NEWS OF THE FOUR COUNTIES BORDERING SAN FRANCISCO BAY

GRADUATES WANT TO NAME REGENT

Council of Alumni Association Suggests Its President Should Have Place on Board

Custom at Harvard University Is Quoted as Justification for the Proposed Change

BERKELEY, Dec. 11.—A movement is on foot among the graduates of the university to secure the passage of laws which will make the president of the alumni association an ex-officio member of the board of regents.

The graduates believe that they should be given a voice in administration of affairs and the council of the graduate body is back of the proposal to have their president sit as a regent. They have found a precedent in the custom at Harvard university, where every graduate of that institution of four years' standing has a vote in the election of the overseers, who correspond to the regents of the state university.

Secretary Gurden Edwards of the alumni association said: "It is thought that this measure would be of great importance in strengthening the organization of the alumni for the good of the university, since it would increase the dignity of the office of president of the association; would beget greater interest among the alumni in association affairs, especially in elections, when they would be choosing one of their own number to one of the most highly esteemed honors in the state, and would in every way give increased prestige and influence to the association.

"The responsibility of working out the practical details of this idea has been placed in experienced hands and the council is confident of being able to bring about its fulfillment."

Prof. Edmund O'Neill of the class of '79, and a member of the faculty of the university, is president of the alumni association. Other officers are: First vice president, Colonel George C. Edwards; second vice president, Mrs. May L. Cheney; treasurer, James K. Moffitt; secretary, Gurden Edwards. The members of the council are:

John A. Brewer	Scott Hendricks
T. A. Perkins	A. J. Cloud
Charles S. Greene	Edith Brownsill
Frank Otis	Haydn M. Simmons
Leander Van Orden	Guy S. Millberry

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A course in "Medical Entomology" by Prof. W. B. Harms of the department of agriculture of the university has been announced for next semester. The life, structure and history of insects responsible for disease will be studied and an inquiry made as to the relation of the mosquito to the spread of yellow fever, the fly to typhoid fever and the rat to bubonic plague.

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Dr. Albion W. Hewlett of the class of 1895 has been appointed to the chair of medicine in the University of Michigan. Dr. Hewlett is a graduate of both the academic and the medical departments of the university and of Johns Hopkins university in Baltimore.

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Prof. Fletcher B. Dresslar of the department of education of the university, who has accepted the chair of philosophy and education at the University of Alabama, will leave for his new position next Sunday night accompanied by his family.

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The fall examination at the university, which began las Monday, will end Friday and the university will be closed until January 11, when the spring semester opens.

SAN MATEO ELKS WILL LAY CLUBHOUSE STONE

Ceremony to Be Held Sunday Afternoon in Presence of Many Members

SAN MATEO, Dec. 11.—The local lodge of Elks will lay the cornerstone of their new club building with elaborate ceremonies Sunday afternoon. Many of the most noted members of the order throughout the state will be present. The local lodge is the only one of some 1,200 constituting the order that has laid the cornerstone of its clubhouse within the first year of existence.

The ceremonies will be opened with an address by Frank E. Baskette, exalted ruler of the local lodge. J. M. Shanley of Oakland, district deputy grand exalted ruler, will assist Baskette in the laying of the cornerstone.

A quartet from the Oakland lodge will give a selection, Chaplain Hall C. Ross will deliver the prayer, and the oration of the day will be rendered by Ramond R. Benjamin, grand exalted ruler. Judge Henry A. Melvin of Oakland is also on the list of speakers.

When the clubhouse is finished and furnished it will represent an investment of $40,000, and the local Elks expect to celebrate their first anniversary in their new building April 21. General supervision of the exercises will be in the hands of the following officers: Frank E. Baskette, exalted ruler; O. L. Koop, esteemed leading knight; Dr. Ira H. Chapman, esteemed loyal knight; L. H. Newbert, esteemed lecturing knight; Gale H. Campbell, secretary; E. M. Warn, treasurer; G. J. Zehender, tiler; C. A. Lawton, esquire; Hall C. Ross, chaplain; Frank T. Bartlett, inner guard; L. S. Cortelyou, organist; Thomas R. Turner, J. J. O'Brien, W. B. Lawrence, trustees.

TRIES TO WIN LOVE WITH BLUE AND BRASS

Young Portuguese Fisherman Is Arrested for Wearing Soldier's Uniform

SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 11.—An ambition to dazzle the eyes and win the hearts of San Rafael's coy maidens with a soldier's uniform has cost the liberty of Joe Silva, a dapper young Portuguese fisherman of this place. Silva was arrested today on a warrant sworn to by Sergeant James Blake of Fort Baker charging him with donning the habiliments of a soldier of the United States.

Silva was jilted recently by Violet Fleet, a pretty girl of 17, who ran away with a soldier. The young fisherman decided that the girl's heart had been won by his successful rival's uniform. In quest of feminine sympathy to help him heal his wounded heart Silva accordingly fared forth in a flowing cloak of blue, liberally besprinkled with brass buttons. The sharp eye of Sergeant Blake was arrested by the sight and he caused the incarceration of the wouldbe swain.

CREATE COUNTY OFFICES

SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 11.—The county supervisors yesterday created two new county offices. On a resolution introduced by Supervisor Cheda, which the board unanimously adopted, the office of the sheriff and tax collector, which is now handled by the sheriff, was divided into separate offices, and the offices of the recorder and auditor were also made separate. The new offices will be formally introduced at the next election.

STUDENTS PRAISE WORK AT FARM

Adopt Resolutions Approving Short Course at Davis Institution

University Instruction Is of Great Value to Future Agriculturalists

BERKELEY, Dec. 11.—Students of the farmers' short course for 1908 at the university farm at Davis have mailed to Governor Gillett, President Wheeler, Prof. E. J. Wickson, dean of the college of agriculture, and the regents a hearty indorsement of the work given on the farm, and have highly praised the equipment for the teaching of practical agriculture by resolutions, as follows:

Whereas, we, the following members of the farmers' short courses for 1908 in horticulture, viticulture and entomology, appreciate the opportunities which we have enjoyed at the university farm to better prepare ourselves for our work; and

Whereas, we realize the importance of education on these lines and the results derived therefrom not only to the farmer and fruit grower but to every citizen of this most resourceful state; and

Whereas, these courses have been carried on this year under difficulties which will be eliminated when the farm buildings are completed; therefore be it

Resolved, that we extend our gratitude to those in authority for the very able corps of instructors obtained for our benefit, and their faithfulness to the duties they so ably discharged.

Resolved, that we recommend these courses as being of great material benefit to all farmers and fruit growers, and also all those contemplating engaging in these pursuits.

Resolved, that we heartily indorse the recommendations of the various instructors for appropriations for equipment, maintenance, experimentation and instruction in all lines of agriculture upon the university farm.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to his excellency, Governor J. N. Gillett; President Benjamin Ide Wheeler, Dean E. J. Wickson and the regents of the University of California.

L. W. Walton, Yuba City; F. L. Johnson, San Gabriel; W. S. Allen, Lockford; C. F. Collins, Dinuba; J. W. Anderson, Davis; M. Stetson, San Rafael; J. W. Phillippi, Acampo; W. E. Wartin, Monterey; Peter Fletsch, Visalia; B. J. Eaton, Lodi; George Bell, Fresno; T. G. Hester, San Jose; C. V. Freel, Newcastle; M. C. Rogers, Loomis; E. J. Brunson, Auburn; F. P. Holbrook, Fair Oaks; J. N. Cookson, Coalinga; E. Steiert, Sanger; W. L. Weinmann, Alameda; W. J. Newcomb, Sebastopol; E. F. Nielsen, Cupertino; F. O. Widlund, Healdsburg.

LESE MAJESTE LAW IS DEAD IN GERMANY

Criticism of the Emperor Is Now Being Made With Perfect Impunity

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—"Until a few days ago," remarked Hugo A. Acker of Berlin, Germany, at the Hotel Knickerbocker, "the slightest criticism of the emperor of Germany, made in Germany by one of his subjects, would have been promptly followed up by arrest and jail sentence for the offender.

"But since the famous interview given out by his majesty it is safe to say half the men in Germany have broken the lese majeste law with perfect impunity.

"Under the most liberal of governments there could have been no more outspoken and unsparing criticism directed at the executive head than has been poured out upon Emperor William by his subjects since the publication of his interview. The interview was a marvel of indiscretion and frankness, while the language was unmistakably that of the emperor himself. This latter fact is the controlling reason why the official explanation of the blunders through which the interview reached the publishers, without modification or revision, has done nothing to quiet the storm which the publication has raised.

"The incident may have consequences in recasting the whole system of the German imperial government. An immediate effect has been the opening of the door to free speech in Germany as it never has been opened before, and the practical annulment of the laws on the subject of lese majeste for a nation can not be indicted."

SPEAKS OF ALARMING GROWTH OF SOCIALISM

Former Secretary Shaw Calls on College Men to Save the Country

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Speaking before a gathering of alumni of Dickinson college last night, Leslie M. Shaw, former secretary of the treasury, appealed to the college men to save the country from socialism. He said:

I am alarmed at the trend toward socialism in this country today. If there is any power in this country to stem it it ought to be the trained minds of college men. But four out of five commencement day orations are purely socialistic. I have met many of the teachers of sociology in our schools and universities. With few exceptions these teachers are socialists, as you can find by a few moments' conversation with them, and the few exceptions are anarchists.

I want to say to you preachers assembled here that, unfortunately, there is a good deal of socialism being taught these days from the pulpit. The Chautauqua is also full of it. If you can mention a Chautauqua popular speaker who is not talking and teaching socialism I will be obliged for his name. The public libraries are full of it. The trend of the newspapers is toward socialism, and, I repeat, the trend is dangerous to this country.

Whenever we go out to teach that men must succeed equally, regardless of aptitude, we are pointing toward the rocks of a nation.

SON CHARGED WITH HIS FATHER'S MURDER

Italian Laborer Killed on Eve of His Departure for Italy

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—On his way from Mill Creek, Pa., where he had worked as a laborer for many years, to his native home in Italy, Vito Pulero, 54 years old, was murdered today in a tenement house in Mott street, where he was temporarily stopping.

Domenico Pulero, 21 years old, is a prisoner, charged with having caused his father's death.

The father and son had quarreled, Domenico objecting strenuously to going back to Italy, while the father maintained that it was the best thing to do.

PANIC OCCURS IN TUNNEL

SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 11.—Scores of passengers on the city bound 2:30 train were stricken with panic today when an accident occurred in the Corte Madera tunnel, which necessitated stopping the train in the dark. A huge timber from the roof had been jarred loose by the passage of the fast train and it had fallen on the roof of the cars, tearing up the woodwork considerably. No one was hurt.

LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER JAILED

REDWOOD CITY, Dec. 11.—In default of $5,000 cash bail, Nells Hall, former lighthouse keeper at Montara point near Halfmoon Bay, charged with criminal assault, has been remanded to the county jail for trial in the superior court. The preliminary testimony against Hall showed a strong case, the keeper being charged with misconduct with his stepdaughter.

Do You Want $5.00? Read THE CALL'S weekly offer on page 15.

REGISTRAR REVIEWS STANFORD TROUBLE

Dr. O. L. Elliott of Student Affairs Committee, Advises Abolition of College Pranks

E. M. Leaf, Editor of Sequoia, Replies and Suggests More Tolerant Policy

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Dec. 11.—"How to Be Happy Though a Student" is the caption of an article in the current number of the Stanford Sequoia from the pen of Dr. O. L. Elliott, university registrar and member of the student affairs committee.

Great interest attaches to the article because it expresses the views of a faculty member on general student conditions. This is the first time that any member of the present student affairs committee has written at any length on the subject.

The appearance of the article has additional significance because it was intended by Editor E. M. Leaf, '10, to publish a statement of the students along similar lines for comparison with Dr. Elliott's article, but according to the editor, this idea was given up under pressure.

Dr. Elliott has taken exception to the way his copy was handled by the Sequoia editor, and in a communication to the Daily Palo Alto says his intention in submitting the article was not to open any controversy.

ANDREW D. WHITE QUOTED

The article in the Sequoia gives extracts from the college publications in months past and from the addresses of Andrew D. White at the inauguration of Cornell university 40 years ago. Dr. Elliott quotes as follows:

"You are not here to hang upon a university. 'You are here to help build a university. This is no place for children's tricks and toys; for exploits which excite the wonderment of boarding school misses. You are here to begin a man's work in the greatest time and land the world has ever known."

Writing with reference to this remark Dr. Elliott questions the necessity of tubbings, nightshirt parades and plug ugly posters. In regard to the first named topic Dr. Elliott says:

"Do mature students and voters regard tubbing of freshmen as a man's work or is it perchance a child's trick, a poor college tradition which ought long ago to have been supplanted by a better? What have voters and students who expect to be treated as men in common with the vulgarities which characterized pan-Hellenic night?"

OBJECTION TO TUBBING

The writer next discussed the drink question and says that the "Menlo habit" and Stanford do not agree and that a student who acquires the Menlo habit should leave at once before the committee is called upon to expel him.

In conclusion he sums up the situation, as he sees it, as follows:

"It would be a pity if this article should stop with anything which may seem a threat. My point is that nightshirt parades, tubbing, pan-Hellenics, plug uglies and the like, as they have developed on our campus, indicate that not all are ready for the responsibilities of self-government. If men and women of the student body, bent upon the beginning of tasks of men and women, can control these things, purge them, do away with them; if they can impose upon children and boarding school misses and upon the lawless standards of conduct, and if they can create a student sentiment so wise and sure that there will be no need of faculty action, why then the way to happiness is open to all."

STUDENT EDITOR REPLIES

Editor Leaf comments upon the situation touching the topic as he see it with a student's eyes. His statements are at variance with those of the faculty writer in several instances. His editorials are in part as follows:

Doctor Elliott's article which is as frank a statement of the general attitude of the student affairs committee as has been published, indicates to us quite clearly that the committee is not in sympathy with and does not appreciate the undergraduate view. We also gather the impression from his statement that all student customs which do not serve some high ethical or educational purpose are held in disfavor by the committee and that the natural, legitimate desire of college men for diversion and recreation from the serious business of study is an evidence of childishness and lack of manliness and virility.

With those in authority holding this view it is inevitable that there should be constant friction between committee and students, and to add to the difficulty, the attitude of the undergraduates themselves has served to widen the breach. The student body, naturally enough, was stirred to a high pitch of resentment by the events of last March. This feverish indignation, however, has since cooled off on the surface and changed to an undercurrent of animosity toward the faculty. Since that time the attitude displayed toward the committee has been one of repressed antagonism. The committee has, to a certain extent, been placed on the defensive and has thought it necessary to maintain its position with force.

STANFORD SPIRIT DISAPPEARS

That is the situation at present. The opposing forces face each other constantly prepared to do battle, with this difference, however, in the relative positions of the opponents—the authorities are safely intrenched behind an impregnable stone wall, which the students can assail only with damage to themselves.

Nor would it be a matter of so much moment if the ill feeling between faculty and students injured the individual student alone, but it becomes a matter of the utmost concern when we discover that the gravest injury is being done to Stanford's prestige and to the Stanford spirit. The spirit of disaffection and antagonism has so permeated the whole student body that it has become a matter of comment among upperclassmen that the real Stanford spirit, that has always been synonymous with good fellowship and high achievement, is rapidly disappearing, and for no other reason than that it can not flourish in an atmosphere of continual strife. No further proof of this statement were needed than the two football rallies this year. The spirit displayed on these occasions was in marked contrast to the spontaneous outbursts of enthusiasm of former years. And the end is not yet, for the results of the present disaffection will be more apparent in the near future than at present.

EDITOR SUGGESTS REMEDY

The remedy, as the student editor sees it, is as follows:

The remedy? That is the real crux of the question. Can one be found that will effectively remove the existing difficulties? We think so. In the first place let the student affairs committee adopt a broader, more tolerant policy, one adapted to college students rather than to preparatory school youths. Then, by reason of their superior age and experience we are justified in expecting them to be the ones to take the initiative in restoring harmony; but at all events they should meet the students more than half way.

The students, for their part, must stop and take time to fully realize that, whether the student affairs committee is right or wrong, they are butting their heads against an adamantine wall, to their own grave injury.

DIRECTORS TO CLOSE PENINSULA HOTEL

San Mateo Hostelry Proves a Losing Venture and Doors Will Be Shut

Manager Says House Will Only Be Out of Business During Winter

SAN MATEO, Dec. 11.—Having had the house open a little less than nine months, the directors of the Peninsula hotel found that they were up against a stiff losing game, and at a meeting held last night the edict went forth that the huge caravansary, whose opening February 22 was a great social event, should close its doors on the morning of December 16.

The Peninsula hotel was promoted by the members of the San Mateo board of trade, Thomas R. Turner and Captain John Barneson. The home of Alvinza Hayward, California's most notable and eccentric mining millionaire of the last decade, was procured and the beautiful residence was altered and enlarged to complete a hotel having accommodations for 250 guests.

J. H. Doolittle, formerly of the St. Nicholas, was the first manager, his place being taken later by George Miller of the Yellowstone park hotel system. Lack of business caused a great reduction of expense at the hotel some months ago, and there have been few guests there for a number of weeks.

Manager Miller stated tonight that the shutdown was only temporary, lasting through the winter season. The Peninsula represents an investment of $500,000, the directors being Captain John Barneson, Thomas R. Turner, J. Coleman, George C. Ross, E. A. Husing, Joseph Levy and James H. Doolittle.

BERKELEY WILL HAVE LEAGUE OF JUSTICE

Permanent Organization of a Branch Will Be Effected Next Tuesday

BERKELEY, Dec. 11.—Permanent organization of the Berkeley branch of the League of Justice will be effected at a mass meeting which will be held Tuesday evening, December 15, at 8 o'clock in the First Presbyterian church. The following announcement of the meeting was sent out today:

In the belief that the events of the last few weeks have awakened the conscience of thousands to a realization of their responsibilities as citizens and to a desire to be of active service; furthermore, in the belief that such service can be made most effective by their uniting with the Citizens' League of Justice, we, the undersigned, in behalf of the Berkeley branch of the Citizens' League of Justice, hereby invite the public, both men and women, to a meeting at 8 o'clock on Tuesday, December 15, in the First Presbyterian church at Berkeley, corner of Channing way and Dana street, at which the work and plans of this organization will be presented.

Warren Olney Jr.	Warren Cheney
E. L. Parsons	Walter Woolsey
John Snook	S. C. Stiles
E. P. Lewis	Julius B. Weber
Max Thelen	J. H. Lathrop
L. A. McAfee	James Sutton
Irving Stringham	D. P. Brown
H. H. Camper	A. W. Whitney
F. W. Foss	A. Moore
W. F. McClure	H. B. Torrey
C. S. Merrill	T. V. Moore
R. H. Danforth	F. L. Hosmer
T. A. Rickard	C. A. Noble
C. L. Biedenbach	C. H. Rieber
A. S. Blake	R. H. Van Sant
L. H. Lewars	L. Hutchinson
W. E. Woolsey	L. R. Ver Mehr
I. J. Truman	F. L. Butterfield
S. J. Sill	A. H. Allen
C. C. Young	O. S. Merrill
E. W. Hilgard	H. M. Hall
G. R. Greenleaf	W. C. Morgan
P. T. Tompkins	W. H. Miller
J. Loeb	Clifton Price
E. L. Brock	H. R. Hatfield
J. A. Ellston	L. F. Hampton
R. A. Berry	B. A. Etcheverry
Philo Mills	E. E. Nichols
R. B. Daggett	G. W. Wells
W. S. Mathews	H. T. Frankhouser
S. B. Christy	E. M. Loomer

Speakers of the meeting will be announced later.

J. P. MORGAN GIVES CHURCHES $100,000

Bishop Nichols Telegraphs the News of Donation of Eastern Financier

J. Pierpont Morgan has given $100,000 to the fund for the rehabilitation of the Episcopal churches of San Francisco which were destroyed in the great fire, the news having been telegraphed to this city by Bishop Nichols, who is in New York at the present time. Nearly an equal sum has been raised by other donations, and it is probable that the $200,000 mark will be reached before the bishop's return.

The churches which will be particularly benefited by this fund will be the Church of the Advent, St. Luke's and St. John's, all of which were completely destroyed. Temporary houses of worship have been used for the past two years, and the erection of handsome new buildings in each parish is planned.

St. Luke's church will probably be rebuilt on the old site in Van Nes avenue at Clay street immediately after the first of the year, or at least as soon as satisfactory plans are secured. The Church of the Advent will sell the lot at Eleventh and Market streets, where it was situated before the fire, and will build in another part of the city.

The gift from Pierpont Morgan comes as the ratification of an agreement made by him in 1906, when he promised $100,000 if within three years $900,000 were raised. Bishop Nichols will return to California, it is expected, before Christmas, and Archdeacon Emery, who accompanied him east, is now on his way home.

'BABY JOHN'S' PART IS PIVOTAL POINT

Defense of Mrs. Martin Is That the Boy Was an Accomplice in Crime

This Would Necessitate Complete Corroboration of His Testimony

OAKLAND, Dec. 11.—The question whether or not John Martin was an accomplice of his foster mother, Mrs. Isabella J. Martin, in planning and executing her alleged crimes was the point on which the final efforts of the woman's defense turned in Judge Wells' court today.

If the jury believes the contention of the defense John was an accomplice and his testimony against her would require complete corroboration before it could be used in weighing the case against her. Attorneys Frick and Wyman, who have defended Mrs. Martin, hold that John was an accomplice and that his testimony was not corroborated by other evidence and that the case against the woman would fail.

The closing argument of Frick was along these lines and the instructions submitted by the defense to Judge Wells emphasized them. Frick closed this afternoon, being followed by Assistant District Attorney Hynes. Hynes will finish Monday morning.

Points made by Hynes were that Mrs. Martin hated Judge Ogden, whose house she was charged with dynamiting, because Judge Ogden, in her belief, advised the dismissal of her suit for insurance against the Westchester fire insurance company. She hated Judge Samuels, for whom "Baby John" Martin said they had prepared an infernal machine, because he suggested to her that Judge Sargent be called in to try the case. Revenge was the motive for all her crimes, said Hynes, who held that Baby John Martin was forced to aid her and to carry out her plans because he feared she would murder him.

SANTA FE WANTS LARGER REVENUE

President Ripley Sends Message in Reply to Protest Against Increased Tariff

E. P. Ripley, president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad, has answered the protests of the traffic bureau of the Merchants' exchange and of the California traffic association, saying that it is imperative that the Santa Fe increase its revenues.

The proposed increase of 10 per cent in the freight rates is not intended to prevent the free movement of California products to eastern markets, nor of any westbound freight, Ripley says. In his opinion a slight advance in freight rates will not affect the movement of products in either direction. As transcontinental tariffs apply to and from all points in the United States east of Colorado and a large number of eastern railroads are parties to this tariff, he says, they would have to be consulted as to any changes.

The reply of E. H. Harriman was much more satisfactory. Harriman stated that everything is in the hands of Freight Traffic Manager Jones and expressed the wish that a satisfactory conclusion might be reached.

The executive committee of the traffic association met yesterday afternoon, but no business was transacted on account of the illness of Mr. Chambers, traffic manager of the Santa Fe, and on account of the absence of Traffic Manager Jones of the Southern Pacific.

FRANCHISES GRANTED TO SOUTHERN PACIFIC

Company Bids $25,000 for the Electric Railway Privileges in Berkeley

BERKELEY, Dec. 11.—The Southern Pacific company was awarded franchises tonight for its electric system in Berkeley on a bid of $25,000, which was made by Jere Burke, after Burke had offered a $1,000 bid in his own name as a formality. The company agreed to stand the expense of work which will be necessary in Woolsey, Ellsworth and other streets, in widening the roadways to accommodate the tracks.

This is estimated to cost $25,000. A bond in $10,000 will be given to guarantee that the terms of the franchise will be adhered to and that the new system will be completed within three years. The franchises cover the new lines as projected in Ninth, California and Ellsworth streets and the extension of the present Shattuck avenue local road from North Berkeley to form a loop in the Ocean View district.

Duncan McDuffie was granted a franchise for a street railway line over Moran and Sonoma avenues in Northbrae. This will give a service in that tract in connection with the Oakland Traction company's Grove street line.

BURGLARS ARE BUSY

False key workers and burglars reaped a harvest yesterday according toreports made to the police by three different residents of San Francisco.

Mrs. Joseph Beede, who lives in the Arnold apartments, 1820 Polk street, informed the police that her home had been entered and $75 in money and jewelry valued at $200 stolen. Entrance was effected by use of false keys. Captain C. Swanson, 183 Duboe avenue, complained to the police that burglars looted his home last evening taking $300 in money and jewelry. The thieves entered the house by prying open a rear window.

FLOOR COLLAPSES WITH 4 WORKMEN

Concrete Buggy Falling From Runway in Balfour-Guthrie Building Does Damage

Laborers Escape With Slight Injuries Which Are Treated at Emergency Hospital

A concrete buggy falling from the runway at the second floor of the Balfour-Guthrie building under construction at California street, near Sansome, yesterday morning snapped the slender wooden supports and caused a section of the flooring 18 by 25 feet to collapse, and four workmen were precipitated to the ground below.

Luckily none of the 65 workmen employed in the building was underneath when the accident occurred and the men who fell were more frightened than hurt, each of them sustaining only slight abrasions. One of them, Angelo Gross, living at 238 Green street, returned to work immediately and the others will resume Monday. After the fall, they were all sent to the harbor emergency hospital, where their wounds were dressed.

V. E. Bernell was guiding the buggy, containing 750 pounds of concrete, down the runway from the elevator to the section of flooring being laid when the carriage slipped from the runway, falling to the floor below. Several tons of concrete had already been laid, and, the floor supported only by slender wooden posts, four inches by four, collapsed. Angelo Gross, Nels Nelson and Harry Litque, who were laying the cement, fell with it to the ground 20 feet below.

H. G. Anglin, superintendent of the work, which is being done by the Lindgren company, contractors, says that the damage will amount to about $150. He asserts that the supports which collapsed are of the size usually employed in such work and that the accident was unavoidable and not in any way due to neglect or other fault of architects or contractors.

ELKS TO RAISE MONEY FOR CHARITABLE WORK

Minstrels of Alameda Lodge to Give Elaborate Entertainment in San Rafael

SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 11.—Under the auspices of the local lodge of Elks at San Rafael the Alameda Elks' minstrels will give a performance at the Garden theater Saturday evening. There has been a large advance sale of tickets.

The program will be made up of quartes, octets, solos and character impersonations. The money raised by the entertainment will be used by the local lodge in charitable work.

Those from the San Rafael lodge who are on the entertainment committee and have the matter in charge are A. Decourtieux, J. A. White, N. S. Halsey, E. E. Bogle, J. Trounson, H. L. Smith, Joseph Drew, F. C. Schernstein and F. F. Sawyer.

LARGER LICENSE FOR SLOT MACHINES

Supervisors' Police Committee Agrees Upon a Drastic Ordinance

Tax Is Gradually Increased According to Number of Devices Operated

The nickel in the slot machine game in San Francisco received a severe jolt yesterday when the supervisors' police committee unanimously agreed upon a drastic license ordinance, which the members believe will greatly curtail the gambling feature in the big places. The bill is likely to pass at Monday's session. It provides a quartery license of $10 for one machine, $30 for two machines, $70 for three machines, $150 for four machines, $310 for five machines, $630 for six machines and $1,270 for seven machines. Eight machines or more in one establishment are forbidden. The members thought the $10 license would not trouble the "legitimate" use of the machines at the counters of cigar stands, but they hoped the doubling and carry 10 principle of the bill would prove destructive to the cashing resorts.

The supervisors' finance committee set aside $1,500 yesterday to provide the county clerk's office with five additional men for the first three months of the new year.

The committee put over for one week and will probably deny the board of works' recommendation that $4,000 be provided to put a sewer in Hampshire street between Army and Seventeenth. The committeemen expressed their opinion of the habit indulged at times by city commissions of passing things up to the committee which they should turn down themselves.

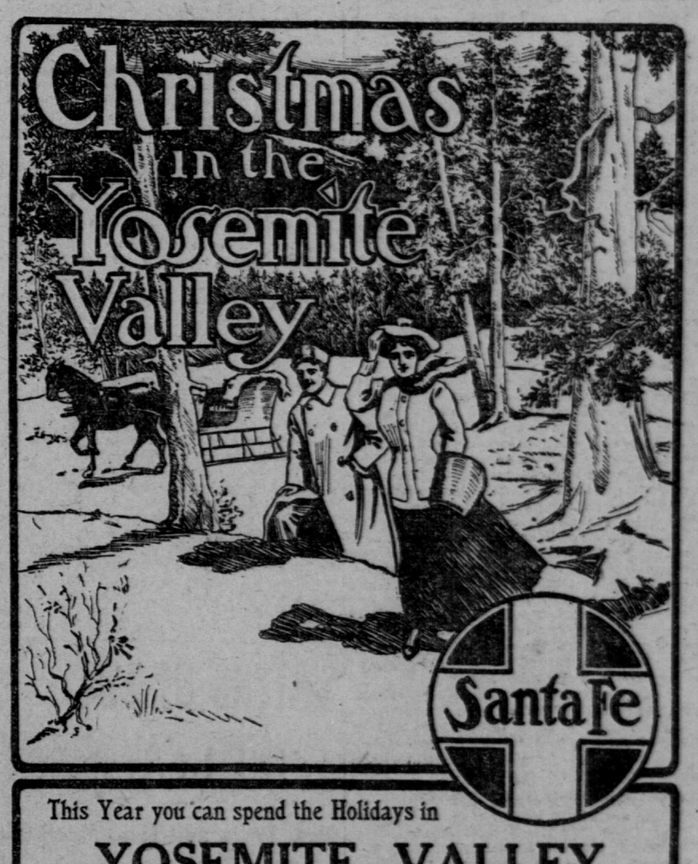
HOUSE FLOATS AWAY ON THE HIGH TIDE

Home of Thomas McGovern Is Wrecked on Bay Island and Abandoned

BOLINAS, Dec. 11.—When Thomas McGovern arrived home yesterday he was surprised to find his house bobbing up and down in the middle of the channel and floating in the direction of the marshes of the bay. He hastened into a rowboat and tried to tow the floating structure back to its old location.

Despite the frenzied efforts of McGovern and his neighbors the house continued on its way until it bumped into an island and stuck. There the low tide left the house lying half on its side in the slimy mixture. After working last night and today in an effort to get the house out of the mud McGovern concluded that it was a wreck beyond redemption. The contents of the house were removed.

The house was situated on a sandy point which was but a few inches above the high tides. A higher tide than has ever before been known to visit the bay carried the building away.



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