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

## FEDERAL HARBOR WORK IS ASSURED

### House of Representatives Committee Recommends Oakland's Thirty Foot Channel Project

OAKLAND, Feb. 10.—The rivers and harbors committee of the house of representatives has recommended the expenditure of $1,100,000 by the federal government on the Oakland harbor, according to a dispatch received today by Mayor Frank K. Mott from Congressman J. R. Knowland. Of the total amount to be spent $250,000 will be available this year and the balance will be appropriated when necessary.

This recommendation by the congressional committee is a triumph for the city surpassed only by the voting of bonds for more than $3,000,000 by the citizens of Oakland for municipal improvements. As Knowland, in his communication to the mayor recalls, the last federal appropriation for Oakland harbor was $368,000, made three years ago. Of that sum not all has yet been spent, and today's action by the house of representatives committee guarantees to the city a 30 foot channel dredged at once as far up in the estuary as the drawbridges.

**OBSTACLES ARE OVERCOME**

"This promises us a water front such as the citizens of Oakland may be proud of," said the mayor. "The gravest obstacles to our harbor work have been overcome."

Knowland's telegram to the mayor read:

River and harbor committee reported today, adopting the 30 foot project for Oakland harbor and committing the government to the ultimate expenditure of $1,100,000. Hereafter there will be annual bills, and for the present year $250,000 is made available for the project. This is the amount which the war department said could be profitably used. The last appropriation made three years ago was for $368,000, all of which amount has not yet been used. Bill will also contain authorization for the war department to turn over Park street, Fruitvale avenue and High street bridges to the county, after the government places them in condition to be operated by electricity at an expenditure of $17,000. Printed report of survey did not reach committee from printer until yesterday.

**QUICK ACTION TAKEN**

This telegram indicates that the house committee acted with unusual celerity on the Oakland harbor matter. Knowland first went before the committee several days ago, following a favorable report from the rivers and harbors board of army engineers. He argued in support of the appropriations recommended by Lieutenant Colonel John Biddle and favorably reported after a strenuous fight by the rivers and harbors board of army engineers. The matter was deferred until today.

While the federal officials were debating the harbor improvements for Oakland the city officials were forging ahead as fast as possible under the delays of legal intricacy, preparing to put the municipal bond issue on the market.

The question of whether or not the bonds for municipal buildings and wharves shall be lithographed or steel engraved is before the board of public works, pending the final legislative action by the city council. Within a short time the board will have made its decisions, and by March 15 it is expected that the issue will be put on the market.

## FRUITVALE COTTAGE DESTROYED BY FIRE

### Second Building Damaged by Night Blaze

OAKLAND, Feb. 10.—A cottage owned by J. M. Boyd at Thirty-ninth avenue and the Foothill boulevard in Fruitvale was destroyed last night and an adjoining cottage, occupied and owned by Henry Howland, was damaged by a fire, which broke out at the Boyd place early this morning. The destroyed house was worth $4,000, and the damage to the Howland home was about $1,000.

The cause of the fire is a mystery. The Boyds vacated their place a few days ago and removed to Reno, Nev. The place was not occupied last night.

An investigation failed to reveal the origin of the fire, which, it is suspected, may have been incendiary. The most plausible explanation of the fire, however, is that crossed wires were responsible.

## Y. W. C. A. DIRECTORS CALL ANNUAL MEETING

### Reports of the Year's Activities to Be Read

OAKLAND, Feb. 10.—The directors of the Young Women's Christian association will hold their annual meeting Tuesday evening at the administration building, Fourteenth and Castro streets.

Supper will be served, at which addresses will be delivered by Miss Grace Fisher, president of the association, and Dr. Frank L. Goodspeed, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Reports will be presented from the various departments, as follows:

Mrs. Eliza Wolfenden, recording secretary; Miss Isabel Smith, general secretary; Mrs. W. J. Raymond, religious work; Miss Martha Haven, education; Mrs. C. H. Hobart, membership; Mrs. Warren Olney Jr., finance; Mrs. C. M. Hill, boarding home; Mrs. J. P. Ames, settlement; Miss Bessie Beatty, extension; Mrs. J. B. Richardson, travelers' aid; Miss Ethel Olney, house; Dr. Florence Sylvester, physical; Miss Bessie Wood, vacation cottage; Mrs. Charles Rowe, The Messenger, the association's paper; Miss Pearl Dewing, social.

## HYATT OBJECTS TO GIFTS TO GRADUATES

### State Superintendent Says Practice Humiliates the Poor

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 10.—The practice of friends and relatives giving gifts to school graduates and home studying by pupils are condemned by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Edward Hyatt in a statement issued by him today to all the educators in the state.

Graduation gifts should be barred, says Hyatt, as they serve only to humiliate the poor among the pupils whose parents can not afford such luxuries. Home studying should be discouraged, as it does not give the pupils' minds the rest they ought to get after school.

Proper application to studies in school is sufficient to master a lesson, says Hyatt.

**LOSES APPEAL**—Oakland, Feb. 10.—Clara Newton, a negress who was convicted recently of placing a young girl in a place for immoral purposes and sentenced to two and a half years at San Quentin, must serve her term. Her appeal to the higher court has been denied.

Like getting money from home. Patronize Oakland's furniture dealer, H. Schellhaas, Eleventh st.

## Amateurs Prepare For Ambitious Performance

Members of Le Tres Joli club, which plans vaudeville show.

## CLUB REHEARSES FOR VAUDEVILLE

### Members of Le Tres Joli Will Give Entertainment in Ebell Hall

OAKLAND, Feb. 10.—Rehearsals are now in full swing for the minstrel and vaudeville show to be given by the Le Tres Joli club at Ebell hall, Wednesday evening, February 16. The committee in charge, consisting of E. A. Norton and M. T. Herspring, has spared no efforts to make the performance one to be remembered. Harold Ward, who has directed the minstrel show of the Elks' lodge No. 1015 of Alameda for the last seven years, will be in charge of this production.

Among the numbers on the vaudeville program will be Eddie Lewis' sextet, composed of Miss Edna Pendleton, Miss Esther Rohl, Miss Lucile Radcliffe, Miss Zeala Cook, Miss Gretchen Tuerzel and Eddie Lewis. A sketch entitled "Betty Bets" will be offered by Miss Ramona Radcliffe, assisted by Carl Lilja. "Littlest Girl" is the name of an amusing skit staged by M. Ward and W. Wood, superintendent of schools of Alameda. Other features will include a trio of Italian troubadours and a Hawaiian quartet.

Le Tres Joli club is composed of young businessmen of Oakland and vicinity, organized for purely social purposes, with a closed membership and a limit of 40 members. Among the members are: L. W. Rabjohn, president; W. O. Wedgewood, vice president; E. A. Norton, secretary; E. A. Kletzker, treasurer; W. E. Ayer, Claud Archer, Thomas Bale, J. J. Garvey, A. Hughes, M. T. Herspring, G. E. Howson, M. S. Burgess, G. A. Hartwell, C. D. Herbert, S. Herspring, A. Kurtz, R. A. Leavitt, H. A. Kohler, Frank Loughery, Carl Lilja, G. Mann, R. F. Myers, F. Mack, M. B. Myers, C. Mann, G. W. MacKinnon, William Peterson, A. Prebble, F. Seward, B. J. Singer, W. J. Scott, D. L. Wilson and A. W. Williams.

## CHILDREN TO MARCH IN STOCKTON TODAY

### Will Parade With Banners Advocating Playgrounds

STOCKTON, Feb. 10.—Preparations are complete for the school children's parade tomorrow afternoon. The children will march along the principal thoroughfares of the city with banners and signs advocating a children's playground.

The executive committee of the School women's club has made the following announcement concerning the parade:

"The parade for children's playgrounds will start at 2 p. m. from Sutter street and Weber avenue, headed by the union band.

"The line of march will be from the corner of Sutter and Weber, west on Weber to Hunter, south in Hunter to Main, east in Main to American, north in American to Weber, west in Weber to Sutter.

"The schools will be arranged in the following order: Jackson, Monroe, Weber, Washington primary, Annexed, Lincoln, Jefferson, Lafayette, Franklin, Fremont, Washington grammar and El Dorado.

"The public is kindly invited to help keep the streets along the line of march as free as possible from automobiles and vehicles.

"As previously stated, Chief of Police Briare and Sheriff Sibiey will aid in safeguarding the children."

## WILL AWARD FRANCHISE TO ELECTRIC COMPANY

### Hayward Trustees to Offer New Franchise for Sale

HAYWARD, Feb. 10.—The board of town trustees has passed favorably on the application of the People's electric light and power company to grant a franchise to the highest bidder April 16 for operating a light and power system. The company is auxiliary to the Great Western power company. The Suburban light and power company has occupied this field for several years without opposition.

## WILL BAR STUDENTS FROM BOOK STACKS

### Thefts Will Result in Establishment of Pneumatic System in the Doe Library

BERKELEY, Feb. 10.—The university may spend $30,000 to keep students out of the book stacks at the new Doe library, which will be completed in about a year. One of the reasons for the installation of a modern pneumatic system of handling books is because of the large loss of the university each year from students.

This is particularly noticeable in the books of the law department, and, while the annual loss has not been computed, it is believed to total many hundreds of dollars. In other departments the losses have also been heavy under the present system in the old library, where the student has free access to the stacks.

In the new Doe library plans have been drawn by Prof. John Galen Howard for the installation of a pneumatic system of handling books whereby the student will not be able to handle them except with his card. The stack rooms will be placed under lock and key, and each in charge of an attendant, who will put the book called for in a pneumatic tube and shoot it to the main desk.

Arrangements are also being made to run the system to the new Boalt hall, which is also being completed, south of the new library building.

One contractor has submitted a bid calling for the expenditure of $30,000 for the new system, but it will probably be installed for considerably less, as Professor Howard has estimated the cost to be much below this figure.

## TELEPHONE CATCHES STOCKTON ELOPERS

### Message One of Congratulation and the Wedding Proceeds

OAKLAND, Feb. 10.—A pair of elopers from Stockton were caught in the act just as they left the county clerk's office today with their marriage license. Alva E. Atwood, manager of the Union oil company of Stockton, and Ruby M. Hillman were the pair. They stole away this morning and arrived in Oakland to get their marriage license. They were walking out of the hall of records when a telephone message from their friends in Stockton came. It was not in the nature of an interruption, but of congratulation. The pair left in great confusion, saying that they were to be married at once, but declining to say where or by whom.

## PLANS TO UNITE FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY

### Hayward and San Leandro Will Join Hands

HAYWARD, Feb. 10.—That a fourth of July celebration, with athletic games, military maneuvers and a big parade of floats and organizations, in which every portion of Eden township would participate should be held here this year, was decided at a mass meeting of citizens held last evening in the town hall.

Representatives were present from the San Leandro chamber of commerce and promised that city's heartiest cooperation.

As this was the first time that the two cities had really joined hands in any enterprise, the statement of the visitors provoked great enthusiasm.

## DEBATERS WILL HAVE BANQUET WITHOUT WINE

BERKELEY, Feb. 10.—The debaters of the university will hold a "dry" banquet in Oakland, February 16, contrary to the general rule for such affairs. Football men, track athletes, ball tossers and the engineers have not as yet placed the ban on the flowing bowl, but the debaters declare that this year they will dispense with it. At the banquet the members of the Carnot team will be the guests.

**MAY RENT FIRE TUG**—Oakland, Feb. 10.—City Engineer Turner has suggested to the board of public works that the city negotiate with the Alaska packers' association to rent a fire tug which the company owns and maintains along the water front.

## GRAND ARMY MEN PLAN CONFERENCE

### Department Commander to Meet With Committee on Plans for Encampment

OAKLAND, Feb. 10.—Department Commander W. S. Daubenspeck of the Grand Army of the Republic division which includes California and Nevada will arrive in this city at noon tomorrow to discuss plans for the big encampment to be held here in April with the members of the executive committee.

A joint meeting of representatives of the various camps of the Grand Army of the Republic in Alameda county was held tonight at the executive headquarters in the Hotel St. Mark, when practical working plans for the encampment and arrangements for the transportation of the 25,000 visitors who are expected to attend the big event were formulated. There were present representatives from the Woman's Relief Corps, the Sons of Veterans, the Merchants' exchange, chamber of commerce and city council.

The national encampment this year will be held at Atlantic City and the western delegates will be elected during the encampment in this city.

## WIFE SAYS FIREMAN IMBIBED TOO MUCH

### Gets Divorce Because of Husband's Cruelty

OAKLAND, Feb. 10.—Henrietta M. Wagner was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce today on the ground of extreme cruelty from Frederick Wagner, a member of the Alameda fire department. Mrs. Wagner testified that her husband was drunk two-thirds of the time and often beat her.

Alex M. Cochrane was granted an interlocutory decree against Frances Cochrane on the ground of desertion.

Suits for divorce were begun today by Henry L. Ahrens against Verona Ahrens, desertion, and Elizabeth Morton against Charles Morton, desertion and extreme cruelty.

Margaret A. von Vrooman brought suit today to annul her marriage with Egbert F. von Vrooman. She says that he has another wife, Sadie von Vrooman, who is neither dead nor divorced and who was married to Von Vrooman prior to her own marriage to him in 1901. There is one child, the son of the second marriage.

## ARMY ENGINEER HEARS CONTEST OVER BRIDGE

### Railroads and Civic Bodies Discuss Proposed Site

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 10.—With Captain Jackson, engineer of the United States army, as an audience speakers representing the Southern Pacific, Northern electric, Vallejo Northern, the transportation companies and local civic bodies expressed their views today as to the railroad bridge the Northern electric proposes to build across the river at M street. With the exception of the Northern electric representatives all were against the M street site. No action was taken, Captain Jackson taking notes to prepare a report.

## PLAN SUPPER FOR COFFEE CLUB FUND

### San Leandro Women to Start Social Organization

SAN LEANDRO, Feb. 10.—For the purpose of raising funds to start a men's coffee club in this city, the women of the Alta Mira club will give a chicken dinner Saturday night in Masonic hall. It is planned to lease quarters in the business district, furnish them handsomely and supply various games for amusement, including, later on, billiard and pool tables. Smoking will be allowed, as well as card playing, and it will be the aim of the women to make the club a social gathering place for young and old men during the evenings. After the club is established it will be turned over to a men's coffee club association.

## YOUNG VIOLINIST TO GIVE CONCERT RECITAL

### Miss Edith Rees Announces Afternoon Musicale

OAKLAND, Feb. 10.—Miss Edith Rees, a talented young violinist, will give a concert recital Friday afternoon at the Liberty playhouse. Her program will cover a wide range of musical composition. Miss Rees will be assisted by Mme. M. Couchet, soprano, who will sing two groups of songs, including "Pace, pace, meo Deo," from Verdi's "La Forza del Destino." The accompanists will be Miss Helen Perkins and Miss Mildred Turner.

## PICKPOCKET STEALS FROM SLEEPING MAN

OAKLAND, Feb. 10.—William Lawson, 865 Wood street, took a nap late last night in a saloon at Seventh and Peralta streets. When he awoke he found that a pickpocket had taken his watch and money, the loss being estimated at $30. P. F. Nielsen, 1322 Kirkham street, reported that thieves stole his set of carpenter's tools from an unfinished house at Forty-first and Diamond streets.

## BASEBALL BAT USED IN SALOON BRAWL

OAKLAND, Feb. 10.—J. Peralta, living in Fruitvale, was arrested last night by Captain of Police Bock for an alleged attack on John Nothtuft of 810 Willow avenue, Fruitvale. Nothtuft was struck on the head with a baseball bat, and had to be treated at the receiving hospital. He accused Peralta of inflicting the injuries in a Fruitvale saloon.

## Suburban Brevities

**WILL TRY POLICEMAN**—Oakland, Feb. 10.—The board of police and fire commissioners has set February 17 as the day for trying Policeman C. B. Carrick on a charge of breaking the rules of the department. Captain Bock asserts that Carrick was off his beat at various times and in saloons.

**NAMES DEPUTIES**—Oakland, Feb. 10.—E. F. Garrison, candidate for the republican nomination for county auditor, today filed his appointment of 10 special verification deputies. It will be their duty to obtain and certify to signatures to Garrison's petition to be placed on the ticket at the primary election.

**BONDSMEN WITHDRAW**—Oakland, Feb. 10.—Paul Maggi, a peanut peddler, who was arrested several weeks ago in San Francisco on a charge of neglecting his wife and their minor child, and who was released on bail, was surrendered to the police today by his bondsmen. His preliminary hearing will be held in the police court Monday. Maggi has offered to pay his wife, who lives at 1528 Eighth avenue, $10 a month, but both the woman and the police say that amount is insufficient.

## BEATTY SUSTAINED AS ADMINISTRATOR

### Left by Judge Wells in Charge of Estate of Late Mrs. Hitchcock

OAKLAND, Feb. 10.—The first skirmish in the legal battle over the estate of the late Elizabeth B. Hitchcock was won today in Judge Wells' court by Henry N. Beatty, the San Francisco attorney and politician, who is named residuary legatee in Mrs. Hitchcock's will and to whom she gave a large amount of property before she died. Judge Wells refused to grant the petition to depose Beatty as special administrator, but on the contrary enlarged his powers so as to give him control of the entire estate.

The contest of the will of Mrs. Hitchcock and the attempt to defeat Beatty's control of the estate is being waged by Mrs. Elizabeth Smith of Napa, niece of the deceased. With her infant daughter she was left $15,000 by her aunt's will. She says that Beatty made violent love to Mrs. Hitchcock during the last year of her life and thus induced her to give him a goodly share of her $100,000 estate as well as to leave him the bulk of it by her will. Mrs. Hitchcock was more than 70 years old when she died.

Her attorney, Aylett R. Cotton, was outspoken today in his charges against Beatty.

"Henry N. Beatty stuffed his pockets with $35,000 worth of a dying woman's property," he said. He also asked that Beatty's bond be made greater than $20,000, which it is at present. This Judge Wells refused to do.

In Beatty's answer to the will contest he admitted that he had received as gifts the following assets from Mrs. Hitchcock: Twenty-five bonds of the United Railroads, 15 bonds of the Pacific electric company, 4 bonds of the Los Angeles railroads company, 7½ shares of the Chicago, Wilmington and Vermilion coal company, 19 shares of the National railway publication company, 5 shares of the Columbus savings and loan society and several pieces of jewelry. Cotton estimated that this property was worth $35,000.

To Mrs. Smith's contention that some one other than Beatty should be administrator in order that suit might be brought against him for the recovery of this property, Beatty's attorneys, F. P. Dunne and Thomas E. Curran, answered that if the will of Mrs. Hitchcock is sustained there will be no need of a suit and that Mrs. Smith is able at any time to bring the suit herself without getting Beatty out of the way as administrator. Judge Wells coincided with their views.

## CHARGES REAL ESTATE MAN WITH DECEPTION

### Woman Sues to Recover on a Land Transaction

OAKLAND, Feb. 10.—Accusing H. E. Wolcott, an Oakland real estate dealer, with taking an advantage of her confidence when she was in poor health and was leaving her affairs in his hands, Mrs. Josephine Henninger today brought suit against him for the recovery of $1,700 and for an accounting between them.

Acording to the complaint she filed she exchanged some real property she owned for a house and lot in Boyd avenue at Wolcott's suggestion. The Boyd avenue property did not prove a good investment, she says, and, again acting under the real estate man's advice, she exchanged it for land in Hayward.

Shortly after this, Mrs. Henninger declares, Wolcott represented to her that he was sorry that he had bought the Hayward property, which was also a poor investment, and that he would take it off of her hands and give her $500. At the time, she alleges, Wolcott concealed from her the fact that he himself made a deal of this property with a man named Hollenbeck, whereby Wolcott made $1,700.

## WILL ERECT WARD SCHOOL IN FAIRVIEW

### Hayward to Vote Bonds for New Structure

HAYWARD, Feb. 10.—Plans for calling a bond election for the acquisition of a site and erection of a modern ward school in the Fairview district will be made at the next meeting of the Hayward board of school trustees. The board of supervisors Monday denied the petition filed by some of the residents of the Fairview district to form a new school district, recommending instead that a ward school be erected in that section for the small children who could not walk to the Hayward grammar school.

**WILL TALK ON CHARTER**—Oakland, Feb. 10. Councilman A. H. Elliott, Green Majors of Alameda and M. R. Marshall will deliver addresses on the proposed new city charter at the banquet to be held in Odd Fellows' hall, Elmhurst, Saturday night, by the Oakland city and county consolidation club No. 1. A musical program will also be presented and various members of the club called upon to respond to toasts. The club has decided to meet hereafter on Saturday night in Odd Fellows' hall, instead of on Wednesday night.


## IS THINNESS EMBARRASSING?

**Undoubtedly It Is to Many a Maiden and Youth—While Even Those Well Along in Years Prefer Well Rounded Figures.**

**Prescription Increases Weight.**

A scrawny, gangling youth or maiden is almost invariably slighted, overlooked or ridiculed in any social gathering. There is something about a plump or well proportioned figure which attracts not only friendship, but love and adulation as well.

People with a proper amount of flesh are favored in all walks of life, while the thin are unblessed, unwelcome and frequently miserable for life. The difference lies in the power of the digestive functions and the ability of the blood and nerves to absorb and distribute over the body the nutrition extracted from the food eaten.

The thin person is abnormal and lacks the power to absorb and retain the flesh and fat elements which the gastric juices in the stomach and intestines should extract or separate from all kinds of food and drink.

A recent accidental discovery has proven that tincture cadomene when blended with certain other drugs, will add from one to three pounds of flesh per week during treatment while the general health and strength also improves wonderfully.

Get in a half pint bottle, three ounces of essence of pepsin and three ounces of syrup of rhubarb; then add one ounce compound essence cardiol; shake and let stand two hours; then add one ounce tincture cadomene compound (not cardamom). Shake well and take a teaspoonful before and after meals, drinking plenty of water between meals and when retiring.


## REALTY SYNDICATE TO RAISE BUILDING

### Plans Under Way to Convert Structure Into Ten Story Office Edifice

OAKLAND, Feb. 10.—Preliminary plans are now under way to add at least eight stories to the Realty Syndicate building in Broadway between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, the object being to convert it into a 10 story or more office building which will harmonize with the big First national bank building at the corner of Broadway and San Pablo avenue and the Central national bank building on the opposite corner.

Although the Realty Syndicate building is at present but two stories in height the foundation was laid with a view to possible enlargement and is of sufficient strength to sustain a 12 story building.

Dennis Searles, private secretary to F. M. Smith, owner of the structure, is making the preliminary arrangements for the elevation of the building.

"It has always been a pet hobby of mine to make a big office building out of the present structure," he said today, "and I have broached the scheme so frequently to Mr. Smith and the others interested in the building that they finally told me to investigate and find whether the plan was feasible and what it would cost, and then make a report to them. I am now making my investigation, testing the strength of the present building and examining estimates of the probable cost of making the proposed enlargement. Although we have not definitely decided as yet to make the alterations it is probable that if satisfactory arrangements can be made the work will be commenced in the near future. If this is done the present building will be converted into at least a 10 story structure."

Smith has this week purchased a lot 50 by 100 feet in dimensions near the northeast corner of Twelfth and Franklin streets from George M. Perrine for $50,000. The property is on the north side of Twelfth street, adjoining the site of the Hotel St. Mark. The property was purchased as an investment.

## CHOLOS ARRESTED FOR WOUNDING POLICEMAN

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Feb. 10.—Police Officers Thomas Green and William Simpson have arrested oJaquin Rodriguez and Jim Ile, whom Southern Pacific Officer Barney McShain has identified as the Mexican laborers with whom he was shot Tuesday night. McShain has been taken to the Southern Pacific hospital in San Francisco.

## FIRE DESTROYS WHEAT AND LYMAN WAREHOUSE

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

WILLOWS, Feb. 10.—The Lman warehouse, between this city and Germantown, was destroyed by fire today with a loss of $11,000. The warehouse contained 1,700 sacks of wheat belonging to William Ash. His loss alone will be $5,000. The cause of the fire is unknown.

## FRUITVALE EAGLES PLAN STREET FAIR

### Celebration in Honor of Completion of Building to Be Held in May

OAKLAND, Feb. 10.—Fruitvale aerie of Eagles No. 1375 at meeting last night made preliminary plans to hold a carnival and street fair in that district of the city during May to celebrate the growth of the recently annexed portions of greater Oakland and, incidentally, the completion of the new Eagles' building, which is now in course of construction. When finished the structure will have cost $30,000.

Fruitvale aerie is one of the most flourishing lodges of Eagles in the state and to the public spirited efforts of its members is due much of the progress which the eastern section of the city has made.

Elaborate plans have been made to make the carnival and fair a great success. There will be spectacular features of every description, including a queen and retinue and all sorts of booths and sideshows. Melrose and Dimond have promised to join with Fruitvale in making the celebration a success.

The members of the building committee of Fruitvale aerie who have carried the plans for a new building into realization are Charles F. Lee, J. O. Albright, Dr. L. B. Smith, A. A. Atkinson, John Macdonald, Arthur Barber, Lyman Harford, J. C. Holland, C. A. Jeffers and C. E. Taylor.

The officers of Fruitvale aerie of Eagles are James C. Holland, president; A. A. Atkinson, vice president; Emile Jacobsen, chaplain; John Macdonald, secretary; P. H. Blake Jr., treasurer; William F. Fisher, inside guard; A. O. T. Tannenburg, outside guard; Charles Goodwin, conductor; Leo W. Baldwin, musician; Dr. L. B. Smith, physician; Charles A. Jeffers, Charles E. Taylor and A. C. Byrnes, trustees.

## UNION MEN ARRANGE A CHARTER CONFERENCE

OAKLAND, Feb. 10.—Joint committees of the building trades council and the central labor council have arranged for a new charter conference, to which each affiliated union will be entitled to three delegates. The conference will organize March 2 at Carpenters' hall to develop information on municipal charters and to watch the progress of charter framing in this city with special relation to interests of union labor. Richard Hamb, Fred H. Pratt and Joseph Smart were named as a permanent committee on legislation to keep a record of charter work and to report to the conference.

## MAN HELD FOR TRIAL FOR ROBBING HEN ROOST

OAKLAND, Feb. 10.—Frank L. Foster was held for trial before the superior court by Police Judge Smith this morning on a charge of grand larceny. Foster and Fred Towner were arrested at St. Helena, Napa county, on descriptions as the thieves who stole 50 fancy chickens from Dr. C. A. Covalt's place at 310 Taft avenue. Towner was discharged.


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