

WOMAN SAVES HOSTELRY FROM INCENDIARY FIRE

Second Attempt to Burn Imperial Frustrated by Wakeful Guest

SCREAMS BRING AID

Blaze Breaking Through Closet Door When She Drenches It

Special by Leased Wire to The Call

SAN DIEGO, Oct. 8.—The second attempt within six months to burn the Imperial hotel was made early today. A fire was kindled in a closet beneath the steps on the second floor, and had it not been for a young woman whose room is in this part of the house the structure would soon have been a mass of flames.

The incendiary laid his plans well and scattered the contents of the closet with kerosene before setting it afire. The woman heard some one scratching matches outside her door. This made her uneasy and in a few minutes the odor of burning wood came to her through the transom.

She ran hastily to the door and discovered the flames, which had already eaten through the door of the closet. Screaming for aid, the woman dashed a pitcher of water on the fire.

This failed to quench the blaze, but other lodgers had heard her cries and came to her assistance. They dragged out the blazing material and extinguished it.

The inmates of the house have no clue to the incendiary. Six months ago an attempt was made to fire the house by a Japanese servant, but there is no clue to the fire fiend of this morning.

GRAND JURY ZEALOUS FOR FAME OF SONOMA

Will Take Up Practice of Packing Prunes Under Santa Clara Label

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SANTA ROSA, Oct. 8.—A new grand jury will be impeached for Sonoma county shortly, and one of the matters to be brought to its attention at once will be the practice of certain parties in shipping Sonoma county products to the market under the name and label of other sections of the state.

Prunes for many years purchased here were sent to San Jose, and after packing sent out as Santa Clara prunes. Now the local packing houses are packing them under that label and shipping them east. The eastern egg producers here are also using labels which are misleading and do not give proper credit for the locality which produces the supply.

The matter was considered by a former grand jury, but resulted only in a paragraph in the report calling attention to the matter and condemning the practice.

CORONER FAILS TO SUMMON TRAINMEN TO AN INQUEST

Inquiry Into Death of Engineer in Train Wreck Results in Verdict of Accidental Demise

SANTA ROSA, Oct. 8.—Without the presence of any member of the train crew or making any effort to secure the presence of the crew, Coroner Frank L. Blackburn of Sonoma county held an inquest this morning on the remains of Engineer O. W. Stone, who was killed in the Southern Pacific freight train wreck near here last night.

The only witnesses examined were the railroad division surgeon, Dr. J. W. Jesse of this city, and a reporter who went to the scene of the wreck an hour after it occurred. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

SUES TO GET RID OF TULARE LAND HE OWNS

Owner of Large Holding Would Give It Up to Take Tract in Washington

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 8.—After taking up several hundred acres of state land in Tulare county, H. J. Stauffer is now suing the attorney general to compel the latter to set aside the patent to the Tulare holdings, in order that he may claim possession to a public tract which he applied for in the state of Washington and which he is unable to secure, owing to his prior settling in Tulare.

The trial began in the superior court this morning. Deputy Attorney General Malcolm Glenn appearing for the state, Stauffer alleges that he did not know what he was doing when he took up the Tulare tract. He is exceedingly anxious to take possession of the Washington property, as it has become valuable since he put in his application for it.

WILL CANVASS SENTIMENT FOR USE OF REFERENDUM

Sacramento Citizens May Invoke Measure on Western Pacific Question

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 8.—At a meeting of the chamber of commerce and the special committee appointed by business organizations, to arrange plans for the campaign for referring the Western Pacific question to the people, held yesterday morning, it was decided that a canvass of the voters of this city be made, with a view of ascertaining how they stand in the matter.

CHINESE GAMBLERS ARRESTED

NAPA, Oct. 7.—As a result of a raid in Chinatown today five Chinese were arrested and charged with playing fan-tan. The police seized \$35 in money and the fan-tan gambling outfit. The Chinese were released on bail. The city council has commenced a crusade against gambling.

MISSING GIRL FOUND

Oakland, Oct. 8.—Four Surge, reported missing from her home, 208 Webster street, was found today in a rooming house at Broadway and Telegraph avenue. She said that she had been out late one night, heard trouble if she went home and remained away until morning. She was returned to her home.

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Officers Chosen by Independent Order of Foresters



J. B. MURPHY (UPPER) AND G. W. BOYLE, WHO WERE ELECTED AS CHIEFS OF FORESTERS' HIGH COURT.

SANTA ROSA, Oct. 8.—The delegates to the high court of California, Independent Order of Foresters, now in session here, are having an enjoyable time and at the same time are keeping business well to the front. Supreme Vice Chief Ranger J. D. Clark and Supreme Treasurer H. A. Collins of Toronto, Can., who are on the coast for the purpose of attending the various high courts, made addresses today. Mrs. J. P. Murphy of San Francisco was presented with the cross of merit, the highest honor within the gift of the order, for meritorious work in the relief of suffering members of the order in California at the time of the conflagration.

The afternoon session was devoted to the election of officers, and owing to the contests for the various offices the work progressed slowly. The county courts waged a hot and successful contest against the San Francisco courts in an effort to gain from them a fair share of representation in the high court. The results were as follows: High chief ranger, J. P. Murphy of San Francisco, re-elected without opposition; past high chief ranger, O. G. Hopkins of Sacramento, holdover; high vice chief ranger, George W. Hoyle of Santa Rosa; high secretary, O. K. Brown of San Francisco, re-elected; high treasurer, Dr. L. L. Kimerer of Wheatland; high physician, Dr. H. M. Beck of San Francisco; high counselor, O. B. Parkinson of Stockton; high auditors—William Stewart and H. C. Riemers, both of San Francisco.

Hollister and Santa Cruz were presented as the two places for the meeting of the high court next year. A large vote resulted in the selection of Hollister by a large majority. This evening there was an open meeting at the pavilion, presided over by the newly elected high vice chief ranger, George W. Hoyle, and at which Mayor John P. Overton extended to the visitors a welcome to Santa Rosa. A number of addresses were delivered by visiting members and then came the drill contest between the courts of honor from San Francisco and Santa Rosa. The teams, composed entirely of ladies, were handsomely uniformed and presented a charming sight as they went through their intricate evolutions before the great throng on the floor of the skating pavilion.

The drill was won by Golden Gate court of San Francisco, with 69 points out of a possible 70; Santa Rosa second, with 54 out of 70.

CALIFORNIANS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—The following Californians have registered here: From Oakland—Mrs. J. R. Keane, at the Breslin; H. N. Morse, at the Breslin; A. M. Wagner, at the Continental. From Riverside—J. H. Cornell, at the Park View. From Sacramento—O. Schmidt, at the Belvedere. From San Francisco—W. S. Hale, at the Holland; Mrs. M. Hanford, at the Park Avenue; G. G. Leibold, at the Gilsey house; T. F. McAvoy, at the Murray Hill; F. G. McGillichy, at the Herald square; E. Withens, at the Holland house; I. Ehrenberg, at the Navarre; Mrs. W. B. Hooper, at the Buckingham; H. L. McDonnell, at the Marlborough; W. P. Easles, at the St. Denis.

MAID CONFESSES ARSON

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 8.—Jennie Anderson, an orphan serving maid for the Bramhall family of Fair Oaks, confessed that she, and not tramps, started the fire which completely destroyed the mansion and its contents a few days ago. It is thought that she is feeble minded, and at the suggestion of the officers and Dr. Bramhall she will be examined as to her sanity.

WILL IMPROVE STREET

Petaluma, Oct. 7.—The Petaluma city trustees have decided to replace the cobblestones on one block of Main street with bitumen. The city will pay one-third and the property owners two-thirds of the cost.

JURY TRIAL FOR NEGRESS

Oakland, Oct. 8.—A jury trial is being accorded Pauline Lyons, a negress, accused of having stolen a \$300 diamond pin from Charles Ballentine. Ballentine claimed she stole the pin while he was sleeping and set fire to the house to cover the crime.

RAILROAD MAGNATES OBJECT TO RATE FIXING

Three Presidents of Systems Say New Statutes Are Detrimental

RIPLEY IS MOURNFUL

Declares Santa Fe Will Be Compelled to Suspend Improvements

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—Complaints against anti-trust legislation of various states characterize the annual reports of three railroad companies which have just been issued. The roads are the Atchafson, Topeka and Santa Fe, the Wabash and the Chesapeake and Ohio. President Edward P. Ripley of the Atchafson says of rate reductions:

It is hoped and believed that the public will soon realize that its recent attitude toward railroad companies in general has not been just to their stock holders and bond holders, and also that unless the owners of the property and the stability of railway investments is restored it will be impossible to obtain the additional railway facilities which are necessary to the development of the country.

President Ripley adds that the Atchafson's directors have suspended various extensive projects which were contemplated. President George W. Stevens of the Chesapeake and Ohio says:

It would seem to be the interest of the communities and people served by the railroads that the revenues should not be lessened or the credit injured by further reduction in rates. It is not adequate to meet the physical requirements of the property and yield the return which shareholders may rightfully and reasonably expect.

President Frederick A. Delano of the Wabash, speaking of enactments of 2 cent passenger laws by Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Iowa, says:

While these laws have not been effective during the fiscal year and therefore we cannot determine accurately their results, it is quite clear that they must, if remaining in force, seriously affect our passenger revenues.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY MAY PROSECUTE PILL MAKERS

Alameda County Official Begins Investigation of Death of Little Laura Bronner

OAKLAND, Oct. 8.—District Attorney Everett J. Brown has begun an investigation into the cases of children who were fatally poisoned by eating a proprietary drug manufactured by a local drug company. The death of little Laura Bronner in Alameda county last week led a coroner's jury to censure the company after the inquest developed that the child had eaten the pills and that her death ensued from strychnine poisoning. A chemical analysis of the pills showed the presence of that drug in the compound.

According to the district attorney, whose attention was called to the case, and also the statement that other children had died recently from the same cause, a criminal prosecution of the manufacturers of the pills will follow if his investigation shall disclose that they have been derelict in plainly notifying the poisonous character of the pills on the package.

STUDENTS OBJECT TO ORDER OF PHYSICIAN

Ask President Wheeler to Interfere in Case of Men Who Want Private Attendance

BERKELEY, Oct. 8.—As the result of the conference held this morning between James Burke, president of the student body at the State university, and President Wheeler on account of the recent order made by Dr. Gillilan, in charge of the students' infirmary to the effect that he alone would have charge of the cases in the hospital, the head of the university promised the student leader that he would look into the matter.

Burke represented a number of students confined in the hospital, but who sought the services of other physicians besides those of the one in charge. Hugh R. Hunt, the freshmen football player, whose right leg was fractured, was removed from the student hospital to the Roosevelt hospital, where he could be treated by another physician.

HAS A QUEER DELUSION

OAKLAND, Oct. 8.—William Alden, a laborer living at 1629 Hayes street, San Francisco, is in the detention ward of the receiving hospital, suspected of insanity. He was arrested in Berkeley. Alden had a delusion that a man named Pease in Berkeley had invented an ethereal machine by which he was able to control Alden's mind at a distance. Alden went to Berkeley to see Pease and procure his release from the thrall exercised by the ether machine.

SENIORS PLAN SEATS

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Oct. 8.—What bids fair to become a sacred in the conventions of the campus and undergraduate traditions as the famous Yale fence was voted today when Stanford seniors resolved to build seats beneath the oak trees opposite to the quad for four years, engineering students. Any lower class man found resting on the benches will be treated rudely.

APPOINT DRAMATIC LEADERS

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Oct. 8.—Professor I. B. Cross, an instructor in the economics department of Stanford university, and F. E. Munier, 110, a student in the law department, registered from San Diego, were selected today by the sophomores to coach the cast of the comedy to be produced by the second year students.

GRANT WANTED IN SANTA ROSA

Oakland, Oct. 8.—Jack Grant, arrested in Point Richmond for the alleged passing of a forged check on the Day Crocker saloon in Santa Rosa, where he is accused of having paid in a saloon owned by Brown & Genia a \$50 check, signed with the name of his brother, L. V. Grant, who is a well known San Francisco contractor. Grant will be tried here first.

GRACE EASTON'S CASE CONTINUED

Oakland, Oct. 8.—The case of Grace Easton, accused of perjury alleged to have been committed in the trial of Percy Pembroke, her sweetheart, was continued today until November 9, when it will be set for Easton's attorney is preparing habeas corpus proceedings to obtain her release.

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KILLS TWO FINE BUCKS WITH A SINGLE BULLET

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SANTA ROSA, Oct. 8.—Jay Bowers of this city has returned home from a month's hunting trip in Humboldt county with a record of having shot two fine bucks with one bullet. One was a forked horn and the other a three pointer. One of the animals weighed 134 pounds dressed. That two deer had been killed with one shot was not discovered until one of the animals was being dressed, when the bullet was discovered to have entered its right side, while Bowers asserted he had shot the animal on the left side. An investigation brought to light the second deer lying dead close to where the first had been found. Evidently they had been standing close together when Bowers shot.

BATTLESHIP CALIFORNIA FIRES ITS FIRST SALUTE

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VALLEJO, Oct. 8.—The California, commissioned two months ago, left the yard today under its own steam and fired its first salute as it passed the Independence, which returned the salute. The California will remain off the lighthouse until further orders. The crew is still 500 men short, delaying the vessel's departure for Bremerton, where it will be docked. The cruisers Cincinnati and Raleigh will be placed out of commission this week, and their men transferred to the California, completing the crew. Captain Thomas S. Phelps, now commanding the California, will be relieved Saturday and succeed Rear Admiral Henry W. Lyon as commandant of Mare Island navy yard. The Colorado and Maryland arrived at Mare Island lighthouse this afternoon, to remain several days. The Colorado is now coaling from barges and the Maryland is discharging 500 tons of ammunition at the naval magazine. This ammunition, which was brought from Cavite, includes a large quantity of shells upon which work must be done here. No date has been set for the departure of these cruisers for Santa Barbara to rejoin the fleet. As soon as possible the Maryland and West Virginia will come here for extensive repairs, requiring about 60 days. The great pressure of work at the navy

CONDUCTOR'S FEET CUT OFF

FRESNO, Oct. 7.—While checking out a freight train at the local yards of the Southern Pacific company this morning, Conductor Harold Hodge of Bakersfield was struck by a switch engine which severed both of his feet near the ankles. He was hastened to Burnett's sanitarium, where the company's physician, Dr. O. B. Doyle, attended him. He will lose the use of the both limbs.

yard prevents handling them at present. PARIS, Oct. 8.—Those who called at the Herald office today were: J. P. and Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. T. S. Bowers, E. B. Clement, Miss Mattie Livermore—all of San Francisco.

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