

EVENTS IN THE COUNTIES BORDERING ON BAY OF SAN FRANCISCO

MILK CHURNS UP OFFICIAL WAR

Board of Health and Commission of Medical Society at Odds Over Test

City Chemist Reports Finding Formaldehyde in Samples He Examined

ALAMEDA, Dec. 28.—The board of health and the milk commission of the Alameda County Medical society have become involved in a controversy over the alleged finding of formaldehyde in a bottle of certified milk left at the home of S. E. Biddle of the Citizens' bank and which is said to have caused serious illness to a child of the Biddle family.

Dr. L. W. Stidham, city health officer, who attended the Biddle child, suspecting that the infant's illness was due to impure milk, had City Chemist A. Cunningham analyze samples of the fluid. The chemist reported that he found formaldehyde in the milk. The milk commission declares that if formaldehyde was found in the certified milk the drug was placed there maliciously.

The commission asserts that its chemist made many tests of the certified milk delivered here during the period that the Biddle child was taken ill and that no traces of any preservative was found. The commission has announced its intention of making a careful investigation with a view to fixing the responsibility for the presence of the formaldehyde which the city chemist says he found in certified milk delivered at the Biddle house.

C. Hoffman, proprietor of a bakery at Encinal station, and J. J. Tullenberg, a grocer at Eighth street and Lincoln avenue, were arrested today on the complaint of Dr. Tom Carpenter, city food and milk inspector, and charged with offering impure milk for sale. Each defendant was released on \$100 bail.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE MAY APPOINT HIS CHILD Son or Daughter May Be Put in as a Teacher

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, Dec. 28.—A school trustee has the legal and technical right to appoint his son or daughter as teacher of his school, says State Superintendent of Public Instruction Hyatt, in answer to an inquiry from San Miguel, Monterey county. Such right exists unless the prospective teacher is a minor in which case the father trustee would have control over the earnings. The school law says no trustee can make a contract which will financially benefit him, but Hyatt asserts that unless the teacher is a minor the father has nothing to say of his or her finances. The practice is not generally encouraged.

BATTLESHIP BOOSTING COMMITTEE ORGANIZED "Dreadnought for Mare Island" Is Slogan

[Special Dispatch to The Call] VALLEJO, Dec. 28.—Permanent organization was effected here today by the "boosters" committee of Vallejo organized labor, which will work for the construction of a dreadnought at Mare Island in 1915. Harry Bartley, president of the Machinists' union, and J. J. Tullenberg, secretary, and R. C. Berry of the Musicians' union secretary. Data boosting the local naval station is to be issued in pamphlet form and distributed throughout the country. This will show that Mare Island is better equipped to handle a battleship than any other navy yard in the United States.

ANDERSON NAMED FOR COMMERCE CHAMBER HEAD Sacramento Want Former Bank Superintendent to Serve

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, Dec. 28.—Alden Anderson, former state superintendent of banks and president of the Captain National bank, is being mentioned as president of the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, to succeed Alan W. Carmichael, who resigned. Anderson always has taken an active interest in local affairs, and pressure will be made to have him serve if Carmichael refuses to reconsider his resignation.

VALLEJO REORGANIZES ITS FIRE DEPARTMENT Commissioner Blake to Control Five Companies

[Special Dispatch to The Call] VALLEJO, Dec. 28.—Vallejo's fire department was reorganized this morning by the Vallejo city commission. The hook and ladder company and the Neptune hose and chemical company were consolidated and will be known as the Vallejo chemical engine company. Hereafter the department will consist of five companies and will come under the direct control of Commissioner W. P. Blake.

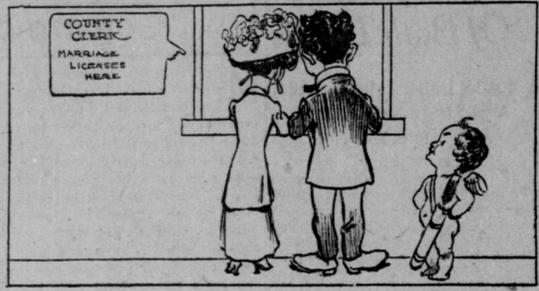
CORNER STONE TO BE LAID FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL Former Head of Education Board to Preside

[Special Dispatch to The Call] VALLEJO, Dec. 28.—George M. Jewett, former president of the board of education of this city, will preside at the ceremonies attending the laying of the cornerstone for the new high school building Friday afternoon, January 12, and the dedicatory ceremony in the evening. Superintendent Armstrong said today that more than 142 pupils had been enrolled for the high school term.

FLEMING TRIAL IS IN FINAL ARGUMENT Case Expected to Be in Jury's Hands Tonight

REDDING, Dec. 28.—Attorneys for the defense in the Fleming murder trial consumed the entire time today with their closing argument, which was not concluded. The case probably will go to the jury late tomorrow night. It is in its twelfth week.

Eight Little Cohns Too Much for Bride-to-Be



OAKLAND, Dec. 28.—Business reasons led Isidore Cohn, aged 31 years and a tailor by trade, to conceal from Miss Minnie Levy to the hour set for their marriage the fact that eight small Cohns would hail her advent as mother with unalloyed joy. Cohn designed the news to add to Miss Levy's satisfaction with her situation, but it failed of its desired effect and Miss Levy broke off their engagement and Cohn is still a widower.



BIG CONCERT FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

Stars of French Grand Opera Company Will Sing in the Open Air

OAKLAND, Dec. 28.—A program in which noted singers will take part has been arranged for the open air concert to be given in Oakland on New Year's eve. The stars of the al fresco concert, which has been set for 9 o'clock, will be Marguerite Chambellan, Mme. M. Affre of the French Grand Opera company. The numbers to be sung have been announced by a committee of the Club Francaise, which is in charge of the concert.

Chambellan, who is to support the more prominent singers, is the husband of Mme. Chambellan, and is noted as a portrait painter as well as a singer. Mme. Espia, the accompanist, is the winner of the first prize at the Paris conservatoire for her playing. The program will be given from a special stand at the intersection of Telegraph avenue and Broadway Sunday evening. As part of the program a loving cup will be presented to the artists by the Chamber of Commerce, and this will be followed with a reception under the auspices of the French 14th of July committee, of which Edouard Belle-Oudry is chairman.

CITIZENS TO DANCE OUT THE OLD YEAR

OAKLAND, Dec. 28.—If the weather conditions are favorable, the approach of 1912 will be welcomed in a spectacular manner through the efforts of the Seventh Street Improvement club and the other organizations that are boosting the carnival to be held Saturday night in celebration of the completion of the paving of Seventh street and the electrifying of that line of the Southern Pacific company. The feature of the celebration will be a parade, with artistically and grotesquely decorated floats of all descriptions, participated in by organizations from all parts of the city.

A call has been issued by E. W. Hyden of the Latham Terrace Improvement club, who has been appointed by Louis Schaeffer to represent the districts east of Lake Merritt, to all citizens of the eastern section to turn out for the occasion. As the affair is to be a carnival of fun, these people are asked to appear in carnival costume or in grotesquely decorated vehicles. Those who desire to participate are requested to report at Seventh and Madison streets Saturday evening between 7:30 and 8 o'clock. A statement has been issued by M. E. da Chamara on behalf of the U. P. E. C. uniform rank, and its bands, which were announced as participants in the parade, that the placing of the organization on the list was made through error, as the order had no intention of appearing in the pageant.

HOME CLUB GIVES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dinner, Carol Singing and an Informal Dance Engage Several Hundred Guests

OAKLAND, Dec. 28.—The annual Christmas dinner at the Home club this evening was a brilliant function, over which H. C. Capwell presided as host, assisted by the members of the board of directors. The beautiful clubhouse was decorated throughout with masses of red berries and Christmas greens. Carols were sung by the several hundred guests following the discussion of the menu. A quartet composed of E. D. Crandall, Lowell Redfield, Dr. Harry Carlton and Ernest McCandlish contributed songs, as did also Miss Hilda May Campbell and Frederick Galloway.

Mayor Frank K. Mott and Mrs. Mott, Miss Capwell and C. C. Holmes were in the small party which H. C. Capwell entertained. Among others who entertained groups of friends were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crane, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Barnhart, Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Larkin, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Emily Remillard, Miss Sarah Horton, and Miss S. Weaver.

CONSERVATION TO SUPPLANT GOSPEL

Pastor Leaves Pulpit to Make Lecture Tour in Interests of Alaska

OAKLAND, Dec. 28.—Rev. Loyal L. Wirt, who resigned as assistant pastor of the First Congregational church some weeks ago, has left Oakland for an extended lecture tour throughout the east. He will devote his time to spreading the gospel of conservation and disseminating his ideas on the cooperative operation of the coal fields. Rev. Mr. Wirt spent three years in Alaska as superintendent of education and is intimately acquainted with the great undeveloped resources of the country.

The plan conceived by the local preacher is that the United States shall, at the completion of the Panama canal, remove the expensive machinery used in the construction of the waterway to the north, and there build and operate a federal railroad into the coal fields. Wirt estimates that coal could be sold in San Francisco by the government at \$9 less per ton than at present. "Why not try out some of our plans of nationalizing the natural resources and owning the means of distribution for the sake of our people?" said Rev. Mr. Wirt. "Alaska is America's treasure house. When the coal is dug from the hills of Oregon, Minnesota and California, Alaska will come to the rescue of the home builder and save the country by her millions of acres of pines and firs. When all the gold is exhumed from the mountains of South Africa, Alaska will give forth her treasure, which so far has been only scratched on the surface. When all the furs of Siberia and Russia are gone, Alaska will warm America with the skins of untold numbers of animals. And when all the coal is dug from Indiana, Pennsylvania and Illinois, then Alaska will just begin to give forth of her treasure, the amount of which has never been estimated."

CHINESE EDITOR TO TALK ON REBELLION

ALAMEDA, Dec. 28.—Ng Poon Chew, editor of a Chinese daily published in San Francisco, is to address the congregation of the First Presbyterian church, Sunday evening, on "The Revolution in China." He returned recently from a tour of China and is in close touch with matters concerning the revolution now existing in that country.

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KEITH HOLDS JOB UNTIL BOARD ACTS

Directors of Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution Await Call of Chairman

BERKELEY, Dec. 28.—The board of directors of the California Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind is not likely to meet until the chairman, Attorney George W. Reed, returns to Oakland. He will call the next session of the directorate, and then, the local directors believe, the finding of Governor Johnson on the recent investigation will be submitted, but the date is indefinite.

Several of the directors gathered at the institution last night, the date for a regular meeting, but there was no quorum. Not having received the governor's recommendations, the directors would not discuss the findings as reported unofficially. Douglas Keith, superintendent of the institution, would talk only in general terms. He explained that the directors had not advised him of the receipt of the governor's recommendations, and that he knew nothing of the matter except what he had read in newspapers. "I do not know whether or not my dismissal is recommended," he said. "Everything connected with this affair is in the hands of the directors, and I do not know when they will meet. It may be my dismissal will be recommended, but it may not. I can not courteously talk of the matter."

\$1,852,000 IS GAINED IN FRESNO BANK CLEARINGS

[Special Dispatch to The Call] FRESNO, Dec. 28.—Bank clearings in Fresno for 1911 were \$1,852,778.01, according to a statement issued by the Fresno Clearing House association today. The record for 1911 shows a gain over 1910 of \$1,852,202.94, or about 5 per cent. The clearings for 1910 were \$37,920,473.07. The biggest month this year was November, when the clearings amounted to \$5,255,673.68.

EAGLES GIVE PARTY—Alameda, Dec. 28.—The local society of Eagles held its annual Christmas party tonight in Woodman hall. A program of music was followed by dancing and a banquet. The committee in charge of the entertainment consisted of Frank J. Smith, Frank Harvey and William Connor.

BOYS' BAND CONCERT—Alameda, Dec. 28.—The Lincoln school boys' band will give a concert tomorrow evening at the school building. The concert will be open to the general public.

BABE MADE PRIZE IN PARENTS' FIGHT

Daddy, Accused of Failure to Provide, Deprives Mother of Child

OAKLAND, Dec. 28.—Little W. Earl Shafer was taken from his mother, Mrs. Mercedes Shafer, this afternoon by his father, Howard Shafer, and whisked off in an automobile. The mother ran in pursuit until she fell exhausted. This is another act in an exciting drama in which Shafer has been arrested for failure to provide. Mrs. Shafer was shot by Mrs. Mary E. Larkin last October and the child was abducted yesterday by his father. Little Earl was playing near his mother in front of the home of Mrs. W. Davies, 671 Tenth street, where Mrs. Shafer was staying when Shafer drove up in a high powered automobile, hurried the child into the machine and drove away. He started in the direction of San Francisco and is believed to have gone to that city.

MOTHER SEIZED CHILD

Shafer was arrested Christmas day on a charge of failure to provide. He appeared in the police court yesterday to answer to his wife's complaint. The father was present with the boy, who was placed in the care of Mrs. T. Braclie at the time Mrs. Shafer was shot by Mrs. Larkin.

Mrs. Shafer asked Prosecuting Attorney William Hennessey if she might have the child pending the hearing. "Certainly," said Hennessey. "You have as much right to the child as any one."

With that Mrs. Shafer took the boy into her arms and slipped from the courtroom. Shafer did not miss the child until after his case had been disposed of. He had been given until next March to contribute to his wife's support and then the charge against him was to be dismissed.

Shafer told the court attendants that his wife was not the proper person to take care of the child and he would make every effort to regain him.

THREE DESERTIONS ALLEGED The Shafers were married at Klamath Falls, Ore., in March, 1908. Mrs. Shafer alleges that Shafer deserted her three times and that she swore to a warrant for his arrest last July, but he had avoided the police until Christmas day.

Shafer's husband came to Oakland early this year and sent for her in March. When she arrived he told her that she would have to go to work. Since that time, she said, he had contributed only \$15 for the support of their child. Shafer is a news agent.

A short time after her release from an asylum Mrs. Larkin shot Mrs. Shafer, giving as her reason that she had alienated her husband's affections. Mrs. Shafer was severely wounded and was confined to her bed for a long time. Mrs. Larkin was returned to an asylum.

YOLO COURTHOUSE BONDING DEFEATED

Vote About 250 Short of Necessary Two-thirds

[Special Dispatch to The Call] WOODLAND, Dec. 28.—The proposition to issue bonds for \$300,000 for the construction of a new courthouse was defeated today. Woodland voted six to one in favor of bonds. Guinda and Knights landing four to one, while all other precincts gave heavy majorities against the proposition. The vote for bonds is about 250 short of two-thirds.

CORPORATION DISSOLVES TO ESCAPE TAXATION

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, Dec. 28.—The Tiffany Gregg transportation company has filed an application for dissolution as a corporation, alleging that the state has subjected it to annoyance by various means of taxation. The company operates a lunch service between this city and island points.

BERKELEY SCHOLAR TO STUDY MEXICO

BERKELEY, Dec. 28.—Dr. David P. Barrows, head of the department of political science at the University of California, left yesterday for Mexico City to spend several weeks investigating political conditions and collecting data on the recent revolution.

New material and publications have been given to the Academy of Pacific Coast History at the university library, which will be of notable assistance to the department of political science in its function of recording while fresh the facts of the Mexican revolution. Senior Andres Anendano, editor of El Correo de la Tarde, a newspaper of Mazatlan, has given a file of this journal covering the revolutionary period. Senior Lic. Serapio Rendon, editor of the Nueva Era, which began publication this year, has also given a full file of his paper. Several other important Mexican periodicals and dailies have been received at the university.

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Why Amuse Yourself Unless You Are Paid for Doing It?

"Tear Loose" in the Booklovers' Contest, and Then Get a House and Lot!

There has been considerable talk about the prizes to be awarded in the Booklovers' Contest. But did you ever think of the FUN you would have winning those prizes? Generally it isn't any fun at all to win prizes in a newspaper contest. Generally the "contest" is some sort of a canvassing or soliciting proposition that means work—and lots of it.

Well, there is nothing of the canvassing or soliciting idea about the Booklovers' Contest. It consists simply of a series of 77 pictures, each of which represents the title of a book. One picture appears each day in this newspaper.

That's all. Only that's NOT all. You will find the solving of these pictures one of the greatest games you ever played!

In looking at the pictures from this angle and that, in talking it over with friends, in fighting about it with your family, you will spend some enjoyable evenings.

"This has been a delightful contest," one contestant wrote in the other day. "And the best thing about it is that the interest—the fascination—continues, and is increasing with the appearance of every picture. It's so much fun that I'll be satisfied even if I don't win a prize."

This contestant goes on to tell how she uses the contest catalogue to aid her in getting titles. It may be a hint to you as to how to use the catalogue, so the letter will be repeated here: "I am afraid," the contestant goes on, "that my knowledge of books is not very extensive. But that doesn't affect me at all. I spend very little time blindly trying to guess at the title, but I right away begin to figure out what title a picture COULD represent. I take the picture and say to myself, 'This could be drawn to represent such a title as so and so,' and make up several titles for each picture that the picture COULD represent. Then I look in the catalogue to see if there are any such titles as those I have made up to fit the pictures. And I firmly believe that this method of getting at the titles is the best any one could use to get on the track of the correct titles."

This contestant is enjoying the contest. No doubt of that. She is getting more fun out of it, probably, than any game she ever played. And no game she or you ever played had as awards such prizes as this newspaper will award to those solving the 77 Booklovers' Contest pictures most successfully.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES Nonsubscribers taking advantage of the plan to obtain all back pictures free may have their subscription start from the day they send in their order, if they wish, so that there will be no lapse in the pictures. You will get all the pictures that have been published up to the day your order is received. And your paper will start coming the next day.