NEWS OF OAKLAND, BERKELEY, ALAMEDA, HAYWARD AND SAN LEANDRO

OAKLAND CORRALS PUGET SOUND HERD

Seattle Elks Entertained at Luncheon After Tour of City and Suburbs

OAKLAND, July 9.—More than 80 strong the Seattle herd of Elks, bound for the grand lodge round up at Los Angeles, stampeded into Oakland today and raised dust all over Alameda county before heading southward again this afternoon. The Elks were corraled at the station this morning by a committee from Oakland lodge, driven down town in automobiles, ushered through the famous lodge and clubrooms in Fourteenth street, greeted with a chorus of "Hello, Bill!" that could be heard all over the bay counties and then herded aboard a trolley car and whisked through the innumerable show places of the city and its suburbs.

The herd returned to the lodge for luncheon and then reluctantly started off for Los Angeles.

Among the visiting Elks were many of the most prominent business and professional men of Seattle. They were enthusiastic in their descriptions of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, and equally so in their appreciation of the hospitality shown them here.

Oakland lodge of Elks is noted for its entertaining abilities, and preparations are now on foot to outdo all previous feats in this direction at the close of the meeting in Los Angeles, when it is expected that almost the entire delegation from the east and middle west will visit this city.

As the time for the departure of the local delegation for Los Angeles draws near, interest in the performances of the crack Oakland drill team is growing intense and the belief is general that it will succeed in winning the national trophy which will be awarded to the best drilled team at the meeting. Colonel J. K. Ritter, who has trained victorious teams in other cities, commands the local band and he is assisted by Lieutenants Walter A. Noffsinger and Oscar F. Whitney. The Oakland delegates will leave on a special train for Los Angeles on Sunday.

Elks Climb Pikes Peak

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo., July 9. Celebrating the breaking of the amateur record for climbing Pikes peak by one of their number, the Elks from Columbus, O., en route to the national convention in Los Angeles, took Glenwood Springs by storm today. Randolph W. Walton, a member of the party and an Ohio state official, made the climb up the peak on foot in five hours and the return trip in three hours, beating the best previous record by nearly 30 minutes.

"Let Them Come," Is Slogan

LOS ANGELES, July 9.—With the arrivel of belated trains today and tonight several hundred Elks have been welcomed to Los Angeles; candidates for the highest office in Elkdom have opened their competitive campaigns, and representative members from half a hundred lodges in the southern and western states are commingling with Californians and Arizonans in fraternal intercourse.

Many Elks with their families are today viewing the Grand canyon, and will resume their journey westward tonight. Tomorrow promises to bring at least 20 delegations, including the sidetracked exalted ruler, Rush L. Holland, and his missing herd.

It is expected that the registration will pass the 10,000 mark Saturday, but every effort is being made to handle the jam with expedition and safety, and the city's cry is "Let them come."

One of the features of the day was the lifting with derricks of two big live elks from the street to the metal roof of the porte cochere of the Alexandra hotel, where, from a wire cage banked with flags and green fir branches, the animals looked down on the thousands thronging the crowded street 20 feet below.

REMITTANCE MAN IS SENTENCED FOR FORGERY

Count Rauthenkranz von Bieberstorf Given Seven Years

LOS ANGELES, July 9.—Seven years at Folsom for forgery was the sentence imposed by Judge Willis today upon Frederick, Count Rauthenkranz von Bieberstorf, a young remittance man, who claimed to have served in the German army before coming to this country a few months ago.

The count, who has gone by the name of Fred Wellington, denied that he had ever worked with his hands.

"I am an author," he said. "I write stories sometimes, but have not worked at anything else. I needed money and forged these checks to tide me over until the arrival of a remittance I was expecting from the old country."

Suburban Brevities

CAVEIN BURIES LABORER—Oakland, July 9.—M. Pernetti was buried by a cavein during the excavation of a trench for gas mains at Fourth street and Broadway today. He was dug out and returned to work.

INTEMPERANCE CAUSES DIVORCE—Oakland, July 9.—Mrs. Minnie M. Huber was given an interlocutory decree of divorce today from Charles O. Huber, an advertising man. The ground was habitual intemperance.

MASONS CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY—Burlingame, July 9.—The leading members of the local lodge of Masons gathered at their hall last night to celebrate the first anniversary of the lodge with a dance. On the 17th of this month the cornerstone of the new $35,000 Masonic hall will be laid with elaborate ceremonies.

DRAYMAN DIES—Berkeley, July 9.—Chester B. Higgins, aged 29 years, and a member of the Higgins draying company of San Francisco, died yesterday at his home, 3103 Telegraph avenue. He is survived by a sister, Miss Marietta Higgins, and a brother, Captain Gus Higgins. The funeral was held this morning.

FOUR FIGHT OVER WAGES—Palo Alto, July 9.—A double pugilistic setto took place this morning as the result of a quarrel between William Stewart of Woodland place and F. A. Albert, a teamster employed by Stewart. First Stewart and Albert mixed it over the amount of wages due Albert, and later Albert and Pat Hardy, another employe of Stewart. Hardy was arrested.

NEW ROAD MASTER IN SANTA CLARA—Palo Alto, July 9.—Supervisor Frank E. Mitchell has appointed James Orr of this city road master for the district to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Peter Towne, the Mayfield pioneer. Through his appointment the heart burnings that have existed between the northern and southern portions of the county over road improvements are expected to be relegated to the past.

ODD FELLOWS INSTALL OFFICERS—Palo Alto, July 9.—Under the direction of J. K. Albee of Mayfield, district deputy grand master, the local lodge of Odd Fellows instalied the following officers last night: Wilbert Carter, past grand; J. W. Rosebrook, noble grand; W. S. Barnhisel, vice grand; William Beattie, chaplain; H. I. Hull, recording secretary; Roy Heald, financial secretary; J. L. Stimson, warden; L. P. Moore, conductor; W. B. Allen, treasurer; G. A. Mitchell, right scene supporter; T. E. Pennock, left scene supporter; E. E. Allen, inside guardian; Paul Smith, outside guardian.

Elks From Seattle Given Trips in Alameda County

Leaders of the Oakland Elks' drill team. From left to right they are W. A. Noffsinger, J. K. Ritter and Oscar F. Whitney.

POPULAR COUPLE TO MEET AT ALTAR

Wedding of Miss Marjorie Howe and Harry Encell Will Be Solemnized at Riverside

BERKELEY, July 9.—A marriage of interest to Berkeleyans and college students of the university will be solemnized Monday at Riverside. Miss Marjorie Howe, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Howe, and Harry A. Encell, a graduate of the university with the class of 1906 and a prominent young attorney of Oakland, will be married. Formal announcement of the engagement was made last summer.

Miss Howe is talented in musical and artistic ways and has devoted much of her time during the last three years in studying art and music in this city and in San Francisco. She is the only daughter of Dr. Howe, a well known resident of Riverside, where he has made his home for the last 25 years.

The groom elect formerly lived in Los Angeles and recently passed the bar examinations. He is now connected with the law firm of Robinson & Robinson in Oakland. He was prominent as a student of the university and is a member of the Bacheolordon house club, the Winged Helmet honor society of the junior class and the gun club. Mr. and Mrs. Encell will make their home in Oakland.

Local Brevities

MILK LAW VIOLATED—C. Mason of Cordelia was fined $10 by Police Judge Deasy yesterday for shipping watered milk into the city, it being his first offense.

WATCH FOR SAFE CRACKERS—Acting on a dispatch from Stockton, policemen have been watching the trains in the hope of finding two safe crackers who had a fight with the police there. One, who was wounded, was supposed to be accompanied by his wife and son, 10 years of age.

CARPENTER KILLED—Harry Bell, a carpenter, was instantly killed yesterday morning when a refrigerator which he was attempting to load on an express wagon in front of his shop, 3101 Turk street, slipped and crushed him beneath its weight. Bell was about 45 years old and resided in the rear of the shop.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS—Two of Gray Brothers' teamsters, Giovanni Angelo and Ernest Santoris, were arrested Thursday by Policeman P. B. Mahoney on a charge of cruelty to animals. Angelo was fined $5 by Police Judge Shortall yesterday, and the case of Santoris was continued by Judge Conlan till today.

BUNGALOW CLUB ELECTION—The Bungalow club, composed of 25 young businessmen, chose the following officers at the annual election, held Thursday night: Richard Cassidy, past president; Gerald Nunan, president; Richard Hirsley, vice president; Louis Dufour, secretary; Charles Hubner, treasurer; Morris Griffith, sergeant at arms.

NO CHANGE OF MANAGER—There will be no change in the officers of the Associated oil company, according to a statement issued yesterday by Assistant Manager Scribner. The rumor that Scribner was to succeed W. S. Porter in the management of the company was denied by the former, who says that he is only acting as manager temporarily, until the return of Porter from Europe.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY SOLD—What is known as the "old horse sale" in police circles occurred at the auction rooms of J. Gollover, 134 Pine street, Thursday. Personal property taken from prisoners and left unclaimed with the property clerk from July 1, 1907, to June 30, 1909, was sold for $1,417. The total of coin found on prisoners and not called for amounted to $1,224.75.

AERIE No. 5 ENTERTAINS—The auditorium was crowded Friday night with the guests of San Francisco aerie No. 5, Fraternal Order of Eagles, who accepted the invitation to attend the "ladies' night" in honor of Dr. C. A. Glover, recently elected president of the state aerie, and Gustave Pohlmann, re-elected state secretary. There was an address of welcome by Frank A. Costello, president of No. 5, presentation of a jewel to Past State President James F. Cheetham, a minstrel show by the Eagles' big minstrels and an exhibition drill by the aerie's degree team, followed by an order of 12 dances.

WOMAN ROUTS BURGLAR—Los Angeles, July 9.—Burglars made a poor start last night for their business during Elks' week, one being shot at by a woman with a revolver and compelled to flee, and another being similarly repelled by a man whom he was bent upon visiting.

COLLWOOD CLEARED BY CORONER'S JURY

He Is Found Not Responsible for Death of Boatman Fred Fittock

ALAMEDA, July 9.—Frank Collwood was exonerated today by a coroner's jury that sat in the inquest in the case of the death of Fred Fittock, an aged boatman, who lived with his wife and daughter in an ark on the tidal canal near the Park street bridge.

Fittock and Collwood had words on the evening of July 4 over the attempt of Fittock to punish his daughter because she visited the ark occupied by Collwood.

In an effort to protect the girl from being beaten Collwood shoved Fittock and the latter fell, striking upon the back of his head. Paralysis followed and the injured man died two days later. Collwood was taken into custody by the Oakland police to await the outcome of the inquest.

The jury returned a verdict in three minutes completely exonerating Collwood from any responsibility for Fittock's death and finding that the old boatman came to his death "from cerebral hemorrhage, due to degenerating of the brain tissue, resulting from alcoholism."

Mrs. Delia Fittock, the widow, and her daughter, Miss May Fittock, testified that the husband and father was a heavy drinker and that he was ugly when in his cups. Both said that they had repeatedly requested Collwood to protect them from Fittock's violence. Harry A. Crowe and Herbert Canning testified that they were eyewitnesses to the altercation between Fittock and Collwood and both asserted that Collwood did not strike Fittock, but merely shoved him away when the old boatman tried to strike his daughter.

BOILER INSPECTOR CAUSES ARREST OF ENGSTRUM

Contractor Is Charged With Violating City Ordinance

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SAN JOSE, July 9.—F. O. Engstrum, the open shop contractor who has the contracts for the erection of the state normal school building in this city, was arrested this morning on charges preferred by F. W. Brandis, a member of the local machinists' union and city boiler inspector, for operating a steam boiler on the normal grounds without a license. The contractor virtually admitted his guilt, which was a misdemeanor, when he immediately applied for a license.

Engstrum occupied the limelight last winter, when the state engineering department was called upon to investigate charges that the five buildings he was erecting at the Agnew state hospital for the insane were firetraps.

The arrival of Engstrum in this city has stirred up a great amount of feeling among the members of the building trades council. It was with a reliance on Engstrum's supposed backing that the builders' exchange, an organization of the contractors, issued a reduced wage schedule recently. The matter has not yet been settled and union workmen are still locked out here.

It is charged by open shop sympathizers that the arrest today is but a part of an extensive plan to harass Engstrum.

You Can Get All the Mussels

You can carry on the beach at Tunitas Glen, Go Sunday. The Ocean Shore Railway will give you a day of healthy pleasure—an appetite to enjoy them. Time table page 19.

FATAL PREMATURE BLAST—Salinas, Cal., July 9.—Gentero Tomasso, an Italian employed in the Stone Canyon coal mine, 76 miles south of here, was killed today and two others injured, one fatally, by the premature explosion of a blast.

LEACH DISCUSSES WATER RATE CASE

President of People's Company Says About $78,000 Is Involved

OAKLAND, July 9.—President Frank A. Leach of the People's water company has prepared a statement defining his company's attitude in the recent decision of the supreme court reversing Judge E. C. Hart's decision nullifying the ordinance fixing the water rates for Oakland for the year 1900. Since that time the plant of the Contra Costa water company has been taken over by the People's water company.

STATEMENT BY LEACH

Leach's statement is in part as follows:

Before any new trial by the superior court of Alameda county, the water company will have the right to introduce any such new and further facts showing the valuation of the plant as may seem best to the directors of the water company. What the outcome of that trial may be can not, of course, be predicted. The supreme court merely holds that the facts which were produced at the former trial were not sufficient to sustain the $7,000,000 valuation fixed by Judge Hart for the year of 1900. Of course, this valuation only affected the Oakland division and did not include the Berkeley, Alameda, Richmond, Piedmont, San Leandro or Alameda county branches of the water company.

In the event, however, that it should be finally decided that the water company was not entitled to the rates which were collected it would have small bearing on the finances of the company as the amount to be rebated to the city of Oakland and its citizens has been greatly exaggerated. The maximum amount that could possibly be recovered would not exceed about $78,000.

MAY HAVE TO RETRY CASE

It is too early for the board of directors to determine what it will do in relation to trying the case over again. It may be possible that there are some points of law in relation to fixing the matter of rates of great value not only to the water company but to the people of Oakland for the future guidance in rate fixing that have not been settled in this decision, and it might be necessary to retry the case again.

In the statements that have been made as to the amount of rebates involved the sum has been greatly exaggerated, due to the fact that these estimates were made by persons estimating amounts involved for the period extending over several years of water rate controversy, whereas the decision under discussion only affects the water rate for the fiscal year 1901 and is a comparatively small amount.

The decision, of course, does not have any bearing on the present rates of the People's water company, as they are now established under an agreement with the city of Oakland and are practically the rates that were contended for by the representatives of the city of Oakland at the time the suit was commenced which made the fight for water rate reduction.

As to the city purchasing the water plant or such part of it as might be required for city purposes, the company is not unfriendly to the proposition but it is a question that has not proceeded far enough yet to afford any details for discussion at this time.

FRENCH MINISTER HAS DUEL WITH ASSAILANT

Pistol Shots Exchanged Without Effect in Paris

PARIS, July 9.—M. Callaux, the minister of finance, who was struck in the face as he was leaving the senate chamber yesterday by Charles Bos, a former deputy, fought a duel with his assailant this afternoon on the Bois Vincennes. The weapons used were pistols and after a harmless exchange of two shots the duelists left the field unreconciled.

Labor Notes

The joint executive board of bakers and confectioners of this city and vicinity, representing the bakers' and confectioners' union of this city, local No. 24; union of salesmen of bakery goods, local No. 106; cracker bakers' union, local 1235, of this city; pie bakers' union of this city, local No. 274; bakers' and confectioners' union, local No. 119, of Oakland, and salesmen's union of bakery goods, local No. 102, of Oakland, will have a picnic at Shell Mound park today, day and night, till midnight. The affair will be conducted under the direction of the following named as the committee of arrangements. C. Cooney, William McKay, J. Hansen, Marcel Willie and Emil Eisold, with M. Willie as floor director and C. Cooney, Robert Hoffman and Louis Hientz, assistants.

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The following named have been seated in the building trades council as delegates from their respective unions:

F. C. McDonald, Charles Webber and Harry Hall, mantel, grate and tile setters' union; O. A. Treitmoe, C. E. Osgood, Thomas Doyle, L. Flaherty, Thomas Flynn, J. C. Laws, B. E. Ullner, J. J. Begley, Daniel Higgins, James Whalen, M. J. Kelly and C. A. Barnum, cement workers' union No. 1; W. G. Walsh, L. R. Makree, James McCarthy, A. E. Smith, A. P. Morrison, J. E. Force, W. P. Kilday, S. G. Drummond, J. Lawrence, Charles Moore, M. Norton, George Burns, T. C. Lynch, Thomas Linton, L. J. Thomas, George W. Foley, Matthew Wickham and N. F. Smith, painters' union, local No. 19; James B. Dewar, R. M. Caldwell, H. Johnstone and F. C. Oliver, branch No. 5 carpenters and joiners; E. J. Fraser, G. Lally, N. E. Tucker and F. Peterson, sign and pictorial painters' union No. 510.

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Millmen's union, local No. 422, of the united brotherhood of carpenters and joiners, had its officers for the current term installed at a special meeting held last Tuesday night. The union drew a warrant for $1,000 to pay for the stock purchased of the Los Angeles labor temple association. It was decided that at the next regular weekly meeting the union shall take up a proposition to subscribe for additional stock in the union laundry in Oakland as a special order of business. By a very large majority the union decided to parade on Labor day and appointed H. Sattler, E. B. Morton, Charles Nagel, J. Waller and R. Jensen a committee to make the necessary arrangements.

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At the last meeting of the casters' and modelers' union, local No. 1, the following named members were elected as officers for the ensuing term: Charles Fleck, president; R. Paladini, vice president; W. S. Martin, recording and corresponding secretary; M. O'Brien, financial secretary; D. Casci, treasurer; J. Pedri, sergeant at arms; W. A. Harris, conductor; H. Leary, C. Milscow and A. Isola, trustees; H. Leary, C. Fleck, R. Paladini and Joseph Kline, delegates to the building trades council.

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The window shade workers, local No. 1, at its last meeting elected the following as officers for the ensuing term: C. A. Baez, president; C. B. Keintz, vice president; C. Hasling, financial secretary; F. Harvey, recording secretary; G. Neuschutz, conductor; W. W. Howe, warden; B. Harris, B. Larkin and W. P. Smith, trustees.

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J. J. Murray, secretary of butchers' union No. 1, and representing the state federation of butchers of California, will visit Oakland next week for the purpose of reorganizing the union in that city in order to get it in line with the new state organzation.

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The gas workers' union at its last meeting voted to levy an assessment of 25 cents per capita on the membership for the purpose of assisting the boot and shoe workers and box makers on strike in this city. This will net the strikers abut $125 a month.

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F. Frederickson of millmen's union No. 423 of this city has been appointed a special organizer for the American federation of labor and assigned to the Los Angeles district. The newly appointed left for his new field of labor on last Thursday.

VARIED ATTEMPTS AT SUICIDE FAIL

Laundry Worker Tries Devious Methods Without Success; Is Thought Insane

OAKLAND, July 9.—Cutting the veins of his wrists, leaping from a second story window and dropping from exhaustion after running at top speed from his house, Anthony Prizgint was found to have swallowed strychnine as a climax to his attempts at self-destruction today. He was confined at the receiving hospital pending an examination for insanity.

Prizgint is a laundry worker and lives at 1566½ Filbert street. He has recently undergone a severe strain nursing his wife through a long illness, and today decided that life was not worth living.

With a kitchen knife he hacked at his wrists until the blood flowed, when he sprang from a second story window. Picking himself up from the lawn, he started to run, falling breathless at Twenty-second and Market streets.

Prizgint displayed a peculiar pallor at the receiving hospital, which caused Dr. Irwin and Steward Platt to use the stomach pump, and later an eight ounce bottle of strychnine was found in his clothing. He had swallowed a quantity of the drug before leaping from the window.

Except for the fact that his strength was gone Prizgint was physically little the worse for his experiences, the wounds on his wrists being superficial.

Annie Azovich was detained at the receiving hospital today suspected of insanity. She was said to have destroyed her clothing and to have tried to jump from high places.

SANTA CRUZ WANTS THE EARLY TRAIN

Businessmen Fear That Morning Service May Be Abandoned by Southern Pacific

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SANTA CRUZ, July 9.—The Santa Cruz chamber of commerce has entered into negotiations with the Southern Pacific company in the hope to continue the train service which brings the San Francisco morning papers into the city at 9:40 o'clock.

Special stress is laid by the commercial body upon the fact that the arrival of this train with the morning mail from San Francisco will enable the local merchants to receive and answer on the same day their correspondence, which is heaviest from San Francisco and way stations.

The early arrival of the train likewise facilitates the handling and distribution of a great volume of the daily postoffice business, and Postmaster Lincoln is among those who are pleading for the continuance of the early morning train service.

If the train is taken off, as threatened, the mail will not arrive until nearly noon and will not be distributed until afternoon.

A curious and somewhat amusing phase of the situation is presented by the attitude of Duncan McPherson's Morning Sentinel, which has been seriously affected by the early delivery of the San Francisco morning papers in a field which it has long hoped to claim as its own, but to which it has not been able to supply an adequate news service.

In spite of the fact that the merchants and public are united in favor of the early service, the Sentinel, in the hope that the circulation of the San Francisco papers will be curtailed, is filled with expressions of elation over the prospect of the withdrawal of the train.

CHARGE OF PERJURY FOR MISSTATING GIRL'S AGE

Justice Dismisses Case on Postponement of Wedding

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NAPA, July 9.—The preliminary examination of G. Bromser on the charge of perjury with reference to the age of a 14 year old girl he desired to marry was held before Justice Coombs in this city yesterday afternoon.

The evidence showed that Bromser obtained a license to wed Miss Mabel Colburn from County Clerk Collins in April. The girl's mother did not consent to the issuing of the license.

The parents did not object to the young man marrying Miss Colburn when she became 18 years of age, and as Browser was willing to wait the case against him was dismissed.

COOMBS SUCCUMBS TO BULLET WOUND

Victim of Shooting Dies After Declaring That His Injury Was Accidental

OAKLAND, July 9.—John Coombs of 1431 Pomona street, Fruitvale, the shooting of whom July 6 presented such suspicious aspects that an investigation was made by Sheriff Barnet, died today as a result of the wound he received. An inquest will be held.

Coombs said that he was shot accidentally, his pistol having fallen from his hip pocket and been discharged when it struck the floor. He received a mortal wound and little hope for his recovery was entertained from the first. Owing to the fact that he had a violent quarrel with Joseph S. Marshall only a few weeks before over the latter's wife the story was circulated that he might have met with foul play.

Coombs was conscious before he died and made a statement in which he exonerated every one.

NO LICENSE SYSTEM FOR SALOONS CAUSES LOSS

Heavier Taxes Imposed on Other Kinds of Business

VALLEJO, July 9.—The first report of the town treasurer and license collector since the inauguration of the no license for saloon system has been submitted, showing receipts of $7,314 with expenditures of $6,833, and leaving a small balance in the city treasury.

The saloons formerly paid a license of $1,000 a year and $6,000 was raised by that process.

The loss of the saloon license has been made up by heavy taxes upon other lines of business.

ENGINEER SCORES BOARD OF WORKS

Easterner Claims Award of the Valve Contract Was Against Interests of City

Replying to a statement by C. A. Day, president of the board of public works, in which he defended the action of the board in the recent valve controversy, J. Roy Tanner, chief engineer for the Pittsburg valve and construction company, yesterday addressed a letter to the official in which he took issue with a number of his statements.

Day was quoted as saying that the board believed it was justified for many reasons in its decision favoring home industry, even though the bid of the Pelton water wheel company was $56,000 in excess of that submitted by the Pittsburg concern. He stated that $200,000 of the bid price, $398,000, would be expended in labor, giving employment to a great many local mechanics and keeping the money at home, and further that the municipal engineering department had recommended the Pelton valve as superior to that of its competitors.

MAKES EXPLICIT DENIAL

In reply Tanner denies explicity that the engineering department could have recommended the product of the Pelton company as a superior article, and in a technical description of the official's test claims that instead of being superior to the Pittsburg company's valve the former fell far below the specifications of the engineers. He charges the board in this respect with not having acted for the best interests of the city. Continuing, the communication reads:

Your statement that San Francisco labor will be enriched to the extent of $200,000 could not be true if the concern executing the contract is well and economically run.

I am prepared to make an affidavit to the following facts:

ESTIMATES FOR LABOR

Our total bid price of some $342,000 includes an estimate on labor of $90,000, which is about 26 per cent of the total bid. This estimate is not hypothetical, but is based on actual performance. This amount includes all overhead shop expenses, such as superintendent, foreman, laborers, etc., who would have to be kept and paid whether we had the contract or not, so that the total amount drawn by the mechanics would be below this. Moreover, not more than 100 men would be directly employed on this job at one time.

Any shop which can not meet this proportion is not efficient, and I do not believe that you could get the Pelton water wheel company to admit that they fall so far below the standard. If they do admit this, they will also have to admit that their equipment is inadequate.

SUFFOCATED IN A WELL—Spokane, July 9. After firing a charge of dynamite in the bottom of a well he was digging a few miles west of Spokane last evening, Alfred Bunker climbed down to see how much rock had been loosened. Nearly an hour later his body was found at the bottom of the well, the gases having suffocated him.

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Santa Fe

NEEDS ELECTION TO REMOVE MEMORIAL

City Council Can Not Take Down the Police Board's Bronze Tablet

ALAMEDA, July 8.—It will cost the city $2,000 at least to remove the bronze memorial tablet that Police and Fire Commissioners Al Latham, W. F. Chipman and Louis T. Ward had caused to be erected to themselves on the new Webb avenue engine house, and to which Councilman John H. Walker has vigorously protested on the ground that the commissioners had no legal right to expend the tax payer's money in their ambition to have their names handed down to posterity.

No less an authority than City Attorney M. W. Simpson says that it will cost the municipality $2,000 at the lowest figure to remove legally the tablet and send it to the junk pile, where Councilman Walker said it belongs. The city attorney says that the matter of stripping the tablet from the fire house would, under the charter, have to be submitted to a referendum vote, and such an election here costs about $2,000.

Simpson has given it as his opinion that the charter gives the police and fire commissioners sole control over the fire house, and that it is beyond the jurisdiction of the city council to order the memorial tablet removed. Councilman Walker is of a different mind and declares that the bronze plate must come down. In giving his opinion of the situation City Attorney Simpson said:

"Why, the city council has no more right to order that tablet removed than it would to go down to the city's electric light plant and order the engines in the works taken out. The only way left open to have the memorial removed is to submit the question to the voters at a referendum election. That would be expensive."

MRS. VERA DE NOIE DENIES BEING ALIEN

Woman Detained at Seattle Is Released on Bail

SEATTLE, July 9.—Mrs. Vera de Noie, who came here recently from Hongkong and was charged with being an alien unlawfully in the United States, was released on $1,000 bail today by United States District Judge Hanford.

The woman's attorney offered testimony in the form of letters of introduction given Mrs. de Noie four years ago by Governor Frank Murphy, Speaker of the House of Representatives A. C. Francis, United States Senator John Kean, and Walter Reed, mayor of Long Branch, all of New Jersey.

Mrs. de Noie, who has been a prisoner in the immigrant detention station, says that she was born in Eldora, Ia., of American parents; that she is the wife of William H. Bray of Red Bank, N. J., and that her relatives are prominent in Iowa and New Jersey.

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