EVENTS IN THE COUNTIES BORDERING ON THE BAY OF SAN FRANCISCO

BUSINESS REALTY REPORTED BRISK

Transfers for the Month of January Are indicative of an Active Year

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—More than $1,000,000 worth of Oakland business property has changed hands since January 1, according to the records compiled by leading realty brokers. This is considered as one of the best evidences of a stimulated market in Oakland real estate, due to the progress which has been made in municipal development and the widespread dissemination of information concerning civic affairs.

RECORD BREAKING PRICE

The sale of the Sanborn property in Fourteenth street to A. D. Wilson, which was exclusively announced today in The Call, proves to have been a record breaker for price. The figure was $2,000 a foot, and this is taken to mean that the business district is to be the scene of important transactions in realty this year.

From all of the leading dealers the reports are to the same end, that there is no question of a large inquiry, which is steadily increasing, for downtown holdings. These are in the main not speculative, being intended primarily for investment purposes. Not a little of the new market conditions can be attributed to railway moves in this vicinity.

The Southern Pacific company is going forward rapidly with plans which will work out to the immense advantage of Oakland. Its urban, interurban and suburban projects cover not only the expenditure of millions of dollars but the installation of passenger service not surpassed in the country.

SANTA FE EXTENSION

The Santa Fe is building into Oakland proper. Track laying is going ahead into its new freight terminal at Twentieth and Union streets. Western Pacific passenger trains will be running through Oakland by spring. The Gould line is making ready at its West Oakland pier to handle passenger trains.

All of this is only one phase of industrial and commercial activity which is in view. With all of the projected propositions, both in private and public expenditures, Oakland sees nothing but a big season of improvement and growth, surpassing the best previous records.

In the many residence districts, new and old, there is every manifestation of encouraging increase in population. New homes are to be seen in all directions. It is certain that as soon as the weather settles a building boom will be inaugurated that will go way ahead of past performances. The demand is for a much better quality of homes than in the old days. Architecturally the city is being adorned. This is in keeping with the high standards which have been set by the municipal government in its development of park, playground and boulevard projects.

The action of the board of public works in selecting John Galen Howard of the University of California as advisory architect for the new municipal buildings means that the best thought in the country will be given to the plans, and that a superior competition to win the award will result.

THE BUILDING PERMITS

The building record of permits for the week is nearly double that of the previous week. Following is the week's summary of building permits applied for at the board of public works, as compiled by Walter B. Fawcett, the secretary:

	Permits.	Amounts.
One story dwellings	28	$47,655
One and a half story dwellings	3	5,350
Two story dwellings	6	27,530
Two story dwellings, with stores	2	6,025
Two story flat	1	7,500
Two story flat, with stores	1	1,800
Train shed and awning	1	24,000
One story store	1	955
Propagating house	1	1,000
Corrugated iron warehouse	1	1,000
Garages and tank frames	3	760
Barns and sheds	6	2,240
Alterations, additions and repairs	39	11,366
Total	93	$137,179
REPORT BY WARDS		
First ward	24	$40,140
Second ward	4	2,960
Third ward	7	4,610
Fourth ward	5	1,410
Fifth ward	17	30,720
Sixth ward	7	25,290
Seventh ward	29	32,049
Total	93	$137,179

LARGE APARTMENT HOUSE

J. C. McMullen has had plans completed for an 18 apartment house in East Nineteenth street between Eighth and Ninth avenues, to cost $30,000.

Dr. Murry L. Johnson is erecting a residence in Sierra avenue, Piedmont.

B. Bercovich will erect a six flat dwelling, to cost $10,000, in East Sixteenth street between Tenth and Eleventh avenues.

Among the fine structures added to the city is the new Manzanita school in East Twenty-sixth street between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth avenues. It is in the mission style, eight rooms, modern in all of its interior arrangements. A fan system of heating and ventilating has been installed. The building, which was designed by F. D. Voorhees, architect, cost $23,000. It was occupied recently.

The Minney-Morse company has placed the Ivey homestead on the market. It is in East Fourteenth street, near St. Louis Cathloic church, Elmhurst. The heirs for many years refused to dispose of the property, but the steady growth of Oakland, annexation, the Southern Pacific and Peninsular railway companies' right of way demands through the homestead—these all combined to cause a change of sentiment. The broad acreage is to be placed on the market as Iveywood. Saturday and Sunday home seekers will be given opportunity to make selections in this favored part of greater Oakland. San Leandro and Hayward electric cars pass the tract every five minutes. The Southern Pacific company runs nine trains a day from Oakland mole, which stop close to the property. This service will be vastly improved as soon as the Alameda mole trains are electrized.

ROCK RIDGE PARK

The rains of the last few weeks, although holding back the street work on Rock Ridge park, the new subdivision adjoining the Claremont country club, in the Broadway foothills, and preventing the showing of the property to the numerous persons who have made inquiry about this private park tract, have only served to accentuate the natural beauty of the property itself.

The approach to Rock Ridge park on the Rock Ridge car line running through the Country club was never more picturesque than at present. It reminds one of the hills of Sonora, and one can hardly believe that such a picture can be found within 12 minutes of Fourteenth street and Broadway. This approach to Rock Ridge park through the Country club is one of its greatest charms. The fact that one can leave the heart of a busy city and within 12 minutes by car line or six by motor car can cross such a beautiful bit of country without a house or other sign of city life to break the picture is drawing innumerable people to Rock Ridge park. The fact, too, that the lots have 80 feet frontage or more has met the desire of the man of comfortable circumstances who has long wanted a home site large enough to breathe on and yet close to the city.

Although Rock Ridge park was only put on the market during the latter part of October, already three homes are going up in the tract and plans for others are being prepared on which the work will start almost immediately. During the last week six sales were closed to the following buyers:

Lot 7, block 5, to T. Cummings of San Francisco.

Lot 9, block 5, to E. L. Gurney of San Francisco.

Lot 4, block 5, to F. E. Allen of Oakland.

Lot 23, block 3, to A. A. Hayford of Gold Run, Placer county.

Lot 2, block 5, to A. H. Batchelder of Oakland.

Lot 34, block 8, to Thomas C. Warren of Berkeley.

A singular fact of these sales is that four out of the six were made to out of town buyers, showing again the way in which Californians are moving to Oakland.

SALES RECENTLY EFFECTED

Sales reported by D. F. Minney follow:

For the account of—

W. R. Humphreys, lot, 175 feet, at East Fourteenth street and Thirteenth avenue, stores and flats	$35,000
P. Calou, lot at southwest corner of Twenty-ninth and West streets	14,000
P. Calou, lot at southeast corner of Twenty-ninth and West streets	8,000
P. Calou, southwest corner of Thirty-sixth and Market streets	6,000
P. Calou, south side of Forty-fifth street, west of San Pablo avenue	7,000
Lucy B. Wilson, lot in Sixteenth street near Castro	10,000
L. P. Curtis, house and lot in Sixteenth street near Brush	15,000
W. R. Humphreys, same, private terms.	
W. F. Schroeder, lot and apartment house in Brush street near Nineteenth	30,000
W. R. Humphreys, same, terms private.	
F. E. and J. W. Clarke, two lots and four flats in Fifth avenue near East Eleventh	14,000
F. E. and J. W. Clarke, lot 18, Sylvan Crest	1,500
E. McChesney, lot in Webster street south of Twenty-ninth	2,500
Clarence Fogg, lot at northeast corner of Market and Lydia streets	10,000
Mary E. Carr, house and lot in Ninth street near Alice	3,600
M. L. Hanna, cottage corner Fifty-eighth and Genoa streets	4,200
Mrs. L. B. Trenschel, lot at East Fourteenth street and Nineteenth avenue, terms private.	
M. L. Hanna, same	6,900
H. T. Prindle, house and lot in Sixteenth street between Jefferson and Clay, terms private.	
W. R. Humphreys, northeast corner Thirteenth avenue and East Fourteenth street	41,000

"In addition to the foregoing," said Minney, "I have sold nearly $75,000 worth of property near Oakland in the last two weeks. From deals pending and business in sight I have every reason to believe that the coming spring will realize the largest real estate transactions ever known in the history of Oakland."

MAKES LARGE PURCHASES

A. M. Lindley of Indianapolis has purchased, through the Laymance realty estate company, the northwest corner of Twelfth and Jefferson streets, with a three story frame building, for $40,000 cash. The seller was Alice B. Moreland. Through the same company Harmon Bell has bought the northeast corner of Telegraph avenue and Twenty-third street, lot 55 by 88 feet, on which is a three story apartment house and stores. The price was $45,000.

Concerning these and other recent large transactions in the business section William J. Laymance said:

"The business district is rapidly developing an important realty movement. Sales and leases show that there is a call for business holdings for investment purposes."

Street Railway Improvements

BERKELEY, Feb. 4.—Newell-Hendricks, Inc., report that the Southern Pacific is hauling materials and machinery to its Northbrae siding preparatory to the boring of the tunnel which is to connect the Shattuck avenue extension through Regents park with its Ninth street line.

An immense amount of supplies, including 28,000 ties, is assembled at Ninth and Parker streets for the completion of the double electric loop lines running in Ninth, California and Shattuck and connecting in Solano avenue aind Main street in the tracts handled by the firm, and the early completion of this work will give a great impetus to the real estate in Albany and North Berkeley.

Never on this coast has such an encouraging transportation outlook been offered to the purchaser of suburban real estate. Usually electric lines have awaited the growth of population; here they have preceded it.

Building Activity in Alameda

ALAMEDA, Feb. 4.—There was a noticeable increase this week in building operations, ground having been broken for a number of dwellings in various parts of the city. Most of the new structures are to be cottages on the bungalow plan of five and six rooms.

The contractor erecting the large residence for Dr. W. T. Lu min San Antonio avenue near Bay street is putting the finishing touches on the house. It will be one of the most pretentious homes in Alameda.

The large apartment house erected by William Schwerin at the corner of Lafayette street and Santa Clara avenue has been thrown open. The building is the largest of its kind in Alameda and is modern in every respect.

ARCHITECT TO LECTURE BEFORE BERKELEY CLUB

BERKELEY, Feb. 4.—John Galen Howard, professor of architecture at the university, will deliver an addréss on architecture before the members of the Hillside club at its monthly meeting tomorrow night. The musical program for the evening will be in charge of Miss Helen Kearney, soprano, accompanied on the piano by her sister, Miss Gertrude Kearney. Miss Hazel Hubbard will render violin obligatos.

1910 Opens With Most Attractive Prospects for Dealers in Realty

The Manzanita schoolhouse, to be constructed on plans prepared by Architect F. D. Voorhees.

PRETTY WOMEN TO REPRESENT CLOWNS

Prytanean Society of University Will Today Hold Annual Masquerade

BERKELEY, Feb. 4.—With a circus, masquerade and Mardi Gras, the Prytanean society of the upper class women of the university will hold its annual fete in Harmon gymnasium tomorrow afternoon and evening. The circus in the afternoon will be open to the gentle sex, and the women have assured their audience of a "barrel of fun."

The three circus rings will see nothing but women student performers. They will be bareback riders, clowns and also take the parts of the various wild animals of the jungles for the edification of the gathering. Huge cages will be erected and built with bars for the protection of the audience from the women tigers, lions, bears and the like.

An automobile race, with a real machine entered, and an aeroplane contest will be among the features of the afternoon on the campus.

In the evening dancers will circle pretty and daintily constructed booths, to the music of the university band.

A battle of confetti will end the Mardi Gras of the students at the midnight hour.

The committees in charge have been appointed as follows:

Advertising—Margaret Hizar, Alice Jones, Barbara Reid, Patty Chickering, Rose Gardner.
Afternoon—Irene Coffin, Belle Gluckman, Bessie Yates, Irma Bromley, Rose Schmidt, Helen Hill.
Booths—Mary Phillips.
Evenings—Esther Phillips, Madge Woodman, Bessie Yates.
Faculty—Mrs. Eakel, Mrs. Derloth.
Favors—Cheryl Merrill, Hazel Hotchkiss, Lucile Daniels, Maude Cleveland, Pauline Baldwin.
Fortune telling—Maja McCabe, Lucy Harrison.
Masks—Edith Carew, Barbara Reid.
Popcorn—Clara Harvett, Dorothy Doyle, Violet Ottonan, Florence Cassidy.
Poster—Grace Morin, Edna Higgins.
Press—Marguerite Ogden, Christian Krysto.
Punch and lemonade—Madge Woodman, Ethel Jordan.
Ribbon—Ada Pence, Louise Howard.
Ice cream—Agnes Ehrenberg, Hazel Noltin.

HIGH MASS MUSIC TO BE ON ELABORATE SCALE

Special Services Will Be Held at St. Mary's

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—At the 11 o'clock high mass at St. Mary's church, Seventh and Jefferson streets, Sunday morning, the Oakland Conservatory of Music choir, under the direction of Prof. Adolf Gregory, will render the sixteenth of the series of special musical services which began the first Sunday in July. The choir and orchestra on this occasion will be omposed of over 50 trained vocalists and instrumentalists.

The soloists of the mass will be: Miss Gena Wilkie, soprano; Miss Mabel Wright and Miss Marie Spuller, altos; Louis Spuller, tenor; George H. Carlson and Adolf Gregory, bass. At the offertory Miss Jenny Yale, contralto, will sing Toste's "Ave Maria." The music of the mass will be Haydn's first in B flat, and the prelude and interludes will be by Thome and the postlude by Calkin.

In the evening at 7:45 o'clock there will be a procession of the holy rosary, during which the choir will render "Gloria Patri" by Haydn, Spohr, Gregory, Hama and Schoepf. After the sermon there will be benediction of the blessed sacrament, with "O Salutaris" and "Tantum Ergo" by Gluck.

DECLARES HE IS UNABLE TO SUPPORT HIS FAMILY

Mill Hand Pleads Lack of Work When Arrested

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—Charles Davis, a mill hand, who was arrested yesterday on a charge of failure to provide for his four minor children, who are living with their mother at 967 Third avenue, was arraigned before Police Judge Smith this morning.

Davis told the court that his delinquency was explained by the fact that he had been unable to find employment during the last four months. Prior to that time he asserted that he had always supported his family.

A continuance of the examination was granted until tomorrow, in order that the judge might investigate the case personally.

FORMER POSTMISTRESS OF PALO ALTO DIES

Mrs. Matilda Yesle Passes Away at Richmond

RICHMOND, Feb. 4.—Mrs. Matilda Yesle, former postmistress at Palo Alto, died this morning at her home in Macdonald avenue after an illness of a week.

Mrs. Yesle was 57 years old, a native of England. Years ago she was interested in the early growth of Palo Alto, and, after coming to Richmond, was active in affairs here. She leaves a husband, Victor Yesle, and the following children: Lawrence Gillan, Mary Gillan, Jennie Gillan, Mrs. M. J. Kelly, Victoria Yesle, Matilda Yesle and Harriet Yesle.

Funeral services will be held from Our Lady of Mercy church Monday morning.

BRIDGE AND FEAST ARRANGED AT CLUB

Miss Florinne Brown to Entertain Party in Honor of Miss Sevilla Hayden

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—Miss Florinne Brown will entertain friends at bridge at the Francisca club in San Francisco tomorrow afternoon, in honor of Miss Sevilla Hayden, whose marriage with Clarence Shuey will be solemnized in April. After the session at the card tables a dainty repast will be served. Those who will accept Miss Brown's hospitality are:

Miss Hayden	Miss Rose Kales
Mrs. Maxwell Taft	Miss Dorothy Van Sicklen
Mrs. George Jensen	Miss Mollie Mathes
Mrs. William Thornton White	Miss Johanna Volkman
Mrs. Edson Adams	Miss Helen Allen
Mrs. Lawrence Fox	Mrs. Charles Tripler Hutchinson
Mrs. Chas. D. Bates Jr.	
Miss Ruth Kales	

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The largest afternoon affair of the coming week will be the bridge party at which Mrs. Robert Valleau will entertain at the Cowing residence in Alameda Tuesday, the smart set from about the bay being included in her invitations.

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Mrs. August Schilling, Miss Else Schilling and Miss Beatrice Simpson are enjoying their trip to the Bermudas and they have sent back many interesting accounts of their journey. They are planning to return to Oakland about the middle of March.

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The members of one of the little dinner clubs which includes a number of the married folk of the smart set and a few of the attractive girls will be entertained by Mrs. Harry Knowles at a dinner at the Claremont country club Saturday evening, February 12.

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More than 50 friends will be the guests of Mrs. F. B. Warner tomorrow afternoon, having been asked to meet the hostess' sister, Mrs. Mary Marvel, who came from her home in Hartford, Conn., to spend the winter in California. Assisting Mrs. Warner in the receiving party will be:

Miss Edith Warner	Miss Anita Eldridge
Mrs. Fred J. Helmbold	Miss Claire Drake
Mrs. David Gillespie	Mrs. Neal Stewart

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Miss Caryl George was a dinner hostess of the evening, entertaining a number of the young people who have been active in the kirmess program at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. George.

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Two score of the younger set of Alameda enjoyed an informal dance which was the second in a series of club affairs given this winter at the residence of Mrs. George Emmons.

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In honor of Miss Ethel Plummer, Miss Ruth Holt and Miss Hazel Holt will entertain at a bridge party Friday afternoon of the coming week at their home in Alameda. Cards have been sent to a number of the younger set in Alameda and Oakland.

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Mrs. Robert Abernathy, the young army matron who a year ago enjoyed a visit in the bay cities, is entertaining Miss Ruth Tisdale as her house guest at Fortress Monroe, Virginia. Miss Tisdale's visit is being made the occasion for considerable gayety at the post.

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Prof. Harvey Hall and his fiancee, Miss Charlotta Case, were the guests of honor this evening at a dinner presided over by Miss Mabel Pierce and Miss Hazel Pierce at their home in San Francisco. The young professor of the University of California and Miss Case will be married late this month.

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ALAMEDA, Feb. 4.—Stuart Middlemas of this city and Miss Helen E. Brickell of San Francisco were married in the city across the bay yesterday. Rev. George Adams of the First Congregational church of San Francisco officiated. Middlemas is a member of the Family club of San Francisco and also of the Corinthian yacht club of that city. His bride is a daughter of the late pioneer, John Brickell. Mr. and Mrs. Middlemas have gone east on their honeymoon.

PYTHIANS EXTEND THEIR CLUB PASSING GAMES

California Lodge of San Francisco to Start Tournament

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—The Pythian club passing tournament has awakened interest in the order throughout the state. California lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias, of San Francisco will entertain the Alameda county teams Friday evening, February 25, at Castle hall, Mission street, San Francisco, when the nucleus of a tournament across the bay will be formed.

This week's contests, held at Dirigo lodge, placed the teams as follows:

Dirigo	958	Live Oak	479
Alameda	749	Piedmont	221
Liberty	613	Fruitvale	178
University	610	Athens	133
Oakland	496	Berkeley	55

At a banquet to the teams this week at Dirigo lodge G. H. Hagy was toast master. Toasts were responded to by the following members:

Dr. H. L. Dietz, W. P. Dillon, F. Lewis, G. R. Wagner, James Fowler, E. S. Bowlsbey, W. T. Batcheldor, C. B. Hood, Mr. Ellsworth, J. J. Nagle, E. M. Bernstein, M. Bock, H. R. Flieler, John Patterson, George Holmes of Unity lodge and H. W. Clough of Eureka lodge No. 9 of San Francisco.

The teams will meet Monday evening at Fruitvale lodge No. 56, Blackman hall, East Fourteenth street.

USE OF BUTCHER KNIFE RESULTS IN ARREST

Proprietor of Lodging House Is Accused of Deadly Assault

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—Vito Musto, proprietor of a lodging house at 764 Third street, was arrested today on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon preferred by Arazio Vilrio.

According to the complaint the men became involved in a dispute at Musto's hostelry over money matters.

Vilrio declares that the landlord seized a butcher knife and attempted to cut him into shreds. He defended himself with a chair, and while the fracas was in progress Policeman McTigue arrived on the scene and took Musto into custody. He will be given a hearing in the police court tomorrow.

INJURED IN DASH OF TEAM DOWN INCLINE

L. Murphy Strikes on Head and Is Badly Cut

BERKELEY, Feb. 4.—L. Murphy, a driver employed by the Congdon grocery company, living at 2338 Camelia street, was thrown from his seat last night and fell on his head when his team ran away on the Walnut street hill. The horse was so badly injured that it was shot. Murphy's injuries consist of cuts about the head and shoulders.

Missing Wife and Babes Believed Victims of Fortune Teller's Wiles

Mrs. F. C. Arnold and babies, who disappeared some time ago from Stockton.

MAKES AN APPEAL TO FIND FAMILY

Oregonian Offers Reward for Information as to His Missing Wife and Babies

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—Declaring that he believes his wife and babes were lured away from him by the unnatural influence of a fortune teller, F. C. Arnold of Clatskanie, Ore., has appealed to the authorities here for assistance in locating the missing woman and her two children, and he offers a reward of $150 to any one who will tell him of their whereabouts.

Mrs. Arnold left her husband in Stockton September 15 last, disappearing with the two little ones during his absence. Her grief stricken husband says that she had been in ill health for some time prior to her disappearance and that, despite his remonstrances, she had persisted in taking treatments from a professed fortune teller and healer. To this man's influence Arnold attributes her desertion. When his wife left she had $1,000 in her possession.

Mrs. Arnold is 32 years old, with light hair and blue eyes, 5 feet 3 inches tall and weighs about 115 pounds. She is an extremely nervous woman. Her two children are Doris and Fern, the first 4 years and 9 months old and the youngest 2 years and 4 months. Miss Teresa E. McCarthy of the Children's Agency, 1500 Jackson street, San Francisco, and Probation Officer Ruess of Alameda county are aiding Arnold in his search.

DATES ARE ANNOUNCED FOR ENDEAVOR MEETING

Alameda County Union to Hold Annual Session

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—Announcement of the annual Christian Endeavor union convention of Alameda county, which will be held February 11, 12 and 13 at the Friends' church, Fifty-second and West streets, has been made. Original reports fixed the date for today and tomorrow. Ralph S. Hawley, president of the county union, has arranged an inviting program, including addresses by prominent workers in the Endeavor movement in California.

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POLICE THINK THEFT WAS "INSIDE JOB"

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—An element of mystery attaches to the theft of diamond jewelry valued at $750 from the home of Maurice Jonas, at 638 Twelfth street, during the early part of the week.

The jewels were missed last Monday night as the members of the family were preparing to attend a theater, but a thorough examination of the premises disclosed no trace of a violent entry into the house. The police are inclined to believe that the thief was some one who had familiar access to the place.

OLD CONDUCTOR IS STRICKEN AT DEPOT

Sam Davis Suffers Stroke of Apoplexy While Waiting for Train

ALAMEDA, Feb. 4.—Sam Davis, who punched the first passenger ticket on the old South Pacific Coast road between this city and Santa Cruz, and one of the most widely known conductors in the employ of the Southern Pacific company, was stricken with apoplexy this morning at the Park street station of the north side line while waiting to board a train for the Oakland mole, from where he was to take out his regular train on the Santa Cruz run.

Davis was removed to his home, 1337 Broadway, where he remained unconscious for the greater part of the day. His attending physician, Dr. W. O. Smith, says there is hope for Davis' recovery.

For nearly 35 years Davis has punched tickets. He is a nephew of the late A. E. Davis, one of the builders of the old South Pacific Coast railroad, and has several brothers also engaged in railroading. Davis served as a conductor on the South Pacific Coast line from the time it was built and after it was taken over by the Southern Pacific company.

Davis is a member of Alameda lodge of Elks and is affectionately known as "Pop" Davis. He is the father of Edward Davis of the school department, and Miss Alice Davis, a well known young singer.

FORMER CONVICT ASKS COURT FOR PROBATION

Arrested on Old Charge on Release From Penitentiary

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—Application for probation was made today by Ben Compton, who was rearrested on New Year's day just as he got outside of the walls of San Quentin, where he had served a term for forgery.

Compton pleaded guilty today to another charge of forgery.

The district attorney declared that he thought that the defendant had been sufficiently punished by one term in prison and agreed to the case being referred to the probation officer for investigation.

COMPLAINANT'S ABSENCE DID NOT SAVE THIEF

S. L. Chase Sentenced for Petty Larceny Instead of Burglary

OAKLAND, Feb. 4.—Sydney L. Chase, who was brought back to this city from San Diego, whither he had fled, on a charge of burglary for stealing two hall lamps from a guest in the Golden West hotel, found on his return that the prosecuting witness had disappeared. The authorities here substituted a charge of petty larceny and Chase was convicted this morning. Police Judge Samuels sentenced him to serve six months in the chain gang.

SHOP LIFTER SENTENCED—Oakland, Feb. 4. George Smith, accused of the theft of two pairs of trousers from the tailor shop of A. Bremler at 423 Eighth street, was sentenced to six months in the city prison by Police Judge Smith this morning.

TAFT & PENNOYER

SPRING'S EARLIEST NOVELTIES

Our magnificent display of the leading fashions of Europe and New York is rapidly being completed. Each day some additions arrive that can not fail to interest.

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Odd lots, lines to be discontinued, overstocks and broken lots of art ware, china, bric-a-brac, dinner ware, etc., to be sold at prices less than usual; a saving in many instances of more than half—broken and damaged goods at a trifle of their cost.

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Limoges China Dinner Sets, 98 pieces—regular $125—**$87.50.**

Ivory and gold China Dinner Sets, 100 pieces—regular $100—**$73.50.**

Haviland China, neat border patterns, 100 piece set—regular $65—**$49.50.**

French China Dinner Sets; service for 12; regular $25 and $27.50—**$17.50.**

German China Dinner Service for 6; floral decorations; regular $10—**$7.25.**

Odd lots of open stock dinnerware, meat dishes, covered dishes, vegetable dishes, etc.—values up to $2—CHOICE, **50c, 75c.**

Electric Lamps and Portables from our high class selections at **¼ off the marked prices.**

Bric-a-brac, bronzes, marble statuary and art pottery—our entire stock of these lines at **1-3 discount.**

Special values in German and Austrian China. The entire stock divided into special lots; in many cases values are cut in half; cups and saucers, plates, vases, salad bowls and many attractive novelties—at **5c, 10c, 25c, 50c and $1.00.**

Special Tables of Art Wares—Values That Will Appeal to Everyone—$2.00, $3.00, $5.00 and $10.00 Each.

You seldom have an opportunity of selecting from such a fine stock of high grade lines at prices equaling these—EVERY DAY DURING THIS WEEK THERE WILL BE SPECIAL VALUES THAT ARE NOT ADVERTISED.

SELECT VALENTINES EARLY—STRONG SHOWING OF NOVELTIES

This year we have a well selected, larger variety of Postal Cards, fancy novelty Art Booklets and wood craft Valentines; new and beautiful designs for the young and old. You will find them all prices, from **2 for 5c to $1.00 each.**

Postal Cards, **2 for 5c.** Novelty Cards, **5c to 30c.** Art Booklets, **15c, $1.00.** Wood Craft, **20c, $1.00.**

SPRING'S EARLY WAIST DISPLAY

Full line of new Spring Waists in wash taffetas, Foulard, India, Messaline, Batiste, Damask, Linen and Lawn, Silk Waists in the latest tailored and semi-tailored models, Persian and Dresden designs; stripes, plaids and a full line of plain colors—**$4.50 to $17.50.**

Lingerie Waists, hand embroidered, bastiste lawn with insertings of lace and embroidery; new models in novelty materials; open back or front—**$1.25 to $12.50.**

Tailored Waists in Madras, cheviot, damask and linen; plain or hand embroidered; white and colored—**$1.25 to $6.00.**

Full line of Ladies' and Misses' Sweaters in black, white, red, navy, gray and brown—**$2.75 to $17.50.**

SPRING'S NEWEST STYLES ARRIVING DAILY

We are now making a good display of the latest vogues in Spring Suits, Coats, Lingerie and Silk Costumes.

NEW SUITS come in diagonals, basket and novelty weaves and serges. The skirts are full plaited and jackets are of the correct lengths. Some smart Russian models are now shown—**$22.50, $27.50 to $65.00.**

New Coats in serges and mixtures—**$27.50, $32.50, $47.50 and up.**

Lingerie Dresses, beautifully trimmed with lace and embroidery—**$10.00, $12.50, $15.00 and up.**

SOME REMAINING ODD LOTS IN THE SHOE SECTION

The following will be on sale Saturday:

Ladies' Patent Kid Slipper, steel beaded, hand turned—$5.00—SPECIAL, **$2.75.**

Boys' Patent Kid Lace and Vici Kids; sizes 2 to 6; $2.50 quality—SPECIAL, **$1.50.**

Ladies' Kid Button with patent tip, hand sewed; small sizes; $4.00 quality—SPECIAL, **$2.50.**

NEW SPRING GLOVES

A new shipment of Fownes' 2-clasp pique "Dagmar" has just arrived; all the new spring shades; sold elsewhere $1.75—OUR PRICE, **$1.50 pair.** 1-clasp Mocha, cape and pique Gloves at **$1.00.**

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