

# EVENTS IN THE COUNTIES BORDERING ON THE BAY OF SAN FRANCISCO

## RECORD BREAKING CRUELTY CHARGES

### Alameda Woman, Suing for Divorce, Tells a Long Tale of Suffering

OAKLAND, Sept. 21.—Mrs. Sally McKean of Alameda probably established a record for the length of her charges of cruelty in an action for divorce filed against James E. McKean, a carpenter. They were married in 1895 and removed in 1897 to Angels camp. She said she had been struck 12 times on one occasion, had been choked times innumerable, had had ribs broken with a blow of a gun, had been hurried out of bed against the walls of their cabin and had been hammered about the head with a piece of hardwood.

She varied this list with recitals of how she had been kicked with his heavy mining shoes, had been cut with a razor, had been beaten when she sought to go to a dance with another woman, had been neglected and left alone nights in a tramp infested neighborhood, being forced out of the house in her night clothes at midnight to remain shivering for an hour.

Mrs. McKean then said she had been invited by McKean to go to an evening party at the home of a friend on the street two hours while he drank in a saloon and was then accused of indulging in theatricals when he found her crying. On two occasions she had filed suit for divorce, but he had taken her to court when he promised to drink no more.

Mrs. Henrietta A. Rasmussen has denounced charges of drunkenness in an answer and cross complaint for divorce filed against W. H. Rasmussen, superintendent of the Key Route ferry service. He said that she once threw herself in the street while under the influence of liquor, and in denying the charge she said he made a public attack upon her.

Mrs. Rasmussen said that he choked her violently on their sixteenth wedding anniversary, and had threatened her with a revolver. Later, she said, he had her arrested and detained without charge for two days at the police station. She asked to have her home property set aside for herself and demanded the custody of her namesake, saying that Rasmussen had concealed them from her for several days.

Kicked down stairs by her husband, William J. Brown, as she alleged, Mrs. Augusta Brown brought suit for divorce and never saw him again. The incident occurred, as she said, after he had thrown a butcher knife at her and had named her namesake. She secured an interlocutory decree of divorce today.

Mabel E. Cowdery was given a similar decree for neglect, as she said Preston B. Cowdery, a solicitor, had refused to let her necessities when he had \$500 in the bank.

Maud McKee deserted James J. McKee, a railroad employe, sending him a crisp note that they were united for one another and that she was sorry McKee was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce today.

Alfred Maury, under arrest at Los Angeles, deserted his wife, Ann, and forfeited \$5,000 bail in 1893, according to testimony which she gave and which won an interlocutory decree of divorce for her today. They were married at Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1891.

Louis A. Salzer seldom saw his sober, Judge Harris gave her an interlocutory decree today on the ground of habitual intemperance.

Edward Lansing, traveling salesman, failed to provide for Catherine Lansing and Judge Harris gave her a similar decree.

Julia Levine was divorced from Harry Levine on the ground of neglect and quarreling and, as she said, after she had been beaten on two occasions.

S. H. Palmer asked a divorce from Mrs. S. M. Palmer, alleging desertion. A final decree was granted to Jessie R. Dean from J. E. Dean for desertion today.

Thomas H. Wilson was arrested today for contempt of court in order of Superior Judge Wells. Wilson was said to have disregarded the court directions for paying counsel fees and costs in a suit for divorce filed by Sarah F. Wilson.

## CIGARETTES FOUND IN CITY SCHOOLS

Nicotine and Underfeeding Are Cause of Dullness and Disease

OAKLAND, Sept. 21.—Cigarette smoking and underfeeding are, according to Dr. N. K. Foster, medical inspector in the Oakland school department, two of the most prolific causes of mental dullness, throat and nasal diseases and other ills which afflict children. Ten per cent of the pupils, according to the inspector, suffer from malnutrition, or lack of proper nourishment, and the physician has found a number of lads between 10 and 16 years of age who are cigarette smokers. Most of them are afflicted with chronic bronchitis.

There is a considerable list of sufferers from other diseases, defective sight, badly decayed teeth, and adenoids attacking the greater number of sufferers. In a few cases ignorance of sanitary living, including being responsible for anemic and other complaints. The surprising number of 33 pupils with enlarged glands, possibly due to tubercular taint, has been charged by the medical inspector. The prevalence of maladies is shown in this list of 255 pupils in 10 schools, all of whom needed medical care:

Defective vision..... 155  
Defective hearing..... 100  
Defective nasal breathing..... 90  
Badly decayed teeth..... 122  
Defective palates..... 100  
Diseases of nerves..... 3  
Adenoids..... 111  
Disease of tonsils..... 100  
Enlarged glands, possibly tubercular..... 33  
Malnutrition..... 33

## FRANCHISE EXPERT IS TO BEGIN HIS DUTIES

J. S. Koford Appointed Deputy City Attorney

OAKLAND, Sept. 21.—Attorney Joseph S. Koford has been appointed deputy city clerk by City Attorney John W. Stetson, in accordance with an ordinance finally passed by the city council last night, and will begin his duties as franchise expert at once.

## Miss Doris Spencer, Popular Collegian



## GYM AND TRACK SUITS AT PREMIUM

### University Women Prepare for Annual Jinks by Borrowing Brothers' Clothing

BERKELEY, Sept. 21.—Dress suits, football regalia, track outfits and gymnasium togs are at a premium on the campus of the university and will be until after October 6. Already secret negotiations have been made by the women students with the aid of their brothers to acquire men's clothing of all kinds in preparation for the annual jinks and masquerade of the women in Hearst hall behind closed doors.

The affair this year, a distinct feature of the life of the woman student, will be more daring and more original than ever before. The greatest preparations are being made, and aside from the dress, the skirts and other playlets being prepared by special committees will furnish more than the usual excitement for the women the night of the jinks this year.

Also extra precautions are being taken that mere men does not see what is going on behind the double barred doors. Special guards will be stationed at the entrances and it is said that this year a password only will admit the seeker for entrance, even though the face of the woman is recognized.

Miss Clara Hayrett is general chairman of the jinks and Miss Irene Coffin, Marguerite Ogden and Constance Davis have charge of the program. Other committees are: Violet Richardson (chairman), Helen Pinkham, Edith Carewe, Belle Clarke, Bernice Kelly, Shirley Perry, Louise Tibbets, Emily Arury, Leigh Stafford, Widge Kendrick, Edith Egbert, Violet Richardson, Edith Pence, Lillian Brown, Charlotte Kitt, Mildred Jordan, Dorothy Berry, Mildred Hunter, May Crystal.

Refreshments committee—Ada Roos (chairman), Margaret Griffith, Doris Spencer, Nan Hunt, Marjorie Stanton, Katharine Sharpstein.

An autographed copy of the book will be the prize for the best suggestion for a name for the California story book of stories by university graduates or students which will be issued on junior day in November. A committee consisting of W. F. Stanton, K. C. White, J. F. Pollard and Misses Irene O'Connor, Emelle Harrold, Blanche de Large and Emelle Parsons. H. G. Gabbert will be floor manager.

The sophomore informal dance has been set for Hearst hall September 30 and it will be strictly an informal affair in charge of the following committee: R. R. Weber (chairman), J. A. Arnold, E. Wheeler, W. F. Stanton, K. C. White, J. F. Pollard and Misses Irene O'Connor, Emelle Harrold, Blanche de Large and Emelle Parsons. H. G. Gabbert will be floor manager.

## RAILROADMEN HOLD ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

Supreme Organizer Delivers an Address on Order's Growth

OAKLAND, Sept. 21.—Oakland division No. 2, order of railway employes, held an enthusiastic meeting at Fraternity hall at which several hundred members were present. Officers were installed and reports showing great progress were read. Supreme Organizer W. C. Wood was a special guest of the division and installed the officers. Before the installation he made a stirring address on the growth of the order and on the work it is doing in advancing the interests of railroadmen.

The following are the officers installed: J. Rihlberg, conductor; P. O. Donaldson, engineer; P. J. Mather, motorman; J. B. Hausel, fireman; E. W. Falkner, yardmaster; E. E. Knott, brakeman; H. E. Baker, flagman; H. M. Baker, treasurer; O. P. Bergsten, secretary.

## Marriage Licenses

OAKLAND, Sept. 21.—The following marriages were licensed today: Merryn Tracey, 22, San Francisco, and Magdalene Langel, 22, Berkeley.

Arthur W. Childs, 25, Hanford, and Amy B. Jordan, 22, Visalia.

August Treder, 41, and Kathrine Mohr, 39, both San Francisco.

Horace J. Paul, 25, Mexico, Mo., and Theresa M. Collins, 18, Oakland.

Ward Blackman, Los Angeles, and Alta Courtney, 24, Oakland.

Mary Gonzalez, 18, San Leandro, and Dave Reynard, 33, and Mattie Kendall, 30, both San Francisco.

Alfred Nielsen, 23, Fruitvale, and Anna M. Plummer, 19, Oakland.

John J. Brakeman, Montreal, and Evelyn Obenauer, 19, San Francisco.

## OPEN AIR ROOMS IN BERKELEY CLASSES

### The Medical Inspector of the Schools Delivers Address Before Mothers' Clubs

BERKELEY, Sept. 21.—Classrooms out of doors for the better health of the school children of this city are advocated at its meeting in the Washington school yesterday. Doctor Hoag said that many of the schools of this city were not ventilated as well as could be wished.

"The open air class room has come into use in many places," declared Doctor Hoag, "and it has found great favor in this climate there is no need of the polar region style of architecture to which we have become accustomed, but in the interests of health we must break away from it, and one solution is the open air schoolroom."

Doctor Hoag also said that children should not be allowed to take part in any form of athletics without being examined by a physician.

## COUNCIL BALKS AT ACCEPTING STREET

### Says City Official Promised Favorable Action

OAKLAND, Sept. 21.—The city council refused last night to accept, at the petition of Hugh Crumney of the Ransome-Crummey construction company, a block in Thirteenth avenue which has been paved with asphalt-macadam under an agreement with the city to accept the street work. The matter was laid over until the next council meeting, and the Ransome company was cited to bring its contract with the citizens, so that the council may ascertain whether the street work must be accepted by the city before the money for the work shall be paid.

The controversy that the petition for an acceptance brought about hinged on an alleged promise from a city official that the council would accept the work. Having obtained such a promise, avers Crumney, his company did the work.

Superintendent of Streets Howe was asked if the city ought to accept the street and replied that it should not because the pavement put down is not standard. An acceptance by the city council would bind the city to keep the street in repair without any cost to the property owners in Thirteenth avenue. Most of the street work is satisfactory work merely by the superintendent of streets and payment to the contractors is due upon that action being taken.

## BOARD OF WORKS IS PREPARING ITS REPORT

### Council to Call an Election for Harbor Improvement Bonds

OAKLAND, Sept. 21.—Some of the preparatory work for getting a referendum in such shape that the city council may speedily call a bond election for the improvement of Oakland harbor and the building of a city hall, was done tonight at a meeting of the board of works. Mayor Mott, city engineer Turner and City Attorney Stetson were present at the meeting.

Their work will be hastened, so that the bond election may be called as soon as possible, but a public works in preparing the papers for the council to act upon. All property sought to be improved must be described, and the plans of improvement must be put in such a shape that they may be incorporated in the ordinance calling the election.

The city of Oakland has now acquired options or grants to the real estate needed for harbor improvements. In the few cases that it has been impossible to do this, condemnation proceedings will be instituted. City Engineer Turner has made the final calculations involved in a few minor changes that were decided on from the original plans for harbor improvement. These were submitted to the board of works tonight, as well as a report on the harbor improvement. Bauer, of the United States engineer corps, which includes his views on a comprehensive plan for harbor improvement.

## PLANS COMPLETED FOR BIG CHURCH BAZAAR

### Women Make and Donate Dainty Articles for Booths

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

MENLO PARK, Sept. 21.—The ladies' auxiliary of the Church of the Nativity has completed arrangements for the bazaar which will be held on the evening of September 23 to 25. An opportunity will be afforded the public to secure tickets for the bazaar, drawing room furnishings, kitchen utensils, bedroom fittings, china sets and personal articles.

The bazaar will open Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock and will be continued Friday and Saturday from 10 to 6 p. m. and from 7:30 to 10:20 p. m. Most of the articles to be placed on sale have been made and donated by the members and friends of the auxiliary.

Besides the sales there will be several shows, including "Punch and Judy," Captain Morey's "Niggers."

## TO DELIVER ADDRESS ON RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE

OAKLAND, Sept. 21.—"Railway Mail Service and its Relation to the Public," will be the subject of an address that will be delivered to the public Saturday afternoon at the chamber of commerce by J. C. Schardt of Berkeley, Wis.

The railway mail association, who is traveling throughout the country delivering similar addresses in the principal cities.

## GRAY TO REFUND COOK ESTATE LOSS

### Binds Himself to Restore \$10,000 Said to Have Been Embezzled by De Lancey

OAKLAND, Sept. 21.—George Gray, former public administrator, has bound himself to make good the \$10,000 said to have been embezzled from the estate of George Hite Cook by Attorney John S. de Lancey. This was the first step taken by Gray to make restitution to the estate which was found to have been embezzled by De Lancey's methods, following a promise which Gray made on resigning his office. Today Gray filed the first inventory for the Cook estate, a proceeding which the Cook family had neglected. It mentioned \$10,782.78 "as having come to hand" from the German savings and loan society of San Francisco. Another item was for \$1,533.05 received from the Oakland Bank of Savings.

Testimony given before the grand jury showed that the \$10,782.78 was turned over to De Lancey in the shape of a certificate of deposit; that he deposited \$10,000 to his own credit, with \$782.78 to the credit of the public administrator's register.

### GRAY PROMISES REFUND

In filing the inventory today Gray bound himself to turn over to the grand jury, made public today, that he would refund every cent which the expert examination of the accounts of his office showed to be missing.

De Lancey was arraigned before Judge Brown on three indictments returned last week for the embezzlement of \$1,000 from the estate of C. Arnold. He secured a week's delay.

Copies of testimony given before the grand jury, made public today, showed that W. H. Mackinnon, De Lancey's father in law, had explained his real estate dealings to De Lancey. Most of the money had furnished \$3,000 that John de Lancey Sr. had furnished \$10,000 and W. E. Dargle and County Clerk Cook had subscribed \$8,000 to assist De Lancey in making good a shortage estimated at \$2,000 when ordered to put his funds into the county treasury.

### SHORTAGE ABOUT \$32,000

George Mackinnon, De Lancey's brother in law, testified that he discovered the shortage, which he placed at \$32,000, on going over De Lancey's books after the three indictments were returned to W. H. Mackinnon for assistance. George Mackinnon said that County Clerk Cook was present and took part in the work.

A. J. Flood, former clerk to Gray, was called upon to testify regarding the existence of securities belonging to William Y. Crode, whose estate came into the office in January. Flood testified that he had a work book, a blank book and Attorney Sidney Van Wyck found a balance of \$2,091 at the Continental savings and loan society. Inquiry at the bank showed that when ordered to put his funds into private accounts, Crode had property valued at \$2,000, which has been reported.

## MOTHERS' CLUBS TO BEGIN INVESTIGATION

### Federation Wants to Know the Quality of Amusement

BERKELEY, Sept. 21.—The mothers' clubs of this city would know how the moving picture shows and other amusement houses are conducted. This decision was arrived at yesterday, when a committee consisting of Mrs. Battle, Mrs. E. W. Darrat and Mrs. Ahorn was appointed to represent the mothers' clubs in making an investigation.

The present action of the mothers' clubs follows the recent movement in San Francisco, where a committee was appointed to look into the matter of the kind of patrons of the amusement houses and the quality of the shows offered.

Mrs. Elinor Carlisle, a member of the school board, and others who brought the matter before the attention of the federation, declared that while there was no evidence to indicate that the shows were immoral, they were found to be patronized largely by school children.

Whether this condition of affairs holds in this city will be the subject of investigation by the committee appointed by the club.

## WHENEVER you see an Arrow



## Think of Coca-Cola

Whenever, wherever, however you see an arrow, let it point the way to a soda fountain, and a glass of the beverage that is so delicious and so popular that it and even its advertising are constant inspiration for imitators.

Are you hot? — Coca-Cola is cooling.  
Are you tired? — Coca-Cola relieves fatigue.  
Are you thirsty? — Coca-Cola is thirst-quenching.

Do you crave something just to tickle your palate—not too sweet, but alive with vim and go? Coca-Cola is delicious.

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## BEEF BLIGHT IS BAFFLING PROBLEM

### Scientists Thus Far Unable to Discover the Cause of Vegetable Disease

BERKELEY, Sept. 21.—What is the sugar beet blight? Is it animal, vegetable or mineral? This is the question on which the scientists of the various departments of the university are working, so far without success. The various departments have each endeavored to discover the elements of the beet blight, and one by one the problem has been passed on to another department.

It will bring fame and fortune to the discoverer of the elements of the blight and its prevention and these incentives have proved attractive for a number of research graduate students working under the direction of Prof. Charles V. Woodworth, head of the department of entomology.

Sugar beet culture is one of the large industries of the state and the blight some years threatens to ruin the crop. It is generally only discovered when the crop is to be harvested and takes the form of black rings which encircle the vegetable, rendering the fiber stringy and tough and reducing the proportion of sugar in the beet.

The blight, although it abounds in Oakland, where are located the most extensive fields of sugar beets, is found in all sections of the state and it is not unique in any single locality.

When the blight was first discovered the chemists thought that it offered an opportunity for research work in that department. The chemists soon gave up the problem when the blight failed to answer to various chemicals tried on it.

Then the bacteriologists took a hand at solving the scientific riddle, but not a trace of a single bacteria was found. Then the physiologists turned to the blight. Their work was as fruitless as that of their predecessors and now Professor Woodworth has assigned the blight to several of his graduate students for solution.

"I don't believe that the blight comes under the department of entomology," declared Professor Woodworth, when the students started work, "but that is for you to discover."

## SPACE BETWEEN TRACKS MAY BE MADE WIDER

### Oakland Council Would End Public Menace in Broadway

OAKLAND, Sept. 21.—On the ground that the narrow space between the streetcar tracks in Broadway is a menace to life, the city council has agreed to file a petition with the state supreme court in the suit of James Messenger against Surveyor General of the State Kingsbury to compel the latter to file Messenger's application for a strip of tideland in Contra Costa county.

It is expected that the finding of the court will have a bearing on the local situation.

For some time Powell Brothers, contractors of this city, have been working out a project to fill in a tract of tideland at the south end of Oak street, claimed by them as their property being to fill in the tide land area with silt from the bay and build an area for home sites.

Headed by Dr. F. W. D'Evilyn, bay shore property owners banded together to prevent the carrying out of the proposed work by Powell Brothers, the property owners alleging that such a project would damage the present waterfront and depreciate values of residential property along the south shore. The club has a committee at work ascertaining the legal status of the situation.

## ASKS FOR PROBATION

Oakland, Sept. 21.—Thomas Mahan, a glazier, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of burglary in the second street before Judge Brown today and asked to be placed on probation. Mahan was discovered by a gardener while at the back porch of F. E. Cutting's home in the Lakeside district. He was arrested after he had removed a pane of glass from a rear door.

## SECRET WOVE FOR YOUNG MATRON

### Discovery Made That Wife of Richard Wharton Secured Separation in July

BERKELEY, Sept. 21.—As a culmination of the attempted suicide of Richard Wharton on the lawn in front of the home of George D. Prentice, local contractor in Webster street, August 29, it developed today that Wharton and his wife (formerly Miss Julia Prentice) had been secretly divorced July 13. Only the intimate friends and relatives of the couple knew this side of the family life which began so happily a year and a half ago with the runaway marriage of the couple in Santa Rosa.

At the time of the shooting Mrs. Wharton maintained a stolid indifference which is now explained by the divorce of two months ago. When young Wharton was battling for life at the Roosevelt hospital the secret divorce was carefully guarded and Mrs. Wharton then declared that she was making plans to secure a legal separation.

Wharton, who has been at the Roosevelt hospital since his attempt at self-destruction, is announced as on the road to recovery. He has had a hard battle for life with a bullet through his left lung and followed by an attack of pneumonia.

Wharton's marriage to Miss Julia Prentice a year and a half ago in Santa Rosa was received with pleasure by Berkeley and Oakland society, where both were well known. Many events were given for the newly bride after her return from her marriage in Santa Rosa, which was characterized by more than the usual romance, owing to the fact that none of the parents of the couple were present. The nuptials were not announced until their return to this city.

## FIGHTING IN OF TIDELANDS

### South Shore Residents in Alameda Oppose Work

ALAMEDA, Sept. 21.—The Bay Shore club, an organization composed of residents and property owners along the south side, formed to prevent the filling in of tidelands with dredgings, is awaiting the decision to be rendered by the state supreme court in the suit of James Messenger against Surveyor General of the State Kingsbury to compel the latter to file Messenger's application for a strip of tideland in Contra Costa county.

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## Y. M. I. PLANS GIVING GRAND PORTOLA BALL

OAKLAND, Sept. 21.—Oakland council No. 6, Young Men's Institute, will give a Portola ball at Mape hall the evening of October 13. The Oakland and Berkeley councils of the Young Ladies' Institute will assist in the preparations for the ball.

It is planned to decorate the hall in red and yellow, the Portola colors. Harry J. Fazzakerly has been chosen chairman of the committee on arrangements. The other members of the committee are Tracey F. Barrett, Edward F. Sullivan, Leo A. Mitchell, Ralph A. Knapp and Fred A. Cullen.

## Wedded in April, Hayward Bride Returns Home With An Annulment

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U. S. ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Boston, Mass., Aug. 23, 1909. Sealed proposals for Bidders, Engines and Generators (for Philippine Islands) will be received here until 12 m. Sept. 30, 1909, and opened at 10 a. m. on Sept. 30, 1909. Application, EDW. BURR, Lt. Col. Engrs.

CALL WANT ADS BRING RESULTS

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