

MAYOR RECOMMENDS PARKS BOARD

Members Would Superintend Establishment of Parks for Children

OAKLAND, May 18.—Mayor Frank K. Mott recommended to the city council in a message tonight that a playground commission be appointed, the commissioners to serve without salary.

Immediately after the reading of the mayor's message an ordinance was introduced by Councilman Jackson declaring as public playgrounds Bushrod park, West park, Tompkins school yard, the Garfield school yard, and the Longfellow school yard.

The board of public works, if the ordinance shall pass, will be empowered by it to equip the grounds with gymnasiums, tennis courts, running tracks, croquet grounds, swings, and other amusements.

The employment of a custodian for West Oakland and Bushrod parks, with a salary of \$100 a month, is also included.

The council passed over Mayor Mott's veto an ordinance opening Fourteenth street, from Alice street to Oak, with a width of 60 feet.

MINISTER CUTS WIFE'S THROAT WHILE INSANE

Rev. S. A. Coffman Regains Sense After Committing an Awful Deed

FAIRMONT, Va., May 18.—Temporarily insane, according to his own statement, Rev. S. A. Coffman, aged 50 years, a prominent Methodist Episcopal cleric, killed his wife early today by cutting her throat from ear to ear.

CLUBMAN IS HELD ON EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

Young Social Leader Alleged to Have Spent Employer's Money for Good Time

BAKERSFIELD, May 18.—John D. Morgan, aged 25 years, employed as book keeper in a Bakersfield store and one of the most popular of the younger set, being a member of a number of clubs, was arrested today charged with the embezzlement of \$245.75.

HUGH TOLAND VICTIM OF BRIGHT'S DISEASE

Prominent Actor and Son of Noted San Francisco Surgeon Dies Suddenly in the East

PHILADELPHIA, May 18.—Hugh Toland, a prominent actor, died suddenly this morning of Bright's disease, aged 40. Toland arrived in this city last evening and was in the city for the first time since he had been playing in Lillian Russell's company.

REFUSE STUDENT DIPLOMA

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, May 18.—The academic council denied a degree today to Harold Fitch of San Francisco, although he has completed the work required for graduation.

EMPEROR AGAIN IS ILL

VIENNA, May 18.—Emperor Francis Joseph is again slightly indisposed and this has made necessary the postponement of all his engagements.

INCREASE OFFER TO WRIGHTS

PARIS, France, May 18.—If the Wright brothers want to know what they are able to do with their airplane they will be glad to accept the offer of \$2,000,000.

MURDERER CONFESSES

MATAWON, N. J., May 18.—The prosecutor of Monmouth county announced today that Frank Zastor, the young farmer, had made a confession that he killed Mrs. Mrs. William B. Shepherd and her servant, Miss Jennie Brady, who were found murdered in Shepherd's farmhouse Saturday morning.

ART EXHIBITION

Admission free, School of Design, San Francisco Institute of Art, California and Mason sts., 9 till 5.

LAST NIGHT'S AUDIENCE VASTLY MOVED BY POWERFUL INTERPRETATION OF CHARACTER

CAST OF CHARACTERS IN SHAKESPEARE'S TRAGEDY, "King Lear"

Lear, king of Britain.....Mr. Mantell Earl of Gloucester.....Walter Campbell Earl of Kent.....Gordon Burby Edmund, bastard son of Gloucester.....Edmund Duke of Albany.....Romaine Callender Duke of Cornwall.....Lewis Thomas Duke of Burgundy.....Hamilton Mott Duke of Brittany.....Penley Bore Duke of France.....Mr. Boudless Edgar, son of Gloucester.....Francis McGinn Oswald, steward to General.....Franklyn Bendisen A Fool.....Guy Lindsey An old man.....Lawrence Key A physician.....Watts Gale A herald.....Edwin Lee General.....Miss Marie Both Russell Lear's daughters.....Miss Lorraine Frost Cordelia.....Miss Lillian Kingsbury

At times last evening, with Robert Mantell the Dowling Lear, the dotted Lear or the mad Lear on the stage, it seemed as if one were not enjoying the plush comfort of a Van Ness theater chair, viewing the mimic presentation of a legendary king, but rather as if one were a spectator at a domestic and political tragedy of a human being whose heart and scepter both had been torn from his grasp to mock his own madness.

Lear, more rarely seen on the stage than any of Shakespeare's greater dramas, is the Elizabethan's most tremendous effort. Charles Lamb said, "The Lear of Shakespeare is not acted." That was put dogmatically by a critic whose forte was gentleness.

Yet Robert Mantell, not accounted a giant of the world's stage, played Lear last evening to a theater crowded with the more intelligent folk of the city, and when the star was on the stage the audience sat tense in its seats like a tight lipped sphinx.

From the first, when Lear repudiates the frank and honest love of his fairest and youngest daughter, Cordelia, until the end, the eyes and ears of the audience were fastened upon Mantell.

Others in the cast won some homage and deserved it, too. Francis McGinn, as Edgar, both in his own part and when he masqueraded as "Poor Tom" was excellent. George Stillwell, as Edmund, the "saucily" born son of Gloucester, played a villain's part well.

William A. Brady is "presenting" Mantell in this Shakespearean engagement and he has provided productions for the shows. If last night's stage is to be a model of dramatic art, it is worthy of the mettle of the dramatist.

CHUTES THEATER—Walter Perkins of "The Man From Mexico" fame won first honors in the new bill at the Chutes last night with his farce "The Man From Mexico."

GIRL IS MISSING, SO IS J. D. PHELAN'S CHAUFFEUR

Disappearance of Miss Cathfish and Wilson May Be Only Coincidence, But—

The disappearance of Miss Pezalla Cathfish, whose parents live at 218 Prospect avenue, and E. J. Wilson, chauffeur for ex-Mayor James D. Phelan, was reported last evening as a coincidence, but the parents of the girl assert that they are together somewhere and have asked the assistance of the police in locating them.

FULLERTON CASE TAKES AN UNEXPECTED TURN

Lieutenant Governor Coon of Washington Revokes Warrant Against Rich Man's Son

Judge Seawell received yesterday from Lieutenant Governor Coon of Washington a telegram stating that he had revoked the warrant under which Robert W. Fullerton, the college man held for abduction, was arrested and taken from that state. It was being issued in consequence of a misunderstanding and without a hearing.

NEW GUARDIAN FOR BAIRD

A new guardian was appointed by Judge Stewart yesterday to manage the affairs of Miles Baird, an incompetent, who is being sued by the Baird estate for \$25,000 advanced by his mother, Virginia C. Baird. Heretofore his mother had acted as his guardian, but in view of the fact that he is now being sued for money loaned by her, J. H. Alexander was substituted.

STEVENS SCORES IN "THE DEAR GIRLS"

Whole Comedy at Princess Is Permeated With the Chief Actor

CAST OF CHARACTERS IN THE MUSICAL COMEDY, "The Dear Girls"

Professor Roscius Muggersidge, proprietor of a school of acting, dancing and singing.....Edwin Stevens Carl Erich, a rich brewer and patron of the school.....Oscar C. Apfel Leonard Lavender, his nephew, a young man about town.....Harold Crane Captain Joshua Jessamy, a burly old sea dog.....Arthur Cunningham Randolph Wery, a poetic pupil Ben Lodge Tripp, Lavender's man servant.....George Field Robert Franklin, one of the advanced pupils.....George B. Baldwin Jimmy, the callboy.....John H. Delbridge Pupils of Muggersidge—Edwin Mantell.....Harold Abbott Arthur Drew.....Dave Seaton Charles Richman.....Wilson Bellow Allan Miller.....Walter Leslie Cecil Collier.....Harold Pracht Laurence Ward.....Martin Howe Frederick Standing.....William Leonard Morgan Warfield.....George Ainsley Stella Zanetti, a dancer.....Cecilia Rhoda Amelia Muggersidge, the professor's daughter.....Tina Marshall Miss Sybil Featherwhite, a society woman, passe and stage struck.....Sarah Edwards Mrs. Lucy Jessamy, proprietress of the "Jessamy House".....Laura Oakley Laura Jessamy, the captain's daughter, her niece.....Myrtle Dingwall Muggersidge's lady pupils—Miss Edna Fairmount.....Grisella Kingsland Miss Maude St. Francis.....Rita Abbott Miss Hazel Stewart.....Edna Carpenter Miss Edna Normand.....Ella Kearney Miss Jane Tait.....Jennie Metzler Miss Susan Leonard.....Evelyn Ashby Miss Clara Thompson.....Fay Parks Miss Edna Majestic.....Maria Brooks

"The Dear Girls," which made its first appearance on the coast at the Princess theater last night, is an Anglo-American musical comedy—Americanized, localized and Stenized—particularly Stevenized. It is permeated with Edwin Stevens, radiates with Edwin Stevens, scintillates with Edwin Stevens. He is about as near the whole show as it is possible for one in a large company to be, and it is a mighty good thing for the show. Not that there is anything wrong with the production, not by any means; but any show would be the better for Stevens and "The Dear Girls" is no exception to the rule.

Those who have become accustomed to seeing Stevens in "Wang" were a trifle more than surprised at the remarkable ability of the man last night. His was a character study. He portrayed at least four distinct characters, and finally left one with the pleasing problem as to the one in which he was the best.

ADMITAL "BOB" GETS NEW JOB

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Secretary Metcalf has detailed Admiral Robley D. Evans to duty with the general board of the navy, which has to do with the preparation of plans for naval campaigns for use in time of war.

FOUR SAN FRANCISCANS LOST

BELLINGHAM, Wash., May 18.—George Crawford and wife, accompanied by two friends from San Francisco, whose names have not been learned, left yesterday morning on a picnic excursion on Chequamegon mountain, a wild and heavily timbered district southeast of the city. Nothing has been heard from them since the jarvis searching parties left for the mountain this forenoon, but up to 3 o'clock this afternoon no trace of them had been discovered.

TOOK DOSE OF CHLORAL

Julia Nelson, who lives at the Vendome hotel, took a dose of chloral in Jefferson square yesterday afternoon and was writing in pain when passing saw her and her father at the central emergency hospital, where the doctors pumped her out.

DIES FROM FALL

James Powers, 112 Wool street, who has been employed as a terra cotta setter on the new Pacific building, attempted to jump across the elevator shaft yesterday morning and fell from the seventh to the third story. He died last night.

SUGAR COMPANY FORMED

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Articles of incorporation of the Southern California Sugar Company, with a capital of \$600,000 were filed today. The incorporators are the trustees of the California Sugar Trust, who are in possession of a tract of about 6,000 and 7,000 acres of beet. A large amount of local capital is said to be interested.

WAGNER PROGRAM "DELIGHTS HEARERS"

Walter Damrosch Again Leads His Great Symphony Orchestra to Artistic Triumph

By Walter Anthony Not more than 50 years ago this month Richard Wagner, dramatic composer by the grace of God, was borrowing money and dodging the Dresden police because he was accounted a dangerous fellow—an anarchist—and his further residence in the fatherland was, to say the least, inexpedient.

So the tone world moves and the revolutions of yesterday are the establishments of today. His harmonies—and we have been denied them for long—seemed quite orderly and his progressions diatonic and limpid compared with those of Strauss and the later day assailers of the auditory nerves.

It was a splendid program from beginning to end, though the disproportionate smallness of the first violin division was apparent in the single encore, which otherwise was superb. The Ride of the Valkyries.

Damrosch made absolute music out of the Tristan and Isolde prelude and finale; the procession of the knights from "Parsifal" was big with import and religious dignity; the strange dramatic "Die Meistersinger" was captivately handled, particularly by the strings, and Salsafsky's violin solo in the heart of Wagner's "Good Friday Spell" was irreproachable. There and in his solo with orchestral accompaniment "Traume," Salsafsky exhibited a clean, pure tone, more remarkable for its elasticity and clarity than for its size or warmth.

PYTHIAN GRAND LODGE MEETS AT LONG BEACH

W. D. Wagner Will Be Next Grand Chancellor, and There Will Be Contest for Prelate

LONG BEACH, May 18.—The California grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias convened in this city this afternoon for a five days' session. About 250 delegates, representatives of the 18,000 members of the order in the state, were in their seats when the session was called to order. Interest in the meeting centers chiefly in the election of new officers and in the various embellishments to be held. Competitive drills for which cash prizes are offered will also be a feature.

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IRISH PICNIC SUNDAY

The County Leitrim social club will give its annual outing at Schuetzen park next Sunday. An exceptional program is in preparation for this eighteenth picnic of the organization.

DECKHAND GETS DAMAGES

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NAVY ORDERS

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Navy orders: Commander W. A. Gill is detached from duty as inspector of ordnance at Newport, Rhode Island, June 1, to duty in connection with filling out N. H. Usber may go to the bureau of navigation at Washington. Lieutenant W. W. Gilmore is detached from duty on the Philadelphia May 25, to duty as inspector of ordnance, Mjville steel company, Newport. Lieutenant C. R. Train to duty navy recruiting station, Philadelphia. Lieutenant H. D. Cook Jr. is detached from the Virginia to the Independence, navy yard, Mare Island. Ensign R. A. Koch to Lancaster navy yard, League Island. Lieutenant J. F. Farnish is detached from the Independence, Mare Island, to the Maryland. Surgeon J. T. Kennedy is detached from the navy recruiting station at Dallas to the Independence, Mare Island. Surgeon E. M. Shipp is detached from the Illinois to the Pennsylvania. Surgeon J. F. Urste is detached from the Pennsylvania to the Illinois. Passed Assistant Surgeon G. M. Mayers to the navy yard, Mare Island. Assistant Surgeon H. O. Shiffert to the Lancaster at League Island to the navy recruiting station at Kansas City. Assistant Surgeon D. C. Cabot is detached from the naval hospital at Philadelphia to the naval station at Guam, sailing from San Francisco July 1. Assistant Surgeon C. L. Moran is detached from the naval hospital at Norfolk to the recruiting station at Seattle. Assistant Surgeon M. C. Bader is detached from the navy yard at Mare Island, June 1, to the Ohio. Pay Director T. J. Comie is commissioned pay director in the navy from May 2. Assistant Paymaster F. Baldwin is detached from the Louisiana to the Arctonon. Assistant Paymaster W. S. Zane is detached from the Archona to duty as pay officer on second torpedo flotilla and pay officer of the Solace.

COMPANY RETURNS

Excuse That Money Was Needed for Bribe Leads to His Dismissal

A draft for \$200 cashed by Paul Hirsch, a representative of the Radio wireless telephone company, at the St. Francis hotel has been turned by the company unimposed with the advice that Hirsch had no authority to draw on it. On account of Hirsch's action and the explanation he sent to the home office that the money was necessary to obtain from certain high naval officials permission to install the wireless telephone on the battleships and cruisers of the fleet for communication with the patrol squad, Hirsch has been dismissed from the service of the company. The hotel management has notified Hirsch in Los Angeles in his assurance that he would make good the \$200 he has been given until May 25 to take up the draft.

CARTER CAR OFF TO BREAK AUTO RECORD

The Carter car, that was driven here from Los Angeles, started out at 1 o'clock this morning in an attempt to break the record for two cylinder cars, which is now held by the Auburn car. The Carter was driven by Merrill Holcomb and Ed McGeehee and started out at 1 o'clock sharp. About 600 pounds of baggage was loaded in the tonneau. The record for two cylinder cars from this city to Los Angeles is 20 hours and 56 minutes. Holcomb expects to be at the office of the Los Angeles Herald in much quicker time.

DECLARES PLUMBING LAWS ARE WORTHLESS

Mission Promotion Association Appoints Committee to Visit Supervisors

The Mission promotion association last night decided that the present plumbing laws were worthless and a committee composed of the architects, plumbers and contractors belonging to the association were appointed to see before the building laws committee of the supervisors and state their grievances. Joseph Gallagher will head the delegation. Theodore Fisher, president of the Glenn park improvement club, was present and asked that the association assist the citizens of the southern district of the Mission in securing six clearers from this city to Los Angeles in the city south of Twenty-ninth street. The association decided to do so.

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Advertisement for Live Merchants in and near Fillmore Street. Lists various businesses: CITY OF PEKING, TRUSSES, ABDOMINAL BELTS, ELASTICS, HOSE, NEUHAUS & CO., KERSTEN'S, KODAKS-PICTURE FRAMING, E. BRODERICK, GROCER, SEWING MACHINES SOLD, REPAIRED AND RENTED, HAIGHT ST. FLORAL CO., BAKERY, YOUR CREDIT IS GOOD, SHOES, DR. REED'S CUSHION, FLEET WAIST WALES, PONTACQ BROS., BUTCHERS, H. WREDEN & CO., BELLI BROS.

Large advertisement for Hunter Baltimore Rye. Features a central image of a man in a hat and a horse, with the text 'HUNTER BALTIMORE RYE' and 'IS THE MOST POPULAR WHISKEY IN AMERICA BECAUSE NONE BUT THE BEST MATERIAL IS USED IN ITS MANUFACTURE'. Includes a small image of a bottle and the text 'CHARLES M. RETNOLDS CO., 212-214 Folsom St., San Francisco, Cal.' and 'FIFTY YEARS'.