Gerhard's Friends Urge Election by Natives as Grand Trustee

G. W. GERHARD, WHO IS A CANDIDATE FOR GRAND TRUSTEE OF THE NATIVE SONS OF THE GOLDEN WEST. PHOTO BY TONKIN.

George W. Gerhard, president of Dolores Parlor No. 208, is being vigorously pressed by that and several other parlors for the office of grand trustee, which will be filled by the Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West at Napa Monday.

An unusually large number of candidates will be in the field for grand officers, San Francisco alone placing in nomination seven names.

Gerhard has been prominently identified with the Native Sons for the past seven years and during that time his untiring efforts in the advancement of the order have won for him the esteem of all natives throughout the State.

As co-delegates from Dolores Parlor, Gerhard will have Jas. P. O'Leary and Andrew J. Gallagher.

A number of members of Dolores Parlor will accompany the delegates to Napa in the interests of Gerhard's candidacy.

STEAMSHIP MEN DECIDE TO KEEP UP THE RATES

Gathering Is Babel of Tongues and Only Concludes Business Through Happy Idea

There was a meeting of the different steamship agents in the Union Pacific offices yesterday and as none of the officials had brought with them an interpreter to translate their remarks into English, it was a veritable Babel until Henry Avila, who represents the Cunard line, suggested that the Germans address their remarks to H. F. Dorgeloh of the Hamburg-American line, the Italians to the Chevalier John F. Fugazi of the French line, the Slavonians to Halvor Jacobsen of the Scandinavian American line and the Swedish steamship men to John Ross, who represents the new line recently bought by the Southern Pacific and to F. W. Prince of the Anchor line.

Henry Avila was chosen chairman. His remarks had to be translated into three languages before finally digested by the assemblage. They were to the effect that he hoped the present satisfactory conditions would endure, and that there would be no occasion for accusation that steamship men by cutting rates demoralized traffic.

Pietro Zappetinni and J. F. Fugazi heartily applauded the sentiment and so did E. Torre. John Cappelle and H. F. Dorgeloh also agreed. John Ross added there was nothing so disastrous to friendship and business as to cut rates, and even overlooking the amount of baggage carried so as to avoid paying overweight was to be deprecated.

The meeting, after accepting F. W. Prince's invitation to attend one of his lectures on the grand canyon of the Colorado, adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

POSTMASTER AT MERLE

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Gertrude Ramsey has been appointed postmaster at Merle, San Diego county, Cal., vice A. J. Ramsey, resigned.

Brief Local News

ARRESTED FOR FELONY—Harry Barasch, a waiter, was arrested yesterday afternoon on complaint of M. M. Levin, his employer, by Detectives H. P. Braig and C. H. Taylor and charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. He was admitted to $100 bail.

FORMER MERCHANT ARRESTED—Andrew Le Baron, formerly a merchant, was held in Judge Shortall's court yesterday afternoon to answer to the charge of receiving stolen property. He was accused of selling loot from the Ford Mallott Roofing Company to J. F. Myers.

CITY SUED AGAIN—Two "riot" suits were begun against the city yesterday by persons who had their liquor stocks destroyed during the days of the fire. Antonio Garrini demands $3797 damages for the smashing of his bottles and barrels in the Montgomery block, and James Raggi, a liquor dealer in the same block, demands $3671.

RESTORING HALL OF RECORDS—Work is progressing satisfactorily under direction of the board of works on the restoration of the hall of records, and unless something unforeseen occurs the building will be ready for occupancy in six weeks. The entire cost of the rehabilitation of the structure will be in the neighborhood of $82,000.

LECTURE ON CALIFORNIA—The State Board of Trade has furnished a lecture room in the Ferry building, where free stereopticon lectures will be given on the counties of California. Francis Hope, representing the north of bay counties, is showing views of Sonoma, Napa, Marin, Mendocino and Lake counties every day at 3 p. m.

ACCOUNT OF EXECUTORS—The annual supplemental account of the executors of the estate of Julius Friedman, filed in the probate court yesterday, shows the receipt of $193,622.43 and the disbursement of $163,562.69 since May 5, 1905. Out of a total insurance of $68,000 on the property of the estate destroyed by the fire $53,565.62 has been collected.

IS HELD TO ANSWER—Francis Meade, attendant in the Hammam baths in Eddy street, was bound over to the superior court yesterday by Judge Weller to answer to a charge of grand larceny. Meade is accused of having stolen $380 from Edward Green of 804 Fourteenth street on March 10 while the latter was in the baths. His bail was placed at $1000.

GREEN FOUND GUILTY—Judge Weller found Frank Green guilty yesterday of having obtained money under false pretenses and sentenced him to six months in the county jail. Fred H. Seavy of 320 First street was the complaining witness. He accused the defendant of having sold bricks which did not belong to him. The offense was committed on April 10.

SAYS HE RIFLED TRUNKS—Mrs. Mamie Maher of Berkeley swore to a warrant yesterday for the arrest of Henry Possneke of 238 Duncan street, charging him with having broken into trunks belonging to the complainant and stolen clothing therefrom. Mrs. Maher says that she rented the Duncan street house to the Possnekes and that she left several trunks and cases in the cellar. These, she claims, were opened and rifled by the defendant.

HARMON WILL FILED—The will of S. H. Harmon of the Harmon Lumber Company, who died April 4 at the age of 80 years, was filed for probate yesterday by the widow, Mary E. Harmon, to whom the bulk of the estate is bequeathed. The will was made on the day of Harmon's death. E. N. and C. A. Harmon are left nothing, the testator stating that he had given them all that he intended. The daughter, Annie B. Harmon, is to receive 100 shares of the Harmon Lumber Company, 1300 shares in the same concern going to the widow.

NATIVE SONS MAY OUST GRAFTERS NEXT MONDAY

Grand Parlor Session at Napa Will Decide Standing

FIGHT ON SECRECY

Frank Coombs Wants a Change in Present Voting System

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

NAPA, April 16.—The thirtieth annual session of the Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West will begin in this city Monday, April 22, and will continue four days. It will be the largest, in point of representatives of subordinate parlors, in the history of the order.

The solution of many serious questions will confront the delegates. It is said that a bitter fight will be made to oust Past Grand President Gallagher, Grand Trustee Abraham Ruef and other San Francisco members.

Lieutenant Governor Warren R. Porter of Watsonville, who is to be a candidate for grand trustee, will make a determined effort to have the order do away with the secret ballot. A spirited fight will be the result, as the secret ballot forces will be led by Past Grand President Frank L. Coombs of Napa.

Another important matter will be the adoption or rejection of the proposed new ritual submitted at the last grand parlor, consideration of which was postponed for one year.

The local general committee of arrangements has announced the following programme for the week:

April 21—A special train bearing most of the delegates will arrive at 7:30 p. m. They will be met by Napa Parlor and the State Asylum band and escorted to headquarters at the Eagle Cycling Club. The delegates will then be assigned rooms by the executive committee. There will be an open air concert by the asylum band at 8 p. m.

April 22—The Grand Parlor will meet at the opera house at 10:30 and will take a recess at noon.

Grand officers, delegates and ladies will attend an open air dance at the Napa State Hospital grounds at 2:30 p. m. There will be concerts in the afternoon and evening. At 8:30 p. m. at the Hayes Theater a public reception will be given to the grand officers, delegates and ladies.

April 23—Grand officers, delegates and ladies will be taken on an excursion to Calistoga, St. Helena and the Veterans' Home at Yountville. They will lunch at St. Helena as the guests of St. Helena Parlor. A concert will be given in the evening. The Grand Parlor will meet at 8 p. m. and the Napa Parlor drill team will exemplify the proposed new ritual. At 10:30 p. m. the Marysville Parlor Argonaut degree team will confer the Argonaut degree at the Novelty Theater.

April 24—The Grand Parlor will be in session all day. Concerts will be given in the afternoon and evening. A grand ball in East Napa pavilion will also be given in the evening.

April 25—Grand Parlor will be in session all day and the election of officers will be held. Concerts will be given in the afternoon and evening. Installation of grand officers will be held at the opera house at 8:30 p. m., followed by a banquet to the grand officers and delegates in Armory Hall at 10 p. m.

The honor of entertaining the grand parlor next year promises to furnish a warm but friendly contest. Marysville, the first to enter the contest, apparently had a good lead, but Woodland is going to make a strong effort for the honor. A proposition to hold the 1908 grand parlor in the Yosemite valley will also be considered.

Grand President Walter Wagner of San Bernardino will become junior past president by immemorial custom and Superior Judge M. J. Dooling of Hollister will be advanced to the grand presidency; State Senator Charles M. Belshaw of Antioch to grand first vice presidency and Congressman Joseph R. Knowland of Alameda to grand second vice presidency.

For the position of grand third vice president, the stepping stone to the grand presidency, there will be a fierce struggle between Daniel A. Ryan of Pacific Parlor No. 10 of San Francisco and Clarence E. Jarvis of Amador Parlor No. 17 of Sutter Creek.

For grand trustees, seven of whom are to be elected, there are already a score of candidates, including:

George L. Turner of Calistoga, present grand inside sentinel; George A. Burns of Sacramento Parlor No. 3, H. C. Lichtenberger of Ramona Parlor No. 109 of Los Angeles and present chairman of the board, Lieutenant Governor W. R. Porter of Watsonville No. 65, N. W. Hall of Mission No. 38 of San Francisco, G. W. Gerhard of Dolores No. 208 of San Francisco, W. D. Hynes Stanford No. 76 of San Francisco; L. H. Mooser, Presidio No. 194 of San Francisco; Richard D. Barton of Sequoia Parlor No. 160 of San Francisco; Frank R. Wehe of Downieville No. 92; E. F. Garrison of Athens No. 195, Oakland; Assemblyman Dominick J. Beban of Russian Hill No. 229 of San Francisco, and George A. McGowan of California No. 1 of San Francisco.

YOUNG TRIES TO DISMISS HIS SUIT FOR DIVORCE

Man Who Accused Greenwell Ready to End Trouble, but Wife Wants to Fight

BAKERSFIELD, April 16.—Clarence E. Young was in the superior court yesterday afternoon asking dismissal of his sensational suit for divorce against Mrs. Young, in which State Senator Charles E. Greenwell of Santa Barbara is named as corespondent.

Attorney Whitaker, for Mrs. Young, objected strenuously to the dismissal, as she has recently filed a cross-complaint. Judge Bennett took the matter under advisement after it had been argued.

MILITARY COMMISSIONS

SACRAMENTO, April 16.—Through the adjutant general's office commissions dating from the 9th inst. were issued today to James William Clark of Livermore to be second lieutenant of company I, fifth infantry, N. G. C., and to Irving Cowan Allen of San Francisco to be ensign of the first division, California naval militia.

PROPER PROTECTION TO PROPERTY OWNERS

Few people have heard of an act known as Chapter 517, Laws of 1907, where any owner of real estate may file a "notice of ownership and claim to real property under an act of the legislature of the State of California, approved March 23, 1907."

This notice in proper form should give a descripton of the land, and must be signed and sworn to by the claimant or his agent. The recorder will then have to file and record same, whereupon, pursuant to the act, it becomes notice to any one who may want to grab your property by commencing a suit under the McEnerney act, and this new law requires you to be served with a summons. If your title was good when you bought your property it is good today, and you are fully protected when you file this notice. With such notice filed and recorded no person need waste his money commencing suits to quiet title under the McEnerney act, which the Supreme Court is still considering.

The California Title Insurance and Trust Company will furnish blank forms and information free of charge, and all real estate dealers should do the same for their clients. Two dollars will cover the cost of recording and all other expenses, and real estate owners can sleep easier.

Photos of Beauties Will Adorn Seven Pages of The Call

This Is Last Week of the Contest

LAST week of the great beauty contest. Only a few days left. Send in that photo today.

The judges of the beauty contest are:

Douglas Tilden, Arthur F. Mathews and G. Cadenasso

The Sunday Call offers the following prizes to the most beautiful woman in California:

First	*$150*
Second	*50*
Third	*25*

Twenty-five additional prizes of $10 each

Seven full pages of photographs will close the beauty contest next Sunday. Even with this much space devoted to the beautiful women of California only a small percentage of the photographs received can be published. Many of these could not be published on account of the small size of the photographs. Others were printed on a variety of paper from which only a very poor reproduction could be made. A great many were indiscriminately barred out on account of the lack of space.

But all these photographs, big and little, printed on smooth or rough paper, even those which had been printed on postal cards, will be handed over to the jury of award, which consists of the eminent California painters and sculptors, Douglas Tilden, Arthur F. Mathews and G. Cadenasso, when they come to choose the prize beauties of California. It will not make any difference in their judgment whether a photograph was published or not. They will be left to judge strictly according to their own judgment of beauty.

MISS ANNABEL BRANDLIN OF NAPA SODA SPRINGS, WHO IS IN THE CONTEST FOR THE TITLE OF "CALIFORNIA QUEEN." PHOTO BY WHIGHAM.

Photographs can be sent in to the beauty editor as late as Saturday, but the sooner they arrive the surer they are of getting place in one of the seven pages which will be devoted to the California beauties Sunday.

The jury will choose a first, second and third winner, as medals are awarded for beautiful paintings, and twenty-five other photographs of beautiful women who will be given special prizes of merit.

The photograph that is published in the beauty contest today is that of Miss Annabel Brandlin of Napa Soda Springs.

BOSTON FIRE ENDANGERS MILLIONS OF PROPERTY

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

BOSTON, April 16.—Millions of dollars' worth of property was endangered today by a fire in the Central wharf warehouse, caused by the explosion of an oil tank.

The explosion burst open the doors and windows of the building, and sheets of flame, fed by burning oil, shot across the wharf, scorching the sheds of the Boston and Philadelphia Steamship Company on the opposite side.

Several drivers and warehouse employes were slightly burned. The property loss is estimated at $100,000.

TELLS OF NERVOUSNESS CAUSED BY FIRE HERE

MONTEREY, April 16.—The California state medical society opened its annual session at Del Monte this morning. President R. F. Rooney of Auburn discussed the business of the society in his annual address; Dr. J. W. Robertson read a paper on the mental and nervous effects of the earthquake and fire of last April. He asserted that there had been little increase of insanity, but widespread nervousness had been noted. During the discussion of the paper several members reported unusual cases where great activity was shown for a few weeks after the fire. The patients then apparently became tired and died.

PORTLAND JOBBERS ASK REDUCTION ON FREIGHT

New Move Is Made in Rate Case Being Heard by Prouty

PETITION IS FILED

Three-Cornered Fight Not Relished by Official Presiding

PORTLAND, Ore., April 16.—A sensation was sprung today in the Spokane terminal rate hearing before Interstate Commerce Commissioner Prouty when an amended and supplemental petition in intervention was filed by K. N. Teal, attorney for the Portland jobbing interests, which appear as intervenors in the action.

The petition prays for a radical readjustment of all rates from coast points to the interior and alleges present freight charges are exorbitant and unjust.

Commissioner Prouty said he feared that the petition would introduce a new issue into the hearing and preferred not to go into a general rate revision at this time. He allowed the petition to be filed with the defendants, three transcontinental railroads entering Spokane. Joining hands with the transportation lines opposing the Spokane terminal rates are the coast jobbers. But should Spokane win her case the former allies of the railroads would turn against them and fight for reduction eastward as well as westward.

The supplemental petition in intervention was signed by H. D. Loveland, president of the Pacific Coast Jobbers' and Manufacturers' association, and Edmund C. Giltner, acting for the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

BUILDING TORN DOWN TO STOP FIRE'S SPREAD

Four Structures Destroyed as Result of Blaze in Calistoga

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

CALISTOGA, April 16.—Calistoga, unfortunate in the matter of fires, suffered again today from the ravages of flames. Fire started early this morning in the rear of G. W. Nance's restaurant, in Lincoln avenue, destroying that place and the structures on either side, occupied by A. Navone's saloon and L. Banchero's Europa hotel. Adjoining the Europa was a building occupied by Wells, Fargo & Co.'s express and W. T. Simmons' furniture store. This was torn down and the flames were brought under control. The fire company did splendid work.

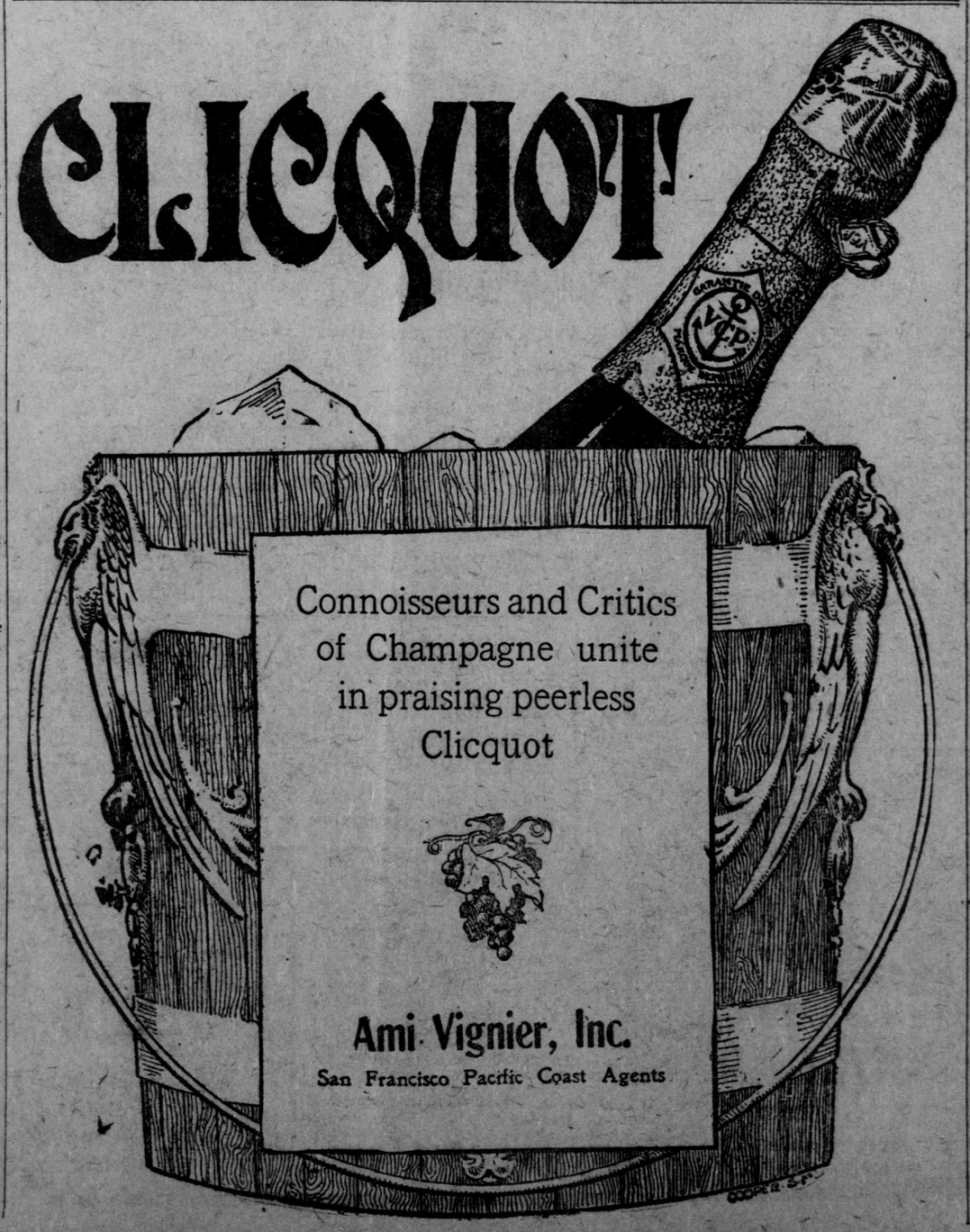
Considerable damage was suffered by business men not directly affected by the fire, who carried their goods to places of safety. The following are the fire losses:

G. W. Nance, restaurant, $400; no insurance. L. Banchero, buildings $4000, stock $1000, furniture $1000; insurance, $3200. A. Navone, furniture and stock, $1000; no insurance. Mrs. P. Fritsch, buildings, $3000; insurance, $800. W. T. Simmons, buildings $2000, contents $500; insurance, $600.

Yosemite Valley

Season opens the first of the month. The weather is clear and bright, and on account of the rapidly melting snows the falls are now as high as they have been in previous seasons in the month of June. Visitors will find no trouble in entering the valley. Those contemplating a trip should leave on Southern Pacific train from Ferry building daily at 3:20 p. m., securing sleeping accommodations in the Pullman sleeping car on that train from any Southern Pacific agent.

CAUGHT ROBBING MAILS—Tacoma, Wash., April 16.—Ralph Pattison, a clerk in the Tacoma postoffice, was caught rifling the mails last night. Postmaster Votaw and two United States inspectors watched his operations from a concealed spot. He broke down and showed where he had hidden other stolen money. He was released on $500 bail.



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PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS for forage and straw, San Francisco, Cal., April 15, 1907—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here, and at the office of Quartermasters, until 11 a. m., May 15, 1907, and then opened, for furnishing, during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1907, forage and straw for Fort Rosecrans and Presidio of Monterey, Cal.; also at same time, at this office only, for forage and straw during the same period for Alcatraz Island, Fort Baker, Benicia Barracks, Fort Mason, Fort McDowell, Fort Miley, San Francisco, Presidio of San Francisco, San Francisco, Cal., for shipment to Honolulu, H. T., and Depot of Recruits and Casuals, Angel Island, Cal. Preference given to articles of American production, conditions of price and quality (including in the price of foreign products the duty thereon), being equal, and such preference given to articles of American production produced on the Pacific Coast to the extent of consumption required by the public service there. All information furnished on application to quartermasters at Fort Rosecrans and Presidio of Monterey, or to undersigned. JNO. L. CLEM, Chief Quartermaster.

PROPOSALS For Army Transportation—Depot Quartermaster's Office, 1086 North Point St., San Francisco, Cal., April 16, 1907.—Sealed proposals in triplicate will be received at this office until 11 a. m., Wednesday, May 15, 1907, for fiscal year ending June 30, 1908, as follows: Between (either direction) San Francisco, Honolulu, Guam, Nagasaki and Manila; between Honolulu, Guam, Nagasaki and Manila; between Guam, Nagasaki and Manila, and between Nagasaki and Manila. Bids to specify rates for transportation between the aforementioned ports for passengers, freight (including livestock) and remains of officers, soldiers and employes of the Government. Full information will be furnished on application to Lieutenant Colonel J. B. BELLINGER, Deputy Quartermaster General, U. S. A., Depot Quartermaster.

PROPOSALS

PROPOSALS for Stationery, etc.—Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., March 11, 1907. Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 2 o'clock p. m., MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1907, for furnishing stationery, fuel, ice, hardware, plumbing and electric supplies, lumber, etc., for the use of the Government Printing Office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908. The right to reject any and all bids and to waive defects is reserved. Detailed schedules of the stationery, fuel, ice, etc., required, accompanied by blank proposals and giving the regulations with which bidders must comply, may be obtained by addressing this office. CHAS. A. STILLINGS, Public Printer.

PROPOSALS for Material, etc.—Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., March 11, 1907. Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 10 o'clock a. m., TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1907, for furnishing material, etc., for the use of the Government Printing Office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908. The right to reject any and all bids and to waive defects is reserved. Detailed schedules of the material, etc., required, accompanied by blank proposals and giving the regulations with which bidders must comply, may be obtained by addressing this office. CHAS. A. STILLINGS, Public Printer.

MINT of the United States, at San Francisco, Cal., April 10, 1907.—Sealed proposals, in duplicate, will be received at the office of the Superintendent of the Mint of the United States, at San Francisco, Cal., until 12 o'clock noon, WEDNESDAY, May 15, 1907, and then publicly opened, for general supplies required for the Mint of the United States, at San Francisco, Cal., for the fiscal year, from July 1, 1907, to June 30, 1908, in accordance with schedules and specifications, copies of which, with blank proposals and other information, may be had upon application to FRANK A. LEACH, Superintendent.