NEWS OF THE FOUR COUNTIES BORDERING SAN FRANCISCO BAY

GRADUATES SEEK CASH FOR FACULTY

Campaign Waged to Secure Appropriations From Legislature to Meet Conditions

Money Needed to Provide Adequate Building for College of Agriculture

BERKELEY, Dec. 24.—Under the direction of the Alumni association of the University of California an active canvass of the state has been in progress for the last three months to secure the passage of measures by the next legislature that will provide for an adequate building for the college of agriculture and an annual appropriation for the purpose of increasing the salaries of the faculty.

The report of the committee of the association of graduates, which has been accepted by the association, suggests that:

There should be a liberal appropriation for the purpose of erecting an adequate building for the college of agriculture on the campus at Berkeley.

There should be an appropriation regularly at each session of the legislature for the purpose of increasing the salaries of the officers of instruction of the university, in addition to the item annually incorporated in the appropriation bill as—"for the support of the university."

MOVEMENT GIVEN SUPPORT

Letters have been mailed to the graduates and their friends throughout the state asking their support of the proposed bills and replies received by Secretary Gurden Edwards show that the greatest interest has been taken in the movement.

A number of county conventions have adopted in their platform an expression of approval similar to that of the Napa convention, which said:

In order to insure the continuance of the splendid services of the state university to the commonwealth we pledge our candidates to favor legislation granting liberal and increasing financial provision for its support in keeping with its growing needs, and particularly to provide against any diminution of its revenues derived from taxation. We furthermore favor special and liberal appropriation for the purpose of erecting an adequate building for the college of agriculture on the campus at Beerkeley.

The need for a new agricultural building is apparent, although the last legislature refused to vote $150,000 for the completion of the main wing of the building.

NEEDS HAVE INCREASED

No other college has increased with such rapidity as the department of agriculture, of which Prof. E. J. Wickson is the head. In 1897, when the structure now in use was built to replace the one destroyed by fire, there were 21 students enrolled in agricultural courses. Now the registration is more than 700.

In the past eight years the faculty has been more than doubled, from 21 to 49, and there are 76 subjects taught now as against 47 10 years ago.

The salaries of the faculty are far below those of eastern universities, and while some of the ablest professors have been retained only through their love of the climate, Professors Farrington, Dresslar and others have received such attractive offers from eastern institutions that, they have left the university.

LARGER SALARIES OFFERED

President Wheeler, who received but $10,000 a year as head of the university, which ranks among the first six in attendance, has been offered double that amount to assume the presidency of an eastern university.

The alumni of the university will make a determined effort this year to secure adequate appropriations for the university, which has increased in attendance fully 75 per cent during the last 10 years.

The officers of the Alumni association are: President, Edmond O'Neill; first vice president, George Edwards; second vice president, Mrs. May L. Cheney; treasurer, James K. Moffitt; secretary, Gurden Edwards. Also included in the council are: John A. Brewer, T. A. Perkins, Charles S. Greene, Frank Otis, Leander Van Orden, Scott Hendricks, A. J. McCloud, Edith Brownsill, Haydn M. Simmons and Guy S. Millbery.

Edmond O'Neill, President U. C. Alumni Association

CLERK HALTS RUNAWAY AND SAVES LIFE OF GIRL

Miss Dora Thayer, Daughter of Millionaire Lumberman, Heroine of Accident

SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 24.—Miss Dora Thayer, daughter of C. A. Thayer, a millionaire lumberman, and a well known society girl, was saved from death under the hoofs of a runaway horse this morning by Dennis Coleman, an employe at the county courthouse, who risked his life to stop the maddened animal. Miss Thayer escaped with a few minor scratches, while Coleman, covered with mud, emerged from the experience with several bad bruises. The dog cart was a wreck.

Miss Thayer had been driving. When at C street her horse got its foot over the shaft. Frightened, the animal began to run and before Miss Thayer could bring the animal to a stop it was rushing down Fourth street at full speed. Coleman saw the horse swerve from its course midway down the street and dash toward the cement sidewalks. Directly in the path of the runaway was the heavy iron hitching post firmly embedded in the concrete. Coleman rushed into the street and grasped the bridle. He was jerked from his feet and dragged some distance, but his weight brought the horse to a stop before it reached the sidewalk.

The sensational act was witnessed by a large number of people, and Coleman received many congratulations. Miss Thayer immediately went to her home at Culloden park after thanking Coleman for his heroic action.

COLLINS TRANSFERS PLEA

George D. Collins, the lawyer-trickster convicted of perjury and sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment, yesterday withdrew his plea for a writ of habeas corpus made some days ago to Judge Mogan, and immediately thereafter filed a similar application with Judge Cabaniss. The petition alleges, as the first one did, that the county jail is unsanitary and that Collins is in danger of becoming dangerously ill. Judge Cabiness told Emil Ney, Collins' factotum, who submitted the petition, that he would set a date Monday for hearing the application.

Jimmie Won the First Prize—$500

Out of eleven hundred manuscripts submitted in a short story contest instituted recently by Sunset Magazine Ralph W. Gilman of Baldwin, Kansas, was awarded the first prize for his powerful story of "Jimmie." This tale of the desert with all its horrors and of the inexplicable contradictions and surprises in a man's soul is one of the features of the January Sunset.

ALAMEDA COUNTY'S SUPERVISORS SUED

Henry N. Morse Demands the Repayment of $198,572 to County General Fund

Suit for the recovery of $198,572, alleged to have been wrongfully paid out of the general fund of Alameda county, was instituted in San Francisco yesterday by Henry N. Morse, a citizen of Alameda county, against John Mitchell, H. D. Rowe, J. M. Kelly, Charles F. Horner and W. B. Bridge, supervisors, and George S. Pierce, auditor. The money is stated in the complaint to have been authorized by the supervisors and audited between January 6, 1906, and December 1, 1907.

Of the sum sought to be recovered for the county, $129,728 was paid into the funds of the several road districts for the construction and maintenance of county roads; $66,503.67 was for the cost of construction and maintenance of the highway known as the Foothill road, which, it is alleged, should have been paid out of the funds of the road districts; and $2,340 was for the cost of lighting county roads.

Morse says that none of these expenditures was rightly chargeable against the county general fund, and that the supervisors and auditor knew that when they authorized the payments. The plaintiff has asked the district attorney of the county to bring suit for the money, but that official refused, saying there was no violation of the law.

Besides asking that the defendants be ordered to return the money to the county treasury, Morse prays for judgment against them for 20 per cent of the money as damages and against the United States fidelity and guaranty company for $95,000 on their bonds. R. M. F. Soto is the attorney for Morse.

BIG BAMBOO SHIPMENT FOR PLANTING IN CHICO

All Known Varieties of Wood to Come From Orient for Coast Gardens

[*Special Dispatch to The Call*]

CHICO, Dec. 24.—All the known varieties of bamboo in the orient, consigned in one shipment of 140 tons, the largest single importation of the growth ever brought to America, will arrive in San Francisco January 11 from Japan. The 750 boxes, comprising the shipment, will be placed aboard 10 freight cars and shipped at once to the National plant introduction garden at Chico for propagation until spring.

The bamboo is from the Yokohama nursery and was gathered in China and Japan by Explorer W. D. Hill, who comes to America with it. Inspection and fumigation will be supervised by Horticultural Inspector Ehrhorn, assisted by Chief W. W. Tracy of Chico and Dr. Moulton of San Jose. The department of agriculture has sent telegraphic orders for the construction of three large greenhouses at Chico for propagation.

The department considered propagating the bamboo at Millionaire Tevis' gardens at Bakersfield, but decided in favor of Chico. Next spring the bamboo will be shipped to southern California and southern states for cultivation.

TWO STANFORD COUPLES MARRIED THIS WEEK

Closed Season at the University Seems to Be Open Season for Weddings

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Dec. 24.—Cupid has been busy since college closed with the result that two Stanford weddings have already been solemnized. It became known in college circles today that T. D. Meddick of Ovid, N. Y., a prominent Stanford man and athlete, had been married to Miss Helen Chandler of Palo Alto and that Arthur M. Porter of Minneapolis, a graduate of two years' standing, had plighted his troth to Miss Lillian L. Ramsey, a Palo Alto girl.

Meddick and Miss Chandler were married in Palo Alto Monday evening at the home of R. C. Ray, 951 Bryant street, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Henry Phipps Ross, rector of All Saints' church. Only the immediate friends and relatives were present. After the honeymoon, the newly married couple will make their home in Los Altos.

Arthus Porter and Miss Ramsey were united in wedlock at the home of the bride, 921 Scott street, yesterday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Walter Hays, pastor of the Presbyterian church. The couple will live in Palo Alto.

CHILD HIT BY CAR

While crossing the streetcar tracks in Fillmore street yesterday morning, Josie Domado, 8 years old, was struck by a car and seriously cut about the face and head. The girl lives at 2108 Greenwich street.

FIRE DESTROYS BIG HOTEL

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Fire of unknown origin, discovered at 5:30 o'clock this morning burning through the third floor of the Alhambra hotel at Alhambra, a suburb, caused a complete destruction of that building and contents, and entailing a loss of more than $30,000. The amount of insurance is comparatively small. The hotel was a three story frame building of 50 rooms.

Look on page 5. The Rebus contest offers $800 in prizes and cash free.

GETS MONEY BACK BY COURT ORDER

Man Alleges Educational Society Is "Fake" and Secures Return of $2,975

Avers Association Organized to Benefit Children Throughout Country Is Bogus

OAKLAND, Dec. 24.—Judgment by default was secured today by Manuel J. Bettencourt against John J. Donaldson, Milton Bulfinch and an organization called the First national education society. The orders, as signed by Judge Waste, directed the cancellation of promissory notes for $1,100, $800, $500 and $375 which were alleged to have been obtained from Bettencourt by false representations regarding the capital stock and business prospects of the society. The return of $200 in cash, which was also secured in the same manner, was ordered.

The society, as explained to Bettencourt, was formed with the purpose of enabling children throughout the United States to gain a higher education. Bettencourt did not ask particulars regarding the methods to be pursued in spreading higher education among children, but was readily moved to turn over notes which he held and cash which he had to assist the work.

He said he subsequently learned that the society was insolvent and that the organization was formed for the express purpose of defrauding and cheating the public.

Other plans outlined for Bettencourt was the purchase of 100,000 shares of an unknown industrial stock for $10,000. This was to be sold for $100,000 and Bettencourt was to be given a heavy profit. But this was not done, he said.

Judgment was given by default, as no defense was interposed. With Bulfinch and Donaldson, R. M. Soto, J. W. Reeser, George T. Donaldson, E. A. Wolverton, E. M. Zwicker and the Magic soap company were joined as defendants.

ARCHITECT'S WIFE FAILS TO REFORM HIM

Granted Divorce From Man She Accuses of Habitual Intemperance

The story of the downfall of A. J. Barnett, once a well known architect, through drink, was related in Judge Cabaniss' court yesterday by his wife, Sarah, who was granted a divorce. She said she had many times forgiven her husband's lapses in the hope that she might reform him, but had concluded that the case was hopeless. Mrs. Barnett said that even now she would be willing to stop the proceedings if her husband showed himself inclined to stop drinking.

By the exercise of his well known persuasive powers, Judge Graham yesterday brought together another warring couple. Anna Schneider sued her husband, John, for divorce on the ground of intemperance. At the earnest solicitation of the judge, Schneider promised never to again touch drink, and the pair thereupon became reconciled.

Some inexplicable "influence" was the only reason Ethel S. Thomas could give Judge Mogan for her desertion by Zero Thomas, from whom she sought a divorce. No explanation of the mysterious influence could be furnished by the woman, but she insisted strenuously that it existed. The Thomases are colored people. The husband is a licensed pharmacist. A divorce was granted Mrs. Thomas.

Other divorces granted yesterday were: By Judge Cabaniss—Manoel V. dos Sanctos from Margarida dos Sanctos, desertion; Vivian Riley from John Riley, desertion.

Suits of divorce were filed yesterday by Marie Christine Schoenenberger against Max N. Schoenenberger, cruelty; Charles H. Forbes against Beatrice E. Forbes, desertion; Helen K. Needham against William W. Needham, willful neglect.

JURORS LOCKED UP IN JACKSON HATCH'S TRIAL

No Verdict Reached After 11 Hours' Consideration of Evidence

SAN JOSE, Dec. 24.—The jury in the case of Jackson Hatch, on trial in the superior court on an embezzlement charge, had not arrived at a verdict at 11 o'clock tonight and was locked up.

If the jurors should reach an agreement during the night it is possible that the presiding judge will be summoned so that they could spend Christmas at their homes.

The opinion about the courthouse tonight is that the jury will disagree.

District Attorney Free took up the greater portion of the forenoon today with the concluding argument of the prosecution. A sensational feature of his address was the indirect charge that the $5,000 note which Mrs. Sage swore she had never executed bore a forged signature.

The district attorney passed the note to the jury with a magnifying glass and requested them to scrutinize it closely and then compare the signature with other signatures of Mrs. Sage, known to be genuine. He closed shortly after 11 o'clock and Judge Welch's charge to the jury followed. At a quarter after 12 o'clock the jury retired.

FORMER SECRET SERVICE DETECTIVE A FORGER

George T. Bartlett Passes Spurious Paper in Napa and May Plead Guilty

[*Special Dispatch to The Call*]

NAPA, Dec. 24.—George T. Bartlett, formerly a government secret service detective, was examined before Justice Coombs here today on two charges of forgery and uttering a spurious check. Bartlett was held to answer before the superior court on three counts.

Bartlett forged two checks, signing the name of Frank Bush, steward of the Napa state hospital, and passed the paper on two local businessmen. He made no defense in court today and may plead guilty.

He lost his position in the secret service through the excessive use of drugs. He has resided in this city for the last six months.

GRADUATES WORK FOR HARVARD

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Jerome D. Greene, '96, secretary to President Eliot, will leave Cambridge after Christmas on a tour of the western states in the interests of Harvard university. W. R. Castle Jr., 1900, assistant dean of Harvard, is on his way home from Honolulu, and will return via New Orleans to look after southern students. E. H. Wells, '97, is just back from a long trip to the Pacific coast to meet Harvard alumni and further the interests of the alumni association, of which he is secretary.

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CASTRO ABANDONS ROLE OF PRESIDENT

Statement Issued in Berlin Promises That Venezuela Will Not Be Molested

Information Concerning Plans After Treatment at Sanitarium Is Refused

BERLIN, Dec. 3.—Cipriano Castro gave out a statement today which amounts virtually to abandonment of his claims to the presidency of Venezuela. The statement follows:

"After taking cognizance of everything printed in the newspapers from Venezuela I doubt the attitude therein attributed to the present government at Caracas. But I will have more to say on this subject when I am in better health and when I have full knowledge of what has occurred.

"In any event I shall place no difficulties in the way of the present administration of Venezuela in settling the pending controversies with foreign governments, even if this should involve my own withdrawal from activity in the affairs of the nation."

Castro will remain two weeks longer in the private sanitarium of Dr. Israel. He will give out no information concerning his future plans.

Minister to Settle Trouble

THE HAGUE, Dec. 24.—The foreign office has been advised that Jose de Paul, until recently Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs, left La Guaira today for Paris and The Hague on a special mission for the new Venezuelan government to open negotiations for the settlement of the existing disputes between Venezuela and France and Holland.

Frontier Trade Renewed

BOGOTA, Colombia, Dec. 24.—The new Venezuelan government has announced that it will permit the resumption of trade over the frontier between Venezuela and Colombia at all frontier points.

ARRESTS TWO CROOKS ON SUSPICION; FINDS LOOT

Attempt to Rob Shreve & Co.'s Store Foiled by Clever Detective

The suspicious actions of John Waters and John Frater, while inspecting valuables on display in Shreve & Co.'s jewelry store in Post street near Grant avenue last night, caused Harry Reynolds, late a detective sergeant in the police department, but now a detective in the employ of the jewelry firm, to follow the men when they left the place.

The pair wandered into Union square. Reynolds drew his revolver and ordered them to halt. After the men were identified at the jewelry store they were taken to the police station and enrolled upon the detinue book. Search of their persons revealed two watches valued at $250, which were recognized by the jewelers as timepieces which had been shown the men.

Little is known about the pair, although Reynolds at first sight believed the men to be crooks. It was stated at police headquarters that Waters and Frater would be charged with grand larceny this morning.

HOLD "PROPHET'S" BODY AWAITING RESURRECTION

"Koresh I," Founder of Peculiar Cult, Dies and Putative Wife Mounts the "Throne"

[*Special Dispatch to The Call*]

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 24. — Cyrus R. Teed, known as Koresh I, founder and head of the Koreshan Unity corporation of western people, who bought a large tract of land in Lee county, Fla., several years ago and sought to establish a peculiar cult in this section of the country, died early Tuesday morning.

—The fact of his death was not disclosed until today, and when investigation was made, his devout followers said they were awaiting a ressurrection, expecting it to occur on Christmas day. While the body of the leader lay unattended, Victoria Gratia, the putative wife of Teed, assumed the throne with much solemnity and declared that the body should not be buried until there was a manifestation of the divine will.

The basis of the Koreshan cosmogony is that all life is cellular, originating in cells, all living structures being composed of cells and propagating cells, whence the conclusion that the universe, the great aggregation of all cells, must itself be a cell, the material walls of which are comprised of the shell of the earth.

SUIT INVOLVES BET ON COUNTY DIVISION

Fresno Man Allege Hanford Man Welched on His Check for $1,500

[*Special Dispatch to The Call*]

FRESNO, Dec. 24.—Reminiscent of the recent county division fight is a suit brought in the superior court today by Sheriff R. D. Chittenden of Fresno county, Fulton G. Berry, owner of the Grand Central hotel of this city, and E. Katz, a cigar dealer, against Charles King, a prominent real estate man of Hanford, Kings county. The amount of the suit is $1,500 and the sum was wagered on the county division fight between Fresno and Kings counties last year.

The plaintiffs allege that King made out in their favor a check for $1,500, drawn on the First national bank of Hanford, and December 9, 1908, this was duly delivered to the bank on which it was drawn. The institution refused payment. King refused to pay the sum.

SCHOONER IS DISMANTLED

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 24.—With her rigging swept away as the result of a storm and her masts gone, the two masted schooner San Buenaventura was picked up by the tug Columbia and towed to this port today. The crew is safe. The schooner was en route from San Francisco to Port North and was light.

The San Buenaventura is a flat bottomed schooner of 171 tons register and was built in 1876 at Fairhaven. The schooner is owned by W. J. Woodside of this city and left here in ballast December 18 for Bandon in tow of the steamer Raymond, which let go off Blanco and left the schooner to make the rest of its way under sail.

GOVERNMENT SUIT DROPPED

Suit against P. S. Dean and David L. McAfee of Calaveras county, which was instituted by the United States government, was dropped yesterday. The defendants were charged with taking up mineral land under homestead proceedings. It was found by experts employed by the government that the land did not contain mineral enough to class it as mineral land.

POLITICAL REFORM URGED ON LABOR

Direct Legislation League Asks Support for Initiative, Referendum and Recall

Council Places on File Request to Assist in Purifying Civic Governments

A communication from the direct legislation league received by the San Francisco labor council at its last meeting was read and placed on file. A similar communication sent to the Sacramento federated trades council was read and referred to the legislative agent of that organization. The purport of the communication was to enlist the good offices of labor organizations in an effort to put a stop to corrupt political rule in city, county and state, by placing government in the hands of the people through the initiative, referendum and the recall.

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The banner awarded to the milk wagon drivers' union for its magnificent display in the Labor day parade was presented to that organization Wednesday night by J. W. Sweeney, president of the labor council, in behalf of Whitehead, Hoag & Co., the donors. The gift was accepted in a neat speech by Secretary Decker of the union.

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At the meeting of the waiters' union, local No. 30, Wednesday night, it was decided that after January 1 no member would be permitted to work unless in good standing, and from that date all rules and regulations of the local should be rigidly enforced. It also was decided that any member who refuses to wear his working button when ordered to do so by the business agent after February 5 should be fined 25 cents for the first offense, 50 cents for the second and $1 for the third.

The local will in a short time have an international organizer whose business it will be to unionize every place in the city. The meeting was addressed by W. P. Scott on the conditions of the trade and by Messrs. Ryan and Tennebare in behalf of the men on strike on the Denver and Rio Grande railroad. Four candidates were initiated.

The drug clerks' union will hold open house in the Clerks' building, 343 Van Ness avenue, New Year's day. There will be an entertainment during the afternoon and evening and plenty of New Year's cheer. The affair will be under the direction of a committee, of which Charles B. Whidden has been elected chairman.

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C. A. McColm, Charles L. Apperson, J. C. Heymer, Walter Goff, Thomas Curran, David Duff, H. W. Scott, N. H. McLean and Kenneth McLeod have been appointed a committee by carpenters' union No. 483 to arrange for a jinks and smoker in Carpenters' hall, Fulton street, Saturday evening, January 9.

The Sacramento trades council has sent a letter to each city in the state in which there is a labor union or central body asking that the municipal authorities be urged to pass an ordinance that "shall taboo all who are not citizens of the United States from being employed as laborers on the public streets."

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The Vallejo trades and labor council is considering a proposal to affiliate with the building trades council of the state. This has been recommended by the executive committee of the first named body.

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Gas workers' union No. 9840 has elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: Daniel Cameron, president; Newell Parker, vice president; A. F. Coleman, recording, and Philip Knell, financial secretary; Peter V. Kearns, treasurer; George T. Graham, guide; George W. Bell, business agent; Charles Hawthorne, guardian; C. W. Assnussen, G. W. Bell, H. S. Cleveland, B. Curtis, G. R. Edminston, M. Gorman, F. Geherin, William Hoey, John Reynolds, George Wands, members of the executive board; George Bell, J. J. Breslin, A. F. Coleman, F. Geherin, P. V. Kearns, Philip Knell, delegates to labor council; P. V. Kearns and P. Knell, delegates to the Asiatic exclusion league.

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The officers elected to serve garment workers' union No. 131 for the ensuing term are: Sarah Hagan, president; Jennie Wamsley, vice president; May Fenton, recording secretary; May Cummings, financial secretary and business agent; Mary Johnson, treasurer; Mamie Miers, sergeant at arms; Maggie Galli, Lizzie Poysell, M. Hammel, Anna Culberson, Margaret Seaman, Mary Fenton, May Cummings, executive board; Jennie Wanisley, Sarah Hagan, Margaret Seaman, May Cummings, Mamie Miers, delegates to the labor council; Margaret Seaman, Anna Wilson, Kate Granville, trustees; Winnie Quilfelt, Anna Culberson, Margaret Seaman, Lizzie Poysell, benevolent committee.

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The officers elected to serve the window shade workers' union for the next term are: Alexander Garcia, president; Charles Balz, vice president; Frederick Evans, recording secretary; G. Halsing, financial secretary; C. Messinger, conductor; Charles Kaentz, Charles Balz and B. Harris, trustees; J. Howe, warden. These officers are to be installed January 4.

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The brick layers' union has elected the following as officers for the next term: G. D. Simms, president, Charles Simmons, vice president; G. A. Johnson, recording secretary; T. C. Hammill, financial and corresponding secretary; M. J. O'Donnell, treasurer; John Kirk, conductor; A. B. Morgan, sergeant at arms; James Berry, J. S. Mazza, Patrick Gerrity, arbitrators; James Ringrose, C. Pengalli, Thomas Fay, trustees.

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The first issue of the "American Photo Engraver," the official organ of the photo engravers, authorized at the recent session of the international body, was received here yesterday by International First Vice President A. J. Gallagher. It is a neat 16 page publication, full of matter of general and special interest to the craft. It is published in Chicago and is edited by M. Woll, the international president.

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Cooks' helpers' union No. 110 has secured new quarters at 395 Franklin street and will meet there on Thursday nights. At the meeting to be held this evening the committee that has been auditing the books of ex-Secretary Huber will present its report.

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Blacksmiths' (ship and machine) union No. 168 will not hold a meeting tonight on account of its being Christmas eve. The next meeting is to be held January 14.

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The cement workers' union will hold an election for officers for the ensuing term in the Building Trades temple Sunday, December 27.

EMPEROR PLAYS SANTA CLAUS TO HIS FAMILY

Austrian Ruler Distributes the Gifts From Tree in Big Hall of Palace

VIENNA, Dec. 24.—At 5 o'clock this evening, Emperor Francis Joseph, leading the two youngest of his grandchildren and followed by all the members of the royal family, entered the great salon of the palace, where a huge Christmas tree had been set up. The emperor presented the imperial children with gifts and examined the presents which the family had prepared for him.

HAINS IS CONFIDENT JURY WILL ACQUIT

Prosecution for Murder of William E. Annis Rapidly Nearing the End

Witness Called by People Gives Strong Evidence in Behalf of Defendant

FLUSHING, N. Y., Dec. 24.—With the exception of one or two witnesses who will be heard on minor points the state's case against Thornton J. Hains is practically closed. The defense will outline its case to the jury Saturday after the prosecution rests. When the defendant returned to the Long Island jail tonight he knew all the vital evidence that the prosecution had obtained to prove its charge that he was one of the principals in the killing of William E. Annis.

Before leaving the courtroom Hains declared that he felt that his acquittal was only a matter of days.

District Attorney Darrin surprised Hains' counsel by calling Henry L. Jesperson, a former real estate agent, whom the defense had planned to call as one of their principal witnesses. Jesperson's testimony developed many points favorable to the defendant. He said he had several conferences with Hains over water front property at Douglaston near Bayside, and that Hains had made an appointment with his partner, Mr. Bugg, about some property near the Bayside yacht club.

Mr. Jesperson further stated that Hains had postponed the real estate negotiations because of the illness of his brother. The lawyers for Hains were delighted at Jesperson's testimony. Mr. Darrin's purpose in calling the former real estate dealer is not apparent.

An incident of interest in today's session was the demand of John F. McIntyre for the arrest of Martin Skura, an 18 year old cabman, who swore that he had made a false statement to Hains' lawyers, believing that they were newspapermen. Skura was excused after a grilling cross examination in which he admitted making several false declarations in the statement given to counsel for the defense. He was not arrested.

The defense hopes to conclude the case next week.

FOR TAFT'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 24.—Four brace of English pheasants, beautifully plumed and plumply fattened, packed in a hamper and cold storage from London, reached the Taft cottage today as the Christmas dinner remembrance of Whitelaw Reid, American ambassador at the court of St. James, to the president elect. No Christmas celebration has been planned by the Taft family.

Mr. Taft expects no political callers before next week, when Frank H. Hitchcock will arrive.

CHINESE EMBASSY PLAN IS FAVORED

United States Agreeable to Proposal to Raise Rank of Celestial Legation

Flowery Kingdom Anxious to Have Equal Diplomatic Footing With Japan

PEKING, Dec. 24.—The foreign board has received a cablegram from Tang Shao Yi at Washington saying that the Washington government has responded favorably to the proposal made by China to raise the Chinese legation at Washington to the rank of an embassy. Tang Shao Yi is the Chinese official who is at present in the United States on a diplomatic mission from his government.

Americans here are heartily in sympathy with the efforts of Tang Shao Yi in this direction. China is very sensitive on the subject of an equal diplomatic footing with Japan, and particularly since the episode of the visit of the American battleships at Amoy.

Only half the American fleet visited the Chinese port, while the 16 vessels went to Yokohama. Furthermore, anything that contributes to the success of the mission of Tang Shao Yi will tend to strengthen the efforts of Yuan Shai Kai and others in the work of reforming the court.

It is believed here that the reform of the foreign board of empire and the existing court practices, together with the adoption of a reformed code, the inauguration of courts of law, the establishment of an improved financial system and the abolition of the existing system of extraterritoriality will tend to influence the powers toward accepting the rank of China's diplomatic representatives.

RUNAWAY HORSE CREATES PANIC AMONG SHOPPERS

Man Badly Injured While Saving Children From Frightened Animal

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 24.—While a funeral was passing along North Main street today, a horse driven by Alderman Jack Harrington ran away, and, dashing on the sidewalk, created a panic among Christmas shoppers. The hill is very steep here and the runaway was in the heart of the business district.

M. Hurley, a miner, was run down and perhaps fatally injured in front of the Silver Bow bank. A half block further on Harrington was thrown from the buggy. He escaped with bruises.

The flying horse then reared and was about to trample two little girls, when J. M. Hinkle, a telegraph operator, seized it. He was forced to the pavement and trampled, being badly hurt.

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