STORMY CLOSE AT TEACHERS' MEETING

Reading of Every Resolution Is Signal for Battle on Floor

Election of Members of Council Brings Out Charges of Unfair Play

BERKELEY, Dec. 30.—Five hours of stormy session marked the closing of the forty-fourth annual meeting of the California teachers' association today, and the excitement during the closing hours was so intense that Chairman Alfred Roncovieri could hardly control the shouting and gesticulating school teachers who would have their views heard when resolutions were voted on. The conquest of the regulars over the insurgents by a vote of 4 to 1 added fuel to the flames, and throughout the entire day there were charges and counter charges of trickery, neglect of duty, politics and other open and covert insinuations.

The bright spot of the meeting was the announcement of the union of the 10,000 teachers of California, now divided into four separate teachers' associations in the four sections of the state, into one body, with one council of education composed of 10 delegates from each of the present associations. Only in affairs of state interest and importance, however, will the state association created today join hands, as in other affairs the four separate divisions will transact their business as now.

The meeting today had hardly been called at 10 o'clock when the storm broke on the presentation of the teachers' retirement bill, which was up for indorsement before action on it will be asked from the legislature. The bill was framed by Prof. Alexis F. Lange, and its introduction caused a storm of protest.

CROWD ABOUT ROSTRUM

The excited teachers, in their efforts to be heard and to secure the floor, crowded around the speaker's rostrum, and it was only at intervals that quiet was restored, only to have the storm break out anew.

Mrs. Mary Sprague, of the history department of the girls' high school of San Francisco, was a leader in the demonstration and represented the San Francisco teachers in the fight. They insisted that the proposed law should allow the teachers to engage in private work after retirement ,a motion which was passed after a heated debate.

The primary teachers were aligned against the high school teachers in a second wordy battle. The lower grades declared that they on retirement would receive but a small salary while the high school teachers would secure a greater benefit. They insisted on a uniform basis for the proposed pension act. The high schools won out.

The main provisions of the bill which was finally adopted are: That a teacher shall receive after 30 years of service, on reaching the age of 60 years, a pension which shall amount to one-half of her average salary for the last 10 years of service in the schools. This sum is not to be less than $500 nor more than $1,200 a year.

MINOR ENGAGEMENTS

Minor battles were waged when the report of Colonel Harris Weinstock, chairman, was presented on industrial education. A number of teachers declared that the words "commercial" applied to "industrial" should be stricken out, as the commercial schools are provided for by the state, while industrial education, domestic science and the like, are neglected.

Colonel Murphy of San Francisco was the leader in the defense of the commercial schools and was the main speaker when this debate occupied the attention of the convention. After a war of words the convention decided to eliminate the word "commercial," and the resolution asking for state support for industrial education was carried.

A resolution regulating the rural schools and the appointment of superintendents caused more warfare, and this was only settled when thep roposed law was voted down.

The teachers indorsed the fair for San Francisco in 1915. Copies of the resolutions will be sent to California's representatives in congress.

RESOLUTIONS

Other resolutions passed were:

Endorsement of playgrounds.

A new law for the encouragement of general vaccination.

More careful supervision of the health of the children in the schools.

Law for the more satisfactory determination of the tenure of office of teachers.

Endorsement of state board of heath's campaign for sanitation.

Higher salaries for teachers.

Enactment of suitable legislation to correct discounting of teachers' salary warrants.

Second only to the stormy session held at the closing was the election of members of the state council of education. The nominations yesterday showed the attitude of a large number of teachers who fought to secure the nomination of the insurgent ticket, but the regulars carried the day.

As a result, Miss Howe, president elect of the association, denounced Leon Armstrong, secretary of the meeting, in strong terms. She declared that he and other members of the association had been purposely misinformed by Armstrong as to the matters which were to come before the meeting yesterday, at which the nominations were made.

"They have not played fair," declared Miss Howe, "and I am exceedingly angry over the whole affair. No notice was given us as to the meeting for nominations yesterday and there was deception practiced by some of the officers of the association.

"The nominations should have been made this morning at the regular session, but instead they were rushed through yesterday while many of the teachers were away, expecting that this important matter would be part of the closing session.

ONLY THIRD PRESENT

"There was, therefore, but a third of the association membership present at the meeting and the others did not know that an election was being held today. That accounts for the small number of votes cast."

The activity of the regulars was evidenced by the fact that Edward Hyatt, leader of the insurgent ticket, received but 145 votes, while the "machine" carried the day with each of its candidates, receiving more than 225 votes. The 10 members elected to the council of education are:

James A. Barr	E. Morris Cox
D. R. Jones	Alexis F. Lange
Morris E. Dailey	Oliver P. Jenkins
J. W. Linscott	Clara M. Partridge
Alfred Roncovieri	Will C. Wood

The election raised such a storm of protest on the part of the insurgents that resolutions were passed at the meeting to the effect that the nominating committee must submit its report the first day of the convention, the names to be posted in a conspicuous place. To this list in alphabetical order the names of other candidates may be added.

MORE WORK PROMISED

James Ferguson, leader of the insurgent movement, declared the new methods of nominating would do away with a clique which sought to control the convention offices. He said that in the future there would be less politics in the association and more real work.

At the close of the convention this afternoon members of the executive committee met in the Hotel Shattuck for a discussion of what bills recommended by the association should be given the greatest attention before the coming session of the legislature. It was agreed by the committee of which Duncan McKinnon is president that the most pressing needs were laws for industrial education, better tenure for teachers and a retirement bill. These proposed laws will be presented to the legislature early in January, and every endeavor made to have them passed.

In the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys

WOMAN FINDS SHE HAS TWO HUSBANDS

Learns After Second Marriage That Report of First Spouse's Divorce Was False

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Sarah E. Carmean of this city has applied to the superior court for assistance in freeing herself from one of her two husbands.

Mrs. Carmean only recently ascertained that she had one more husband that the law allows and filed a suit for annulment against Nelson E. Carmean.

Mrs. Carmean, an attractive woman of about 30 years, married Mike Mulqueeny of this city March 4, 1903, and, according to the complaint filed by Attorney Light, lived with him for several years. Finally the couple separated and she departed for Joplin, Mo., while her husband remained in Stockton.

It was while in Missouri that Mrs. Mulqueeny met Nelson E. Carmean. Carmean, it is said, grew very fond of the Stockton woman and proposed.

Mrs. Mulqueeny, however, would not listen to his pleadings until some months later, when she received word from California that Mulqueeny had secured a divorce and had married another woman. Then, according to the complaint, Carmean's proposal was accepted.

Later Mrs. Mulqeeny-Carmean went to South Dakota, where she learned that her Stockton husband had not secured a divorce. She hurried to Stockton and, finding husband No. 1 was willing to take her back, filed the suit against Carmean.

Carmean is said to be on the way here and a contest is expected.

ACRES INUNDATED BY GLACIER FLOOD

Great Damage Done in Alaska by Water Which Burst From Frozen Stream

CORDOVA, Alaska, Dec. 30.—Forest Ranger George Johnson returned today from an inspection of the Bering glacier region and confirmed the reports of the great damage done by the flood which burst from the glacier last month. Because of the heavy fall of snow he was unable to reach the chain of lakes above the glacier to determine the cause of the phenomenal flood, but he verified stories of enormous damage done to the large sweep of country between the glacier and the sea.

Johnson also investigated the whereabouts of H. S. Wise and Kayak Smith. Wise and Smith escaped injury, but underwent thrilling experiences and endured hardships in making their escape from icebergs and cold water that swept down the Bering sea valley. The two men were asleep in their cabins on the banks of the Bering river when the flood bore down on them.

Thinking that the flood would soon subside, Wise and Smith piled their belongings on top of the bed and drew themselves up to escape the cold water, which was rapidly rising. They remained in the cabin until the water rose above the bed, when they took a canoe and, after a severe struggle with the flood, reached the high ground at the McDonald coal mine.

Ranger Johnson says that thousands of acres were swept by the flood and that the loss to prospectors and homesteaders was heavy. The water in Bering lake, many miles below the glacier, rose 10 feet within a few hours, carrying away thousands of feet of cut piling and sawlogs.

LOST OPERA SCORES RETURNED TO POLICE

Bearer Says Life Was Threatened by Thieves

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The lost opera scores in the Metropolitan opera house $10,000 prize competition, stolen from an Adams express company wagon last Saturday, have been recovered. John Rea, who handed the four manuscripts to the Harlem police today, said his life had been threatened if he told how he obtained possession of them.

Last Saturday Walter Damrosch, one of the judges in the competition, which is for the best grand opera composed by a native American, shipped the four operas by the express company to George W. Chadwick, director of the New England conservatory of music in Boston. The package was stolen from the wagon while the driver was delivering another package. Rea, about whose personality little seems to be known, said that two men had given him the bundle and told him to turn it over to the police.

OLDFIELD AND JEFFRIES IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Car Goes Into Ditch; Men Are Picked Up by Frank Chance

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 30.—Speeding southward toward the Mexican line at a rate said to have been in excess of 40 miles an hour the big Knox Giant car driven by Barney Oldfield and containing James J. Jeffries, former champion heavy weight of the world, went into a ditch this morning near National City, turned turtle and was wrecked completely.

Both Oldfield and Jeffries were thrown to the ground violently, but escaped with a few minor injuries.

The wrecked machine was sent back to San Diego, and the car containing Frank Chance, captain-manager of the Chicago National league ball team, which was following the Knox, picked up Oldfield and Jeffries, and the trio proceeded on to Mexico on a hunting expedition.

CUPID'S RECORD AT REDWOOD CITY—Redwood City, Dec. 30.—The following marriage licenses were issued in San Mateo county: William H. McMasters, 30, and Elvira M. de Lucs, 24, both of San Francisco; Olaf Jensen, 26, and Charlotte Bahrenburg, 18, both of San Francisco.

GIRL TAKES POISON WHEN NAMED THIEF

Silver Ware and Clothing Found in Trunk Is Claimed by Employer

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Dec. 30.—A girl 17 years of age, employed as a domestic at the home of Deputy County Clerk Hubert H. Briggs, whose name is withheld from publication at the request of the juvenile court authorities, attempted to commit suicide today when ordered to leave the Briggs residence because of the alleged theft of articles belonging to the family.

She drank a bottle of lysol and was hurried to the emergency hospital, where it is said that she will live.

The girl formerly worked for Mrs. Jake Wagner, a neighbor of Mrs. Briggs. Her mistress believed that articles missed were taken by the girl, and on opening her trunk found silver ware and wearing apparel.

Mrs. Briggs called in a painter who was working in an upstairs room, and informing the girl what she had learned, told her to leave. The girl stepped into the bathroom and drank the lysol. Turning to the painter she said: "Goodby, Mr. Smith."

He recognized that something was wrong and had the girl taken to the hospital.

The girl will be taken in charge by the probation officer and her case will come before the juvenile court.

MAIL ORDER SPOUSE POOR INVESTMENT

He Gets Arkansas Woman's $4,500 and She Is Almost Stranded at Sacramento

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Mona Young of Cottonwood, Ark., appealed to the police today for the arrest of her husband, Harry Young, on the charge of fleecing her out of $4,500, which she allowed him to handle after their wedding about a week ago in Denver. Mrs. Young was Mrs. Mona Parker, and met Young through an advertisement in a Denver paper. Correspondence was commenced with Young in Los Angeles and culminated in a wedding.

Mrs. Parker had several grown children who bitterly opposed the marriage, so she sold her farm in Cottonwood to her son, getting $4,500. This money she gave to Young upon receipt of certificates in an Arizona mine which were worthless. They then started for California, but Young left the train at a small station. Mrs. Young did not notice his absence until some hours later, and then came to Sacramento.

She has been referred to the Los Angeles police. Young left her with but $100.

FIVE RESIGN FROM THE ROADS ADVISORY BOARD

Lack Time to Attend to Highway Duties

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Dec. 30.—Secretary Fred A. Eckstrom of the highway commission has the resignations of five members of the advisory board. Some time ago the board instructed the secretary to inform those members who were unable to attend the meetings that it would be better to allow others who could spare the time to serve.

Tomorrow the board will pass on the resignations, the members having asked to be excused from further service on the ground that they did not have the time to attend to the duties required.

The members are: C. A. Black of Lodi, J. Brack Jr. of New Hope, Henry Lorenzen of Banta, F. O. Housken of Tracy and F. H. Kincaid of Ripon.

BEE KEEPERS ELECT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 30.—The Northern California Bee Keepers' association elected officers at the fifth annual convention, held here today. L. W. Walker of Sacramento was chosen president; Harry K. Hill of Willows, vice president; B. B. Hogaboom of Elk Grove, secretary and treasurer, and M. C. Richter of Elk Grove and C. Hauser of Sacramento, directors.

RED BLUFF LIVERY BARN BURNED DOWN

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

RED BLUFF, Dec. 30.—Fire early today destroyed the large livery barn owned by D. W. Butler, who operates the stage between this city and Manton. Two horses were burned to death and three others were so badly burned they were shot. The barn was a total loss. Most of the vehicles were saved. The barn belonging to T. P. Lambo, adjoining, was damaged.

SAN FRANCISCO STATE TAXES PAID FOR 1910

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 30.—Treasurer John E. McDougald of the city and county of San Francisco today paid into the state treasury the first installment of the 1910 taxes, the amount being $1,254,300.57. This leaves only one county, Los Angeles, to be heard from at the state treasurer's office, and this is expected tomorrow morning.

CAROLS WILL BE SUNG IN SACRAMENTO STREETS

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 30.—In pursuance of their annual custom, 60 carol singers from Grass Valley will sing in the streets of Sacramento on Saturday morning in celebration of New Year. In the past these singers have been here on the first of the year, but as they are due to sing in Stockton on that day, they will sing here Saturday.

STANDARDIZED FRUIT ALLIANCE TO MEET

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

PLACERVILLE, Dec. 30.—A call has been issued for the annual meeting of the standardized fruit alliance of this county at the Orpheum theater Saturday, January 14, when officers will be elected for the ensuing year. The call, signed by G. W. Hall, president, is being mailed today.

CARNIVAL WILL USHER IN NEW YEAR

All Sonoma County to Make Merry at Santa Rosa as 1910 Dies

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SANTA ROSA, Dec. 30.—The passing of the old and the approach of the new year will be observed fittingly by the residents of Sonoma county tomorrow evening in this city at a mardi gras carnival. It will be the first celebration of the kind ever attempted in this city, but as handsome and very valuable prizes have been offered for masqueraders it is expected the affair will prove highly successful.

Fourth street, the main thoroughfare of the city, from the Northwestern Pacific depot to E street, a distance of more than half a mile, is brilliantly illuminated by electroliers. The merchants have entered into the spirit of the occasion and are decorating their stores, all of which will be brightly illuminated throughout the evening.

The Santa Rosa and Healdsburg brass bands will provide street concerts, while all the hotels and restaurants will have orchestras. Tons of confetti have been provided and thousands of people will attend from the surrounding country.

WIFE OF FARMER COMMITS SUICIDE

Woman Despondent Over Ill Health Leaps Into the Sacramento River

ANTIOCH, Dec. 30.—Despondent over ill health Mrs. F. W. Garlich, wife of a well known farmer on Sherman island, committed suicide last night by jumping into the Sacramento river. Her husband witnessed the act from a distance, but arrived too late to save her.

The body was recovered soon afterward and will be sent for burial to Oakland, where Mrs. Garlich had been living recently with her family.

Some time ago the woman attempted suicide and, as a result, was kept under constant surveillance, but as her health improved the vigilance of her protectors was relaxed.

LAWLESS MURDER CASE IS SET FOR JANUARY 3

Alleged Slayer of J. Bagnasco Appears in Court

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NAPA, Dec. 30.—Sidney Lawless, who is charged with killing Joseph Bagnasco with an ax in February, 1909, appeared before Judge Gesford in the superior court yesterday afternoon. The time of his pleading to the murder charge was set for January 3, 1911, at 2 p. m. The killing occurred at the Captain Brice place near Oakville, in this county.

Attorney J. M. Palmer, who defended Lawless when he was declared insane by a jury two years ago and was committed to the Ukiah state hospital, resigned from the case yesterday, and Judge Gesford appointed W. T. Rutherford to act as counsel for the defendant.

Mrs. Lawless is in Europe with Mrs. Brice.

MURDERER WILL GO TO DEATH WITHOUT APPEAL

Mike Leahy to Be Hanged at Folsom in February

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 30.—Mike Leahy, who was sentenced to be hanged for the murder of J. H. Chateau in Placer county, will be among the few murderers in California who will go to his death without having an appeal to the higher courts. The date of execution has been set for February by Warden Reilly of Folsom prison, and Leahy's time for taking an appeal has expired. It is a rare murder case that does not go to the higher courts in California. His attorney says there are no grounds for appeal.

CAN'T GET IN OR OUT OF STOCKTON PRISON

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Dec. 30.—The county jail authorities are in a quandary as a result of a case of smallpox within the bastile.

Yesterday, William Brown, a negro serving a term for petty larceny, was taken with smallpox and removed to the pesthouse.

Orders have been issued preventing the officers from locking up any new prisoners or allowing any inside to get out. The county jail serves for both county and city purposes, and there is no other place in which to incarcerate the offenders.

Doctor Friedberger, the health officer, is of the opinion that no further cases will occur, but desires to be on the safe side. Even the "trusties" have been locked up and building given a thorough fumigation from the basement to the third floor.

STOCKTON TO HEAR FAMOUS CAROL SINGERS

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Dec. 30.—A delegation of 75 residents of Grass Valley, which includes the famous carol singers, will arrive here tomorrow noon to participate in the New Year celebration to be held tomorrow night.

The singers will be heard in the streets, and while here will be the guests of the Stockton Merchants' association.

All arrangements for the big celebration have been completed, and scores of visitors are expected from all sections of the county and surrounding counties.

FARMER MISSING AND FOUL PLAY IS FEARED

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Dec. 30.—Dave T. Ray, a farmer, of the New Hope district, has disappeared mysteriously. He came to Stockton December 19 to sell holly berries, and friends and relatives have heard nothing of him since. He had about $200 in his possession, and foul play is feared.

MAN SLASHES WIFE AND KILLS HIMSELF

Andrew Sorenson, Modesto Hotel Owner, Attacks Woman and Cuts Own Throat

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

MODESTO, Dec. 30.—Andrew Sorenson, a Modesto businessman, slashed his wife horribly today in an attempt to murder her, and committed suicide by cutting his throat. Sorenson has been acting peculiarly for several weeks, and it is believed that he became insane suddenly. The tragedy occurred in the Maze hotel, of which Mr. and Mrs. Sorensen were joint proprietors. Mrs. Sorenson is at a local hospital in a serious condition and does not know of her husband's death. She is expected to recover.

Sorenson first choked his wife, then went into the dining room of the hotel, seized a large butcher knife and attacked her. The woman's screams attracted other occupants of the building, and Sorenson retreated into one of the rooms of the hotel. The police were on the scene in a few minutes and broke into the room, to find Sorenson dead, with his head nearly severed from his body. The woman's left hand was nearly severed from the wrist, the bone and all the tendons being cut. The third finger of her right hand was entirely severed, and she has two deep wounds on the head, one cutting the bone.

Both parties to the tragedy were members of leading Modesto families. Sorenson was engaged in the grocery business here with the firm of A. Stiefvater & Co. for several years before going into the hotel business.

BIG SYNDICATE ENTERS OIL FIELDS

Petroleum Properties Corporation of London Files Articles at Bakersfield

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 30.—A memorandum and certified articles of incorporation of the Petroleum Properties Syndicate, Ltd., were filed here today. The main office of the corporation is in London and the capital stock is £25,000, consisting of 25,000 shares at £1 a share. The syndicate is a private company, its membership is limited to 50 and the liabilities of the stockholders are limited to the stock in the corporation.

The object of the company as set forth in the articles is to find and develop petroleum, coal, asphalt, guano and natural gas. Provisions are made for the colonizing of territory in other lands, the transportation of the colonists and the development of the land either by cultivation or mining. The papers are certified to by Richard Westacott, vice and deputy consul general of the United States at London.

A complaint in intervention was filed by W. S. Liebendorf in the case of Charles W. Guild against the Monarch oil company. Guild is suing for the recovery of $8,000 he alleges is due him from the oil company for the sale of the southwest quarter of section 34-30-22 to S. Harris. Liebendorf alleges that he induced Harris to purchase the land and claims the commission. The quarter section sold for $80,000.

A bill which it is thought will have the effect of quieting the title to all of the oil lands withdrawn by the government July 3, which were under process of development at the time, has been drawn up by the oilmen's committee of seven, which was appointed at the meeting in this city November 12. The bill provides that persons and corporations having located oil lands prior to the withdrawal order and prosecuted their work in good faith shall be authorized to make proofs under the terms and conditions of the mining laws, and that patents be issued. The bill will be presented for the consideration of congress within a short time. The committee will leave in a few days for Washington.

JAPANESE SENTENCED FOR HORSE STEALING

Prisoner Says He Took Animals as Pay for Work

FRESNO, Dec. 30.—R. Nakomoto, a Japanese, was given two sentences of one year each in San Quentin by Judge Church of the superior court today. Nakomoto pleaded guilty to the charge of taking two horses belonging to a countryman, who, he says, owed him money for work performed. The defendant said that he was ignorant of the laws of this country and that he believed he was doing the proper thing when he appropriated the horses as compensation for his work.

SUPERVISOR HURT BY DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

COLFAX, Dec. 30.—Supervisor C. A. Geisendorfer of Weimar is in a hospital at Sacramento, suffering from injuries that may yet cause his death. He was blasting bedrock in the county road near here yesterday afternoon when a stick of dynamite exploded prematurely. His face and chest were lacerated and he received internal injuries.

EMBEZZLER IS GIVEN FOUR YEAR SENTENCE

G. H. Kenworthy Pleads Guilty to Harness Fraud

FRESNO, Dec. 30.—G. H. Kenworthy was sentenced by Judge Church of the superior court today to spend four years in San Quentin state prison after the defendant entered a plea of guilty to a charge of embezzlement. Kenworthy was accused of having secured credit to the extent of $103.95 from a Fresno harness firm and then disposing of the goods before settling for them.

LOS ANGELES EDUCATOR SPEAKS AT STOCKTON

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Dec. 30.—City Superintendent of Schools Francis of Los Angeles addressed a meeting of citizens tonight at the high school auditorium on industrial education. Stockton is contemplating adding a trade school to its public school system, and the citizens' committee appointed to investigate the matter secured the services of Superintendent Francis, who is a recognized authority on the question.

RHONEMUS SUIT IS UNDER ADVISEMENT

Case Is Tried Behind Closed Doors Owing to Sensational Testimony

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Dec. 30.—Judge C. W. Norton has taken under advisement the divorce case of Mary J. Rhonemus against Elwood Rhonemus, which, on account of the alleged unsavory testimony, was tried behind closed doors.

The defense, through Attorney Ed Van Vranken, moved the case be dismissed on the ground that the plaintiff had not lived in California a year. The plaintiff concurred. The defense then urged the trial of the case on cross complaint, and the motion was granted.

Following are the names of the witnesses who testified: Dr. Fisher R. Clark, Forrest Rhonemus, Mrs. Ernest Knoblock, Mrs. L. Baker, W. L. Wisdon, L. J. Lucas and Antone, David and John Campodonico.

TEAMSTERS INJURED—Herman Nansky and Thomas Moore, teamsters, were injured yesterday at Turk and Buchanan streets when the teams they were driving collided with streetcars. Nansky was thrown in front of a car and was saved from death by the fender. He was badly lacerated. The injuries received by Moore were slight.

PIONEER WOMAN DIES IN STOCKTON

Elizabeth J. Sperry Succumbs After Two Years' Suffering From Paralysis

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Dec. 30.—Elizabeth J. Sperry, one of the early residents of this city, died late last night, having been a sufferer from paralysis for more than two years.

Mrs. Sperry came to California in 1858, making the trip by ox team along with a party of relatives. They located in this county. She was a native of Biggsville, Ark., and was 66 years old.

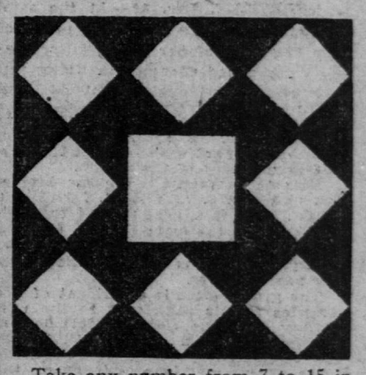
She was the wife of Nelson B. Sperry and mother of Mrs. E. C. Williams of Bakersfield, Orrin M. Sperry of Sacramento, Mrs. A. N. Draper and Cora E. Sperry of Stockton, and sister of W. F. Curry, Mrs. J. B. Freitas, Alvin B. Curry and Mrs. Charles Light.

MURDER CASE DROPPED—The case against Murray Bennett, charged with the murder of William Henriel, a clerk, who died after being severely beaten in a fight in the Mirror cafe the night of November 27, was dismissed by Judge Weller yesterday morning on motion of the district attorney.

ROBBERS MAKE CLEANUP IN BANK—Indianapolis, Dec. 30.—The state bank at New Palestine, near here, was robbed today of $8,416. Not a penny of the bank's deposits was left.

FREE THIS $500 PIANO

If You Can Solve This Puzzle, Can You Solve It?



Take any number from 7 to 15 inclusive. Do not use any number more than twice. Place one number in each of the squares so that when they are added perpendicularly or horizontally the total will make 33. For the neatest correct answers we will give absolutely free the following prizes in order of merit. All prize winners will be notified by mail and all prizes must be called for within fifteen days from closing of contest. It is not wrong to use this paper. Only one person in a family can enter. The winner of the first special prize in this great publicity contest will receive absolutely free the $500 Bowers & Son Piano, or if they prefer they can have their choice of either of the other two by paying the difference as above. Other special prizes to be awarded in order of merit.

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