

EVENINGS IN THE COUNTIES BORDERING ON THE BAY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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OAKLAND, Feb. 3.—Since the subside of the noisy joy with which Oakland greeted the news from Washington that San Francisco would have the Panama-Pacific International exposition in 1915, sober thought has made it plain that Oakland will benefit greatly. Realty dealers look for a marked increase in values. One of the big property holders said this week that he valued his holdings 25 per cent higher because the exposition was assured.

Never in the history of the city has there been so much activity as in the last six months. What with the municipal improvements, the great water front plans, the work done by the Southern Pacific and the Key Route, the organization of the \$200,000,000 merger, the United Properties company, the work on the million dollar city hall, the sale in the last few weeks of the central sites of the First Presbyterian and the First Methodist churches, the Eva estate and Scottish rite temples, Oakland has become a place of great transactions and big real estate deals have become the order of the day.

ACTIVITY IN DEVELOPMENT

A number of notable deals in which the money has been held back pending the exposition vote were completed and sites are being selected for homes and apartment houses to provide for the rapid growth of the population which Oakland expects from the millions who will be attracted here by the exposition.

Outside capital is becoming interested and practically Oakland is assured a municipal auditorium that will cost \$500,000, and the school bonds to be voted on at an early date will exceed \$2,000,000.

Extension of the Key Route suburban system into Richmond over the present route of the East Shore and Suburban railroads is promised and the Oakland transportation district will be extended to San Jose and Sacramento.

The Oakland and Antioch railway, which will give an electric service between Oakland, Bay Point, Martinez, Black Diamond and Antioch on the southern shores of Suisun bay, may be a connecting link for a proposed route to Stockton and Sacramento.

A report of the federal authorities in regard to the number of passengers conveyed across San Francisco bay last year is as follows: Southern Pacific (estimated), 28,000,000; Key Route, 12,252,549; Santa Fe, 201,495; Western Pacific, 15,485.

FUNDS FOR BIG HOTEL

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Oakland hotel company it was reported that funds were available for the completion of the hotel. The question of raising money for furnishing the hotel was discussed. The directors have an authorized stock issue of \$1,000,000 at their command. Of this amount \$750,000 has been subscribed and virtually paid up. Of the authorized \$500,000 bond issue \$500,000 has been placed. In order to secure money for the furnishings \$250,000 worth of stock will be put on the market and it is thought that the Oakland hotel men. With this and the \$250,000 bond issue there will be no trouble in furnishing the big hostelry.

The old Hooker residence at the southeast corner of Tenth and Madison streets was sold recently to Charles M. MacGregor. He probably will remove the structure and erect a modern apartment house. He is concerned with the demand for apartments will become more marked as the city grows.

A new seven story block is in the course of construction in the north side of Thirteenth street between Franklin and Broadway, adjoining the State savings bank building, for R. E. Perry, the owner. It is a class B structure and will cost approximately \$75,000.

TRADING IN HOME PROPERTY

Trading in home property continues to be unusually active. A residence has just been completed for Colonel Charles Bonitz at the corner of Twelfth and Broadway. Another will be between Snow avenue and Lee street at a cost of \$7,500. The residence of Dr. H. S. Kergan at the corner of Euclid and Van Buren avenues is nearing completion. It is a two story structure and will be among the most attractive residences in the city.

PERMITS FOR BUILDINGS

The summary of the building permits applied for during January calls for a total expenditure of \$284,334.10. The report follows:

Table with columns: No. of Permits, Amounts. Rows include: One story dwellings, Two story dwellings, Three story dwellings, etc.

TOLER HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENTS

Henderson and Tappscott have been planning to improve Toler heights in a better manner than first intended, and last week contracts were let to macadamize the gutters and install substantial curbs along all the streets in the tract. The franchise for the car line along Grand avenue from East Fourteenth street to the property has been granted and the work will be commenced in a very few days. The firm made the following statement:

The Key Route extension will pass within a block of the tract, giving rapid transportation to San Francisco and to valley points when the work of extension to San Jose is complete. Last week the Southern Pacific notified all residents along their right of way to vacate, and within a few days the work of building this electrified extension will be undertaken.

Summing up the situation, Toler heights, with the Southern Pacific on one side and the Key Route on the other, and direct connection with all the Fourteenth street cars, enjoys unexcelled transportation facilities. Another great thrill of the entire southern line and runs from Oakland to Hayward.

Many new homes have been planned for the tract and several are under construction. Early buyers of Toler heights lots are in a position to

Many New Homes Erected In Suburbs of Oakland



House planned for Toler heights on Scenic boulevard.

make a nice profit on the investment, as the price of the property was raised February 1 and the demand for building sites is increasing.

DEMAND FOR RESIDENCES

Frank J. Taylor of Taylor Brothers & Co. said:

I have never seen a busier period in two years for investment in residence properties. There is no better indication than the fact that the middle class investor is actively in the market.

In the week past I have closed three deals for a total of \$50,000. The greater part of the action being in the region overlooking Lake Merritt. One of the deals was for five lots and another for a \$10,000 residence.

It is impossible to meet the demand for residences in the Portola heights district, and our company will begin the construction of four homes, while two are to be started in Lake View terrace.

HOME BUYERS DISCRIMINATE

F. E. Reed of the Laymance real estate company said:

We have talked much about the remarkably successful sale of Rock ridge, and we have been justified in so doing. We have had a large sale, but not so numerically as if we were selling 25 foot lots for \$300. Neither is our list of buyers the indiscriminate one it would be if we had been selling unrestricted property.

You have a million dollars' worth of the finest land in the bay district to sell you are appealing only to one class of people. You buyers must be the sort to appreciate the kind of property you are handling and they must be able to meet the restrictions on the property.

This is not applicable to those who buy for investments, of course. The third and last of the Rock ridge properties, is now being given a final improvement before it is put on the market.

The large sites which this tract offers make it especially desirable to many persons who have been looking for such a spot on which to build a home. While the restrictions in the park and the price range from \$2,500 to \$5,000, they will run from \$10,000 and \$20,000 in certain portions of the tract. There can be no doubt of the success of this third high class property, as we have buyers for just this sort of a home park.

CARNOT DEBATE WILL BE HELD TONIGHT

University Students Will Meet on Rostrum for Medal

BERKELEY, Feb. 3.—A trio of university debaters will meet representatives from Stanford on the rostrum at Palo Alto tomorrow night in the annual contest for the Carnot gold medal.

Some phase of the question, "The French Government in Relation to the Problem of Labor," will be submitted to the debaters at 6 o'clock tomorrow evening and they will be given two hours in which to prepare their opening debate and choose their sides.

LITIGATION MAY INVOLVE OAKLAND

City Attorney Directed to Defend All Suits

OAKLAND, Feb. 3.—In the belief that the E. R. & A. I. Stone company will resort to suits to compel payment for sewerage facilities from occupants of land sold by the company in Stonehurst, Elmhurst, the street committee of the city council adopted a resolution this afternoon directing the city attorney to defend all such suits.

The property owners maintain that the company had sold them the land with sewers laid and that, therefore, the company had no right to charge them for the use of a sanitary sinking tank. City Attorney Woolner states that the streets laid out by the Stone company became public and dedicated streets when Elmhurst was annexed to Oakland.

Marriage Licenses

OAKLAND, Feb. 3.—The following marriage licenses were issued today:

Table with columns: Name, Address. Rows include: Manuel Rose, 23, Irvington, and Agnes Simas, 17, Pleasanton; Jesse H. Dungan, 46, and Edythe Van Anda, 38, both of Woodland; Julius R. P. Serrano, 33, and Elsa S. Kinkel, 24, Elizabeth, N. J.; Alice Jones, 25, Visalia, and Alice Broder, 25, Hayward; James W. Dexter, 44, San Francisco, and Sadie M. Pyle, 43, Oakland; Anthony A. de Mello, 22, and Della B. King, 24, both of Hayward.

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SMALL PILL. SMALL DOSE. SMALL PRICE. Genuine must bear signature: *Wm. Carter*

CARNIVAL SPIRIT AT CAMPUS FETE

Annual Function of Prytanean Society in Harmon Gymnasium Today

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OAKLAND GIRL FETTERED IN EAST

Eliza McMullen Will Return to California Some Time in the Spring

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Miss Virginia Kentfield, the Chicago girl who is spending the winter in California as the house guest of her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Kentfield, will be the honored guest for the informal party on St. Valentine's day to which her hostess will include a number of the younger set. A number of affairs are being arranged this month in Miss Kentfield's honor.

Miss Nora Evans and Miss Julia Evans have sent out 100 cards for the afternoon of Saturday, February 11, asking their guests to meet Miss Florence Gibbons, the fiancée of Perry Evans. The betrothal of Miss Gibbons and the Berkeley man was announced this week.

Mrs. Murray Johnson and Miss Charlotte Playter are in Pasadena for the winter.

In honor of Professor Eugene Neustadt and Mme. Neustadt, Mrs. John L. Taylor has sent out cards for an affair Friday evening of next week.

Thirty will be guests of Miss Marie Tyson at dinner tomorrow evening at the Claremont country club. The party will later attend the Saturday night dance at the club.

One of the more elaborate dances of the month in Berkeley society will be that for which Mrs. Americo Coxhead has sent out cards for Thursday, February 9. Mrs. Coxhead will entertain her guests at the Hillside club house.

An informal afternoon at bridge will be given Friday of next week by Mrs. W. L. Locke and her daughter, Miss Locke, at their home in Moss avenue.

Miss Louise Mahoney has taken apartments at Littlebank for the early spring. She and her sister, Miss Emma Mahoney, have spent the season across the bay.

This afternoon Mrs. William A. Schrock hosted to one of the season's bridge clubs, tea being served following the session at the card tables.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mallory Dutton, who are established in Berlin, will go to England for the festivities attending the coronation of King George. After a few weeks in London they will return to Berlin, where the young Berkeley man will continue his musical studies.

The Friday night club of Berkeley gave its closing assembly this evening in Town and Gown club house, a large number of the younger set enjoying the function.

Professor O. A. Leuschner and Mrs. Leuschner are in Santa Barbara for an indefinite stay. Professor Leuschner is convalescent after a serious illness.

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