

EVENTS IN THE COUNTIES BORDERING ON THE BAY OF SAN FRANCISCO

ROMANCE MAY END  
FATHER'S DEATH

Because Daughter Threatens to Elope With Soldier Parent Attempts Suicide

Pretty Mamie Kuffler Yarns to Be the Bride of Dashing Coast Artilleryman

SAUSALITO, June 17.—Because his daughter expressed an intention to elope with a soldier, Charles Kuffler, a cigarman of this place, attempted to hang himself in the basement of his home yesterday and was saved from death by the timely appearance of his wife.

Back of the attempted suicide is a romance which has resulted in the sending away of Miss Mamie Kuffler, the 17 year old daughter of the late parent, and the life of the soldier being threatened by Kuffler.

IN LOVE WITH SOLDIER

Pretty Mamie Kuffler met David Nelson, who is a private in the Thirty-second regiment at Fort Baker, at a dance given in Old Sausalito last Friday night, and their friendship rapidly ripened into a stronger affection.

Sunday night Nelson called at the Kuffler home and met the father of the girl. Kuffler told the soldier that he had no use for any of the Fort Baker men and ordered him out of his house.

LEAP TO SUITOR'S PLEADING

Nelson asked for a fair consideration of his suit, and said that he would endeavor to buy himself out of the army if he could have the girl for his wife. But Kuffler would not listen to his plea, and the creature of the soldier leaped from the window of the house and landed on the ground below.

FATHER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

All night Kuffler brooded over his daughter's attachment for the soldier, and yesterday morning he secured a rope and went into the basement to commit suicide. His wife heard his groans, and when she reached the basement Kuffler was hanging by his neck from an overhead beam.

Mrs. Kuffler cut the rope and succeeded in rescuing the almost strangled man. Kuffler has told several friends that he will kill himself if his daughter follows out her resolve to run away with the soldier.

Miss Kuffler was sent away yesterday to Elmhurst, where she will be closely watched in the home of her aunt, Mrs. M. Kope.

FITZBURG WILL CALL  
SEWER BOND ELECTION

Campaign Will Be Opened With Dance and Mass Meeting

FITZBURG, June 17.—Fitzburg has been divided into two sanitary districts—Fitzburg and Seminary park districts—and during July the two boards will issue election calls for the purpose of voting on sewerage bonds. County Engineer H. A. Kuffler has already mapped out the system and a campaign will be inaugurated at once to insure the carrying of the bonds.

The campaign will be commenced by the Fitzburg improvement association with a social dance and rally at Seminary park on Friday evening, and Seminary avenue, Friday evening.

The rally will be followed by a mass meeting at the Lockwood school on Saturday evening, June 26, with the co-operation of the Seminary park improvement association.

BURBANK ENTERTAINS  
NOTED NATURALIST

John Burroughs and Party Visit Home of Horticulturist

BERKELEY, June 17.—John Burroughs, the well known naturalist, returned from a visit to Luther Burbank, the horticulturist wizard, and after spending the day with Charles Keeler departed for his home in New York to night. The interview between Burbank and Burroughs was a notable one. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Warren, Charles Keeler, and Mrs. H. H. Warren, and Mrs. H. T. Frink of New York and Mrs. Ray Simonds of this city.

CONTRACT IS LET FOR  
STREET IMPROVEMENT

Company Files Bond to Check Loss to City

OAKLAND, June 17.—F. M. Smith, an East Oakland capitalist, has awarded to the Ransome-Crummy construction company a private contract to pave Fourth avenue from East Eighteenth street to Clinton avenue, a distance of 20 blocks. The company has filed with the city a bond for \$5,000 to prevent the Oakland in case of litigation threatened by Warren Brothers being brought. The avenue is to be paved with bituminous material, on which the Warren company claims exclusive patents. Representatives of the concern have threatened to sue for royalties.

OCEAN VIEW TO VOTE  
ON \$20,000 CITY HALL

Trustees and Residents Will Pass Upon the Project

BERKELEY, June 17.—Following the suggestion of the town board of Ocean View, Cummings & Weymouth, architects, have drawn up plans for a \$20,000 city hall to be erected in Ocean View if the bonds proposed for the purpose are passed upon by the town board and favorably received by the people. If the structure is erected it will be at the corner of Kains and San Pablo avenues.

BAKER DISAPPEARS;  
CREDITORS PURSUE

Alameda Businessman Said to Have Made Irregular Transfer

ALAMEDA, June 17.—Bert A. Pratt, former proprietor of the Pratt bakery, has disappeared, after transferring his property to three Japanese. The police are of the opinion that Pratt's transfer was made to avoid payment of alimony to his wife, who is suing him for a divorce. Attachments aggregating \$202 were recently levied on the place by Haas Brothers and the Diamond milling company.

I. N. Chapman, Who Fought Redskins

WALTER SEABORN IS TO BE CITY CLERK

Deputy Clerk Will Fill Important Position in Berkeley Under New Charter

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Seaborn is the son of John Seaborn of 2423 Dana street. He is only 25 years of age and probably will be the youngest officer under the new charter. He will have charge of all the city routine work, including street openings and other proceedings, and his university course in law will fit him for the task. He was formerly employed in China and the Philippines and has gained experience for himself as a stenographer and typist. In the Philippines he was secretary to David P. Barrows, commissioner of education, who will shortly come to the university as professor of education. Seaborn has gained experience also in the Southern Pacific and other big railway offices, besides having been employed by other concerns. His selection by the mayor and commissioners is popular here.

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Rev. Mr. Booth, in the short time he has been at the head of the North Berkeley church, has made many friends who regret to learn of his departure. The Long Beach church is about the same size as that in this city and the salary of the minister, \$2,000 a year, is the same as that in this city. His successor has not as yet been selected. Rev. O. M. Lucas will occupy the pulpit Sunday.

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Mrs. Robert S. Knight has gone to Villa Remi for the midsummer, not expecting to return to town for several weeks. Early each season Mrs. Remi Knight opens her beautiful country place near St. Helena, entertaining during the year. She will have with her this summer Mr. and Mrs. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Diekmann, Mrs. Kate Dunn and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Boqueraz. The Chabot home in Vernon street has been closed until the last of fall.

Mrs. Bernard P. Miller will have as her house guests next week Mr. and Mrs. Willis Fisher, who will come from Vallejo for a visit in Oakland. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Fisher were schoolmates in the east and have kept up a close friendship. Fisher is engaged in the construction department at Mare Island.

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BROTHER CHARGED TO BE CITY CLERK

Petersen Will Contest Expected to Disclose Some Grisly Family Skeletons

OAKLAND, June 17.—A story of brutal and unfilling conduct was related today of Charles Petersen, son of the late Andreas Petersen of San Leandro, by the young man's brother, Thomas, who filed a petition to dismiss the contest Charles Petersen has instituted over the will of his father. The contest involves an estate of \$30,000.

According to Thomas Petersen, his brother stabbed his father with a pitchfork on one occasion because his father reprimanded him for drinking wine. Thomas Petersen says, he beat his sister so viciously that she was under the care of a physician for months. Andreas Petersen gave his son Charles \$1,000 to start him in business once, but the money went to the racetrack, according to his brother.

For the last 16 years Thomas Petersen declares his brother has hardly been seen at home and whereabouts has been unknown to his family.

Andreas Petersen committed suicide last March, after suffering for a long time from an incurable disease. By his will, his estate is to be divided between his son, Thomas, and his daughter, Mrs. Anna Walkins. Charles Petersen attacked the will on the ground that it was made when the elder Petersen was of unsound mind and unduly influenced by his beneficiaries.

CAPTURED BY TRAMPS IS REPORT TO POLICE

Berkeley Boys Deprived of Rifle Invent Weird Story

BERKELEY, June 17.—Plenty of excitement was caused in the police station last night when Mrs. Frank Maslow, wife of the well known College avenue contractor and recent candidate for mayor on the socialist ticket, reported that her son Ernest and a number of boys were held for ransom by a number of small boys, among them young Maslow, who intended to go to the hills and kill wild animals.

A squad of police under the leadership of Clarence Morrill were rushed to the scene, only to find that E. Bowler, superintendent of the institution, and the night watchman had dispersed a number of small boys, among them young Maslow, who intended to go to the hills and kill wild animals.

The boys were held at the head of Warring street by the appearance of Keith and the tramp ransom story was evidently concocted by the boys upon the loss of their only weapon of defense.

YOUTHFUL MUSICIANS TO GIVE BAND CONCERT

Boys' Retreat Players Arrange Program of Music

OAKLAND, June 17.—The band concert to be given by the youthful musicians of the Boys' Retreat in Hamilton auditorium Friday evening promises to be a complete success.

H. D. Cushing, president of the Boys' retreat, will act as chairman. Rev. William Day Simonds, minister of the first Methodist church, will make the introductory remarks.

The program for the evening is as follows: Grand march, "Sold Front," band; "The Heart of the Matter," V. Eugene Ferry; vocal quartet, selected, male voices; serenade, "Cherry Blossoms," band; "The Golden Rule," Howard Breeding (clarinet); "Rocked in the Cradle," Albert Atkinson; caprice, "On With the Dance," band; vocal solo, selected, George Lykken; "The Golden Rule," band; "The Golden Rule," Howard Breeding (clarinet); concert waltz, "The Golden Rule," band; "Soldiers Farewell," two cornets, alto and barytone; "Star Spangled Banner," band.

ARCHITECT ACCUSED OF TAKING REBATE

Man for Whom He Built House Charges Fraud

OAKLAND, June 17.—Fraud, negligence and lack of skill are charged against Architect C. M. Cook of Oakland by A. M. Schunck of Berkeley, for whom Cook contracted to build a house.

Schunck brought suit against Cook today for \$2,350, alleging that he has been damaged to that extent by Cook's actions. The cost of the house, according to the contract, was to be \$4,375. Instead of this, it cost \$5,141, and did not come up to the specifications of the "Golden Gilder" band.

Schunck says that Cook permitted contractors working under him to put in inferior materials. His complaint alleges that the architect was guilty of getting a "rebate or bribe from the California standard mill company for placing a contract for the mill work on the house with that company.

COURT RULING FAVORS SALT WATER SYSTEM

Judge Ellsworth Gives Decision Sustaining City of Oakland

OAKLAND, June 17.—An obstacle in the way of installing a salt water plant for fire protection of Oakland was swept away today by Judge Ellsworth when he sustained the demurrer of Harrison S. Robinson, an attorney, who sought to enjoin the municipal authorities from letting a contract to install the salt water system to Cotton Brothers. The court denied Robinson permission to amend his complaint.

Robinson sued as a taxpayer, alleging that the contract had not been properly advertised and that there had been an irregularity in asking for bids. Judge Ellsworth ruled that there was no merit in his contention. The contract with the Cotton Brothers calls for an expenditure of \$34,000.

OAKLAND YIELDS TO THE ENCLINAL CITY

Gives Alameda Right of Way for July Fourth Parade

ALAMEDA, June 17.—The fourth of July celebration committee has been advised by the Oakland committee that no parade will be held in Oakland July 5, leaving the way clear for the sister city to secure all available military forces.

The observance of the day in Alameda is thus given impetus, and it is announced that the military and civic display will be greatly augmented in view of the Oakland committee's decision.

Spanish war veterans of this city will be in line with a splendid float and a typical tableau. For the all day celebration there have been arranged athletic events, parade, baseball game, naval battle, fireworks, show and a host of minor attractions.

Graduate Engineers, College of Mining

COLLEGE MEN GAIN IMPORTANT PLACES

Authorities Call Attention to Success of Graduates in Securing Appointments

BERKELEY, June 17.—Norris E. Cochran, well known college club member, member of the Skull and Keys society and graduate of the college of mining of the state university with the class of 1909, has been appointed by Charles Butters, Oakland millionaire, in charge of installing the air hammer drills which are being placed in the Devilsador mines in Salvador, Central America, Charles Boone, son of Prof. P. R. Boone of this city and a graduate of the university, is head chemist at these mines.

The university authorities announced today that in almost every mining district of the world there are graduates who have won reputations by the skill they have acquired at the university. Among some of the graduates who have secured positions recently are:

N. C. Stines, 1905, college of mining, has been appointed manager of the Fort Bidwell consolidated mines company, operating at Fort Bidwell, Modoc county.

Richard D. Fies of the class of 1909 has gone to Colorado.

A. E. Drucker, 1903, until recently manager of a large cyanide plant in Korea, has just returned Auckland, New Zealand, on a trip around the world, and is visiting the famous Waihi mine.

Harold S. Jordan, 1909, holds the position of chemist at the Campo Seco copper mines, California.

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Donald W. Day, 1909, is acting as assayer for a gold mining company at Albany, Ore.

James A. Force, 1908, is general manager of the Socorro mines at Mogollon, N. M.

Hermann Fischer, 1909, has been appointed assistant at Minas del Tajo, Rosario, Sinaloa, Mex.

James G. Putnam, who graduated with the class of 1903, has been appointed manager of a mine at Tuquerres in the United States of Colombia, South America.

WAGE CAMPAIGN FOR SEWER BOND ISSUE

San Leandro Board of Trade Boosts Project

SAN LEANDRO, June 17.—The San Leandro board of trade is preparing to conduct a strenuous campaign in favor of bonding the town for the construction of sewerage from now on until election day, June 28.

The proposed bond issue involves the expenditure of \$20,000, and the lack of interest displayed by the taxpayers in the project has prompted the board of trade to take drastic action.

A committee of 10, which has been appointed to send boosting letters to the voters of the town, consists of the following: J. M. Smith, F. C. Stoakes, A. Rogers Sr., M. N. Valar, M. Geisenhofer, J. Herrscher, C. Q. Radeout, M. H. Garcier, John Perry and M. A. Rago.

JUDGE DEFERS CASE; LAWYER LECTURES BOY

Thomas Hogan Jr. Given Grilling for Fireworks in School

OAKLAND, June 17.—Thomas Hogan Jr., the lumberman's son arrested yesterday on a charge of disturbing the peace by exploding fire crackers in the Oakland high school halls, was lectured privately during a session of the juvenile court this morning for his alleged conduct. Prosecuting Attorney DeCortis took the case for two weeks, when it probably will be taken up by the juvenile court.

WOMEN'S CLOTHING IS STOLEN BY THIEVES

Housebreaker Gets Roll of Linoleum Worth \$157

OAKLAND, June 17.—Clothing belonging to women made up the list of stolen articles reported to the police this morning. Mrs. C. K. Loderback, 1382 Webster street, an attaché of the free public library, reported that her property was stolen yesterday from the cloak room at the library building. From the apartments occupied by Miss Sadie Hallett in the Roslin house garments worth \$55 were taken. C. A. F. Thomas, 573 Eighth street, reported the theft last night of a roll of linoleum from a new house in Seventh avenue near East Twenty-first street. The material is worth \$157.

POLICEMAN'S PURSE STOLEN AT STATION

Thief Takes Coin While Patrolman Changes Clothes

OAKLAND, June 17.—Thieves appear to have broken into the police station, for Patrolman Tom W. Crumpton reported that somebody took his purse, containing \$10.75.

Crumpton said he laid the purse down while changing his clothes and presently missed it. The theft was committed near the policeman's private locker.

Captain of Detectives Petersen has detailed a detective to ascertain whether the thief was playing a joke on Crumpton or was in earnest.

ELOPERS FIGURE IN DIVORCE COURT

Young Wife Says That Tall Blonde and Other Women Wrecked Her Happiness

OAKLAND, June 17.—Only a short time after the romantic elopement to San Jose from the Oakland high school of John N. Ernst and Katherine E. Ernst a tall blonde woman came between them and wrecked their marital happiness. This is what Mrs. Ernst now says in a divorce complaint that she filed today, accusing her husband of extreme cruelty.

The pair were married in October, 1907. Mrs. Ernst was then a student at the high school. They came home and were welcomed by their parents. Ernst's mother is a well known milliner, and he is employed by her. For a year all went well, but soon the shadow of the tall blonde was cast between them. Mrs. Ernst says she does not know the name of her rival, but she affirms that she does know that her husband took the tall blonde to nickel dances and to other places of amusement.

After the tall blonde came others who won Ernst's heart, according to his wife. Then he took automobile rides, scoring anything so cheap as nickel dances. In the meantime, the wife says, her spouse was cruel to her in many other ways. He struck her in the face with his fist on several occasions, she declares. Finally he made her work in his mother's establishment. Mrs. Ernst asks the court to award her alimony of \$55 a month and the custody of her infant child.

Bernard Lichtig was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce today against Anna E. Lichtig on the ground of desertion.

ACCUSED OF STEALING QUANTITY OF LUMBER

Contractor Taken to Jail on Larceny Charge

BERKELEY, June 17.—On a warrant obtained by Cornwall & Nagel, contractors of this city, E. W. Renner, a contractor of 1905 Fifty-eighth street, Oakland, was arrested this morning charged with petty larceny. He is said by the complainants to have gone to a building under course of construction by them, at the corner of Telegraph avenue and Russell street, and appropriated lumber to the amount of \$5.50.

KEY ROUTE NOT READY TO START NEW LINE

Manager Denies Work Has Begun in Sacramento Street

BERKELEY, June 17.—Manager W. P. Kelly of the Key Route company denied this afternoon that the corporation had ordered work started on the Sacramento street line, a franchise for which was granted by the Berkeley board a year ago. He stated that the company had a large force of men employed at Adeline and Fifty-fourth streets repairing the roadbed of the present system and that the building of the new road was a matter of future announcement.

LADIES WILL GIVE "HOT TAMALE" SUPPER

Affair Planned by Parishioners of St. Augustine's Church

BERKELEY, June 17.—A hot tamale supper and what party is announced by the ladies' sodality of the St. Augustine church of South Berkeley to be held in Native Sons' hall in Shattuck avenue, June 26. The ladies of the church, headed by Mrs. J. H. Leary, have appointed a number of committees in charge of the affair.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS BY LUTHERAN SYNOD

Rev. Dr. J. A. Leas of Portland Is Made President

TACOMA, June 17.—At the session of the Pacific synod of the Lutheran church the following officers were elected: President, J. Allen Leas, D. D., Portland; secretary, Rev. F. W. Bussard, Salt Lake City; treasurer, W. F. Deerr, Vancouver; statistician, Rev. M. E. Bolton, The Dalles, Ore.

A paper was read by Rev. B. Mertz on "Some Requirements for a College Graduate." The paper is looked forward to the establishment of a Lutheran college and seminary on the Pacific coast and a recommendation to that effect will be adopted by this synod and reported to the general synod in September.

INDIAN BOY ADMITS MURDERING RELATIVES

Lad of Fifteen Sentenced to Serve Ten Years

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, June 17.—Dan Tso Ac, a 15 year old Navajo Indian boy, pleaded guilty today in the United States district court to the charge of murdering four of his relatives several months ago at Aneth, in a remote portion of the state. He was sentenced by Judge Marshall to serve a term of 10 years imprisonment in the federal prison at Leaven