

SUICIDE SPECTER

BRIGHTER LIFE

After Farewell Letter to Sister Lovely Alma Harrison Takes Fatal Dose of Poison

Bear Little Girl: There is just absolutely nothing to say to you—no apology—but it was just my love for you that kept me here so long. Death isn't so sad, dear, not nearly so sad as life. I am tired and very lonely. Just post these few letters and try not think that I am cowardly and remember that I will be much happier. I cannot write to Ned or papa. Much love to you, little sister, and I wish you a happier life than I can have. I have fought this beastly idea for years. It is all up now, dear, and except for you I am happy to go. I have just kissed your picture, dear. Much love, dear. Be brave for mamma's sake. Don't know what to say to papa.

Her mind darkened with the despair that there could be no happiness for her, pretty little Alma Harrison, the 18 year old daughter of J. C. Harrison, a prominent mining man in Mexico, living at 42 Steiner street, yesterday put an end to a life that had never trod the sunlit ways of happy girlhood. After swallowing a dose of cyanide of potassium and ammonia carbamate.

Dr. Julian Waller, who was called to attend the dying girl, almost died from the same dose. By foolishly swallowing some of the contents of the bottle, he placed himself in a condition that bordered on the fatal. He was not relieved of the poison for five hours later.

FOUGHT FATE FOR YEARS For years the black specter of suicide had relentlessly attended her. In a farewell letter to her sister quoted above, she told how the leaden hand of melancholia about weighed her down, obstructed every desire she had to join in the gayeties of her girl friends. Always darkness, blackness, despair. The star that had lifted up to heaven her soul, the whole life of her existence was her life up to an elder sister, Zoe.

It was the fear that her long contemplated resolve might bring sorrow to her father, which she believed on that day, that was made to keep the suicide as secret as possible.

After finishing the writing of these last messages she retired to her room. She had been chatting with Scott Wallace, a young man who resides with the family, about going to the theater. The immediate family had no conversation previous to the taking of the poison.

Cries of pain about 4 o'clock brought Wallace to her room. He found her writing in convulsions on her bed. He immediately called Mrs. Harrison and Miss Zoe Harrison. There was a delay in summoning medical assistance. Mrs. Harrison is a Christian Scientist.

The physician saw that the little girl had done the deed well. With a fatuous curiosity, however, he placed the poisonous bottle to his own lips to taste what was the nature of the poison. He was immediately stricken. For space his life was despaired of. He was carried to a nearby drug store and treated and later assisted to his home.

It was not until 9 o'clock that he was well enough to communicate the suicide to the coroner. In the letter written to her sister, Zoe, the lines "post these few letters," was obscured by pencil drawings. Mrs. Harrison and the sister immediately stricken by some of these communications or to whom they were addressed. At the present time Harrison, with an elder brother, is in Mexico, occupied on the mining properties in which he is interested.

COLUMBIA PARK BOYS IN "TAMING OF SHREW"

Youthful Thespians Score Hit Before Big Crowd at Van Ness Theater

William Shakespeare's comedy, "The Taming of the Shrew," was presented to a large audience in the Van Ness theater last evening by the members of the Columbia park boys' club. Eustace Peixotto, who assumed the role of Petruchio and conquered the iron will of Katharina, the shrew, received much applause. The comedy of the drama was furnished by Eugene Richards, Harry Rosenthal and Nathaniel Schmulowitz. During the evening the Columbia park boys' band rendered an excellent program and the work of the youthful musicians was well received by the audience. The comedy was directed by Garnet Holme. The cast was as follows:

- Baptista, a rich gentleman of Padua..... High School
Katharina, an iron-willed shrew..... Herman Stein
Lorenzo, son of Baptista..... Abe Appleton
Blanca, a gentleman of Verona, a suitor..... Eugene Richards
Petruchio, a gentleman of Verona, a suitor..... Eugene Richards
Sellers to Bianca..... Eugene Richards
Gremio..... Eugene Richards
Servants to Lucentio..... John Lavell
Tranio..... Lloyd Logan
Servants to Petruchio..... Eugene Richards
Curtis..... Hyman Rosenthal
Daughters to Baptista..... Nathl. Schmulowitz
Blanca, her sister..... Charles Norton
Widow..... Ray Duggerby
The belladonna, "The Epheid" by Sir Henry Bishop was sung by Master Charles Barton in scene 7.

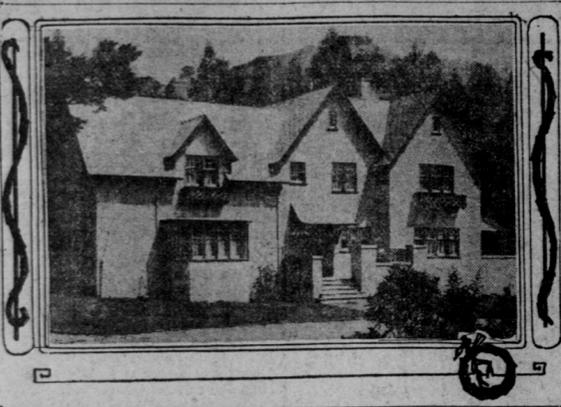
KINDERGARTEN BENEFIT

BERKELEY, April 26.—The West Berkeley Kindergarten association gave a benefit entertainment and dance last evening at Fraternity hall. The following program was rendered: Overture by orchestra; piano solo, Mrs. Plunkett; vocal solo, Miss Agnes Thompson; reading, Miss Dromley; vocal solo, Miss Gwinde; piano solo, Mrs. Plunkett; vocal solo, T. W. Coull.

PARK BOND MASS MEETING

BERKELEY, April 26.—The South Berkeley Improvement club has completed arrangements for a mass meeting to be held in Lincoln hall Tuesday evening in the interests of the proposed park and incinerator bond election which is to take place next Wednesday. A number of prominent speakers will address the meeting and stereoscopic views of the proposed park site will be shown. The impression given at the latest exposition in Berlin of inventions is that liquid air will soon enter the field as a very serious competitor of steam and electric power.

Frank Madison's house in San Rafael, the duplicate of which the lawyer seeks to prevent by injunction.



GREEN ENVY OF VERDANT PAINT

Madison's Injunction Suit Is Lauged At by Architect Edgar Matthews

Edgar Matthews, the defendant in Madison's suit, said that the house was a duplicate of the one in San Rafael. He said that the house was built in 1905 and that it was a duplicate of the one in San Rafael. He said that the house was built in 1905 and that it was a duplicate of the one in San Rafael.

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LABOR NOTES

In reply to a letter sent to the central labor body of Buffalo, N. Y., to ascertain if the school furniture manufactured in that city and used in the San Francisco public schools is produced under fair conditions, the secretary of that body declares that "the furniture is union made."

The ship builders' union, finding itself in financial straits, has asked the San Francisco labor council to have its dues to that body for the current quarter remitted. The matter will be investigated by the executive committee.

Secretary George W. Bell of the state federation of labor has fixed his office in the San Francisco Labor temple hall, from 9 o'clock in the morning to noon each day.

The sheet metal workers' union at its last meeting increased its membership by the initiation of 11 elected candidates. The business agent reported the conditions of the trade as good.

At the meeting of branch No. 5 of the amalgamated carpenters and joiners of America and Canada last Tuesday there was presented the annual report for the year 1907, which shows that during the year there was expended for the benefit of the members of the organization in the United States the sum of \$61,214.94, divided as follows: Benefits to the unemployed, \$29,202.82; sick benefits, \$10,316.03; payments for loss of tools, \$4,888.25; benefits to superannuated members, \$4,820.95; accident benefits, \$525; death benefits, \$2,492; assistance to members of other trades, \$1,650.

This branch indorsed all the amendments submitted by the district council of carpenters. The next meeting of the branch will be held May 5 in the new temple of the building trades council.

A pawnbroker in France is spoken of as "my aunt."

Events in the Women's Clubs of Alameda County

OAKLAND, April 26.—More than 300 women were present at the early summer festival which surpasses in elaborate detail all other charitable events of the year. In those clubs which have been organized for philanthropic work all other interests are subordinated to preparations for the big affair. The spacious grounds surrounding the F. M. Smith residence in East Oakland have been placed at the disposal of the several societies for the afternoon of May 9. Several thousand guests are planning to spend the hours wandering through the gardens and patronizing the concessions where society matrons and maids will offer carnival goods.

For many years the Ladies' Relief society has had charge of the booth where delicious home made candy has won for them an excellent reputation and patronage. As in summers past, Miss Louise de Fremery will direct the sale of the sweetmeats. She will be assisted by a large committee of women, among whom will be the following:

- Miss Alice Keweenaw
Mrs. J. S. Coe
Mrs. Spencer Brown
Mrs. William de Fremery
Miss Jeanie Campbell
Mrs. William B. Pringle
Mrs. Harry Knowles
Mrs. E. C. Williams
Miss Viva Nicholson
Mrs. E. C. Prather
Miss Mary de Fremery
Mrs. T. D. Treble
Miss Charlotte Hall
Mrs. Henry Martines
Miss Clarissa Lobos
Mrs. Charles Butler
Miss Ruth Kales
Mrs. George Greenwood
Miss Jane Grallin
Mrs. Harrison Gray
Miss Katharine Brown
Mrs. B. G. Brown
Mrs. Fletcher Corwall
Miss Matilda E. Brown
Mrs. Harry Gordon
Miss Edna Gray
Mrs. Irving Lundberg
Miss Helen Campbell
Miss Eleanor de Fremery
Miss Miller
Miss Letitia Barry
Miss Ann E. Miner
Miss Elizabeth McNear
Mrs. Jefferson Maury
Miss Christie Taft
Mrs. F. E. Weston
Miss Rose Kales
Mrs. H. M. Perkins
Miss Marion McElrath
Mrs. B. H. Mathes
Miss Irene Bangs
Mrs. Harry East Miller
Miss Florence Henshaw

Among the other clubs taking part in the fête are the Oakland club, Oakland Settlement, Girls' Training Home of Alameda, Oakland Twentieth Century club, East Oakland Settlement and West Oakland Home.

Between 4 and 5 o'clock the officers of the fleet will be the guests of the associated societies of Oakland and of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Smith. The battle of roses, which is a pretty feature of each Arbor villa fête, will be participated in by a score of the younger girls, whose ammunition will be tons of fragrant rose petals.

At the Oakland club on Wednesday afternoon Mrs. J. W. Goldstein, a gifted woman of San Francisco, will read "A Lily and a Dandelion," a selection from a composition of her own, entitled "A Monologue of Sympathy" of Coleman Schwartz will be heard in a humorous monologue and Mrs. Irene Le Noir Schutz will give the musical selections.

At the receiving party of the young women of the club will be: Mrs. M. I. Woolley, Mrs. Charles Wallace, Mrs. E. C. Chamber, Mrs. M. G. Levesque, Mrs. Leon Hall, Mrs. W. H. Foster, Mrs. M. I. Woolley, Mrs. Charles Wallace, Mrs. E. C. Chamber, Mrs. M. G. Levesque, Mrs. Leon Hall, Mrs. W. H. Foster.

Each of the women's clubs of Berkeley enjoyed a round of pleasure yesterday. The annual luncheon of the Town and Gown club was an elaborate affair, in which more than 100 members participated. The members of the Twentieth Century club were hostesses at a large theater party at Idora park, the proceeds of which will be placed in the building fund. Miss Rosemary Robbins is the newly elected president of this organization of women of the college town.

On Monday the women of the Alta Mira club at San Leandro will enjoy a Mexican afternoon when Mrs. L. P. Crane will tell of her experiences in that country. Miss Ruth Burnham will be seen in several of the Spanish dances and Professor Richard Carpenter and Mrs. Carpenter will give some of the Spanish music. Mrs. C. P. Lynch will be assisted as chairman by Mrs. C. W. McLaughlin and Miss Laura Knaugh.

COLLS

How often you hear it remarked: "It's only a cold," and a few days later learn that the man is on his back with pneumonia. This is of such common occurrence that a cold, however slight, should not be disregarded.

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NABBED FOR TALK OF HIDING SLAYER

Italian Claims Knowledge of Fugitive Murderer of Refugee and Is Jailed

L'ITALIA ISSUES SPECIAL L'Italia, the Italian daily newspaper, has issued a splendid special edition, celebrating the twenty-second anniversary of its own foundation, and the second of the fire. The literary features of the issue are above the average of such efforts, and typographically it is a work of art. Much of the space is devoted to a mass of valuable statistics. Among the many interesting features is a comprehensive article on the rebuilding of San Francisco. This is accompanied by fine cuts. The musical criticisms in the number are excellent. A tribute to the American woman in a special study calls her the most beautiful type of her sex.

Well, we certainly did have a successful sale

North Cragmont

The day was grand, the people enthusiastic, and North Cragmont magnificent. Over \$200,000 worth of property was quickly acquired by the kind of people who make communities prosperous and home property valuable. It was a great sale and all buyers are happy, for they secured bargains. Tonight, as we look over the map, we find a number of preferred lots that were overlooked in the excitement and rush of the sale. These lots are exceptional bargains. The first to come will get them. Automobiles at your service every day. If you live out of town write for a folder and map.

- EUGENE L. BROCK & CO. 2121 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley
SCHMIDT-SKILLING CO. 2172 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley
FRANCIS FERRIER 2105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley
HAROLD HAVENS 2115 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley