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Big Influx of Home Builders
Mrs. Miner Denies the Charges

Auto Fatally Injures Woman
Chinese in Fear of Vengeance

Mrs. Kate Bridewell-Anderson, who will sing at the concert given by the Berkeley Art association.

BERKELEY'S EXHIBIT OF ART IS WELL ATTENDED

Association's First Annual Display Is to Close With Concert

BERKELEY, Dec. 15.—A special musical program tomorrow evening will mark the closing of the Berkeley art association's first annual exhibit in the parlors of the First Congregational church. The concert will be given under the direction of Mrs. J. M. Pierce. Mrs. Kate Bridewell-Anderson, mezzo soprano, will be the soloist. In the ladies' quartet, which will render several selections, are Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Marepzek and Mrs. Zilpha Jenkins. R. Allen will be the organist.

The exhibition has been a pronounced success. Although the society was recently formed, the exhibition was by no means an experiment. Each day and evening the parlors of the church have been visited by hundreds, more than gratifying the hopes of the exhibitors and members of the art association in charge. Tomorrow morning and afternoon pupils from the public schools will visit the display.

MYSTERIOUS PEEPER IN OAKLAND SCARES WOMEN

Peers Through Windows of Their Homes After Nightfall

OAKLAND, Dec. 15.—Several persons living in the vicinity of Twenty-third avenue and Twenty-fifth street complained to the police today of a mysterious man who has been frightening women by peering through their windows at night. His last appearance was at the home of Earl Beeny in East Twenty-fifth street, when he was seen moving on tiptoe across the front porch. When some noise was made inside the house the peeper ran.

Two days ago the man appeared twice at the home of Frank Janis, near by. He visited the house in the morning, and that night again was heard on the rear porch. A light was turned on just as the intruder tripped and fell, but before he could be identified he ran away.

CONCERT TO BE GIVEN AT CALIFORNIA COLLEGE

Well Known Oakland Performers Will Appear Tonight in Special Entertainment

OAKLAND, Dec. 15.—A special concert by well known local performers is to be given tomorrow night in Mary Stuart hall, California college, at Fourteenth avenue and East Twenty-ninth street. The numbers selected are all from the musical classics, and several rehearsals have been held. The program follows:

"Tempo di Menuetto and Allegro Vivace from sonato op. 30 (Beethoven), Mrs. Cook and Mr. Blankhart; vocal solo, "I Know a Lovely Garden—D'Hardelot" (Chopin), Miss Ruth Waterman, Miss Susan J. Waterman accompanist; "Fantasie Impromptu" (Chopin), Margaret Bradley; "The Earl King" (Schubert), Elizabeth Jacques; "Andante Scherzo Capricioso (David), Otto Blankhart, Miss Winifred Wilson accompanist; "Eleventh Rhapsody" (Liszt), Margaret Bradley; vocal solo, "The Nightingale Has a Lyre of Gold" (Whelpley), Miss Ruth Waterman; "Allegro Molto and Romanza from Sonata op. 45" (Grieg), Mrs. Cook and Mr. Blankhart.

Suburban Brevities

BURGLARS STEAL REVOLVER—Berkeley, Dec. 15.—Burglars prying open a window of the house of J. H. Davidson of San Pablo avenue and Dwight way ransacked the dwelling, but made away with only a revolver.

ARCH MASONS ELECT OFFICERS—Alameda, Dec. 15.—Alameda chapter No. 70, Royal Arch Masons, has elected the following officers: High priest, George S. Williams; king, Otto Riebli; scribe, Henry Lassen; treasurer, David W. Martin; secretary, Oswald Lubbock.

WOMEN PROVIDE STOVE FOR LIBRARY—San Mateo, Dec. 15.—Through the generosity of the San Mateo woman's club the Carnegie library reading room, which has been cold as Siberia, has been provided with a stove, much to the joy of the patrons of the library.

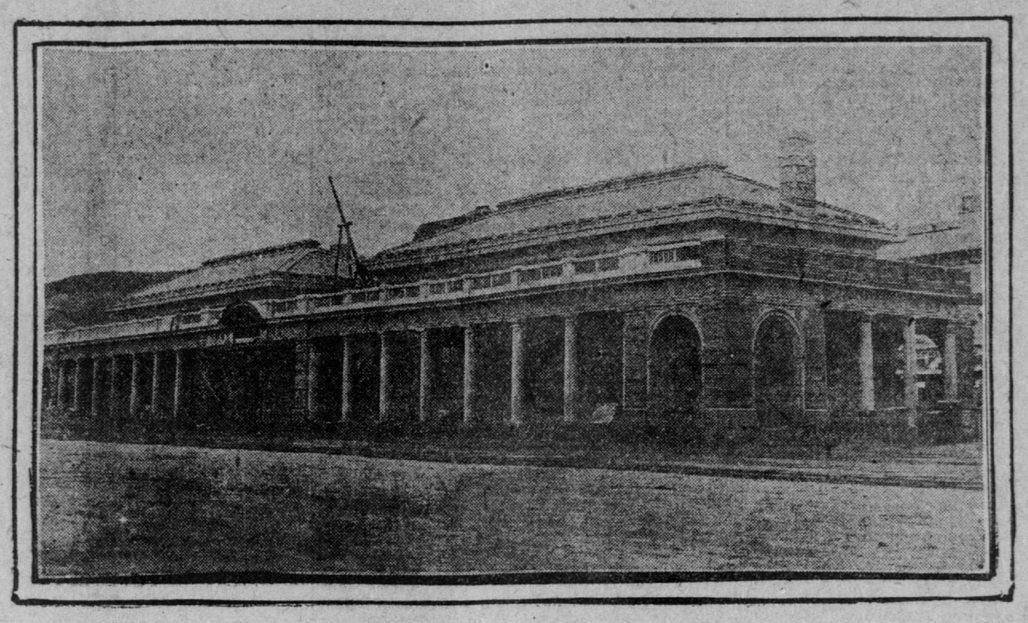
LECTURE ON LITERATURE—Berkeley, Dec. 15.—William Norman Guthrie of the University of Chicago, will lecture before the art section of the Town and Gown club on "Literature and Life, or What Makes Literature Precious to Life," tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

CHINESE TO LECTURE—Berkeley, Dec. 15.—Ng Poon Chew will lecture at the meeting of the Hillside club tomorrow night on the domestic relations of the Chinese people as compared to those of western civilization. Mrs. Grace Northrup will render the musical selections for the evening.

CAR STRIKES HORSE TRAINER—Oakland, Dec. 15.—Dave Cromwell, 43 years of age, a horse trainer employed at the Emeryville race track and living at 951 Thirty-sixth street, was knocked down by a street car near his home today. His head was badly cut and he was bruised about the body.

DEATH OF TWO ALAMEDA WOMEN—Alameda, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Catherine Conway, for over 30 years a resident of this city, died today. She was the mother of Miss Mary Conway and the late Robert Conway. Mrs. Martha Elizabeth McLellan, wife of A. S. McLellan of 1327 Park avenue, died at the family residence today. She was a native of Nova Scotia, 49 years of age.

View of the beautiful new railway station built by the Southern Pacific company at Berkeley. The attractive building is fast nearing completion.



INFLUX OF HOME BUILDERS IN CITIES ACROSS THE BAY

Transportation Companies Planning Improvements in Service for Commuters

GROWTH OF SUBURBS

Beautiful Railway Station at Berkeley Is Fast Nearing Completion

OAKLAND, Dec. 15.—Encouraging reports of the realty market are made by several large brokers, though the trading for the week has not shown unusual activity. Undoubtedly many investors are waiting. With a resumption of normal banking business building will go forward. The week has been fairly active in the line of construction. Demand for residences has abated hardly any. New homes go up in many sections, and there seems to be a steady influx of outsiders. No change is manifest in the renting market.

Conservative opinion is strong that the city's future is safe in view of prospective development plans, which wait only upon a reopening of the money market. The railway companies, both Southern Pacific and the San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose (Key Route), will delay their extension projects until money is easier, but these plans are in such shape that they will be pressed to completion within a comparatively short time.

EXTENSION OF POPULATION

The heavy increase in transbay passenger business on the local lines demands attention, for there is a steady and permanent extension of suburban population. This is confined to no particular district, but is shown in the spreading out of new residence sites, both within the municipal limits of the east side cities and far beyond in all directions that invite a residential population.

In connection with general municipal improvement the new year will witness the commencement of Lake Merritt park adornment, the dredging of the lake, the reclamation of the park site south of Twelfth street dam and the continuation of boulevard construction. Plans are well under way for the immediate improvement of the wooded portion of Adams point, which the city has acquired. By spring the public will have access to this park. In a natural amphitheater on the property a band stand will be erected, and here weekly concerts will be an attraction. Work on Independence square, East Oakland, has progressed rapidly. This sightly park site has been transformed from a bleak hilltop into one of the beautiful garden spots of the city.

SUMMARY OF BUILDING PERMITS

Following is the summary of building permits for the week, as compiled by Walter B. Fawcett, secretary of the board of public works:

2 story lodge room building	$92,645.00
2 story hall	3,000.00
1 story dwellings	12,600.00
1½ story dwellings	2,425.00
2 story dwellings	12,900.00
2 story dwelling with store	2,875.00
2 story flats	5,000.00
Sheds	428.00
Alterations, additions and repairs	7,227.00
Total	$139,100.00

REPORTS BY WARDS

First ward	$ 23,490.00
Second ward	2,100.00
Third ward	645.00
Fourth ward	950.00
Fifth ward	103,370.00
Sixth ward	420.00
Seventh ward	8,125.00

Included in the foregoing list is the permit for the new Scottish rite cathedral.

W. B. English, secretary of the Oakland Bankers' hotel, announced that bids for the construction of the foundation of the $1,500,000 structure at Thirteenth and Harrison streets would be called for in a short time.

George M. Flint has nearly completed the erection of his new home in Vernon street near Perry.

Samuel Newsom has built a residence for himself in Lake street near Sunnyside avenue, Piedmont.

NEW APARTMENT HOUSE

Charles M. McGregor has plans for a five story apartment house to be erected at the northwest corner of Ninth and Oak streets to cost $150,000. Excavating has been completed.

The Barber asphalt company has finished the paving of San Pablo avenue from Twentieth to Thirty-sixth street.

Among the brokers satisfactory reports are made. Some of them follow:

W. J. Laymhance of Laymance real estate company—I am pleased to see so many medium priced sales ranging from $1,000 to $15,000. There is a continued demand for homes and income property.

REVIEW OF YEAR'S BUSINESS

As we are near the end of the year a retrospective view of the same is rather encouraging. In the year 1905, a year of wholesome, normal activity and considerably above the average, $12,000,000 in Oakland real estate changed hands. In 1906, under abnormal conditions, $50,000,000 of real estate was transferred. The advantages that accrued to Oakland and her sister cities from this enormous amount of business, in growth of population and mercantile interests, is so apparent that it is unnecessary to dwell upon it. To compare this year's business with 1906 would hardly be a fair comparison, but notwithstanding the obstacles to overcome and the new phases to be made, when the banks, pursuing a safe and conservative policy, made hardly any loans and then the financial stringency, which has been felt throughout the whole country, coming upon us, 1907 will exceed the business of 1905 by $3,000,000 to $5,000,000.

The continual application for investments and leases for inside places are most encouraging. During the past 15 days we have consummated a sale of business property, one of the largest sales made in Oakland during the past six months. This property has been purchased solely as an investment. We have leased the Eureka hotel, situated at the southwest corner of Seventh and Washington streets, for P. J. Nichols et al. to A. Friedman, the well known tobacco dealer. The lease runs for 10 years, aggregating in amount $94,500. The property has a frontage of 150 feet on Washington street and 100 feet on Seventh street. Mr. Friedman intends to spend a large amount of money in modernizing the building.

We have also negotiated a sale of the Sugar Plum candy store in Broadway to J. M. Rickcits and a transfer of lease for 48 months at $400 per month or a total rent of $19,200.

We have other important leases under negotiation for stores and business blocks and the general demand of homes for rent by local and new comers show every confidence in the future stability of Oakland as a business center and is doubly more attractive as a business, hotel and residential city.

BUILDING OF HOMES

Wickham Havens of Wickham Havens, incorporated: "The fact that building materials are cheaper and that labor is lower than it has been for two years seems to be encouraging the thrifty minded to begin the erection of their long looked forward to homes. There is no denying the fact that this is a very auspicious time to build and no doubt this accounts for the large number of medium priced lots we are selling. We have sold a number of Piedmont houses ranging in value from $6,500 to $8,000.

"The grading of Pleasant Valley avenue on the west side of Piedmont by the Lake tract is progressing as rapidly as the weather will permit. This magnificent boulevard, 110 feet in width, debouches to the north from the new city park at the head of Lake Merritt and bounds all the west side of Piedmont by the Lake tract. Lake Shore avenue, a boulevard of equal beauty and width, leaves the park and bounds the same tract on the southeast. I do not believe that people realize what a wonderfully beautiful spot will be made by the city's improvements in and around Lake Merritt. I feel sure there will be nothing to equal it anywhere on the Pacific coast and certainly not within five minutes on the streetcar from the center of a city of 235,000 inhabitants."

George W. Austin: "I am up to my eyes in work, so greatly are the details of my business increasing. Especially is this true in my country land department. The demand for ranches, to buy and to trade for, is at this time unprecedented. On the other hand, my correspondence with owners of country property who desire to exchange their holdings for Oakland realty, in point of steady growth in volume, indicates that the prosperous future of Oakland is now, more than ever before, believed in by every one.

"As to my business, let one judge for himself whether it is satisfactory when he comes into my office and witnesses the scene of activity it presents. Of course, I am a great believer in the liberal use of printer's ink, employed in judicious advertising. The outlook for an active city market is very cheering. In fact, my office is doing its share of city selling even during this time of restricted money circulation, which, by the way, I feel will soon be at an end."

COMPLETING NEW STATION

BERKELEY, Dec. 15.—Work on the interior of the new Southern Pacific depot, which the railroad company is erecting at Berkeley station at a cost of $40,000, began yesterday and the structure will be ready for occupancy by the first of the year.

The station is built in the Mission style of architecture, 376 feet long and 44 feet wide. The feature of the building is the arcade from the northeast corner on the north, west and south elevations to the southeast corner. The columns of the arcade are reinforced concrete with cement base, except in the case of the piers in the facade arch, which are of brick. The building itself is of dark red brick with a slate roof. The floor will be of vitrified tile.

The open court between the two main buildings of the depot will be paved between the grass plats, while a fountain will play in the center. Overhead in the court will be an opaque glass roof, the feature of the central dome.

At the north end of the court the building will be devoted to a baggage room and men's smoking and retiring rooms. The building to the south of the court will be the general ticket office, waiting room and ladies' parlor.

ARCHED ENTRANCE WAY

Entrance to the station will be had through a large arch 12 feet wide on the west side and forming part of the facade. The east and west elevations are identical with the exception that the entrances are closed by an iron fence where the Key Route passengers alight on the east side.

The average height of the building is 32 feet. It will be heated by a hot air furnace and lighted by electricity.

Berkeley realty dealers report the usual winter quietness. A strong demand with but a limited supply of small houses of four and five rooms are reported. Sales of property in various parts of town are reported of the new tracts opened a few weeks ago.

EXPECT BETTER MARKET

ALAMEDA, Dec. 15.—While the realty dealers unite in saying that the holiday season has had a somewhat quieting effect on the market, all of the agents who handle houses and lots look for a quickening after the new year begins. Nearly all of the dealers have made a few sales during the week, and several transfers of considerable importance will be put through as soon as the financial stringency is relieved.

The city will embark in building on a large scale as soon as the bonds voted at a recent election are disposed of. Among the structures to be erected by the municipality are a new building to house the machinery of the city's electric light and power plant, a new fire engine house and another school building.

Mark E. Miller, formerly with Hammond & Hammond and now in business for himself, reports that he has made several good sales during the last three weeks and that he has a number of others almost ready to be wound up. The demand for houses to rent continues strong and the supply is far short of the demand.

RAID LOTTERY JOINT—Oakland, Dec. 15.—Ah Fong, a Chinese lottery agent, was arrested last night by Sergeant Mulgrew and a posse who raided a joint on the authority of a search warrant. The furniture was demolished and the unmarked tickets and marking pots and $125 were confiscated.

MENLO SALOONS FIGHT PALO ALTO EXPANSION

Launch Greater City Plan in Opposition to the University Town

MENLO PARK, Dec. 15.—Taking her cue from San Francisco and San Mateo, Palo Alto has started a "greater" city scheme. The men behind the movement plan to make this the first expanded city between San Francisco and San Jose.

San Mateo wants to take in Burlingame and Palo Alto wants to take in Menlo Park, to which Menlo has many objections. It will therefore fight any of the university town's annexation schemes that include Menlo.

Where San Mateo's annexation scheme is fought in Burlingame by the temperance party here the situation is reversed and the saloonmen are the most determined opponents of a "Greater Palo Alto."

PROTEST A FARCE, SAY THE BERKELEY OFFICIALS

Explain Why Second Bids for Town Wharf Were Called For

BERKELEY, Dec. 15.—Town Engineer W. F. McClure and Town Attorney Redmond C. Staats denied today that the specifications for bids for the town wharf were indefinite, as charged by the Burrell bridge and construction company. The officials said that the specifications did not mitigate against the Oakland contracting firm, which, having the lowest bid in two calls for the construction of the town wharf, threatened to enjoin the trustees in awarding to the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific company the contract to build Berkeley's new $100,000 municipal wharf at the foot of University avenue.

McClure characterized the attitude of the Burrell company as a "humbug" protest. He said that the matter was too much of a farce to be taken seriously, and he refused to consider the matter in any light but a joke.

Staats said that the call for bids for the construction of the town wharf was ordered a second time on account of the fuss that the Burrell company made at the time the bid of the Pacific construction company was accepted. All bids were then rejected on account of the overtures of the Burrell company and new bids called for.

SET SENSIBLE STANDARD FOR IDEAL YOUNG WOMAN

Opinions of Men Summarized by Rev. Walter E. Tanner of Melrose

OAKLAND, Dec. 15.—It is a far cry from the ideals of women entertained by men 30 to 60 years ago, when the young woman who could weep or faint on the slightest provocation, or with none at all, was alone regarded as proper, to the healthy, sensible standard set up for her by men today, in the opinion of Rev. Walter E. Tanner, pastor of the Baptist church of Melrose, after perusing the contents of more than 100 letters from young men dealing with the subject. Man still cherishes a tender regard for home makers, but to the qualities most directly associated in this he has added outdoor life and activity, broad reading and far reaching sympathies on outside subjects.

The symposium tonight was the second of the series dealing with ideals held by each sex for the other, the first being the ideal young man as seen by women.

In a summary the pastor said the ideal woman as she was described in his letters had the qualities that make home pleasant and the personal charm that makes her an agreeable companion to all. Club life did not entirely conduce to this, he thought, as it distracted her mind by many of its influences.

The service concluded with the hymn "Take Me as I Am."

ROBBED OF FIVE RINGS AND $40 IN A SALOON

Inmate of Industrial Home for Blind Says Watch Was Stolen in Dormitory

OAKLAND, Dec. 15.—R. L. Bennett of 1727 Twelfth street reported to the police this morning that he had been robbed last night in a saloon at Seventh and Pine streets. Five rings and $40 in gold were taken, he said.

C. A. Burns of 1169 Seventh street reported that he was robbed of $20 last night by a woman with whom he was talking in Seventh street near Market. She picked his pocket.

Santa Vallera, an inmate of the industrial home for the blind at Thirty-sixth street and Telegraph avenue, reported that his silver watch was stolen from the dormitory last night.

Max Sendfoot reported that a watch left by him in a jewelry store for repairing was taken by an unknown person on a forged order.

PALO ALTO PRESBYTERIANS DEDICATE NEW EDIFICE

Visiting Clergymen Take Part in Special Services Led by the Pastor

PALO ALTO, Dec. 15.—The dedicatory services of the new First Presbyterian church were held this afternoon. The edifice cost $35,000.

The services were held in the auditorium, which was crowded to its capacity. In the forenoon Rev. J. W. Dinsmore of San Jose delivered the sermon. Following, Rev. E. E. Baker of Oakland delivered the dedicatory address. The services were in charge of Rev. Walter Hays, pastor of the new church.

POSTPONE LEAGUE DINNER

OAKLAND, Dec. 15.—Owing to the unexpected departure of Lincoln Steffens for the east the men's league dinner at the First Presbyterian church, at which he was to speak Tuesday evening, has been postponed until a date in January to be selected.

SERIOUSLY INJURED BY AUTO COLLISION

Mrs. Anderson Is Run Down While Riding on Brother's Milk Wagon

OAKLAND, Dec. 15.—Hurled from the high seat of her brother's wagon by the force of a speeding automobile which struck the vehicle, Mrs. Wilhelmina Anderson of 1792 Twenty-fourth avenue sustained a serious fracture of the skull and her left ear was torn off.

Charles Olsen, her brother, sitting on the rig beside her, was thrown from his place and fell several feet from the wagon, but escaped with slight contusions.

The injured woman and her brother, an Elmhurst milkman, do not know the number of the license carried by the machine which wrecked their wagon, or the names of any of the occupants. They said that there were three men and two women in the machine, and that after the accident the driver put the auto at the disposal of Olsen, taking the injured woman to Olsen's home and then to the Alameda sanatarium, where she lies in a critical condition.

Mrs. Anderson, who had been staying with her brother, was on her way to her own home, early yesterday morning, and was riding to East Oakland on Olsen's milk wagon. The automobile gave no warning, striking the rig from the rear, and freeing the horse. The animal plunged and ran, and has not been located. It is thought that a flying can or fragment of metal struck Mrs. Anderson on the head, lacerating the scalp and cutting off the left ear. The fracture of the skull at the base of the brain is attributed to her heavy fall.

The police are endeavoring to locate the driver of the auto.

STATUARY IS UNVEILED IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Works of Art Commemorate Scenes in the Way of the Cross

OAKLAND, Dec. 15.—Impressive ceremonies in St. Mary's church marked the unveiling of the new sets of statuary commemorating scenes in the Way of the Cross, which were donated recently by a member of the congregation. The statuary consists of 14 groups in full relief and is the work of European artists.

The congregation took part in the procession at Way of the Cross in the evening in honor of the dead of the church, and as each group of statues was unveiled prayers were said. Rev. E. J. Dempsey preached a sermon on the "Journey to Calvary" and a choir of 30 voices from the Oakland conservatory of music sang "Stabat Mater."

Bishop J. M. Walden, the only surviving incorporator of the Freedman's aid society and the president of the organization, occupied the pulpit of the Eighth avenue Methodist church this morning. His work among the negroes of the south in providing schools and facilities for education has made him one of the most noted benefactors of the race.

Dr. Leonard W. Riley, president of the McMinnville college of Oregon, preached in the Tenth avenue Baptist church today.

Rev. Homer J. Vosburgh of the First Baptist church preached on "John Greenleaf Whittier, the Quaker Poet of Freedom," at services this evening.

Rev. Charles R. Brown preached on "The Unconventional Saints" at the evening services. His morning subject was "The Heroism of Faith." Rev. Thomas Boyer, pastor of the First Christian church, addressed the men's meeting of the First Methodist church this afternoon on "The House of Seven Gables," which was regarded as a powerful delineation of the character of a righteous man.

BURGLARS AT BERKELEY CUT TELEPHONE WIRES

Take No Chances While Stealing Valuable Jewelry From the Skinner Residence

BERKELEY, Dec. 15.—Porch climbers, taking advantage of the absence of the family of D. E. Skinner of 2735 Haste street, entered the window of the second floor of the residence and stole $1,000 worth of diamonds, rubies and other articles of jewelry and $15 last night.

The loss of the jewelry was discovered after the family returned home. To prevent detection the telephone wires leading into the house were cut by the burglars.

WIFE BEATER JAILED—San Mateo, Dec. 15. Albert L. Carroll, a cigar maker, residing at 411 Tilton avenue, woke up this morning disgusted with the weather and proceeded to vent it by beating his wife. Neighbors telephoned for the police and Constable Mike Sheehan arrested the culprit.

MRS. MINER PREPARING HER CROSS COMPLAINT

Will Allege Cruelty and Deny Accusation Implicating Professor Armes

IS WRITER OF NOTE

Says Literary World Will Be Astonished When She Drops Nom de Plume

BERKELEY, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Henry N. Miner, wife of the physician who, as plaintiff in a divorce suit filed in Santa Cruz, alleges mental cruelty, is working, with the aid of her attorney, Albert H. Elliot, upon a cross complaint.

Mrs. Miner will allege in her answer to Dr. Miner that she has been treated habitually in a cruel manner from a few weeks after their marriage 14 years ago up to two years ago, when she and her husband separated. Mrs. Miner said that she was most interested in the divorce proceedings on account of her two boys, of whom she desired the custody. It is to protect her name that she will contest the suit.

Prof. William Dallam Armes of the English department of the University of California, who is prominently mentioned in Dr. Miner's complaint, will also be protected in the counter complaint and answer. Mrs. Miner alleges that her friendship with the university man was perfectly proper. She said today that Professor Armes, besides being a friend of the family for many years, had aided her considerably in her literary work. Professor Armes had on a number of occasions criticised her poems and other writings, which, she declared, had appeared in prominent magazines.

"My friendship with Professor Armes has been proper," Mrs. Miner said today. "He is a great friend of the family and has been an aid to me in my literary work, through his criticisms of it. While we went to dinners on several occasions, it was always in company with other persons. He has visited at the house several times, always with Dr. Miner's consent, and shown me wherein I could better my verse and other literary efforts. Dr. Miner knew all about this, and knew that our relations were entirely proper. I have written considerably for magazines under a nom de plume. It will be a surprise to the literary world, after the trial, when I will announce my identity as an author."

President Wheeler was asked today for a statement concerning Professor Armes. The president's reply was:

"I would not think of talking about the matter."

SANTA CRUZ, Dec. 15.—Attorneys for Dr. H. N. Miner, who has sued for a divorce in a local court, refuse to divulge any secrets of the battle for separation, which promises to be bitterly fought. They will play their hand at the proper time, but do not intend to mention the names of their witnesses. They say it would be detrimental to their case.

It is said that prominent society folk of the bay cities will be subpenaed, including a banker of Oakland.

Dr. Miner is domiciled at his Ben Lomond home, Eagles Nest. Residents of Ben Lomond are greatly surprised by the proceedings and quite a stir has been caused by the report that Prof. William Armes of Berkeley would sue Dr. Miner for criminal libel for having brought his name into the case.

WILL RETURN TO CHINA TO ESCAPE VENGEANCE

Rich Loo Chuck Sang to Seek Safety in His Native Land

OAKLAND, Dec. 15.—The fear of death at the hands of Bing Kong gun fighters has driven Loo Chuck Sang, a rich tong man of the Chinese Hop Sings, to seek safety in his native land. The next steamer to China is to bear him away if he escapes revenge for the death of Wong Foon, killed by Hop Sings in San Francisco. For several months there has been a price of $1,500 set on him, and he lives in Jackson alley in the local Chinatown, surrounded by Hop Sing tong fighters, who are paid to protect him.

A blow is expected to fall soon from the Bing Kongs on some one of the Hop Sings or allied Hip Sings, to counterbalance the murder of Wong Foon. Chuck Sang fears that he may be the selected victim, and in making his return to China is abandoning a remunerative business in leases here and in San Francisco.

Chuck Sang became more disquieted at the attempt made yesterday in Los Angeles to kill Charley Ho, also a Hop Sing, by Yip Do of the Bing Kongs, who escaped after the shooting.

TONGS RENEW WARFARE

Attempt Is Made to Kill Charley Ho at Los Angeles

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—As a sequel to the recent highbinder murders in the north, tong warfare has broken out again in the Los Angeles Chinese quarter. Late last night a member of the Bing Gong Tong, supposed to be Yip Do, emptied an automatic pistol at Charley Ho of the Hop Sing tong. Two bullets passed through Ho's hat and another through his blouse, cutting a 10 inch crease across his abdomen. The Chinese who did the shooting escaped.

This is the second attempted murder in Chinatown within a week. An attempt was made to kill a cousin of Wong Foon, who was slain in San Francisco, but the assassins failed, although they seriously wounded their victim. The police squad in Chinatown has been doubled.

ENJOY SUNDAY RECITAL

OAKLAND, Dec. 15.—A large audience attended the Sunday afternoon recital given in the First Congregational church. Mrs. H. B. Montague, mezzo soprano, and Marshall W. Giselman, organist, rendered the program. The following numbers were given: Fantasia and Fugue in G minor (Bach), "Ave Maria" (Luzzi), "Funeral March" (Chopin), by request; prelude to "Lohengrin" (Wagner), "There Is a Green Field Far Away" (Gounod), "Berceuse" (Lemare), and "Noel," Christmas postlude (Guilmant).

News of Women's Clubs in the Cities Across the Bay

OAKLAND, Dec. 15.—Only a few events remain in the club world before the closing of the year. Many brilliant events have marked the past months and the near future gives promise of some interesting occasions. On Monday afternoon the Adelphian club of Alameda, the largest woman's organization in the Encinal city, will entertain, and the event is to be the notable one of the club year, celebrating the tenth anniversary of the incorporation. The celebration will take the form of a luncheon. The tables will be presided over by the acting officers, among whom are Mrs. E. J. Dodge, president; Mrs. J. E. Higgins, first vice president; Mrs. S. B. Connor, second vice president, Mrs. L. L. Gillogly, treasurer; Mrs. C. A. Allardyce, recording secretary; Mrs. Mildred Husbands, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. F. T. Weeks, general curator. In the receiving party will be the officers who have served the club since it was founded. The choral section will meet on each Friday morning of December, the dates not interfering with the festival days. Aside from these meetings there will be no gatherings of the members until the union meeting in January.

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But once a year do the directors of Ebell close their doors and enjoy a big family party, limiting their invitations to the club members. This is always a gala event and is carefully planned. On Tuesday afternoon the annual breakfast will take place in celebration of the thirty-first anniversary of the organization. Under the direction of Mrs. A. L. Cunningham, Mrs. Charles Cornell and Mrs. Charles Egbert the auditorium will be artistically decorated, while Mrs. R. S. Phelps will superintend the arrangements of the breakfast tables. An after luncheon program of song will be presented by Mrs. Mabel Walker Murcell, contralto. In the receiving party will be Mrs. James B. Hume, Miss Eva Powell, Mrs. Charles Woodbury, Mrs. Willard Williamson, Mrs. Harry Carlton, Mrs. Frank Hurd, Mrs. E. C. von Helms, Mrs. Henry Rosenfeld, Miss Jennie Hill, Miss Carrie Nicholson, Miss Florinne Brown, Mrs. George de Golia, Mrs. James Tyson, Mrs. George Hammer, Mrs. Louis Ghirardelli, Mrs. Harry Maxwell, Mrs. Wickham Havens, Mrs. Edward Engs and Miss Georgie Strong.

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The members of the Oakland New Century club enjoyed a pretty luncheon this week in their comfortable quarters. The tables were bright with Christmas berries, and the discussion following the menu was largely concerned with Christmas plans. Mrs. Robert Watt, the honored president of the club, officiated at the board. On Thursday, December 26, the mothers of the neighborhood will be the guests of honor at a delightful dinner which will be given in the clubhouse by the members. A series of children's parties will make the Christmas week a busy one. The boys' and girls' cooking classes and the kindergarten classes, as well as the children of the district, will be the guests at a special event when Santa Claus will be kind to them. The club is doing splendid settlement work in its vicinity, making itself the center of much of the social life.

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The women of the West Oakland home are greatly rejoiced in the success of their annual doll show, which closed last week. Although complete returns have not as yet been made, it is certain that a goodly sum of money was realized for the benefit of the 200 children for whom the directors are caring. Mrs. I. A. Beretta, as president of the home, found loyal support in the members.

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The Etude club is announcing a study of the works of Brahms, Ries, Caminade, Straus and Dvorak for the two meetings in January. The Etude club is composed of less than a half hundred of women of musical tastes, which meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the Hillside club house in North Berkeley. Mrs. William N. Wadsworth is president of the organization, Mrs. George A. Faulkner, Mrs. J. H. Wood, Miss Claire Ferrin and Mrs. Otto Voss completing the list of officers for the present year.

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A musical announcement which is of interest tells of the presentation of the Christmas play, "A Trip to Santa Claus Land," which was written by Miss Cora Jenkins and several of her pupils and dramatized by Mrs. J. F. Willard, on the afternoon of Friday, December 27, at Miss Jenkins' studio in Randwick street. Among those who contributed original compositions to the musical phantasy, besides Miss Jenkins, were Samuel Savannah, Gladys Shaw, Marion Rennie, Portia Collom, Gladys Shaw and Gwendolin Woodward. The play is written in four acts and is brimming with the Christmas spirit. About 50 children are in the cast. Among those who are rehearsing for the production of the play are Marshall Cheney, Portia Collom, Katherine Bennett, Aileen Treat, Ervin Woodward, Russell Brickell, Helen Hawley, Jacqueline Snyder, Frances Allen Brown, Adele Chevalier, Julia Bennett, Helen Rodolph, Franchon Collom, Bettina Collom, Clare MacDougall, Zelda Hulse, Katherine Maxwell, Milvia Warner, Phyllis Woodward, Martha Sanderson, Bernice Donnelly, Ruth Griffin, Edna Collyer, Dorothy Reynolds, Merile Howe, Tom Rieger and Esther Sharon.

CHURCH JOURNAL PROVES TO BE FINANCIAL FAILURE

Bay Association of Congregational Churches May Suspend Publication of the Pacific

BERKELEY, Dec. 15.—Decision will be made tomorrow at an adjourned meeting of the bay association of Congregational churches on the question of continuing the publication of the Pacific, the church organ on this coast.

Editorially the weekly has been conducted on a high plane and with much satisfaction to the church at large under the administration of Dr. William W. Ferrier, but the business side, for reasons variously explained, has not been a success. The paper is in debt and reports to the association indicate that the deficit is on the increase.

DOG POISONERS ACTIVE

BERKELEY, Dec. 15.—The poisoning of two setter dogs in the vicinity of Spring street near Eunice has aroused the anger of residents of that section. Besides having reported the matter to the authorities, rewards of $50 each have been offered for the detection of the criminals by the owners, E. Thomson of 14 Spring street and D. Schumondt.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 15.—J. A. Davies of 2202 San Antonio avenue has reported to the police that his dogs and cats have been poisoned by some miscreant during the week. Last night Davies says that he found several mutton chops covered with strychnine on the back steps of his home.