News From All Sections of the Four Bay Counties

TRIES TO SELL ON FORGED DEEDS

Robert Bonsall Is Arrested After Effort to Dispose of Land Owned by Women

PROPERTY VALUABLE

OAKLAND, Feb. 8.—Detected in the act of attempting to effect the sale of two pieces of property to which he held no title, Robert Bonsall was arrested this afternoon and faces charges of forgery and obtaining money by false pretenses. Previous to his attempt to sell the lots, which are at Twenty-sixth and Linden and Sixteenth and Linden streets, Bonsall filed for record two deeds bearing the forged signatures of Mrs. Adelaide M. Case and Mrs. Anna Cook, the owners of the property by which the lots were purported to have been transferred to him.

Securing the receipts for the deeds Bonsall entered into negotiations with F. J. Taylor of the firm of Taylor Bros. & Co., and the latter accepted a contract for the sale of the two lots. Taylor gave Bonsall a check for $100 to bind the contract, but then, owing to the peculiar actions of the reputed owner of the property, instituted an investigation, which resulted in the arrest of the alleged forger.

SEARCH SHOWS FRAUD

Taylor, after securing a contract for the sale of the property, placed the matter in the hands of the Stocker & Holland Abstract Company, that a search might be made of the records. The first thing to attract attention was the fact that the signatures on the deeds were reputed to have been acknowledged by "W. W. Williams, notary public." R. B. Stocker was unable to find any record of the appointment of such a notary, nor is there any record of such an appointment in the office of the County Clerk.

Suspecting that something was wrong, Taylor and Stocker visited the offices of Harry L. Holcomb, the agent of Mrs. Case, and secured a document bearing her signature. When this was compared with the signature on the deed filed by Bonsall it was seen at once that the latter was a forgery. Taylor notified the police at once of the attempted fraud and shortly afterward Stocker met Bonsall on Broadway. The latter went into the office of Kreiss & Horswill, 1070 Broadway. Stocker notified Taylor of the whereabouts of the alleged swindler and Bonsall was placed under arrest by Captain of Police Petersen.

BONSALL BECOMES MIXED

At the Central Police Station Bonsall made a number of conflicting statements as to his alleged purchase of the property and after becoming badly tangled up refused to talk further. He refused to give any information concerning himself or to tell who "Williams," the supposed notary public, was or where he could be found. The police express the belief that Bonsall himself forged the acknowledgments as well as the deeds.

When he first offered the property to Taylor Bonsall placed a price of $6500 on that owned by Mrs. Case and offered the lot owned by Mrs. Cook for $3900. Taylor declares that both the properties are worth much more than this. H. L. Holcomb, who holds a contract for the sale of the lot owned by Mrs. Case, declared that he had never been notified of the sale of the property. Mrs. Case formerly resided at the Crellin Hotel, but some time ago she removed to Berkeley, later going to Los Angeles. It is said that she has since returned to this city and efforts are being made to locate her. Search is also being made for Mrs. Cook.

ADVANCES PAY OF PLATFORM MEN

Oakland Traction Company Adds Another 3 Cents to Schedule of Wages

EFFECTIVE MARCH 1

OAKLAND, Feb. 8.—The Oakland Traction Company made a voluntary increase in the wages of all its platform men today of 3 cents an hour flat, or a minimum of 30 cents an hour for employes in the service one year or less. This increase follows one of like amount which was made last October voluntarily by the company.

This figure starts a sliding scale of wages which runs, according to terms of service, to 40 cents an hour for ten-year men. Between 600 and 700 men are affected.

The new scale will go into effect March 1 for one year. In making the announcement the company points out that under the former rate of 27 cents it was paying the highest scale to carmen in the United States or elsewhere. The order from W. F. Kelly, general manager, reads as follows:

February 8, 1907.

Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employes of America, Division No. 192, and all Conductors and Motormen—Gentlemen: During the past year conditions of railway service have changed materially in Oakland and San Francisco. Our business has improved, your cost of living in some particulars has increased.

Notwithstanding we advanced your wages last October to the highest paid in the United States or elsewhere, we believe conditions warrant us in making another advance at this time.

We appreciate the fidelity with which you have discharged your duties under exceptionally trying conditions and that you have gone forward with your work cheerfully and without grumbling or discontent.

We take pleasure, therefore, in announcing the following wage scale for conductors and motormen for a period of one year, effective March 1, 1907:

One year or less in service, 30 cents per hour.
Between one and two years in service, 31 cents per hour.
Between two and three years in service, 32 cents per hour.
Between three and four years in service, 33 cents per hour.
Between four and five years in service, 34 cents per hour.
Between five and six years in service, 35 cents per hour.
Between six and seven years in service, 36 cents per hour.
Between seven and eight years in service, 37 cents per hour.
Between eight and nine years in service, 38 cents per hour.
Between nine and ten years in service, 39 cents per hour.
Over ten years in service, 40 cents per hour.

Trusting that the present cordial relations existing between us may continue, and wishing you all good health and prosperity, we remain, very cordially yours,

W. F. KELLY, General Manager.

WANTS DABNER'S JEWELRY

Attorney Hall, who defended Louis Dabner, the convicted gaspipe thug, made a demand on the police yesterday for the jewelry belonging to the prisoner. His request was denied and he declared that he would at once institute a suit for the recovery of his client's property. The police refused to give up the gems on the ground that they were purchased with the money of the gaspipe victims.

WINTERS TO HAVE CITY HALL

MARTINEZ, Feb. 8.—At the meeting of the Yolo Board of Supervisors yesterday City Trustee D. O. Judy and City Attorney Wilson of Winters appeared regarding the erection of a city hall in that city, the county to have part of the building. A $6000 structure is planned.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Henry and Charlotte M. Colombat to James Canac-Marquis, lot on S line of Greenwich street, 206:3 W of Hyde, W 48:4½ by S 137:6; $10.

Ferdinand P. Canac-Marquis to same, lot on S line of Greenwich street, 160:10½ E of Larkin, E 48:4½ by S 137:6; $10.

Bahr and Sophie Sheideman to B. Sheideman, lot on W corner of Sixth and Howard streets, NW 72, SW 75, NW 18, SW 37:6, SE 90, NE 112:6; $10.

Bothin Real Estate Company to Frank W. Wachter, lot on SE line of Howard street, 275 SW of Fourth, SW 53:4 by SE 155; $10.

Louis A. and Florence E. Steiger to Louis A. Steiger et al., lot on SW corner of Golden Gate avenue and Lyon street, W 37:6 by S 100; $10.

George S., William H., Grace M., Samuel M. and William H. Crim Jr. to Henrietta M. Birth, three-eighths interest in lot on SE corner of Carolina and Nineteenth streets, S 83:2, SE 59:6, NE 129:1, W 103:2; $10.

John Center Fresno Land Company et al. to same, five-eighths interest in same; $10.

Georgina Harrison to same, lot on E line of Carolina street, 252:5 N of Twentieth, N 64:5, SE 59:6, NE 81:6, SE 18, S 197:2, W 100; $10.

Charles C. and Phena R. Graeber to Wallace J. Whitaker, commencing 350 S of Lake street and 30:6 W of Third avenue, W 27, S 94:1½, E 27:1⅝, N 91:4¼; $10.

Joseph and Mary A. Wells to Louis Ferrea, lot on W line of Twenty-fourth avenue, 175 S of Point Lobos, S 25 by W 120; $10.

Crawford Douglass to Eliza Colton, lot on S line of C street, 77:6 W of Fifteenth avenue, W 25 by S 100; $10.

James W. Mullen to William A. and Nellie Rodgers, lot on N line of I street, 57:6 E of Tenth avenue, E 25 by N 100; $10.

Daniel P. Marshall to William T. Dunmage, lot on N line of K street, 82:6 W of Eleventh avenue, W 25 by N 100; $10.

George E. Wapple to Anna E. Wapple, lots 1 to 8, block 7, Syndicate's First Addition; $10.

Mary C. and J. E. Hill to Sol Getz & Sons, lot on W line of Orizaba street, 300 S of Randolph, S 50 by W 100; $10.

Jacob Wesner to Gerhard Boese, lots 361 to 363, gift map 2; $10.

J. Alvin Lund to Sarah J. Christianson, lot on SW line of Nineteenth avenue South, 7 SE of L street, SE 25 by SW 100; $10.

Leonie Mayer to Clyde Thompson, lot on N line of Trumbull street, 180 E of Cravt, E 30 by N 160; $10.

Charles Monson to Edward and Hilma G. Olson, lot on S line of Clipper street, 240 E of Douglass, E 26:8 by S 114; $10.

Jules J. Bernard and wife to V. G. Bonaly and wife, lot on NE line of Brady street, 60:6 SE of Colton, SE 50 by NE 100; $—.

Golden Gate Syndicate to Dollie Mecartney, lot on NE corner of Nineteenth and Rhode Island streets, E 300, N 101:6, NW 170:2¾, SW 108, S 110; $10.

Dollie Mecartney to Elias E. Otterback, same; $10.

Estate of Amos Mecartney to same, same; $1100.

Charles A. Roller and wife to Eggert C. Peters et al., lot on SW corner of Falcon and Danvers streets, S 81, SW 22.45, NW 78.46, N 43.51; $10.

Andrew O. and Melissa L. Thulin to Hans G. Graper and wife, lot on E line of Farren avenue, 75 E of Ellis street, S 25 by E 75; $10.

Mary E. Hettrich to William W. Crane, lot on N line of Eddy street, 206:3 W of Hyde, W 22:11 by N 137:6; $10.

Mary E. Fletcher et al. to William W. Crane et al., lot on N line of Eddy street, 206:3 W of Hyde, W 68:9 by N 137:6; $10.

William W. Crane and wife to Mary E. Hettrich, lot on N line of Eddy street, 229:2 W of Hyde, W 22:11 by N 137:6; $10.

Emile E. Ducotey and wife to Leopold and Rose F. Mollath, ½ of lot on NE line of Holly street, 58:3 NW of Crescent, NW 29:1½, E 118:2, S 25, W 103:3; $10.

Charles Skinner and wife to Leopold Mollath and wife, ½ of same; $10.

James M. Koford to Donald Y. Campbell, lot on NE corner of Fell street and Van Ness avenue, N 120 by E 100; $10.

H. M. Cochran and wife to Acme Land and Improvement Company, lot on E line of Massachusetts street, 150 N of Amador, N 50 by E 200; $10.

L. J. Scooffy to same, lot on W line of Maryland street, 150 S of Amador, S 50 by W 200; $10.

Leonidas J. Scooffy to same, lot on NE corner of Calaveras and Louisiana streets, E 100 by N 200; $10.

Clifford G. Cook to same, lot on NW corner of Calaveras and Maryland streets, W 50 by N 100; $10.

Florence E. McCrea to Myra S. Cloud, lot on S corner of Eleventh and Folsom streets, SE 70, SW 80, NW 70, NE to beginning, and two other pieces; $10.

Jennie E. Booth to Marcus and Freda Anderson, lot on W line of Julian street, 245 N of Center, N 30 by W 100; $10.

Bernhard Getz and wife to Benjamin A. Curtaz, lot on N line of K street, 32:6 E of Twenty-seventh avenue, E 50 by N 100; $10.

Robert Day and wife to Clyde S. Payne, lot on NE corner of Jackson and Leavenworth streets, N 25 by E 70; $10.

W. Frank Whittier to Sarah A. Chandler, lot on N line of Spear street, 229:2 SE of Howard, SE 45:10 by NE 137:6; $10.

Homer S. King and wife to William Cronan, property out of county; $10.

William Cronan to Anglo-Californian Bank, same; $10.

Same to same, lot on W line of Baker street, 93:6 S of Page, W 100 by S 22; $5.

Dora Metzler to Rosa Geick, lot on S line of Broad avenue, 380 W of Plymouth, W 40 by S 125; $10.

Fred Geick to Rosa Geick, same; gift.

James Basch to Hilda Levi et al., lot on E line of Webster street, 82:6 N of Geary, E 68:9 by N 27:6; $10.

Louis N. Davidson to Lizzie Lobree, lot on W line of Devisadero street, 90:6 S of O'Farrell, S 23:6 by W 103; $10.

Wendelin Becker to Katherine Becker, lot on E line of Maple street, 215 N of Fourteenth, N 30 by E 130; gift.

Walter C. Fish to James L. Gill and wife, lot 34, block 5, Holly Park; $10.

Sarah N. Morris to Conrad Kissling, lot on SE line of Federal street, 187:6 NE of Second, NE 62:6 by SE 80; $10.

Ezra W. Hyde and wife to Robert W. Mishaw and wife, lot on N line of Golden Gate avenue, 229:11 E of First avenue, E 25 by N 137:6; $10.

Harriett H. Moise to Nellie Kuster, lot on N line of Hill street, 105 E of Castro, E 25 by N 114; $10.

Visitacion Water Company to William S. Downing, lots 7 to 10, block 1030, South San Francisco Homestead and Railroad Association, and one other piece; $10.

J. Downey Harvey and wife to Edward V. Lacey, lot on E line of York street, 164 N of Twenty-fifth, N 23 by E 100; $10.

Holmes Investment Company to Charles Schlessinger, lot on N line of Sutter street, 120:3 E of Van Ness avenue, E 86 by N 120; $10.

Charles and Mabel B. Schlessinger to Holmes Investment Company, lot on N line of Post street, 60 E of Kearny, E 77:6, N 122:6, W 57:6, S 60, W 20, S 62:6; $10.

John Center et al. to Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association, lot on E line of Florida street, 360 N of Alameda, E 200, S 65:1¼, SW 209:11, N 125:9; $10.

Martha S. Wise to George D. Wise, lot on N line of Twenty-third street, 229 E of Noe, E 25:6 by N 114; $10.

Jesse P. Hughes et al. to J. T. Bloomfield, lots 189 and 191, Holliday Map A; $10.

Evelyn H. Kase to same, lot on NW corner of Girard and Harkness avenues, W 120, N 60:9, E 121, S 44:8, and one other piece; $10.

John H. Meese and wife to R. E. Fazackerley, lot on N line of Sutter street, 77:6 E of Grant avenue, E 30 by N 60; $10.

Nathan M. and Frances Adler to J. Downey Harvey, lot on E line of San Bruno street, 300 S of Twenty-fifth, S 133 by E 100; $10.

Isaac S. Rosenbaum to Arthur Altridge, lot on N line of Fell street, 181:3 W of Devisadero, W 25 by N 137:6; $10.

Thomas J. Barry to same, lot on W line of Shrader street, 100 S of Fulton, S 25 by W 106:3; $10.

Louis Sloss to Louis Sloss Company, lot on W line of Valencia street, 200 N of Ridley, N 25 by W 90; $10.

Same to same, lot on N line of Folsom street, 124:2 W of First avenue, W 38:4 by N 75, and one other piece; $10.

Mary E. Weygant et al. to Henry C. Hagenson, lot on SE corner of Duncan street and San Jose avenue, S 27.44, E 129, S 5.156, E 137.216, N 172.806, W 317; $10.

BUILDING CONTRACTS

Henry Klee with Dahl & Kessler—To erect a two-story frame building (four apartments) on S line of Vallejo street, 100 W of Mason, 37:6 by 137:6; $7100.

Johann A. Schmidt Company with Fennell Bros.—To erect a three-story and basement Class C building on SW corner of Second and Natoma streets, S 30 by W 80; $8331.

Eva Cohn with Herman Cohn—Repairing building at 1608 Scott street, east line lot corner Sutter and Post streets; $800.

M. and Katherine Concannon with Gregg, Smith & Riley—All work to erect a two-story frame building (flats) on S line of Elizabeth street, 75 W of Diamond; $3600.

Globe Grain and Milling Company with J. F. Mallory, Thompson & Matthews—To erect one-story warehouse on SW corner of Francisco and Montgomery streets, W 127 by S 74; $8972.60.

Eliza Lainey with Webster-Mace Construction Company—To erect a three-story frame building on — line of Howard street, 235 E of Fifteenth, 25 by 85; $8000.

Rosenbaum Estate Company with Ralston Iron Works—Iron work for six-story building on NE corner of California and Front streets, E 43:6 by N 68; $6720.

Constance A. Meeks and Blanche T. Heath with Charles W. Gompertz—To erect six-story building on NW line of Mission street, 108 SW of First, SW 48 by NW 99:6; $48,000.

Girls Keenly Await the Day They Will Rule Campus

Programme Will End With a Colonial Ball

BERKELEY, Feb. 8.—The day of days for women students at the University of California—Women's day—is being looked forward to by the "co-eds" with anticipations of keen enjoyment. Many of the more prominent students are busy preparing for the various features designed for the day's enjoyment.

February 22 is the day and then will be issued a woman's edition of the Occident, the literary magazine of the university. A regatta will be held on Lake Merritt and a colonial ball in Hearst Hall at night. A score of pretty booths will be presided over by the young women.

Committees to arrange for the various events have been appointed as follows:

General arrangements—Gertrude Neely, '07, chairman; Cecil Harold, '07; Annie Biddle, '08; Alice Porterfield, '08; Irma Bromley, '09; Florence Goddard, '09; Edith Slack, '10; Ellen Whitman, '10.

Decoration—Jane Hawk, '08, chairman; Marian Craig, '07; Bernice McNeal, '07; Hazel Lyons, '07; Mabelle Shultz, '08; Nettie Zander, '08; Maude Cleveland, '09; Gladys Moore, '10; Edith McQuiddy, '08; Mabel Waite, '08; Evelyn Rust, '10; Margaret Hiazr, '10; Idalene Lacgne, '10; Carrie Thomas, '10.

Ice cream booth—Elsie Cole, '08, chairman; Zelma Reeve, '07; Rebecca McNair, '07; Amy Fisscher, '07; Dora Burdorf, '07; Grace Bardshar, '08; Alma Raster, '08; Hazel Wilkins, '08; Stella Harmon, '08; Edna Willard, '08; Gladys Rogers, '07; Esther Phillips, '09; Pearl Chase, '09; Rose Schmidt, '09; Cecil Davis, '07; Ara Brown, '09; Hazel Burpee, '10; Mary Riley, '10.

Coffee booth—Frieda Watters, '08, chairman; Anna Tucker, '07; Elsa Schullsabur, '07; Katherin Burns, '08; Minnie Culver, '08; Ethel Johnson, '08; Eva Reeve, '07; Faith Chickering, '10; Mabel Brown, '08; Hattie Burger, '10; Rosa Weiss, '10; Lucile Daniels, '10.

Punch booth—Carrie Winters, '08, chairman; Marian Weill, '07; Grace Krafft, '07; Ethel Enyeart, '09; Alice Hoyt, '09; Alma Tobin, '08; Florence Jackson, '09; Elma Edwards, '08; Nilia Sale, '08; Genevieve Pratt, '10; Gladys Hughes, '08; Nelda Fisher, '08.

Reception—Cornelia Stratton, '07, chairman; Ruth Salinger, '07; Alice Berry, '07; Carmel Riley, '07; Lily Wright, '07; Grace Thomas, '08; Margaret Summers, '09; Bess Markle, '07; Alice Weymouth, '07; Anna Barney, '07.

COLLISION OPENS PRISONERS' VAN

Negligent car operation, of the kind which has fattened the harvest of death and injury reaped by the United Railroads during the last few months, was responsible for an accident which seriously injured three men and almost resulted in the escape from custody of half a dozen dangerous criminals at the corner of Castro and Chenery streets yesterday morning. Car 1143 of the Ocean View line was backed deliberately down the steep grade at the corner into a Sheriff's van filled with prisoners, demolishing the rear of the vehicle, setting the occupants at liberty and inflicting injuries which necessitated taking three of those who were riding in the van to the hospital.

The collision occurred at 9 o'clock yesterday morning as the van was being driven from the County Jail on the San Mateo road to the city with the criminals due to appear in the various departments of the Superior Court. Among those in the wagon were several desperate characters, and the wrecking of the wagon afforded an opportunity which many of them were ready to seize. The seven men in the wagon were Alexander Hagen, held for robbery; J. Curran, charged with grand larceny; William Johnson, under conviction of assault with intent to commit murder; Nickola Basta, under conviction for manslaughter; I. Katzura, under conviction of murder; John Reynolds, charged with grand larceny, and Peter Olsen, charged with grand larceny.

The streetcar was outward bound and had just passed the van on its way up the hill. The latter vehicle was standing near the track and had been stopped to give the horses a short rest. In attempting to make the turn into Chenery street the car missed the frog and the conductor, who was at the front of the car, gave the signal to back, without looking to see that the track was clear. The car was reversed at full speed and crashed into the rear of the van just as Mason, who saw his danger, jumped from the rear step and avoided being crushed. The impact threw the van to one side and stopped the car, for a fraction of a minute. Then it crashed back again, striking the van on the side and overturning it.

Driver James Wilkerson was thrown from his seat to the pavement and suffered a compound fracture of the left ankle which will probably make amputation necessary. Despite his injury he held to the reins and prevented a runaway. Hagen, one of the prisoners, was thrown against the curbing, a severe contusion of the head and possible fracture of the skull resulting. Curran, another prisoner, escaped with a fracture of the left wrist.

MANAGEMENT AT FAULT

Labor Council Deplores the Mob Acts Against Workmen and Cars

The Labor Council discussed at some length last night the disgraceful occurrences which have taken place on the lines of the United Railroads during the past week. The law and legislative committee offered the following resolutions, which were adopted by the council:

Whereas, Numerous disturbances have occurred on street cars in this city, caused primarily by dissatisfaction with the service rendered by the United Railroads Company; and

Whereas, In the course of these outbreaks the motormen and conductors have frequently been assailed with epithets, and in some instances assaulted; therefore be it

Resolved, by the San Francisco Labor Council, in regular session assembled, February 8, 1907, That while we recognize the extreme provocation of the circumstances, we deplore the misdirection of public indignation expended upon the rolling stock and employes of the United Railroads Company, thus aggravating rather than lessening the existing inconveniences, and advise that hereafter all manifestations of dissatisfaction with the street car service be directed to the persons responsible for said service, namely, the president and other officials of the United Railroads Company; further

Resolved, That while sympathizing with the employes of the United Railroads Company in the increased and increasing tasks imposed upon them during the recent past, we suggest that said employes, particularly motormen and conductors, should confine their attention closely and solely to the operation of the cars, more especially in cases of disturbances on the part of the passengers or public, and that they should refrain under any and all circumstances from acting as special police for the purpose of preserving the peace, such action involving of necessity a neglect of their proper duties, and therefore constituting a menace to the safety of the public, both on the cars and on the streets; and be it further

Resolved, That we protest against the action of the United Railroads Company and all other corporations in creating a force of special police, as unwarranted, unnecessary and dangerous to the public peace, and we request the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners to refuse licenses to all applicants for the position of special police officers.

TENDERLOIN FOLK PLAN FIGHT

Women who have been loitering about the saloons and cafes of the Golden Gate avenue tenderloin were under cover last night, but the saloonmen themselves were not. They were planning to battle with the Police Commissioners who have closed the joints where the women congregated. A fund is being raised along the "line," and if the Commissioners persist in their plans for having a city free from vice, the vicious element and those who cater to that class of saloon patronage, will bring an injunction suit to have the courts, if possible, keep the red lights burning along Golden Gate avenue.

Schiff Brothers, whose place in Golden Gate avenue near Van Ness was condemned by the Grand Jury report as being one of the most vicious of its kind, are leading in the movement to offset the Police Commissioners' action. Through the agency of those men and other liquor dealers a fund of $1500 has already been raised and is growing. On next Tuesday it is expected that final action will be taken by the Commissioners in the matter, and at that time the chief saloonmen of the avenue will appear and state their case.

PUT UP CASH TO ESCAPE JAIL

Worden and Meeker Worsted by Gould in Skirmish of Drug Company Battle

LARCENY IS ALLEGED

OAKLAND, Feb. 8.—The sum of $1930.70, which caused all the trouble among the stockholders in W. H. Worden & Co., a recently organized drug corporation, was paid into court this morning by W. H. Worden of San Francisco, the president and treasurer. Judge Murphy thereupon vacated the order issued by Judge Ogden for the arrest of Worden and F. Leslie Meeker, a Berkeley capitalist and stockholder in the company, in connection with the suit filed against them by George F. Gould of Alameda, the secretary, who charged them with embezzling the funds of the corporation.

Worden was arrested in San Francisco last evening on a complaint sworn to yesterday by Gould before Justice of Peace Samuels of Oakland, charging him with grand larceny by trick and device. Worden was released on bonds. The fight between Worden and Meeker on one side and Gould on the other had been marked by great bitterness. Since Gould first carried the difficulties of the corporation into court Worden and Meeker have organized another drug corporation known as the Worden-Meeker Company.

Gould is said to have been the promoter o fW. H. Worden & Co. Worden was to assign to the corporation a number of formulas for the manufacture of proprietary medicines and Meeker is said to have put up the cash to finance the venture.

Almost as soon as their money was in the company's treasury a divergence of opinion as to the disposition of the same was manifested. Worden drew all of the funds out of the Central Bank and this led to Gould's instituting first a civil suit against Worden and Meeker, who, it is alleged, had conspired to embezzle the money, and then the criminal action against Worden. According to an affidavit of Worden, filed today, he merely transferred the company's funds from the Central Bank to the Security Bank and Trust Company upon the advice of his attorneys.

Meeker, whose residence is in Berkeley, is said to be worth half a million dollars. He has recently been investing some of his capital and was interested by Gould in the drug company. Worden will be arraigned on the criminal charge a week from tomorrow. He declares that his arrest was due to malice.

GAVE INSPIRATION TO CHURCHILL

OAKLAND, Feb. 8.—Mrs. Julia S. Reynolds, daughter of the late Judge Spaulding of Missouri, and a woman whose personality Winston Churchill used as the type for one of his characters in "The Crisis," died early this morning at East Bay Sanatorium. Conditions attendant upon the advanced age of 80 years, aggravated by an injury to the hip received by Mrs. Reynolds in a fall in her room some months ago, caused her death.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, of North Yakima, Wash., a daughter of Mrs. Reynolds, was with her mother when the end came.

Mrs. Reynolds was the widow of the late William T. Reynolds, who was widely known here. She was an active member of the Trinity Episcopal Church, and as a woman of splendid moral character and charming manner she had many friends.

Besides Mrs. Thompson, another daughter, Mrs. Agnes Gibbs, survives her. William B. and Guy D. Reynolds, living here; J. S. Reynolds, of Napa, and Harriet and Alfred Gibbs are grandchildren.

Mrs. Reynolds' home was at 528 Twentieth street.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

PLAYHOUSE FOR RICHMOND

MARTINEZ, Feb. 8.—If plans now being perfected are carried to a successful completion Richmond will have one of the finest opera-houses of any town of similar size in the State. The building will seat 1400 people. The playhouse and furnishings will cost $25,000. Among the men interested in the project are Christian Bernhard, George Erickson and M. B. Curtis, all of Oakland.

PIONEER WOMAN DIES

MARTINEZ, Feb. 8.—Mrs. Susan Melbourne, a Solano County pioneer, passed away at her home near Suisun yesterday. Mrs. Melbourne was 72 years of age and had lived in the vicinity of Suisun for forty years. She is survived by her husband.

CLARK LINE STOPS FAST SERVICE

Lane Learns That Larger Roads Made It Cease Six-Day Fruit Run to Chicago

GROWERS IN STRAITS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—Franklin K. Lane adjourned the Interstate Commerce Commission hearing at the conclusion of today's session, to meet again in New York on February 25, when the inquiry into the Harriman merger will be taken up again.

Several railroad officials and officers of fruit growers' associations testified today. Many new facts of importance were elicited, chief among them being the admission of R. E. Wells, general manager of the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake road, that after the company had instituted a fast six-day freight service to Chicago for the benefit of the fruit industry of Southern California, the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe companies made objection to his road and the service was discontinued. This was deemed a triumph by the commission's attorney, as the railroad had made the contention that it was not a matter of competition in rates between the railroads, but rather a matter of equipment and service from which the public was benefited.

GROWERS MAKE NOTHING

Fruit men testified that the growers were making no money owing to exorbitant freight rates, and that the crops were greatly endangered by the car shortage.

J. Ross Clark, brother of Senator Clark and director of the Salt Lake, who was on the stand all day yesterday, took the witness chair again this morning. Clark testified briefly as to the car shortage, which he said had existed principally on the Eastern connections of the Clark road and not on its own line.

Thomas E. Gibbon, former director, third vice president and general counsel of the Clark road, was then called to the stand. His testimony was largely a repetition of the statements of Clark yesterday. It was the intention of Senator Clark and his associates to build a line wholly independent of other railroads running into the Southwest, the witness said.

The difficulty with the Harriman interests in Meadow Valley wash, as testified to yesterday by Clark, nearly resulted in bloodshed between the employes of the two companies, until finally by mutual suggestion and unanimous consent, the witness testified, the Harriman and Clark interests agreed upon a protocol, Harriman securing a half interest in the Clark road, and the line was built and mutually satisfactory traffic arrangements made.

R. E. Wells, general manager of the Salt Lake road, was the next witness. He knew little of traffic details. He said that his company was operating but 250 out of a total of 3000 fruit cars which it had under contract from the Armour Company, and that this car shortage was due to lack of motive power. One of the most important admissions by the witness was that the term "local freight" as used in the ninety-nine-year agreement between the Harriman and Clark interests, by which the Clark road was bound to maintain the same freight rates as the Harriman lines, meant all freight west of the Missouri River.

STOP THE FAST SERVICE

Interesting testimony was brought out showing that the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe had caused the discontinuance of a fast freight service on citrus fruits over the Salt Lake line between this city and Chicago. In January, 1906, the Salt Lake had sent fruit trains to Chicago in six days, via the Denver and Rio Grande and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy.

Attorney Severance—Why were these discontinued?
Wells—There was complaint made about them.
Who made this complaint?
The Southern Pacific.
Any one else?
Yes, the Santa Fe.
You stopped them on their complaints, then?
No, sir.
Why did you stop them?
Well, they just run themselves out.
I thought so.
Wells—It was the condition of our roadbed that caused us to discontinue the fast service.
Commissioner Lane—Where did the complaints come from?
Wells—Chicago.
How did they come?
I don't know.
Who told you about them?
I can't remember.
Why don't you resume the fast service?

RAILROADS TAKE PROFITS

The witness replied that they did not have enough motive power to keep up the service and that conditions were bad otherwise.

Late this afternoon several officials of fruit growers' organizations were called to the stand and they testified to the general condition of the fruit industry in this section. It was shown that the growers had made little or no money out of oranges for several years, and that the growers considered that the railroads were getting all of the profits on the crop with high freight rates. The car shortage was interfering greatly with the marketing of this year's crop, and hundreds of cars of picked fruit were now in storage, awaiting cars, which could not be had.

Commissioner Lane was compelled to adjourn the hearing earlier than was expected, owing to the illness of his wife in Washington. He left for the capital tonight.

GREAT SEASON AT GREEK THEATER

University Authorities Tell of Plans for Entertainments During Semester

ROSENTHAL TO PLAY

BERKELEY, Feb. 8.—Alluring promises of good things on the stage of the Greek Theater during the coming semester were made by the university authorities in an announcement issued today. Rosenthal, the pianist, is to play, and accompanying him will be the University Symphony Orchestra. There will be opera and chamber music and dramatic features of unusual interest.

Every Thursday afternoon from March to the end of the university year in May there will be music in the theater, either by the University Orchestra, the Minetti String Quartette or by the University Chorus. An opera, a Greek play and a Sanskrit play will be the dramatic events of the term.

The University Orchestra, conducted by Professor Wolle, will inaugurate its second year of symphony concerts at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, March 1, when it will furnish accompaniment for a recital by Rosenthal. On Thursday, March 14, the chief feature in the programme will be the "Rustic Wedding Symphony" by Goldmark; Thursday, March 28, the programme will include Symphony No. 1 (in B flat) by Schumann; on Thursday, April 11, the Brahms Symphony No. 2 (in D flat); on Thursday, May 2, "A Symphony on a Mountaineer's Air," and on Thursday, May 9, the series will end with a programme of the compositions of Richard Strauss and Richard Wagner.

On Thursday afternoon, not taken up with symphony concerts, programmes will be rendered at 3 o'clock by the Minetti String Quartet. It will furnish music in the Greek Theater on March 7, 21 and April 4.

On the evening of Charter day, March 23, after the address of President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University there will be presented by the celebrated prima donna, Lillian Nordica, the Verdi opera of "Aida," with principals, chorus and full orchestra.

These events will be supplemented by the presentation of two plays by the students of the university; the "Eumenides" of Aeschylus and the Sanskrit comedy called "The Little Clay Cart." The date set for "Eumenides" is April 18. The Sanskrit comedy will be given two weeks earlier. "The Little Clay Cart" has been translated and adapted for the occasion by Dr. Arthur W. Ryder, instructor in Sanskrit in the university.

EXPLODING GAS IN OIL WAGON INJURES ENGINEER

Joseph Kennett Is Burned in Accident of Peculiar Origin at Redwood City

REDWOOD, Feb. 8.—About 6:30 o'clock this evening Joseph Kennett, engineer at the gas works of the United Gas and Electric Light Company, was seriously burned on the head and hands.

Kennett was measuring an oil wagon belonging to the Frank Tassing Company before filling it with crude oil when the bulb of an incandescent lamp which he held was broken and the gas in the wagon ignited, causing an explosion felt nearly all over town.

It is feared that Kennett's eyes are seriously injured. His face will be disfigured permanently.

OAKLAND COUPLE TRY TO KEEP THEIR WEDDING A SECRET

Go to Martinez and Get Justice to Marry Them Inside of Hour After Arriving in Town

MARTINEZ, Feb. 8.—It required just one hour for David G. Bockee and Miss Bessie B. Gallant of Oakland to secure their marriage license in this city last night and to be united by Justice of the Peace Charles H. Hayden. The young couple made every endeavor to keep the marriage a secret, declaring that if the San Francisco dailies or the Oakland papers secured the facts they would be greatly annoyed by the felicitations of their friends. They arrived here at 5 o'clock and left for Oakland at 6 on a belated train.

ASPARAGUS CANNERY PLANNED

MARTINEZ, Feb. 8.—Libby, McNeil & Libby are to commence the construction of a cannery for the asparagus industry along the lower Sacramento River in the immediate future and intend to handle the entire output of Solano, Contra Costa and Sacramento counties. The location is in the heart of the richest of the asparagus fields. The plant will cost $150,000.

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