

EVENTS IN THE COUNTIES BORDERING ON THE BAY OF SAN FRANCISCO

BRIDES ELECT TO BE HONORED GUESTS

Two Hostesses Will Entertain Informally for Miss R. Hales and Miss S. Hayden

OAKLAND, March 24.—In honor of Miss Ruth Hales and Miss Sevilla Hayden, two brides elect, Mrs. T. B. Coghill and her daughter, Mrs. John Treanor, will entertain informally on Tuesday, asking 15 friends to meet their compliments guests. A game at bridge, followed by tea, will offer the diversion of the hour. Miss Hayden will marry Clarence Shuey the coming month in St. Patrick's Episcopal church. The betrothal of Miss Hales and Thomas Knowles was told early in the winter. The wedding will follow this summer. Mrs. Treanor, who was formerly Miss Bessie Coghill, will remain in Oakland three weeks longer before returning to her home in the southern part of the state.

One of the luncheons of the early month will be that for which Mrs. Edw. Adams has sent out cards, making Miss Sevilla Hayden her guest of honor. Mrs. Adams will entertain at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Moylan C. Fox, the afternoon of Tuesday, April 5. Miss Marguerite Butters has completely recovered from the effects of the serious operation to which she submitted early in the year, and is again in her former place among her closer friends. Miss Butters had expected to accompany her sister, Mrs. Georgiana Cook, to the orient, where her marriage with Colonel Lincoln Karman will be solemnized next month, but her convalescence prevents this. She is expecting to go to Manila later, however, to be the house guest of Colonel Karman and her sister before they return to California, probably traveling with them.

James Bryden of Seattle, well known in the Washington lumber trade, and Mrs. Bryden were guests at dinner Wednesday of Mrs. J. E. Whinnery, 2129 Carlton street, Berkeley. The Brydens have been touring in southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Stahl of Centralia, Wash., who have been wintering in southern California, visited with Mrs. J. E. Whinnery at Berkeley Tuesday on their way home.

The wedding of Ralph Merritt and Miss Varina Morrow will be a notable event late in May, although it will be simple.

Mrs. James G. Allen and Mrs. Frederick Hathaway will share in the honors of the informal tea over which Mrs. Charles S. Houghton will preside at her home in Adams point on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 30. Mrs. Allen is leaving next month for a summer tour abroad. Mrs. Hathaway is bidding her friends in Oakland farewell, expecting to establish her home hereafter in the north.

Mrs. Guy Waterbury will enjoy a visit in Oakland next month, coming as the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Prather. Later in the season she will be in the Yosemite, where this year they will entertain extensively.

As a fitting observation of Good Friday Miss Elizabeth Connell will give an interpretative talk tomorrow afternoon on "Parsifal" in Mowbray hall. The theme will be illustrated at the piano by Miss Nellie Hobart Carpenter. While studying abroad Miss Connell witnessed the production of the sacred masterpiece at the Wagner festival in Bayreuth and brings to her own interpretation some of the atmosphere of the world famous presentation.

Those who crossed the bay last evening to witness the interpretative rendering of "Lohengrin" by Mrs. Herbert Sanford Howard of Berkeley who was presented by Mrs. Ada Dow Currier in Kohler & Chase hall, are agreed that the dramatic presentation of the masterpiece was the finest which has been given about the bay. This gifted Berkeley woman has devoted herself to the study of "Lohengrin" for several months under the well known protegee of the late Joseph Jefferson, and was enabled to give a remarkable and unique presentation, assuming herself in an untried style the various characters of the drama.

It was an honor to Mrs. Howard to be introduced by Mrs. Currier, who claims as her protegee Julia Marlowe, Maud Adams and a number of others. Mrs. Howard was assisted by Walter Manchester, violinist, and Frederick Maurer Jr., pianist. "Lohengrin" will be repeated in the near future in Oakland and in Vacaville on the evening of Thursday, April 7.

WOMAN'S CLUB PLANS RECEPTION FOR OFFICERS

Improvers of Richmond Work for Playgrounds

RICHMOND, March 24.—Mrs. C. S. Gibson, who for the last year has rendered excellent service as president of the Woman's improvement club, will retire from office Friday, March 25, giving way to Mrs. K. Smith, the president elect. The club will give a reception that evening to the retiring and succeeding presidents, and a very interesting program has been arranged, accompanied by the serving of tea.

During the ensuing year, the club proposes to give particular attention to the children's playground feature. The Mothers' club has interested itself enthusiastically in the project and will co-operate with the teachers of the schools in the matter. The charity organizations have offered to renovate old cast-off clothing, remaking them into fitting wearing apparel for the needy and poor children.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

OAKLAND, March 24.—The following marriage licenses were issued today: Manuel F. Coelho, 22, Mission San Jose, and Maria, 20, Centerville. Malcolm Young, 28, Fort Stevens, Ore., and Erabelle Smith, 27, Oakland. Charles E. D. Cameron, 31, San Francisco, and Nina E. Malden, 20, Oakland. Bernard M. Larkin, 32, and Edith A. Matthews, 24, both of Oakland. Frank Kinney, 40, and Augusta Languer, 43, both of San Francisco. Joseph F. Silva, 34, Hayward, and Maria Castro, 31, Oakland. Charles N. Patterson, 24, and Ethel G. Young, 19, both of Oakland. Thomas H. Sandler, 31, San Francisco, and Selma Wiche, 25, both of Oakland. Robert G. Gilbert, 25, and August Danielson, 20, both of Oakland. Alfred J. College City, and Lorie L. Emery, 22, Oakland.

HIGH SCHOOL ELECTION.—Hayward, March 24.—An election will be held in this district Friday to elect the five trustees for the Hayward high school. The candidates are E. O. Walsh, San Lorenzo; I. R. Parsons, Castro Valley; H. L. Pedersen, Valle Vista; N. P. Nicols, Russell City, and L. Reid, Hayward.

TO URGE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC PARKS

Improvement Clubs of Annexed District Want Sites for Pleasure Grounds

OAKLAND, March 24.—The immediate acquisition of desirable sites for public parks and playgrounds in the annexed territory, while the land can be still purchased for reasonable figures, is to be urged before the city council and the board of park commissioners by representatives of the progressive improvement organizations of the district. At the present time the annexed district has not a single public park nor any public playgrounds. The Central improvement club of East Fruitvale passed resolutions at its meeting Tuesday night urging the city council to provide for the purchase of several acres in the Allendale district for a park.

URGE CANYON PURCHASE

The Hopkins street and Diamond improvement clubs are planning an active campaign to secure the purchase of beautiful Diamond canyon as a central public park and pleasure resort for the annexed district. The Civic league of greater Oakland is also working for the acquisition of a public playgrounds near the center of the Fruitvale district. The Taxpayers' improvement club of Fruitvale has inaugurated a movement to induce the property owners along Fruitvale avenue to grant the Oakland traction company permission to double track its line in that street.

A chart showing the proposed opening of Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth avenues, together with the assessment districts for the improvement, will be exhibited at tomorrow night's meeting of the Latham terrace improvement club in Hyden hall, 1618 Twenty-fifth avenue. President E. W. Hyden will also deliver an address on the need of better fire protection for the northern part of East Oakland and Fruitvale.

PLAN FOR BALL

The Melrose citizens club is making extensive preparations for the dance and entertainment to be given in Melrose Central hall Wednesday evening, March 20. George Janssen, W. M. Farmer, Harry King, Fred Bamman and J. Damm have charge of the arrangements. Resolutions have been passed by the Youkum avenue improvement club of Yuba county requesting City Engineer Taylor to establish official grades in the district bounded by the Brothers line on the west, Fifth avenue on the east, the boulevard on the north and the Western Pacific railroad on the south, so that the streets can be improved.

COMMITTEES NAMED FOR CHERRY CARNIVAL

San Leandro Festival Plans Are Under Way

SAN LEANDRO, March 24.—Committees have been formed for forward plans for the second annual cherry festival, which will be held June 10 and 11. Mayor J. J. Gill, chairman of the executive committee, presided at a citizens' meeting last night, when a general discussion of plans was held. The committees follow: Decoration—C. Dubois (chairman), W. S. Peters, George Knox, P. Fisher. Finance—Joseph Hertscher (chairman), O. J. Lynch, F. C. Stokes, Fred Schmidt, A. A. Rogers, August Elbert. Refreshments—Cherries—L. H. Bigler (chairman), W. F. Cunningham. Entertainment and music—D. U. Toftmiller. Concessions—C. Q. Rideout (chairman), B. F. Clark, J. B. Ury, J. H. Fields, J. G. Oleson. Publicity—W. J. Locke (chairman), A. G. Clark, A. E. Polton. Manufacturing exhibit—F. O. Merers. Agricultural exhibit—F. H. Williams. Floral exhibit—Alta Mira club.

GROVER FAILS IN SUIT AGAINST THE S. P. C. A.

Alleges That His Arrest Was Inspired by Malice

OAKLAND, March 24.—A verdict against J. W. Morris, an East Oakland grocer, who sued the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and V. H. Osborne, the society's arresting officer, was returned late last night by a jury in Judge Harris' court. Morris was arrested by Osborne for driving a horse that had a sore back. The charges against him were dismissed by Justice of the Peace Tappan, and Morris sued for \$2,029 damages, alleging that his arrest had been inspired by malice.

DR. ADAMS' ESTATE HEAVILY INCUMBERED

Less Than \$20,000 Will Be Realized Out of \$156,000

OAKLAND, March 24.—Out of the estate of the late Dr. Frank L. Adams, which was appraised at \$156,743, less than \$20,000 will be realized after all debts have been paid. Judge Wells appraised the claims against the estate amounting to about \$30,000 today, and the total amounts to \$137,334.87, much of it represented by mortgages. At the time of Doctor Adams' death it was found that his patients owed him about \$15,000, about half of which it has been impossible to collect.

CHARGE VIOLATION OF PURE FOOD LAW

OAKLAND, March 24.—R. Brennan, proprietor of a syrup company at 461 Twenty-first street, was arraigned before Police Judge Smith this morning on a misdemeanor charge of violating the pure food law by selling honey which contained more than 50 per cent glucose. He pleaded not guilty.

Popular Alameda Girl To Become Bride of Architect



Miss Elsa Schwerin, whose engagement was recently announced.

WELL KNOWN YOUNG PEOPLE TO MARRY

Engagement of Miss Elsa Schwerin and Charles Rogers Announced

ALAMEDA, March 24.—Miss Elsa Schwerin, a talented society girl, is to become the bride of Charles Rogers, a prominent young architect and fraternity man. The engagement of the well known couple was suspected by their intimate friends, but the news was not made public until recently, when the announcement was made at a card party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Schwerin, parents of the bride elect, 1822 Santa Clara avenue. Miss Schwerin is gifted musically and spent some time with her parents in Europe finishing her education. She has traveled extensively. She has always been a favorite in the younger social set.

Rogers is connected with a firm of architects in San Francisco and lives here. He is a college graduate and a member of Alameda lodge of Elks. The new home of the local lodge now nearing completion in Santa Clara avenue west of the city hall was designed by Rogers. He also drew the plans for the fire house built by the city last year in Webb avenue, which is said by experts to be one of the best structures of its type in the state. No date for the wedding has been chosen, but it is expected that the marriage will take place in the near future.

HOUSEMAID DIES FROM GAS FLAME IN ROOM

Was Either Asphyxiated or Succumbed to Vitiated Air

OAKLAND, March 24.—Louise Clafin, employed as a domestic at the Avondale apartment house, 531 Twenty-eighth street, was found dead in her bed this morning, supposedly from asphyxiation by gas or suffocation from vitiated air. She had lighted a gas heater on going to bed last night and did not open the windows for ventilation. When the body was found the room was filled with the odor of gas, but the coroner was not able to tell whether escaping gas caused death or whether the woman died while asleep from lack of oxygen. Due to the gas flame consuming the air. The woman's residence is supposed to have been East Oakland, where it is believed she has relatives.

AUDITOR MAKES CHANGES

Oakland, March 24.—County Auditor Lutgen has named J. C. McEwen and Charles L. Wines deputies in his office to succeed S. V. Stevens and A. J. Glendonning. McEwen was formerly connected with the block signal system of the Southern Pacific company. He lives in Fruitvale. Wines has held positions as an accountant in local banks. He lives in Oakland.

OVERCOAT THIEF ARRESTED

Oakland, March 24.—John E. Paris, a laborer, was arrested this morning for stealing an overcoat belonging to J. J. Powers, 1880 Seventh street.

ATTORNEY'S WIFE SECURES DIVORCE

Woman Blames Drink for Spoiling Career of Once Prominent Lawyer

OAKLAND, March 24.—An interlocutory decree of divorce was given today by Judge Ellsworth to Mrs. Deans F. Stephens, freeing her from Albert M. Stephens, formerly a prominent Los Angeles attorney. Desertion was the ground given for divorce, but back of it all appeared Stephens' enslavement by drink, that ruined his career in Los Angeles and wrecked his marital happiness. The pair were married in New Orleans in 1906 and lived together for a little more than a year. In December, 1907, Stephens left his wife in Los Angeles, telling her at that time that he intended to desert her. She received two letters from him later, written from Oklahoma City, in which he said that he did not intend to return. The only reason he had for leaving her, Mrs. Stephens testified, was that he drank heavily. After Stephens left her Mrs. Stephens went to live with her mother, Mrs. A. A. Faulkner of Oakland.

Mildred Pearl Johnson became infatuated with a man named "Al," another one named "George," and some others that her husband, Charles H. Johnston, did not know by name, according to the testimony he gave. He was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce today. Jessie Bonney was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce against Arthur Bonney on the ground of cruelty.

John G. Fraser brought suit for divorce against Adelaide M. Fraser on the ground of desertion.

POLICE PURCHASE NEW PHOTOGRAPHIC OUTFIT

Large Camera Will Increase the Efficiency of Department

BERKELEY, March 24.—For enlarging hand writing and finger prints and for taking photographs of criminals the police department has purchased a large camera costing \$125. Sergeant Clarence Lee will have charge of the instrument, take the photographs and do the developing. The purchase of the camera on the recommendation of Chief Vollmer is intended to increase the department's efficiency.

VETERAN OF CIVIL WAR DIES AT AGE OF 80

OAKLAND, March 24.—Captain George K. Knowlton, formerly a prominent real estate man and contractor of this city and a veteran of the civil war, died at 562 Sixth street this morning after suffering for many years from injuries sustained in the wreck of his vessel on the Delaware breakwater during a hurricane. He was 80 years of age. During the civil war he achieved no little fame as a naval commander.

Found—One of the best places to buy furniture, H. Scheelhaas' corner store, Eleventh street, Oakland.

SEEKS FORTUNE OF ESTRANGED SISTER

Indiana Man Asks Police to Trace Woman, but Can Not Give Name

OAKLAND, March 24.—Belief that his estranged sister, who was Miss Anna Dean of Buffalo, N. Y., died intestate in San Francisco within the last few years and left an estate in stocks, realty and shipping interests of \$100,000, prompted Robert Dean of 502 Upper Eleventh street, Vincennes, Ind., to write to Captain of Detectives Petersen to have the lost sister traced. Dean was one of the four children of William Dean, a resident of Buffalo, N. Y., before the civil war. The elder Dean married a Johanna McDonnell and had four children—Anna, Mary, Robert and William. Many years ago the family circle was broken. Mary became the wife of a man named McElrath and removed to Joliet, Ill. When her father died and her mother married again Anna Dean, then a girl in her teens, left home, saying she would never see her mother again. In September, 1907, Robert Dean removed for a while to Marion, Ind., where he had died. She was killed by grief over the insanity of a son, and on making a trip to Vincennes the husband met a man from San Francisco and heard about his sister Anna. The stranger told Dean that his sister had married and settled in California in the early days. Her husband had died and left her a fortune with no other heirs and the stranger said that, as she had been stricken by paralysis and could not expect to live long, she desired that he find her kin to bequeath her property to them. He took Dean before a notary public to prove his identity and took away the papers, but has not been heard from since. Dean, whose mind was distracted by grief at his wife's sudden passing, heard the name of his sister and her dead husband, but he made no record of them and forgot them. Now he can not trace his lost kinswoman and he fears that he has lost forever knowledge of his sister and his inheritance, too.

RESIGNATION FOLLOWS FILING OF CHARGES

Policeman Withdraws When Complaint is Made

BERKELEY, March 24.—As a result of the charges laid before the grand jury by Louis Gordon, an Oakland railway mail clerk, Policeman Lon Bush has resigned at the request of Commissioner Hoff. Gordon complained that he was mistreated and taken into custody unlawfully March 11. On being taken to the police station Gordon was released after being questioned by Detective Sergeant A. S. J. Woods.

MORE BIDS FOR NEW HOTEL

Oakland, March 24.—Bids for the work on the proposed Hotel Oakland, formerly known as the "Bankers' hotel," will be received Saturday afternoon by Percy J. Walker in the presence of the board of directors. The awards will be made before the close of the afternoon. The bids will cover steelwork, bricks and concrete work, plumbing, wiring, latrine and plastering.

CLUB OFFERS PRIZES FOR BABIES IN SHOW

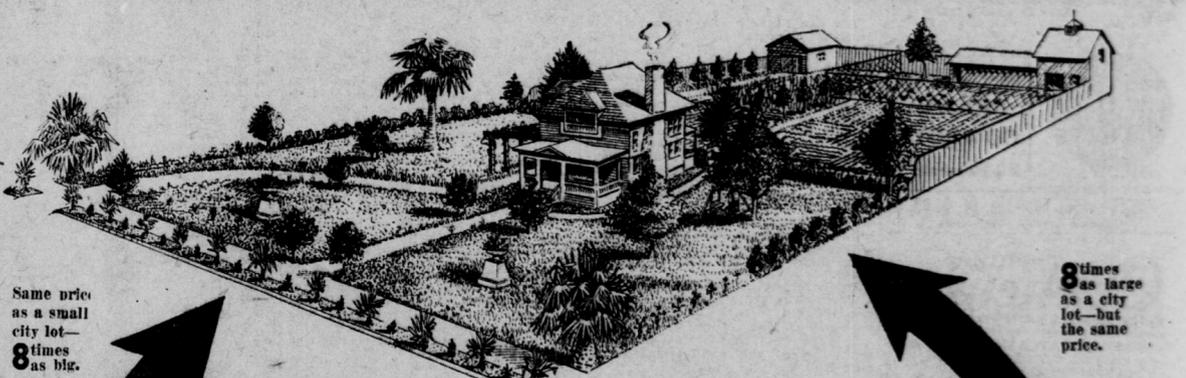
One Hundred Awards Will Be Distributed to Children

OAKLAND, March 24.—More than 100 prizes will be distributed to the children entered in the baby show, which will be a feature of the first annual May day fetes given by the Mothers' club of the Durant school at Twenty-eighth and West streets. The awards will be made at the close of the festival. A handsome silver loving cup will be allotted to the most beautiful child of less than 3 years, and a similar cup, donated by R. W. Edwards, will be awarded to the most beautiful twins under 3 years of age. H. Morton donated the cup for the prize single baby. To each of the first 100 babies registered for the show there will be given a gold pin.

CHAMPION DANCER MUST SERVE JAIL SENTENCE

Three Months in Prison is Awarded for Assault

OAKLAND, March 24.—In spite of the fact that he is the champion buck and wing dancer of the United States and that he entertained the members of District Attorney Donahue's office with his steps, Thomas Stewart, a negro, was awarded three months in the county jail today by Judge Brown for assault. Stewart made the mistake of thinking that a man he met was a negro and hailed him as a comrade. The man resented his familiarity and a fight followed.



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