

COAST'S FIESTA MANAGERS PLAN TO AID P. P. I. E.

President Moore Named to Preside at Convention in This City April 2 Oregon Delegation, 200 Strong, to Select Site for State Exhibit

President Charles C. Moore of the Panama-Pacific international exposition has been selected to preside and to deliver the address of welcome at the convention of managers and delegates of festival organizations throughout the Pacific coast, which is to meet in the exposition directors' rooms April 2.

A committee, consisting of P. T. Clay, chairman, Andrew M. Davis, Charles E. Fee, Henry T. Scott and I. W. Hellman Jr., has been appointed by President Moore to represent the exposition at the convention. The plan for the union of all amusement, entertainment and educational celebrations held on the coast, to make the Pacific coast "The playground of America—California in winter and the Pacific northwest in summer," was suggested by George L. Hutchin, general manager of the Portland rose festival.

"I consider the Panama-Pacific international exposition the central feature of the undertaking," said Hutchin. Invitations to the convention have been sent to 20 cities, including Portland with its rose festival and 1912 Elks grand lodge convention, Seattle with its golden potato, Tacoma with the montmaria fest, Vancouver, B. C., with the international horse show, Spokane with the international apple show, Pendleton with the spectacular round-up, Salem with the cherry fair, Pasadena with the midwinter floral tournament and Los Angeles with its fiesta.

OREGON DELEGATION COMING About 200 leading citizens of Portland and other cities in Oregon, accompanied by their wives, are coming to this city next week to select a site for Oregon's state building at the exposition. The Oregonians will make the St. Francis hotel their headquarters. They are scheduled to arrive in this city at 5 o'clock, March 13.

Lieutenant General Sir Robert Baden-Powell, accompanied by James E. West, chief executive scout secretary of the Boy Scouts of America, and Sidney S. Peckotto, president of the California state council of Boy Scouts of America, called on President Moore yesterday morning and held a conference with the head of the exposition, Frederick J. V. Schiff, director of foreign and domestic participation, and Director Rudolph J. Tauszig in reference to the holding of an international Boy Scout encampment at the exposition in 1915.

EDUCATORS AND EXPOSITION James A. Barr, secretary of the California Teachers' association, who, in conjunction with Arthur H. Chamberlain, was commissioned by President Moore to attend the annual meeting of the national council of educational and the department of superintendence of the National Education association at St. Louis, returned yesterday and reported that the following resolution had been adopted:

Resolved, that the department of superintendence recognize the Panama-Pacific international exposition to be held in San Francisco in 1915, as a great opportunity to exhibit our educational progress and that we urge the state, county and city systems of schools to prepare and to send such of their work as will show the development of education throughout the nation.

LIBERTY BELL TRIP FAVORED Barr also took up with the educators at St. Louis the plan of bringing the Liberty bell to this city during the 1915 exposition and reported that Nathan C. Schaeffer, superintendent of schools of Pennsylvania, expressed himself in open session as follows: "In a historic way the Liberty bell belongs to the nation rather than to Philadelphia and Pennsylvania. As the bell has made several trips from Philadelphia, I see no reason why it should not cross the continent to San Francisco in 1915."

METROPOLIS' TAX RATE LOWEST OF BIG CITIES Fact Brought Out at Commerce Chamber Luncheon

That San Francisco has the lowest tax rate of any of the principal California municipalities was brought out by Supervisor W. H. McCarthy at the weekly luncheon of the downtown committee of the Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at the St. Francis hotel. The local tax rate is \$2.05, while Los Angeles pays \$2.15, Oakland \$2.32 and Sacramento \$2.53. In San Bernardino the rate is \$3.76, while in Riverside it also is over the \$3 mark.

A series of moving pictures showing methods of street cleaning and disposal of street rubbish employed in New York will be exhibited at next Wednesday's luncheon to members of the street committee of the chamber and to invited guests from the supervisors, board of public works and police department.

The chamber has telegraphed to the commissary purchasing agent for the Panama canal, requesting that local bidders be allowed to submit bids on canal supplies delivered on the dock at Colon, Cristobal or Balboa, instead of at New York or New Orleans, as is at present required.

BURLESQUE SKATING ACT TO BE PRESENTED

A burlesque skating act will be presented at the Casseum rink tomorrow night by the Windy City double quartet for one night only. Each member of the octet will be made up to represent a different nationality. As a finale for the act there will be a race of races. This act will leave immediately for the north, and on its return in a few weeks will be booked for a week at the Coliseum.

The tub department of the Lurline Ocean Water Baths, Bush and Larkin streets, is the best in the world. Rooms are fitted with large porcelain tubs supplied with hot and cold salt (ocean) water; also showers of same.

Today's Meetings of Improvement Clubs

- FIRST THURSDAY Buena Vista Improvement club, corner Nineteenth and Vermont streets. Eureka Valley Improvement association, 406 Castro street. Sunnyside Improvement club, 410 Forester street. Visitation Valley Improvement club, 433 Raymond avenue. Ingleside Improvement club, 1633 Ocean avenue. Lincoln Park Improvement club, 1250 Geary street. The Citizens' Promotion Association of Lake View and Ingleside district, Farley's hall, Ocean and Brighton avenues. Cortland Avenue Property Owners' association, 115 Cortland avenue. Mission County Line Improvement club, 5824 Mission street. Jordan Park Improvement club, 201 Euclid avenue. (Clubs are requested to furnish data for this column.)

CHUTES COMPANY SUED FOR FORTUNE

Failure to Lease Block on Fillmore Street Basis of Claim for \$130,000

A suit to obtain satisfaction for failure of the Chutes Realty company and its stockholders to live up to an agreement to lease a block in Fillmore street, bounded by Turk and Webster, was entered in the superior court yesterday by the Realty and Rebuilding company through an effort to collect \$130,000 from the stock holders of the Chutes concern. A supplementary suit for an additional \$130,000 is filed against the Chutes Realty company for back rent at the rate of \$1,000 monthly and 2 per cent of the gross income of the Chutes each month since September 26, 1911.

The property was leased by Rudolph Spreckels to Eugene Sullivan, L. A. Rea and E. Kehrlin. One of the lessees acted for Abraham Ruef. Later Spreckels transferred his interest in the lease to the Realty and Rebuilding company. The lease was dated June 1, 1905, and covered a period of five years.

On March 6, 1909, the Realty and Rebuilding company entered into an agreement with the Chutes Realty company whereby the Chutes would lease the premises for \$1,000 monthly and 2 per cent of the gross receipts. At this time the rebuilding company failed in its effort to break the lease of Sullivan and the other lessees and continued in possession of the property until the Chutes was destroyed by fire last summer, the Chutes company having sublet from the lessees.

The fire wiped out the Sullivan lease and the rebuilding company then called upon the Chutes company to live up to its agreement and enter upon a lease of the premises. The Chutes' officers refused on the ground that the appurtenances that go with the property desirable for its purpose had been destroyed by fire.

The suit of the Realty and Rebuilding company in the stock holders' liability action is directed against M. Oppenheim, E. E. Smith, M. Syme, E. B. Davis, J. Kelsey and Al Well. The sum of \$21,566.66 is asked of each of the defendants.

MRS. LEEK DENIES HUSBY'S CHARGES

Wife Says She Did Not Abet Prof. Bonelli in Aiming Gun at Dentist's Portly Form

Aroused by reiterated charges in the cross complaint of Dr. George W. Leek, the dentist who has figured in the police courts through his accusations against Miss Gladys Wright, his vivacious assistant, Mrs. Jessie V. Leek yesterday filed an answer denying allegations of improprieties with Prof. E. S. Bonelli on any one else.

At the same time an affidavit was filed by the musical professor denying each charge in Leek's cross complaint and Carl Westerfeld and Robert D. Duke, attorneys for the plaintiff, recorded a notice of motion for immediate trial. The case probably will come before Judge J. J. Van Nostrand within a week and promises to be tinged with sensations.

MISCONDUCT DENIED Mrs. Leek denied that she ever misbehaved with Bonelli at any time, either at San Francisco, Monte Rio, the summer home of the Leeks in Sonoma county, at Santa Barbara or at Firebaugh on the Leek ranch in Merced county. She said she did not abet Professor Bonelli in the alleged act of pointing a revolver at the dentist's portly form.

The wife also denied that she acquired Miss Rose O'Tool, the doctor's employe, of any wrongdoing, as Leek alleged, or that she entered the dentist's office and humiliated him before his patients. On the other hand, she said that Leek struck her and applied an ignominious name to her.

An attorney, not named, young and handsome, who is alleged to have left his hat in the Leek home and with whom Leek accused his wife of being overfamiliar, is expected to be a witness at the trial.

DISPUTE OVER PROPERTY

The wife denied that she was ever in a room alone with any attorney, and protested that she was not unfit to care for the two minor children and asked for their custody and control. Instead of the property of the Leeks scattered over the state, being all community property, as Leek alleged, the wife claims it is hers in her own right acquired before marriage, and denies that other portions were owned by the dentist before he became a benefactor. Bonelli said that he was dragged into the case by Leek to prevent his wife from claiming half their property. The professor said that Leek intimated that he would name him as corespondent, but at the time he believed the dentist was joking.

MODERN WOODMEN SUED ON INSURANCE POLICY

Suit to compel the Modern Woodmen of America to pay \$2,000 life insurance alleged to be due on a policy held by the late Charles Nicholas Jr., was filed yesterday in the superior court. The action is brought by Margaret Nicholas, the mother, and by Mrs. George W. Warren as guardian for George Nicholas, a 3 year old son. According to the complaint Nicholas took out an insurance policy in the order December 16, 1907, \$1,500 being payable to his wife, Nannie A. Nicholas, and \$500 to his mother. Nicholas died at Colorado Springs July 19, 1911. Subsequently Mrs. Nannie Nicholas died, leaving the young son.

CHINESE THIEF SENTENCED—Lee Kan, a Chinese who burglarized the room of Yee Tor, 808 Clay street on December 22, was sentenced to serve six months in the county jail by Superior Judge Dunne yesterday. The charge of burglary was reduced to petty larceny.

PETERSON WILL BE GOOD—John Peterson, charged with burglary in connection with stealing lamps from the old city hall, was admitted to probation by Superior Judge Dunne yesterday. He promised to "turn over a new leaf" and when Dunne granted his request, Peterson ran out of the courtroom.

BANKRUPTCY PETITIONS—Petitions in bankruptcy were filed in the United States district court yesterday as follows: Alexander McElroy Jones, a Sacramento real estate salesman, liabilities \$5,082.47, assets nothing; Gus Meier, a San Francisco saloon keeper, liabilities \$5,974.38, assets nothing.

GAS MAN OBTAINS WRIT—Robert Russell of the Eucalyptus gas company, who was arrested some time ago for blockading the streets with gaspipe extensions, was granted a writ of habeas corpus by the state supreme court yesterday. The writ ordering came to be shown why the case against him should not be dismissed.

Spring Opening

Oakland Store Hale's Oakland Store GOOD GOODS

Beautiful Practical Millinery A Great Department, Offering the Best Styles at Popular Prices

Hundreds of Spring hats, all in the very newest styles and showing the prominent features of Spring, 1912. For weeks our buyers have been watching Paris and Paris ideas. Hale's Spring hats, fresh from their boxes, offer so many exquisite styles that minute description is impossible here. PRACTICAL Hats, offering the most authentic styles, yet within reach of every purse—such is Hale's offering in the Spring Fashion Show. Castle Novelties and Crosby Hats in beautiful, exclusive styles range from 7.95 up. But, more particularly, we emphasize our lines of trimmed hats from 3.45 to 15.00. These offer the Gaby, Quakers, pokes, toques, etc. FLOWERS, including dahlias, daisies, long stemmed roses, poppies, velvet foliage, etc., at Hale's moderate prices.

Practical Suits and Dresses in Newest Styles

SUITS at a price range from 18.75 to 29.75 offer Spring's handsomest styles at prices within reach of your purse. In other words, practical suits, better than prices usually indicate. Made of this season's best fabrics, white or blue serges, whipcord, Bedford cord or worsted. Skirts show the slashed and tunic effects now so popular. DRESSES, including pongees, messalines, foulards, surrahs and, particularly, the pretty white serges that bid for great popularity this Spring. Prices range from 10.75, 12.75 and 15.00 up.

Corsets: Spring Models

Your Corset Is the Foundation of Your Style The perfect corset for your figure is the first step towards acquiring perfect style. Our experts will help you find the ideal corset for your needs. Our models offer the latest inventions in— Nemos Nadias Nadia Rengo Belts R. & G's W. B. Reduos C. B.'s G. D. Justrite Thompson's Glove Fitting Corset Department—Basement

We are now moving the merchandise of Livingston Bros., Fillmore St. Store in San Francisco. Watch for the Sale!

Magnin's Special Fancy Tailored Spring Suits At \$27.50 and \$37.50 are values without an equal in San Francisco, and, go where you will, you will not find any more attractive spring styles than those we show at these two prices. They have all the exclusiveness as to style and material, all the superiority in design and workmanship that you have learned to expect in "Magnin" garments. There's only one difference—the price. But mere description is inadequate. See these garments in our suit department. See them to-day. We know your judgment will be the same as that of hundreds before you—the greatest suit value in San Francisco. J. Magnin & Co. Geary Street and Grant Ave.

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