

NEWS OF THE CITIES BORDERING SAN FRANCISCO BAY

BELT LINE SING FOR RICH OF WAY

Manufacturers' Road Asks That Brittain Land Be Condemned

Construction Delayed by 300 Foot Strip Held at High Price

OAKLAND, Feb. 3.—The Union belt railway company, composed of the large manufacturers and shippers in East Oakland along the harbor front from Nineteenth avenue eastward, has taken steps looking toward the early construction of the belt railway between Nineteenth avenue and the ferretta works, under the terms of the franchise which was granted to the company by the city council.

Suit was filed in the superior court today by Attorney R. M. Fitzgerald for the company to condemn a right of way through property near Shell Mound avenue and Limestone street, owned by Nathaniel J. Brittain, with a portion claimed by E. J. Cotton. The distance is a little more than 300 feet and is the only part of the line the right of way of which has not been secured by the belt road.

Negotiations with Brittain had been in progress for some time, but the representatives of the road and of Brittain could not agree upon a price. Hence the condemnation proceedings, which were begun today.

According to Attorney Fitzgerald, the belt line project has won a complete victory in their efforts to obtain an open switching agreement with both the Western Pacific railway and the Southern Pacific company. The former has agreed to connect its tracks at Nineteenth avenue with the belt line as soon as it is completed. The Southern Pacific company has agreed to connect its main lines from Fruitvale to the belt line at the same terminus. It is also understood that if the open switching clause is inserted in the Western Pacific's franchise the belt line will not be carried west of Nineteenth avenue.

Work on the belt line will be started as soon as the condemnation suit has been settled. This controversy over the 300 feet of right of way caused the delay in actual construction. Under the agreements, which mean that the Southern Pacific and Western Pacific will handle all freight for the East Oakland manufacturers concerned, no matter on what road the shipments are made, the traffic situation in the Twenty-third avenue territory becomes simplified.

MANY THOUSANDS SEEK PUBLIC HOMESTEADS

San Francisco District Proves Most Popular With Land Seekers

OAKLAND, Feb. 3.—According to the records of the United States land office in this city, government homesteads available for entry in the San Francisco district are fast becoming a thing of the past. This applies to all the coast counties from Mendocino on the north to Colusa on the south, and in many of the interior counties of the state there is no homestead land of any kind, notably in the San Joaquin valley.

According to the registrar, no part of the United States appears to form a more attractive offering of land than California in the district contiguous to San Francisco bay.

Alameda county land was taken up last year ago and there remain at the present time only 2,769 acres of surveyed and unappropriated tracts. These few hundred acres, difficult of access or cultivation as they are, will doubtless soon be entered. Some of the bay counties, as reported by the general land office in 1905, had many thousands of acres of homesteads still subject to entry, though practically all of this unappropriated area is rocky soil. Lake county had 150,907 acres unappropriated two years ago; Marin none at all; Mendocino, 448,977 acres, and Monterey 941,217, much of the latter being very sandy. These are the figures for the entire state, but from 15 to 20 per cent of this large area, even, has since been entered.

The present rush is unprecedented.

MANY CONTRIBUTE TO FUND FOR CALIFORNIA

Oakland's \$3,000 Will Be Ready to Aid in Purchasing Silver Service

OAKLAND, Feb. 3.—Colonel L. P. Crane, in charge of the Oakland committee to solicit and disburse subscriptions to the amount of \$3,000 as this city's share toward the purchase of a silver service from the state for the new cruiser California, today received a substantial contribution from Mr. and Mrs. J. E. H. Brown, who said:

"I think every loyal citizen of California should contribute at least \$1 toward such a worthy and patriotic object, and more if their circumstances permit."

Brown is a native of England. Many other citizens are contributing \$1 or more, and the native sons are evincing a spirit which has caused Colonel Crane to say that he has little fear that the full \$3,000 will be subscribed within the 30 days allotted for the creation of the fund.

PUTS PREMIUM ON JOKES

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Feb. 3.—A premium will be placed on Stan-josh photographs or interesting athletic snapshots taken upon the Stanford campus. A prize of \$10 in cash for the best of the lot submitted was announced today by Editor H. F. Bruning of the 1900 Quad. A like sum will also be paid for the best drawing, whether comic or decorative. This is the first time that the prizes of the cardinal year book have been along these lines. Cash rewards have usually been distributed for some clever story and poem.

MARRIED AT SAN JOSE

PALO ALTO, Feb. 3.—W. L. Alligree and Miss Georgia May, two well known young people of this city, went to San Jose this morning and were married. Alligree is in the employ of the Palo Alto gas company. The bride is a popular and winsome girl.

Flax and Linen

In Sunset Magazine for February Justin Kaye Totes of Stockton tells a story of flax culture in the west and predicts a future here for the linen industry second only to Ireland.

JORDAN FAILS TO RENEW LICENSE

License Renewed While President Was Absent From Supervisors' Meeting

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FORUM WILL DIE ON ITS ANNIVERSARY

Fruitvale Organization Plans Banquet to Celebrate Fourth Birthday

FRUITVALE, Feb. 3.—St. Valentine's day, February 14, will mark the fourth anniversary of the founding of the Fruitvale Forum, a social, literary, dramatic and musical organization, which has contributed in a large measure to the cultured life of the community. This anniversary will be celebrated with a banquet in the evening at Armory hall, Fruitvale, to which 100 invitations have been issued. Many of the leaders in social and intellectual activities in Fruitvale are members of the Forum and have devoted earnest and highly successful effort toward furthering its aims.

Mrs. Frank Howard Seely, president of the club; Mrs. Henry Wetherbee, H. K. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. J. Spencer Riley, Frank H. Seely, William Hackett, Walter B. Kennedy, H. K. McKnight, Miss Elsie Marwede, Mrs. Princeton, Professor Rosseter, Rev. Burton H. Palmer and others will take part in the banquet program. Mrs. Seely as president will act as toast-mistress of the affair.

POLICE TIME AUTOS TO END RECKLESS DRIVING

Two Arrests Mark First Day's Work Against Speed Maniacs

OAKLAND, Feb. 3.—In an effort to check speeding by autos held responsible for the death of Alba Gimbal, aged 16, who was struck by a machine at Thirty-seventh street and Telegraph avenue Saturday night and died next day, the police have begun systematic chases to convict the speed maniacs. Throughout the city distances have been measured off and policemen in plain clothes stationed at either end with stop watches. Chauffeurs are timed, and if the law is being violated are arrested. The officers have resorted to this method owing to the difficulty they have in getting convictions for violations of the law, the automobilists securing release in police courts on light sentences or the cases being dismissed.

Today George Clayton and Edward Veitch were arrested and put up \$50 bail. Veitch is the son of W. F. Veitch, a contractor in the city taken into custody by timers in San Pablo avenue.

PROPERTY IS SOLD TWICE

SANTA ROSA, Feb. 3.—Suit was begun in the superior court today by John C. Lindsay and wife against Mark L. McDonald Jr., to recover the amount paid on purchase price, interest, taxes and improvements on property which it is alleged was sold to the plaintiff by defendant years after he had sold it to the late David Meldrum. The property was included in the Meldrum estate when distributed, and was set aside for his daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Sherman, a resident of Sacramento. Lindsay had almost completed a house on the property when he discovered it belonged to another.

"SKULK" STAFF NAMED

BERKELEY, Feb. 3.—The staff of the Skulk, a comic paper edited by high school students, which will make its first appearance Thursday, has been named as follows: Editor, Roy Shurtleff; society editors—Misses Marian Turner, Hazel Lawton and Louise Scott; representative editor at the preparatory schools—Rugby school, Marvin Hardy; Boone's Fred Wagner; White's Ransome Rideout; art staff, Frank Agar, Clarence Logan, Earl Ristenpart, Elmer Hall and Marion Hunt; business staff, manager, Robert Nicholson; assistant manager, Paul Bartlett.

GIRLS CROWD HIGH SCHOOL

OAKLAND, Feb. 3.—The registration at the Polytechnic high school was so great this term that there were not accommodations for all, and many applicants were placed on the waiting list. Of this unusual registration the greater number are girls, the proportion being about two girls to each boy. The increase in the manual training branches was the most noticeable. During the last term the pupils in manual training supplied benches and other furniture needed in the city schools to the value of \$1,200.

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REDWOOD CITY, Feb. 3.—The principal issue to arise before the supervisors today was the consideration of the appeal of Dr. David Starr Jordan, president of Stanford university, that the saloon of Walter Jolich in the Portola valley and that of Charles Meyer at Menlo Park be refused licenses on the alleged ground that they were breaking the law and that they had a harmful influence on the youth and life at the university. Jordan appealed to the supervisors to refuse these men licenses at the earliest possible moment.

"We cannot educate men and have saloons taking part in the education," Jordan said in part:

"I simply appear before you, gentlemen, to give you the viewpoint of the university with regard to saloons in a radius of five miles from the institution. I am not prepared to make specific charges—they should be brought in the courts—not am I prepared to verify the reputation of the wonder saloon in the Portola valley."

"As soon as the university opened the saloons at Mayfield, which was then a town, took advantage of the students and induced them to trade with them. Stanford said to me before he died that if he had known what was going on earlier he would have had a law passed to keep saloons away from the university. Eighty students fall every year in their work; 40 of them fall because of drink, and of this 40 half of them have been led to drink by Meyer, who is responsible for a large total in the years of his business."

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PATRONS PLEASSED WITH "TOREADOR"

Good Music and Wealth of Fun Delight Audience at Idora Park

OAKLAND, Feb. 3.—Good music, wealth of fun and abundance of beauty were features at the opening performance of "The Toreador" at the Idora Park opera house tonight. The members of the company reflected great credit upon themselves and if they maintain the clip they started this evening the tuneful opera will entertain a large part of the play going public during its run.

First honors tonight fell to Wallace Brownlow, the barytone. He had the title role and he sang it with a rich voice. He captured the audience with his first song and every appearance thereafter was the signal for applause. Ferris Hartman was in his funniest mood and kept the audience laughing through the evening. Others in the cast who deserve credit for their good work are Sybil Page, Walter de Leon, Nettie Desglow, Edna Robinson, Muggins Davis, George Knowlton, Joseph Fogarty, Karl James Jr., Walter L. Catlet and D. J. McFadden.

The opera was beautifully staged. The girls in the chorus looked their prettiest and were in their gayest spirits.

The opera offers a delightful evening's entertainment.

AGED PARENTS BRING SUIT AGAINST OFFSPRING

Ask Court to Order Their Son to Return Money and Trust Deed

OAKLAND, Feb. 3.—The spectacle of aged and infirm parents suing their own son was presented today in Judge Harris' courtroom, when the case of Leuzer and his wife, Anna, against Barbara Lederer, against George C. Lederer was called. The elder Lederers alleged that in 1897 they had given the young man a trust deed to their ranch in Eden township on condition that he devote the proceeds of the ranch to their welfare during life. After their deaths, they said, he might have the place.

At that time, the father testified, he had \$700 in an Oakland bank and since then the son has deposited about \$500 more. Recently, it was charged, he had drawn out nearly the entire amount and put it in his own name in the San Francisco bank. The suit was brought to secure the refunding of the money and possession of the ranch. Lederer complained that his son had mistreated him and had locked him out of the house and had refused to listen to any form of advice regarding the management of the property.

OLDER CALLS HALT

Obtains Court Order Temporarily Blocking Justice Court

A petition to have the justice court of the sixth township of Kern county restrained by the superior court from proceeding with the trial of the criminal libel charge initiated in that court by William S. Tevis against Fremont Older and R. A. Crothers, was filed by Older yesterday. The first warrant on which Fremont and Older were arrested was dismissed January 25 by Deputy Assistant Attorney Rowen Irwin of Kern county on the ground that the fact was expected that the word would be given another warrant was issued and the cause was set for trial February 4. Older asks for a writ of prohibition on the ground that the justice court of Kern county has no jurisdiction. The charge arises out of the publication of a statement that Tevis intended to induce the city of San Francisco to buy the water rights of the Bay Cities company. Judge Murasky signed a temporary restraining order returnable February 17.

WILL TAKE DEPOSITION

Prosecution to Hear Evidence of Man Who Paid Money to Ford

Judge Lawlor yesterday granted the application of District Attorney Langdon that the deposition of Thomas P. Burns, cashier in the subtreasury, be taken for use in the case charging bribery in connection with the trolley franchise. Burns is the official who paid to Ford, Abbott and Mullally the money with which Schmitz, Ruff and the supervisors are alleged to have been bribed. He has been ordered east by the government, which is the reason for his deposition.

Judge Murasky will take the deposition, holding a special session in his courtroom at the Grant building at 7:30 this evening for the purpose. Judge Lawlor ordered that Calhoun, Ruff and all the other defendants in the cases be present with their counsel, overruling an objection raised by Attorney Stanley Moore, who complained it would be a hardship to force the officials of the United Railroads to attend.

FIFTY NAMED TO GREET THE FLEET

Mayor Mott Selects Men of Many Organizations for a Reception Committee

All Branches of Civic Life Are Represented in Body to Entertain Admiral

OAKLAND, Feb. 3.—Fifty men were appointed by Mayor Mott today to represent Oakland as a reception committee, when the fleet under command of Rear Admiral Evans casts anchor in San Francisco bay. In the committee are representatives of the commercial, labor, patriotic organizations of the city, municipal and county officials, including the chamber of commerce, the merchants' exchange, the supervisors of Alameda county, the city council, the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans, the central labor council and the building trades council. Individuals on the committee are chosen from the bankers, the merchants, the professions and the trades organizations.

The first meeting of the committee will be held in the council chamber at the city hall the evening of February 7. At that meeting ways and means for the entertainment of the fleet will be made, and the appointments Mayor Mott issued this statement:

"Inasmuch as Oakland intends to extend a hearty welcome to the fleet of the United States navy due to arrive here on Friday, and at the request of a number of citizens and businessmen, I have endeavored to select a committee of 50 gentlemen to formulate plans and devise ways and means to entertain the fleet, officers and men of the fleet. Every effort will be made to arrange a program of entertainment that will reflect credit upon the reputation of the city and hospitality of our citizens.

"I have called a meeting of the committee for Friday evening in the council chambers, when ways and means will be discussed. At that meeting it is probable that some report will be made of the work now going on in raising subscriptions for the purchase of a silver service set to be presented to the battleship California."

The committee named by the mayor follows:

W. Davis, H. C. Capwell, F. E. Bowles, George C. Farde, C. J. Heesman, W. G. Palmer, George W. Reed, James P. Edger, Dr. E. B. Johnson, J. B. Johnson, F. C. Hayes, Judge H. A. Melvin, A. Jones, Frank A. Leach, Judge George Samuels, Theodore C. Smith, Edwin Stearns, John L. Davis, Dr. A. S. Kelly, Clarence Crowell, G. E. Daniels, H. C. Williams, Wilbur Walker, Warren English, W. B. Thomas, Herman Payne, C. W. Peery, S. M. Carr, Arthur Burton, R. C. Jones, J. Smart, W. Van De Zande, R. For, J. J. Flynn, City Engineer F. C. Turner, C. H. Redington, City Attorney John E. McElroy and G. A. Barnes.

The mayor has had the appointments under advisement for some time. Recently the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans held a joint council at the city hall, at which representatives of the patriotic organizations, and appointed J. F. Flynn to visit the mayor. At that time announcement was made by the city's executive that the committee would embrace every branch of activity in the city, and that representatives of the organizations would be included in the names to be selected.

TRUSTEES REGRET LESTRANGE'S DEATH

Board Will Pass Resolutions Lamenting Untimely End of Patrolman

BERKELEY, Feb. 3.—Resolutions of regret over the untimely death of Policeman John J. Lestrage, the slayer of the notorious Matthew Kennedy in the town hall tomorrow night. Three years ago the board passed resolutions commending Lestrage for the brave stand he made against the burglars who were about to enter the West Berkeley bank, where their ringleader, Kennedy, was shot and killed.

The funeral of Lestrage, which has been set for 9:15 o'clock Wednesday morning, will be held from his late family residence at San Pablo avenue and Gilman street. The entire police force of this city, headed by Marshal Vollmer, will parade out of respect to Lestrage, who was the favorite of the force. Sergeants Jamison, Woods, Lee, Woolley and Fraser will be the pall bearers. Lestrage was 40 years of age and is survived by a wife and three boys, John, Bert and Howard.

SOPHOMORE DANCE MAY FAIL TO BE SANCTIONED

Executive Committee Passes on Dates for Other Class Functions

BERKELEY, Feb. 3.—Dates for college functions have been decided upon by the executive committee of the students of the University of California and announcement was made today of the only college events for the term recognized by the university authorities. The sophomore informal dance set for April 24 has not as yet been authorized by President Wheeler, who may decide to eliminate it. On account of its nearness to the track meet the junior informal may be changed to March 7 from March 27 to allow the track athletes to attend.

The dates passed upon by the committee are: February 13, first senior assembly; February 21, polytechnic club smoker; February 22, colonial ball in Hearst hall; Feb. 26, Prytanese play in Oakland; February 29, benefit show for boating, Greek theater of gymnasium; March 6, military ball in Hearst hall; March 13, boat club smoker, ship Amador; March 15, Skull and Keys play in Oakland; March 27, junior informal in Hearst hall; April 2, second senior assembly, Hearst hall; April 24, sophomore informal, Hearst hall; May 9, senior women's annual (links in Hearst hall; May 11, senior ball, gymnasium.

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ATHLETE RESCUES BOY FROM WATERS OF BAY

Swims With Burden to Shore and Resuscitates Half Drowned Youth

ALAMEDA, Feb. 3.—David Sparks, baseball player and athlete, risked his life today by plunging into the bay off the south side, swimming 50 yards and rescuing Valenti Ghillieri, a lad 18 years old. Ghillieri was clinging tenaciously to an overturned skiff and was exhausted when Sparks reached him. Sparks with his burden swam shoreward and when he got into shallow water he carried the half drowned youth upon the sands and revived him.

Hingham, Mass., has the oldest church edifice now in use in America—the First Unitarian church. The building is 225 years old. John B. Lewis has been sexton and bell ringer at the church for more than 50 years.

RISES FROM SICK BED TO FIGHT FIRE

Almost Helpless Invalid Woman Battles Alone With Flames



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ALAMEDA, Feb. 3.—Weak and almost helpless from illness, Mrs. M. J. Polmere was compelled to arise from her bed this afternoon and fight fire in her room at 1340 Pearl street in order to save her life. She collapsed while courageously battling with the blaze and was dragged from the smoke filled apartment by occupants of the house who were attracted by the invalid woman's cries.

The fire originated from a lace curtain which was blown against a lighted gas stove and quickly communicated to other curtains and the covers of the bed upon which Mrs. Polmere was lying.

Mrs. M. H. Jingles, in whose house Mrs. Polmere roomed, was the first person to reach the helpless invalid. She pulled Mrs. Polmere from the apartment to a place of safety and caused a call to be sent to the department. The chemical engine from the Webb avenue engine house responded and the fire was extinguished after damage to the extent of \$200.

As a result of the shock Mrs. Polmere is in a critical condition.

PAINTS HONOLULU'S BEAUTIES

Picturesque Honolulu, a special edition issued by the Honolulu Gazette and setting forth in lucid fashion the advantages of Honolulu as a residence city, was received by the California Promotion committee yesterday. The edition contains special articles on the social and literary life of the city and its climatic features. The edition is profusely illustrated.

CONTINUES BROWN CASE

The motion to set aside the indictment against Lumber Co. Brown charging the abduction of perjury was continued yesterday by Judge Dunne to February 14. The kidnapping cases against Porter Ashe and Luther G. Brown were put over to February 17 for trial.

DR. PIERCE'S REMEDIES

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