NEWS OF THE COUNTIES BORDERING SAN FRANCISCO BAY

REA IS HELD FOR MURDER OF YOUTH

Keeper of Albre Gun Club Formally Charged With Murder of Carl Moller

Says He Had No Intention of Shooting Boy; Just Wanted to Frighten Him

IRVINGTON, Sept. 22.—John Henry Rea, accused of shooting Carl Moller on the Albre gun club grounds a week ago Sunday, was held to the superior court without bail on a charge of murder at the preliminary hearing of the case before Justice of the Peace T. J. Powers this afternoon. There was no demonstration against the prisoner, but a strong feeling could be observed among the numerous spectators.

Deputy District Attorney W. H. Donahue represented the state, and Attorney Porter Ashe the defendant.

The hearing ran along smoothly until Rea went on the witness stand, when Donahue cross questioned him rapidly in order to confuse him, but without success. The prisoner said that he ran away from home in 1894, when 16 years of age, and under a fire of questions told of his subsequent wanderings. He had done almost everything from working on a railroad to whaling in Bering sea before he settled down in Oakland, where he has a wife and small child.

Rea admitted he did the shooting which ended young Moller's life. He said that he fired two shots in his direction after looking through a field glass, but supposed that they would pass over the young man's head, the distance being about 1,100 yards. Toward the close of his cross examination he said that the reason he told the local officers and the sheriff that he had not fired the shots was because he was badly frightened.

Dr. L. S. Anderson of Irvington was the first witness called. He testified that the youth met his death from a bullet wound which went through the left side of his body, reaching his spine. He certified that the dying statement of Moller was heard by him, being as follows:

"I don't know who fired the shot, but it must have been some one in the cabin. Two were fired. One of the men said three days before to Bill Heath that he would shoot anybody going on his land. We were not shooting at ducks. There were none in sight. Carl Moller."

Sheriff Barnet told of a conversation with Rea at Niles which led to his confession of the shooting and his explanation of it. Rea said to him that he did not want to tell the other officers, but had waited until he saw the sheriff alone. The sheriff illustrated the way Rea showed him how he used the gun, at the request of the court. Roy Morgan, the carpenter who handed the gun to Rea just before the shooting, told a similar story to that already published. He was followed by Andrew Anderson, the companion of Moller when shot.

PATHOLOGY NEW COURSE FOR STANFORD STUDENTS

Dr. C. H. Boxmeyer Will Lecture on Vaccine and Antitoxins

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Sept. 22.—An important addition will be made to the hygienic department of Stanford university in the person of a lecturer who will give several illustrated talks to the undergraduate classes in this department. The new member of the faculty is Dr. C. H. Boxmeyer, a graduate of the class of '96, one of the best known pathologists in the country, and who has had an extended experience with biological products.

The noted scientist, since graduating from this university, has occupied several positions of prominence. He was in charge of the famous Lederle biological laboratories' experimental department and later an assistant to Theobald Smith, professor of comparative pathology in Harvard university, and also to Professor Gage of Cornell university.

The first lectures will be given this week and will include such subjects as vaccines, antitoxins and serum diagnosis. The lectures will be given at 8:30 in the morning and will be open to the general public.

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Six upper classmen have just been voted into the exclusive Mim Kaph Mim society. This organization in one in which membership is restricted to third and fourth year chemistry students. The new members are as follows: T. B. Hine, '10, of Eureka; F. Boyer, '09, of Los Angeles; H. S. Ross, '09, of Pasadena; G. D. Barnett, '08, of San Francisco; G. S. Bohart of Clinton, Ia., and E. H. Staber, '09, Mineral Point, Wis.

DR. ALIDA C. AVERY DIES

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

SAN JOSE, Sept. 22.—Dr. Alida C. Avery, widely known throughout the county, died here this morning after a long illness. Dr. Avery was a native of New York and was 75 years old. She came to this state 22 years ago and practiced medicine almost continuously until compelled by ill health to retire. She was a woman of wide attainments and a foremost worker in the Unitarian church. The funeral will be held on Thursday. Dr. Avery is survived by a brother, J. Dixon Avery of Pittsburg, and a sister, Mrs. Harriet Bowman of Atchison, Kan.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOOTS FATHER

ALBANY, Ore., Sept. 22.—Dr. John H. Irvine was shot and instantly killed by his son, Baxter Irvine, today at his farm one mile south of Tallman. The killing was accidental. Dr. Irvine was shooting squirrels near the barn last night and when finished he placed his rifle on a pile of grain sacks, covering it with burlap. This morning the doctor was standing by the grain sacks when his son, not knowing of the rifle, started to pull the burlap from the sacks. The gun was discharged, the bullet passing through Dr. Irvine's breast, causing instant death. Irvine was 53 years old and the son of Robert A. Irvine, former state senator from Linn county.

Army and Navy Orders

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Army orders: Post Commissary Sergeant William E. Keller, San Francisco, will proceed to Fort Snelling and relieve John C. Walser.

Captain Thos. H. Jackson, engineer corps, is detailed for duty at the camp of instructions to be held at Atascadero.

James McGrath, now at Fort Duchesne, Utah, will proceed to San Francisco October 15 for duty in army transport service, relieving Francis Kidd.

WOMAN IS INJURED IN AUTO COLLISION

Mrs. M. W. Brown Fractures Foot When Machine and Switch Engine Meet

Other Occupants Escape With Lives by Jumping From Motor Car

ALAMEDA, Sept. 22.—Mrs. Maurice W. Brown, wife of City Councilman Dr. Maurice W. Brown; Mrs. Agnes E. Brown, mother of the councilman; Mrs. E. C. Bush and the latter's infant daughter, with William Higby were occupants of an automobile that was struck by a Southern Pacific switch engine this afternoon at a crossing on Water street near Broadway in Oakland. Mrs. Brown had the bones of her left foot fractured.

Mrs. Brown was injured after she had bravely grasped the Bush child and jumped from the auto. It is thought that her foot was crushed between the locomotive and the automobile. The other occupants of the car escaped injury. The auto, a new Stevens-Duryea machine, was wrecked by the locomotive.

The auto was running west on Water street when it was struck by the switch engine, which was pulling out of the lumber yard of Charles Allen on the east side of Broadway near the water front. The locomotive was in charge of Engineer John Harrigan and was running slowly when it collided with the auto.

Following the accident the occupants of the auto were brought to Alameda in the auto of W. A. Plummer. Mrs. Brown was taken to the Alameda sanatorium, and the other members of the party were taken to their homes. William Higby, the owner of the wrecked auto, conducts a garage at the northeast corner of Lincoln avenue and Park street. He refused tonight to give any details of the smashup, saying that he had been told to keep quiet about the collision.

Mrs. Brown lives at 3223 Central avenue. Her husband said tonight that she may have sustained internal injuries.

MISSING ENGINEER FINALLY LOCATED

John A. Rickard Found in Santa Cruz Ill From Severe Attack of Malaria

OAKLAND, Sept. 22.—John A. Rickard, a Southern Pacific engineer, for whom the police have been searching since he was reported missing by his father nearly a month ago, has been located in Santa Cruz. It is stated that he has been so ill with a malarial complaint that he has been unable to communicate with his relatives. D. M. Sullivan, another Southern Pacific engineer, who reported to Captain of Detectives Petersen this morning that he had seen Rickard in Santa Cruz, said that the man appeared to be slightly demented as a result of his illness. The police of Santa Cruz have been asked to make a search for Rickard and communicate with his family in case they can locate him.

Rickard left Oakland six months ago to go to New York on a three months' vacation. He took with him a round trip railroad pass and $600. When his family failed to hear from him several weeks after he had left they began an investigation, and it was discovered that he had never used his railroad pass. Thereupon his father, greatly worried, notified the police that he feared his son had met with foul play. Rickard's parents live in Redwood canyon.

ISLAIS CREEK PROJECT CONSIDERED AT MEETING

Mission Promotion Association Hears Addresses on Importance of Voting Bonds

The Islais creek inland harbor project was up again before the Mission promotion association Monday night. Colonel W. J. Barrett of the commercial manufacturers' association addressed the members on the importance of voting for the issuance of the bonds.

George Renner, president of the draymen's association, also spoke in favor of the project. Other speakers on the subject were W. F. Smith, Theodore Pinther, C. L. McEnerney and George Center. They all urged that the members of the association get out and work for the bond issue. The president appointed M. I. Sullivan, A. B. Maguire, J. C. Astredo, John Chetwood and P. Broderick to interview the supervisors to submit the playground proposition to the voters. A committee consisting of Rev. D. O. Crowley, Dr. C. A. Clinton, F. J. Churchill, William Metzner and James Rolph Jr. to call upon the board of education and endeavor to have the premises of the Agassiz school put in a more sanitary condition.

CALIFORNIANS IN NEW YORK

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—The following Californians are regeistered in New York:

From San Francisco—A. J. Atkins, Mrs. A. J. Atkins, B. J. Fox, Mrs. B. J. Fox, at the Grand hotel; G. A. Blaikie, at the Herald Square; G. L. Munday, at the Hotel Netherland; M. Stolz, at the Herald Square; A. F. Tubbs, at the Hotel Cadillac; N. W. Bermini, at the York; D. Grant, at the Hotel Collingwood; Miss F. Landsberger, at the Seville; W. J. Murray, at the Murray Hill; A. Stevens, at the Broadway Central; E. G. Wright, Mrs. E. G. Wright, at the Hotel Seville.

From Los Angeles—D. F. Holmes, at the Park Avenue; R. H. Shoemaker, at the Victoria; D. L. Brearley, Mrs. D. L. Brearley, at the Park Avenue; C. S. Davis, at the Continental hotel; Dr. J. R. Haynes, Dr. W. Hughes, at the Hotel Seville; F. Lewis, at the Hotel Belmont; W. G. Lockwood, C. W. Pendleton, at the Herald Square; Mrs. C. M. Persons, Mrs. D. Persons, at the Park Avenue; H. L. Sevreass, at the Gerard hotel; C. D. Hufford, at the Herald Square; W. G. Walker, Mrs. W. G. Walker, at the Astor house; T. H. Wilkinson, at the Herald Square.

From Sacramento—E. B. Wilson, at the Continental.

From San Diego—C. F. Henking, Miss L. Henking, at the Hotel Seville.

From Pasadena—S. M. Cole, at the St. Denis.

From San Jose—F. G. Conele, at the Wellington.

GUARDSMEN FIGHT OVER AN ELECTION

Walter Seaborn Strikes Sergeant Nisson in Face Following Heated Discussion

Members of Company C, Fifth Regiment, Have Difficulty Selecting Officers

BERKELEY, Sept. 22.—Walter J. Seaborn, deputy town clerk of this city, and one of the founders of Company C, Fifth regiment, national guard, of this city, slapped the face of First Sergeant L. J. Nisson after a heated contest for the selection of two lieutenants in the company last night. Nisson is a large man and Seaborn of smaller size, but Nisson did not carry the fight further, on account of the intervention of friends of both men.

The election of officers of the company resulted in the promotion of R. M. Searles to first lieutenant from second lieutenant, without opposition. Quartermaster Sergeant A. G. Wrightman was elected second lieutenant over First Sergeant L. J. Nisson by two votes.

Seaborn, who was said by Nisson to have harmed the company in giving credence to a published report of internal troubles, held the minority vote at the election in the armory last night. Nisson accused him of turning his votes over for his defeat.

The deputy town clerk resented the words with a blow, but members of the company parted the men before further damage could be done.

The fight last night was the culmination of factional rows in the ranks of the national guard company for the last two weeks since Lieutenant F. E. White turned in his resignation. He had passed some expense bills during the time of the fete in Idora park and his authority to do so had been questioned by members of the finance committee.

ENGLISH BROKERS ARE MOST EASILY FOOLED

J. F. Wilkinson Attracts Considerable Attention by Address to University Students

BERKELEY, Sept. 22.—That English brokers are the most easily fooled persons in the world was the statement made by J. F. Wilkinson, a mining engineer of the class of 1887, at the weekly meeting of the students of the college of commerce of the university. His lecture on "The Organization of the Company in London" has attracted considerable attention. He said:

"The English gentleman lets his solicitor invest his money. Large industrial concerns have been hunted by promoters to form companies until most all of the large institutions are now companies. As a rule the Englishman is a poor investor. The English brokers are as easily fooled as any men on earth. A great deal of English money is lost because of the men whom the investors trust. The average director of an English railroad is a man of social standing and this kills ambition, for men can not work up to high positions."

CONTRACTOR SCHUMACHER DROPS DEAD AT HOME

Well Known Alamedan Dies Suddenly From Heart Disease in Sixty-fourth Year

ALAMEDA, Sept. 22.—Gottlieb Schumacher, a well known street contractor, dropped dead this evening at 5 o'clock at his home, 1198 Park avenue. Death is suppposed to have been due to heart disease. Schumacher was a native of Germany, 64 years of age. He is survived by his wife.

Schumacher was the owner of considerable realty at the south end of Park avenue. He was last night awarded a contract by the city council to grade Mound street and to improve the Bay Farm island roadway.

HEALTH BOARD WILL EXAMINE CHILDREN

Physicians Will Give Pupils of Schools Cards for Physical Fitness

BERKELEY, Sept. 22.—Every pupil of the school department of this city will be examined physically by the members of the board of health, according to an announcement made by Superintendent F. M. Bunker today. Special attention will be paid to ocular and auditory defects and a complete report of the work of the health board will be filed with the school authorities.

The members of the board of health are: Drs. J. J. Benton, F. R. Woolsey, A. F. Gillihan, H. N. Rowell and A. F. Carpenter.

SUSPICION POINTS TO SCHOOLGIRL AS THIEF

Investigation in Berkeley High Will Probably Be Dropped for the Present

BERKELEY, Sept. 22.—Considerable stealing has been going on in the Berkeley high school, but the investigations will probably be dropped, as suspicion centers on one of the girl students. She has been warned and the case will be dropped.

Stephen Dewing of 2040 Ellsworth street reported to the police today that a number of his books had been stolen from his locker in the school. Manager D. Drake of the football team reported the loss of a number of football suits.

TO GIVE BALL FOR CHARITY

The Hebrew Free Loan association will hold its eleventh annual ball at Dreamland rink, Steiner street near Sutter, Sunday evening, November 1. The association, which occupies a foremost place among the benevolent institutions of the city, has been subjected to unusual demands since the fire and suffered heavily in the failure of the California safe deposit and trust company. It has made an appeal for funds, which may be sent to the offices of the organization at 408 Van Ness avenue.

PRINCE IS RELEASED

BERLIN, Sept. 22.—Prince Philip zu Eulenberg, who was under arrest on the charge of perjury in connection with the "Round Table" scandal case, was today released from custody without bail or surveillance, a commission of notable physicians stating that it is impossible to fix a time when the prince's health will permit of a continuance of the hearings.

Ida McKay Arrives

The schooner Ida McKay, Captain Mackintosh, arrived in last night from the north with 150,000 codfish for the Pacific States trading company.

Deputy Ruler of Elks Named

James M. Shanly
(Dorsaz, photo)

TWENTY-SIX LODGES PUT UNDER SHANLY

Past Exalted Ruler of Oakland Lodge, B. P. O. E., Made District Deputy

ALAMEDA, Sept. 22.—James M. Shanly of this city, a past exalted ruler of Oakland lodge No. 171, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, has been appointed district deputy for the northern California jurisdiction of the fraternity by Grand Exalted Ruler R. L. Holland. The appointment is for one year. There are 26 lodges in the northern jurisdiction, which embraces all that portion of the state north of Salinas.

Shanly succeeds Ray Benjamin of Napa as district deputy. The former has been named as grand esquire of the grand lodge. He is a member of Napa lodge No. 832. Shanly served one term as exalted ruler of Oakland lodge and has long been prominent in Elkdom.

PSYCHIC FORCE DISPUTE IS READY FOR JURORS

Judge Graham Will Deliver Final Charge Regarding Claims of Nurse Today

After argument by counsel before Judge Graham and the jury in the case in which Mrs. Mary Cashman, an exponent of psychic force, is suing the estate of the late Mrs. Sarah F. Hiller, widow of Dr. Albert Hiller, for $5,500 for services as nurse, guardian and business adviser, a continuance was taken to this morning, when the judge will charge the jury.

Mrs. Cashman attended Mrs. Hiller for about three years prior to her death. Her estate is worth more than $200,000, but her sisters declined to pay Mrs. Cashman anything, alleging that her influence was bad, that Mrs. Hiller was an epileptic and a victim of insanity, and that Mrs. Cashman merely imposed upon her in order to get part of her property.

CHIEF WITNESS FAINTS DURING THE TRIAL

Bertrand Brant Testifies in Court Against Charles Songey in Assault Case

OAKLAND, Sept. 22.—Bertrand Brant, complaining witness in the trial of Charles Songey on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, fainted in Superior Judge Stanley Smith's court today as he narrated his story. Brant said that Songey had fired two shots at him early one morning when Brant had interfered in a quarrel between Songey and his wife. Today Songey fixed his eye on Brant, and under the gaze the witness wilted and collapsed. He was removed to the receiving hospital, where he recovered in an hour.

NONSUIT ASKED FOR IN CONDEMNATION CASE

Action Brought by City to Secure Park Abruptly Interrupted

OAKLAND, Sept. 22.—Progress in the suit by the city to condemn land below the Twelfth street dam came to an abrupt halt in Judge Ogden's court today, when a motion for a nonsuit was made by attorneys for the defendants. Attorney M. C. Chapman said that the city had failed to state that the land was needed for park purposes in the complaint and that an accurate description of the holdings of every defendant was lacking.

The city won a point today, when Judge Harris sustained a demurrer to the amended answer for the defense. He reserved his decision on the motion for a nonsuit until Thursday.

LIFE OF CARPENTER SAVED

BERKELEY, Sept. 22.—For 24 hours after inhaling gas William N. Nickerson, a carpenter living at 2543 Durant avenue, was at the point of death, but his life was saved after hard work. Nickerson had been fixing a leak in a gas pipe in the basement of his home and inhaled a large quantity of gas. He did not feel any bad effects for several hours, when he was taken violently ill.

PLOT AGAINST GOVERNMENT

ASUNCION, Paraguay, Sept. 22.—The government today unearthed a plot against it organized by members of the negro party. All the conspirators were taken into custody and a state of siege has been proclaimed.

SETS CITY TAX RATE

SAN MATEO, Sept. 22.—The city council set the tax rate for the coming year on the part of the municipality at $1.06, the same rate as maintained during the last fiscal quarter.

TELEGRAPH MAN DROWNS—Nelson, B. C., Sept. 22.—R. L. C. Coombs, manager of the Canadian Pacific railway telegraphs here, was drowned Sunday while fishing below Grohman Rapids on Kootenay river in a rowboat. The boat has not been recovered. He leaves a wife and family who are now in the east.

WRITES FAREWELL AND ENDS LIFE

William H. McClure of Canon City, Colo., Drinks Cyanide of Potassium

Letters Found on Suicide Name Relatives and Ask Care for Child

BURLINGAME, Sept. 22.—Weary of the world and harassed with marital troubles, William H. McClure Jr. of Canon City, Colo., committed suicide by drinking cyanide of potassium at an early hour this morning on the Crossways farm of Francis J. Carolan, adjoining Oak Grove avenue. Lying in a nook between a row of gum trees and the fence the body was found at 11 o'clock today by Dan Sheehan, a hostler in the employ of the Burlingame clubman, who promptly notified the proper authorities.

McClure left two letters, which he intended to fall into the possession of the coroner, written upon the letterheads of the Hotel Irwin of 108 Fourth street, San Francisco, which read as follows, the first one being dated September 15 and the second September 21:

"This is to certify that I am William H. McClure Jr. of Canon City, Colo., and that I was born June 3, 1876, at Canon City, Colo., Fremont county. My father now lives at Canon City, Colo., and is W. H. McClure. My sisters are Mrs. Helen Harrington and Mrs. D. Southard, both of R. F. D. box 76, Gardena, Cal. My wife is Mattie James of Canon City, Colo."

The second letter was as follows:

"This is to certify that I am William H. McClure Jr. of Canon City Colo., Fremont county, and that W. H. McClure is my father, residing at Canon City Colo. And what few belongings are in room 73, Irwin hotel, and that I wish them to go to my sister of R. F. D. 76, Gardena, Cal., Mrs. Stanley Harrington, and if possible her to care for the baby girl known as Ethel Gladys Jones McClure, as her mother is not fit to raise her. And here's luck to Mattie James of Canon City, Fremont county, Colo., and may she ever be happy is my last wish. Signed, Will."

McClure was not in want, as his clothes were of fine texture and $8.20 was found in his pockets, in addition to a nickel watch and a pair of gold rimmed glasses. He was evidently employed as a streetcar inspector in Salt Lake City at one time, as a card was found in his pocket to that effect. Deputy Coroner J. G. McCarthy of this city has already wired to McClure's relatives, who are said to be well connected, and is awaiting word from them as to what disposition to make of the body.

WOMEN WAGE EARNERS FORM A STATE LEAGUE

Unite to Secure Better Conditions and to Promote the Suffrage Idea

At a meeting of the working women of the bay cities held last night, at which representatives of nearly all the women's unions were in attendance, the wage earners' state league was organized. The meeting was held in the Twentieth Century club rooms at 717 Valencia street.

The object of the new league is to better conditions for working women and at the same time to promote the suffrage idea, although the league will be in no way connected with the women's suffrage organization. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. E. H. O'Donnell, who was named as permanent president. Mrs. L. A. Bickell of Oakland was made first vice president, Mrs. Phoebe Smith of San Jose second vice president, Miss Ellen Bulman of San Francisco third vice president, Mrs. Louise Le Rue of San Francisco secretary and Mrs. Will J. French of San Francisco treasurer. Other vice presidents are to be elected from Los Angeles and Sacramento.

An extensive committee, consisting of representatives from every trade represented in the organization, is to be named and a delegate will be selected to attend the meeting of the state federation of labor in San Jose on October 5.

POPULAR TEACHERS MARRY

NAPA, Sept. 22.—Miss Frances C. Baxter and Prof. J. H. Janson were united in marriage this afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Richard Wylie at the Presbyterian church in the presence of a number of relatives of the couple. The groom is prominent as an educator, being principal of the Napa business college, and was up to three months ago assistant principal of Heald's business college in San Francisco. The bride is also teaching in the Napa institution and for a number of years taught successfully in Heald's college. Mr. and Mrs. Janson will make their home in Napa.

LONGSHOREMEN TO MEET

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 22.—Longshoremen from all parts of the Pacific coast held a meeting in Union hall in this city today for the purpose of getting their organizations on a uniform basis. The meeting was attended by two or three representatives of each union, grain handlers also being among those present. The intention is to bring the various organizations as closely together as possible, now that they have practically broken away from the international organization with headquarters in the east.

WOMEN'S CLUB HOLDS RECEPTION

SAN LEANDRO, Sept. 22.—The Alta Mira club, one of the large organizations of women in Alameda county, held a reception and banquet at Masonic hall tonight. Among the speakers were J. J. Gill, president of the town board of trustees; Justice J. N. Frank, City Attorney W. J. Locke, Charles H. Hall, president of the board of education, and A. A. Rogers, president of the public library board.

WANT NOISELESS STREET

A meeting of the Kearny street improvement club has been called for Thursday, September 24, to protest against the repaving of Kearny street with basalt blocks. The property owners and tenants are in favor of an asphalt pavement. Mayor Taylor, President Casey of the board of public work, and members of the board of supervisors have been invited to address the club. The meeting will be held at 10:30 a. m. in Sherman & Clay hall.

Notable Deaths

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Sept. 22.—John Murray Dowie, aged 83 years, father of John Alexander Dowie, the founder of Zion City and who was repudiated by his son, died today at the home of his son's widow, Mrs. Jane Dowie, on White lake, Muskegon county.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 22.—Webster Street, ex-justice of the supreme court of Arizona, died here yesterday. He was 62 years of age. Judge Street was appointed to the supreme court of Arizona by President McKinley in 1897, and served until 1902, when ill health caused him to retire.

FEARING INSANITY FUGITIVE GIVES UP

Bernard Marvin, Accused of Passing Spurious Checks, Surrenders in Reno

Prisoner Promises to Create a Sensation in Oakland Police Circles

OAKLAND, Sept. 22.—Bernard Marvin, who is wanted here on two charges of passing spurious checks, surrendered himself to the chief of police in Reno, Nev., this morning, saying that he would go insane if he remained at large any longer and declaring that upon his return to Oakland he would create a sensation in police circles. The local police scoff at this statement and say that the young man is feeble minded.

Marvin is said to be the son of well to do parents in Seattle. He came to Oakland a few months ago and ingratiated himself with a number of people who are now bemoaning their friendliness toward him. There are two charges against him on file in the prosecuting attorney's office, one of passing a worthless check for $25 on John Docha of 5098 Telegraph avenue and the other of having a worthless check for $20 cashed by his landlady, Mrs. C. Westaway of 141 Lockley avenue. Mrs. Westaway accuses Marvin of giving her the spurious check in payment for a board bill. She said she gave him $10 in change and he immediately left the city. Marvin will be brought back to Oakland.

REPORT OF KIDNAPING PROVES UNFOUNDED

Woman Who Complained That Child Was Missing Gave Her to Husband

ALAMEDA, Sept. 22.—Mrs. Minnie Deems, a psychic reader, who lives at 3011 Encinal avenue, reported to the police this afternoon that her 14 year old daughter, Beatrice, a student at the Wilson grammar school, had disappeared and that she suspected her husband, from whom she said she had been separated for 11 years, of having kidnaped the child.

Deems arrived here a few days ago from St. Louis and, according to his wife, said that he intended to embark in business in Los Angeles. Detective G. H. Brown was detailed to investigate the alleged kidnaping, and he reported that Mrs. Deems had admitted to him that she had given her husband permission to take their daughter with him.

CONFESS THEFT FROM FOLSOM DREDGES

Men Arrested for Stealing Amalgam Implicate Several Other Persons

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 22.—District Attorney Wachhorst secured today a complete confession from Turner, Cole and Cordell, the men arrested Saturday night for stealing amalgam from the dredgers at Folsom. In their confession they implicated several others, and more arrests will be made.

The grand jury has been summoned for a meeting tomorrow, and it is expected that indictments will be returned against the three men.

The confessions of the men show that systematized stealing has been going on at the dredgers for many months. The exact amount of gold stolen probably will never be known, but it will be more than $10,000.

Cole and Codell were partners in a saloon at Folsom believed to have been purchased with gold stolen from the dredgers. Cole was the shrewdest man of the gang, and the work was planned by him. Much of the gold was sold in Sacramento, and it will be possible to recover a part of it. Some was disposed of at the mint in San Francisco.

WOULD AMEND POLICE BILL

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Sept. 22.—The following from the democratic plank on the state police bill, adopted almost unanimously, shows the hand of the western federation element:

"We declare that the state police act in its present form is subversive of this underlying principle and we call for such amendments to that measure as shall insure to the people the full possession of their civil rights; that the state police shall never be permitted to interfere with the administration of the civil law; that their presence shall be justified in any community only upon petition to the chief executive of the state, duly made by the constitutional executive of the county, and that while in the field they shall be subject to the order of the civil authority of the county."

ASSESSORS SHOW RESPECT

BAKERSFIELD, Sept. 22.—About 30 county assessors and some deputies met here in annual convention today. Out of respect to the late T. H. Berkey of Sacramento adjournment was taken soon after the meeting was called to order. The order of business was decided upon at a short session held this afternoon. Alex Brown, chairman of the state board of equalization, and T. B. Eby are both in attendance. Tomorrow the assessors will visit the Westside oil fields on a special train as the guests of the local businessmen and at night will be banqueted by J. N. Jameson, assessor of Kern county.

ANOTHER FACTORY STARTS

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—South San Francisco has gained another industry, the Doak sheet metal works having started the construction of a shop building 80x150 in size. When completed the plant will employ from 300 to 500 mechanics.

TWO WIVES APPEAR AGAINST GRIFFIN

Both Women Testify That They Married Actor Accused of Bigamy

He Offers Defense That He Believed He Had Obtained a Divorce

OAKLAND, Sept. 22.—In sullen silence Robert W. Griffin, vaudeville actor and ex-soldier, sat in the police court this morning, while two beautiful women took the stand in turn and displayed certificates which proved that he had married them both. Griffin offered only the weak defense that he had believed that he was divorced when he contracted the second marriage, and made no attempt to impeach the testimony of his fair accusers.

He was bound over to the superior court on a charge of bigamy by Police Judge Samuels and, upon his failure to produce $2,000 bonds, he was placed in the custody of Sheriff Barnet to await his trial.

The accusing witnesses were Mrs. Goldie McCarron Griffin of Los Angeles, who married Griffin in Toledo, Ohio, in July, 1897, and Miss Martha Straub, a beautiful Swiss governess of San Francisco, who was wedded to the actor in Oakland on June 16 last by Justice of the Peace Geary.

Griffin has a son 10 years old by his first wife, whom he deserted soon after the birth of her child. His brief honeymoon with Miss Straub was terminated before it was a fortnight old by the sudden departure of the pseudo-bridegroom from the city. The forsaken bride declares that he took with him $200 belonging to her. Immediately after his disappearance she swore to a complaint against him, but Griffin succeeded in eluding the police for nearly three months.

DR. GUTH WILL ACCEPT COLLEGE PRESIDENCY

Will Take His Place as Head of University of the Pacific at San Jose

BOSTON, Sept. 22.—"As soon as I receive the formal notice of my selection by the trustees I will accept the presidency of the University of the Pacific," said Rev. William W. Guth today. "I have delayed resigning my charge here or making any definite move or alteration in my plans until the formal letter from the college trustees reaches me. You can state definitely that I will accept the call unless it contains conditions which have not heretofore been understood.

"Telegraphic notification has reached me that my selection was unanimous and I have many messages from San Jose and San Francisco urging me to accept. All this is gratifying to me and I want my California friends to believe that I want to take up the duties of the high office to which they have called me."

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL REDUCED TO FIFTEEN

Freeholders Also Decide to Leave School System Without Change

PALO ALTO, Sept. 22.—The board of freeholders met last night and reconsidered its action in creating a council of 21 members, placing the membership at 15. The freeholders intend to keep a tight rein on corporations, as the life of any franchise, according to the motion adopted last night, will be not more than 40 years.

A lengthy discussion on the school question took place at which the proposition of combining with Mayfield for the formation of a union high school district was thrashed out. Prof. Fernando Sanford of Stanford university said that the combination would take the high school out of the hands of the Palo Alto trustees and destroy the integrity of the present school system. The freeholders moved that the present system be maintained.

RODRIGUEZ TO HAVE HEARING

PALO ALTO, Sept. 22.—The preliminary hearing of Felix Rodriguez for the murder of his wife will be held before Justice S. W. Charles on Saturday morning. The attorneys for Rodriguez have directed habeas corpus proceedings against Mrs. Wayne Tustin of San Jose, a sister of Mrs. Rodriguez, to recover the possession of Nellie, the youngest daughter of the prisoner.

RAISES PRINTERS' WAGES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—An increase from 50 cents to 60 cents an hour in the pay of linotype and monotype operators at the government printing office, will be put into effect October 1.

Public Printer Leech says the experimental stage of magazine composition has long since passed and that proficient government operators are not receiving compensation equal to that paid by private concerns in the large cities.

Suburban Brevities

INITIATION OF EASTERN STAR—Redwood City, Sept. 22.—The Order of Eastern Star held a meeting last night in honor of the visit of Miss Emma Riehl of San Jose, the grand worthy matron, to the chapter. Ten new members were initiated by the local chapter and Miss Riehl was presented with a cut glass bowl as a mark of esteem by her fellow members.

NEW APPOINTMENTS MADE—Redwood City, Sept. 22.—T. C. Rice, a concrete contractor, has been appointed a member of the city council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of former trustee William C. Havey. Albert Mansfield, who was private secretary for ex-Governor Budd, has been appointed city attorney by the trustees, taking the place vacated by the death of Merle F. Thorpe.

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