

News of Four of the Corners Bordering On the Bay

WIFE INSISTED ON MILKING COWS

Joseph Hoelscher, Answering Divorce Suit, Says He Couldn't Dissuade Spouse

NEVER THREW LAMP

OAKLAND, Jan. 10.—Joseph Hoelscher, a Piedmont contractor, who was sued for divorce by Bernhardt Hoelscher on the ground of extreme cruelty, yesterday filed his answer today and made denial of the allegation that he threw a lighted lamp at his spouse or compelled her to milk six cows. The defendant declares that Mrs. Hoelscher insisted on milking the cows to earn money. He says that he tried to induce her to sell the cows, but she refused to make up the loss in her income from his own pocket, but that she steadfastly refused to part with the cows and seemed to derive a genuine pleasure in her occupation. Mrs. Hoelscher asks the court to allow her \$150 a month alimony. She claims that her husband is in receipt of a large income as a contractor.

Ora Winter was granted a final decree of divorce from Robert Winter. She testified that he was habitually intemperate and failed to provide for her. They were married in 1894.

Sarah Shepard sued Francis A. Shepard for a divorce on the ground of extreme cruelty. They have two children.

Other divorces filed were as follows: William Meyers against Augusta Meyers on the ground of desertion; George A. Williams against Thomas Williams.

CLARK FARM CASE IN ABEYANCE

OAKLAND, Jan. 10.—The condemnation suit of the Western Pacific against Mrs. Eleanor Clark for a right of way through her ranch near Niles was finally submitted to Judge Waste this afternoon. The case will not be decided, however, until after the court has perused the lengthy briefs that are to be prepared by both sides upon the legal aspects of the case.

NELSON URGED FOR PRESIDENCY OF PEOPLE'S WATER COMPANY

Former Chairman of Oakland's Council Put Forward for Post Corporation Bill

OAKLAND, Jan. 10.—James W. Nelson, a former president of the City Council and at the time a candidate for Mayor, is being put forward by his friends for the presidency and management of the People's Water Company, which was recently reorganized. Nelson, who has been in the city for several years, is well known to the people of the city and is a member of the board of directors of the company.

HEUER WILL FURNISH DATA REGARDING OAKLAND HARBOR

Committee of Congress Withholds Matter of Harbors Pending His Arrival

OAKLAND, Jan. 10.—Representative J. R. Kearns has telegraphed to Edwin Stoen, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, that the House committee on rivers and harbors has held in abeyance the matter of Oakland harbor improvement appropriations pending the arrival at Washington of Colonel W. H. Heuer, the United States engineer in charge of harbor work here. Colonel Heuer was expected to reach the capital today.

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE

BERKELEY, Jan. 10.—The International Missionary Institute, under the direction of Rev. Edmund D. Soper and a corps of famous missionary workers, convened at the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church this afternoon. Rev. Mr. Soper spoke during the afternoon and Rev. G. H. Bissell at night, each discussing missionary problems. The ladies of the Trinity Church will tender a banquet to Sunday school workers tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Admissions will be delivered at the banquet by C. R. Fisher, State secretary of the Sunday School Association, and by Rev. E. P. Shepherd of Berkeley. Conference classes will be held throughout the day and at night. The institute will continue until next Sunday night.

"WHITE HAT" MCCARTHY SUED

MARTINEZ, Jan. 10.—B. Root, a wealthy ranch owner and stock raiser of Lafayette has brought suit against Dan McCarthy of San Francisco, widely known throughout California as "White Hat" McCarthy, for \$200 alleged to be due for pastures of seven head of blooded horses on April 22, 1906, to January 5, 1907.

WOMAN DIES SUDDENLY

OAKLAND, Jan. 10.—Mrs. Margaret Carlson, a widow, 62 years of age, died suddenly at her home, 6 Maple street, of heart failure last night. Dr. J. F. Reinhardt was called when she was stricken, but she had passed away before he reached the house.

BY the explosion of 3000 pounds of nitroglycerin at Point Isabel yesterday Edward K. Smith disappeared as completely as though some mighty power had translated him to another planet. Searchers were unable to discover any trace of his body or clothing.

Exposition of Nitroglycerin Blows Employee to Atoms

Vigont Powder Mill Loses Heavily by Fatal Disaster

BERKELEY, Jan. 10.—Edward K. Smith was blown to atoms in an explosion today at the Vigont Powder Works at Point Isabel, where he was employed as a nitroglycerin expert. The nitroglycerin washhouse of the company's plant was wrecked. Smith was alone in the building at 10 o'clock this morning when the explosion occurred. No other employee was injured.

Whether his own carelessness precipitated the explosion of 3000 pounds of nitroglycerin that blew him into small bits or whether the accident was due to spontaneous action of the materials in the nitroglycerin house cannot be determined.

Search for parts of Smith's body was conducted after the explosion, but was utterly fruitless. P. Olsen, who has had three escapes from death in other explosions, joined with M. Edwards, a powder works employe, in the hunt, but no trace of Smith's body or of any part of his clothing was found. This gruesome feature of the tragedy heightened the panic that prevailed at the powder works after the explosion and added to the gloom of the laborers who remained on the grounds.

The explosion occurred in one of the minor buildings of the nitroglycerin department of the works and this small building alone was wrecked. The various structures were jarred and sustained such damage as broken windows, twisted chimneys and roofs caved in.

SAVED REST OF PLANT

The fact that only one-half of the usual amount of nitroglycerin was stored in the washhouse today is regarded as responsible for the salvation of the remainder of the nitroglycerin department. Ordinarily about 6000 pounds of the explosive were stored in the washhouse. The explosion of the full quota of supplies would have razed every building to the ground.

The explosion was of such force as to shake Berkeley, and among those who felt the shock was Edward Smith's young bride. She became Smith's wife at Monterey last Thanksgiving day. In Cuba, where they were married, they were together for the first time during the summer and the marriage followed a brief courtship. Smith had been a soldier in the Spanish-American war, and also had served in the American army in the Philippines. He was familiar with the work of manufacturing explosives, and received a large salary.

Smith's young bride had entreated him to cease the dangerous work, and he had just made her a promise that he would soon quit the powder plant and secure a better position. They had secured a pretty home at 1627 Hearst avenue, and it was from this cottage that Mrs. Smith telephoned to the powder-company's offices this morning immediately after noting the explosion at the nitroglycerin plant.

Smith had been employed at the Vigont Powder Works for two years. Most of that time he had served in the nitroglycerin department. His work consisted in mixing the chemicals that are used in the manufacture of the explosive named. He was employed this morning in separating the acid from the nitroglycerin, a process known as "washing." He left the washhouse a few minutes before 10 o'clock to confer with Superintendent R. Neilson, and then returned. A few minutes later the explosion occurred.

William Hanson, in charge of the packing-house close by, had a narrow escape from death. He stepped into the washhouse a few moments before the explosion to find out how much nitroglycerin Smith expected to return today. Everything then was in fine shape about the building, he declared this afternoon. Smith left him to go upstairs and look at the separators. Hanson left the building, the explosion following in a few minutes.

The girls employed in the dynamite packing-room, under the direction of Mrs. R. Nevel, became panic stricken after the disaster and fled from the grounds as did also a number of Italian and Chinese employes. Some of the Italians waded into the bay to escape further trouble.

Superintendent Neilson estimates the damage at between \$5000 and \$10,000. The storage room for dynamite was damaged, but none of its contents exploded. The roof of the dynamite packing-house was knocked in. The washhouse destroyed was a two-story building 55x30 feet. The roof of the principal nitroglycerin building was blown in. The wrecked buildings will be restored at once. The explosion was the first affair of the sort in the history of the plant.

WOOD IS FINED \$10

OAKLAND, Jan. 10.—The case of C. W. Wood, who was severely beaten on the head and arrested at his home last night, was disposed of in the Police Court this morning. Wood was fined \$10 for carrying a concealed weapon. Policeman Rogers was patrolling his beat and on passing Wood's house at 1963 Tenth avenue heard a shot fired and investigated. Wood claimed the shot was fired accidentally and is alleged to have resented the officer's further questioning him to an extent that caused Rogers to club him on the head. Three blows were struck, lacerating the scalp. Rogers has been on the police force only a few days.

POULTRY SHOW AT OAKLAND

OAKLAND, Jan. 10.—The annual display of the Oakland Poultry Association being made at Idora Park and which will end Saturday night is attracting wide attention from fanciers of the fowls. Nearly 1000 blooded birds are on exhibition, some of the entries being from Portland, Oregon, Los Angeles, Fresno, Sacramento, and Petaluma. The chickens are being judged by Elmer Dixon of Portland and F. J. Venn of Fresno, and the water fowl by V. C. Huntley of Petaluma.

COMMISSION TELLS OF PARKS

Members of Oakland Club Hear Address by A. H. Elliott on the Bond Issue

ASKS AID OF WOMEN

OAKLAND, Jan. 10.—City Councilman Albert H. Elliott delivered an interesting address before the members of the Home Club today, explaining in detail Charles Mulford Robinson's plans for beautifying the city. The plans have been taken as the basis of the proposed park sites. Bonds for the purchase of the sites are to be voted upon Monday. Elliott showed the plans with Lake Merritt as the axis. He pointed out how ten properties, including the Willows, the Adams Point property, the acreage on the east side of Lake Merritt, the strip running from the Twelfth-street dam to Tenth street, Independence Square, a square on Commerce street, the land adjoining Bushrod Park, the De Fremont property, the lot between Peralta streets and a piece of land at Watts Tract, fitted into the general scheme. Elliott added:

"The price that we would pay for these lands would not be too high. Each piece of land is similar to a board of real estate experts, who have placed a reasonable value upon it. If the men who own the land will not take these prices the property may be condemned and the question submitted to a jury. The men who vote for bonds will be protected.

"It is the women's part to urge the men to go to the polls and vote. What ever other election a man may neglect, but he should never miss a bond election. Personally, I am in hearty sympathy with the scheme of bonding the city for the purpose of making possible these parks and playgrounds. It is the last opportunity we will have to secure these pieces of property, and better get them before it is too late."

Robinson, who is accounted one of the leading experts in the United States on civic adornment, has sent to the citizens of Oakland an address on the proposed bond issue, a part of which follows:

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George A. Willard to Marry Miss Helen Nelson

Wedding Day Set for Sixteenth of Month

OAKLAND, Jan. 10.—Among recent announcements which have recently engaged society's interest is that of the forthcoming marriage of George Albert Willard and Miss Helen Nelson. The wedding date has been set for January 16. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nelson of Filbert street. She has been the cause of much social entertainment since the engagement was made public. The Nelsons are among the leading families in Oakland. The young woman's father was for years active in the movement for improved civic conditions in this community.

FRUITVALE, Jan. 10.—Constable Thomas Carroll sent Clarence Siedinger, 9 years old, who came from Eureka and was found lost in Fruitvale, to the Salvation Army Beulah Home today. The boy had been assigned to the institution by his mother from the northern town, but had gone astray after arriving.

BURGLARS PURLOIN ANGRY ARCHITECT A TYPEWRITER FINED BY COURT

OAKLAND, Jan. 10.—Burglars entered the office of A. W. Morse & Co. at 1003 1/2 Broadway, last night, by opening the door with a skeleton key, and stole a typewriter.

E. M. Hendon, manager of the Wellborn, 3719 San Pablo avenue, discovered this morning that the store had been entered during the night by burglars, who stole a lady's bicycle, \$18 and \$15 in stamps.

Wing Chung Lung, proprietor of a Chinese bazaar at 1163 Washington street, reported to the police this morning that nine gold and jade rings were stolen from the window of his store yesterday afternoon.

E. H. Foster, who lives at 559 Seventh street, has reported to the police that thieves broke into a new house at Tenth and Grove streets and stole a set of carpenter's tools. C. Jacobs, 871 Milton street, reported the theft of a number of tools from the new Jurens building at Thirteenth and Franklin streets.

M. C. Fay, 1407 Broadway, reported this morning the theft of a set of harness from his barn. The harness was stolen last night.

ALL OFFERS FOR PROPERTY OF CHURCH ARE REJECTED

First Congregational Site Not in Market, but Satisfactory Price Would Be Considered

OAKLAND, Jan. 10.—Owing to persistent rumor concerning the sale of the First Congregational Church property at Twelfth and Clay streets, L. E. Boardman, secretary of the board of trustees, said today that all offers made had been rejected. He declared that in all likelihood, no proposition less than \$100,000 would be entertained. Boardman added:

"The church property is not on the market in the sense that the trustees are seeking a buyer. If an offer were made commensurate with the true value of values it would be considered. We do not have to sell and there is no disposition to do so. The fact that the Orphanum Company is building a theatre on an adjoining lot is of no concern to the church, and our trustees are entirely indifferent on that subject."

NEW DIRECTORS NAMED FOR UNION SAVINGS BANK

Edwin Goodall, H. J. Knowles and A. E. H. Cramer to Serve on Board

OAKLAND, Jan. 10.—Thomas Prather, Charles E. Palmer and Thomas Crellin have retired as directors of the Union Savings Bank. Their successors are Edwin Goodall, H. J. Knowles and A. E. H. Cramer.

LYNCH PRESIDENT OF NEW BANK

ALAMEDA, Jan. 10.—The Citizens' Bank of Alameda has elected the following directors: J. N. Lewis, Herbert D. Clark, James K. Lynch, W. G. Tibbets, D. L. Westover, L. A. Konigshefer, S. E. Biddle Jr., James K. Lynch, who is the vice president and manager of the First National Bank of San Francisco, was chosen president of the Citizens' Bank to succeed Dr. George A. Moore, retired. S. E. Biddle Jr. was elected vice president, Frank C. Bordwell, cashier, and C. J. Hammond Jr., assistant cashier. The Citizens' Bank was opened for business last March and the total deposits at the end of 1906 amounted to \$376,255.27. The bank is completing a two-story reinforced concrete building at the northeast corner of Park street and Santa Clara avenue.

SAYS WOMAN IS VIOLENT

OAKLAND, Jan. 10.—Pauline R. Bird has sworn to a complaint charging her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary J. Simmons of 1618 Broadway, Alameda, with insanity, and alleging that Mrs. Simmons threatened to kill her with a pair of scissors. Mrs. Simmons is 40 years of age, and according to the police she had been in the Receiving Hospital, domestic difficulties with her husband have preyed upon her mind. She will be examined tomorrow afternoon before Judge Ellsworth.

JUDGE OGDEN CONVALESCENT

OAKLAND, Jan. 10.—Judge Ogdén, deputy grand master of the Odd Fellows of California, whose serious illness with congestion of the lungs gave alarm to his friends recently, is reported as convalescing. He is able to sit up part of the day and is making rapid progress toward health, but his physicians are unwilling to have him resume any of his official duties until he has recovered entirely.

PORTLAND FIRM LOST BY FIRE

Portland, Or., Jan. 10.—Defective insulation caused a fire in the coffee and spice plant of Cassel & Devers on Front and Ankeny streets early today. The loss will reach \$40,000.

BOARD OF HEALTH TESTING FOOD

Microscopical and Bacteriological Examination Is Conducted in Oakland

REQUEST OF DOCTORS

OAKLAND, Jan. 10.—Microscopical and bacteriological examination of all kinds of food products sold in this city or consumed at hotels, restaurants and other public places has been commenced by the Board of Health to disclose whether the pure food laws are being violated by manufacturers of edibles.

BOAT CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

ALAMEDA, Jan. 10.—Officers have been elected by the Alameda Boating Club as follows: President, G. H. Miller; vice president, E. B. Thorning; secretary, E. B. Thorning; treasurer, A. G. Bell; executive board, Charles Smith, the Kihn, R. Merriam, A. G. Bell, W. S. Burnham and Harry Nelson.

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HONOLULU, Jan. 10.—At a meeting of the commercial bodies here today resolutions were passed urging an adequate naval force in the Pacific Ocean.

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