

# Events of a Day in Major Counties About the Bay

## COUNCIL DE-TERMINED TO WAIT ASKED TO WAIT IN OAKLAND

Attorney J. E. McElroy Is Not Satisfied With Railroad Representations INTERESTS CONFLICT

OAKLAND, Jan. 1.—Little headway was made today at the conference of representatives of the railroads that are fighting for franchises in Wood street, which was held with City Attorney J. E. McElroy.

The attorneys desired to submit further statements and City Attorney McElroy was not satisfied with the result. Hence, so far as the Wood-street franchises are concerned, the City Council tomorrow night will be asked to postpone action.

Today's conference was held at McElroy's office. Charles E. Snook appeared for the Western Pacific Railroad. Frank Madison and F. W. McDonald represented the Santa Fe. Eugene Engle and the San Francisco, Oakland and Jose Halfway (Key Route), and Philip M. Walsh, Western Southern Pacific Company interests, though that company has no application before the Council for Wood street, but insists on the contents of the other lines.

Principal points of contention raised by the attorneys were whether the company holding a prior selection in Wood street must be granted a franchise over other roads.

For the Western Pacific Attorney Snook held that his road was first to make an application in Wood street. He also held that the provision touching selection and granting of railway franchises in Wood street to be mandatory. The Santa Fe representatives took the same position.

Attorney Engle thought the City Council could exercise discretionary power. Attorney Walsh indicated the Southern Pacific's position by an argument for the theory of "discretion."

## THEATRE BY NORTH SIDE LOCAL

ALAMEDA, Jan. 1.—James Davis, collector who was employed at the United Engineering Works as a freeman, was struck by a north side local train this morning at 6:15 o'clock while walking on the track between Mastick station and the estuary, and sustained injuries which caused his death. An hour later at the Emergency Hospital, Davis was on his way from his home at 763 Taylor avenue to the United Engineering Works to clean out a boiler. He became confused at the approach of two trains, and before he could walk clear of the tracks the eastbound train struck him, crushing in his ribs on the left side. Davis was removed to the Emergency Hospital, where he died at 11:30 a. m. He resided in Alameda for thirty years. He was a native of St. Helena Island and is survived by a son, James Davis Jr., and two stepchildren, Mrs. J. P. David and Anthony Lee.

## TWO OAKLAND MEN FIGHT A DUEL IN STREET WITH KNIVES

Both Are Arrested and Refuse to Answer Questions as to Cause of the Trouble

OAKLAND, Jan. 1.—E. H. Farr and W. H. Baldwin, both widowers, fought a duel in the streets with knives today and were arrested on charges of assault with a deadly weapon. Each claims that the other attacked him first, but both are charged with carrying arms, the interference of their friends preventing worse consequences.

Farr was arrested on Twenty-third avenue, near his home, by Baldwin and Patrolman Havens, and later Baldwin was taken into custody at his home at 1122 Twenty-third avenue. On their arrival at the police station neither of the fighters would answer questions as to the cause of the trouble.

## HONOR MEMORY OF MCWADE

OAKLAND, Jan. 1.—The Superior Court of Alameda County en banc has adopted resolutions of respect to the memory of David P. McWade, the attorney who died from blood poisoning. The resolutions, which were presented by George E. de Golla, were spread on the minutes of the court. On behalf of the court Judge William H. Waste made response, attacking the high esteem in which the departed attorney was held, both by his professional and personal relations with the bench and the bar of Alameda County.

## WILL DISCUSS OAKLAND

OAKLAND, Jan. 1.—The Men's League of the First Congregational Church will give a dinner January 15, when the special theme of addresses will be "Civic Betterment for Oakland." H. A. Powell will speak on "The Present Demand for Civic Betterment." Governor George C. Fardoe will discuss "How to Organize and Make Effective Oakland's Better Civic Spirit." "The Present Situation in Oakland—Its Dangers and Needs" will be presented by Rev. Charles R. Brown.

## BANKS REFLECT PROSPERITY

BERKELEY, Jan. 1.—All the banks of Berkeley report extraordinary increases of deposits during the past year, the following table giving the favorable differences between the deposits at the end of 1905 and of 1906 in each bank of the town: First National, \$1,700,000; Berkeley Savings Bank, \$1,200,000; University Savings Bank, \$900,000; Berkeley National Bank, \$700,000; West Berkeley Bank, \$180,000; West Berkeley Bank, \$180,000.

## VETERAN CARMAN RETIRES

OAKLAND, Jan. 1.—George Ingerson, the oldest street car conductor in Oakland, has retired from the Oakland Traction Company's service after twenty-four years of fare collecting in this city. For several years "Pop," as his family name know him, had been on the Park-avenue branch at Emery. Increasing years led the veteran to step aside.

## HOODLUMS WOUND MINER

OAKLAND, Jan. 1.—Frederick Smith, a miner, reported to the police today that he was attacked by drunken hoodlums on Twenty-first street, near Broadway, last night, and that one of them slashed him over the eye with a pocket-knife. Smith's injuries were treated at the Receiving Hospital.

## UNION LEAGUE ELECTION

OAKLAND, Jan. 1.—The annual election of officers of the Union League of Alameda County will be held on January 8.

## FOOTPADS AND BURGLARS MAKE LIFE DANGEROUS FOR UNWARY DENIZENS OF CITY

NO ARRESTS MADE

OAKLAND, Jan. 1.—While residents of this city were enjoying the New Year's eve festival last night, burglars and footpads were busy in the suburban districts, many bold crimes being reported to the police this morning.

James A. Ritchey, a driver for Swift & Co., packers, reported that he was knocked down by a footpad shortly after 8 o'clock and robbed of \$13.50 which he had collected during his rounds. Ritchey had finished his work for the day and was driving home, when at Adelme and Fifty-eighth streets a man who was standing at the corner called to the driver, "Tour load is falling off."

Ritchey paid little attention to the man, stopped his horse, and jumped from the wagon, when without a word the thug stepped up behind him and telled him to the ground with a heavy blow on the head. As the victim lay helpless on the ground the footpad searched his pockets and then ran down Adelme street, escaping before Ritchey could give an alarm. The victim of the robbery made his way to his home at 1509 Grove street at this morning reported the crime to the police. He was unable to give any description of his assailant.

H. V. Goerner, residing at 477 Twenty-sixth street, was another victim of the robbery. He was on Merrimac street, between Telegraph avenue and Webster street, and robbed of \$1 by a masked man.

While asleep in a resort in the red-light district James Summers, residing at 378 Sixteenth street, was robbed of his gold watch and chain and \$20.

Thieves entered the room of George A. Mapeo, at 867 Broadway, while the occupant was absent last night and carried off a suit of clothing, watch and gold chain.

During the rush of new year business this morning a thief stole four bottles of whiskey and a bottle of preserved cherries from the saloon of Howard & Tomlinson, at 24 San Pedro avenue. Henry Skow of 300 Shattuck avenue reported that thieves had stolen a lot of lead pipe and wiping solder and a sewer trap from a new building.

Sixty-second and Third streets some time between Saturday night and Monday morning.

T. Hensley, residing at 552 Twentieth street, reported that a bicycle had been stolen from him in front of 915 Broadway.

## NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

OAKLAND, Jan. 1.—New Year's day was observed generally in Oakland, all business houses being closed. Special services were held at 9 o'clock this morning in St. John's Episcopal Church. High mass was celebrated in all the Catholic churches at 10:30 and 11 o'clock. Sunrise communion services were held in the First Congregational Church. Rev. Charles R. Brown, the pastor, officiating.

About 200 members of the commercial organizations of Alameda, Berkeley, San Leandro, Emeryville, Fruitvale, Hayward and Oakland were guests at the New Year's day reception of the Merchants' Exchange, which was also attended by members of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, the Oakland Real Estate Association and the Oakland Stock and Bond Exchange. The visiting business men were welcomed by Mayor Mott, and brief addresses were made by the president of the exchange, Harry G. Williams, and by Director George W. Arpel.

Rev. and Mrs. George Barbour Allen received this afternoon at an "at home" at their residence in East Oakland. Many friends called during the reception hours, from 2 until 5 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Franck (formerly Miss Mary Anderson) returned from their honeymoon journey and are cozily settled in their new home.

The engagement is announced of Miss Edna MacFadyen, daughter of Van Wilson of Berkeley, Miss MacFadyen is a charming girl, the sister of Mrs. Irving Wright.

Another engagement of interest to the college town is that of Miss Ethel Chamberlain, daughter of Judge George W. Chamberlain of Berkeley, and Henry R. Woltman. Woltman recently came from the East to engage in business in the bay cities.

HOPE TO REDUCE SENTENCE OF EMBEZZLING TELLER

Attorneys for W. T. Anderson of Kansas City, who stole \$9000, ask for New Trial

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 1.—The attorney for William T. Anderson, former assistant teller in the First National Bank, who pleaded guilty last week to embezzling \$9000 and received a sentence of four years in the penitentiary, filed a motion today that the verdict be set aside and the case reopened. It is alleged that at the time he pleaded guilty Anderson was sick and that his mind had become weakened by years of illness. The motion will be argued later.

Anderson's attorneys hope to secure a reduction of his sentence.

PASSENGER COACH LEAVES TRACKS ON OREGON RUN

No One Injured, but Forty Persons Are Given First Aid When the Accident Occurs

REDDING, Jan. 1.—The third car at the rear of northbound passenger train No. 16 jumped the track at Kennet this morning and lay over the side of a bank. Forty passengers were badly shaken up, but escaped with a few scratches. A wrecking train from Dunsmuir was sent to clear the track.

NO SIDEWALKS; NO MAIL

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 1.—Today a considerable portion of New Orleans was cut off from further free mail delivery by order of the Postmaster General because inhabited portions of a number of New Orleans' streets were without sidewalks.

## CRANE ALSO GOES UP

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It is announced that upon the retirement of Thomas Prather, the president, he will be succeeded by Charles E. Palmer, who for many years has been cashier of the Union National and is highly esteemed in financial and commercial circles. Palmer's place as cashier will be taken by William W. Crane, paying teller of the bank and likewise popular among a wide circle of business associates.

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## SOCIETY IN CITIES ACROSS THE BAY

OAKLAND, Jan. 1.—One of the most important New Year's day receptions was that of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kelly at their attractive home. Over a hundred guests were entertained. In the receiving party were Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lowden, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lund Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Hiram T. Hall, Mrs. Margaret Kelly, Miss Evelyn Hussey, Miss Norma Castle, Miss Katherine Kutz, James Kutz, George McDougall, Philip Frye and Emory Farnham.

Miss Marian Walsh will be the motif for the card party for which Miss Genevieve Chambers has issued cards for Friday afternoon of this week. The guests, numbering thirty or more, will be the closest friends of the guest of honor and the hostess. Miss Walsh expects to leave January 14 for an extended Eastern trip. Those who have been invited to meet her are Mrs. Chas. Harker, Mrs. James Kenna, Mrs. Frederick Dieckman, Miss Mollie Mathes, Miss May Coogan, Miss Jessie Fox, Miss Ida Wickson, Miss Gladys Wickson, Miss Letitia Barry, Miss Corneilia Stratton, Miss Effie Richardson, Miss Florence Burrell, Miss Margaret Taylor, Miss Carol Day, Miss Viva Vincent, Miss Thelma Chase, Miss Marjorie Lynch, Miss Winifred Lynch, Miss Adelaide Hange, Miss Irene Bangs, Miss Rose Elyson, Miss Marjorie Patterson, Miss Clara Stevenson, Miss Edith Miller and Miss Carolyn Fowler.

The Berkeley Assembly will hold its second dance of the season in the college town, Monday, January 7. The patronesses of the club include Mrs. Clinton Day, Mrs. Charles Mills Gayley, Mrs. E. J. Wickson, Mrs. Charles Greenleaf, Mrs. A. J. Ralston, Mrs. Henry Glass, Mrs. Benjamin Wheeler, Mrs. A. A. Pennoyer, Mrs. E. J. Clark, Mrs. Wilfred Page, Miss Sydney Smith, Miss Radford and Mrs. Charles Butters.

G. L. Belcher of New York is spending the winter in Oakland. For several weeks he has been a guest at the Claremont Country Club.

Fifty guests in fancy dress received the hospitality of Miss Mabel Rutherford last evening, watching the old year out and the new year in in merry fashion at the Rutherford home on Harrison street. It was one of the charming affairs of the season over which this hostess and her sisters presided. An elaborate supper was served.

## Oakland Personals

OAKLAND, Jan. 1.—W. G. Whitney, with his wife and child, of Vancouver, B. C., are registered at the Crellin.

Frank J. Blake and wife of Chicago are at the Athens.

W. Morris is at the Metropole from Glasgow, Scotland.

George S. Emerson of Troy, N. Y., is at the Touraine.

A. B. Luther of Chicago, Ill., is a recent arrival at the Touraine.

W. H. Slattery is at the Touraine, registering from Denver, Colo.

J. S. Callahan, registering from Kansas City, Mo., spent New Year's day at the Crellin.

J. H. Smith has registered at the Touraine from Knoxville, Tenn.

## PIONEER CONTRACTOR DIES

OAKLAND, Jan. 1.—W. D. Akins, a pioneer contractor, who had resided in Oakland since 1874, died Sunday at the home of his son, Eugene Akins, in Stockton. The deceased was 76 years of age. Relatives surviving him are a widow and three sons, Eugene, William and Simon Akins, the two latter being Southern Pacific conductors.

## HAYWARD PIONEER DIES

HAYWARD, Jan. 1.—The funeral of Julius Olfus, a pioneer resident, was held today from the Congregational church. Rev. D. Bent Taylor officiating. Interment was at Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland. Olfus died from an attack of appendicitis, which came upon him immediately after he had eaten Christmas dinner. He was a member of the Foresters and the Order of Hermann Sons.

## BIG STORM IN COLORADO

DENVER, Jan. 1.—A heavy snowfall was general in Colorado today. In some regions the storm assumed the proportions of a blizzard.

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## GEORGE BRITAIN IS STILL MISSING

BERKELEY, Jan. 1.—Search for little Cecil Brittan, the five-year-old child who disappeared in Oregon last July and who is thought by some to be in the custody of gypsies now encamped here, was carried today by several members of the Police Department and by the little boy's relatives, Judge E. A. Bridgford of 1610 Turk street, San Francisco, an uncle of the missing boy, and Anna C. Brittan, his aunt, a teacher from San Francisco, took part in the hunt today.

They had received requests from the missing lad's parents in Walla Walla, Wash., to help find the youngster, and promptly co-operated with the police. Other members of the Brittan family are also prosecuting the search.

A rumor that the Brittan boy, who is said to have been spirited away from the gypsy camp, had been seen in the hands of the gypsies in West Berkeley sent the police flying to the camp of the Romany people this morning, but the report was a false alarm. A thorough search of the gypsy camp and the surrounding camp was made, while the gypsies looked on in disgust.

There was found to be a "tow-head" in the camp, four or five years old, whose eyes had been blinded, however, and the police think that those who reported having seen a white child among the gypsies may have been deceived by the white-headed youngster's appearance into the fancy that white children were concealed among the band of rovers.

## CHIEF ADVOCATES PLAYGROUND FOR SANTA ROSA

BERKELEY, Jan. 1.—Chief of Police Vollmer's records show that there has been a great increase in complaints by citizens against small boys in the town during the past six months. 107 such complaints being on file in the department records, placed there since July 1, 1906. In the last three weeks Berkeley boys have been arrested on felony charges. The police in the last seven days have recovered seven bicycles stolen by boys. Many of the complaints are due to mischief pranks of boys, but the majority concerned with petty thefts.

Chief Vollmer believes that the great increase in population of the town is responsible for the complaints. He thinks a cure for some of the boyish offenses would be found in the purchase by the town of a big playground or "commons," where games and sports of all kinds could be played and the harmlessness of youth got rid of in that harmless way.

The Town Trustees now have extra funds, in the shape of a \$47,000 franchise sale, and the police chief may make recommendation to the Town Trustees that part of this sum be used for the playground.

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## NO NEW YEAR CHEER FOR THE MAN WHO DID NOT BRING HOME LITTLE BLACK BOTTLE

BERKELEY, Jan. 1.—No attempt was made by the liquor dealers of West Berkeley to do business today. For the first time in the history of the town no drinks were sold on New Year's day. None will be sold on any day hereafter in saloons if the new prohibition law, just adopted, is enforced, and Chief Vollmer says it certainly will be.

Policeman Jack Lestrange reported this afternoon that no saloon in the town was opened today.

The authorities have noted, however, that a device apparently calculated to bring liquor cheer close to the West Berkeley folk has been put forward in the incorporation of the Mechanical Social Club. West Berkeley men are the incorporators. Their names are Joseph Raspiller, Joseph Burke, Herman Harbarth, H. W. de Leon and Oscar Grimm. The details of the new club's plans have not been disclosed, nor has the location of its headquarters been announced. The purchase of liquor by the club and the dispensing of it to members from a sideboard would not be contrary to law, it is claimed, and the club's incorporation accordingly is looked upon as the first device of many that may be devised to bring citizens into touch with their tipple in the driest parts of Berkeley. Raspiller, the head of a big brewery in West Berkeley.

## DRINKS CORROSIVE SUBLIMATE

REDDING, Jan. 1.—Thomas Bildeback, employed at an orchard near Anderson, drank freely from a bottle of corrosive sublimate, thinking it was water. He nearly died before an antidote was administered.

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## POINT RICHMOND CONSTABLE THINKS HE HAS LOOTERS OF THE POSTOFFICE THERE

MARTINEZ, Jan. 1.—Deputy Sheriff Frank Moltoza of Point Richmond has run down the looters of the Richmond postoffice and exposed one of the most systematic gangs of thieves that has infested Contra Costa County for years.

Acting on information furnished by Henry Boyd, a negro suspected of complicity in the crime, Moltoza raided an opium den and disreputable house conducted by Shepherd Jackson, a negro, and William H. Warren, an ex-convict, sent to Folsom from San Francisco for stabling some one. In the house were found several pairs of shoes, some hidden under a stove; the cellar: several bottles of whiskey and a valuable overcoat. Boose declares that William Hill, alias "Broncho," who is also an ex-convict, was not only robbed the postoffice for \$900 worth of registered parcels, but broke into the shoe store of J. S. Moyle the next night and stole nine pairs of shoes and \$75 in cash.

All the inmates of the place were arrested and placed in the County Jail. Hill and Warren steadfastly deny the allegations and maintain that Boose is endeavoring to divert suspicion from himself by shifting the blame to their shoulders.

A pair of brass knuckles, a revolver and two knives were found in the house, but no trace of the postoffice loot could be found anywhere, though the premises were searched. It is believed that the greater portion was pawned in a shoe store and second-hand establishment near the Chutes in San Francisco, and Sheriff Veale will endeavor to locate the place tomorrow and learn the identity of the men who disposed of it.

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