FRAUD CHARGES FLATLY DENIED BY BALLINGER

Secretary Issues Statement Declaring Accusations in Cunningham Case False

Explains Action on Alaska Coal Entries; Defends Deschutes Valley Grant

Cabinet Officer Asserts He Is Firm Champion of National Conservation

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Replying to charges made in a magazine, Secretary R. A. Ballinger of the interior department today denied many reports recently circulated concerning the conduct of his department. He said:

"To say that I ever advised, ordered or lent support to any effort to perpetrate a fraud upon the government is not only false, but is intentionally so, if made by any one who has taken the trouble to inquire into the facts."

In explanation of the charges in connection with the Alaska coal lands, he went into the history of President Roosevelt's withdrawal from entry of all coal lands of Alaska in 1906, showing that the order was so modified by Secretary Garfield as to validate all applications made prior to May 16, 1907. He then called attention to the fact that, in his annual report of 1907 as commissioner of the general land office, he had recommended action by congress to prevent any formation of combination or trusts by claimants to coal lands, and adds:

NO CLAIMS PATENTED

"The anti-trust clause of the Alaska coal act as finally passed May 28, 1908, was not submitted by Gifford Pinchot, but was submitted as a suggestion to Secretary Garfield by Representative Herbert Parsons of New York in his letter of May 7, 1908, and favorably considered and indorsed by the secretary in his report to congress."

Ballinger then stated that no Alaskan coal claims have been patented and says that the investigation of all such claims with a view to determining their validity has been vigorously prosecuted. He denounced as "a plain, ordinary falsification" the report that he is interested in 155,000 shares of the Alaska petroleum and coal company.

"The statement that I or my former firm was attorney for this company, or ever advised or counseled it in its effort to acquire title to public lands, is also without basis in fact," added Ballinger.

CONSULTED BY COAL COMPANY

Ballinger said it was true that, in his private practice after he had resigned as commissioner of the land office, he had been consulted in the preparation of articles of incorporation under the law of 1908, which had been approved by the president and which permitted the entry of as much as 2,560 acres of coal land. It was not true, declared Ballinger, that he had either in this or in any other connection given any advice looking to a fraudulent act against the government.

When asked about a statement that he had said that the proper course to take with the public domain was to "divide it up among the big corporations and let the people who know how make money out of it," Ballinger replied:

So asinine a statement hardly merits a denial. Of course, I made no such statement. Such a thought could not be entertained by any normal intelligence. What I really think in regard to the public domain and the conservation of natural resources may be found in my official reports as commissioner of the general land office and in my present annual report, soon to be published. I have not only been consistently in the vanguard of the conservation movement, but I have sought to give it permanence along lines reasonably within the spirit of present law and to secure adequate additional laws.

He made an equally emphatic denial of a statement that his firm is known as the Standard oil legal advisory in Seattle.

DEFENDS OREGON GRANTS

Ballinger also made response to a charge that, in granting rights of way to Hill and Harriman railroads through the Deschutes canyon in Oregon, he had rendered impossible the construction of a power plant in the canyon. Admitting that the department had given its approval to the applications, Ballinger said that this course had been pursued under the law and, in pursuance of the wishes of people of the section affected, but not without taking the precaution of inserting a requirement that, when needed for power plant purposes, such railroad should elevate its tracks 100 feet.

But this action, he said, insured to the people of central Oregon competing lines of railroads and at the same time guaranteed the use of the water power when the country needs it. He also quoted records in the case to show that the proceeding had been in strict compliance with the law.

Cunningham Hearing Opens

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 19.—The government began the introduction of evidence to show that no development work has been done on the Cunningham coal claims in the Katalla district of Alaska at the hearing before Special Commissioner William J. McGee today. The first witness called after the introduction of the affidavits of the claimants, corroborating the affidavit of Clarence Cunningham, which showed the intent of the entrymen, was Andrew L. Kennedy.

Kennedy, who is a coal expert, was sent to Alaska in July of this year by the government to investigate the work done toward developing the claims. His testimony today covered 14 of the filings. On several of these he found evidences of prospect work, but said that he did not find any evidence of development work.

J. M. Sheridan, attorney for the government, brought out the fact that in several cases where trails had been built they were not for the purpose of leading to the works, but served as connections between different claims.

A number of affidavits were introduced to show that the entrymen did not make their filings for their own exclusive benefit, but that before making them they had entered into an agreement to consolidate them.

The entrymen, in an affidavit by Clarence Cunningham, deny that the Guggenheims have or ever had any interest in their claims.

Answering the contention that the Cunningham affidavits and those of the other claimants regarding the "understanding" among them that a company would be formed which would take over the 33 coal claims and operate them under one corporate ownership, the defense will argue that this "understanding" was never at any time a vital factor as influencing the individual entrymen in obtaining their claims.

Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys

INDIAN IS FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

Wilbur Benjamin Convicted at Woodland of Killing 14 Year Old Girl

WOODLAND, Nov. 19.—The jury in the case of Wilbur Benjamin, the Indian charged with the killing of Violet Gilmer, a 14 year old schoolgirl, who was found choked to death near Rumsey last October, brought in a verdict today of murder in the first degree. The jury was out for two and a half hours.

Immediately after his arrest Benjamin confessed, and this confession was used against him at the trial, which ended today. His attorney announced that an appeal will be taken.

Judge Hawkins announced that sentence will be pronounced November 22.

RESIDENTS OBJECT TO CLOSING THE STREET

Opposition in Stockton to the Project of the Santa Fe

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Nov. 19.—The residents of the southern part of the city are opposed to the granting of the application of the Santa Fe for the closing of Sutter street between Worth and Taylor. The railroad seeks to have the street closed that it may carry out certain plans for improving local shipping facilities.

At a meeting last night of the South Side improvement club the following petition was circulated:

We, the undersigned, citizens and property owners of the city of Stockton, county of San Joaquin, state of California, do respectfully protest against the closing of Sutter street, between Worth and Sutter streets, in said city, as petitioned by the Santa Fe railroad company, and we further respectfully petition the city council of said city to cause the construction of a bridge or culvert over Mormon channel along the line of Sutter street, and at the same time Sutter street be opened for travel between Taylor and Hamilton avenue.

GIRL'S LIFE THREATENED BY REJECTED SUITOR

Young Woman Saved by Friends From Probable Death

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 19.—Rejected by Miss Mabel Cox, whose hand he demanded in marriage, Samuel Swarthout today drew a revolver and threatened to end her life.

But for the timely interference of friends Swarthout might have carried out his threat.

The young woman says Swarthout has frequently proposed to her, but she will have nothing to do with him. Swarthout is now in the city jail.

AGED MAN STABS HIS OPPONENT IN FIGHT

Quarrel Due to Defeat in Suit Over Water Right

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

MARYSVILLE, Nov. 19.—Incensed because they lost a water right suit in the superior court yesterday, Thad M. Johnson and Joshua Compton, aged 78, engaged in a fight last night in the lobby of the United States hotel. Compton stabbed Johnson three times with a penknife. Johnson is in a hospital and Compton in jail. The dispute is over water in Scott's ravine.

CLAIMS DAMAGES FOR DEATH OF HUSBAND

Woman Joined by Children in Suit Against Employer

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

OROVILLE, Nov. 19. — Marchetti Daleotti and her three minor children have brought suit against the Diamond match company for $25,000 damages for the death of the husband and father, Antonio Daleotti. Daleotti was killed by a slab falling from a pile of lumber in the company's yards at Stirling City.

TWO RANCHERS' BODIES FOUND IN SUISUN BAY

Brothers Drowned While Crossing in Rowboat

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SUISUN, Nov. 19.—The bodies of Joseph and Valero Yolo, who have been missing since Monday, have been recovered. The two brothers owned a dairy on Joice island in Suisun bay and were crossing to the island Monday in a rowboat. It is believed the boat was upset. The bodies were found in 20 feet of water.

ALLOWS ONE JAPANESE BANK BRIEF GRACE

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 19.—Superintendent of Banks Alden Anderson today investigated the condition of the two Japanese banks which he recently closed. He announced that the Japanese bank of Sacramento had been placed in liquidation, but that he had given the Nippon bank a few days more, upon the assurance of the directors that they will have funds immediately at hand.

SURVEYING RAILROAD ROUTE TO LAKE TAHOE

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

AUBURN, Nov. 19.—Frederick Jules and George W. Slakt, in charge of the party surveying the route for the Sacramento and Sierra railroad, are in Auburn. They declare the route has been surveyed to a point 20 miles above Georgetown, and expect to finish the work of running a line to Lake Tahoe early in the spring.

STUDENTS TO DEBATE FOR PEACE PRIZE

University Men Will Talk on Abolition of War

BERKELEY, Nov. 19.—Preparations are complete for the prize peace discussion to take place tomorrow night at the University of California, in which prominent student speakers will compete.

Among the speakers to talk on the abolition of war will be Harold Boggs, Marshall Dawson, Emmet Ross Fertig, George Jensen, John J. Miller and Joseph G. Sweet.

Prof. M. C. Flaherty of the university, Harry M. Wright and Frank Stringham, city attorney of Berkeley, will act as judges of the contest.

DR. RANDALL QUIT UNDER PRESSURE

Reform School Superintendent Forced to Resign After Investigation of Charges

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 19.—Dr. William T. Randall, former superintendent of the Preston School of Industry at Ione, did not resign of his own accord to pursue educational work in the bay cities, but gave up his position under pressure following an investigation held by the governor and the trustees of the reform school.

Mistreatment of the boys under him was one of the charges brought against Doctor Randall. Another was that he favored the Free Methodist sect in the appointment of teachers on the school staff. These charges, which were preferred by Dr. J. K. McLean of Oakland and Rev. Charles A. Ramm of San Francisco, were kept secret by the investigators by agreement. Secretary of the Board of Examiners Deming admitted that pressure had been brought to bear in Doctor Randall's case.

"Doctor Randall's conduct of the school was above reproach," said Deming. "The only thing that could be said against him was that he was a little too severe with some of the boys. The worst thing he did was to imprison one boy for 90 days in a room in an attic. There were other things not quite so severe.

"We did not suspect any of this until the state board of charities and corrections investigated complaints that had been sent to it. Its charges were in turn investigated by the governor and the trustees, and it was agreed that Doctor Randall should resign. He would not agree that he was wrong, and that was the only course left open to him."

MASONS TO CONDUCT FUNERAL OF HICKMAN

Remains to Be Shipped From Los Angeles

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Nov. 19.—The remains of Edward Hickman, father of William S. Hickman and former resident of this city, will arrive on the 1 o'clock train from Los Angeles tomorrow afternoon, when the funeral will be held under the auspices of Morning Star lodge No. 68, F. & A. M., of which he was a member.

Hickman died in Los Angeles Thursday. He was 79 years of age and was born in Lewis, Del. He came to California in 1849 and settled in this city. He engaged in the mercantile business for a number of years.

About three years ago Hickman went to Los Angeles and made his home with his son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Dunlap.

BRICK WORK OF $40,000 CHURCH IS COMPLETED

Chico Presbyterian Congregation Banquets Laborers

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

CHICO, Nov. 19.—With the placing of two bricks on top of the tall tower by the little son and daughter of the pastor, Rev. W. G. White, the brick work of the new Presbyterian church was completed last evening. In celebration of the event the members of the church gave a dinner to the workmen. The edifice cost $40,000.

AGED MAN IS FOUND DEAD IN HIS CABIN

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

UKIAH, Nov. 19.—John A. Johnson, an aged resident near Signal, was found dead in his cabin today by a neighbor.

From the state of the body it was evident that he had been dead about a week.

There were no marks of violence and it is supposed that he died from old age or from starvation, as only a loaf of bread and a few green apples were found in the larder.

MISSING MARYSVILLE MERCHANT RETURNS

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

MARYSVILLE, Nov. 19. — Thomas Wright, who disappeared on November 8, leaving a boy in charge of his candy store, has returned. His friends had feared he met with foul play, as he was known to have considerable money when he disappeared. He says he has been in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

WORK BEGUN ON NEW TRISTATE RAILROAD

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

ALTURAS, Nov. 19.—Confirmation of the report that the Nevada-California-Oregon railway intended to build from this city to Lakeview, Ore., came today when actual work of construction began. It was announced by the engineers in charge of the construction gang that they had orders to push the work.

DISPUTE DELAYS WORK ON S. P. ELECTRIC LOOP

Settlement Will Probably Be Made With Property Owner

ALAMEDA, Nov. 19.—Work has been suspended by the Southern Pacific company on the loop at the east end that will connect the north and south side lines of the company when the lines are converted into an electric system. The stoppage or work is due to a dispute between the railroad management and Mrs. Emilie Cohen, through whose property part of the loop line will run.

It is expected that a settlement will be reached and work resumed within a short time.

City Engineer I. N. Chapman says that the contractors who are to do the grading and macadamizing on the loop have arranged to hurry the project to completion.

LOS ANGELES MINING MEN WANT CONVENTION

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 19.—The Sierra Madre club, an organization of mining men of the southwest, offered $5,000 today for the holding of the September, 1910, meeting of the American mining congress in this city. The club will also guarantee the expense of the meeting here.

DEMANDS FREEDOM DENYING INSANITY

Inmate of State Hospital Accused of Having Wrecked Caboose With Dynamite

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Nov. 19.—M. J. McCormick, an inmate of the Stockton state hospital, is seeking his freedom by means of habeas corpus proceedings. His attorneys allege that he is sane and that he is being unlawfully detained.

McCormick is the man accused of having dynamited a Santa Fe caboose in this city some time ago, when two men narrowly escaped death. He was also credited with having written a number of vulgar letters.

While he has acted as a sane man since his incarceration the doctors say that McCormick is suffering with paranoia and that a person so afflicted may appear perfectly sane and yet break out a raving maniac at any moment. The habeas corpus proceedings are being heard by Superior Judge Frank H. Smith.

GIRL WIFE, SHOT BY HUSBAND, DIES IN SOUTH

Peace Maker Expected to Live Only Few Hours

BAKERSFIELD, Nov. 19.—Ruth Thompson, the 17 year old wife of Charles Thompson, who was shot by him at the Cottage roadhouse near this city last night because she would not return to him, died this morning at 10 o'clock.

Frank Newton, who attempted to act as peace maker and was fatally wounded, is expected to live only a few hours.

The girl wife was Eva Gault and came to Bakersfield from Stockton, where she is said to be well connected, her mother residing in that city.

Thompson is in jail and claims that he fired in self defense.

Married in Stockton

STOCKTON, Nov. 19.—Thompson and Eva Gault were married here about three months ago. She left him at Fresno two weeks later and returned to her home in Stockton. He came after her and persuaded her to return to him. She was on the probation officer's list for a long time.

COUNTIES WILL PAY PART OF BRIDGE COST

Sacramento and Yolo Supervisors Reach Agreement

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 19.—Sacramento county is to pay three-fourths of the cost of the overhead part of the proposed new railroad bridge across the Sacramento river, and Yolo county is to pay a fourth, according to a decision reached here today at the joint conference of the supervisors of both counties.

The bridge is to be a steel structure to cost the Southern Pacific $750,000. The overhead part will cost $164,000.

The bridge will be built near the site of the present wooden structure.

WOULD RATHER HAVE GUM THAN HUSBAND

Sacramento Woman Sues on Heart Rending Complaint

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 19.—Because her husband objected to her chewing gum and visiting the corner grocery Mattie May Jones has brought a suit for separate maintenance against Byron W. Jones, at one time a rancher at Shingle springs, El Dorado county. She alleges in her complaint that Jones' objection to her gum chewing was that only immoral women did such things. She has asked for $35 a month alimony.

PROPOSED CUTOFF IN FEATHER RIVER

Measure Designed to Make Outlet for Floods

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

YUBA CITY, Nov. 19.—State Engineer Ellery has been here for two days inspecting the proposal to make another cutoff in the Feather river at Shanghai bend. The cutoff will relieve the congestion at flood times, and will let the flood water run straight from Eliza bend. It would relieve the pressure on the Sutter county levee.

WOMAN WHO FOUGHT FOR INDIANS HERE

Miss Ida B. Allison Saved Lands for Red Men by Suit

BERKELEY, Nov. 19.—Miss Ida B. Allison, the woman who carried through the United States supreme court a case which saved to the Indians on the Oklahoma reservation 400,000 acres of land and over 2,000 homes, is visiting Berkeley, representing Mrs. Harriet R. Labadie, who will lecture on Ibsen, under the auspices of the Twentieth Century club November 30. During the year 1908, when the Oklahoma Indian lands were under heated discussion, Miss Allison, who has the blood of the Cherokee Indians in her veins, instituted and carried through the supreme court the case, saving a large portion of the territory under discussion for her people. She is registered at the Carlton hotel.

AVIATION WEEK WILL SUPPLANT THE FIESTA

Los Angeles Merchants to Provide for Expense

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 19.—The Merchants' and Manufacturers' association will support the proposed aviation week in Los Angeles, January 10 to 20. The association agreed today to raise $50,000, to be added to another $50,000, subscribed by Henry E. Huntington, the trolley magnate.

The affair will take the place of "Fiesta de Los Angeles," given annually in this city during the height of the tourist season.

Contracts have been made with a syndicate of French aviators using Wright machines, and with two women aviators, who will come from France.

Curtiss, Willard and Knabenshue, American aviators, also will be seen in flights during the week, and 20 big balloons will race.

DYNAMITE SAFE—Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 19.—Two masked men dynamited the safe in the bank of Alleman, a small station 10 miles north of Des Moines, early today and obtained $1,600 and escaped.

LIVELY ROW IS ON AT NAPA ASYLUM

Board of Managers Summarily Removes Dr. S. McL. Doherty, First Assistant Physician

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NAPA, Nov. 19.—The Napa state hospital for the insane, scene of so many disturbances in the past, was thrown into an uproar again last night, when the board of managers, Governor Gillett's appointees, summarily ordered the dismissal of Dr. S. McL. Doherty, first assistant physician, after he had refused to hand in his resignation. Doherty is a personal friend of Governor Gillett and was considered in line for the position of superintendent, now held by Dr. Elmer E Stone, who has weathered two state administrations and is the center of the present conflict. Charges and counter charges are flying fast and the issue will be taken to the governor himself.

All the managers declare that they removed Doherty for incompetency, but Doherty retorts by demanding the reason why, if they consider him incompetent, they advanced him in rank last June. He lays the blame for his removal on Dr. Stone and promises to cause an upheaval November 29, when the board will grant him a hearing.

HASTEN TO GOVERNOR

Alarmed at the official war they have aroused, Doctor Stone, Thomas B. Dozier, president of the board of managers; Emmett Phillips of Sacramento and R. M. Belcher of Marysville, members of the board, left tonight to find Governor Gillett and pour their side of the story into his ear before his deposed friend, Doherty, has an opportunity to see him. Doherty watched their hurried departure with a quizzical smile and solemnly declared: "Stone has them hypnotized."

Doctor Doherty came to the hospital from Eureka, Gillett's home, April, 1907, and accepted the position of third assistant physician. He built up a large private practice, being regarded as the most prominent physician in the countryside, and was advanced to the post of second assistant. A few months ago the board of managers, the men who last night removed him, made Doherty first assistant. Behind his dismissal, therefore, his friends declare they find political jealousy, plots and plans, not the allegations of incompetency made openly.

SUPERINTENDENT RESPONSIBLE

"Stone is responsible for this," Doherty said. "I have seen it coming for several months, for he has succeeded in hypnotizing the board. I do not care for the position, but what I do care about is the fact that these men have dismissed me in this manner. November 29 there will be a ventilating of affairs at the state hospital, and then the reason for this move may become clear. I refused to humble myself to Stone as he demanded, and my assertion of manhood has resulted in this method of revenge."

"I have nothing to do with this action," Stone isisted. "The managers have taken what steps they believed best for the hospital, that is all."

"Doherty did not come up to our expectations," declare the five managers. "He was not big enough for the position, and we were forced to remove him."

Dr. T. H. Stice, second assistant surgeon, clashed with Stone in June of 1908 and was removed. Stice was a democrat. Doctor Doherty, then third assistant, was advanced a notch to Stice's place.

Dr. L. M. Pulsifer, first assistant physician, was reduced to the rank of second assistant in June of this year, and Doctor Doherty advanced to the berth. Then Doctor Pulsifer handed in his resignation, under pressure, last September. At the same time Miss Ivy Kingsbury, matron at the hospital, and sister of Surveyor General W. S. Kingsbury, was removed, as was A. R. Talmadge, inspector of construction.

Followers of the tangled history of the hospital aver they see in Doherty's removal the working of long cherished grudges. They state that Thomas Dozier's father was head of the hospital some years ago, and that he was removed through the influence of Dr. E. Z. Hennessey, then president of the board of managers. Hennessey later lost his head and Dozier, it is declared, has found that Doherty was Hennessey's friend. Therefore Dozier is declared to have sought Doherty's scalp.

CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE THEIR FIRST COMMUNION

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

BELVEDERE, Nov. 19.—A large class of Catholic children from Belvedere and Tiburon will receive their first holy communion at the 9 o'clock mass tomorrow morning in the Church of St. Hilary.

The altar decorations are under the charge of Mrs. W. Dickson of Belvedere, assisted by a large number of prominent ladies.

A fine musical program has been arranged. Miss Helen Pretzel and Miss Laura Sartori will play a violin duet and Carl Serara will sing at the offertory an "Ave Maria." Father Collopy is expected to preach.

RIVAL POWER COMPANY IN HAYWARD FIELD

United Corporation Makes Application for Franchise

HAYWARD, Nov. 19.—D. U. Tofflemier of Elmhurst, representing the United power company, a concern organized by Oakland capitalists, has applied to the town trustees for a franchise to erect poles and run wires through the municipality.

According to report the new company is to enter the local field as a competitor of the Suburban light and power company of this place.

The United power company recently asked the county supervisors for a franchise to extend its lines throughout the county.

BABY BURNED BY HOT COFFEE IN KITCHEN

Pulls Tablecloth and Upsets Boiling Beverage

OAKLAND, Nov. 19.—Pulling at the tablecloth while his mother prepared dinner, Isaac Holdt, aged 15 months, dragged a pot of boiling coffee over the edge and was badly burned about the neck and chest today. The child was at play on the kitchen floor, and his mother did not see him as he attempted to steady himself by clutching at the cloth. When the child was burned, however, she caught him in her arms and carried him to the receiving hospital. Examinataion showed that his burns were not serious, and the treatmen given allayed pain. The family lives at 408 Fifth street.

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HIBERNIANS HONOR BISHOP O'CONNELL

Large Gathering Present at the Reception to Prelate in Ebell Hall

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

OAKLAND, Nov. 19.—Despite inclement weather a large gathering was present at the reception tendered to Bishop P. J. O'Connell by the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Alameda county in Ebell hall this evening. Rev. J. B. McNally, pastor of St. Patrick's church in West Oakland, made the introductory speech and his eloquence and wit put the audience in high spirits. He dwelt feelingly upon his pleasant relations with the order in his capacity as chaplain for Alameda county.

Bishop O'Connell was introduced by John Cox, county president of the Hibernians, who referred to the distinguished guest as the order's best defender at Rome. The bishop in replying to the welcome outlined his extensive relations with the organization and declared that he had always championed its interests and would always continue to do so. He said that his heart had been in the order since he first served as its chaplain in Richmond, Va., many years ago, and that he had had an opportunity to defend it in the councils of the church during the most stormy portion of its existence.

Rev. Terence Caraher, pastor of St. Francis' church, San Francisco, and state chaplain of the order, ended the addresses of the evening with an oration.

The program of entertainment included Irish and American airs by an orchestra, Irish songs by Miss Adelaide Phillips and Miss Mary O'Reilly, Irish dancing by Miss Frances Keith and a recitation by Charles Moul.

The committee in charge of the reception was John J. Cox, chairman; William S. Pim, D. S. Spillane, E. J. [illegible]phy, D. S. McCarthy and Jeremiah [illegible]ley. The members of the Hibernian rifles acted as ushers.

MAYOR ADJUSTS FIFTH AVENUE DIFFICULTY

Southern Pacific Stopped Workmen Under Misapprehension

OAKLAND, Nov. 19.—Mayor Nott after an investigation has solved the difficulty which caused the Southern Pacific company state railroad police to stop the city from constructing crossings over the railway right of way at the foot of Fifth avenue.

According to the mayor the company was laboring under a misunderstanding and the officials really did not mean to block city work, but had intended to prevent, as they supposed, private individuals from trespassing on the lands.

"The trouble occurred because the Southern Pacific company mistook city workmen for private intruders," said Mayor Mott. "As soon as the situation was explained the objections were withdrawn and our work will proceed at Fifth avenue without further interruption."

WINNERS IN BONNHEIM DISSERTATION ANNOUNCED

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Nov. 19.—R. J. Miller '11, E. R. Purdum '10 and E. J. Hopkins '11 have been announced by the judges in charge as the winners of this year's Bonnheim dissertation on "The Moral Aspect of Public Versus Private Ownership of Public Utilities."

The winners of the dissertation each receive a prize of $25 and have the privilege of participating in the oral discussion.

This oral discussion is to be held December 3 on the same subject and a prize of $125 will be given to the speaker who makes the most effective presentation of his argument.

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Nine men have signified their intention of competing in the peace prize oratorical contest on the subject of "World's Peace," to be held November 29. Those who will deliver orations are: P. J. Batkin '10, F. H. Hilton '11, G. Holcomb '11, J. W. Houser '10, R. J. Miller '11, W R. Pittinger '11, W. S. Porter '11, E. E. Tincher '12 and W. J. Rockwell '13.

Most of the speakers have been prominent in debating circles in the university.

A prize of $50 is to be awarded to the winner by the American peace association.

HITS WOMAN IN FACE AND TAKES HER PURSE

OAKLAND, Nov. 19.—Mrs. Emma Scott of 1854 West street was struck in the face by a footpad last night near her home and robbed of her purse. The thug seized the purse while Mrs. Scott was dazed by the blow she had received. The purse contained $1.10. Mrs. Scott reported the affair to the police, who are of the belief that the footpad is the same who robbed Mrs. Annie Moore in Clay street several nights ago. Mrs. Moore was assaulted in the same way by a man, who snatched her purse while she was dazed.

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OPENING DAY SPECIALS

MEAT DEPARTMENT
Fancy Nevada Suckling Lambs, hind quarters, per pound 15c
Fancy Nevada Suckling Lambs, fore quarters, per pound 10c
Fall Lambs' Legs per pound 12½c
Mutton Legs, average 7 pounds or over, per pound 11½c
Lamb or Mutton Stew, per pound 5c
Lamb Shoulder Roast, per pound 6c
Choice Sirloin Steak, per pound 12½c
Choice Porterhouse Steak, per pound 15c
Prime Rib Roast, per pound 12½c
Shoulder Rib Roast, per pound 8c
Beef to boil or stew, per pound 5c
Pork Chops, per pound 15c
Leg of Pork, per pound 15c
Link Pork Sausages, per pound 12½c

DELICATESSEN DEPARTMENT
The finest equipped, comprising a line of delicacies not handled everywhere at our popular prices.

GROCERY DEPARTMENT
Fancy Creamery Butter, 2 pound square 70 cents.
Table Creamery Butter, 1½ pound square 50 cents.
Catsup, Schneider or Blue Label, 20c bot.
Catsup, pure food guaranteed, 3 bottles 25c.
Fancy Cold Storage Eggs, guaranteed, 35c per dozen.
Claret, table, 30c per gallon.
Zinfandel, 3 years old, 45c per gallon.
Port or Sherry—good tonic, 65c per gal.
Goods delivered free in our grocery and liquor department.

TEA and COFFEE DEPARTMENT
Challenge Coffee, regular 35c, 2 lbs for 54c
Meyune Teas, finest grown, pure, no coloring, regular 50c, on sale at 33c per pound.
All 10c Extracts ..... 8c per bottle

Money Saving Specials in Every Department