EVENTS IN THE COUNTIES BORDERING ON THE BAY OF SAN FRANCISCO

HILLSIDE CLUB TO REASSEMBLE

Distinguished Men to Deliver Addresses Pertinent to Plans for City's Adornment

BERKELEY, July 31.—The Hillside club will open its winter season tomorrow evening with a reception at its clubhouse in North Berkeley. A varied program has been prepared for the affair. Arrangements have been completed for a number of lectures and special meetings to be held under the auspices of the club during the coming season, several prominent men having been secured as speakers for these occasions.

The beautification of Berkeley will be the theme of a series of business meetings to be held by the club during the next three months. Among the speakers who will address the members on this subject is J. Horace McFarland, president of the American Civic association, who will speak on "A Crusade Against Ugliness." John McLaren, superintendent of Golden Gate park, San Francisco, will speak on the designing and arranging of parks, and J. B. Havre, who has recently returned from Buenos Aires, will lecture on the civic adornment of the South American city.

The clubhouse has been completely remodeled during the last few months, and a dining room and reception hall added to the building, as well as an up to date kitchen. This work has been done under the direction of Mrs. Earll H. Webb, chairman of the house committee, assisted by Mrs. F. P. Pray, Mrs. Annie Woodall, and Mrs. J. B. Pack. At tomorrow night's reception music will be furnished by Mrs. George H. Richardson and Dr. A. E. Sykes of Oakland.

"BABY PARLOR" MAKES SUCCESSFUL DEBUT

Fruitvale Native Sons Hold Admission Day Ball

OAKLAND, July 31.—The social debut of Fruitvale parlor No. 252, the "baby parlor" of the Native Sons of the Golden West, was made at Eagles' hall, East Fourteenth street and Liese avenue, last night, when members, friends and delegations from the other parlors of the bay cities joined in a grand ball. About 500 were present. The hall was decorated in the colors of the order and national flags. The grand march was led by W. H. Manning, president of the parlor, with all the officers following. The object of the entertainment was to raise funds for the parlor for its Admission day expenses.

The success of the ball was largely attributed to the efforts of the local parlor of Native Daughters, who arranged the decorations, prepared refreshments and lent their united aid in many other ways to insure a successful debut of the new parlor.

Since the recent organization of the parlor its membership has increased to 78 and it has enjoyed a prosperous existence. The present officers are:

Past president, F. Bamman; president, W. M. Manning; first vice president, P. E. Grosse; second vice president, D. C. Dutton; third vice president, O. H. Houser; recording secretary, I. L. Gracier; financial secretary, E. E. Hunt; treasurer, Charles Calhoun; marshal, S. Thornally; trustees, J. A. Nagle, J. P. Mulroony, R. J. Silva; surgeon, Dr. Joe Hamilton; outside sentinel, J. Murry; inside sentinel, L. A. Manning; organist, I. V. Rice.

Following were the committees:

Arrangements—S. Thornally, R. J. Silva, A. J. Miller, J. Oseguida, R. E. Reeves, C. A. Calhoun, G. Zimmerman.

Reception—R. J. Reilly, J. Murry, E. McKay, I. V. Rice, P. Petersen, I. Gracier, J. Powelsworth, H. Dunn, P. Grosse, A. Newman, J. Thornally, F. Bamman, O. H. Houser, Nels Larsen, E. Brand, A. H. Freund.

Floor manager, G. Zimmerman; assistant floor managers, A. C. Jacobsen, R. Pullen, L. A. Manning.

Program—R. J. Silva, G. Zimmerman, R. E. Reeves.

NEW DELIVERY SYSTEM PROVES BENEFICIAL

Private Mail Boxes and Duplex Whistles Bring Results

OAKLAND, July 31.—The placing of mail boxes on their dwellings by residents to facilitate the delivery of mail, and the carrying of duplex whistles by carriers, who blow them as they pass from house to house, have brought most pleasing results since the system went into effect three months ago, and Postmaster Paul J. Schafer is sending out notices to all residents of Oakland, asking them to comply with the laws of the postal department in this respect.

Out of the 38,000 or more homes that come within the free delivery district, more than 15,000 have been fitted out with mail boxes by their owners. The system has been found to work so well that those who have not yet complied with the request are being urged to do so before the close of the year. It is expected that within that time every home will be equipped with one of the small letter boxes, whereby both carrier and patrons will be benefited.

Free delivery is one of the advantages for which the residents of the newly annexed territory are waiting, but they must first comply with the rules of the department, which means that private boxes must be installed and their houses correctly numbered.

NATIVE SONS TO GIVE A BIG INDOOR PICNIC

Sodality Girls to Help Raise Admission Day Funds

SAN LEANDRO, July 31.—An indoor picnic to raise funds to defray expenses attendant to the coming Admission day celebration will be held by the members of Estudillo parlor, Native Sons of the Golden West, August 5 and 6, at St. Joseph's hall in this city.

The hall will be beautifully decorated to appear as a grove. Booths will be erected, over which will preside the girls of the Young Women's Sodality club of St. Leander's church. A program of wide extent is being prepared and a successful affair is being looked for. The several committees in charge of the entertainment follow:

Reception—A. L. Peralta, I. B. Ury, W. H. Gorman, T. Tierney, W. Hodge, R. Giesenhofer, J. L. Donovan, F. Knightly, J. Soares, W. Bodin, O. Z. Best and A. Larsen; entertainment—J. O'Brien, Edward Birschinal, Joseph Sohm, W. E. Kelly and H. C. Barton.

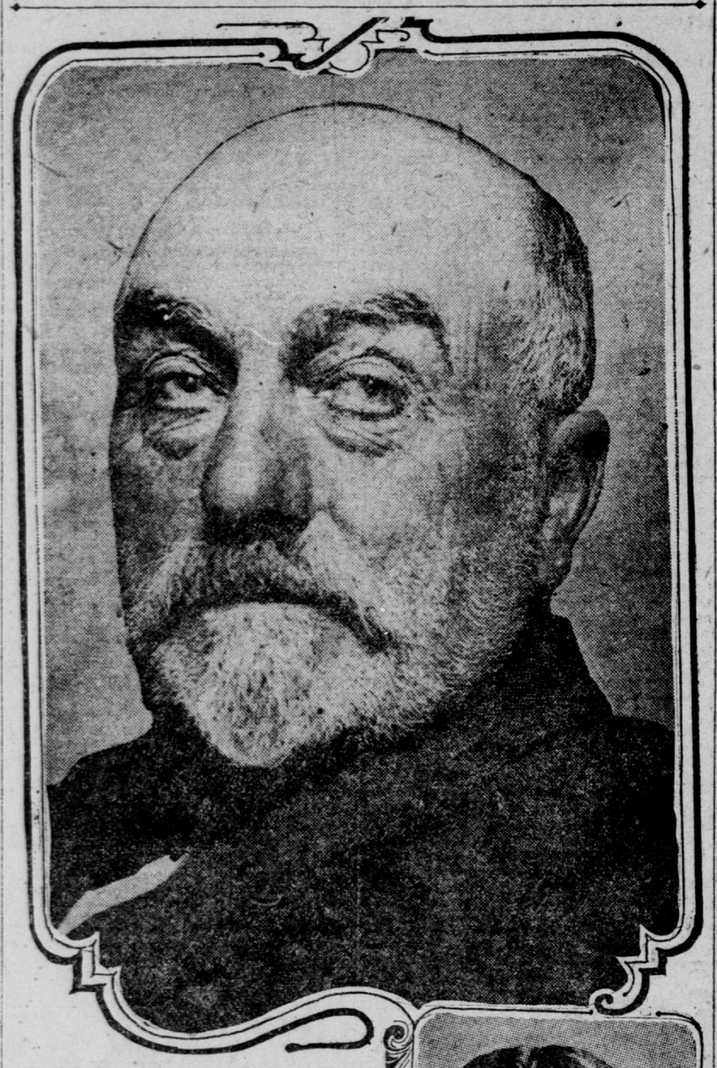
HEALTH OFFICER AND WIFE TAKE VACATION

Dr. E. N. Ewer Leaves for Outing at Lake Tahoe

OAKLAND, July 31.—Dr. E. N. Ewer, health officer of this city, and his wife left last night for Lake Tahoe, where they will take a 10 days' vacation. Dr. C. A. Dukes will act as health officer and city physician during Doctor Ewer's absence.

Citizens Plan To Beautify Berkeley

John McLaren, superintendent of Golden Gate park, who will discuss beautification of cities before the Hillside club of Berkeley.



BERKELEY SCHOOLS WILL OPEN TODAY

Many Pupils Take to Technical Courses Newly Accredited by the University

BERKELEY, July 31.—With probably the largest enrollment in the history of the Berkeley school system, the schools of this city will open tomorrow morning and the greater part of the day will be spent in systematizing the arrangement of the new classes. At the high school Superintendent F. F. Bunker and Principal Charles Brink have arranged several new classes in the manual training and domestic science departments to take care of the students from grammar schools expected to enroll in these courses.

Since the announcement of the University of California that the manual training and general science courses being inaugurated in the high schools of this system would be credited for matriculation, these subjects have become extremely popular at the high school. The pupils who desired to take them before, but did not like to use the time without getting university credit, are now in haste to take up the work. As a result two new cooking classes for girls have been provided for, and classes in forging, shop work and manual training will be arranged for the boys as soon as the school registers are complete.

The manual training departments at the grammar schools are also being developed to a greater degree this term, and it is expected that new teachers will be necessary before the term closes. About 400 new pupils are expected at the high school, according to the applications for admission and the grammar school graduates of this city.

J. Horace McFarland, president of the American civic association.

POLICE EXPERT HAS HIS LEFT HIP DISLOCATED

Detective Harry Caldwell Falls From Roof of Building

OAKLAND, July 31.—Detective Harry Caldwell, identification expert of the local police, fell from the roof of his home, in construction at Melrose at 11:30 o'clock this forenoon and dislocated his left hip. He may have suffered internal injuries, but his condition was pronounced good this afternoon by Dr. Kirby Smith, who was called after the accident.

Caldwell was recently seized with ptomaine poisoning while at Portland attending the convention of sheriffs and prison wardens. He had never fully recovered from the effects of that illness, and his present condition may keep him low for some time.

Caldwell is one of the most capable identification experts in the United States. He has studied the Bertillon system so thoroughly that he was sent to the sheriffs' convention in the north to explain it to representatives of many of the largest prisons and police departments in the west.

NEW BRANCH BANK TO OPEN IN BERKELEY

Growing Section of City Will Support Institution

BERKELEY, July 31.—The new branch bank, operated under the direction of the First national bank of this city and the Berkeley Bank of Savings and Trust company, will open its doors tomorrow morning at the corner of Telegraph avenue and Bancroft way, with J. S. Mills, former cashier of the Berkeley national bank, in charge.

The bank will be maintained for the purpose of doing a checking business in this new section of the city, and will not issue drafts, this being left to the parent institutions.

The new quarters built for the branch have been handsomely furnished.

GIRL'S DEATH WILL BE INVESTIGATED

Coroner to Hold Inquest, Although Chemist's Analysis Clears Mystery

OAKLAND, July 31.—Chemical analysis by Richard Benzinger has satisfied the police that Irene Amorantes, 18 years old, was not poisoned. She was found dead in her bed at 1104 Railroad avenue several days ago, and last night Fred Graham, 18 years old, was arrested by the police at 426 Linden avenue, San Francisco, and is held in detinue.

Graham's explanation when he was questioned was so insufficient that the police arrested his father, A. W. Graham, and his mother, Mrs. Isabella Graham, this forenoon. With the report from Benzinger, Captain of Detectives Petersen decided to release the parents, who will be questioned by Coroner Tisdale at the inquest Thursday evening.

Young Graham is still held. He is on probation for a burglary. He was arrested on suspicion because the police had learned that Miss Amorantes, while taking meals with Mrs. Graham, who is parted from her husband, had a room in the same house with young Graham and his father. Graham admitted that a life insurance policy of $105 held by the girl was in his favor, and told Captain Petersen that he and his mother had several times paid the premium.

EDUCATOR WILL TELL OF WORK IN ISLANDS

Former Philippine School Official to Speak in Berkeley

BERKELEY, July 31.—Dr. David Barrows, former superintendent of education for the government in the Philippine islands and now professor of education at the University of California, will address the congregation of the First Presbyterian church, this city, Tuesday evening. The address will be on educational work being conducted by the government and missionary societies in Java, the East Indies and the Philippines. The lecture will be given under the auspices of the men's brotherhood of the church. Doctor Barrows spent some years before taking up his position in the Philippines in touring the East Indies, and is thoroughly familiar with the work being done in these regions. He plans to make his Philippine work the basis of a number of college lectures next term.

IMPROVERS FAVOR SALT WATER SYSTEM

Fitchburg Club Advocates in Favor of Pumping Station for Annexed District

OAKLAND, July 31.—A movement to have a complete salt water system, with the pumping station at the foot of Damon avenue, between Melrose and Fitchburg, for fire fighting, street sprinkling and sewer flushing, installed throughout the annexed district, has been inaugurated by the Fitchburg improvement club, one of the most progressive civic organizations east of Lake Merritt.

The Fitchburg improvers contend that the salt water system can be installed for half of the cost of furnishing fire fighting facilities with fresh water, and declare that the pumping station on Lake Merritt has demonstrated that fire engines would not be needed; that all that would be required would be hose houses and hose equipment. This plan is to be brought to the attention of the city council at once, as the district is practically without fire protection at the present time, as the People's water company has failed to install the hydrants that were ordered by the board of public works along East Fourteenth street some months ago.

The following resolutions in regard to the salt water system were adopted at the last meeting:

Whereas, the annexed districts are at the present time almost totally without adequate fire fighting facilities; and

Whereas, these facilities must be provided in the very near future at a very great expense for fire houses, fire engines, hose carts and other equipment, besides the laying of water mains and installation of hydrants; and

Whereas, it is the belief of the Fitchburg Improvement club that a salt water fire fighting, sewer flushing and street sprinkling system can be established at a cost not to exceed one-half that required to equip the proposed fresh water system, inasmuch as a pumping station can be installed which would supply all that portion of the annexed district east of Fruitvale avenue to the city boundary and from San Leandro bay to the foothills; and

Whereas, the foot of Damon avenue offers an ideal site for such a pumping station; and

Whereas, the only equipment necessary after the establishment of such pumping station would be the erection of hose houses and the purchase of the necessary hose equipment; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Fitchburg Improvement club hereby indorses said salt water fire fighting, sewer flushing and street sprinkling system; and be it further

Resolved, that the city council be and is hereby petitioned by the Fitchburg Improvement club to ascertain the feasibility and cost of such a system at the earliest possible moment.

The following standing committees were appointed by President Borree, the first named on each committee to be chairman:

Executive—L. J. Grant, George Marshall, J. B. Peppin Jr.; transportation—Fred C. Sefton, Harry Barrett, A. T. Newth; public utilities—Harry L. Boyle, J. H. Humpert, S. Murray; press (to act in conjunction with Secretary Sefton)—J. F. Kingston, J. M. Chandler, L. McIntosh; school and sanitation—J. F. Kingston, S. B. Dunne, C. B. Cox; labor and employment—Fred C. Sefton, A. T. Newth, William Callahan; music—William Albers, J. B. Peppin, Harry L. Boyle.

The regular meeting of the Central improvement club of East Fruitvale was devoted to the presentation of a musical and literary program followed by a social dance. Miss Olga Wayburn, Miss Mabel Jones, Miss Lucile Snyder, M. Rodjue, J. Benson and Master Jack White contributed to the program, which was arranged by a committee composed of President W. E. Sansome, C. G. Dowd, K. Bergendahl, W. H. Locke and C. Allen.

That all the difficulties in the way of the extension of the Dimond car line along Hopkins street to Allendale had been practically surmounted, was the report made to the Hopkins street improvement club by the committee in charge of the work, which is composed of F. W. S. Brookes, A. S. Watson, H. Thompson, W. F. Broderick, E. Bardelini, A. Rhoda, Thomas Cooper and C. J. Ernst. In regard to the grading of Rhoda avenue, E. C. Dreuse and W. T. Taylor reported that nearly all the property owners had signed for the improvement, while J. A. Leightman and A. J. Chisholm reported progress on the widening of the north end of Peralta avenue.

ODD FELLOWS HONOR CANTON COMMANDANT

Surprise Party Given to General and Mrs. Ritter

OAKLAND, July 31.—The members of Canton Oakland No. 11, Patriachs Militant, I. O. O. F., surprised General J. K. Ritter and Mrs. Ritter at their home in Thirty-fourth street last evening with a party in honor of the canton commandant. Good things to eat were presented, Ritter was made a present of an engraved matchbox and Mrs. Ritter received a large silver penknife.

The canton members expressed their appreciation of the services rendered the department by Ritter since he assumed command of the department. Among the guests were the following:

Millie Hirsch	J. C. Hitchcock
William B. Clayton	Mrs. J. C. Hitchcock
Olive Stout	E. R. Hirsch
Mrs. Shobrey	Major J. C. Stout
John Tisch	Captain C. M. Dean
Mrs. J. Tisch	Captain Lauritz Lorenzen
Captain G. T. Burchaell	Gust W. Reiner
Colonel C. H. Wever	Lieutenant W. W. Shoberg
Mrs. C. H. Wever	J. S. Blackledge
J. H. Young	Verna Blackledge
Kossuth Gore	Rachel Brumil
Mrs. Kossuth Gore	Simona Brumil
L. A. C. Deslauriurs	J. A. C. Daslauriurs
Mrs. L. A. C. Deslauriurs	Emma Shoberg
Charles J. Nethercott	Mable Bundock
Laura Shoberg	R. N. Seyrup
W. A. Sturgeon	Mrs. J. L. Bundock
Frank Arena	Captain S. Samuels
Ernestine Hirsch	Mrs. S. Samuels
J. L. Bundock	
Ida Clayton	

BODY OF JAPANESE IS RECOVERED FROM BAY

Remains Identified as Those of Missing Student

ALAMEDA, July 31.—The body of G. Hasano, a Japanese student who disappeared from his lodgings at 526 Telegraph avenue, Oakland, nearly two weeks ago, and who, as some of his countrymen feared, committed harikari while despondent, was found in the bay on the south side of the Alameda mole this morning.

The remains were moved to the local morgue, where the identification was made through papers in the pockets of the dead man's clothing and by friends of Hisano.

No marks of violence were discernible on the body, and it is supposed that the Japanese ended his life by jumping into the bay. Forty countrymen of Hisano had secured permission from the chief of police of Oakland to make an independent search in that city for the Japanese student after he had disappeared.

COMBINED LODGES JOIN IN MEMORIAL

Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters Participate in Impressive Ceremony

OAKLAND, July 31.—Impressive memorial services were held by the combined lodges of the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters of Alameda county in the temple hall of Pythian castle, Twelfth and Alice streets, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The joint ceremony in commemoration of departed member was attended by hundreds, who witnessed one of the most interesting programs of its kind carried out in years in connection with the ritual of the order.

The service of the Pythian Sisters preceded that of the knights, and was directed by Miss Aida Reeder, most excellent chief of Calanthe temple, who was assisted by Mrs. Cora B. Langridge, grand senior and present supreme representative of the different temples of this city. Besides presiding at the ceremony Miss Reeder took a prominent part in the musical program rendered, which was the feature of the joint exercises. Mrs. Emily Nietert, one of the officers of Calanthe temple, acted as accompanist throughout the services.

The memorial services opened with a selection by the temple quartet, composed of Clement P. Rowlands, barytone; J. V. Veaco, first tenor; N. B. Yuille, second tenor, and Clarence C. Whitney Castell, basso. This was followed by the roll call of departed members, read by Miss Reeder. The response came in the form of a musical selection by the temple quartet, "Peace to the Meomry of the Dead." The eulogy was spoken by Grand Senior Cora B. Langridge, and appropriate vocal numbers were interspersed.

Judge George Samuels, chancellor commander and past supreme representative of the Knights of Pythias, presided over the exercises of the Knights of Pythias. The roll call was delivered by Charles Hood, secretary of the order, and the response came from the quartet, which sang "The Lord's Prayer." Vocal and instrumental selections by Miss Aida Reeder, Miss Edna Maltman, Arthur Victory, Mrs. Emily Nietert and E. James Finney were interspersed, and responses were spoken by John Dennison and W. P. Williams. The eulogy was delivered by Rev. Edgar F. Gee, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, who took as his subject the motto of the Pythian order, "Friendship, Charity and Benevolence," which is typified in the tricolored banner of the order. The memorial services concluded with a selection by the quartet.

NATIVE CALIFORNIANS PLAN COUNTRY FAIR

Aloha and Athens Parlors Will Hold Festivities

OAKLAND, July 31.—As the second of a series of socials and entertainments by which funds to defray expenses attendant upon the coming Admission day celebration are to be raised, a country fair will be held at the Piedmont skating rink August 12 and 13, under the auspices of Aloha parlor No. 106, Native Daughters, and Athens parlor No. 195, Native Sons of the Golden West.

Among the most important of the features will be a continuance of the voting contest to decide upon a queen for the San Francisco festival. A prominent candidate is Miss Gladys B. Sunkel, a striking brunette of Aloha parlor.

Beside dancing a mock police court, a minstrel show and various athletic contests there will be a country store, booths from which refreshments of every kind are to be dispensed by pretty maids, four wheels of fortune, a raffle counter from which different articles will be sold, flower booths and other concessions. In addition to the many prizes that will be awarded the winners of the various contests, 25 gate prizes will be distributed.

Here are the officers of Aloha parlor who are promoting the fair in connection with a committee from Athens parlor:

Past president, Miss E. Louise Wyckoff; president, Mrs. Elizabeth Haggard; first vice president, Mrs. C. W. Fairchild; second vice president, Miss May Kirby; third vice president, Miss Gladys B. Sunkel; financial secretary, Miss Tillie Frick; recording secrettary, Miss Minnie Martin; treasurer, Dr. Victory Derrick; marshal, Miss E. Sullivan; inside sentinel, Miss F. Hudson; outside sentinel, Miss Josephine Beal.

MUSICAL CELEBRATION MARKS END OF MONTH

Berkeley Church Renders Elaborate Program at Services

BERKELEY, July 31.—The end of the month was marked tonight by an elaborate musical service, held at the Epworth Methodist Episcopal church, which was contributed to by some of the principal amateur talent of the bay region. The general arrangement of the service was under the direction of Rev. J. A. B. Fry, pastor of the church.

A number of duets, quartets and trios were heard, as well as solos and the work of an augmented choir. Mrs. J. W. Lansing, organist, directed the program. The program was as follows:

Prelude, "Andante Reglioso" (Wely); hymn by congregation, No. 610; psalm, No. 103, read by congregation; prayer by the pastor, Rev. J. A. B. Fry; trio, "Sweet Sabbath Eve" (Parke), Ryder Ray, William Lansing, Roy Ray; tenor solo, "The Light of the World" (Rhys Herbert), T. P. Romanus; ladies' quartet, "In Heavenly Love Abiding" (Scheller), Miss Olive Morrish, Miss Eudora Kelsey, Miss Grace Kelsey, Mrs. G. I. Pettygrove; duet, "Lead, Kindly Light" (Wiegand), W. E. Whigam, T. P. Romanus; soprano solo, "A Crown for Each Cross" (Rubens), Miss Olive Morrish; barytone solo, "Fear Yo Not, O Israel" (Buck), W. E. Whigam; duet, "I Waited for the Lord" (Mendelssohn), Miss Olive Morrish, T. P. Romanus; anthem by choir, "Just As I Am" (Parks); offertory, "The Evening Star" (Wagner); benediction; postlude (Tours).

WOMAN FALLS DEAD WHILE COOKING MEAL

Her Aged Father Also Met Sudden Death

OAKLAND, July 31.—Mrs. Mary A. Johnson, a housewife, 32 years old, dropped dead of heart disease this evening while preparing the evening meal for her family at her home, 5645 Vicente street. Her father, Michael White, a civil war veteran, fell dead last Memorial day at St. Mary's cemetery while standing at the grave of his grandfather. He was 80 years old.

DANISH PEDAGOGUES OBJECT TO CAPITALS

The Society of Danish Pedagogues and the Danish Literary association, in joint session, recently discussed the "excessive use of capital letters," and passed a resolution urging the minister of education to issue orders to teachers in public schools through the kingdom "to restrict the use of capital letters to the beginning of sentences and proper names."

Miss Aida Reeder, Who Took Leading Part In Ceremony

FIRST OPEN AIR SCHOOL TO START

Manual Training Courses Extend to Grammar Grades in Annexed District

OAKLAND, July 31.—Manual training and domestic science courses will be extended to several large grammar schools in the old city and annexed district with the opening of the fall term tomorrow. At the Melrose, Lockwood and larger Fruitvale schools in the annex elementary courses leading to the work at the manual training high school and to the technical courses at the John C. Fremont high school have been fully organized and will begin tomorrow.

The first open air school in the Oakland department will also be opened tomorrow in connection with the Garfield school in Twenty-third avenue, the principal of which will have supervision. A teacher has been assigned to this division.

A change in the course at the Oakland high school will be recommended by the committee on that phase of the work at the next meeting, but will probably be postponed until the new year for enforcement. The only change in the system this term will be in the Greek classes. That language will be taught only at the Oakland and Fremont high schools, and new classes will be organized only once a year instead of twice a year.

SIKHS SEARCH FOR LOST SACRED SCROLL

If anybody here has seen the sacred Gunth of Tahkalot let him at once communicate with Jamala Singh in Washington street and prayers for his salvation will arise from 10,000 Mohammedan throats for 10,000 years, says the New York Times.

The sacred Gunth of Tahkalot is the religious book of the sikhs preserved from time immemorial until five years ago by the tribal headman of the village of Tahkalot. Five years ago this sacred scroll disappeared from its place. Since that time the village has been visited by pestilence and all sorts of hard luck. This much was confided to an inquirer by Jamala Singh.

Jamala Singh, tall, handsome and swarthy, arrived recently in New York leading a band of 35 of his countrymen. In white turbans and cozy corner draperies they have journeyed from the far off Himalayas to find the thief who stole their gunth.

On arriving in the steamship Minnesota at Seattle the troubles of the 36 began, for no one could understand their language. Finally Professor Buttel of Vancouver was summoned. Professor Buttel has studied most of the 300 odd dialects of India and was able to establish communication with the visitors. Later he was induced to accompany the band as interpreter as far as New York, where they were taken in charge by a fellow countryman, who came here in search, not of the gunth, but of the more prosaic and practical dollar, and has been here long enough to learn to speak our language.

Professor Buttel says that this body is only one of half a dozen searching for the lost writings. Similar parties set out to the west, the south and north and to South America. All are members of the sacred order of Lions of God, who have pledged themselves to spend their lives searching for the gunth. Their expenses are being paid by natives of India.

If after five years they have not been successful they will return to Takhalot to see their families and then set out afresh.

BLIND WOMAN STUDENT GAINS HIGH HONOR

Miss Theodora Josephine Franksen, the blind student at the University of Chicago, who, as an honorary distinction, was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa society last year, received at the convocation of the university in June the degrees of Latin and German.

HORSE THIEF MAY BE GENERAL'S SON

Woman Companion Says J. B. Leroy Is Offspring of Noted Civil War Commander

OAKLAND, July 31.—J. B. Leroy, the horse thief who was captured by the sheriff of San Mateo county after years of trailing by the police of many cities, is the son of General Gordan, a commander in the civil war, according to Cora R. Elliott, Leroy's companion, who will be tried here for grand larceny. The woman told of her relations with the daring crook today, when she was brought from Redwood City by Detectives McSorley and Emigh for the alleged theft of a horse and rig from the Dashaway stables. The outfit was sold to B. B. Kotz by Leroy, and it is alleged the woman took part in the transaction.

Leroy's boldness in fronting the police of cities where he had committed thefts was known to the authorities, and his skill in evading capture is shown more plainly by the woman's narrative. That he had befriended her when she was penniless the woman admitted, but she told the detectives that Leroy had once deceived her, therefore she had no reason to shield him.

Asked what her "pal's" true name was, she said "Gordon." She explained that she knew Leroy first as Gordon, which, he had told her, was his true name, and that it was after their acquaintance had become intimate that the daring thief told her he was the son of General Gordon. He also showed her papers to prove that he had served his country himself as a private in the Philippines.

Mrs. Elliott met Leroy at Los Angeles, where she had sought work after her husband died. Posing as a United States secret service man, Leroy had offered to aid her and did collect money due her on a fraternal insurance policy.

Later he induced her to take her son and travel with him. When captured Leroy was in his camp wagon with a revolver at each side, and the woman and her son near him. The son was brought to Oakland with Mrs. Elliott and sent to the county infirmary. He was ill.

Leroy and his consort both say he played tag with the police of various cities. Recently, when he was at Los Angeles, the woman warned him that two detectives were seeking him for impersonating a secret service man and Leroy hastened to Oakland. Here he stayed at a Seventh street house and jumped pack to Los Angeles once for a night to see the woman. Later she and her boy rejoined him here, and a few months ago Leroy and the two companions camped in East Oakland not far from District Attorney Donahue's house. Imperfect descriptions gave the man security.

In Oakland Leroy was known as J. C. Poling. He also used the names of Kennedy and Gordon in the vicinity of Oakland.

FIBER WASTED BY COCOANUT GROWERS

Trinidad and Tobago Island Have Large Trade

Consul Franklin D. Hale furnishes the following information, derived from official and other sources, concerning the cocoanut industry of Trinidad and Tobago:

The soil and climate of these islands are favorable to cocoanut growing and nut production, especially along the coast and interior districts which come within the influence of the salty atmosphere. Undeveloped crown lands will cost $12 an acre, and privately owned lands, suitable for such use, from $20 upward. Much land bought from the government is held by speculators, but there are still large areas owned by the government and by private parties which can be purchased at reasonable rates. The best lands in Trinidad are the coast lands in the south half of the island. In Tobago, the island being small, nearly all are coast lands and directly under the influence of the sea breezes.

A tree begins to produce nuts in four or five years after planting, and reaches maturity in 12 or 14 years. The average life of a healthy tree is 50 years, often much longer. The production of nuts does not average more than 100 per mature tree. At present cocoanuts for export are invoiced at from $13 to $22, a probable average of $16 per 1,000 at 4 to 5 cents per pound, and the oil at 90 cents a gallon. The nuts are mostly shipped to Philadelphia and New York, the copra to Europe and the oil to the other West India islands.

Cocoanut trees are planted about 150 to the acre and 15 to 18 feet apart. Unskilled labor, coolie labor chiefly, is paid 30 to 50 cents per day, while the pickers get 90 cents per 1,000, and a higher wage if the trees are very tall. In some sections the trees are being affected with bud rot, but every effort known to science is being used to limit the spread of the disease. It is not, however, generally prevalent, but works most injury in sections where there is too much moisture. Insect pests have also to be contended with, but these thus far have not caused much alarm among the producers. The natural annual death rate of the trees, as stated by a leading horticulturist, does not exceed 5 per 1,000, and 5 to 10 per cent in sections of plantations where the bud rot prevails.

The cocoanut industry is considered very profitable and is rapidly growing here. The largest producer grows 5,000,000 nuts a year, another 3,000,000, while the remainder are mostly small producers.

The shells are looked upon as waste, except as they rot and become fertilizer, or when used on the large estates for road making. An effort was made a few years ago to utilize the fiber as a marketable product, but the effort proved unsuccessful, probably because it was not carried out on the right lines.

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