NEWS OF THE COUNTIES BORDERING SAN FRANCISCO BAY

RAILROAD CAUSES LOTS TO ADVANCE

Prospect of Western Pacific Running Trains to Suburbs Helps Realty Market

Oakland Assessment Roll Shows $3,000,000 Increase in Property During Year

OAKLAND, July 12.—The announcement that the Western Pacific company will be running trains into the suburbs of Oakland by the end of next month has been productive of increased activity in local real estate circles. The number of visitors to the city who are looking over residence and business sites with a view to settling here in the near future far exceeds all summer records in the history of Oakland.

A glance at the register in the chamber of commerce shows that the list of strangers who are interested in the agricultural and industrial products of Alameda county is considerably larger than any previously recorded at this season of the year. People from every state in the union have called upon Secretary Stearns and a large number of them have announced their intention to settle here and go into business.

Real estate values have shown a decided advance in the southern suburbs of Oakland along the route of the Western Pacific road into the city and there is a brisk demand for business and residence sites in those districts.

APARTMENTS ARE FAVORED

A significant feature of the recent development of the city has been the large number of apartment houses erected. During the last six months the number of permits issued for the construction of apartment houses has been in round numbers 180. During the last three years permits for more than 450 of these structures have been issued. Statistics show that the population of the city is growing rapidly. They also show that flats are very largely supplanting residences in the favor of the man with a small family.

As an illustration of the growth of the city and the increase in the value of real and personal property during the fiscal year just ended, the city assessor's figures are significant. Last year the total assessment on Oakland property was in round figures $100,000,000. This year the total assessment is approximately $103,000,000. In spite of the fact that, on account of the temporary stringency in the money market which reduced the value of real estate at a forced sale, the assessors made a substantial reduction in assessed values. The increase in the assessment on improvements over that of last year was $2,510,463. If the assessment on real estate had been made on the same basis as that of last year the increase in the total assessment would have amounted to more than $5,000,000. The total increase in personal property assessment was $1,785,575.

NEW CONCRETE STRUCTURES

Among the larger buildings now in course of construction in this city is the substation of the Western power company, which is located on East Oakland heights. A permit calling for an outlay of $50,000 has already been applied for and it is announced that this is merely the first installment on the construction of the building, the final cost of which will approximate $150,000. The building will be entirely of concrete.

One of the latest additions to the industrial life of this city is the Oakland cotton mills at Sather station. The works are housed in a steel and concrete structure, with large, light and airy rooms, modern in all respects. From 75 to 100 workers are employed. The investment represents the enterprise of local capital. The plant is entirely new, the machinery being American made for various lines of cotton goods. All kinds of twines, rope and duck are being turned out. Among the prominent businessmen interested in the concern are L. C. Morehouse, James L. Barker, Fred Osgood and Robert Moles. W. F. Doig is secretary and general manager.

PERMITS FOR BUILDINGS

Following is a summary of building permit applications for the week as compiled by Walter B. Fawcett, secretary of the board of public works:

BUILDINGS

	Amounts.
One story dwellings	$21,550.00
One and a half story dwellings	900.00
Two story dwellings	15,160.00
Two story flats	22,750.00
Two story, three flats and three stores	15,460.00
One story stores	330.00
One story church	1,895.00
Garage, tank frames and barns	1,970.00
Alterations, repairs, etc	12,905.00
Total	$92,720.00

REPORT BY WARDS

	Amounts.
First ward	$22,970.00
Second ward	5,570.00
Third ward	16,710.00
Fourth ward	100.00
Fifth ward	31,375.00
Sixth ward	345.00
Seventh ward	15,650.00
Total	$92,720.00

Plans are being prepared for a dwelling to be erected for John Rohan on Adams point. The house will be a two story structure with nine rooms and two baths and cost $10,000. A. W. Smith is the architect.

K. P. R. Johnson, an eastern capitalist, is building a $10,000 residence in the heart of Stone orchard, off the car line near Elmhurst.

H. N. Baldwin has received a permit to build a seven room bungalow on the west side of Regent street south of Woolsey, to cost $3,800.

J. H. Wyruck is preparing to build two nine room two story flats on the south side of Twenty-fourth street west of Valley at a cost of $2,150 each.

A permit has been issued to Sam J. Eva to build a nine room dwelling with a garage attached at the southwest corner of Lee street and Van Buren avenue, to cost $10,600.

Mrs. Dora Meese will erect a two story brick building, containing three stores and three flats, on the west side of Market street west of Fourteenth street, at a cost of $15,400.

Abrahamson Brothers have begun work on the alteration of their store at the southeast corner of Thirteenth and Washington streets. About $4,400 will be expended on the improvements.

Two apartment houses are in course of construction by C. A. Young in Fourth avenue between East Fourteenth and East Fifteenth streets. The structures will cost about $4,000. Opposite the site of the Young flats J. Rendy has recently completed two attractive flats.

OPINIONS OF BROKERS

Market conditions are reflected in the following interviews with prominent brokers:

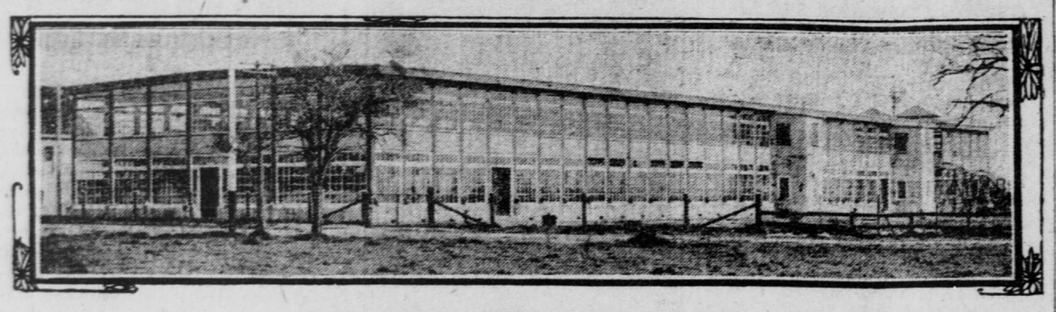
Wickham Havens, president of Wickham Havens Incorporated—We report another surprisingly active week, taking into consideration the fact that July is rather a stagnant month in real estate circles. The residences which the office has for sale have been selling with great rapidity, partly owing to the exceptional terms and partly on account of the fine restricted neighborhood in which these houses are built. Our construction gangs are being worked to their fullest capacity in East Piedmont Heights and Fourth Avenue Terrace sections.

George W. Austin—People are commencing to show a tendency to invest their money in real estate and use their savings on good real estate loans. I have made the following sales through my office during the last two weeks: A house and lot in Orchard street, Fruitvale, for John Fox to E. N. Huntington; a house and lot in Eighteenth street, near Castro, for Mary Van Pelt to E. H. Lohmann; a house and lot in Genoa street, near Fifty-third, for G. F. Shrider to Helen W. Marston; house and lot in Glen and Eleth avenues, Piedmont, for C. A. Bliss to William De Pons; house and lot at Ninth and Chestnut streets for B. Van Vrankin to H. Goldwater; lot at the corner of Bassett and Tevis streets, Fruitvale, for A. Sonnenberg to B. Fernander; house and lot in Tenth avenue, near East Twenty-third street, for G. E. Tuman to Vernon Franklin; lot in East Twenty-third street near Tenth avenue, for C. H. Daly to G. J. Gilbert; pair of flats in Apgar street for J. P. Becket to B. B. Bird; lot in Broadway, near Edith street, for Mary Gerhardy to J. McMullen.

John C. Hill, secretary of the Holcomb realty company—I am agreeably surprised to see the large number of settlers that have built their homes in the neighborhood of the Western Pacific tracks. At Niles and Decoto there is much activity. The townsite of Decoto, which we have been handling for the last two years, is being rapidly disposed of.

Dr. Charles Gross, vice president of the Financial Underwriters—Public attention is being called for the first time to the fact that while the bay cities have been growing very fast, the interior of the county has in a great measure been neglected. With the addition of the Western Pacific railroad and the establishment of new industries a great change has been brought about and we find that there is money available for investment in first class industrial enterprises.

New Steel and Concrete Structure Houses the Plant of the Oakland Cotton Mills



Oakland Cotton Mills at Sather Station.

BERKELEY BUILDERS BUSY

Realty Values Continue Normal and Sales About Average

BERKELEY, July 12.—Realty values are normal with some inquiry for residence property. General sales are up to the average for the season. There has been a readjustment of assessment valuations in the western and southwestern parts of the city.

A large number of business blocks and family residences are being erected in various parts of this city. Warren T. Clark of the faculty of the university is building a home for his family in Le Conte avenue north of Hearst at a cost of $4,000. Mrs. Flora Rose of 1903 Grove street is building a six room cottage in Le Roy avenue near Vine street at a cost of $4,000.

ALAMEDA EXPECTS BOOM

Residents of East End Will Profit by New Railroad

ALAMEDA, July 12.—The real estate dealers and contractors say the activity in building continues and that they look forward to see many additional houses put up in this city within the next four months. Lots that have been unoccupied for years are fast becoming the sites for new homes. Large vacant areas in Alameda are now few.

The Cohen tract in Eighth street between Santa Clara and Haight avenues, which was placed on the market recently, has six dwellings upon it and plans have been prepared for the erection of others. The same is true of the Mastick park tract and of the Sather tract at the east end.

Residents at the east end expect that when the Southern Pacific company installs its electric system and connects up its local lines by a cross town extension at the east end, their section of Alameda will undergo a mild boom. There are many beautiful home sites at the extreme east end and the main reason they have not been built upon has been the lack of transportation facilities.

COMMEMORATE DEATH OF FOUNDER OF ZIONISM

Special Services Are Held in Oakland in Honor of Theodore Herzl

OAKLAND, July 12.—Memorial services commemorating the death of Theodore Herzl, founder of modern Zionism, were held in Zion hall, Ninth and Castro streets, this afternoon. Many of the most prominent Zionists around the bay took part in the ceremonies. Among the speakers were Rev. Dr. Meyerovitz and Dr. Heller of Portland. Marcus Jonas, one of the foremost members of the local Hebrew colony, presided. The program for the afternooon was arranged by G. C. Ringolsky.

HOTEL MANAGER RETURNS

OAKLAND, July 12.—Mrs. C. K. Dunning, former proprietress of the Hotel Tourraine, has returned from a year's tour of Europe and will resume her managerial duties at once. C. K. Loomis, who has had charge of the hotel during her absence, will continue his connection with the establishment as an assistant to Mrs. Dunning.

WILL INSPECT BUILDING SITE

ALAMEDA, July 12.—Word has been received from Washington that M. K. Yoakam, attached to the office of the third assistant secretary of the treasury, will come to Alameda to inspect the lots that have been offered as a site for the proposed new postoffice building for this city. Yoakam is expected here next month.

E. MINOR SMITH BETTER

ALAMEDA, July 12.—City Auditor and Assessor E. Minor Smith is again able to attend to his official duties. He was absent from his office for six weeks because of illness. For four weeks he was a patient in a local sanatorium. Smith is a pioneer of 1849 and is the oldest office holder in Alameda county.

SAVES BOY FROM DROWNING

ALAMEDA, July 12.—Raymond Openshaw, living in Encinal avenue, east of High street, rescued the young son of J. Schmidt, a neighbor, from drowning in a slough at the east end today. The little fellow tumbled into the ditch while playing near the bank. Openshaw dragged him quickly from the water.

DENOUNCES ACT OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS

President of Berkeley Board Declares Election at Saturday's Meeting Was Illegal

BERKELEY, July 12.—William Creed, president of the Berkeley board of fire insurance underwriters, declared today that the action of the Oakland board last night in deposing the officers of the board of this city, elected last Wednesday, will be fought in the courts. He said that the meeting called in the Merchants' Exchange building last night was illegal and hence the action that followed was invalid.

"The slate elected at the regular meeting last Wednesday night in Oakland," said Creed, "was in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the board of fire underwriters, while the meeting held last night by the Oakland faction was irregular and illegal. The matter will be fought out in the courts.

"I was not present at last night's meeting, but I have it on good authority that the four men of the new board re-elected last night were not present at the meeting and they were re-elected without their consent.

"The Oakland Central bank and the Bank of Savings has recognized the ticket that was elected at the regular meeting last Wednesday night and will not allow the new board to touch any of the $8,000 which is in the treasury of the organization and deposited in these banks."

WOODMEN CONDUCT MEMORIAL EXERCISES

Unveiling of Monuments of the Dead of the Order in Mountain View Cemetery

OAKLAND, July 12.—Oakland camp No. 94 of the Woodmen of the World unveiled monuments raised over their dead in the last year in the course of memorial exercises held this afternoon in Mountain View cemetery. The rites were presided over by Charles H. Harvey, the consul commander. He is the youngest man in the Pacific jurisdiction to hold this rank in his lodge.

The custom of the Woodmen of the World to commemorate the departed by the unveiling of monuments has been in vogue since the first camp was organized and takes place in Oakland camp in July annually.

Business of Alaska

Clarence L. Hobart, collector of customs for Alaska, in his report for the calendar year 1907 states that, compared with 1906, the general business of Alaska shows a falling off. The total business for the past three years was as follows:

1905	$39,159,772
1906	52,180,537
1905	48,425,330

The decrease for 1907 is accounted for mainly by reason of the merchants overstocking in 1906 and by decreased gold production in 1907. Compared with the Philippine islands and Porto Rico the trade for the year was as follows:

Philippine islands (December estimated)	$67,821,684
Porto Rico (December estimated)	57,307,808
Alaska	48,425,330

Eliminating the foreign trade and taking only receipts and shipments to and from the United States the comparison shows approximately as follows:

Philippine islands	$23,000,000
Porto Rico	49,500,000
Alaska	45,609,947

The gold production for 1907 is stated by the collector to be about $2,000,000 short of 1906. This is mainly explained by labor troubles and miners' strikes. The total shipments of Alaskan products to the United States and foreign countries were as follows:

Articles—	1906.	1907.
Copper ore and matte	$1,724,505	$1,539,120
Fresh fish, other than salmon	236,065	172,364
Cured fish, other than salmon	199,157	208,464
Salmon, canned	8,449,360	7,721,749
All other salmon	273,756	352,957
Fish guano	32,615	21,196
Fish oil	32,408	45,500
Furs	644,936	501,255
Gypsum	17,400	72,965
Tin ore and concentrates	22,125	24,215
Whalebone	367,852	137,939
Other merchandise	547,245	730,856
Gold (manifested)	18,707,045	11,911,882
Gold shipped by mail (estimated)	.....	5,000,000
Total	$31,254,469	$28,440,462

There were a number of new gold discoveries during the last year which are said to be very promising.

FOUND DEAD IN BED

OAKLAND, July 12.—Samuel E. C. Brown, a paper hanger, living at 1580 Seventh street, was found dead in his bed this afternoon, supposedly of heart disease. He was out late last night and was heard to return after midnight. Brown was 44 years old and a native of Iowa. He was a member of the local paper hangers' union.

SERVICE FOR ODD FELLOWS

BERKELEY, July 12.—Memorial services were held tonight in the Trinity Methodist church under the auspices of the orders of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of this city. Rev. S. D. Hutsinpiller, pastor of the church, preached the sermon of the evening.

NOVEL BURGLAR ALARM

Daniel Reilly of Mansfield, O., has all the windows and doors of his house wired and connected with a phonograph, which sings out when connection is broken: "Get out of here or I'll fill you with lead."

BISHOP DEDICATES NEW M. E. CHURCH

Conducts Services Over Recently Completed Fruitvale Edifice

FRUITVALE, July 12.—The new Methodist Episcopal church, at Boston avenue and School street, Dimond, was dedicated this morning with special services conducted by Bishop John W. Hamilton. A fellowship platform meeting followed this afternoon, with songs and recitations at both gatherings by the children of the Fred Finch orphanage. The new building cost $10,000. Rev. W. C. Damon is pastor.

The fellowship platform meeting was led by Rev. W. C. Evans, superintendent of the Oakland Methodist Episcopal district. Several ministers of Oakland were present.

The new church was built after several years of services in the old building at the corner of Hopkins street and Fruitvale avenue. The church was founded shortly after the establishment of the Fred Finch orphanage, for the children of the institution, by Thomas Higgins, and the old structure was known as Higgins Methodist Episcopal church.

The afternoon program was as follows: Hymn, Rev. A. J. Kennedy; prayer, Rev. J. E. Wright; song by the children of the orphanage; scriptural reading, Rev. J. O. Duncan; notices, by the pastor, Rev. W. C. Damon; song by children; five minute addresses by Rev. H. H. Heacock, D. D., Rev. S. D. Hutsinpiller, D. D., Rev. W. M. Martin; music; addresses by Rev. A. J. Hanson, D. D., Rev. L. L. Loofbourow; closing remarks, Rev. W. C. Evans, D. D.; hymn, Rev. G. M. Richmond; benediction, Rev. G. O. Ash.

NEW RULE GOVERNS UNIVERSITY WORK

BERKELEY, July 12.—The new schedule of studies for entrance into the University of California, adopted last spring, will go into effect at the opening of college in August. A full 15 units of preparatory work must be offered by the entrant before registration is allowed in the colleges of letters, social sciences, natural science and agriculture. Fourteen and one-half units, the old schedule for the engineering colleges, will be in effect during the coming term.

An applicant may, however, enter the university on partial credits, provided the 15 necessary units are made up in the freshman or sophomore years. Matriculation examinations for entrants will be held during the week beginning August 6.

The new regulations were adopted by the academic senate of the faculty after considerable debate in the meeting held several months ago. The committee of 15 which has had the plan under consideration for two years reported to the faculty at the spring meeting, but the report was not adopted as a whole.

The new scheme will link the freshmen and sophomore years of the university closer with the preparatory schools, in that the first two years of university work will be preliminary to the work of the specialization period in the last two years.

The preparatory schools will, on the other hand, be freer from university control in that a more liberal allowance in entrance requirements to the university will be made in all except the engineering colleges. Thus, the high school will be made an end within itself instead of being entirely dependent upon the university.

UNIDENTIFIED NEGRO FOUND DEAD IN BAY

Body Supposed to Be That of Sailor Discharged From the Navy

OAKLAND, July 12.—The body of an unidentified negro, supposed to have been a discharged sailor from the navy, was found in the bay at the foot of Front street, West Oakland, this evening by Arthur McCarthy of 982 Bay street. He reported the discovery to Patrolman O'Grady, who summoned the morgue officials, and the body was taken from the water. No means of identification was found, except a report made to the coroner that the negro had been dismissed from the naval service. The body was taken to the morgue.

SOUGHT DEATH BENEATH WHEELS

ALAMEDA, July 12.—W. S. Durkee, who gave his place of residence as San Leandro, was arrested at the Park street station while attempting to walk in front of a train. Bystanders who had observed Durkee's actions thought that he intended to commit suicide by throwing himself under the wheels. At the city prison he was charged with being drunk.

FINDS CHINESE IN CAR

ABILENE, Tex., July 12.—According to telegraphic advices from United States Immigration Inspector T. R. Ditworth at Toyah, Tex., Deputy Sheriff Felix Rains broke the seals of a box car at Baird today and arrested nine Chinese concealed there, who it is alleged were to be smuggled into this country. The car came from San Francisco, and was consigned to Pittsburg.

FIRES IN WOODS—Utica, N. Y., July 12.—Serious forest fires are reported in the Adirondacks and along the Mohawk and Malone railroad, and unless rain falls within the next few hours the loss will be enormous.

CLUBWOMEN FEAST VACATION SCHOOL

Oakland Matrons Entertain Nearly 500 Children on "Party Day"

Boys and Girls Are Taught to Play and Play Fair at Tompkins School

OAKLAND, July 12.—"Party day" was observed at the vacation school on Friday afternoon, when the women of the Oakland club who are conducting the work in the Tompkins school entertained the 480 children enrolled with them at an afternoon luncheon. There was a spirit of anticipation in the air all the morning, and by 1 o'clock the casual observer recognized the holiday aspect.

"When will it be time for the party?" was passed from lip to lip and answered again and again by "teacher." At the vacation school those net of the neighborhood are "teacher," although Miss Margaret Glendenning and Mrs. C. S. Chamberlain are the best beloved.

An anxious time was put in between 1 o'clock and 2:30, despite the games and postimes and happy secrets. The babies, for there are lots of babies in the vacation school, cooed together, swaying to and fro in the rocking chairs which had been reserved for them. They, too, wanted "party."

AMUSEMENTS IN YARDS

The big phonograph which was operated by Mrs. J. S. Emery before the feasting time was a source of genuine delight, more particularly to the boys. They loved the sound of the gladsome music, but more they loved "to see the wheels go round." The handball court was the scene of an exciting game. There was no football, for the two pigskins had been so constantly in use during the fortnight that they were past service, and on Monday another set will be provided. Parchesa, checkers, ninepins and similar games amused a score or two of the less strenuously inclined. Beach pails, jingling reins, brooms and bean bags were an unfailing source of amusement. The swings were never idle, boys and girls impatiently waiting their turns. The hammocks were a constant diversion. Some of the girls discussed serious questions of the day, the boys talked sport, a few devoted themselves insistently to the pages of story books drawn from the circulating library which the women established this year in the school.

There were no sewing classes on Friday, but the work of the week was displayed with simple pride. Dainty butterfly bows and frocks for the dolls whose wardrobes will be made entirely by the little hands of the vacation school students were shown by Mrs. Jean Williams, who has charge of that department. The dolls are to be sent to sick children in the hospitals. The tiny tots were also excused from their singing classes, but every day the shrill baby voices may be heard in the new songs which they are learning.

SCHOLARS FROM AFAR

At the vacation school nothing is enforced except obedience and thoughtfulness. "Learn to play and play fair" is the motto. The number enrolled is double that of last year. Three youngsters are sent each day with their luncheons from Elmhurst by a woman who has planned this vacation for her children. Two boys who last year were in the school come over from San Francisco. They cannot both come every day, so they take turns, dividing their time between the playgrounds and the position which they hold on equal shares.

A group of playfellows walk each morning from Thirty-eighth street with their lunches and are joined by another party of small boys at Twenty-first street.

They are a lovable lot, these children, and give their affection as freely as the air. "Jimmy" is the character of the yard and has made friends with all. He wears his first overalls and sees that his two younger charges are treated fairly. None is happier than "Newsboy," a mischievous lad of six, who is a veteran on Broadway. For two years he has cried "Extra" to the theater crowd.

A number of the girls whose duties in the canneries give them uncertain hours spend what time is left from housework and cooking for the family in the playground. There are tears, oceans of tears, but they are quickly dried and after all are a part of the fun.

FEAST OF GOOD THINGS

Half past two was recorded on the clock, and it was time for the "party"! Across the yard a rope was stretched and the youngsters were excluded from the inclosure. The big boys saw that order was maintained. Those who did not go willingly were lifted over the rope with determined hands.

Then Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. S. F. Mikel and a score of Oakland clubwomen set forth the good things on the buffet, which was covered with a snowy cloth. Such quantities of wholesome food, but then there were 480 guests! and it was barely enough. The menu included:

50 pounds of sausage	14 gallons of milk
600 sandwiches	2 boxes of soda crackers
40 cakes	20 pounds of cookies

The dishes were brought from the clubhouse and were of the daintiest. When all was in order the word was given and the children took their places around the fence. Quiet? Not a bit of it! Was it not a "party" and had they not waited two hours?

The sausage and other good things disappeared as though by magic. There was not a crumb left in evidence, save that secreted in the apron of some little maid who remembered the others at home, or in the pocket of the lad whose mother's careworn face haunted his pleasure. And then the day was done and all the chilrren went home reluctantly with only a memory of the hour and the sustaining thought of three weeks of coming joy which was to be theirs.

EVERYONE MADE WELCOME

On Friday of next week three carloads of vacation school scholars will be taken on an outing to East Shore park.

Last year the Oakland club was the only organization in the state conducting a summer playground. The success of the undertaking made the women determine that the school should be an annual work, and the fortnight has repaid their effort. To make happy 500 little bodies who have learned something of the tragedy of living is worth while. Every child is welcomed and they come from homes claiming allegiance to every nation and color.

"To play and play fair" is the only obligation for the boy or girl of 16 or the baby of three months. For three weeks longer the school will be continued in the grounds of the Tompkins schoolhouse on Fifth and Linden streets. The clubwomen, the teachers, and the children are eager to welcome any one interested in their season's work at any time during the sessions.

FIGHTING SPIRIT OF LEAGUE AROUSED

Nefarious Gerrymander of Machine in Berkeley Resented by Decent Citizens

Jack Cook's Desperate Effort to Aid Herrin Gang Will Prove Boomerang

BERKELEY, July 12.—Incensed by the nefarious gerrymander of Berkeley directed against them by County Clerk John P. Cook and the Herrin machine, the members of the Berkeley Lincoln-Roosevelt league are preparing to wage one of the hottest political campaigns ever witnessed in this city. Although the gerrymander has so parceled Berkeley that its former political lines are no longer recognizable, the fight which the local league will make against overwhelming odds will be on a par with all of the local political fights.

The gerrymander was so raw that it called forth even protestations from machine men of this city who realized that the thing had gone too far. It is so devised that the fringe of districts around Berkeley's center will be entitled to 23 delegates, while in the central portion of this city, the stronghold of the Lincoln-Roosevelt league, only 18 delegates are allotted.

County Clerk Cook devised the butchering of Berkeley politically to insure the city to the machine. The heart of Berkeley, all the district in North and East Berkeley centering around the university south to Ashby and Parker streets, he set off as a political unit and allowed 18 delegates for this section. This is a league stronghold, but even if the anti-machine party controls the district, which it may not do, the Southern Pacific will be able to work its will with its 23 delegates selected from those sections where the machine is strongest, provided the machine can carry the district, an extremely doubtful quantity in view of the tremendous sentiment which has been aroused.

The gerrymander was so outrageous in its political treatment of the citizens of this city who seek to eliminate the Southern Pacific railroad from politics that Cook's own adherents here protested against the scheme. They desired to blanket the fifty-second district, of which Berkeley forms the larger part, and send a solid delegation from this city to the county convention.

The members of the Lincoln-Roosevelt league are not discouraged by the turn of affairs, but will redouble their efforts in South and West Berkeley and force an issue with the machine in the district from which is planned to send 23 of Berkeley's 41 delegates. The fight will assume a different aspect this fall. The center of Berkeley, the league's stronghold, will see but little of the contest and Lorin, Ashby and West Berkeley will be on the firing line. In spite of the heavy odds against them, in that Cook and the Southern Pacific bureau handles the loaded political dice, the league is confident of winning. Public opinion is thoroughly aroused.

SON ABUSING MOTHER IS SHOT BY BROTHER

Wounded Man Has Small Chance, but Woman Says Shooting Justified

DENVER, Colo., July 12.—While abusing his mother and attempting to strike her with his fist today, Bert Fisher, aged 23 years, was shot and mortally wounded by his brother, James D. Fisher, aged 20 years. The wounded man is in the county hospital and physicians say he has small chance for recovery. His brother James is under arrest.

Mrs. Catherine Fisher, the mother, justifies the shooting and declares that if her son Bert recovers and ever molests the family again she will kill him herself. The Fisher family is well known and highly respected. Bert had been disowned by reason of his reckless living.

MINER ENDS HIS LIFE

LOVELOCK, Nev., July 12.—George M. Morrow, mine operator and leaser in the Seven Troughs mining district, 30 miles from this city, committed suicide at that camp today by shooting himself through the head. Morrow came from Aspen, Colo., where he leaves a wife and child.

SOLVING MURDER MYSTERY

GREAT FALLS, Mont., July 12.—Sixteen arrests have been made at Culbertson in connection with the murder of John A. Hayes and his 11 year old doughter over a squatter's claim which had been located by Walter Long and later taken up by Hayes. At the inquest Mrs. Hayes positively identified Walter Long and his brother Milo as two of the attacking party.

WILL MAP CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, July 12.—George B. Sheldon, treasurer of the republican national committee, returned to the city from Hot Springs today. Frank H. Hitchcock, chairman of the committee, will arrive here from Washington tomorrow and the two will spend the day mapping out the plans for the campaign.

NEW YORK'S WATER SUPPLY

The Catskill extension of the New York water supply, on which work was recently begun, will cost $10,000,000 and will give the city an additional supply of 500,000,000 gallons a day.

CHIEF WILSON TO DIRECT BENEFIT

Will Have Charge of Fiesta to Aid Fund for Policemen's Widows and Orphans

Committees for Booths Selected and Articles Provided for Big Raffle

OAKLAND, July 12.—Chief of Police Adelbert Wilson is to be the director general of the police benefit at Idora park next Saturday. The benefit is for the insurance fund of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid association. Wilson will be assisted by the two captains of police, Charles Bock and J. F. Lynch and by Captain of Detectives Petersen.

The woman's auxiliary, composed of the wives of the policemen, has selected committees from among its members to preside over booths and attractions during the day and evening. One of the features will be the raffle of goods donated by the merchants of the city, including two bedroom sets, a French bevel mirror, phonograph and other articles.

Policeman George Underwood and Detective Richard McSorley are to have as a concession an exemplification of the "third degree," the sweating process to which recalcitrant prisoners are subjected in obtaining evidence.

The women's committees appointed for concessions were announced by Captain Lynch today as follows:

Wheel of fortune—Mrs. I. D. Tobin (chairman), Mrs. Tilloison, Mrs. L. Agnew, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. C. A. Fife, Mrs. J. H. Nedderman, Mrs. Minnie Nedderman, Mrs. Charles Bock.

Grab bag—Mrs. T. J. Flynn (chairman), Mrs. J. S. Dufton, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. M. Henry, Mrs. Longnecker.

Candy booth—Mrs. R. F. Ahern (chairman), Mrs. Al Poulter, Mrs. George Powers, Mrs. James Walters.

Candy and ice cream stand—Mrs. Charles McCarthy (chairman), Miss Bord Edwards, Miss Campana, Miss Quinn, Miss Pascoe, Miss Olive Cunningham, Miss Dillon, Miss Abbie Taggart, Mrs. James Drew, Mrs. James Gunter, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Connolly, Mrs. James Mulgrew, Mrs. Echelhart, Mrs. N. Patterson, Mrs. J. F. Lynch, Mrs. Bergson, Mrs. Thomas Merrick.

Lunch stand—Mrs. J. E. Murphy, Miss Schroeder, Mrs. John Mulholland, Mrs. R. McSorley, Mrs. W. H. Waite, Mrs. D. Murdock, Mrs. Sergeant Byrne, Mrs. Stocker, Mrs. Summers, Mrs. T. Brown, Miss Brown, Mrs. George Mulholland, Mrs. T. Oakes, Mrs. Fahy, Mrs. J. McCarthy, Mrs. W. Woods, Mrs. James Flynn, Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Carroll.

TRAIN DELAYED BY HORSE ON TRESTLE

OAKLAND, July 12.—A runaway horse dashed upon the Southern Pacific trestle over the north arm of the estuary shortly before 8 o'clock this evening and floundered into the openings between the ties, finally becoming hopelessly stranded in the trestle work.

The 8 o'clock east bound Seventh street local train had reached the Oak street station when the living obstruction was discovered, and after waiting 15 minutes for the track to be cleared it was found necessary to reverse the engine and return to Oakland pier in order to comply with schedule time.

A crew of railroadmen was ordered out on the trestle to clear the track and after working for about half an hour succeeded in leading the frightened animal safely to shore again.

MEN AND WOMEN WALK ALIKE

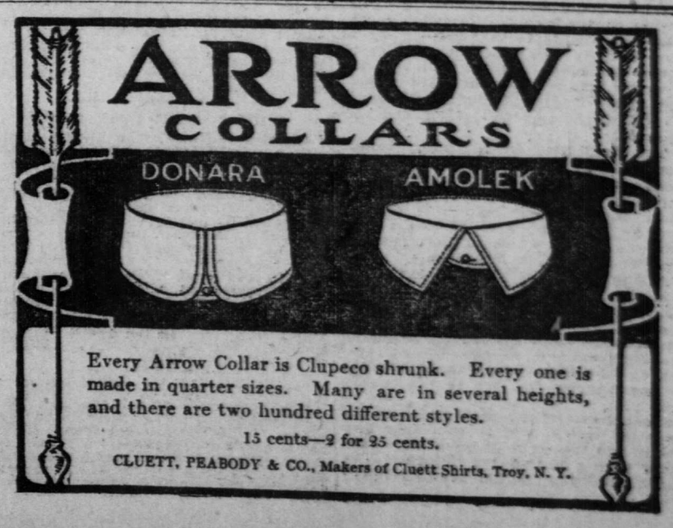
"All men and women really walk alike," said a man recently looking down upon Park row from the fifteenth floor of the New York Tribune building. "We can see a demonstration of my statement from here. All throw their weight from one foot to the other, and the college boy who pushes his body forward and swings his feet with heavy thrusts to maintain his equilibrium and the kangaroo girl who does the same do not seem less graceful than that silk hatted, dignified old man entering the subway. It is a matter for each biped to make the rhythmic sway and to bring into play the muscles of the body necessary to maintain the upright unconsciously. Of course, down below, the individualistic differences of deportment are apparent, but we can see the truth of my statement from this point of view."—Kansas City Journal.

ST. GAUDENS' COINS RETIRED

It is reported, with entire plausibility, that practically every one of the 8,000 $20 gold pieces that formed what may be called the first edition of the St. Gaudens eagles has already been withdrawn from circulation, and, having been carefully laid away by coin collectors, will never again serve as currency.

SKAT

Skat, which has become the rival of bridge, and has displaced it in some circles, is a purely German game and Altenburg is its home. The earliest records on the subject show that it was evolved out of other card games in 1817 by one Hempel, a professor at the Altenburg college.

RISE OF A BLACKSMITH

Henry J. Daveen, who not long ago paid more than $5,000,000 for the famous Rudolph Kann art collection, began life as a blacksmith.