

COMMISSION TALKS OF BUILDING LAWS

President Langley Porter's Report Calls Attention to Overcrowding

The building laws of California, with particular reference to San Francisco, and the remedy for what Walter MacArthur declared to be "housing conditions as bad as any in the world" when referring to this city, filled the annual meeting of the San Francisco housing commission which was held yesterday afternoon at the Palace hotel.

It was through this commission principally that the tenement house laws of 1911 were passed and there was a distinct note of triumph over this victory in the addresses delivered, as well as many appreciative and complimentary references to Senator Lester Burnett, through whose efforts so much was accomplished.

In the absence of the president, Dr. Langley Porter, Walter MacArthur presided. The president's report was read by Miss Alice Griffith, the secretary, and set forth that although much had been achieved, the tenement house laws are by no means model ones and there is great need for future activity.

Investigations had shown that many of the apartment houses of the city are in reality tenement houses and violate as many of the light, air and ground space regulations as do the regulation tenements. Lack of enforcement of even the existing laws has helped to make slum conditions as bad here as in any city in the world.

Statistics from seven large cities of the country give an average in the most congested districts of 232 people sleeping in 100 rooms, while here it was found in certain districts that there are 238 sleeping in 100 rooms.

The report urged that work be continued here with renewed activity and that all settlement workers should aid the commission in every possible way in their particular sections of the city.

Many technical points of treatment house building were explained and seeming flaws in the later bill accounted for. Senator Burnett said that he hoped that in the course of time better bills may be made and enforced. He expressed a hope that regulations for lodging houses and hotels might be the next movement.

The following officers and directors were re-elected by acclamation: President, Dr. Langley Porter; secretary, Miss Alice Griffith; treasurer, Selah Chamberlain; directors, Rev. Dr. O. Crowley, Walter MacArthur, P. V. Cornish, Robert C. Porter and John Bakewell Jr.

Recipe for Happy Home; Hear Call's Cook Expert

Two o'clock this afternoon. Hale Brothers' store, fourth floor. Mrs. Bertha Palmer Haffner, at the instance of The Call, will begin a series of lectures on cooking and all the other branches of domestic science that go to make a happy home. The women of San Francisco are invited to attend The Call's cooking lectures, which are free of charge and open to every one who comes.

By MARY ASHE MILLER

LAY the foundation of a happy home by learning how to cook. If you know how already, come and learn more about this exhaustive and inexhaustible—and sometimes exhausting—subject. If you enjoy cooking, come and be joyful. If you think it a bore, come and learn that it is not, if you know how to do it and manage it properly.

All of this may be done free of all expense by coming to The Call's Cooking Lectures this afternoon at Hale Brothers' store. Two o'clock is the hour when the lectures begin, and it is requested that you arrive as promptly as possible. You will be sorry, anyway, if you don't, because you will miss part of the lecture, and there will be no repetitions.

Mrs. Bertha Palmer Haffner, who first began learning cooking and domestic science in New Orleans—which speaks for itself along culinary lines—and who has attended every domestic science school and taken college courses on the subject in all institutions that amount to anything in this country, will begin this afternoon her five weeks' course of lectures. She comes with all manner of diplomas and a reputation in her particular line that brings tears of joy to the eyes of the epicure, and she will give you of the very best in her vast store of knowledge.

Some people have promulgated the doctrine that no practical benefit can be gained by lectures on domestic science—that it is all theory—well, "up in the air" was a vulgar phrase that was applied to the actual form of knowledge imparted. Never was there a greater mistake. It is about as practical and concrete a form of beneficial information as can be absorbed.

Mrs. Haffner tells you "real" things about really cooking—and she illustrates, it all in an actual kitchen which Hale Brothers have had built especially for her. The lectures will last from 40 minutes to an hour, so no one will have time to get the fidgets or be bored. In fact, it is safe to predict that a great many women will want to stay and ask questions when it is over.

Mrs. Haffner requests that all representatives of charitable organizations, church societies or clubs wishing to avail themselves of the offer of the benefit luncheon will see her before the lecture tomorrow afternoon, if possible. Luncheons, the materials of which will be donated, will be prepared in the morning, and served in the afternoon to those desiring it, for a small sum, and the entire proceeds will be turned over to the organization which is the beneficiary of the day. Every one is invited to come and consult with Mrs. Haffner regarding these luncheons.

No cards, coupons, enrollments or other preliminaries are necessary for those who wish to attend The Call's Cooking Lectures. Just come this afternoon, and you had better come early if you want a front seat, although there will be chairs for every one, it is promised. Remember that it is not every day that you have the opportunity of "getting something for nothing," and from such a distinguished authority as Mrs. Haffner, who was for two years associated with Mrs. Sarah Tyson Rorer.

WOMAN BUYS HOTEL; AGENTS DISAPPEAR

Mrs. Anna C. Kramer Says She Was Defrauded of \$1,200 Deposit on St. James

Alleging she had been defrauded of \$1,200 by two men, who offered the St. James hotel, Van Ness avenue and Fulton street, for sale, Mrs. Anna C. Kramer of the Manhattan hotel, Eddy and Taylor streets, visited the police station yesterday afternoon and asked the aid of Captain of Detectives Wall in locating the alleged swindlers. She said that one of the men was known to her as Roy Reynolds and that the second man went by the name of Charles Doddard. A complaint charging grand larceny will be sworn to today for the arrest of Reynolds.

The woman stated that Reynolds visited her and told her that the St. James hotel could be purchased at a reasonable figure. Being interested, she accompanied Reynolds to an office, where she was introduced to Doddard, who posed as Reynolds' partner. There she was told that a deposit of \$1,200 would be required to bind the deal.

When she had paid the money she was told that it would be necessary for Doddard to go to the Yosemite, where Manager Moore of the St. James was staying, and have him sign the papers. Doddard has never returned and Reynolds has not been seen since.

JURY WILL PASS ON DRUG SMUGGLING CASE

Former Second Steward of the Korea Says He Found Opium

P. J. Reilly, formerly second steward of the steamer Korea, in whose stateroom half a dozen tins of opium were recently found by federal inspectors, was arraigned yesterday before United States District Judge de Haven. He entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of smuggling. Reilly, who is still in jail, will be given a jury trial. The prisoner's defense is based on the assertion that he did not take the opium on board the vessel, but found it in one of the passageways while the search was in progress and hid it in his own stateroom.

He said he thought it belonged to some member of the crew and intended to keep it until an investigation could be made.

FORESTERS' HOUSE WARMING—Curtis Verba Buena, subordinate No. 913 and Companion No. 345 of the Independent Order of Foresters, has a suit house warming in their new hall at 2476 Mission street tomorrow.

OUTDOOR ARTISTS READY FOR STAGE

Dress Rehearsal Carried Off With Refreshing Precision by Amateur Vaudevillians

The dress rehearsal for the vaudeville which will be given next Wednesday and Thursday in the rooms of the California club in Clay street was carried off yesterday with such perfection that already the Outdoor Art league, which is giving the festival, feels the realization of its fondest hopes.

Mrs. George Clough, Mrs. William Hart Wood and Mrs. F. H. Abbott witnessed the last performance and saw their separate programs gone through without a hitch. The dancing was rhythmic and graceful, and the floral costumes were a striking departure from anything that has ever yet appeared in a charity entertainment.

The vocal selections by Mrs. Claribel Hughes Kirby and Charles F. Bulotti were charmingly rendered, and the little skit deserved every bit of laughter it provoked.

In other lines, too, the Outdoor Art league is realizing the success that its efforts have merited. The patronesses for the spring flower festival, as well as a number of society and club women, have already engaged seats, and the coffers of the rehabilitation fund of the St. Francis church are fast being filled.

\$10,000 BAIL NOW \$3,000; EXPECTS TO BE RELEASED

Frank C. Avery, Promoter, Arranges for Surety

Frank C. Avery, a railroad promoter, who was indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City on a charge of using the mails in furtherance of a fraudulent promotion scheme, and who recently was arrested in this city, yesterday obtained a reduction of bail from \$10,000 to \$3,000. The reduction was granted by Commissioner Wright, before whom the case is pending on removal proceedings.

Avery was unable to procure the reduced bail yesterday, and was sent back last night to the Alameda county jail, where he has been in custody for several weeks. He has arranged for assistance, however, and expects to get his release today.

STRIKE DELAYS BATTLESHIPS—Danzig, Prussia, April 24.—A strike and lockout have stopped all work of the Schichau shipyard, delaying the completion of the battleships Odenberg and Angk.

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