

NEWS OF THE BAY SURROUNDING THE BAY

BUNKER SAYS HE DESIRES NO PLEDGE

Berkeley School Superintendent Likens Tactics to Those of Ward Politics

Educator Takes Fling at Majority Directors for Promising Job to James

BERKELEY, April 16.—Superintendent of Schools Frank F. Bunker, speaking at the Hilsdale club, Arch and Cedar streets, this evening, further explained his position in the school fight by declaring that under no circumstances would he have Candidates B. J. Bither, Mrs. Annie Little Barry and Samuel C. Haight, make personal pledges to appoint him superintendent of schools. This stand, he said, is taken because no person can tell on July 1 what conditions will be, and, therefore, it would be unwise for directors to be elected who are pledged to appoint one man superintendent.

He made his statement in reply to Majority Directors Herman I. Stern, Mrs. Ellnor Carlisle and John A. Wilson. These officials, he said, recall their attitude toward Bunker. They have pledged themselves in writing to appoint Morris C. James superintendent of schools. This stand, he said, is taken because no person can tell on July 1 what conditions will be, and, therefore, it would be unwise for directors to be elected who are pledged to appoint one man superintendent.

He should welcome such pledges, said Bunker, were I ambitious to stand in the eyes of the people as a school boss; were I seeking to dominate the school department of Berkeley, and were I insisting that only the ideas which I hold concerning its operation were the correct ones. Were I seeking to establish a school system as some of my opponents have charged, I would indeed welcome the relationship which is implied in a personal pre-election pledge. Such an action on the candidate's part would, of no respect be different from that method of procedure which characterizes ward politics.

COUNTY AUDITOR IS ASKED TO RETURN \$2,013.03

Grand Jury Demands Sum Collected as Commissions

PINCHOT USING CLUB, CHARGE TAFT MANAGERS

Forest Service Appointees Said to Be Approached

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The Taft national bureau issued today a statement in part as follows: "In the past many instances have been called to the attention of President Taft's managers where Gifford Pinchot has demanded of his own personal appointees that they receive a discharge of obligations in the form of support of Roosevelt in this campaign. Furthermore, it is a matter of official record, with the Taft national bureau, that the documents to prove it, that Senator Dixon, Mr. Roosevelt's campaign manager, is personally preparing to oppose for re-nomination in the United States senate federal office holders who have openly stated their favor of the re-nomination of President Taft.

SAN MATEO CITY CLERK SUEVED BY MERCHANTS

REDWOOD CITY, April 16.—Edward S. Moulton, secretary of the San Mateo and Burlingame Merchants' Association and recently elected city clerk of San Mateo, is made defendant in a suit brought in the superior court today by which Levy Brothers, proprietors of a department store in San Mateo, seek to recover \$75.99 on a promissory note and a merchandise bill. Moulton was formerly employed by Levy Brothers. Attorneys Ross and Ross appear for the plaintiff.

VALLEJO CONCURS IN PROTEST FROM SOUTH

VALLEJO, April 16.—The Vallejo Trades and Labor council today concurred in a protest from the San Diego Federated Trades council, which stated that San Diego was overrun with unemployed of all classes by reason of misleading advertisements sent broadcast over the east by boosters and commercial bodies of San Diego.

MARRIAGE LICENCES ISSUED IN STOCKTON

STOCKTON, April 16.—Marriage licenses have been issued as follows: Edward J. Lusk, 28, and Clara C. McCormick, Stockton, aged 21. Clarence A. Grant, aged 29, and Florence Mendel, aged 22, both of Stockton.

AGED WOMAN DIES—San Leandro, April 16.—Mrs. Ann Lutz, 100, of Anthony's Lutz, is dead at her home, 140 Estrella avenue, at the age of 90 years. She had lived here 50 years and was a native of Ireland. James W. Lutz, a brother, survives. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning. A requiem high mass will be celebrated at St. Leonard's church.

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HICKORY LIMB IS HOSTAGE TO RENT

Paul Briquet Wants Back Right Leg Seized by His Dunning Landlady

OAKLAND, April 16.—Minus a leg and finding his way slowly on a pair of crutches, Paul Briquet, 543 Sycamore street, limped into the office of Prosecuting Attorney Ezra Decoto today with a tale of woe, and wound up his story by asking for the arrest of Mrs. Mary Phelan, who conducts the lodging house where Briquet resides.

Decoto asked for further details. He learned that Briquet, who had been the possessor of a cork leg which he valued at \$150, had been behind in his rent to Mrs. Phelan. She had been dunning him and he had been promising to pay. When he awoke this morning this necessary adjunct was gone and he learned that Mrs. Phelan was holding it until he paid the rent. He managed to limp from the house, obtain a pair of emergency crutches and find his way to Decoto's office.

"I'll see that you get your leg back," said Decoto, whose sympathy was aroused. He dictated a note to Mrs. Phelan, directing her to appear before him immediately and bring the leg.

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J. O. McKown, Who Extols Worth of the Livermore Valley

Section Holds Its "Get Together" Banquet

LIVERMORE, April 16.—The Livermore Merchants' association closed its most successful year today, and its members held what they called their "get together banquet" this evening at the Valley hotel. The "get together" nature of the banquet was shown in the presence of W. E. Gibson, president, and A. A. Denison, secretary of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, who had been invited as guests of honor, so that they might tell the members of the local association something of the relations between the big city on the bay shore and the rural portion of the county.

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"SPENDTHRIFT" A BIG SUCCESS

Miss Stone's Performance in Role of Wife Little Short of Being Splendid

By WALTER ANTHONY

To one who watches the drama narrowly, from the sometimes uncomfortable seat of the paid observer, there was something especially reassuring in the big success of "The Spendthrift" at the Alcazar last night. We who earn—or get—wages happy visiting the theater are called upon too frequently to suffer more than money can compensate. But if the day will ever come when only good plays will achieve success, our life will be a round of pleasure, and we will be like the leading man of the country stock company, who was writing to Porter for nothing for the privilege of kissing the leading woman. Such plays as "The Spendthrift," and such corollary of success as last night's indicate the possibility of such a golden age of the drama before the time when we reviewers will have to be, as genial Monty says in another connection in the play, "staken down the aisle in a wheel carriage."—In such a day only good plays will be staged, because only good plays will be applauded.

Alas, however, that on the heels of so optimistic a reflection, I had to be reminded on the program that Porter Emerson Browne, the author of "The Spendthrift," was likewise the author of "A Fool There Was." Also the program, inadvertently no doubt, but plainly, said that Porter Browne wrote "Everywoman." He did not. Walter Browne did.

However, to return to the mournful reflection of Porter Browne's complicity in "A Fool There Was," after having started so nobly with "The Spendthrift," I have it in my heart to hope that every city indorse San Francisco's reluctance to see the former and will flock to see "The Spendthrift." The fate of the latter drama will surely be happy, and its life will be long if it is always staged and played as well as the Alcazar produced it last night.

The performance of Miss Florence Stone in the role of the spendthrift wife was not short of splendid. She gowned her wretched heroine as comely as she played her, save in the last act, where, it seemed to me, her dress was more expensive than the gown worn by Mrs. Ward, sunk from sorrow to poverty, should suggest. Through her carelessness and irresponsible self had never even slightly grasped, Miss Stone was a conviction in flesh and blood. And in the last act, where, discovered by her friends, from whom in shame she had hidden herself, she was half weeping, half laughing, in a hysteria of emotion, Miss Stone keyed her utterance and pictured her misery in notes which did not shock the "modesty of nature." It is a pleasure to congratulate her upon this triumph.

Charles Ruggles was an impetuous Monty, reading his extra juvenile lines with boyish impulsiveness and comedy effect. Charles Gunn gave the best, because the quietest, most reserved and natural impersonation of his career at the Alcazar in the role of Thorn, whose loan of \$20,000 to Mrs. Ward is the only preposterous proposition in the play. He faced the gun of Mr. Ward with dignity of bearing, and his words of remonstrance were spoken in just the tone which a man should employ. I should say at a mere guess, under the circumstances.

Beth Taylor was a delicious ingenue. She will get a convulsive laugh from the stoniest heart or dryest throat when she asks, "When does the train go?" For Adele Belgrade much praise is coming on account of her performance of the role of Gretchen, the aunt with the big bank account, big heart and big reluctance to empty either.

The settings were beautiful, as, indeed, they must be in "The Spendthrift," which exhibits the interior of a home furnished and sustained by fabulous sums squandered by a spendthrift.

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