

THE VIEWS OF THE COUNCIL ON THE BOILING OF SAN FRANCISCO

FOES OF THE PARAPREPARE DEFENSE

School Directors Favoring Superintendent's Dismissal to Explain Position Tonight

Recall Proceedings Threatened by Berkeley Citizens Are Held in Abeyance

BERKELEY, Feb. 19.—There will be no open meeting of the board of education at the high school auditorium tomorrow night, when School Directors Herman I. Stern, John A. Wilson and Mrs. Elmer Carlisle are to give their reasons for deciding to reappoint Superintendent of Schools Frank F. Bunker on the expiration of his appointive term July 1.

The three directors will have statements to make, but will not leave the board rooms. The announcement last week was that an adjournment would be taken to the auditorium adjoining the board's offices, but according to Herman I. Stern and John A. Wilson, this plan has been abandoned. The directors will complete their routine business, after which there will be heard statements from Stern and the two others of the majority respecting their attitude toward administration of the school department.

Recall proceedings, which are to be brought by citizens of Berkeley, are held in abeyance. It is said, pending the defense of the three directors, who have not yet made their reply to Bunker's charges. The directors were arraigned in the recently submitted report of the citizens' committee, which grew out of a mass meeting in Bunker's favor, and which made as much of an investigation of the conditions regarding Bunker's proposed dismissal as was possible. Stern, Wilson and Mrs. Carlisle refused to appear before the committee, sending word that as public officials they could not recognize any authority of that body to command them or to hold them responsible for their acts.

OAKLAND IS TO EXPEND \$100,000 FOR SEWERS

One Company Fails to Bid, Fearing Injunction

OAKLAND, Feb. 19.—The city council today received bids from 15 contractors for work on the main sewers in annexed sanitary districts Nos. 1, 2 and 3, to be done at a cost of \$60,000. Bids were received from 14 contractors, and the entire cost of these improvements will be about \$100,000.

The bids were given to Commissioner of Streets W. B. Easton, and City Attorney R. F. Woolner, who will select the lowest bidder. Laterals are now being constructed under Vrooman proceedings, the city to pay for the main sewers.

The Ransome-Crummey Construction company, failing to bid, explained that there might be legal complications in obtaining payment for the work, because the powers of the city council were legislative, and that some powers were delegated to the city clerk, whose office is exclusively ministerial. An agreement was made that a tax payer might enjoy payment.

LOOP TRAM SERVICE BEGUN IN BERKELEY

Twenty Minute Schedule Is Put Into Effect

BERKELEY, Feb. 19.—All local Southern Pacific trains through Shattuck avenue and North Berkeley, in either direction, may be taken now to the Oakland mole, the loop system through Shattuck avenue, Ninth and California streets, having been put into full service this morning. The service in Ninth and California streets for a week or so had consisted of two trains a day, but because a serious shortage of the service. The equipment and trackage proving satisfactory, full service in the loop has been commenced, trains leaving the mole and going both ways through Berkeley and Albany by way of Thousand Oaks.

WOMAN, WITH HATPIN, BEATS OFF HIGHWAYMAN

Mrs. N. J. Miller Wins Street Battle With Bandit

OAKLAND, Feb. 19.—Mrs. N. J. Miller, while on the way to her home, 6222 East Fifteenth street, late last night, was stopped by a highwayman at East Fourteenth street and Fifty-ninth avenue. When she told him she had no money the thug struck her in the face and seized her. She struggled with him and stabbed him with a long hatpin until he became a sort of iron rod. The police at Melrose station were notified and a search was made, but the culprit had escaped.

SOLICITOR AND AUTO OF EMPLOYER MISSING

OAKLAND, Feb. 19.—W. G. Benning, a solicitor, and a Buick automobile were wanted by the police. Fred Hartsook, a photographer, reported their loss. Benning was employed up to Saturday by Hartsook to solicit orders. To make the work easier an automobile was furnished Benning. The solicitor and the car have been missing since Saturday, but Hartsook waited until today before reporting in the hope that man and machine would appear.

OAKLAND POLICE LOOK FOR LOS ANGELES MAN

OAKLAND, Feb. 19.—Nathan P. Sessions, 214 North Main street, Los Angeles, has been missing from the southern city since February 11, and upon the theory that he has come to Oakland, the Oakland police have been asked to look for him. He is described as 5 feet 9 inches in height, of dark complexion and 165 pounds in weight. He is 35 years old.

Unusual Auction Today

At the Curtis studio today, Van Ness avenue and Sacramento street, beginning at 11 o'clock, a very fine collection of furniture, antiques, oriental rugs, marbles, bronzes and pictures will be sold. The major portion of the things are from the David F. Walker mansion in San Mateo. Hundreds of visitors attended the exhibition yesterday and pronounced the collection the finest offered in many months. There is a genuine Mariano Fortuny watercolor in the lot. An extremely rare elephant edition of Hogarth, 1822. A collection of 57 rare old English sporting prints, a Steinway piano, a Brunswick billiard table and hundreds of art objects in addition to the things mentioned. Complete outfit, which includes pocket inhaler that can be used during the day, \$1.00.

Prof. C. A. Stebbins Prepares Book on School Gardening



New Work Will Supply Needed Text in Teaching Elementary Agriculture

BERKELEY, Feb. 19.—Prof. Cyril A. Stebbins of the college of agriculture, University of California, who established the junior gardening work and clubs in the public schools, and edits the Call's Junior Agriculturist, is completing a new work on school gardening. The book is intended as a text for school work in elementary agriculture and nature study, supplying a want in all the schools of the United States where vocational education forms part of the curriculum.

Stebbins has practically completed arrangements for publication of the book by one of the large publishing houses of New York. With interest in agricultural education constantly growing and schools in nearly every state of the union giving scientific instruction to the children from the elementary grades through to the colleges, there has arisen need for a textbook dealing with gardening, which has been recognized at the state university.

Stebbins is a thorough student of agricultural science and has taught, not only in the university, but in the state normal school at Chico. His organization of the junior gardening clubs, in which work he was aided by Prof. E. B. Babcock, head of the division of agricultural education, is regarded as one of the best achievements from the university toward vocational education. There are thousands of children now members of the clubs and thus receiving agricultural training in the form of pastime.

Many high schools of the state are teaching agriculture, the number having so increased that W. G. Hummel, director of the state department of agricultural education, is detailed as a visitor to such schools from the university.

TEXTBOOK NEEDED

In the grammar grades teachers are taking hold of nature study work, but for all these lower classes there is lack of proper textbooks. Stebbins aims to fill that need with his book. The work will treat of soils, seeds, fertilization, irrigation and care of plants in elementary terms. There will be chapters on growing staple products, such as corn and wheat, and on the culture of flowers.

Stebbins has obtained for his book numerous illustrations, chiefly taken from the children's gardens on the campus, where the first garden club was organized in 1907. The book is now in the hands of the printer.

"INTERNE" IS PUZZLING WORD FOR SUPERVISORS

Question Referred to Lawyers and Dictionary

OAKLAND, Feb. 19.—What is an "interne" in the question occupied the board of supervisors for an hour today and was finally left to Deputy District Attorney Clark for a solution.

It was due to the contested appointment of Frank L. Herick to a \$40 a month job at the county infirmary. Chairman Mullins wanted to appoint Herick but Supervisors Murphy and Kelley opposed, advocating an out of town man.

Kelley finally argued that Herick could not be an interne as he has yet to be graduated from a medical college, where he is a student. Mullins was obliged to refer the question for a ruling of law and dictionary.

PAIR WHO CONFESSED 14 THEFTS ARRAIGNED

OAKLAND, Feb. 19.—Max Dickey and Harry Webb, arrested by the San Jose police, and who have confessed to committing 14 burglaries in Oakland, were arraigned before Police Judge Mortimer Smith today on charges of robbing the homes of L. M. Matters, 127 Telegraph avenue, and Paul Yelich, Eighteenth street and Telegraph avenue. Preliminary examinations were set for February 28.

ALAMEDA Y. M. I. WILL RECEIVE GRAND OFFICERS

ALAMEDA, Feb. 19.—California council of the Young Men's Institute will receive a visit tomorrow night from grand and supreme officers of the order. Among the visitors will be Supreme President W. J. Hennessey and Grand President J. A. Denehy. The committee arranging for the reception of the visiting officers consists of A. J. Smith, D. F. Mannion, H. Vanhousebrock, A. Deconter.

EMPLOYMENT DESIRED BY PENILESS WOMAN

BERKELEY, Feb. 19.—Penniless after failure to find work, which she came here from Sacramento to obtain, Miss Susan Porter, 25 years old, was given shelter by the charity commission, which will try to find employment for her. Miss Porter had the name of Mrs. G. R. Price, 814 Adams street, East Berkeley, as the place where she was to work. The police were unable to find the address.

BOY WOULD ESCAPE MARRIAGE BOND

Record Discloses Desertions and Judge Refuses to Annul Union

OAKLAND, Feb. 19.—Eloping at the age of 18 years, deserting his bride twice, and each time "taking her back," and at the age of 22 falling in his attempt to have the marriage annulled, the marital record of George L. Masow of 518 Third street.

Though Masow testified at length how he had surprised his "mamma" by telephoning her that he was married four years ago and that he had prevented her from breaking up the marriage by threats of suicide, he failed today to convince Judge Brown that the union should be annulled, and the decree was denied.

Masow said that he eloped with Lillian Schoene to San Rafael, when his mother believed he had gone for a walk in the park, and that his father went nearly insane when he learned the news. He lived with his wife eight months the first time, deserted her, then ran her back to live with her three months, and repeated the desertion, and later sought to have the marriage annulled. The testimony of his mother, Mrs. Emma T. Masow of Berkeley, who was asked to testify, but Judge Brown held that there was not sufficient evidence.

Mrs. Virginia Meyers in her suit for divorce said she was abandoned four times a week in abusing her. From her home in Nebraska Margaret Close has filed a contest to an action for divorce against her by Frederick D. Close, the accused, who charged her with beating her, for which he was arrested at Florence, Colo., and sentenced to 90 days for battery.

Maude Penso sued for divorce from Joseph Penso, alleging desertion. Final decrees were given Elsie H. Nusbauer from Emil Nusbauer, desertion, and to Frank Cardoza from Maria Cardoza.

MAN WHO PASSED BAD CHECK TO STAND TRIAL

Prisoner Makes Charge Against Alameda Attorney

ALAMEDA, Feb. 19.—E. Y. Gibson was held to answer to the superior court for uttering a fictitious check by Justice of the Peace Elmer E. Johnson today. His bail was fixed at \$2,000. Gibson was brought back from Oregon to stand trial.

The complainant against Gibson was Howard K. James, a local attorney. The check was passed on Harry Akesson, Park street liquor merchant, June 26, 1909. The defendant testified that he drew the check at the instance of James and that the attorney was given part of the \$25 that he drew. Gibson testified that when he realized that he had no money in the First National bank of Oakland, which the check was drawn on, he went to Akesson to redeem it, but found that James had obtained the paper.

Gibson then went to James, he testified, and upon demanding the check from the attorney was told by James that unless he handed over \$100 James would prosecute him. Gibson later left town and when James recently learned that Gibson was in Oregon he ceased his arrest.

DAVIS RESUMES FIGHT FOR SAFETY FENDERS

Berkeleyans' Move Directed to Key Route and S. P.

BERKELEY, Feb. 19.—J. O. Davis, who last year was sponsor for an initiative petition to compel streetcar companies to carry safety fenders on all cars, announced today that he would take up the question of amending the question of requiring similar provision for safety by the Key Route and Southern Pacific companies on electric trams.

The petition circulated last year lacked 75 names of being sufficient to force an election. Then the old council passed an ordinance applying to streetcars. Davis wants an amendment to that ordinance, covering the electric trams. In case such an amendment is not passed, he said today, he will begin a new initiative movement. His daughter was killed by a streetcar.

NOTED CIVIC EXPERT LECTURES AT BERKELEY

Clinton Rogers Woodruff Argues for Civil Service

BERKELEY, Feb. 19.—Clinton Rogers Woodruff, the noted civic expert, lectured tonight on "Municipal Waste and Civil Service" at Berkeley high school auditorium, under arrangements made by the city club. He argued for civil service in cities. Preceding the lecture, Woodruff was a guest of City club friends at a dinner at the Shattuck hotel. Brief addresses were delivered by Prof. William Carey Jones, who presided at the lecture; Max Thelan, Prof. C. C. Plehn, Prof. T. H. Reed, Prof. A. C. Miller, Prof. Charles Derth, Prof. L. C. Cory, Prof. C. G. Hyde, Prof. B. J. Cogsworth, and former mayor Beverly Hodghead.

FAILING HEALTH FORCES RESIGNATION OF PASTOR

Rev. J. F. Trivett of Church of Advent Gives Up Charge

OAKLAND, Feb. 19.—Rev. Jerome F. Trivett, rector of the Church of the Advent, East Oakland, has resigned on account of failing health. The vacant pulpit has not been permanently filled. Bishop William Croft Nicholas notified the vestrymen that services will not be interrupted, as a temporary appointment will be made, pending the selection of a successor to Rev. Mr. Trivett.

CHURCH OFFICERS AND WIVES TO HOLD SOCIAL

ALAMEDA, Feb. 19.—The officers of the First Presbyterian church and their wives and the officers of the various societies of the congregation will hold a social tomorrow evening. The program will be provided by members of the choir under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Westgate. Among the participants will be Charles Blank Bruce Farrington, Miss Myrtle Stange, Miss Marjorie Cockroft, Herbert Mee and Mary Anderson.

FRIDAY'S FEAST AT PARK

Lakeside Lands Not to Be Used for New Classical-Polytechnic Building

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Whether the council will consent to advocate purchase of land in the vicinity of the present buildings will depend upon a conference to be held tomorrow. At that time the board of education, the council, member of the park commission and other interested persons will discuss the plan which the board of education recommended last week.

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It also was voted that the city should purchase adjacent land, if necessary, the money to be raised from the sale of the present Oakland high school site. Councilman W. J. Bacous at the council meeting this morning requested permission to introduce a resolution opposing the use of the park lands for school purposes, but the council decided not to take action until after tomorrow's conference to be held at the Key Route Inn.

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A. A. L. Announces Cross Country Course

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TRAIN LICENSED TO MARRY AT LEISURE

Hazel Hotchkiss, Tennis Champion, Is to Become a Bride, but Is Uncertain When

BERKELEY, Feb. 19.—Although a marriage license was issued this morning by the county clerk for the marriage of George W. Wightman, son of a capitalist of Brookline, Mass., and Miss Hazel V. Hotchkiss, the tennis champion, the bride and her family would not divulge the date of the nuptials.

Mrs. Hotchkiss, mother of the bride to be, said tonight that the date had not been fixed. Miss Hotchkiss said that the issuance of the license now had no significance and that her wedding would probably not take place before Easter.

Rev. George G. Eldredge of St. John's Presbyterian church will officiate and following the wedding the couple will leave for a tour of southern California, before departing for the east, where Wightman will take up the practice of law.

The groom is a Harvard graduate, Miss Hotchkiss, who achieved a tennis championship while a student at the University of California, met Wightman while playing on the tennis courts of the Longwood club in Boston.

CERTIFICATES ISSUED TO SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 19.—Following the examinations held in Los Angeles February 12 and 13 and in Sacramento February 16 and 17, the state board of library examiners has issued certificates to those who passed successful tests qualifying for positions as county librarians.

Following are the successful candidates and the grades they have made: Miss Helen L. Coffin, first grade, Geneva, Ill.; Miss Ebel H. Page, first grade, Los Angeles; Miss Mabel B. Gillis, first grade, Sacramento; Miss Alice J. Haines, first grade, Sacramento; Miss Edith T. Lawrence, second grade, Sacramento; Miss Susan T. Smith, first grade, Sacramento; Miss Elva Atkinson, second grade, Sacramento; Miss Laura Steffen, first grade, Sacramento.

TRIAL OF MARINE CORPS OFFICER IS COMPLETED

West Case Findings Will Be Sent to Washington

VALEJO, Feb. 19.—The court martial of Captain Ernest E. West of the Marine Corps, who was charged with having become intoxicated and with conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline, was completed today and the findings will be forwarded to Washington. West was cross examined today and Colonel L. T. Waller, commander of the Marine Island navy yard, who preferred the charges against West, was placed on the stand in rebuttal.

FIRST MOVE TAKEN BY DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN

De Witt Notifies State Official of Convention

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 19.—The first move in compliance with the provisions of the presidential preference primary election law was taken today by R. W. De Witt, chairman of the democratic state central committee, in notifying the secretary of state that the national democratic convention will be held in Baltimore June 25 and that California is entitled to 25 delegates.

WIDOW OF CAVEIN VICTIM ASKS DAMAGES

[Special Dispatch to The Call] REDDING, Feb. 19.—The Mountain Copper company today was made the defendant in a \$30,000 damage suit brought by Mrs. Teresa Affini, whose husband was killed in a cave-in in the company's Horn mine January 6. Mrs. Affini alleges that her husband was in no way to blame for the blast that caused the cave-in.

TWO HINDUS SENTENCED TO TERMS AT FOLSOM

FRESNO, Feb. 19.—For robbing a countryman of a \$100 watch on last Christmas day after they had gaged him with dirt, Kaesong and Hajar Singh, Hindus, today were sentenced to seven years each in Folsom by Superior Judge Austin. They are the first Hindus to be convicted of a felony in Fresno county.

MINING RUSH FOLLOWS DECISION OF JUDGE

REDDING, Feb. 19.—As a result of the decision of Judge Barber this afternoon, sustaining the demurrer of the defendants in the case entitled Santa Rosa National bank vs. Covell et al., there is a rush to locate mining lands a mile from this city.

RETIRED RECOMMENDED

VALLEJO, Feb. 19.—The retired because of illness from command of the regenerator ship Glacier two months ago and ordered here for treatment, was recommended for retirement on account of physical disability incident to his service. The medical board before which he appeared today, Commander T. D. Griffin, retired was president of the board.

SCHOOL IS FIRST; CROPS COME NEXT

Parents in Country Districts Will Not Be Allowed to Keep Children Home

OAKLAND, Feb. 19.—In the country districts parents of children under 15 years of age who fail in their school attendance are being given attention by County Superintendent of Schools George W. Frick and Deputy Probation Officer Robert Tyson, according to an announcement by Probation Officer Russ today.

The work of securing the attendance of children in the districts outside of Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda and Hayward—whose parents believe crops and chores of more importance than school, will be pushed with vigor by Tyson. This enforcement of school attendance comes under the child labor law passed by the last legislature.

The new procedure calls for visits to parents by either a principal or a teacher prior to a call by the probation officer. The work is different from old probation officer-politician's duty, and has been so successful that no parents have yet been called into court.

MERCHANT IS ARRAIGNED ON CHARGE OF MURDER

A. Magri Said to Have Caused Charles Munroe's Death

REDDING, Feb. 19.—A Magri, a Redding business man, was arraigned today on a charge of having fatally injured Charles Munroe, a miner, April 21, 1911.

Magri ejected Munroe from his store and knocked him down. Munroe died several months afterward, and it was charged that a fall on the sidewalk, when he was struck by Magri caused his death. Magri has been in jail 19 months.

SILVER TROPHY CUPS SENT TO GUARDSMEN

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 19.—The silver trophy cups which were offered by the state to the winners of the shooting