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MAYOR OF ALAMEDA DEFEATS "SOLID FIVE"

Vetoes Measure Providing for Purchase of Single Park Site

PUBLIC BACKS HIM

Believes Exorbitant Price Is Asked for Dunn and Taylor Tracts

ALAMEDA, Dec. 19.—Mayor E. K. Taylor vetoed today the measure passed by the "solid five" of the city council last Monday night which they believed would bind the municipality to purchase for $115,000 the Dunn and Taylor tracts as a site for a single public playground.

The five councilmen—F. S. Loop, Robert S. Gee, Bert L. Fisher, Charles P. Magagnos and Ernest J. Probst—who have insisted on the buying of the Dunn and Taylor properties and have refused to listen to any compromise from the mayor and the other members of the city council, were legally advised by the mayor Monday night that any measure they might pass at that time purporting to bind the municipality to purchase the Dunn and Taylor land for $115,000 when there was no money in the city treasury with which to pay for the realty would be illegal and without force. The "solid five" refused to be guided by his advice and put the measure through. The vote stood five for and four against the project. The councilmen voting in the negative were William H. Noy, E. B. Bullock, Peter Christensen and Dr. M. W. Brown. It requires a two-thirds vote of the city council to pass any measure over the mayor's veto.

Mayor Taylor has consistently opposed the scheme of the "solid five" to have but one public playground in Alameda and has actively advocated the establishment of two or more playgrounds in different sections of Alameda. He has been supported by the minority of the council and appears to have public opinion with him. When it became apparent during the recent campaign for the issuance of bonds for municipal improvements that efforts would be made to foist the Dunn and Taylor tracts upon the city at prices that were considered by many to be exorbitant opposition to the playground proposition developed and it barely failed of passage. Mayor Taylor and the minority of the city council took this result to indicate that the people of Alameda favored more than a single playground.

Captain J. S. Hanley, a local real estate dealer, has appeared before the city council and asserted that until last June he had instruction from the owner of the Dunn tract to sell the land for $40,000 if that sum could be obtained. J. R. Sloan, a former member of the board of education, now says that he has an option on the Dunn land and demands that the city pay $65,000 for it.

CARPENTERS FIGHT AND ONE STABS THE OTHER

Alleges He Was Attacked by Man Whom He Had Discharged

ALAMEDA, Dec. 19.—Thomas Miller, a carpenter living at 2542 Clay street, seriously stabbed Hugo Eckenberger, also a carpenter, living at 2523 Bay Island avenue, tonight. The men met at San Jose avenue and Regent street.

Miller, after his arrest, said that Eckenberger knocked him down and kicked him. Miller drew a knife and stabbed his assailant in the right side.

The men were employed by A. H. Bergstrom. Miller said that he had discharged Eckenberger at Bergstrom's request, the employer being Eckenberger's brother in law. Out of that came the altercation tonight.

Eckenberger was treated in the receiving hospital and removed to his home.

COLLINS HAS RESIGNED FROM BANK'S PRESIDENCY

Ex-Vice President John W. Phillips Will Lead Depositors in Reorganization

OAKLAND, Dec. 19.—D. Edward Collins, president of the California bank, has resigned and his place has been filled by John W. Phillips, vice president and a large stock holder.

William Rutherford has been elected vice president. These changes are part of a plan for possible reorganization and resumption of business by the bank. The stock holders have called a meeting for Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at 521 Twelfth street. A decision as to future moves by the bank may be reached.

Collins said that every effort was being made to clear the situation. He has recorded a deed conveying to the California bank his interest in the northeast corner of Thirteenth and Jefferson streets measuring 100 by 50 feet, mortgaged for $20,000 to the Oakland Bank of Savings.

Miss Winifred Phelps (at the left) and Miss Marion Norton, who took prominent parts in the Art jinks.

ART STUDENTS ENGAGE IN A CHRISTMAS JINKS

Original Posters Presented at Door as the Price of Admission

BERKELEY, Dec. 19.—One hundred members of the California Guild of Arts and Crafts gained admission to the Christmas jinks tonight by presenting original posters at the entrance door as the price of admission. The posters were then placed on the walls of the art rooms, in which the jinks was held. The jinks tonight established a precedent in art circles here, being the first of its kind in this city, patterned after those which have been made famous in San Francisco by the students of the Mark Hopkins school.

Miss Bess Richardson, president of the student body, held sway over a court of the medieval period, the members of the art school clad in the costumes of the feudal days being the courtiers. E. Foss held the king's scepter.

As a conclusion to the evening's merriment, which began with a supper, a burlesque on "Everyman" was staged. The cast was: Each Student, Miss Lucy Pierce; Good Student, Miss Wilkinson; Nahledge, Billy Kegg; Anatomy, Will Sheridan. Three Parts of Anatomy; Construction, Adele Barnes; Planes, Winifred Phelps; Feeling, Kathleen Conlan. Three Pilgrims: Eloise Fife, Lyle Foster and Sallie Sadler. Fellowship, Winifred Phelps. Life Work and Waste Paper Basket, Annie Maxwell.

Vaudeville numbers were given by the students, Miss June Conners and Miss Marion Norton rendered vocal selections, and William Tomlinson cleverly presented feats in legerdemain.

WANT 5 CENT FARE

ELMHURST, Dec. 19.—The civic organizations of this section of the county will meet January 3 at the headquarters of the Highland improvement club in Fourteenth avenue to take steps to prevail upon the Oakland traction consolidated to establish a 5 cent fare between Oakland and San Leandro. Among the clubs that will be represented at the meeting are the Fitchburg improvement club, Elmhurst realty board, San Leandro board of trade and Highland improvement club.

DEATH OF GEORGIE JOSSELYN

ALAMEDA, Dec. 19.—Miss Georgia Josselyn, who would have been a member of the class that was graduated from the Lowell high school in San Francisco tonight had her health not become impaired, died today at the home of her sister, Mrs. Maude Leisen, 1614 Chapin street. Miss Josselyn was the daughter of Mary E. and the late Dr. Joseph H. Josselyn, and was a native of San Francisco, 18 years of age.

ARCHITECTS SUBMITTING PLANS FOR CITY HALL

Mayor Mott Advocates Bond Issue of $750,000 to Cover Cost

TAKES UP A BLOCK

Latest Scheme Puts Jail at Top of Building and Courts Below

OAKLAND, Dec. 19.—Local architects are submitting plans for a new city hall to Mayor Mott and the city officials. No definite type of building has been decided on, and those submitted are being used as guides to prepare a bond issue. These plans are being taken up by the city hall committee of the council in conjunction with the mayor and the board of public works.

One of the latest plans provides for the housing of every department in one municipal building, to occupy the entire sidewalk line from San Pablo avenue to the old library building on the Fourteenth street elevation and to follow San Pablo avenue from Fourteenth street to Fifteenth. To provide for the opening of Washington street to San Pablo avenue an archway passes under a part of the structure. In the west wing of the first floor will be the emergency hospital, operating room, chief of police, police courts and chief of the fire department. The offices of the assessor, auditor, treasurer, tax collector and other departments will fill the lower floor of the east wing. On the second floor are to be the street department, city engineer, board of public works, city clerk, council chambers and the mayor's office. The police commissioners, the board of education, board of health, sanitary inspectors and jury rooms will be placed in the third floor, and the city prison will be raised from the basement to the top of the building. In this section the front will provide for 43 cells for male adults, with children and women in the Fifteenth street side.

In discussing the plans submitted Mayor Mott said that while some were thinking of buying the site of St. Mary's college for the city hall site, this was not being officially considered. He said also that he felt bonds should not be submitted for less than three-quarters of a million at least.

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE IS ON A LONG TRAMP

Walks From Portland to Berkeley and Will Proceed to Mexico

BERKELEY, Dec. 19.—Antone Buzokoff, Bulgarian army officer, war correspondent and soldier of fortune, arrived in this city today after a 30 days' walk from Portland, Or. Tired from the hardships of the journey, he will rest a few days among friends here before he starts out again on his wanderings, Mexico being his destination.

Educated at a large European university, Buzukoff entered the army of his fatherland and rose to the position of captain. His 10 years' service was completed at the time of the outbreak of the Russo-Japanese war. He left the army and secured a position as a war correspondent for a Russian and a Bulgarian paper.

After the war he went to the Philippines and from there to Alaska, whence he made his way to Portland. From Portland he walked to Berkeley, nearly 800 miles, on his way to Mexico and Central America.

Suburban Brevities

HOLIDAYS TO END—Oakand, Dec. 19.—Notice has been received by County Clerk John Cook that Governor Gillett will terminate the present succession of special holidays December 21.

CURTIS TRIAL POSTPONED—Redwood City, Dec. 19.—The trial of Henry Curtis, the South San Francisco saloon keeper, accused of murdering his son, has again been postponed until December 23.

LITTLE GIRL'S LEG BROKEN—Oakland, Dec. 19.—Phyllis Daly, 10 years old, the daughter of John E. Daly of 1863 Fourth avenue, was thrown from a rig and sustained a fractured leg last night.

INJURED BY FALLING MAIL BOX—Oakland, Dec. 19.—Stewart Merrill, a clerk in the local postoffice, was injured today by a falling mail box. The force of the falling box nearly broke both legs.

ACTOR HELD FOR INSANITY—Oakland, Dec. 19.—Fred James Hubbard, a vaudeville actor, was arrested on suspicion of insanity by Sergeant of Police Mulgrew while acting strangely in Broadway.

ELKS TO BUILD HOME—Alameda, Dec. 19. Alameda lodge of Elks is negotiating for the purchase of the Wattles property west of the city hall as a site for a clubhouse that the organization plans to erect.

CELEBRATE WHITTIER CENTENARY—Palo Alto, Dec. 19.—Under the direction of the chairman, Mrs. Annie L. Corbett, the Palo Alto Woman's club celebrated the centenary of the poet Whittier with a special program yesterday.

CHINESE CHILDREN IN CHRISTMAS EXERCISES—Berkeley, Dec. 19.—Forty Chinese children will participate in the Christmas exercises which will be held in the chapel of the Chinese Congregational mission in Addison street near Grove tomorrow night.

SUES ON LODGING HOUSE DEAL—Oakland, Dec. 19.—Charles D. Simonds has sued Henry Black for an alleged breach of contract in the sale of a rooming house. Simonds alleged Black misrepresented the furnishings of the house and its income. He claimed he paid down $3,800 to clinch his part of the bargain.

RELIEF CORPS ELECTS OFFICERS—Oakland, Dec. 19.—Appomattox relief corps No. 5 has elected the following officers: President, Martha Rothamel; senior vice president, Annie Gee; junior vice president, Fannie E. Vincent; treasurer, Ada M. Brown; chaplain, Cornelia French; conductor, Roberta Evans; guard, Mary G. Grover.

DAIRYMEN DEMUR—Berkeley, Dec. 19.—The cases of F. E. Heath, George Stutt, J. H. Davidson, E. S. Fenton, J. A. Couiter, J. S. Marshall and J. Britschgi, dairymen of this city, accused of violating the new pure milk ordinance, came up for trial today. Attorney Herman Walker for the defense spent the afternoon reading a demurrer. Argument will be resumed on Saturday.

NATIVES ELECT OFFICERS—Alameda, Dec. 19.—Halcyon parlor No. 146, Native Sons of the Golden West, has elected the following officers: President, H. P. Wichman; first vice president, L. R. Winemann; second vice president, H. D. Perry; third vice president, R. G. Hunt; marshal, A. G. Bussenius; recording secretary, J. C. Bates Jr.; financial secretary, J. A. Horst; trustee, A. L. Behneman; inside sentinel, L. H. Larsen; outside sentinel, H. R. Fish; physician, Dr. M. W. Brown.

LUMBERMEN ELECT OFFICERS—Oakland, Dec. 19.—Lumber handlers' union No. 225 has elected the following officers: President, William James; vice president, F. Crum; recording secretary, C. Walsh; financial secretary and treasurer, F. B. Crandall; sergeant at arms, B. Cunningham; trustees, N. P. Wilson, C. Saunders, W. Hyland; F. Crum, C. Saunders, W. James, J. McPherson and L. Maller, delegates to the building trades council of Alameda county; N. P. Nelson, W. James, J. McPherson and B. Cunningham, delegates to the state federation of lumbermen.

Society in Cities Across the Bay

OAKLAND, Dec. 19.—Miss Marietta Havens and her fiance, Paul Dinsmore, will be the guests at a delightful affair aboard the United States cruiser Pennsylvania Sunday afternoon, when Captain Ward entertains at luncheon. A few close friends have been included in the invitations. The Pennsylvania will arrive in San Francisco bay on Saturday, remaining until after Christmas, when it will go south. During the few days of the stay here there will be a round of informal affairs, in which the girls of the smart set on both sides of the bay will find a large part.

The wedding of Paul Dinsmore and Miss Havens will be a notable event of the spring, taking place probably in April at one of the large ceremonies of the year. The bride elect is a beautiful girl, who has endeared herself to a host of friends. Dinsmore is connected with the Realty syndicate.

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There will be a happy family reunion at Alta Vista, the Piedmont residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Butters, tomorrow, when the members of the family all return home from their out of town trips. Mrs. Butters and Miss Marie Butters, who have beeen spending a fortnight in San Diego, have been enjoying a visit with Victor Metcalf Jr., the fiance of Miss Butters. This was the first time the betrothed lovers have met since Miss Butters' return from an absence of a year on the continent and there soon may be an announcement of their marriage day. Some delightful entertaining was done in honor of the charming young Oakland girl.

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Mrs. Robert Augustus Bray is also returning on Friday from Santa Barbara, where she was a guest at the Potter for an early winter visit of some weeks.

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Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Hotchkiss are domiciled in an attractive home in Franklin street, having recently returned from their honeymoon journey, which took them to the southern part of the state. The wedding of the young insuranceman and Miss Bertha Wheeler took place in early November. The newly established home will be the scene of informal entertaining after the holidays.

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One of the interesting events announced for the new year is a piano recital late in January by Miss Adele Verne under the direction of the Berkeley piano club. Artistically the recital will be worth while, for Miss Verne has won the warmest praise of the musical critics about the bay. The piano club is one of the oldest as well as most exclusive of organizations, its members, each of whom is a talented musician, belonging to the smart set of the college town. The board of directors include Miss A. M. Wellendorff, Miss Bertha Brehm, Mrs. Rufus P. Jennings, Mrs. Thomas Rickard, Mrs. A. O. Leuschner, Mrs. Earle Webb, Mrs. S. M. Marks, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. F. S. Wrinch, Mrs. L. J. Le Conte, Mrs. J. G. Howard, Mrs. W. H. Symthe. The proceeds of the recital, for which elaborate plans are being made, will be added to the MacDowell fund, which is being collected on behalf of the eminent American composer, Alexander MacDowell, who has become incapacitated through overwork and application to study.

CHRISTMAS JINKS OF THE OAKLAND ELKS

Richard Harding Davis' "The Littlest Girl" Is the Feature of the Evening

OAKLAND, Dec. 19.—The Christmas jinks of Oakland lodge No. 171 of the Elks were held tonight in the lodge-room. The feature of the program was a presentation of Richard Harding Davis' playlet, "The Littlest Girl," by T. Daniel Frawley and E. J. McManus.

Special music was rendered by the Elks' quartet and by the male quartet now appearing at the Orpheum. Several numbers also were given by performers from other theaters.

The program, of which the sire was the exalted ruler, Dr. Charles L. Tisdale, was made up otherwise of music by Frank Fogden, barytone, and George Walker, tenor; a topical song by Max Horwinski; monologues by D. H. McLaughlin and moving pictures in charge of J. P. Wilmot.

The committee in charge consisted of Max Horwinski, chairman; Elmer B. Hunt, Clinton G. Dodge, D. H. McLaughlin and Robert J. Sherrin.

POLICE FIND ROPE LADDER USED BY TWO CRACKSMEN

Burglars' Outfit, Abandoned by the Thieves, Is Complete in Every Detail

OAKLAND, Dec. 19.—The police detective bureau, in investigating the attempted robbery of the E. P. Charlton & Co.'s store at 1008 Broadway, has found two ropes used as ladders to climb to the tops of buildings.

The two men who were seen in Charlton's place last night by W. W. Hoffman, manager of the Berkeley branch, entered and ransacked the tailor shop of Henry A. Salaski, which is upstairs at 1018 Broadway. After reaching the roof they walked over adjacent roofs to the store in which the kit of safe cracker's tools were found. Nothing was stolen from Salaski's, although everything in the rooms was disturbed by the burglars in their search for booty.

The tools abandoned by the men have been found to be as complete an outfit as was ever obtained from yeggmen by the Oakland police.

EXTENSIVE PROPERTY SOLD

OAKLAND, Dec. 19.—The Oakland harbor development company has sold to Raymond Kolb-Bernhard an extensive property located southwest of Ninth avenue near the Southern Pacific right of way in East Oakland. The dimensions are about 1,300 feet by 1,000. The consideration was $45,000. Kolb-Bernhard afterward transferred the property to R. O. Hobson, taking a mortgage for $45,000, running two years and drawing 9 per cent interest.

DEFERS "GREATER PALO ALTO"

PALO ALTO, Dec. 19.—A mass meeting for the consideration of a "greater Palo Alto" may be delayed until after the new year. Trustee J. F. Byxbee and Mayor J. F. Parkinson are the committee of the city board of trustees and Parkinson thinks that the time is not yet ripe.

SHOWS RAPID GROWTH

BURLINGAME, Dec. 19.—Indicative of the rapid growth of this place is the fact that when the Burlingame grammar school opened in August, 1906, it had 70 pupils, while the attendance now is over 300 and every room is crowded to its fullest capacity.

CONCLAVE WILL TRY TO REDUCE COST OF LIVING

Chamber of Commerce and Other Bodies to Meet Master Builders

UNIONS TO CONFER

Civic Improvement Also to Be Considered in Deliberations

OAKLAND, Dec. 19.—Hugh Hogan, Charles E. Snook, George W. Reed, Theodore Gier, J. W. Phillips, John T. Bell and Henry Cushing have been appointed a committee from the chamber of commerce to confer with representatives of the Master Builders' association, the building trades council, district council of carpenters and joiners, real estate association, and the merchants' exchange, looking toward a reduction of the cost of living.

The general program includes the formulating of a plan for a readjustment of values. This means to advance investment propositions and to consider how the commercial and industrial organizations can co-operate to stimulate greater activity in private improvement projects.

COLBERT GUARDIANSHIP CONTEST UP FOR TRIAL

Parent Seeks Control of Daughter Who Inherits Large Estate

OAKLAND, Dec. 19.—The hearing of the guardianship contest over Dollie Colbert, an 8 year old girl who fell heir to an estate of $30,000 bequeathed to her by her mother, was commenced today in Judge Harris' court. She was the daughter of Mrs. Annie Cruess by a former marriage to John Colbert, from whom Mrs. Cruess was diverced.

Mrs. Cruess left a will appointing F. F. Porter, guardian of the child and the estate. This Colbert contested. Attorneys Dibert and Elliott for Colbert argued that Colbert's right to his child was inalienable, despite the will of the parent to whom she had been awarded by a divorce decree, providing he was a proper person to care for a child.

Evidence was introduced by Attorney George W. Reed to show that Colbert had been arrested for having struck his wife on the street. The case will be resumed on Tuesday.

DECISION SPOILS SCHEME FOR PALO ALTO PORT

Judge Buck Finds That Contract Between the Butlers and Cooleys Is Void

REDWOOD CITY, Dec. 19.—Superior Judge Buck rendered a decision today in the case of Cooley against Butler. Some years ago the Cooley family owned a great deal of land near Palo Alto fronting on the bay, the port of entry of which was known as Cooley landing. Two years ago 70 acres of this land was sold to the Butlers for $16,000.

With the construction of the Dumbarton bridge by the Southern Pacific company the value of this land increased greatly, as the westerly approach of the bridge was on this property. Fred Cooley approached the Butlers and asked them to resell the land to him, claiming that he desired to keep the old home place of the Cooley family intact. He offered $24,000 for the land, and the Butlers agreed to accept and let him have it.

When it came to making out the deed he asked Mrs. Isabel Butler to make it out in the name of J. F. Parkinson, who is the mayor of Palo Alto. Mrs. Butler demurred, saying that she was selling the place to allow Cooley to get back to his old home.

Cooley sued to compel her to carry out the contract, but Judge Buck decided that the contract was void, the property being community property and not owned by the wife exclusively.

Parkinson wanted the Butler property to carry out his scheme for a port for the city of Palo Alto.

CONDUCTS OWN DEFENSE

OAKLAND, Dec. 19.—James Bowen rejected an offer to provide him with an attorney today in case he was unable to afford one himself, and conducted his own defense against a charge of burglary. He was accused by Eugenio Magnani of stealing $90 from a trunk in his house at Niles. Magnani said he saw Bowen running away from the house. The prisoner subjected Magnani to a long cross examination, but was unable to shake his testimony. The case will be continued.

EXAMINATIONS AT BERKELEY

BERKELEY, Dec. 19.—Examinations at the University of California were virtually finished today and many of the students will leave this city by tomorrow night to reach home for the holidays. Tomorrow will be the last day of the midyear tests, but only a few examinations will be held. The house club, fraternities and sorority houses will be vacant until the opening of college, January 13, when upperclassmen will enroll.

REPORTS WIFE MISSING

OAKLAND, Dec. 19.—W. G. Duhig, a grocer, has asked the police to locate his wife, who left a note last night saying: "I am going away; no matter where." He said that she was seen by friends in Vallejo today. She told them that she had bought a ticket for Cloverdale. Duhig believes that she worried too much because their money is in the Union national bank.

PLAN SANITARY CAMPAIGN

HAYWARD, Dec. 19.—At the suggestion of Dr. John D. Long of the United States public health and marine hospital service, the town trustees have appropriated $100 a month for an expert sanitary inspector to carry on a campaign here along the lines which are being followed in San Francisco and Oakland.

IDENTIFIED AS FOOTPADS

OAKLAND, Dec. 19.—Michael Sheridan and John Perry, each aged about 21 years and arrested by Deputy Sheriff John Reilly and Constable Thomas Carroll, have been identified by A. N. Carroll as the footpads who robbed him of $225 near Horgan's roadhouse recently.

James F. Hill, who presided at the installation ceremonies of two lodges of F. and A. M.

TWO LODGES JOIN FOR INSTALLATION RITES

Hundreds of Guests Witness Ceremonies and Enjoy Following Dance

BERKELEY, Dec. 19.—One of the largest events in fraternal circles of the year was the joint installation ceremonies tonight in the Masonic temple of Berkeley and Durant lodges, F. and A. M. Hundreds of guests of the order accepted an invitation to witness the double installation, at which James F. Hill presided. At the conclusion of the rites a dance was held in the ballroom.

Berkeley lodge officers installed were: Worshipful master, Dr. J. J. Benton; senior warden, C. A. McKelvey; junior warden, H. D. Kelsey; treasurer, R. B. Baird; secretary, D. Fowler Jones. Durant lodge installed the following: Worshipful master, George Leonard; senior warden, W. S. Coleman; junior warden, Dozier Finley; secretary and treasurer, Clarence S. Merrill; past master, W. H. H. Gentry.

WOMAN FAINTS AS SHE IDENTIFIES ASSAILANT

OAKLAND, Dec. 19.—During the second trial of Fred Miles on a charge preferred by Mrs. Carrie E. Welty of Livermore, who fainted on the stand after she had positively identified Miles as her assailant today, the prisoner arose and called her statement a lie. He was rebuked by Judge Waste, but later, when E. E. Welty, her husband, was testifying, Miles applied a similar epithet to him.

Mrs. Welty said that she was dragged from a road cart in which she was riding alone one evening last summer, after dust had been thrown in her eyes, and that she was attacked. Miles had been employed as a blacksmith on the ranch where Welty was foreman, but had been discharged a day previously for making an alleged insulting remark to Mrs. Welty. He was arrested in San Francisco, and his face was said to have borne scratches similar to those Mrs. Welty said she had made with her nails in her assailant's face. She became hysterical today and fainted on the stand. The trial will be continued tomorrow.

COEDS MANAGE HOUSE

BERKELEY, Dec. 19.—The coed boarders of Mrs. G. W. Thomas of 2611 Durant avenue are managing the house in the absence of its owner, who made two unsuccessful attempts to take her life in the past three days. Mrs. Thomas is confined at the Providence hospital recuperating from her plunge in Lake Merritt yesterday. Some of the young women students of the university have abandoned their holiday trips home and will remain in this city during Mrs. Thomas' illness.

DEEDS TO BLAKE ESTATE

OAKLAND, Dec. 19.—Elizabeth H. Havens has deeded the property which she inherited from Millicent K. Blake, her sister, to the M. K. Blake estate company, incorporated. The property includes her share in the Blake block at Eleventh and Washington streets and numerous plats of land in Berkeley. Mary J. Robinson also transferred several lots near the northwest corner of East Fifteenth street and Third avenue to the Blake estate company.

"CAPTAIN" TOWNE CAUGHT

ALAMEDA, Dec. 19.—"Captain" Alfred Towne, who is accused by Miss Violet Clark of this city of having stolen and pawned jewels belonging to her, has been arrested in San Francisco and will be brought here for trial. The jewels were found in a pawnshop in Oakland. Towne posed, it is said, as a former British army officer.

HOTEL GUESTS GIVE BANQUET

OAKLAND, Dec. 19.—Guests of the Hotel Athens gave a banquet this evening at the new grill of that hostelry to the proprietor, John B. Jordan. A reception preceded the dinner, which was followed by dancing. Those in charge of the affair were Alfred Mudge, F. W. Wachter, John Van Lieu, C. A. Matheson, Dr. G. B. N. Clow and S. N. Burch.

PLENTY OF LOBSTERS YET

After catching 20,005 lobsters in one trip off Cashe's bank, on the Maine coast, Captain Webster Lowry of the schooner J. R. Atwood declared in Boston that the supply of lobsters will be plentiful for many years to come. He and his crew used 100 traps. Eight hauls were made in places in water ranging from five to six fathoms in depth. Captain Lowry said the ground where the lobsters were caught is in the path of the Atlantic liners and the work is hazardous because of the possibilities of collision if the weather is at all thick.—Kansas City Journal.

CHINESE ASKS JUDGE TO WARD OFF HIGHBINDERS

Chiu Chun, Wealthy Member of Bing Kongs, Fears an Attack

PRICE ON HEAD, $600

Magistrate Tappan Will Act as Bodyguard of Fearful Man

ALAMEDA, Dec. 19.—Chiu Chun, a wealthy Chinese and a member of the Bing Kong tong, has had a price of $600 placed upon his life by the Hop Sing tong, and the rich Asiatic has retained Judge R. B. Tappan as his legal adviser and bodyguard. There is a bond of friendship existing between the Mongolian and the jurist that has extended over 10 years of business and social relations. Chiu has been warned that his death is desired to even up the murder score between the Bing Kongs and the Hop Sings, and he feels that the protection of Tappan will be a safeguard against the highbinders.

Chiu is married and has a dainty little wife of his own race. In addition to this treasure he has gold and silver enough to enable him to exist in ease and luxury.

When the recent money stringency came on and Chiu feared that the $600 offered for his head would look about six times larger to a highbinder who was hard pressed for clearing house certificates, the cautious Chinese went to his legal adviser, Judge Tappan. The magistrate has arranged to accompany Chiu whenever the hunted Chinaman needs to appear in public.

Chiu is at present hidden away from any highbinder that might seek him as a target and is waiting for some other member of his tong to be killed by the Hop Sing gunmen, when he believes the offer of $600 for his life will be withdrawn.

STONE SUCCEEDS MORTON IN THE U. S. LAND OFFICE

New Receiver's Appointment Follows Discovery of Shortage

OAKLAND, Dec. 19.—George E. Stone has taken his post as receiver of the United States land office, San Francisco district, with headquarters in this city. Stone succeeds Sargent S. Norton, who retired on account of increasing years and the discovery of extensive discrepancies in the accounts of the office.

These discrepancies, amounting to about $15,000, were placed at the door of former Chief Clerk Fred B. English, who was dismissed in September. His discharge came after B. W. Marshall, special agent of the land office, had rendered a report on the condition of the records.

Much of the trouble in the receiver's office is said to be due to the destruction of the original records during the fire in San Francisco. The investigation has not been concluded as to possible action in the courts against English. Morton, it is understood, is responsible to the government for any shortages. According to the land office agents, orders for further proceedings to recover the money, or possible prosecution, will come from Washington after the inquiry has been completed.

MONEY AND JEWELRY ARE PURLOINED BY THIEVES

Till Tapper and Pickpockets Have Profitable Day Among Oakland Victims

OAKLAND, Dec. 19.—C. H. Spencer of 413 Twelfth street reported to the police this morning that his place of business was robbed last night. The till was tapped and $18 was stolen.

Miss Rose Williams of 618 East Twenty-second street reported the loss of a gold watch in Washington street yesterday.

A gold brooch set with amethysts, which was lost by Mrs. L. Reinle of 1058 West street, is believed to have been stolen by pickpockets.

Charles Porter of 4736 West street was robbed of a diamond set locket by a pickpocket yesterday.

S. Curran of 1695 Geary street, San Francisco, reported that a number of tools worth $100 were stolen by an employe whose name is unknown.

DOCTORS PLAN HOSPITAL

SAN MATEO, Dec. 19.—The San Mateo county medical society has elected Dr. A. Miles Taylor of Redwood City president and Dr. F. M. Seibert of San Mateo secretary for the coming term. A committee composed of Dr. J. L. Ross of Redwood City, Dr. D. Bradley Plymire of South San Francisco, Dr. A. Miles Taylor of Redwood City and Dr. W. C. Chidester of San Mateo was appointed to consider a joint stock hospital and to report at the next meeting.

THIEVES MAKE BIG HAUL

SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 19.—The house of J. C. Wisby, 101 B street, was entered by thieves last night and nearly $400 and several hundred dollars' worth of jewelry were stolen. Miss Elma Attwood lost $360 and some jewelry, and Harry Wisby lost $35 and a diamond ring. The robbery took place while the family was absent.

A FAST MOVING HILL

A hill in the department of Ardeche, France, with a cubic measurement of not less than 1,000,000 yards, has been undermined by the filtration of the water and is moving at the rate of 120 feet an hour. Six hundred feet of roadway and two bridges already have been obliterated, and the shitting earth has dammed up two streams which are rapidly forming a vast lake.—Kansas City Journal.

THREE "DOUBLE HOLIDAYS" IN 1908

Next year Washington's birthday, Memorial day and the fourth of July all fall on Saturdays, giving the public three "double holidays." Ordinarily these three do not fall on the same day, but by the intervention of February 29 next year Washington's birthday falls just 14 weeks earlier than Memorial day, which regularly comes five weeks before the fourth.—Kansas City Journal.