

HALE TAKES SEAT

Harbor Board

Pays Glowing Tribute to Retiring Chairman, W. V. Stafford

New Members Already Besieged With Scores of Job Hunters

Harbor Commissioners W. V. Stafford and Dennison Teller yesterday surrendered their seats to Marshall Hale and J. J. Dwyer and the management of the water front of San Francisco is now in the hands of an all Johnson board.

In taking his seat President Hale paid a tribute to the work done on the water front by President Stafford. "Before I take my seat," he said, "I want to say that I realize the amount of work before me. I also realize, Mr. Stafford, what you have done here and I think the citizens of San Francisco appreciate the high quality of service you have given."

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MASTER OF HIS OWN FUTURE

Rollin Patterson, a Petaluma Merchant, Refuses to Say Who Shot Him

Victim of Bullet Conscious, Though Lead Is Lodged in His Brain

Mystery surrounds the plight of Rollin Patterson, a merchant of Petaluma, who was found lying on a bench in Jefferson square at 2 o'clock yesterday morning by Policeman J. J. Cameron.

All efforts by the police to ascertain how the injury was inflicted have been fruitless. Detectives Lambert and Bailey, who were detailed on the case, think that Patterson attempted to commit suicide while despondent over business reverses, but search in the park for a revolver brought no results. Patterson, although in a serious condition, is conscious and talked to the officers for more than an hour after his wound was dressed, but was extremely reticent concerning his movements previous to yesterday.

When questioned closely as to how he was shot and who wielded the revolver, Patterson developed a lack of memory. He told Detective Lambert that the shooting did not occur in Jefferson square, but beyond this he could remember nothing. Detectives were asked not to continue the investigation, Patterson explaining that he bore no ill will against any one and stating that if any one was arrested for the shooting he would not appear to prosecute.

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CELEBRATES SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

MacFarland's Wife Luncheon at St. Francis Is Attended by 175 Guests of the Organization

Spring blossoms, spring hats, spring gowns, music, speeches and an excellent luncheon helped the members of Cap and Bells club and their friends to celebrate the seventh anniversary of the founding of the organization, at the St. Francis yesterday.

Long tables, gay with daffodils, narcissus and yellow anemones, were placed in the colonial ballroom at which about 175 guests were seated.

At the table of the president, Mrs. D. Easton, were the officers of the club, the toastmistress, Mrs. V. Marshall Law, and the guests of honor, among whom were Mrs. Nelson Remington, president of the Papyrus club; Mrs. F. M. Wright, past president of the Forum; Mrs. H. C. Capwell, president of the Home club of Oakland; Mrs. Thomas Havens, president of the Sorobis.

It was one of the prettiest as well as most enjoyable events of the year, and many compliments were heard upon the clever versatility of the Cap and Bells members, who gave the entire programme following the luncheon.

Mrs. Law as toastmistress was introduced in a graceful little speech by Mrs. Easton, and she in turn made witty little remarks of the various speakers or singers.

Mrs. M. O. Austin, past president of Cap and Bells, responded to the first toast on the club's birthday, and told something of the aims and achievements of Cap and Bells; Mrs. Lyman D. Foster sang in charming voice; Mrs. Will D. Shea responded to the toast.

The "Papyrus" club presented a pleasant tribute to the husbands of the clubwomen. Mrs. Josephine White gave some delightful musical numbers. Mrs. Louise Sage and Mrs. E. P. Heald gave amusing recitations most cleverly. Mrs. U. S. Grant Bartlett sang to the delight of everyone, and Mrs. Edwin Stadtmuller answered the toast, "Woman's Sphere."

Notwithstanding the three judicial separations MacFarland still has at least one wife. Mrs. Ella A. MacFarland, whose petition for annulment was granted by Judge Van Nostrand January 14, has since had that annulment vacated. She restores her to status of wife of the frequently married MacFarland.

MacFarland asserts she was the victim of a plot on the part of MacFarland and "Jane Doe," and that she was induced to have her marriage annulled because of false and fraudulent representations. She alleged that her husband planned to deprive her of her share of community property worth in excess of \$30,000.

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J. Graham Gow, First Foreign Representative, Guest of Exposition Officials

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WOMAN'S DEFENSE

Physician Testifies That Mrs. Lansing, Charged With Theft, Is Irresponsible

Mrs. Gerrit Livingston Lansing, widow of a former Southern Pacific official and a woman of wealth and social standing, charged with the theft of packages of mail, entered a plea of mental incompetency through her attorney in Judge Treadwell's court yesterday. The case was put over a week so that her mental condition might be investigated.

Mrs. Lansing appeared in court heavily veiled, flanked on one side by her daughter, Miss Mildred Lansing, and on the other by a nurse. She made no sign during the hearing, but at its close virtually had to be carried to her taxi.

Mrs. Lansing's attorney, Jesse W. Bryan, made no effort to refute the testimony of the prosecution. Assistant District Attorney Perkins, representing the people, brought out through the postoffice inspectors and Detective T. J. Bailey that the woman had taken a package of mail addressed to another person in the same apartment house and had also confessed to having stolen several others.

Dr. J. Wilson Shiels was called by the defense and testified to having treated Mrs. Lansing for seven years for nervous disorders.

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"Do you think her mental condition was such that she would have taken the packages if a policeman had been standing by?" asked Perkins.

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Judge Treadwell declared that under the circumstances he did not care to give a decision until Mrs. Lansing had been examined by some physician chosen by the district attorney's office. Dr. T. W. Leland was named by District Attorney Flickert and he will make known the results of his examination when the case is called up again Thursday.

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