

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

MILLS COLLEGE TO BEGIN WORK Many Improvements Mark Preparations for Opening of New School Year

OAKLAND, Aug. 8.—With the return of President Carson from Portland, Registrar Henry from Honolulu and the various instructors from their regular vacations, active preparations have commenced for the opening of the new school year at Mills college, where instruction will begin Friday, August 19. Present indications point to a larger registration of students than that recorded last year.

Applications for admission and credentials of applicants should be filed with the registrar on or before Monday, August 15, as entrance examinations will begin Wednesday, which is also the day for the registration of all students without conditions. The registrar's office will be open for this purpose from 9 o'clock in the morning until 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Examinations are to continue Thursday, which day has also been set aside for the registration of both old and new students with conditions, and class work will commence the next morning. Examinations in English A will be held Saturday, August 17.

The entire working staff of the college will be on hand Wednesday, August 17, to confer with the students regarding their work and the proper selection of courses.

During the summer vacation a great many improvements have been brought about on the college premises. The rooms have been thoroughly cleaned and overhauled. Better lighting facilities have been installed and all offices and classrooms have an additional supply of pure water. The old gymnasium and other outgrown structures have been removed, new stables have been built and the campus greatly enlarged.

Much new apparatus has been secured for the biological and chemical analysis laboratories along with other improvements, which have increased the efficiency of these departments. The college building has been renovated and painted. A telephone exchange has been installed and other improvements made.

WOODRUFF TALKS POLITICS TO TAFT

New York State Republican Chairman and President Hold Long Session

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 8.—Timothy L. Woodruff, republican state chairman of New York, talked politics to President Taft for more than two hours and a half today. Woodruff is optimistic over the outlook in New York state and declares that a compromise will be reached on the primary question and significantly remarked before he left for home that circumstances might arise that would cause him to be a candidate to succeed himself as state chairman.

Woodruff, who has had the job for four years, says it is thankless, but he may try it again. The compromise which Woodruff said would be reached on the primary question means a defeat of Governor Hughes' plan for direct nominations. Woodruff said that the party leaders in the state would not stand for the elimination of the convention principle. President Taft and Woodruff are old Yale friends. Woodruff said today that he talked to the president of many things. It was too early, he said, to speak with any degree of accuracy about candidates or general conditions.

"But I am willing to be quoted as saying that the condition of the democratic party in the state, to say the least, is not inspiring," said Woodruff.

"To the republicans" was asked. "It is not inspiring to the democrats and therefore inspiring to us, republicans," laughed the state chairman.

President Taft also had a talk today with Secretary of State Knox. The president and Secretary Knox are using their good offices to bring about an early settlement of the boundary dispute between Ecuador and Peru.

According to present plans the president may remain in Beverly this year until October 15. He will go to St. Paul to speak at the national conservation congress September 5 and from there will go to Washington for a week.

DEMENTED MOTHER SENDS THREE LIVES

Drowns Two Children in Bath-tub and Hangs Herself to Attic Rafters

RICHMOND, Aug. 8.—While insane Mrs. Josephine Westman, 25 years old, wife of John Westman, a stillworker at the Standard oil company's refinery, drowned two of her children in a bath tub at her home in Manilla avenue this afternoon, and hanged herself in the attic after carefully laying out the bodies of the children on the bath room floor.

The little ones who perished were Claus, 8 years old, an imbecile, and Wilhelm Josephine, 13 months old, the youngest of five in the family. Mrs. Westman came home about a month ago from the home for feeble minded at Glen Ellen, where she was sent last December with the boy Claus. Westman did not think that she was in a condition to care for herself, so he engaged a woman to help his wife. The attendant left a week ago.

HUSBAND MUST KEEP PEACE—Edward Trovner, salesman, who threatened to kill his wife, hanged himself at his home, 1249 Franklin street, on July 26, unless she consented to live with him again, was bound by Police Judge Conley yesterday in \$500 bonds to keep the peace.

Chryssa Fraser, Who Will Become A Bride Wednesday



WEDDING TO SEAL CAMPUS ROMANCE

Arthur Moulton, U. C. Graduate, to Join the Ranks of Benedicks

BERKELEY, Aug. 8.—Pink and green is the color scheme which Miss Chryssa Fraser has chosen for the wedding at which she will be claimed as a bride by Arthur Moulton Wednesday evening. Miss Doris Moulton, who will attend the ceremony as maid of honor, with Mrs. Moulton and her two sons, arrived in Berkeley last evening, taking apartments at the Hotel Carlton until after the event. The marriage of Miss Fraser and Arthur Moulton is the culmination of a pretty romance of the campus.

WATER RATE SUIT IS DELAYED AGAIN

Illness of Corporation's Attorney Lets "Ancient" Case Slide to September 26

Owing to recent illness of E. J. McCutchen, attorney for the Spring Valley water company, in that corporation's suit filed in 1902 to prevent the board of supervisors from collecting the water rate passed by them, the argument was continued yesterday until September 26 in the United States circuit court. It was with marked opposition to a continuance from City Attorney Percy V. Long that a further delay was allowed by United States District Judge Edward S. Farrington of Nevada, who had come from Carson City to sit in the case.

An affidavit in opposition to the continuance was made by Deputy City Attorney Thomas E. Haven. In this sworn statement was the length of time already consumed in the trial of the case. Testimony was first taken in the case in August of 1904, and was completed in December of the following year. The record, consisting of thousands of pages, was destroyed in the fire of 1906. It was thought that all this work would have to be done again, but a copy of the record was found among the private papers of John H. Dockweiler, an engineer, who had appeared at the hearings for the people, and his copy was admitted in place of the one that was destroyed.

Attorney Haven then drew attention to the fact that a final hearing had been decided on as far back as December 15 of last year and had dragged along until the present time. He insisted that it was high time that the water consumers of the city knew how they stood relative to the rate of water. Attorney McCutchen assured the court that he would not ask for another continuance. He said that he had been sick, and had not had time to prepare his argument, but would have it done by the 26th of next month.

HUSBAND WATERED HIS STOCK FOR WOOLING

So Mrs. Craig Wants Her Marriage Annulled

Disappointed in her hopes of ease and wealth, Frances A. Craig yesterday sued George Craig for the annulment of their marriage, claiming she was induced to wed the defendant by his false representations. Craig told her that he possessed \$50,000, that he would give her \$50 a month for pin money and that she could have \$700 for a trip east. After the marriage none of these good things was forthcoming, and she said she discovered that Craig's worldly possessions were far below what he had informed her. They were married July 1, 1910.

Lucy Shaplin was granted a divorce by Judge Cabanis yesterday from Samuel Shaplin, traffic manager of the Western Union telegraph company, on the ground of cruelty. The plaintiff said that Shaplin used harsh language to her in the presence of their friends, and ordered her to leave the house. Florence Drake Le Roy, a well known singer, yesterday was granted a divorce by Judge Conley from George Van Ness Le Roy on the ground of cruelty. Other divorces granted yesterday were: By Judge Cabanis—Ida Dow from George W. Dow, cruelty. By Judge Conley—Harriet N. Eldridge from Morrison L. Eldridge, desertion; Kate Bennett from Joseph Bennett, cruelty. Suits for divorce were begun yesterday by: James C. Smith against Vinta C. Smith, cruelty. Mary N. McDonald against Thomas E. McDonald, willful neglect. George Lacoste against Anna Lacoste, desertion. Idia M. Osborn against Charles S. Osborn, cruelty.

FOSS AND KELLEY HAVE USUAL TILT

Berkeley Supervisor Finds Fault With Cost of Installing Voting Booths

OAKLAND, Aug. 8.—"I am not afraid of you, you can't bulldoze me in spite of the gang of bullies you have about you." Supervisor F. W. Foss with these words ended today's episode in his feud with Supervisor Joseph M. Kelley at today's meeting of the board of supervisors. The two supervisors have clashed almost every week for months.

Foss' objection to bills against the county for installing voting booths for the primary election was the cause of the clash. He said that 29 men had been employed in the basement of the hall of records to move out the framework of voting booths and that no such number were needed. He held Kelley responsible for employing them. Kelley had been warned that the attack was coming, and he was ready with figures to show that it cost the county \$13 to install each booth, with five compartments, whereas it cost the city government \$10 for each booth with only three compartments. He referred to the city officials as political allies of the Berkeley supervisor, and said that Foss was making a "cheap play to the gallery" by his criticism. His statement brought forth from Foss the angry charges that Kelley, who is running for re-election, was doing politics with his appointments, and he finished his remarks with a defiance of Kelley.

CITY ASSESSMENT ROLL TOTALS \$515,027,164

Auditor Boyle's Preliminary Estimate Not Far Wrong

Auditor Boyle completed yesterday the computations on the city's assessment roll. The result showed that his preliminary estimate of \$515,000,000 was only \$27,000 off the mark. The assessor's figures as revised by the supervisors sitting as a board of equalization valued the real estate of the city at \$388,985,453. The improvements at \$14,000,000, the motor and solvent credits reported at \$31,970,618, and other personal property at \$49,732,303. The total assessment roll came to \$515,027,164, and upon this there were mortgages aggregating \$40,338,355.

MOTHER OF GIRL THREE RELEASED

No Evidence to Show That She Was Aware of Daughter's Operations

It is the opinion of the police that Ruth Schroeder is probably the cleverest and most remarkable girl thief that ever came under their observation. That she was hypnotized by a man is not believed, and her statement to that effect is thought to have been made merely to divert suspicion from some one else. The pickpocket she saw at work in Spreckels market on July 19 was a man who gave the name of Charles Brown when arrested by Detective Behan on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. Brown was returned to Folsom, where he is being held pending the outcome of the case against Judge Hughes.

The petition reads: "If such an irresponsible order, based on no law, no authority or wisdom, may be made by a judge after a competent court makes final judgment on criminal process is of no avail."

ALAMEDA COUNTY FUNDS—Oakland, Aug. 8. According to the report of County Treasurer M. J. Kelly there is now a balance of \$1,194,128.90 in the county treasury. The supervisors today awarded a contract for repairing and widening the bridge across San Leandro creek to Thomas H. Russell for \$6,085.

THREE BANKRUPTCY PETITIONS ARE FILED

The following petitions in bankruptcy were filed yesterday in the United States district court: Friend P. Fouts, a brakeman of Sacramento, liabilities \$305.05, with no assets. Robert G. Gilberg and Peter I. Ramsey, Oakland grocers, liabilities \$11,093, with \$5.25 in assets. Mrs. Alice E. Gates, a housewife of San Francisco, liabilities \$1,000, with no assets. She signed a joint note for that amount with her husband.

Suburban Breivies

DESERTER ARRESTED—Alameda, Aug. 8.—H. D. Williams, a sailor on the cruiser Cleveland, now at Mare Island, was arrested by the local police and turned over to the sergeant of arms of the vessel as a deserter. ARREST FOR PROBATION—Oakland, Aug. 8.—Carl Staehelin, who was convicted of horse stealing, today made an application to be placed on probation. It was shown after the trial that he was weak minded. AUTO PATROL FOR ALAMEDA—Alameda, Aug. 8.—The new combination automobile police patrol for Alameda county has arrived and will be placed in service soon as provision is made for men to handle the machine. ELECTED BANK DIRECTOR—Berkeley, Aug. 8.—Frank H. Foote, for many years connected with the Pacific Coast canning company of San Francisco, was elected to the board of the Homebased savings bank of this city. He will remain in Berkeley in this city. FRESHMEN ELECT OFFICERS—Oakland, Aug. 8.—The John C. Fremont high school freshmen effected their class organization yesterday afternoon. The officers for the semester are: President, Charles S. Booth; vice president, Irving Domea; treasurer, Gardner Food; secretary, Carl McLean; senators, class of '14, Warren White, Belle Valentine. SANTA FE EMPLOYEE KILLED—Richmond, Aug. 8.—A member of the employe of the Santa Fe company, was struck by a train early this morning while at work in the yards in this city. The man was 24 years old and is survived by a wife and two small children. The family lives at Sixth street and Rippe avenue.

Miss Helen Queen, Who Is to Become Mrs. Guy Stewart



JUDGE J. W. HUGHES BEFORE TRIBUNAL

Liberation of Murderer Brings Him to Supreme Court in Certiorari Proceedings

Superior Judge J. W. Hughes of Sacramento appeared yesterday before the supreme court to show cause why a writ of certiorari should not be issued against him for granting liberty from Folsom prison to Fred Horning, a confessed murderer, on a writ of habeas corpus last May. Chief Justice Beatty ordered that briefs be filed within 15 days, the case to be submitted September 6. District Attorney J. D. Fredericks of Los Angeles submitted the petition and it was presented by John C. North, assistant district attorney, Los Angeles, and Deputy Attorney General Van Fleet. The proceedings were quietly performed and only occupied a few minutes. Garret McEmery, representing Judge Hughes, filed a demurrer to the petition.

Fred Horning, after his arrest in Los Angeles, confessed to the killing of Cesar Yervort in December of 1906. He was sentenced to 14 years in Folsom. His attorney applied for a writ of habeas corpus on the ground of a clerical mistake in the date of the killing and Judge Hughes granted it. Recently Horning was rearrested and returned to Folsom, where he is being held pending the outcome of the case against Judge Hughes.

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JAPANESE DESERTED BY WIFE AMPUTATES FINGER

Oriental Cuts Digit Off With Dull Penknife

Sapea Ishabashi, a Japanese fruit picker living at 1815 Sutter street, cut his little finger off with a dull penknife early yesterday morning. The Japanese suddenly returned from Mountain View Sunday night and found his wife had gone to 1909 Bush street, where, it is said, she was living with another. He went to that address, but was refused admittance and immediately performed the painful amputation of the finger. He then shouted that he would commit suicide, but neighbors summoned a policeman, who took the maddened oriental to the central emergency hospital, where the ragged shreds of the severed member were clipped even.

The little brown man never winced once during the operation.

WEDNESDAY TO BE A DAY FOR BRIDES

Many Pretty Weddings Will Be Solemnized in Alameda County

OAKLAND, Aug. 8.—Wednesday will be given over largely to brides, a series of prettily planned weddings being announced for the evening. The marriage of Guy Stewart and Miss Helen Queen, although planned along most simple lines and to be attended by only a score or so of the closest friends, will be of interest to a wide circle of acquaintances about the bay.

The ceremony will take place in the First Congregational church, the service to be read by Dr. J. K. McLean. Neither Stewart nor Miss Queen will be attended. They will leave immediately on their honeymoon. Upon their return they will establish their home in Berkeley. Stewart and his bride elect are both graduates of the University of California. Miss Queen was exceedingly popular in coed affairs during her undergraduate days. Stewart is a chemist connected with the government service.

Another wedding of interest which will be attended by only the most intimate friends will be that of Miss Elizabeth Fowler and James Stull of Sacramento. The marriage will be celebrated at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Fowler, in Berkeley. Stull and his bride will live in the capital city, where the bridegroom is engaged in business.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Sherman Phelps have decided to live this year in Concord, where Phelps has accepted the position of principal of the high school. Before her marriage of several seasons ago Mrs. Phelps was Miss Winifred Yelland, the daughter of the late R. D. Yelland, one of the best known of California's artists. Mrs. Phelps is herself gifted in an artistic way and has a number of paintings to her credit. A few weeks ago she and her husband came up from the Santa Cruz mountains, where they had been spending the summer in the Yelland bungalow and visited for a short time in East Oakland.

Formal announcement is made of the marriage of Raymond Tyler and Miss Mary Dollenmeyer. Both Tyler and his bride are well known in the bay cities, where they attended the University of California. A number of guests went to Watsonville from Oakland to be present at the wedding which took place on the evening of Monday, August 1.

ORIENTAL CUTS DIGIT OFF WITH DULL PENKNIFE

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Miss Gilda McCoy, Whose Solos Are Concert Feature



GIRLS WILL GIVE SYMPHONY CONCERT

Navassars Ladies' Band to Play Indoors at Idora Park This Afternoon

Those 50 musical American maids known as the Navassars ladies' band, and at the present time holding forth in Idora's beautiful band shell, will give their first indoor symphony concert this afternoon in the Idora theater. The concert is free and the program has been arranged to suit all tastes. The Navassars are well known at Idora, for last season they played an extended engagement there. So completely did the charming musicians win the admiration of the Idora park patrons, that the management immediately booked them for a return engagement this year.

Thousands are admirers of the Navassars—and not all of the admirers are men. Since the opening of their engagement last Thursday the band shell has been a very popular spot, especially Sunday, when every available seat was taken at both concerts. The solos of Miss Gilda McCoy are a feature of the concerts.

The girls will be at Idora for a limited engagement, giving concerts both afternoon and evening. The program for this afternoon in the theater is as follows:

March, "If I Were King"..... Adams Solo for soprano saxophone.....Selected Miss Martha Hill.....Van Blen "Songs of the Nation".....Lamp Opera selection, "Robin Hood".....De Koven Concert waltz, "Wedding of Winds".....Hall Medley of "Harry Lauder's Songs".....Hume "American Patrol".....Mecham

ILLNESS OF JUROR—Oakland, Aug. 8.—Owing to the continued illness of L. N. Hager, a juror in the trial of J. G. Henninger, the other 11 jurors were discharged today by Judge Brown, and the case was set down for retrial September 7. Henninger is accused of fraud in connection with a mortgage.

CITY BUYS MORE WATER FRONT LAND

OAKLAND, Aug. 8.—Two companies have ended negotiations with the city for the sale of estuary lands needed in the quay wall development project. The board of public works closed deals this afternoon with agents of the Oakland water front company and the Puget Sound lumber company, involving the purchase by the city of five acres at a total cost of about \$170,000.

The land lies between Clay and Jefferson streets and First street and the estuary. The Puget Sound lumber company will sell its division for \$50,374. To the Oakland water front company the city will pay \$109,363 for the rest of the strip. The city had options on both these strips and the deal for the purchase was closed this afternoon in Mayor Mott's office.

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