

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

PLAYS PLANNED TO ASSIST

German Societies of University to Gather Funds to Erect New Building

BERKELEY, Sept. 3.—With the object in view of securing funds for the erecting of a clubhouse for students of German of the university, the German clubs of the university will stage four Shrovetide plays of Hans Sachs in the Greek theater Monday night.

A feature of the occasion will be the awarding of the prize saengerfest prizes offered by Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany and Emperor Franz Josef of Austria at the conclusion of the performance.

Ernest George coached the students, and Prof. L. J. Demeter has charge of the management. The stage decoration and costumes, which will be historically faithful, are in charge of Prof. Meyer of the California school of arts and crafts.

The plays to be given are: "The Court of Venus," "The Vagrant Scholar," "The Peddler's Basket" and "The Student in Fugate."

The plays will be given in the university department of German. The casts of the four plays will be as follows:

- Cast list for 'The Court of Venus' including Lila Lorenz, Helen Young, G. W. Mitchell, J. H. Eaton, L. C. Berry, H. Lippmann, etc.

CHAMOT'S WIFE BEGINS LIFE'S STRUGGLE ANEW

Departs for New York to Become a Nurse

[Special Dispatch to The Call] LARKSPUR, Sept. 3.—Going alone to seek her fortune in the world, the young widow of Chevalier August Chamot, the distinguished boxer war hero who died in poverty here a year ago, has left the home of Mrs. Jean Escalle to find employment as a nurse somewhere in New York.

Too proud to remain longer as the guest of the wealthy wine grower's wife, she slipped away quietly last night after bidding a pathetic farewell to the friends who were so kind to her.

Since Chevalier Chamot's death last September she has managed to scrape enough money to take her to New York, but once in the great city she will have nothing save the name of her famous husband with which to seek a livelihood.

Escalle and his wife offered her every assistance, but the young woman is imbued with the same spirit that caused her husband to refuse aid from his relatives while he lay dying in a barren cottage.

When her on the journey Mrs. Chamot took the treasure that marked her husband's fame. Among them was the French decoration of the Legion of Honor, a cameo likeness of Pope Leo XIII, and the insignia of a Knight of the Rising Sun, the latter a gift from the emperor of Japan.

SIERRA POET WRITES POEM FOR BERKELEY

Joaquin Miller's Latest Work Enters into Campaign

BERKELEY, Sept. 3.—A poem by Joaquin Miller, the poet of the Sierras, has been brought into the present annexation campaign and was read last night at a meeting held in West Berkeley. It is entitled "Berkeley: Westmost City of the Westmost Sea." The poem follows:

"Westward the course of empire takes its way," Say, that shall be said of the great Bishop's town, Bishop and prophet and poet, and seer! Why pluck up a cedar, and set her fame down on gold and in flowers, and in temples, City of cities in stories to be! Classical, scholar-built Berkeley!

Boy Plays He is Indian and is Slashed in Arm

San Anselmo Lad Falls Upon Knife in Another's Hand

PICKPOCKET IS FOUND TO BE FORMER CONVICT

Pretty Girls to Assist In Dramatic Production

Plethora of Candidates at Associated Kindergartens' Fete Makes Work for Judges



Miss Lita Luxen, member of "Court of Venus" cast in university play.

"WEIGHT OF SOUL" STRS AGITATION

Experiments Made With Dying Men Arose Sharp Argument and Comment

There is a popular notion that the weight of a living body is less than that of the dead one, says the London Lancet. In a recent issue of the Pioneer Mail a correspondent discusses this question in connection with the behavior of a crocodile which he shot dead while it was basking asleep on a quicksand.

When shot the crocodile began to sink, and almost disappeared before it could be reached. The correspondent is clearly inclined to accept the popular notion of an increase in weight at death but for the fact that recent experiments undertaken by some learned authorities in America have proved that a dead body was lighter than a living one. From this they (the learned authorities) deduced that the soul had a definite weight in pounds avoirdupois.

It is possible that some of our readers are unfamiliar with the experiments to which the correspondent of the Pioneer Mail refers. They were made and recorded a few years ago by Dr. Duncan Macdougall of Haverhill, Mass. Patients were weighed in the act of dying. The scale used recorded any increase or decrease beyond the fifth of an ounce—not a particularly delicate instrument for estimating the weight of that part of the living body which is usually regarded as immaterial and imperceptible.

In the first of a series of six experiments Macdougall placed a man dying from pulmonary tuberculosis on the scales. The patient lost weight at the rate of a sixteenth of an ounce per minute until the moment of death, when the beam end dropped with an audible stroke, showing a sudden decrease of three-quarters of an ounce in weight. What was the cause of the sudden decrease? Doctor Macdougall, after excluding the loss due to escape of breath and the contents of the body by evaporation or other natural means, concluded that the marked and sudden decrease was due to escape of the "soul substance." In this particular instance the soul was evidently a very material one, weighing three-quarters of an ounce.

The experimenter extended his observation to dogs, but the results gained were negative. At the moment of death the dog's body refused to show any alteration in weight. We are of opinion that the correspondent of the Pioneer Mail in seeking to explain the disappearance of the spirit crocodile, quicksand need not take his "learned authorities" too seriously. Doctor Macdougall's observations are to be explained by a peculiar bias on the part of his scales or on the part of the friends who assisted him. At least the scales used by other investigators have refused to reveal any sudden diminution in the weight of the body at death.

In the usual acceptance of the term death occurs when respiration and circulation have ceased, but in a more strict sense the death of the body is gradual, the muscular system, for instance, being really alive some hours after the apparent death of the individual.

SWALLOW'S FLOCK TO ST. BERNARD'S HOSPICE

Birds, Caught by Storm, Are Sheltered by Monks

An incident has just occurred at St. Bernard's hospice which would have delighted St. Francis of Assisi, the friend of nature, could he have beheld it. Thousands of swallows were on their way to Switzerland, when they were overtaken by terrible weather. After a heroic struggle they returned to the hospice and placed themselves in the care of the monks. They did not appeal in vain, and they were to be found in the kitchen, the dormitories, the monks' cells, the salon of the guest house and even in the chapel. The fathers were scandalized at the invasion of the chapel, but the little feathered ones were oblivious. Then the tempest ceased, and the swallows took their leave for the Swiss valleys.

Fortunately for most of us we are not compelled to follow our own advice. Husbands and wives rarely agree on the amount of pin money the latter need.

PARDON, TOO LATE TO AID PRISONER

San Quentin, Sept. 3.—Although a pardon reached him before death, C. M. Reed, a prisoner, breathed his last at 1 o'clock this morning unconscious that he was a free man. For many days he had been patiently awaiting the document that would give him liberty, hoping to die at his home in San Francisco with his wife at his bedside.

He wished the end of his fatal illness to come upon him outside the prison walls, but he died in the penitentiary hospital, ignorant of Governor Gillett's decree.

So low was the prisoner's vitality yesterday that the governor directed that the message of reprieve be telephoned to the prison at once. It reached Warden Hoyle and was transmitted to the hospital where the dying man lay, but he had lost consciousness. Seven hours later he died.

Mrs. Reed, his loyal wife, pleaded eloquently for the reprieve. She assured Tiley L. Ford, president of the state board of prison directors, that she was able to assume the care of her husband. Because he was a "second timer," which usually forbids the granting of a pardon, it was necessary to secure the approval of the state board of prison directors, which bore the signatures of Chief Justice F. M. Angellotti, Lucien Shaw and F. W. Henshaw. Reed was serving a term for burglary from Contra Costa county since January.

RAMONA RADCLIFFE TO BECOME A BRIDE

Attractive Actress to Be Mrs. Walter L. Schacht

OAKLAND, Sept. 3.—Miss Ramona Radcliffe, the pretty daughter of Mrs. Zora Green Radcliffe, has added her name to the long list of engaged girls here betrothal to Walter L. Schacht being announced this week.

Miss Radcliffe is unusually gifted. As the Japanese maiden at the recent Kirmess she attracted attention by her winsome ways and charming voice, and added to her laurels during a summer engagement with the stock company of Ye Liberty playhouse, when she appeared in a number of roles with great success.

Since its beginning she has been an active member of the Prelude club, a year ago serving as its president. Her fiance is established in business in the east. No definite plans have been made for the wedding which will take place some time next year.

In honor of Mrs. A. Schacht, the mother of Miss Radcliffe's fiance, Mrs. Radcliffe will give a large reception on Wednesday evening next at the Key Route inn.

CONTEST FILED BY DEFEATED CANDIDATE

Charge Made That Eight Votes Were Illegally Thrown Out

OAKLAND, Sept. 3.—G. S. Fitzgerald, who lost the republican nomination for constable of Murray township by the flip of a coin yesterday, filed a contest today. The official returns showed that he had received 124 republican votes, and that C. H. Acker had received the same number. The board of supervisors yesterday gave the nomination to Acker by lot. Fitzgerald now declares that eight votes in Altamont precinct were illegally thrown out when they should have been counted by the election officers for him.

BIEDENBACH INDORSED—Oakland, Sept. 3.—C. L. Biedenbach, principal of the McKinley school of Berkeley and president of the Alameda county board of education, was today indorsed for the principalship of the Chico normal school by the Alameda county board of education to replace Principal Van Liew.

WISE MEN OF GOTHAM HAVE MANY DESCENDANTS

Medical Writer Calls Them "Pathological Funny Fellows"

Discussing what he terms "pathological funny fellows," a writer in the Lancet says that it would be interesting to note all the Panches and Jack Spratts of all nations as they throw light on racial habits and characteristics. But for the most part, the myriads of descendants of the famed Three Wise Men of Gotham.

"Jack Spratt, Hans Wurst, Pickel Herringe, who is a Dutchman, and a host of others like them are a floating creature, or less noted for gluttony and obesity, but pathology plays no part in their characteristics," adds the Lancet. "Hans Trapp, or Drabb, is rather sinister and John Bull not very bright in understanding, but neither is the victim of disease, though John is certainly rather huge in girth. It has been left to the modern Italians, the compatriots of Lombroso, to evolve Cretinetti, who figures in kinematograph shows as 'Foolhead.'"

This creation of the modern Italian folk mind is far from pleasant and furnishes food for thought, and his antics are mostly brutish, often malevolent, and just such as one would expect from a myxoedematous subject. We trust his vogue will not spread among the Latin nations. Nor would it be necessary to mention him in the pages of sensational stories of Italian degeneracy, some of which were detailed in a recent contribution to the Lancet on the subject of epileptic outbreaks among soldiers.

Cretnetti is a species of scientific conception, while Hans Wurst and the rest of the northerners belong to the realm of ancient folklore and are probably descended from early Scandinavian demigods such as Loki. Cretnetti belongs to the family of Punch, himself an Italian, and a heartless and murderous hunchback in puppet shows, though now at any rate, shares the glamour of the Scandinavians and is bathed in their aura. He has long ago outlived his deformities. In England he is the soul of honor, as represented in the pages of his own journal.

The Chinese must possess some delightful creatures of this kind. Here and there are local ones, some of whom are pathetic almost tragic. Such a one is the Asiatian Hans im Schnegloch, Hans of the Gnat Swamp, a district near Strasburg. This Hans, a man of substance and fine physique, to judge of him by the photographs, was, as is well known, was devoured by a spirit of discontent, which drove him overseas and brought him back after shipwreck to die in poverty where before he had lived in the lap of luxury. He personifies the spirit of a little nation doomed to a restless unhappiness. The Irish should be able to parallel him. Hans, without doubt, had a bee in his bonnet, but we prefer him to Cretnetti, and are almost inclined to rank him in the family of Saul of Israel.

In the Isle of Wight, again, there are Sal Hatch and Kit Mullett, the latter a woman of puppet shows, though not in the least modesty. Every country, indeed, must have its Hans or its Sal. These types attain their apotheosis in the glorious Wise Men of Gotham, whose illogicality was such as to qualify them for a lunatic asylum had such institutions existed among our Saxon forefathers. Their descendants' name is legion."

STREETS TO BE RENAMED—San Anselmo, Sept. 3.—Mayor W. E. Jones, in response to a complaint from numerous citizens, has appointed a committee composed of the following: A. L. Adams, A. W. Studler, L. R. S. Holmes, J. J. Follenbeck, A. Brizzolari.

IMPORTS FOR YEAR MAKE NEW RECORDS

Trade Aggregates \$1,562,600,000, Exceeding Best Mark by \$106,100,000

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—Uncle Sam's import trade under the Payne-Aldrich tariff law during the year was a record breaker, according to the government's statistical reports. Under this law during the 12 months ending July 31 last imports aggregated \$1,562,600,000 came into the United States. Of this total \$794,600,000 was listed as dutiable, while \$768,000,000 entered free of duty. Although it was the first year of the Payne-Aldrich law, it eclipsed all former records under the Dingley, Wilson and McKinley laws.

Until the Payne-Aldrich law became effective August 1, 1909, the banner year of the previous 18 years had been 1907, when under the Dingley act, an aggregate of \$1,456,500,000 of imports were recorded.

Customs receipts during the last year amounted to \$327,900,000, which was more than \$17,000,000 in excess of the previous year under the Dingley act. The customs receipts during each of the 18 years preceding 1910 showed a much less encouraging record, except in 1904 and 1907, when customs receipts exceeded last year's total.

LEFT HANDED PEOPLE FAVORED BY RULING

War Department Makes No Discrimination on Subject

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—By today's action of the war department any discriminations against left handed candidates for the army has been removed.

In preparing recently to make a nomination for West Point a congressman asked the navy department if the fact that his nominee was left handed would operate as a bar to his admission at West Point.

As the question had never been raised before, the surgeon-general of the army was asked for an opinion on the subject. The official replied that a left handed cadet may not properly be considered as physically disqualified.

GIRL DRESSED AS BOY ARRESTED WITH BOYS

Three boys and a girl dressed in boy's clothes called at a lodging house, 1834 Steiner street, Friday evening and engaged rooms. When questioned by the landlord they said that they had come from Santa Rosa to visit the city. His suspicions were aroused and he notified Policemen Steaglich and Savage. They went to the house and took the youngsters to the O'Farrell street police station, where the girl gave her name as Leona Parker, 13 years of age, and said her parents lived at 1233 Pierce street. They were committed with and her father called and bailed her out. The three boys, Fred Ward, 13; Henry Nassen, 13 and William McMahon, 10 years of age, were sent to the juvenile home. They will all be taken before the juvenile court.

EASTERN STAR HOLDS ENJOYABLE SOCIAL

The members of Marletta chapter No. 256 of the order of the Eastern Star, and many of their friends had an enjoyable social at the termination of business at the last meeting. This was in the home and garden of M. K. and Mrs. Fox at 3153 Davis street, Fruitvale. The gardens were illuminated with lanterns of various colors and the parlors of the mansion were artistically decorated. There was a program. Those who contributed were: Roy Ross, W. Gelhke, F. Kaiser, Mrs. Charles Bennett, J. J. Ferrier, F. Oksen, Miss J. McEwen, Mrs. E. H. Rhodes and Miss L. Fox. In addition to the entertainment speeches were made.

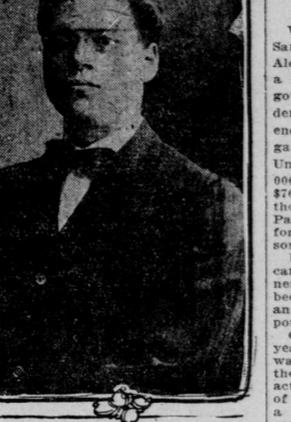
MANUAL CRAFTS USED IN A MEXICAN JAIL

Consul William E. Alger writes that manual crafts have been introduced into the Mexican jail at Mazatlan. All prisoners will be required to spend a certain number of designated hours each day in these departments. The authorities hope in this way to reduce the amount of crime by making it possible for many men without trades to earn an honest living.

There's always an ill feeling between a doctor and his patients.

H. C. Linscott, Who Will Sing Program In Greek Theater

Half Hour of Music in Greek Theater Will be Farewell to Friends of Musician



COLLEGE SINGER TO GIVE MUSICALE

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BERKELEY, Sept. 3.—Hubert Clyde Linscott, a graduate of the university who after two years' instruction in voice culture under King Clark of Berlin has returned to this country to accept the chair of vocal music at Berkeley college, Gainesville, Ga., will render the half hour of music in the Greek theater tomorrow afternoon.

During his undergraduate days on the campus, Linscott studied under Fernando Michelena and Alfred Coggswell, and his rich baritone voice was a feature of the glee club and De Koven club concerts. Upon graduation he went to Europe to study with the greater master, and only recently returned to his home in Santa Cruz. He will leave in a few days for his eastern duties.

The musicale tomorrow at which Mrs. William Adelotte of Santa Cruz will be the accompanist, will be in the nature of a farewell to his many friends here. The program will be:

"Im wunderschönen Monat Mai," "Aus meinem Trauen sprissen," "Die Rose, die Lili" and "Wenn ich in deine Augen seh," Schumann; "Day and Night," Williams; "Flore Rain," Schreider; two poems by Charles Kewler, "Resurgam" and "Anthem by the Sea," set to music by Edith Simonds; "Embarque Vers," Gofari; "Heure Exquise," Hahn; "Vison Fugitive," from Massenet's "Herodiade," and the prologue to Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci."

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