

Oakland

GRAND JURY TOLD TO PROBE DEEPLY

Spare No Man or Official Act, Warns Judge to Alameda Tribunal

OAKLAND, Feb. 11.—A grand jury for Alameda county was drawn today in district 5 of the superior court, and the 19 men selected were sent to their work with instructions by Superior Judge Frank E. Ogden, which, if carried out, will rip the covering from the smooth surface of the affairs of the county government and expose the rottenness and extravagance that constitute its inmost workings. Judge Ogden said:

“You will make careful and complete examination of the records and accounts of all the officials of this county, and especially those pertaining to the revenues, and report the facts as you find them.”

All county officials are charged to notice the condition of the treasury of the county, and to see that the funds are not expended against any county officer, or for neglect to perform any official duty. All contracts, obligations, allowances, payments, liabilities, to pay, made or attempted to be made, by the board of supervisors and contrary to the forms of the county government, shall be wholly void and the district attorney is empowered, and it is his duty, to bring suit to recover money so expended and an order of the board of supervisors is necessary to maintain such suit.

All jails and prisons of the county are open to the grand jury. Judge Ogden explained that all public records and the conduct of every department of the county government.

Emphasis was laid upon the investigation of the expenditures of county money, and for this an expert may be appointed. The services of the expert may be directed to any public records and the receipt of transactions from their inception to their completion, according to the desires of the grand jury.

The jury was told to criticize strongly every department where the need of criticism was apparent, to indict when the probability of guilt exists, and in no case to compliment an official for the performance of his sworn duty.

The jurors chosen today were Herman Bendel, retired merchant, residing at 70 Alameda street; James P. Taylor, coal dealer, 468 Merrimac street; W. H. Taylor, president of W. H. Taylor company, 1232 Castro street; J. E. Gearty, retired, Livermore; S. Anderson, carpenter, 1094 East Nineteenth street; C. H. Wente, banker, Livermore; Robert Callaghan, real dealer, 1111 Eighth street; Frank Tansey, retired, Fruitvale; H. M. Landsberg, wholesaler, Alameda; David J. Frazier, retired, 1413 Columbus e. Lewis, 1413 Brush street; E. M. Freeman, pilot, 1019 Linden street; Henry Meyer, retired, 763 Eighth street; Robert Fraser, capitalist, 527 Chestnut street; J. J. McLaughlin, 274 Twenty-third street; Benjamin Crandell, letter carrier, Melrose; George W. Smith, millman, 1214 Thirtieth street; Andrew J. Nor, grocer, 841 Peralta street.

ELECT FOREMAN

The grand jury elected Herman Bendel foreman and adjutant during the week, when further plans for the work ahead will be laid out.

During the afternoon District Attorney Brown arranged for several automobiles to take the grand jury to the city boulevards, where the matter of faulty construction, about which there has been so much open accusation, will be taken up. Thorough tests with testing machines operated by experts will be made at that time, and Brown anticipates that the question will be decided for all time.

The agitation in the city of Alameda regarding alleged violations of state laws against gambling and other forms of immorality was called to the attention of the district attorney today by Rev. P. C. Macfarlane, pastor of the First Christian church of Alameda. Rev. Mr. Macfarlane has taken a prominent part in the crusade against the alleged law breaking and expects to give testimony regarding alleged police indifference and inactivity in Alameda.

Whether the assistance of the grand jury will be required to straighten out the tangle of affairs of the California bank was a question upon which District Attorney Brown refused to commit himself. James P. Taylor, one of the directors of the bank, was drawn on the grand jury today.

HIGH INSURANCE RATES ARE DECLARED UNJUST

Stockton Businessmen Take Steps to Bring About Sweeping Reduction

STOCKTON, Feb. 11.—A committee of Stockton businessmen was appointed today to take up the matter of urging a reduction in the rates of fire and life insurance rates, which have existed since the San Francisco fire. Heavy property owners made no objection to the raise in rates after the fire, but the heavy losses in the fire, and it hardly just that we should be made to stand the entire loss,” said one of the committee appointed to act. Businessmen say that they are paying on an average of 25 per cent on the \$100 above the premiums of three years ago.

It is believed that by the proper application the premiums now prevailing can be reduced in all instances from 15 to 25 per cent. Insurance agents and underwriters will court such a reduction, because it will leave them in a position to do a greater volume of business.

CATHOLIC WOMEN ELECT

BERKELEY, Feb. 11.—An all day session of the Catholic ladies' aid society of Alameda county was held in the Masonic temple today for the discussion of the general business of the society and the heavy losses in the fire, and the following officers were elected: President, Kate F. Byrne, Berkeley; provincial promoter, Mrs. T. B. Hogan of Oakland; registrar, Mrs. W. T. Morton of Oakland; treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Hanlon of East Oakland.

ASSAULTED BY ROBBERS

OAKLAND, Feb. 11.—C. S. Holland, who rooms at the Galindo hotel, 409 Eighth street, reported to the police tonight that he was held up at 9 o'clock on the Lake Shore boulevard near Athol avenue by two men, who first struck him and then robbed him of \$95.

Discover Underground Stream Skeletons Rouse Elmhurst

SKELETON MYSTERY TAIL OF THE TOWN

Various Theories Are Advanced by Old Settlers Regarding Hacked Bones

Coroner's Jury Sits Today, When Efforts Will Be Made to Solve Problem



JUDGE BALKS AND REBKES DEFENSE

Refuses to Sit in Case Where Criminals Are Used as Character Witnesses

OAKLAND, Feb. 11.—Police Judge Mortimer Smith refused today to sit through the preliminary examination of George Kelly, charged with burglary, and rebuked the defense for bringing forward character witnesses whom the judge declared he could not believe under oath, and asserted that some other magistrate must hear the case. The examination was continued for three days.

Kelly, who is known to the police as "Sore-eyed" Kelly, and is said to have been the leader of the old time Fish gang in West Oakland, was caught by Manuel Ersen in the act of looting his house. Ersen returned to his home in West Oakland one night recently and found Kelly ransacking a bureau. Ersen notified the police and the culprit was caught by Detective Green and Policeman Caveny while he was packing up the stolen articles.

In the police court today Attorney Richardson, for the defense, brought forward as character witnesses Henry Gaines, now on \$2,000 bonds for alleged burglary; Kim Traynor, several times in custody; Harry Lynch and Tom Shay, whose photograph is in the rogues' gallery of the police. "I cannot believe any of these witnesses under oath," exclaimed Judge Smith during the course of the trial, just after Gaines and Traynor had testified. "It is a farce to call such men as character witnesses."

The judge then berated the defense, and Attorney Richardson informed the court that he had been called in place of Lin Church, now ill, and knew nothing of the case. Smith set the examination for February 14 and will call another magistrate.

PETITION FOR TROLLEY LINE IN PACIFIC AVENUE

Improvement Club Hopes to Obtain Two Thousand Signatures to Appeal

Steps to procure 2,000 signatures to a petition to be presented to the board of supervisors to emphasize a plea for an electric trolley line in Pacific avenue were taken last night by members of the Western addition improvement club, which met at Calvary Presbyterian church. Leonidas Scofield pledged \$250 to be used in canvassing for names in the district affected.

The club adopted a resolution protesting against the ordinance passed by the supervisors allowing liquor in quantities of more than one quart to be sold without a license, and asked the mayor to veto it.

Officers of the club were re-elected as follows: George K. Frink, president; William D. Clark, Maurice Block, Robert R. Tall, vice presidents; Lyman A. Keller, treasurer; Lester G. Burnett, secretary.

MAY TAKE THE MONEY

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Feb. 11.—That Swathmore college has not refused the millions left by Miss Anna Jeanes was the unique stipulation that no athletics should be tolerated was the statement made by Dr. Joseph Swain, president of the eastern institution. In the course of his remarks at a lecture given here last night in the university chapel Dr. Swain stated that the peculiar grant was in abeyance, but that he believed if the millions were accepted it would eliminate the possibility of that institution ever receiving funds from any other source, and that he was loath to do away with athletics.

MAY EXTEND KEY ROUTE

OAKLAND, Feb. 11.—Interest has been revived in the old project of an extension of the Key Route system through Alameda county and eventually to San Jose, by the organization of a subsidiary corporation known as the San Francisco and Bay Counties railway company, which will take up the work of extension of the Key Route as originally planned years ago. The new company stock holders consist of F. M. Smith, F. C. Havens; E. A. Heron, president of the present Key Route system; George E. Pratt and Dennis Searies.

PLEADS NOT GUILTY

OAKLAND, Feb. 11.—A. D. Spates pleaded not guilty today when arraigned in Judge Ogden's court for the theft of a bridge pile from the Stanley construction company. Spates was accused of towing the timbers from the estuary to Mount Eden, where it is alleged he sold them to a firm for \$500. The trial was set for February 26.

A jury was secured today to try F. V. Wood for the alleged burglary of Mrs. Emma E. Matthews' home in Fruitvale.

Alameda

WAGES CAMPAIGN AGAINST SALOONS

Bitter War Breaks Out at Redwood City and Lines Are Closely Drawn

Good Government League Adopts Platform Attacking Liquor Selling Trustees

REDWOOD CITY, Feb. 11.—With the adoption by the Good Government league of a strong platform for the coming city election, the fight between the saloon element and the league is in full blast and will be waged without cessation until the election. Deciding that the city was far too much in the control of men who are interested in the saloon business or allied trades, the league platform is very strong on that point and contains covert criticisms against the members of the present board.

The league wishes better police protection for the city, believes that the city water system should be managed so as to be a source of revenue to the municipality, and advocates a high license as a means of ridding the city from its alleged burden of saloons. The majority of the members of the present board of trustees own saloons and they are very unwilling to be succeeded by men who will place a high tax on their business. Jealous of the new blood brought forward by the league, the old line politicians are also lining up to oppose the new platform. A night promoter to be the fiercest ever waged within the municipality.

SON OF GERMAN KAISER VISITS FRENCH CAPITAL

First Prussian Prince to Be Received There Since Franco-Prussian War

PARIS, Feb. 11.—Prince Htel Frederick, second son of Emperor William of Germany, who arrived here last night, accompanied by the members of his suite, from Lisbon, where he represented Germany at the funeral service of the late king and crown prince of Portugal, left Paris this afternoon for Berlin. This is the first time since the Franco-Prussian war that a member of the royal house of Prussia has come to Paris other than in a private capacity. It was proposed several years ago that Emperor William visit the French capital, but the popular feeling was too strong and the idea had to be abandoned.

Today the French press prints no comment upon the presence here of the young prince, but it does give detailed accounts of his sojourn, and it is generally believed that a member of the royal house will have a good influence on the relations between France and Germany. The only official recognition of the prince was by the members of the staff of the French army officers when he drove to the army museum and to the tomb of Napoleon.

Several hundred Germans and a small gathering of Frenchmen were at the railroad station to see the prince leave the city.

BREAKS ENGAGEMENT TO EX-SENATOR H. G. DAVIS

Miss Ashford Surrenders to the Family of Former Vice Presidential Nominee

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Miss Maud Ashford announced today that she was no longer engaged to former Senator Henry G. Davis, the democratic candidate for vice president in the last national campaign. Miss Ashford said she broke the engagement last night, after she and the former senator had discussed the matter.

Miss Ashford referred to the publicity which was given to the subject and to the determined opposition of some members of the Davis family. She said that she had no desire to estrange the senator from his family. For this reason she did not care to have the engagement broken in the newspapers.

STEALS JOY WATER AND CONTRACTS AWFUL JAG

Carpenter Ranks Bonded Warehouse, Takes Up Nobly and Lands in Jail

With 20 bottles of champagne in his room and enveloped in the light of a beautiful "bun" Adrienne, a carpenter, was arrested last night on the charge of burglary, the specific complaint being that he had broken into the Vallejo street bonded warehouse on Thursday and stole three cases of foolish water and one of whisky.

The burglary was committed Thursday night and Friday saw Adrienne developing tendencies of lighting work pipe from the ceiling in the sun. Work was forgotten and for the next two days the erstwhile carpenter moved about the city distributing a champagne breath. Detectives Wren and Riordan ran across him last night, and observing that his attitude did not conform to that of a plebeian beer salesman, tracked him to his room, where 20 bottles of the stolen joy producer was discovered. The rest had vanished.

He was locked up, and when he awoke he was told that he had been dropped from champagne to Spring Valley.

CANNOT HOLD INFANT AS SECURITY FOR DEBT

Oakland Judge Orders Man and Wife to Deliver Child to Its Mother

OAKLAND, Feb. 11.—An infant cannot be held as security for debt, according to a decision given by Superior Judge Ogden today in restoring little Lena Brown to her mother, Mrs. Zuleika Brown. The mother alleged that Nelson Montgomery and his wife, living at 828 Henry street, had detained the child as security for a small bill for its care. Montgomery admitted today that he had no right to keep the baby, and after the ruling by the judge gave it to the mother. Mrs. Brown said the Montgomerys had cared for the child while she was working, and that she was unable to pay the amount they asked for its care.

LOSES FOOT—Oakland, Feb. 11.—Caught between two cars he was about to seal, Charles W. Schuch of 1120 Nineteenth street, lost the right foot of the Southern Pacific company, was badly injured, that his right foot was amputated at the central hospital.

Grand Jury Is Impaneled Crusade Against Race Track

TO FORM LEAGUE AGAINST RACING

University Joins With Church and Civic Bodies in War on the Track

Mass Meeting Is Arranged for Thursday Evening in Berkeley

BERKELEY, Feb. 11.—University men and prominent churchmen have joined hands with the civic organizations of this city in a campaign against the race track. The initial meeting of citizens will be held in St. Mark's church Thursday night, when steps will be taken to form a league, with branches to be organized throughout the state, to bring about legislation for the elimination of racing from this city. President Wheeler of the University of California will be one of the speakers at the meeting in the church, at which President J. K. McLean of the Pacific theological seminary will preside. Among the other speakers will be the Rev. Mr. Parsons, rector of St. Mark's; Professor George H. Howison, head of the department of philosophy of the university, and Judge William H. Waste of the superior court of Alameda county.

DISCOVERS DEAD BODY THROUGH ANTICS OF CAT

Man Who Finds Remains of Mrs. Sigrid Soderberg Testifies at Son's Trial

OAKLAND, Feb. 11.—Hans H. Valentine, who discovered the body of Mrs. Sigrid Soderberg after the murder with which her son, Erlend Soderberg, was charged, and he is now on trial before Superior Judge Melvin, testified today regarding the circumstances of the discovery. Valentine said his attention had been called by a neighbor, Mrs. Christianson, to the actions of Mrs. Soderberg's cat, which could be seen locked in the house. On entering the house with his wife and Mrs. Christianson he called to Mrs. Soderberg, she said, and on receiving no answer searched the place. The witness alleged that the body was wrapped in blankets, hidden in the closet, and in an erect position, and that he mistook it for a roll of carpet until further investigation. On learning its nature he sent the women from the house and notified the police.

Soderberg's face turned white occasionally as he listened to the testimony, but otherwise he kept his stolid demeanor and appeared unaffected by the narrative of the witness.

GUGGENHEIM LIEUTENANT IN WASHINGTON RESIGNS

Rodgers Gives Up Task of Building Copper River Line for Magnate

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

TACOMA, Feb. 11.—N. K. Rodgers, president of the Katala company, which was organized to construct Guggenheim's road into the Copper river country, has resigned. E. C. Hawkins, chief engineer of the Copper river road, is to be changed from Katala to Cordova bay, where the company's activities are centered now. It was Rodgers whose influence was responsible for the location of the terminals at Katala. The retiring president of the construction company always has been enthusiastic over the light grade possible from Katala. Whether the company will build from that point ultimately will depend upon a final decision as to the value of Rodgers' \$2,000,000 break-water scheme for the Katala harbor.

Rodgers is now in the east, but will return in 10 days and devote his time to his own interests. He is heavily interested in several important Alaska mining ventures and would not give them the time necessary for the development while engaged in the Guggenheim interests.

DECLARE FOR TAFT

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 11.—At a harmony meeting of the leading candidates for the state and city offices with the Roosevelt club of St. Paul last night resolutions were adopted endorsing the policies and administration of President Roosevelt and favoring an instructed delegation from Minnesota to the national convention in favor of the nomination of Taft for the presidency.

MRS. KROEZE IN COURT—Mrs. Mary Kroetze was arrested by Police Judge Shortall yesterday as to her rights in the murder case against her in connection with the death of Lottie Holden. She was held in jail until she was sworn to and the case was continued until February 17 to await the result of the coroner's inquest.

ASKS TO BE GUARDIAN—Oakland, Feb. 11.—The Eastern trust company has filed a petition in the superior court to be appointed guardian of the person and the estate of Louise M. Dickerson, who is alleged to be insane. The estate, according to the petition, is valued at \$15,000, inherited from her father, Simon Dickerson, a capitalist.

Berkeley

BENJAMIN IDE WHEELER, PRESIDENT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, WHO IS TO SPEAK AT MASS MEETING IN OPPOSITION TO RACING.



SAYS CHINA WILL SWEEP THE WORLD

University Lecturer Declares That Yellow Kingdom's Iron Hand Will Be Felt

BERKELEY, Feb. 11.—In a lecture on "What China is Doing" Professor John Fryer, head of the department of oriental languages of the University of California, made the statement this afternoon before the students of the lecture course of contemporary history that if China continued to progress for another generation as it has in the last few years its army and navy would be greater than the combined war equipment of the great powers.

Professor Fryer, who lived for many years in China, declared that the awakening of the celestial empire, as seen in the last few years, would mean the supremacy of China over all the countries of the world, and that the yellow peril would indeed be a thing to be feared.

The lecture was based on the prophecy of Wen-Siang, a Chinese diplomat in office at the time Professor Fryer was in the kingdom a few years ago. The prophecy, which was read to the class of students this afternoon, was: "You western people have urged persistently that China move forward and adopt the civilization of the west. When we do you will be wishing in vain for us to stop. The advance of China against her former persecutors will continue until you will be glad to call a halt."

Professor Fryer said of the new China: "Everything is being done in China at the present time toward its unification. The people have adopted and are learning a common dialect instead of the many dialects used in the past throughout the kingdom.

"The two provinces alone more than 100,000 troops are being equipped and drilled and will soon be in condition for warfare. The people of China are learning the methods of the Japanese, and will soon have an army and navy which will rival in size the armies of the United States, Japan and all the big powers.

"The empire is doing all in her power to aid in making China for the first time a united nation. The people are learning to read and to write, and the feet of the Chinese woman is no longer practiced and customs of the old China are gradually being abolished.

"The education of the Chinese in the new awakening is not merely confined to the men, but women, too, receive a liberal education according to the new system of schools established there."

JUMPS FROM WINDOW IN ATTEMPT AT DEATH

Young Woman Deserted by Husband and Friends Seeks to End Her Life

OAKLAND, Feb. 11.—Deserted by her husband and by her friends, Mrs. May Hazard, a comely young woman 22 years of age, jumped from a window of 57 Hobart street today and was arrested on suspicion of being insane. She is detained at the receiving hospital pending an examination of her mental state.

Dr. Hazard said she had been unable to keep a position on account of her health and that since her husband left her seven months ago her friends had also fallen away. Today she attempted suicide, she said, because she believed life held nothing more for her.

SUIT GOES TO JURY

OAKLAND, Feb. 11.—Arguments in the suit of William F. King against the Oakland traction company to recover \$30,000 for the loss of his left arm were concluded today and the case will go to the jury tomorrow.

SUSPECTS INSANITY

Oakland, Feb. 11.—Charles W. Schuch, who was arrested today on suspicion of being insane, was made by C. A. Lutz, a druggist at that place.

FIND SUBTERRANEAN STREAM OF WATER

Well Drillers Discover Flow Estimated at 500,000 Gallons Daily

San Anselmo People in Glee, and Believe Fire Protection Problem Solved

SAN ANSELMO, Feb. 11.—Laborers employed in sinking a well for the Northwestern Pacific railroad company at Yolanda Villa station today made the discovery of a subterranean stream of water, the flow of which is estimated to be not less than 500,000 gallons a day. So strong is the current that at a depth of 85 feet the piping employed in connection with the work was carried away, resulting in the temporary suspension of operations. It is believed that sufficient water is available from the source to provide a plentiful supply for the city's needs, and a number of other wells will be sunk immediately.

Business men are enthusiastic over the discovery, which practically guarantees an adequate protection against fire if a suitable reservoir is built.

LEAVES CAR TO GET HAT AND MEETS HIGHWAYMAN

Oakland Youth Is Robbed by Armed Man and Then Permitted to Get Headgear

OAKLAND, Feb. 11.—John Peralta, son of Mrs. Mary Peralta, leaped from a streetcar to recover his hat, which had been blown from his head last night, and was met by a highwayman who robbed him of \$250.

Young Peralta was on his way to his home at 1034 Sixty-fourth street, with his mother. When the San Pablo avenue car reached Fifty-fifth street the youth's hat blew off and was carried up Fifty-fifth street about 200 feet. Peralta left the car and ran after his hat and before he reached it the robber stepped from behind some trees and pointed a pistol at his head.

The man searched Peralta and then allowed him to obtain his hat before he returned to San Pablo avenue. The footpad then disappeared.

SNATCHES GIRL'S PURSE; CAUGHT BY POLICEMAN

Thief Arrested After Long Chase, in Which Patrolman Uses Automobile

Hotly pursued by a policeman in an automobile along a devious course five blocks in length and fired at twice, Alexander Brunson was captured by Patrolman James Farrell and arrested at the central police station at 10:30 o'clock last night for having snatched a purse from pretty Daisy Blake, a stenographer at the St. Francis hotel.

The purse was found in his possession. Miss Blake was at the corner of Mason and Geary streets on the way to her home at 579 O'Farrell, when Brunson jumped from a dark corner, shook her roughly, grabbed her purse and started to run. Miss Blake screamed, and Policeman Farrell, a block away, hastened to assist her. Farrell chased Brunson to Taylor street, where he jumped into an automobile and followed the man as he doubled at Bill's street and turned up Mason to O'Farrell. There Brunson surrendered. The purse contained \$20.

WILL RECOVER

Berkeley, Feb. 11.—H. Marsella, the brewer who while sick fell down in front of his place on Thursday morning and sustained a fractured skull, has been pronounced out of danger by Dr. J. Denton.

Don't Neglect It

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