

EVENTS IN THE COUNTIES BORDERING ON THE BAY OF SAN FRANCISCO

CHARTER BEFORE ELECTORS TODAY

Commission Form of Government Is Offered to Voters of Oakland

OAKLAND, Dec. 7.—A somewhat desultory campaign for the proposed new charter has quickened a little in this city on the eve of election day. The voters will decide tomorrow at the polls whether the old organic law, framed several decades ago and the models of municipal government then prevailing, shall be superseded by a charter which is a modification of the Galveston and Des Moines systems or whether the public affairs shall continue to be directed under the provisions of the present old fashioned but rather elastic instrument.

The new charter offers to the electorate a direct primary with a short ballot, the initiative, referendum and recall and the commission system of government.

WILL UNITE FUNCTIONS

The ratification of the new charter will abolish the dual nature of the administration of a council as a purely legislative body and an executive branch with functions distributed to a mayor, board of public works and allied commissions, heads of departments and a school department remote from the legislative body. The legislative or other executive divisions, the new charter will give to the city a homogeneous governmental order. The council will consist of four commissioners and the mayor. This body will be both legislative and executive. The school department will be brought into the structure by the position of the commissioner of revenue and finance as ex officio school director.

FEWER ELECTIVE OFFICES

Whereas there are 27 elective offices under the old charter there will be but 12 under the new. Party lines such as now prevail will be eliminated. The officials to be elected will be the mayor, four commissioners, auditor and six school directors. All other officials will be appointed. The new charter, briefly, will make appointive instead of elective the city attorney, city engineer and city treasurer. The council of five members will make these appointments besides naming the various commissions, such as park, playground and civil service. Besides the commissioner, he will enact legislation and actively direct the affairs of the city as the executive body. They will be responsive to public will through the recall, initiative and referendum. Such objections as have been raised to these features of new municipal government the freeholders sought to dissolve by modifications of the usual provisions for recall and initiative.

A feature of the charter election is the alternative provision regulating the election. If the alternative carries the charter will prohibit saloons within 300 feet of any residence center, church building, public school or public library. A residence center is defined as a locality where there are no residences than business houses. On this phase of the charter, modifications to the electorate is made whatever opposition there is. The saloonmen are opposed in general to the alternative provision, which is more drastic than the charter originally provides. The associated improvement clubs of Oakland and chamber of commerce have endorsed the charter and the members will be workers in its interest at tomorrow's election. The fruitvale board of trade will put a force of workers into action in the annexed district. The Central Oakland Improvement club is circulating copies of resolutions adopted favoring the charter. This publicity work is being carried out by the officers of the club, Dr. A. S. Kelly, the president; C. H. Pearson, the secretary, and W. B. Thomas, chairman of the executive committee.

NOVEL READING CALLED AS BAD AS SMOKING

University Professor Thinks Stories Do Most Harm

BERKELEY, Dec. 7.—"One of the most demoralizing things we have in our literature is the reading of novels for the sake of letting the story pass through the mind. We say that our boys do things that are wrong, such as smoking and other habits, but the effect is not being carried out by the novel reading among our women."

The foregoing remarks were made by Prof. Bernard Moses of the university faculty during an address this afternoon at the California Institute of Intellectual Life in Latin America.

"In the principal cities of Latin America," continued the speaker, "we find a noteworthy kind of reading, especially among the young men. Scientific works, interesting and valuable, have been admirably translated into Spanish, and these books are very popular."

HUSBAND WANTS CASH FOR DEATH OF WIFE

Charges Fighting Saloonman With Responsibility

OAKLAND, Dec. 7.—J. W. Fry commenced suit today for \$20,000 damages against Fred Ohe, a saloon keeper, alleging that Ohe was responsible for the death of Mrs. Sadie Fry, who was run over and killed by a Key Route train on San Pablo avenue two months ago.

The death of Mrs. Fry occurred at Fortieth street and San Pablo avenue. Ohe and Gus Cohn were fighting in the street, and Ohe ran against Mrs. Fry and threw her in front of the train, before her husband could save her.

Although the coroner's jury did not hold Ohe on a charge of manslaughter, the verdict blamed him for the accident.

POWER COMPANY SUED FOR FALSE IMPRISONMENT

OAKLAND, Dec. 6.—Suit against the Sierra and San Francisco power company for alleged false imprisonment was begun by Michael Welsh in the superior court today. Welsh, who said he was arrested on a charge of disturbing the peace by W. L. McKinley, an agent of the company, but that he was acquitted by the court. He contends that his arrest was malicious and asks for both punitive and actual damages.

LETTER CARRIERS WANT A DAY OF REST

BERKELEY, Dec. 7.—The Berkeley mail carriers have started a campaign to close the postoffice up on Sundays so that they can secure a day of rest. The matter was suggested at a meeting of the carriers' association, of which A. W. Scott is president. Postmaster Clarence S. Merrill was asked to start an agitation for the Sunday closing if public sentiment favored it.

Guests and Club Members To Trip Light Fantastic



Miss Virginia Butler

MANY TO ATTEND SEMINOLE DANCE

OAKLAND, Dec. 7.—The Seminole club, one of the most popular social organizations for young people in Oakland, will give the second of a series of three dances which are being held during the winter in Maple hall Friday evening, December 9. The dance will be attended by many of the younger folk from both sides of the bay, a number of San Francisco clubs planning to be present in a body. Fully 300 invitations have been sent out.

The rooms on the lower floor of Maple hall, which were handsomely fitted by the Seminole club, will be open to the guests. These rooms were remodeled and since the opening of the dance season have been the scene of many pretty affairs. Among the affairs given by the club in the past have been smokers, ladies' nights, yachting outings and theater parties. The club has also participated in many athletic events, among which are bowling, baseball and yachting. The club has a closed membership of 60 young men.

The ball room will be decorated in chrysanthemums and the gold and silver ornaments of the club. Refreshments will be served. Dancing will commence at 8:30.

The officers of the club are: President, Henry Claudius; vice president, Archie Miles; secretary, Ray Reed; treasurer, Charles Tschirg; directors, Thomas Hines, Jack Williams, R. W. Man, Richard Glesman and Eugene Van Antwerp; entertainment committee, Jack Hasler, C. A. Leubke, Ray Reed, Eugene Van Antwerp, Henry Claudius and Archie Miles; press committee, Walter Hesse and Harry Butler.

Miss Virginia Butler and Miss Edna Schwartz are popular young women who will be guests of the Seminole club at the ball.

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Suburban Brevities

FARCE TO BE PRESENTED—Alameda, Dec. 7.—The Ladies' Aid society of the First Methodist church will present a farce, "The Seaside School," tomorrow night at Central hall. The proceeds to be devoted to church work.

NEGRO IS FREED—Oakland, Dec. 7.—The case against Joseph charged with assault to commit murder by Robert Hall was dismissed today by Justice of the Peace Quinn. Every witness for the prosecution testified in favor of the defendant.

FOUR FELLOWS ELECT—Alameda, Dec. 7.—The board of education of the city of Alameda has elected the following officers: Noble grand, R. F. Kahn; vice grand, C. A. Coats; recording secretary, Percy R. Fox; financial secretary, John Larkin; treasurer, George Redding.

MANUFACTURERS TO BE LISTED—Oakland, Dec. 7.—In order to prevent confusion and to expedite the giving of workmen to inquire which come into the chamber of commerce daily, all manufacturers have been asked to list their names and the goods they make.

WILL DIRECT SCHOOL EXERCISES—Alameda, Dec. 7.—The board of education directed that with the beginning of the school year in January that a supervisor be placed in the charge of each school to direct the exercise of the children. Volley ball, medicine ball, potato races and folk dances are among the exercises planned.

VEREIN ELECTS OFFICERS—Alameda, Dec. 7.—The Alameda turn Verein has elected the following officers: President, L. Bahr; vice president, C. Roth; secretary, E. Stober; first instructor, L. Lipsker; second instructor, C. Gohrer; keeper of apparatus, C. Seebach; secretary, A. Leiser; finance committee, R. J. Henry, F. Albert and W. Scherer.

PROFESSORS GO TO CONVENTION—Berkeley, Dec. 7.—The members of the faculty of the history department of the university have announced their intention to attend the annual convention of the American Historical society at Indianapolis during the Christmas holidays. Those who will make the trip are Prof. Henry Morse Stephens, Prof. Don B. Smith and Prof. Richard Scholz.

BOY'S EAR TORN BY AUTO—Berkeley, Dec. 7.—A young boy, 10 years old and North Berkeley, Clayton Smith, 9 years old and living at 2200 Ward street, was caught by a station of the machine and had his left ear nearly torn off yesterday. Relegio took the boy to the Roosevelt hospital, where Dr. Frank Simpson closed the wound.

EXPERT DECLARES MRS. MARTIN LIES

Carl Eisenschmiel Denounces Woman for Saying That He Would Accept Bribe

OAKLAND, Dec. 7.—Carl Eisenschmiel, a handwriting expert, was charged by Mrs. Isabella J. Martin, in Superior Judge Wastell's court today, with having agreed to accept a bribe to forge a letter to be used in a will case. Eisenschmiel quietly but promptly branded Mrs. Martin's assertion as false.

The handwriting expert was the principal witness of the day and during the cross examination by Mrs. Martin he made some remarks which she called "Nerve!" she shouted at him. "You sit there and talk about nerve, when you sat in the parlor of my home in Van Ness avenue and agreed to forge a letter to be used in the Martin will case for \$1,000."

The case mentioned by Mrs. Martin was the contest over the admission to probate of her second husband's will. Eisenschmiel merely smiled when Mrs. Martin hurled the accusation at him, but when she attempted to say more on the matter, he replied: "That is a direct lie and you know that it is."

Mrs. Martin continued her exasperated tactics and attempted to question the witness from the jury box. When the jurymen were examining exemplars she walked among them and whispered to them as she handed the paper from one to another. Judge Wastell promptly ordered Mrs. out of the box and she objected loudly and long.

WOMAN CHARGED WITH TRYING TO BURN HOME

Accused of Threatening Life of Her Husband

OAKLAND, Dec. 7.—That Mrs. Emily H. Sweetser, on trial in Superior Judge Brown's court on a charge of arson, had told her that she intended to burn her home and cremate her husband because he treated her badly, was the testimony given today by Mrs. Olga Thompson.

Olga Finkeldey testified that she also heard Mrs. Sweetser make such threats but that she had not told of them because she was afraid of the police.

Mrs. Sweetser is charged that Mrs. Sweetser burned her home in Melrose a month after she married Sweetser. Her husband barely escaped with his life. Mrs. Sweetser is represented by Attorney Burton Wyman.

WEST OAKLAND HOME TO HAVE BENEFIT

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EXPLOSION OF LAMP FIRES FOUR HOMES

OAKLAND, Dec. 7.—William Cook's cottage at 1458 Fifth street was destroyed and three adjoining dwellings were damaged early this evening by a fire which was caused by the explosion of a kerosene lamp in Coo's home. Mrs. Mary Perry owned one of the damaged homes, at 1460 1/2 Fifth street. The flames spread to her place, then to two vacant houses in Center street next to the Perry house. The total loss was about \$5,000.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. CLARA BIGELOW

The funeral services of Mrs. Clara J. Bigelow, who was vice principal of the John Swett grammar school, was held yesterday from her late residence, 142 Central avenue. Mrs. Bigelow had been connected with the schools for 25 years.

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BURSTS OF TEMPER MAKE BRIDE FLEE

Mrs. Florence McIlroy, Society Woman, Seeks Divorce From Nagging Husband

ALAMEDA, Dec. 7.—Constant nagging and complaining of her husband, coupled with almost incessant bursts of temper, have led Mrs. Florence McIlroy to sue Joseph A. McIlroy, a prominent railroad man of San Francisco, for divorce, charging extreme cruelty. A sealed complaint praying for a severance of the irksome bonds was filed in Oakland today by Wright & Wright, attorneys for the young plaintiff, who is a bride of but seven months. Mrs. McIlroy was Miss Florence Plummer before her marriage. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Plummer, prominent residents of this city, whose home is at 1432 San Antonio avenue.

While the detailed charges in the complaint are not announced, intimate knowledge of the charges of the young wife against her husband, who is 16 years her senior, has been obtained by her friends, members of an exclusive social set in this city.

Even on the honeymoon McIlroy became impatient toward his bride, her friends assert, and they follow a series of domestic scenes which led Mrs. McIlroy to return to her home on three different occasions. On the first two occasions the young wife returned to her husband, but again insisted the scenes which she declares made it impossible to continue the marital relations.

According to the gossip that followed the announcement of Mrs. McIlroy's return to the parental home for the third time, McIlroy complained of the manner in which his wife had prepared the meals. That he was a chronic complainer on this score is the charge which makes her case as she says that these complaints would be followed by bursts of temper which made life a burden.

The wedding of Miss Plummer and McIlroy was one of the most brilliant functions ever held in the city, taking place at the home of the bride's parents May 17 last.

SUMMER ARMY POSTS WANTED IN FORESTS

Western Lumbermen Modify Request for National Troops

SPOKANE, Dec. 7.—The recommendation of President Taft is believed to be responsible for the compromise request of western lumbermen for summer posts for troops in the national forests. The original request of the lumbermen was for a regular patrol of troops during the summer months. Other resolutions of the association ask that appropriations for the forest service be increased to provide adequate protection to government timber; that adequate provision be made by the states of Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho and Montana for the apprehension and conviction of offenders against the various state laws, and that funds be provided for patrols and fire fighting, and that a reforestation policy be adopted.

HAND CAUGHT IN POCKET INCRIMINATES OWNER

Pocket a Strange One; Hand's Owner Notorious

While watching the parade of the Mission carnival at Nineteenth and Mission streets yesterday morning, Patrick Mughan of 2002 Harrison street felt some one going through his pocket. Mughan seized the hand and caught San Howe, who Mughan claims stole a purse containing \$7 and passed it on to a confederate. Policemen Galatin and Hoeckle placed Howe under arrest at the dedication bureau. Howe was identified as one of the most notorious crooks of New York. Recently he came to the coast to spend the winter months. He is known to the local police, having been in trouble here before. Howe was charged with grand larceny.

SUPERVISORS PUT LID ON SIX SALOONS

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 7.—The lid was placed on four saloons at Novato and two at Point Reyes today by the supervisors, who refused to renew their licenses. At Point Reyes the saloons closed belonged to Farley & Lutz and Grandi & Co. At Novato they were run by Peter Nave, Keating & De Borba, A. Dilena and Sutton Brothers.

Californians on Travels

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The following Californians are registered at New York hotels: San Francisco—Hiram W. Johnson, H. A. French, Eustace Cullinan, Waldorf-Astoria; Douglas White, Prince George Hotel; J. Perry, Grand Union Hotel; E. Clark, Hill Hotel; J. C. Galet, Hotel Bartholdi; C. E. Roesch, Hotel Breslin; E. K. Clarke, Grand Union Hotel; Miss O. Cooper, Miss A. Cooper, Hotel Gerard; T. P. Jackson, Hotel Standrew; C. Trowbridge, Hotel Gerard; Captain George L. Cadillan; J. B. Farish, Mrs. Farish, Hotel Collingwood; Grandall, Hotel Navarre; W. J. Kelly, Hotel Tere; Noel, Hotel Navarre; A. J. Boling, Hotel Breslin; H. Hewitt, Holland house; M. M. Libby, Hotel Normandie; H. W. Wynn, Hotel Wadsworth.

Los Angeles—C. Sandgrin, Hotel Martiniere; C. J. Tyler, Hotel Navarre; Mrs. V. Giblin, Hotel Normandie; Miss E. Lettice, Hotel Gerard; B. H. Wood, Hotel Hermitage.

San Jose—L. L. Legtus, New Amsterdam hotel.

Sacramento—A. A. Truebold, Mrs. Truebold, Hotel Flanders.

Senior Building Is Now Assured For U. C. Coeds

Seniors at U. of C. who are working for a women's hall.



Miss Belle Clark

WOMEN'S NEW HALL AWAITING A SITE

Funds in Treasury and Work Will Commence in Near Future

BERKELEY, Dec. 7.—Only the action of the board of regents of the University of California is awaited by the senior women before they can begin the construction of the senior women's hall, which has been under development for the last two years. Sufficient funds for the building are in the treasury, and as soon as the hall is completed money will be raised with which to furnish it. The regents will select the site.

Miss Julia Morgan, a graduate of the university, who has achieved success as an architect and who recently was awarded the plans for the St. John's Presbyterian church of this city, has promised to aid the college women in every way. She will donate the plans for the structure and attend to the supervision of its building. The hall will be completed before next commencement.

Several large donations for the building have been made and additional money will be put into the fund by giving an informal dance the first of next semester.

Miss Leigh Stafford is chairman of the building committee, which also includes: Miss Belle Clarke, Miss Blanche Ahlers, Miss Cheryl Merrill, Miss Marguerite Ogden, Miss Hazel Jordan and Miss Fern Enos.

VETERAN PATROLMAN RETIRED ON PENSION

OAKLAND, Dec. 7.—P. E. Hynes, a veteran patrolman of the local force, was given the rank of police sergeant today by the board of police and fire commissioners, at the recommendation of Superintendent Wilson, and was retired formally on a patrolman's pension. Hynes served for 20 years as a policeman. He is 60 years old and has been incapacitated for duty for several years by illness.

VARIED PROGRAM AT THE ORPHEUM

Irish Character Actors and Musical Performers Are Popular

OAKLAND, Dec. 7.—The bill at the Orpheum theater this week is varied enough to please the taste of all playgoers. There is a great deal of comedy for the man who is fond of a laugh, there is beauty in art and sentiment for the man who is looking for more solid enjoyment, and the other features appeal to every one.

Among the new acts the pretty Irish playlet, "The Old Neighborhood," offered by Callahan and St. George is meeting with great success. Callahan has the role of a quaint old Irish philosopher, who poses in a big picture frame to represent a score or more of various characters, are establishing themselves as favorites.

This is the last week of "The Sign of the Rose," George Beban's great success. Other holdovers are Asahi, with his quintet of Japanese wonder workers, Jewell's manikins, and Alf Grant and Ethel Hog in their melange of songs and stories.

William Farnum and his company will make their debut in Oakland Sunday in Edward Peple's "The Mallet's Masterpiece."

CURING CATARRH

Accept Our Advice and Try This Remedy at Our Risk

Catarrh is a disease of the mucous membrane. The mucous membrane is, one may say, the interior lining of the body. Catarrh, therefore, may exist in any part of the system.

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We want you, if you are a sufferer from catarrh in any form, to give Regal Mucos-Tone a thorough trial. Use it with regularity and persistency for a reasonable time, then if you are not satisfied, some back and tell us, and without question or formality we will hand you back every cent you paid us. This is certainly the fairest offer that any one could make, and should attest our sincerity of purpose. It comes in two sizes, prices 50 cents and \$1.00. Remember, you can obtain it only at The Owl Drug Co., Inc., 710 Market street, 778 Market street, Post street and Grand avenue, Fillmore and Geary streets, Sixteenth and Mission streets.

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A vote to create 250 vacant stores.

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