

FRIDAY IS LIBERTY BELL DAY

School Children Will Be Told the Story of 1776

TEACHERS WILL REPEAT MESSAGE BELONGING OUT

Youngsters Will Be Told of Its Significance and Reason Why It Is Reversed

Essays and Compositions to Be Written Based on Talks Made That Day

Next Friday, January 19, Liberty Bell day in San Francisco's schools! By vote of the board of education yesterday it was so decided. On that day teachers in all the city's 97 schools will devote a portion of the school period to telling San Francisco's 45,000 school children about the Liberty bell, the history connected with the battered old relic, and why it is so honored by Americans.

Supervisor Henry Payot, who, while a member of the board of education, introduced the original resolution suggesting that the Liberty bell be brought out here for 1912, appeared before the education board yesterday as a visitor, and, after securing consent to address it, proposed that a day be named in the near future on which a short talk about the Liberty bell would be made by the teachers.

School Director J. Power moved that Friday, January 19, be the day, and that the education board notify all teachers to that effect. The motion carried unanimously. Schools Alfred Roncovieri suggested after the meeting that the children be given compositions on the Liberty bell to write, basing their essays on the talks by the teachers and other facts that they might secure for themselves.

Orders to the teachers from the board will be that the talks be graduated in length according to the ages of the listeners. A comprehensive address will be made to the high school and higher grammar grades pupils, and the youngsters be given a short and simple explanation of the reason why Americans love the bell. Just the story of the occasion that gave the bell its fame will be told them.

It is probable that the school directors themselves and Superintendent of Schools Roncovieri will make addresses on the subject at several of the schools. Payot and the school directors want it understood that Friday next will in no way be connected with the movement that will be started later on to collect a fund from the school children to bring the bell out here, or build a reproduction of Independence hall in the exposition grounds. Next Friday will be only a day to explain the story of the bell and acquaint the school children with its history and the history connected with other events of the same period.

CITY CONTRACT FOR WATER IS ATTACKED

Sausalito Tax Payer Applies for an Injunction

A suit was filed in the superior court yesterday by Ira M. Henry, a taxpayer of Sausalito, who seeks to have declared invalid the contract between the Marin Water and Power company and the town of Sausalito for a municipal water supply for 10 years from March, 1909.

It is recited in the complaint that the water company is suing the municipality for \$8,447.75, alleged to be due under the contract, and the petitioner prays that the water company be enjoined from further prosecution of the suit.

DESOPDENT TEACHER PUTS END TO HIS LIFE

Louis D. Ventura, 65 Years Old, Shoots Himself

Louis D. Ventura, 65 years of age, a teacher of languages, committed suicide yesterday afternoon in his home at 1408 Filbert street by shooting himself through the heart with a revolver. Ventura died instantly.

MERCED WILL HAVE BRAND NEW HOTEL

MERCED, Jan. 11.—R. Shaffer let the contract yesterday for the construction of a modern business block, to occupy a site 150 by 150 feet at the corner of Main street and Huffman avenue, to Frederick J. Amweg of San Francisco. The building will cost when completed in the neighborhood of \$25,000. J. Amweg is also the contractor for the Hotel El Capitlan, now under construction on the opposite side of Huffman avenue. The new hotel will be open about April 1.

KINDERGARTEN ELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR 1912

At the annual meeting of the Occidental Kindergarten association the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, Miss Florence Musto; first vice president, Miss Rose Steinhart; second vice president, Mrs. Andrew Armer; recording secretary, Miss J. Paulson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. L. Stone; treasurer, Miss Lottie Goldstein.

WOMAN CAUSES ARREST OF ALLEGED EMBEZZLER

William La Mar was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging misdemeanor embezzlement sworn to by Mrs. A. Page of 142 Henry street. La Mar, the police say, has been swindling many people in the city by representing himself as a picture enlarger and collecting money and never returning.

EDWARD FRENCH HELD

Edward French was held to answer to the superior court yesterday on a charge of assault. French is accused of firing a shot at a special policeman during a dispute in a Pacific street dance hall. Louis Burnett, who dashed Charles Bernick, a negro, with a razor, was also held to answer in the police court yesterday.

"LIBERTY BELL DAY" PLAYGROUND BODY TAKES UP WORK

Permanent Organization Postponed Until the Return of Marshal Hale

The recently appointed members of the playground commission met yesterday, but owing to the absence of Marshal Hale, who has gone east to be absent six weeks, the new board organized temporarily.

Mrs. L. A. Hayward, Miss Sallie Jones, John McLaren, Rev. Father D. O. Crowley and Timothy Reardon were present. President D'Ancona of the board of education, who is a member of the commission by virtue of his office, was absent in attendance on the board of education.

It was suggested that Marshal Hale be elected president, by the suggestion of Commissioner Crowley it was decided to postpone the election until the return of Commissioner Hale and to effect a temporary organization. This was done by electing Commissioner McLaren temporary chairman and Joseph R. Hickey temporary secretary.

HUSBAND BEATS WIFE TO DIVORCE

She Wanted It for Desertion, but He Got It on Cruelty Charge

Mrs. Fanny W. Bernou, who appeared before Judge J. J. Van Nostrand in the superior court yesterday to prosecute her suit for divorce from J. B. Bernou, a Calaveras county capitalist on the ground of desertion, was surprised when the judge awarded the divorce to the husband on the ground of cruelty.

In line with his cross complaint filed in the suit, Bernou testified that his wife had signed his name to checks without his authority, and by other financial transactions had brought humiliation upon him. It was also alleged that on sundry occasions she had expressed to her friends a determination to rid herself of her husband as soon as she got possession of his money, which consists of real estate in San Francisco and mining properties in the upper part of the state, estimated to be worth \$20,000.

The couple were married in Calaveras county in March, 1909, where a complaint for divorce was filed by the wife three months later, the suit being subsequently transferred to this county.

Other divorces granted were as follows: By Judge Cabanis—Clara W. from Frank A. Giroux, desertion; by Judge Van Nostrand—William A. from Minnie Chase, desertion.

LOCKOUT OF 1,000 MEN IS AVERTED

Strike of Lithograph and Press Feeders Arbitrated

The lockout of 1,000 employees of the 24 shops of the Franklin Printing Trades association has been averted through an agreement reached between the executive committee of the association and the Allied Printing Trades council, by which the differences resulting from a strike of 200 lithograph and press feeders have been settled by arbitration.

The strike took place following the demand that the wages of five lithograph feeders in the shops of Myself-Rollins and the Union Lithograph company be brought to the scale of \$16.50 per week.

MRS. CARLTON ABSOLVED OF BARBEE'S DEATH

Mrs. Mary E. Carlton, 1640 Golden Gate avenue, who was held in jail pending an investigation of the death of Frank F. Barbee, politician and saloonman who died of gas asphyxiation Tuesday night in Mrs. Carlton's home, was released yesterday.

BROTHERS WITHDRAW SUIT

The death Tuesday night of Frank P. Barbee under peculiar circumstances in the rooms of Mrs. Mary E. Carlton at 1640 Golden Gate avenue, brought to a close in the superior court the suit filed by Barbee's brothers, opposing his appointment as administrator of the estate of their mother, who died November 16, 1911.

PRISONER'S BRIDE IS ABSENT FROM COURT

Miss Anna Milgram, who was married to Morris Goldberg at Portland, Ore., while Goldberg was in the custody of Detective Thomas Daly of this city, did not appear in Police Judge Weller's court yesterday morning when the charge of embezzlement was called against her husband. Goldberg was instructed and the case postponed until Wednesday. He is accused by M. M. Morris, 621 Kearny street, of having embezzled \$1,500 in jewels last fall.

Anna Miller, Who Will Be Married In Early Spring

ATTORNEY TO JOIN BENEDICKS' RANKS

Engagement of Miss Anna Miller and Daniel O'Connell Is Announced

The engagement of Miss Anna Miller and Daniel O'Connell, which was announced yesterday, comes as an interesting bit of news to their many friends in this city. The marriage will take place in the early spring.

TEARFUL COUPLE PLAY ON COURT'S SYMPATHY

Story of Starving Children Proves a Mere Hoax

Lee A. Shephard, 2065 Market street, was arrested yesterday for stealing the life of a child, he said was for his starving wife. His wife appeared in court and told such a pitiful tale of hardship that Police Judge Shortall not only dismissed the charge against the man but started a subscription for the couple.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY FIRE UNDERWRITERS

The amount of money lost by fire in two years in this county would build the Panama canal, according to E. C. Morgan, special agent of the Providence Washington Insurance company, who read a paper on the subject of fire waste at the close of the annual meeting of the Fire Underwriters' association of the Pacific at the Merchants' Exchange building Wednesday.

CASE AGAINST MRS. THEODORE DISMISSED

Department Store Man Refuses to Prosecute

The case against Mrs. Marion Theodore, living at 1385 Larkin street, charged with fraudulently obtaining goods from the D. Samuels Lace House and the White House, was dismissed yesterday by Police Judge Decker on lack of prosecution. Louis Samuels of the department store took the stand when the case was called and declared that he had no desire to prosecute the charge against the young woman, as he had learned that she had learned a lesson and had been ill since arrested.

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS TO GIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Scottish Rite temple, at Sutter street, Van Ness avenue, will see the scene of an elaborate entertainment Thursday evening, January 18, when the members of the San Francisco bodies, Ancient and Accepted order of Scottish Rite, will give a dance and concert. An interesting feature will be the exhibition of official scenery and robes of the order. The committee on arrangements, which has the program in charge, is composed of William P. Filmer, Robert E. Allen, K. D. Abrams, S. B. Stevenson, Charles Duebel and Theodore T. Breslau.

TRUCKEE WINTER SPORTS

Tobogganing, sleighing and skating all in full operation. Glorious sports, especially tobogganing, are being conducted rates by Southern Pacific. For information see agents.

First 60 Booklovers' Contest Pictures Free

The Call Makes That Offer Today—Take Advantage of It Today!

Three bare facts: 1. There are 77 Booklovers' Contest pictures in all. 2. Picture No. 66 appears today. 3. You can get the first 60 pictures free! From these facts you can build up your own story—it's plain enough.

You can get the first 60 pictures free, and, if you clip picture No. 66 out of today's Call, you will have to secure only five other pictures in order to have ALL the back pictures to date. These five pictures are, of course, pictures Nos. 61, 62, 63, 64 and 65. These you can get from friends or neighbors, perhaps, or from The Call at 5 cents each.

It is better never to waste time about anything. And it is best not to waste one moment's time about taking up The Call's offer of the first 60 pictures free, for that offer may be withdrawn at any time, and withdrawn without the slightest notice.

Turn to today's picture, where the various plans for getting the first 60 pictures free are outlined. There are four plans stated there, so that you, whoever you are, can take advantage of one of them.

CROOKS JUST MISS FLEEING RANCHER

Tyler, Struck by Happy Hunch, Takes Along Police to Keep His Date

Carl R. Tyler, manager of a ranch at Lincoln, Placer county, met a stranger in front of a theater at Geary and Mason streets Wednesday afternoon, who introduced himself as Mr. Schultz, son of a Milwaukee brewer. They walked down the street, where they met another stranger, who said that he had just come from Denver, where he had cleaned up \$40,000 in a horse race.

The men suggested a game of matching. Tyler, with great consistency, won every bet. The men appeared discouraged at his luck and "Schultz" put up a \$1,000 check as a last bet. Tyler won, and he was to meet the men yesterday at Mason and O'Farrell streets, where he was to collect the \$1,000. But he was told that he must show them that he was worth \$1,000, so he was induced to write a check for that amount.

The ranchman thought the matter over Wednesday night and concluded that he was in the low of two bunco men. He went to the police yesterday and Detectives McConnell and Curtis accompanied him to the trysting place. Jack Daly and Harry Jackson, alias "the army kid," were arrested by the detectives. As they were being escorted to the jail the latter, whom Tyler knew as "Schultz," put something in his mouth and swallowed it. The check, which was to be used as evidence against the two, was not to be found and the police think Jackson swallowed it.

AMBASSADOR AND WIFE PRESENTED TO EMPRESS

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 11.—Ambassador Curtis Guld and Mrs. Guld were presented to the Empress Alexandria at the palace here today.

WILL NEVER FORGET SKIN-SUFFERING WHEN A CHILD

Almost Went Crazy, Burned and Itched. Could Not Sleep. Used Cuticura Soap and Ointment. In 3 Months Sores Disappeared.

Davenport, Wash.—"When I was a child I had some little round sores on my neck and under my arms. I never shall forget how I suffered with these sores. In the winter they were not so bad but in the summer I would almost go crazy. When I was warm they would start to burn and itch, and it was all I could do not to scratch them. I could not sleep and sometimes I could not eat, because it itched so bad that I had to get out and walk around for relief."

"Then I heard of the Cuticura Soap and Ointment so thought I would give them a trial. I got me a cake of Cuticura Soap and a box of Cuticura Ointment. At night I would bathe with hot water and Cuticura Soap and then put on some Cuticura Ointment, and in the morning I would do the same thing. I did that every night and morning for three months, then I found that the sores had disappeared. Just as soon as I started to use Cuticura Soap and Ointment the itching and burning stopped and I could sleep at night. I never use any other soap for my children, and I think that no mother should." (Signed) Mrs. C. D. Marriott, June 29, 1911.

For treating poor complexion, red, rough hands, and dry, thin and falling hair, Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment have been the world's favorites for more than a generation. Sold every where. Sample of each mailed free, with 32-page book. Address "Cuticura," Dept. T, Boston. Tender-faced men should shave with Cuticura Soap Shaving Stick.

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A new talking machine of latest hornless type which produces in every way the results obtained heretofore only in instruments that cost \$150 or \$200 has now been developed, and the remarkable fact is that it costs only about one-third the former big price.

This wonderful new talking machine may be purchased on terms of \$7 cash and \$4 a month until all paid, \$29 has been paid. No extra.

The machine and the records will be sent on three days' free trial to any home in San Francisco. So confident are we that the instrument will please even the most critical that we shall refund all money paid on any purchase not in every way satisfied with the instrument.

Two hundred of these magnificent machines and equipment have already been sold. More talking machines were sold on Saturday last week alone because of this great offer than were ever sold in San Francisco in any one week.

An unconditional guarantee as to material and workmanship accompanies each instrument sold, the guarantee being signed by the manufacturers and countersigned by us for San Francisco.

The instrument is furnished in very choice mahogany cases and also in quarter sawed oak or fumed oak. The finest selected woods are used in the construction of the cases and the finish is as perfect as found upon the most expensive pianos.

Needless to reiterate, this hornless talking machine is simply perfect in tone and quality. The instrument is equipped with the very best thoroughly noiseless triple spring motor. It will play six records with one winding, and has a new regulating device whereby the music can be rendered at exact tempo, positively true to pitch.

The machine has a new concert sound reproducer which eliminates the heretofore objectionable rasping noise of needles. A clear, thoroughly natural tone is produced which has never heretofore been obtained in any instrument costing less than \$150 or \$200.

In this machine the concealed horn is built separately from the motor, which permits the tone to come forth without any interference. The sound boards in this machine are carefully selected and so placed as to reproduce a tone absolutely like that of a modulating door volume can be definitely regulated, and reduced or augmented at will.

The price is, as stated, \$59 cash, or payments of \$7 cash and \$4 a month. No extras. The instruments are on sale at

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