

EVENING IN THE COUNTIES BORDERING THE BAY OF SAN FRANCISCO

PALATIAL JAIL JOB IS GIVEN IMPETUS

Contractors Realize Hope for Pickings Are Vain and Renew Work as Planned

OAKLAND, Aug. 3.—With the transfer of 90 prisoners to the completed south wing of the new county jail and the commencement of wrecking operations on the temporary building at the corner of Fifth and Washington streets...

The wrecking is regarded as a particularly profitable contract, for, in addition to all material involved, the county pays \$5,000 for the job. Observers looked on this as a long start in the looking of the treasury, but former District Attorney Brown headed off a project to revise plans for the jail at an additional expense of \$20,000 for plumbing and held the board of supervisors to the original contract.

The new jail has automatic devices for opening cells from the outside corridors, invisible eye holes for surveying prisoners, electrically heated cell and canvas hammocks instead of bunks. The kitchen is located on the top story where the installation of oil burners by subcontractors caused nearly two months' delay.

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WORK OIL WELLS IN THE VICINITY OF STEGE

Capitalists Secure Options for Developing Petroleum Field

BERKELEY, Aug. 3.—Discovery of supposedly rich oil fields north of the county line near Stege has caused considerable excitement in that district, and a number of wells have been sunk and preparations are being made for the development of the fields.

The preliminary work of the company has been done by E. Everett, an oil expert from the Coalinga district, and apparatus has been installed for the complete outfitting of one well.

Among the men interested in the prospect are J. S. Sutton, president of the Lompoc bank; John D. Clark, J. Shapiro, capitalists, and D. W. McLaughlin, a realty dealer of this city.

MAYOR ADVISED THAT TAFT WILL BE HERE

October 5 Named as Date of Visit to Oakland

OAKLAND, Aug. 3.—Mayor Frank K. Mott was definitely advised today by a telegram from Representative J. R. Knowland at Washington, D. C., that President Taft's itinerary on his Pacific coast trip this fall would include a visit to Oakland and a short stop at the University of California the morning of October 5.

According to Knowland the president will arrive in the morning about 7:30 o'clock and will remain until noon on this side of the bay, going to San Francisco immediately afterward.

Upon receipt of this information Mayor Mott announced this afternoon that he would appoint a reception committee very soon so that proper arrangements may be made for the celebration in honor of the distinguished guest.

TWICE ARRESTED FOR TAKING HORSE AND RIG

Alleged "Joy Rider" Must Stand Trial for His Fun

BERKELEY, Aug. 3.—Released for lack of evidence to substantiate the charge of having stolen a horse and buggy owned by the realty firm of Wood & Taylor, Harry A. Avery had two brothers, one a resident of Lake county and the other of Utah.

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BERKELEY MAN DIES SOON AFTER SPOUSE

John B. Pitchford Passes Away in Hospital

BERKELEY, Aug. 3.—Following the death of his wife in June, John B. Pitchford, aged 61 years and a member of a well known family of this city, died this morning at the Winifred hospital, San Francisco.

Aged Vagrant Is Target For Policeman's Bullets

Two Warders of Chain Gang Brutally Beat Old Man Who Attempts Escape

OAKLAND, Aug. 3.—John Zann, a vagrant, aged and tottering, made a feeble attempt at escaping from the city chain gang at Brooklyn and Grand avenues at noon today, and for his pathetic pains was twice menaced with death, when Policeman Michael Powers shot at him and when run down was mauled to the ground and kicked. These charges were made to Mayor Mott by citizen witnesses.

With this procedure finished, Powers, aided by Policeman Harry Gilbert, put Zann in the broken prisoners' ranks again and saw to it coldly that the infirm vagrant completed his day's work. The circumstances were not known at the police station to the patrolmen's superiors until near midnight, when incensed witnesses, the trembling Zann and the shamed policemen themselves turned in a tardy report.

Out of the reports of the two chain gang warders and the indignation complaints of several witnesses has grown a rigid investigation of the alleged brutality shown by Powers and Gilbert. Chief of Police Wilson took Zann to his private office to question him about the occurrences. Then he summoned Powers and Gilbert.

Duped by Faker Who Posed As Evangelist and Doctor

OAKLAND, Aug. 3.—Duped by a faker who posed as an evangelist and physician, Mrs. Octavia Hill was given an interlucry decree of divorce from "Rev. Dr." John F. C. Hill by Judge Ellisworth today. The grounds were desertion and extreme cruelty, and in both charges Mrs. Hill had abundance of testimony to offer.

Married at San Jose August 19, 1905, they removed to Kansas City, where Hill began his cruelty by telling his wife that his first wife, from whom he had not been divorced, had appeared as a cloud on his domestic horizon and unless he could "do something" he would be arrested for bigamy.

Then he wrote a penitent letter to Mrs. Hill, secured cash to purchase tickets, and joined her in this city. She readily forgave him and everything ran smoothly until, between revival meetings, he got hold of her purse containing \$200 and left in a great hurry to spread his peculiar gospel in other sections.

She heard of him at Los Angeles living with an affinity. At first she sought to have the marriage annulled on the ground of a prior wife, but was unable to secure evidence and asked a divorce. She was given an order for \$30 a month alimony.

Louise E. Hamilton asked a divorce from Charles E. Hamilton for desertion today. Rosa O'Donnell got an interlucry decree from Frank O'Donnell today for habitual intemperance.

DEATH ENDS LONG SEARCH FOR MOTHER

After Hunt of Dozen Years A. E. Day Notified of Parent's Demise in Berkeley

BERKELEY, Aug. 3.—In answer to a pathetic appeal from A. E. Day of 211 Baldwin street, Elmira, N. Y., to locate his mother, whom he thought to be dead, Chief of Police Vollmer notified him today that she died in this city November 6, 1899, as a result of an operation. An effort will now be made to find the body, that Day may remove it, if desired, to his home in every detail.

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DANISH-AMERICANS PLAN A MODERN CLUB HOME

Three Story Building to Be Erected in Oakland

OAKLAND, Aug. 3.—The Danish-Americans of Oakland are progressing rapidly with their fund to erect a new building at the southwest corner of Thirteenth and Jackson streets.

It will be a three story building, with a lodge room, parlors, ladies' rooms, smoking and billiard rooms, and every convenience for a clubhouse.

On the third floor will be a large ballroom, with a stage at one end for theatrical entertainments.

WILL FIGHT WITH AGENTS AGAINST AUDITOR

Berkeley Council Will Force the Incinerator Payment Contest to Final Decision

BERKELEY, Aug. 3.—That the city council will at once take action to have the matter of the injunction of George Schmidt to compel the payment of \$5,000 for an incinerator site at the foot of Harrison street cleaned off the slates was evident by their action this morning in referring the troublesome litigation to City Attorney Frank L. Stringham.

The money was ordered paid several months ago by the old board, but Auditor M. L. Hanscom refused to honor the demand on the ground that a municipality can not enter into an installment payment contract unless the money for the purpose is in the town treasury.

The question has been argued in the courts and continued from time to time. Pending the settlement of the case a court order has been issued restraining the Berkeley board from paying the \$5,000 necessary for the slates. Auditor Hanscom acted in refusing payment of the money under the old charter, but the new charter is radically different and allows a city council to spend money which is not in the treasury.

Hanscom, accordingly, appeared before the council this morning and asked that some arrangement be made whereby warrants will not be drawn on the \$5,000 which he holds pending a settlement of the incinerator matter. He reported that the city treasurer, getting into the office, drew on the \$10,000, and if the council draws on the \$10,000, he will be out of pocket.

The council, accordingly, referred the matter to the incinerator board, which some arrangement be made whereby warrants will not be drawn on the \$5,000 which he holds pending a settlement of the incinerator matter.

EX-COUNCILMAN SUFFERS STROKE OF PARALYSIS

Robert S. Gee of Alameda Rendered Almost Speechless

ALAMEDA, Aug. 3.—While at the breakfast table in his home at 1522 Verdi street Sunday morning, former Councilman Robert S. Gee was stricken with paralysis, which affected the right side of his face and impaired his speech. His condition grew worse, until today he was unable to get out of bed. He is now in the hospital, where he is being treated by Dr. J. M. Rugg.

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News of Society Across the Bay

OAKLAND, Aug. 3.—The formal announcement of the betrothal of George Hill, a young businessman of Klamath Falls, Ore., and Miss Netha Hill, the pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman W. Hill, was made this afternoon at a charmingly planned card party at which the bride elect entertained two score friends at bridge at the family home in Adams point.

Hill was a former Oakland man, whose parents live in this city. He is a graduate of the University of California. Miss Hill attended college for two years and is identified with the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. The wedding will be an interesting event of the early fall, taking place at the home of the bride's parents. The young people will make their home in Klamath.

Miss Margarette Butters is planning an out of town visit with friends in St. Helena for the early fall, leaving Oakland in a week or so. The Butters' family have remained at the family residence, Alta Vista, in Piedmont, during the midsummer. Mrs. J. M. Edwards coming down on several short visits with her sisters in law.

Mrs. Eugene Hale Douglas will return to Oakland this week for a brief visit with her mother, Mrs. W. H. Russell, in Ninth street, Mrs. Douglas, who has been in the city for some time, is one of the most beautiful young matrons in the navy set. Since going to Mare Island after her marriage she has been continuously feted at the station and frequently comes down to San Francisco for the smart affairs. Mrs. Russell has returned from a summer outing at Brookdale, where she joined the Oakland colony early in July, remaining several weeks.

Wednesday afternoon Miss Selma Johnson will entertain a group of friends at Dutch whist at her home in Berkeley. A delicious supper will round out the hour's pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss Gray have arrived in Seattle, where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Sherman, Mrs. Gray's parents. After a visit at the exposition the party will return to Oakland, where Mr. and Mrs. Sherman will remain for the summer. Sherman has been the center of much of the social activity of the early season, several hostesses already planning pretty compliments in her honor.

Mrs. Frank Shay entertained a few friends this afternoon at a porch party at her home in Linda Vista.

For Friday afternoon Mrs. Charles Healey has asked a number of friends to be her guests at cards, entertaining in honor of her sister, Mrs. Parker Lyons. Mrs. Lyons has been making an extended visit in Oakland from her home in Fresno, dividing her time between her mother and Mrs. Healey.

The musicale of last evening, which formally opened the newly established conservatory of music in Fruitvale, was a notable affair, largely attended by the musical folk on this side of the bay. Mrs. Camilla Burgermeister, who conceived the plan for this new line of musical study in the suburban cities, has given her beautiful music room for the use of the conservatory and will personally direct the work of the classes. Mrs. Burgermeister came to the coast about four years ago after six years spent abroad in preparation. She is a gifted woman and has been cordially received about the bay. She will have charge of the women's classes in voice culture. Henry L. Perry directed the work of the men's classes, assisted with the faculty are Alexander T. Stewart, violin; Vincent de Arrillaga, piano; Mrs. Newton Tharp of San Francisco, elocution and physical culture.

Ormel M. Rugg Is Driven To Suicide by Insomnia

Business Man and Former Banker Shoots Himself at Daybreak in Oakland Residence

OAKLAND, Aug. 3.—Ormel Maclean Rugg, president of the California Lithographing company at 509 Sansome street, San Francisco, and formerly paying teller of the Central bank in this city, committed suicide at 5 o'clock this morning by shooting himself through the head in the residence of his father in law, Hugh M. Cameron, 663 East Eighteenth street.

A sleepless night preceded the fatal act. Troubled by business affairs, nerve shattered by worry, the young man had fallen a victim to insomnia, and for more than a week before he fired a bullet into his brain he labored in his office throughout the day and paced the floor in his bedroom of nervous tension that for days he was without repose, and his suicide was the tragic climax of a harrowing vigil.

Rugg was paying teller of the Central bank at Fourteenth street and Broadway. During his service with the bank he was married in December, 1907, to Miss Christine Cameron, daughter of Hugh M. Cameron, a prominent real estate man. He left his employ in the bank several months ago to become president of the California Lithographing company, in which his brother, J. M. Rugg, was associated.

It was in that capacity that Rugg's arduous duties broke his health. A month ago he fell victim to the nerve racking sleeplessness, yet he continued his work at the Sansome street office. Last week he made arrangements for an extended vacation in the mountains to recuperate, and his preparations had gone as far as the purchase of a revolver carry. While arranging for the mountain trip Rugg and his wife abided at the Cameron home, where they occupied an apartment near Cameron's.

Last night the afflicted man tried to sleep and could not. He paced the floor for hours, and his wife, endeavoring to minister, lost hours of rest as usual.

Toward morning Rugg left the bedroom and went into the dining room to give his wife succor. She fell into a slumber and Cameron for a time heard no more footsteps. He presumed that Rugg had at last fallen into slumber.

Just at sunrise Cameron was awakened by a muffled report. He did not suspect that a revolver had been discharged, but, knowing how his son in law suffered, stepped into the dining room to investigate. He found Rugg stretched on a sofa, apparently collapsed, and moaning.

Cameron thought the man had fallen with exhaustion and went to summon Mrs. Rugg. Father and daughter went to the sofa side together, and Mrs. Rugg lifted a cover which hid Rugg's face. At the sight of her husband bleeding and dim eyed she fell in a faint. The shock has prostrated her. Rugg had used his new revolver to shoot himself.

Doctors summoned. Started by the discovery, Cameron rushed for doctors. He called up Dr. E. R. Hill and Dr. R. T. Sutherland, while Miss Abbie and Miss Annie Cameron of the household tried to assist their brother in law. Cameron, fearing delay, ran from his house to the homes of the two doctors, who had departed for the East Eighteenth street house and arrived before Cameron returned.

Rugg died in half an hour. The coroner granted permission to the family to keep Rugg's body in the house, from which it will be privately buried tomorrow, with only a few members of Live Oak lodge of Masons reading their ritual.

Rugg was 39 years of age, and was one of the prominent young businessmen of this city. His wedding with Miss Christine Cameron two years ago was a social function of local note. He was a native of Illinois. He leaves a mother, Mrs. Rebecca Rugg, living in Pasadena, and sisters in New York and Kansas City, besides a brother, John M. Rugg, of Los Angeles.

Eustace H. Giles, vice president of the California Lithographing company, in speaking of the suicide of O. M. Rugg, said yesterday: "Owing to ill health is the only reason I can ascribe for Mr. Rugg's suicide. I know he had suffered for several weeks, and he often complained to me about being unable to sleep at night. He has worked very hard in the office and had spent long hours at his work for more than eight months. His suicide could not have been prompted by business worries, as his firm is in excellent condition and the last few months were the best months we have had."

ALAMEDA, Aug. 3.—By climbing a cherry tree close to the house burglars last night obtained access to the second story of the dwelling at 1117 Morton street, occupied by the family of C. H. Philpott, and succeeded in getting away with jewelry valued at \$500.

An investigation made by acting Detective Charles E. Keyes convinced him that there were at least two persons implicated in the burglary. Keyes is of the opinion that the robbery was committed by persons familiar with the habits of the occupants of the residence.

When Philpott arrived home at 9 o'clock he noticed that lights were burning in rooms in the second story of the dwelling, and, thinking that members of his family were on that floor, remained for some time reading in room on the ground floor. Upon the return home of Mrs. Philpott an investigation was made upstairs, and it was then that the theft was discovered.

ALAMEDA, Aug. 3.—The disappearance of his wife and grief over the belief that she had been unfaithful to him prompted Julius Hankozy to hang himself in a wooden shed in the rear of his brother's home here yesterday afternoon. His body was found last evening by the brother, Herman Hankozy, upon the latter's return from San Francisco.

The dead man had fixed a slip noose about his neck, stepped upon a box, attached the other end of the rope to a rafter, and then kicked his support from beneath his feet.

Hankozy was 28 years old, and was employed as a special night watchman in San Francisco. Some months ago he quarreled with his pretty wife and accused her of misconduct. She denied his accusations, but soon afterward left his home, saying that she was going to San Francisco. Later she disappeared entirely, and although Hankozy attempted to sue her for divorce, the action was never pressed, as the process servers could not find the defendant. A 9 year old son survives the suicide.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be in San Lorenzo cemetery.

ALAMEDA, Aug. 3.—William Goodman, a salesman of San Anselmo employed by Evans and bought before Judge J. F. Hays, and then kicked him \$20 for an insult upon Wing Mow Lung, a local Chinese merchant.

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VETERANS PREPARE FOR ENCAMPMENT

Annual Reunion in Salt Lake Will Attract Large Delegation From Bay Cities

OAKLAND, Aug. 3.—William N. Van de Mark, past department chaplain of the G. A. R. and a member of Lyon post No. 8, G. A. R., is arranging for the local delegation to attend the forty-third national encampment of the Grand Army in the tabernacle at Salt Lake City from August 9 to 14 inclusive.

About 100 delegates will attend the convention from San Francisco and Alameda counties. The delegation will leave San Francisco August 7 at 6 p. m. The program of the convention will be as follows: Monday and Tuesday—Receptions. Tuesday night meetings in the tabernacle, where Governor Stry of Utah and Mayor John S. Brannford will deliver addresses of welcome. Upon this occasion vocal and instrumental music will be given. The famous pipe organ in the tabernacle is considered the largest in the world, will furnish many musical numbers that evening.

Wednesday—Parade at 10 a. m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights camp fire will be held in the tabernacle. Speaking by prominent men and women of the world will be featured on those occasions. Thursday—Business session 10 a. m. The G. A. R. will elect officers. The Women's relief corps convention will be held in the First Presbyterian church, where the Ladies of the G. A. R. will convene in the First Congregational church.

"BUFF KID" ON TRIAL, MRS. MCCREA ABSENT

Testimony at Preliminary Hearing Read to Jury

OAKLAND, Aug. 3.—Testimony given by Mrs. Edith McCrea at the preliminary hearing of Charles Mack, the "Buff Kid," was read before a jury in Judge Waste's court today as the first step in the trial of Mack on a charge of grand larceny.

Mrs. McCrea complained that she was robbed by Mack in the Press saloon at Franklin and Eighth streets. She left her home in Fruitvale, 4527 west 12th street, at 10:30 p. m. today, to British Columbia to join her husband, the trial proceeding without her.

After her complaint had been made Mrs. McCrea said that she was visited at her home by Mack and others and that they sought to give her whisky containing morphine and to induce her to promise that she would not give testimony which would send Mack to the penitentiary.

BIG REGISTRATION FOR THE FRESHMAN CLASS

More Than 645 Knock at Doors for Admission

BERKELEY, Aug. 3.—The advance registration of entrants to the university shows the most encouraging signs for the largest registration in the history of the institution. Figures today showed that 648 had asked for admission, as against 503 last year. According to Recorder James Sutton this may be due in some measure to an increased promptitude in registration.

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PROPOSALS OFFICE CONSTRUCTING QUARTERS FOR THE U. S. ARMY, San Francisco, Cal., July 21, 1909. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, for constructing roads, concrete sidewalks and brick gutters in front of non-occupied officers' quarters at the Presidio of San Francisco, Cal., will be received here until 11 o'clock August 5, 1909, and then opened. Information and plans of proposals furnished on application to the office of the Quartermaster, U. S. Army, San Francisco, Cal., and addressed to Major Geo. McK. Williams, Quartermaster, U. S. A.

REPAIRING bridge—U. S. engineer office, 728 Chronicle Bldg., San Francisco, Cal., July 21, 1909—Sealed proposals for repairing bridge over tidal canal at High St., Alameda, Cal., will be received here until 12 o'clock August 10, 1909; information on application. JOHN BIDDLE, Dist. Engr.

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