

# Oakland

## FATE OF CHURCH PAPER WILL SOON BE DECIDED

The Pacific, Organ of Congregationalists, Is in Balance

## CREDITORS ANXIOUS

Settlement Demanded in Month Brings Affairs to a Crisis

BERKELEY, Dec. 10.—A hot fight over whether "The Pacific," the official organ of the Congregational churches of Alameda county, should suspend publication on account of indebtedness which must be settled in 30 days, was the main issue at the bay association of the Congregational churches which met this afternoon and evening in the First Congregational church in Dana street at Durant avenue.

After a warm debate by the members of the association no agreement was reached. The matter will be settled at the meeting of the ministers of the various churches of the denomination Monday morning.

According to the report made by Editor and Manager William W. Ferrer, the creditors have asked for an immediate settlement of their claims. Ferrer asked that a stock company be formed of the different churches, with 500 shares at each to liquidate the debts of the paper. Ferrer declared that he could put the magazine on a financial footing if \$2,000 were raised. This is needed, he declared, to save the plant, worth \$7,000, from the creditors.

Rev. Charles R. Brown of Oakland in reply to Ferrer said that the paper was not sound financially because the church people did not feel a need for it and therefore he could arouse no enthusiasm for the paper in his congregation. Brown declared that the publication had better go out of existence. A vote was taken, but this was amended to permit a reconsideration next Monday morning, when another vote will be taken.

## PROFESSOR ORDAINED

Another feature of the meeting was the ordination of Professor George DeWitt Castor of the chair of the new testament at the Pacific theological seminary of this city. His examination was of such a high standard that the usual secret of the ceremony by the association at its conclusion was dispensed with. Rev. Mr. Castor is a graduate of Yale university, where he received two degrees, bachelor of arts and doctor of philosophy.

The program for the afternoon and evening sessions of the association included the reading of a paper entitled "The University and the Church" by Prof. C. A. Kofoid of the University of California. The former was connected with the ordination of Rev. Mr. Castor were held this evening.

## STANFORD DRAMATISTS TO PLAY CHRISTMAS MORNING

Will Entertain Old Folks and Children of Refugees in the Potrero

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Dec. 10.—Prominent graduate and undergraduate amateur dramatists of Stanford university, under the auspices of the Stanford Social Service club, have planned to make the Christmas morning play cheerful for the old and feeble of San Francisco and such of the children of the refugees who are still confined to camps in the Potrero and about the almshouse. A one act skit, written by C. Ray, a former student, entitled "The Wrong Flat," has been prepared and Miss A. Ellerbeck, a senior and one of the cleverest of the women performers; Miss Ruby Roberts, a junior who took a leading role last year in the sophomore comedy, "W. M. Walker," '08, and the author will play the parts.

## PLAYERS SCORE SUCCESS IN "SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER"

Ye Liberty Playhouse Thronged With Appreciative Audience at Comedy's Presentation

OAKLAND, Dec. 10.—The Bishop players turned to one of the great classics of English literature tonight and aroused a large audience of enthusiastic appreciation of their presentation of Oliver Goldsmith's famous comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer." Ye Liberty playhouse was filled and the players were in their most confident mood to make the production an artistic treat for the play goers of Oakland.

## BERKELEY TRUSTEES PASS NEW LICENSE ORDINANCE

Tax Fixed on Business Enterprises, but Brewery Is Not Mentioned

BERKELEY, Dec. 10.—A new license ordinance involving a number of changes has been passed by the board of town trustees. Under the new law manufacturing concerns must pay an annual fee of \$50; telephone companies, \$500; lighting companies, \$50; shooting galleries, \$40; wagons from which goods are sold, \$150; every streetcar, \$10; pool and billiard tables, \$15 a year; cigar stores, \$15; breweries, \$500; real estate and insurance agencies, \$20; horse vehicles for commercial use, \$5; motor vehicles for commercial transportation, \$10.

## PRESIDENT OF PRESS CLUB

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Dec. 10.—Harold Fitch of San Francisco, a prominent senior, was today elected to the presidency of the Stanford press club by the unanimous vote of the members of the organization. Fitch is the editor of the Daily Palo Alto, the college daily, and occupies the most conspicuous position in undergraduate journalistic circles by his recent honor to elect as present a member of a host of other organizations, being affiliated with the Quadrangle club, Encina club, English club and Social Service club and a member of the Phi-Delta Phi legal fraternity, Skull and Snakes honor society and president of the President's conference.

## CITY HALL FUND TOO SMALL

BERKELEY, Dec. 10.—Prospect for the building of the new town hall are not so bright as was expected by the trustees. The lowest bid for the completion of the structure, according to the plans of Bakewell & Brown, the successful architects, is \$120,000. Only \$118,000 is available for the building at the present time. The problem will be considered further by the trustees Thursday night.

## STEFFENS TO SPEAK

OAKLAND, Dec. 10.—Lincoln Steffens will address the Men's League of the First Presbyterian church at a dinner in the church parlors December 14. Mayor Frank K. Mott is to be the guest of honor. Musical numbers will be contributed by Mrs. Wilma Rugles Jenkins, Mrs. Isabel Walker Murrell, J. F. Veaco and Clement P. Rowlands.

# Tragic Fate of a Fairfax

## Golden Bears Honor Pardee

## ARMED AND MASKED MAN SCARES BOY FROM HOME

### Paul Nutting Finds Bold Burglar in House and Flees to Street

OAKLAND, Dec. 10.—A burglar confronting Paul Nutting, the 14 year old son of G. H. Nutting of 1020 Eighth street, in the dining room of the house last night frightened the youth from the place and then made his escape before he was identified. The man had entered the house after midnight and young Nutting, walking into the dining room, saw the fellow standing in the room with a light in one hand and a revolver in the other.

"What do you want here?" asked the burglar.

Nutting replied that it was his home, at which the intruder ordered him to get out and stay out.

Breaking from the room Nutting fled into the street, leaving the front door open behind him. Then his father, returning, entered, but found no trace of the burglar. The latter had not taken anything with him.

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## KNOWN AS AN ENGINEER

### Suicide Had Won Recognition After Graduating From Heidelberg

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Three days before his disappearance Wood was found by a patrolman wandering in the streets and taken to the police station for examination.

The body will be brought to this city for interment. Woods was 36 years of age and was recognized as unusually capable in his profession. He was employed at the United engineering works.

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