FOR PRICE OF DINNERS—Oakland, Dec. 26.—Suit was filed in Justice of the Peace Quinn's court this morning by the Dean Law and Collection Agency, representing the Oyster Loaf Restaurant, against G. McGreer, proprietor of the Berkeley Auto Garage, for $25, due, it is alleged, for French dinners served to McGreer at the restaurant. McGreer gave a check in payment for the dinners, which was dishonored, it is averred, by the South Berkeley Bank.

CALIFORNIA PATENTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The following patents have been granted to Californians:

John H. Ansell, San Francisco, course and bearing finder for vessel; Edward O. Bennett, San Francisco, apparatus for removing superfluous bronze; Hiram W. Blasdell, Los Angeles, manual distributing machine; Charles E. Broadwell, San Francisco, leaf or loose leaf ledger; Emil Bundsman, Point Loma, process of manufacturing artificial stone; Frank J. Crouch, assignor to J. S. Hoey, San Francisco, couch; John R. Drew, San Francisco, adjustable extension for piano pedals; Peter H. Jatkson, East Oakland, building construction; Elmore C. Jordan and C. B. Brown, Los Angeles, air brake mechanism; William H. Kelley, San Francisco, sand blast nozzle; Henry G. Krasker, Berkeley, graining machine; Charles W. Merrill, Los Angeles, route index; Isaiah C. Mosher and J. S. Beatty, Los Angeles, anti-interfering device; Harvey M. Nichols, San Francisco, vehicle elevator; Kensamon Nishimoto, Oakland, automatic door opener and closer; Robert A. Pulfer, Los Angeles, show case; George H. Richardson, San Francisco, combination notebook, copyholder and tool kit; John Sands, Oakland, manufacture of building blocks; Fred E. Small and T. M. Lasch, Los Angeles, safety elevator air brake; John M. Stephenson, Nordhoff, door opener; Will P. Stevens, Los Angeles, ammonia gas compressor; Bert C. Swaggert, Eureka, automatic release pulley; Aubrey Wardman, Whittier, line test connector.

Mott May Become Head of Water Company

Offered Presidency of New People's Corporation

MAYOR FRANK K. MOTT

SCHARZ PHOTO

OAKLAND, Dec. 26.—Mayor Frank K. Mott has been offered the presidency of the new People's Water Company, which on January 2 will take over the Contra Costa Water Company and the Syndicate Water Company. The Mayor has the proposition under consideration and has not decided whether he will accept what is understood to be a most flattering recognition of his high ability and popularity in this city.

Details of the tender are withheld both by the Mayor and by the controlling interests of the new company. Mayor Mott said today that until he had finally made up his mind and had given a decision to the company he would refuse to discuss the subject in any way. He has had it under earnest consideration for several days and considers, he declares, the matter as not matured sufficiently to permit going into details.

Mott's confirmation of the report that the offer to become the executive head of the company has placed him in an enviable position. He holds the confidence of the community as few men in public or in private capacity have won the respect and esteem of the people of this city. His political future, so far as his renomination and re-election as Mayor are concerned, is assured.

AFTER THE MAYORALTY

It is undoubtedly true that Mayor Mott will complete his term of office, ending March 31, if he shall decide to accept the position of president of the new company. Upon that hypothesis the political centers have been stirred today by the report that the Mayor will not be a candidate for re-election. With Mott out of the way there will be a scramble for nominations up and down the line.

Dr. H. B. Mehrmann, one of the most popular and aggressive men in political life, is an avowed candidate for the Republican nomination for Mayor, provided Mott does not run. Edwin Meese, one of the best Councilmen who ever sat in the City Hall, is a candidate under the same contingency.

Outside of the present political aspect the linking of Mayor Mott's name with the new water company lends added interest to the change in ownership of the old Contra Costa Water Company, which for many years controlled the supply of water and also took an active concern in the political affairs of Alameda County. It is strongly hinted in circles close to the new water company that the control of it will adopt a new policy in regard to its relations with the municipality. The suggestion has been strongly put that one of the reasons why Mott was asked to become president was that he contended for high principle of operation in all of his public and private dealings.

HISTORY OF THE DEAL

The People's Water Company is controlled by interests largely connected with the Realty Syndicate and its allied corporations. The negotiations which led to the sale of the Contra Costa Water Company were commenced shortly after the opening early this year of a contest in Contra Costa County between the old company and the Syndicate Water Company for control of the watershed and the dam site on San Pablo Creek, Wild Cat Creek and tributaries. The Syndicate Company was aggressive. After getting possession of a favored natural location for a dam on San Pablo Creek the Contra Costa Water Company retaliated with injunction suits and these were followed by rapid charge and counter-charge of law suits attacking title to lands in dispute and fairly overwhelming the Contra Costa County courts with litigation.

In the midst of all this legal turmoil the interests involved got together. The syndicate people, represented by F. E. Havens, Frank M. Smith, Louis Titus of Berkeley and others, got into touch with William J. Dingee, president of the Contra Costa Water Company, and a deal was closed. The People's Water Company was incorporated by the syndicate interests to take over both companies. This will take place January 2. Enough of the Contra Costa Water Company stock to control will be taken in on a cash payment of $20 a share and $50 a share in 5 per cent bonds of the People's Water Company.

In his formal statement tonight concerning the situation, Mayor Mott said: "It is true that the presidency of the People's Water Company has been tendered to me. I have the offer under consideration. No decision has been reached as to my acceptance or rejection of the proposition. I am therefore not in a position at this time to say what action I shall take."

GIVES SUGGESTION FOR CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—At a meeting of the Board of Trade and Transportation held here today resolutions were adopted asking President Roosevelt to instruct the United States delegates to The Hague conference in 1907 to urge favorable consideration of the following:

"A plan by which The Hague conference may become a permanent congress of the nations, with advisory powers; a general arbitration authority for the acceptance of all nations; a plan for the restriction of armament, and if possible, for their reduction by concurrent international action."

DIVINE DEFENDS HARRY THAW

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—"No sane jury will convict this passion enslaved youth for avenging what he thought to be a stain on his own honor and that of his family. Harry Thaw, in my opinion, will be a free man next Christmas day. I think he should be."

This statement was made today by Rev. Madison C. Peters. Continuing, he said:

"It is a pity that young Thaw had not been born poor. He might have carved his name on the world's roll of fame, but millions of dollars have left him an inmate of a prison cell. It is the old story of the curse of wealth."

TO BUILD SHIPPING PLANT IN NORTH

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

TACOMA, Dec. 26.—A large plant, consisting of a shipyard, marine ways, four slips for launching vessels, two buildings capable of inclosing a ship each and a sawmill with a capacity of 75,000 feet of lumber daily, will be erected in Raymond in the near future by John W. Dickie & Son of San Francisco.

Dickie, accompanied by his son, spent several days at South Bend last week. They are greatly pleased with the town and its splendid harbor. They made their plans known to L. V. Raymond, and selected a site of fifteen acres which is located along the water front on the Willapa River near the Raymond Lumber Company's mill.

Before departing for San Francisco they arranged to notify Raymond by telegram if their plans materialize. A message arrived today requesting that the site be reserved and articles signed.

HICKS WILL ENTER LECTURE FIELD

BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 26.—L. B. Hicks signed a year's contract this morning for $500 a week with N. J. Schmidt, a contractor of Berkeley, to lecture. This will mean for the now famous miner the sum of $26,000 for a year's public appearance whether his manager's venture proves successful or not. With Hicks will go Harry Linville, the dialect artist, who assisted in the rescue, and two of the miners who bored the rescue drift.

YOUNG MAN FINDS WORK TOO HARD

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—Joseph Kelley, until a few months ago an interpreter in the Chicago courts, shot himself through the head tonight at the Third-street tunnel entrance. He was 25 years old on Christmas day. The self-inflicted wound may prove fatal.

Kelley was employed in the Southern Pacific electric shops. In the past two weeks he frequently expressed dissatisfaction with his work, declaring it hard and dirty. He resigned his position on December 21. Kelley's home was in Buffalo, N. Y., where a brother and sister reside.

NOT TO PAY FOR ALIENATION OF HER OWN AFFECTIONS

Widow Escapes Paying Judgment to Former Spouse Out of Estate of Her Second Husband

TACOMA, Dec. 26.—In the suit of Franklin J. Speck for the collection of a judgment of $15,000 awarded ten years ago against the late William Gray of Pasco for the alienation of the affections of his wife, the Superior Court of Franklin County has decided that judgment was not kept alive and cannot be collected from the estate of Gray, of which the widow of Gray, who was formerly the wife of Speck, is administratrix.

The court held that the statute under which Speck claimed to have taken action to revive the judgment was repealed before such proceedings were begun. During Gray's lifetime he kept his property sequestered so that Speck could not touch it.

LAKE HERMAN, NEAR MARTINEZ, TO BE MADE PLEASURE RESORT

Largest Tannery Concern in State Intends to Beautify the Land Surrounding the Water

MARTINEZ, Dec. 26.—Kullman, Salz & Co., San Francisco tanners, whose plant at Benicia is the largest in the State, are planning to turn Lake Herman, the source of the water supply of Martinez, into a large pleasure resort. R. D. Maplesden, a well-known Eastern landscape gardener, has been engaged to take charge of the plan of beautifying the land adjoining the lake. Among the plans projected is one of planting several acres of a new alfalfa and experimenting with various kinds of grain and flowers.

BROKERS EFFECT SETTLEMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Arnold Leo & Co., Stock Exchange brokers, who failed last Saturday, have effected a settlement with their creditors on the basis of 50 per cent cash and 50 per cent in notes. According to the assignee, Leo & Co.'s liabilities were about $900,000 and assets about $800,000. The firm will resume as soon as certain legal formalities have been complied with.

MAIL BOX THIEVES VISIT ALAMEDA

Break Open Receptacle in Way Similar to That Employed by Oakland Crooks

AUTHORITIES ACTIVE

ALAMEDA, Dec. 26.—Mail-box thieves are operating in this city and last night a box located at the corner of Central avenue and Broadway was broken open and looted. The theft was discovered at 4 o'clock this morning by E. J. Rennell, a night collector of mail. The postal authorities have not as yet ascertained how much mail was stolen from the box. The robbery of the mail box last night makes the third theft of its kind that has occurred here within two weeks. A box at the corner of Central avenue and Willow street and one at the corner of Walnut street and Santa Clara avenue were robbed two weeks ago.

Postmaster T. W. Leydecker, with the aid of Postoffice detectives and the local police, is endeavoring to round up the mail thieves. The boxes broken and robbed here were rifled in the same manner as were the mail boxes in Oakland, the lock in each instance being pried off with a jimmy or punch. Because of the similarity of the method used here by the mail robbers and the method used in Oakland the detectives working on the thefts in both cities are inclined to believe that all of the robberies were committed by the same persons.

MURDEROUS YAQUIS ATTACK TOWN

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—Colonel H. B. Maxson, vice president of the National Irrigation Congress and secretary of the Board of Education of Reno, Nev., who has been spending the past few weeks in the State of Sonora, Mexico, arrived in Los Angeles today with a graphic story of the massacre of Mexicans and whites which occurred at the little station of Lancho, on the C. Y. R. & P. Railroad last Saturday afternoon.

According to the statement of Maxson, his train stopped an hour at Lancho. While there rumors were received that the Yaquis were upon the warpath and that the few settlers in the neighborhood of the station and railroad were in danger. The stationmaster, a man named Thompson, belittled the matter and said he and his wife would remain at their post.

The train bearing Colonel Maxson and party had not left the station more than an hour when the Yaquis descended upon the little party of Mexicans and Americans and butchered four. Station Agent Thompson and his wife escaped by boarding a work train that pulled in at the time. The train appeared after four of the people had been killed, and Thompson and his wife had defended themselves back of the barricaded doors of the station. As the work train appeared the Indians withdrew.

The train bearing Colonel Maxson continued to a station about fifteen miles farther along the line, and then as the signs of the uprising became more alarming the party decided to return. The train started back toward Lancho, and when it arrived the station house had been burned and four human bodies lay along the tracks.

The party stopped a few minutes in the hope that survivors might be found and taken to a place of safety. While the train was at the ruins of the station the Indians appeared in the distance, but did not come within range.

Not very many miles along the road the scene was duplicated. Four more bodies of Mexicans and Americans were discovered along the tracks. The little band at this station had been able to repulse the attack of the Yaquis with the loss of but four of their number. The remaining members of the company refused to leave on the train, but said that they could stand off the Indians until the next day, when the rurales could reach the spot and summary justice would be meted out to the murderers.

PALO ALTO, Dec. 26.—Miss Julia Culver and W. S. Brown, two prominent Stanford graduates, were married here yesterday. Rev. C. G. Baldwin performed the ceremony. Both Brown and Miss Culver were prominent as undergraduates.

DR. PIERCE'S REMEDIES.

Trust to Nature.

A great many Americans, both men and women, are thin, pale and puny, with poor circulation, because they have ill-treated their stomachs by hasty eating or too much eating, by consuming alcoholic beverages, or by too close confinement to home, office or factory, and in consequence the stomach must be treated in a natural way before they can rectify their earlier mistakes. The muscles in many such people, in fact in every weary, thin and thin-blooded person, do their work with great difficulty. As a result fatigue comes early, is extreme and lasts long. The demand for nutritive aid is ahead of the supply. To insure perfect health every tissue, bone, nerve and muscle should take from the blood certain materials and return to it certain others. It is necessary to prepare the stomach for the work of taking up from the food what is necessary to make good, rich, red blood. We must go to Nature for the remedy. There were certain roots known to the Indians of this country before the advent of the whites which later came to the knowledge of the settlers and which are now growing rapidly in professional favor for the cure of obstinate stomach and liver troubles. These are found to be safe and yet certain in their cleansing and invigorating effect upon the stomach, liver and blood. These are: Golden Seal root, Queen's root, Stone root, Bloodroot, Mandrake root. Then there is Black Cherrybark. The medicinal principles residing in these native roots when extracted with glycerine as a solvent make the most reliable and efficient stomach tonic and liver invigorator, when combined in just the right proportions, as in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Where there is bankrupt vitality—such as nervous exhaustion, bad nutrition—and thin blood, the body acquires vigor and the nerves, blood and all the tissues feel the favorable effect of this sovereign remedy.

Although some physicians have been aware of the high medicinal value of the above mentioned plants, yet few have used pure glycerine as a solvent and usually the doctors' prescriptions called for the ingredients in varying amounts, *with alcohol.*

The "Golden Medical Discovery" is a scientific preparation compounded of the glyceric extracts of the above mentioned vegetable ingredients and contains no alcohol or harmful habit-forming drugs.