NEWS OF OAKLAND, BERKELEY, ALAMEDA, HAYWARD, SAN LEANDRO

INSURANCE MEN IN STATE CONVENTION

Fifth Annual Opens Today in Oakland; Election of Officers Saturday

OAKLAND, May 16.—The fifth annual convention of the California state association of local fire insurance agents will be held here tomorrow and Saturday, when Oakland will entertain insurance men from all over the state. The meetings will be in the assembly hall of the Chamber of Commerce. The convention will open tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock with an address of welcome by President Edwin Stearns of the Oakland board of fire underwriters. This session will be mainly routine.

The delegates will dine at 6:30 o'clock. A conference of secretaries of local insurance boards of California will be held in the evening, followed by an entertainment by Press Woodruff, the San Francisco humorist. The next session will open at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. A report of the committee on resolutions will be read and discussed and new officers will be elected. Members will take a car ride to the art gallery at Piedmont park and the Crocker tract, returning to Idora park for luncheon.

Among the visitors to the convention are: Will Stephens of Los Angeles, president of the association; J. E. Phelps, secretary of the Los Angeles insurance board; H. J. Thielen, secretary Sacramento insurance board; S. H. Wyckoff, secretary Napa county insurance board; Noah Adair, president San Bernardino insurance board, and C. D. Barnet, president Santa Rosa insurance board.

These local committees are in charge of the entertainment of the visitors: Finance, Thomas Knowles (chairman), F. F. Porter, J. B. Langtree, Jeff Salinger; entertainment and banquet, I. H. Clay (chairman), C. Fred Burks, H. W. Ellis, T. P. Emigh, Frank J. Taylor; hall, Victor Stuart (chairman), F. M. Lane, W. B. West; reception, Leo R. Weil.

VAGRANCY CASE FINDS WAY TO SUPREME COURT

Commitment on Old Offense Held Illegal in Oakland

OAKLAND, May 16. — Michael Slattery, who recently appealed to the supreme court from action taken by Police Judge George Samuels sentencing him to six months in the city jail on a previous commitment, and since then has been at liberty on habeas corpus proceedings, appeared before Judge Samuels today and asked for probation. Slattery said that he wished to go into the country to secure work.

Slattery was first arrested for vagrancy about six months ago and was sentenced to six months in the city jail. Upon his promise to go to work commitment was withheld. A few months later he was arrested for drunkenness and this was considered a violation of his promise and the sentence of six months was allowed to commence.

Slattery appealed from this action upon the ground that it was not legal and the case is still before the supreme court.

HILLSBOROUGH PLANS ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Trustees Vote Contracts for $118,000 Improvements

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

HILLSBOROUGH, May 16.—Contracts approximating $118,000 for street and road construction were voted by the board of trustees of Hillsborough at a meeting here this evening. The plan is for a comprehensive system of highways about the city.

The contracts are of three classes. The first two call for asphalt macadum under the "Warrenite" patent and will be of five-inch and four-inch surfaces respectively. The third class will be plain macadam. The Barber Asphalt Paving company was awarded the two former. The other contract will be let later.

Trustee Henry T. Scott presented a resolution calling for the employment of additional policemen during the wedding of Miss Jennie Crocker and Malcolm D. Whitman, in the Church of St. Matthew, San Mateo, Tuesday, July 16. The resolution was adopted.

PHYSICIAN HELD FOR NEGLECTING CHILDREN

Release Asked on Habeas Corpus Under Divorce Decree

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SANTA ROSA, May 16. — Dr. Smith McMullen of Petaluma is seeking release by a writ of habeas corpus from the charge of failure to provide for his two minor children, after being held for trial by Justice Dillon of Petaluma in $2,000 bond. The argument will be heard Monday. Mrs. Emma Harris McMullen obtained a divorce and the custody of the children in Reno about two years ago and refuses to gve them up.

BROKEN AXLE NEARLY RESULTS SERIOUSLY

ALAMEDA, May 16.—Harold Ward, a past exalted ruler of Alameda lodge of Elks; William Varcoe and Al Mazurette were thrown from a large touring automobile last evening in Central avenue, near Broadway. The accident was caused by the breaking of a front axle on the machine, which was being driven by Ward. The occupants of the car escaped with slight injuries.

Army Orders

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Army orders:

First Lieutenant Julian L. Dodge, Sixth infantry, upon the expiration of present leave of absence will report to the commanding general, Western division, for duty pending the arrival of the Sixth infantry at San Francisco, when he will join his company.

Second Lieutenant Charles W. Elliott, Sixth infantry, is transferred to the Fifteenth infantry. He will be assigned to a company by his regimental commander.

First Lieutenant James P. Castleman, Tenth cavalry, is detailed as professor of military science and tactics at the Georgia Military academy, College Park, Ga., to take effect August 31.

Captain Henry J. Nichols, medical corps, is detailed to represent the medical department of the army at the ninth annual meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine, to be held at Atlantic City, N. J., June 3.

The leave of absence granted First Lieutenant Addison D. Davis, medical corps, is extended one month.

Second Lieutenant Lewis C. Rockwell, Tenth infantry, is detailed for aviation duty with the signal corps and will proceed to College Park, Md., and report to the commanding officer, signal corps, aviation school, accordingly.

Leave of absence for three months, to take effect on or about June 1, is granted Captain Glenn F. Jenks, ordnance department.

Spend Your Vacation

In the Feather River Country on the line of the Western Pacific Railway.

Miss Hollebaugh, Who Will Appear In Berkeley Play

SNOW PHOTO.

"Facing the Music" to Be Given by the Wawona Club Thespians

BERKELEY, May 16.—"Facing the Music," a three act comedy, will be presented by the members of the Wawona club Saturday evening, June 1, as their annual summer dramatic effort. A. Howard Herrmann, who has frequently appeared in Elks' and other shows, is coaching the players. The club has each year given a light play with success and it is predicted that this year it will surpass previous efforts.

In the cast will be, among others, Lester Lawson, Roy Dryer, E. E. Thompson, Albert Brainard, Sidney S. Sampson, Miss Florence Giblin, Miss Mary Hollebaugh, Miss California Munjar and Miss Lorina Coffin.

Plays which have previously been given by the Wawona club include "The Prince of Liars," "Captain Rackett," and "Pane."

SAN RAFAEL TAKES ON JUNGLE ASPECT

Monkeys Swing About in Trees, While Citizens Below Are in Dismay

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SAN RAFAEL, May 16.—The four monkeys which escaped Sunday from Boyd Memorial park and have since mimicked desperadoes in very realistic fashion, are still at large, jumping from tree top to tree top.

After the monkeys had routed Mayor Richard Kinsella, the city police force and the Chinese cooks at the Parkside hotel, the park commission decided that stronger inducements for the capture of their Darwinain ancestors were necessary. Accordingly Dr. S. M. Augustine of the commission offered $20 reward for the capture of the monkeys last night.

Constable eGorge Agnew appeared on the scene this morning with a number of cakes on which opium had been placed, covered with a thick coating of honey. This bait he placed in a convenient location. The monkeys descended from the trees, smelled the cakes, rubbed the honey and opium off against the trees, and then proceeded to eat the pastry with evident relish.

Hopeful of obtaining the reward, nearly 50 linesmen of the telephone and electric light companies climbed the trees. The monkeys gracefully swung from the topmost branches into adjoining trees. The linesmen descended.

Andrew Ludwig managed to get hold of the infant member of the quartet this afternoon. The others descended on Ludwig's hair, a large part of which they succeeded in removing. Ludwig gave up the fight.

"Marty" Johansen set up the drinks for the monkeys. Thre of them refused to touch the liquor on the ground before them, but the fourth, a big male called "Joe," drank everything in sight without any effect.

Fox traps, with teeth protected by cloth, are being set tonight in a final atempt to capture the monkeys.

A plan is now on foot to get a few monkeys from some menagerie to use as decoys, as it is believed that if one of the escaped monkeys can be induced to return the others will follow.

WOMEN HOLD SWAY IN ALAMEDA ELKS' CLUB

ALAMEDA, May 16.—The clubhouse of the Alameda Elks was in possession of the women this afternoon. Mrs. Thomas Haskins and Mrs. Charles Neal were hostesses. Cards and a musical program afforded the entertainment. Thos who contributed to the musical program were: Mrs. Robert Hughes, Miss Helen Neal, Mrs. George Coolidge, Mrs. C. Schneider, Mrs. Llewelyn A. Hughes and Mrs. Leota Schenck.

Suburban Brevities

WOUND PROVES FATAL—Oakland, May 16.—William Turner, a cook who shot himself in the head with a revolver last evening, died this morning at the receiving hospital.

DANCE FOR BAND BOYS—Alameda, May 16.—The mothers of the members of the Lincoln park boys' band are arranging a dance to be given in Moose hall Saturday night for the benefit of the organization of young musicians.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HONOR FOUNDER—Oakland, May 16.—The festival of St. de la Salle, the founder of the Christian Brothers, will be celebrated Sunday at St. Mary's college. The ceremonies will include a solemn high mass and a eulogy of the eminent Catholic educator.

Y. M. I. TO PLAY BRIDGE—Alameda, May 16. California council of the Young Men's institute is to give a whist and pedro tournament in Lafayette hall Thursday evening, May 25. Prizes will be awarded the players making the best scores. The arrangements are in charge of A. J. Smith, A. L. Balfay, Charles O'Connor, John Mulvaney, F. Botelho, F. Cullen and J. Winterbottom.

MEAD TO ADDRESS Y. M. C. A.—Oakland, May 16.—S. P. Meads, principal of the Cole grammar school, will address the meeting for men at the Oakland Young Men's Christian association on Sunday afternoon. The subject of the address will be "The Success of Some Failures." The program will begin at 3:30 o'clock and will be preceded by a number of selections in the lobby by the instrumental trio of the association.

POLICE CAPTURE WOMAN BURGLAR

Several Thefts From Berkeley Homes Are Admitted by Dusky Prisoner

BERKELEY, May 16.—Ida Bell Turner, a negress, has been arrested by Detective Woods and Patrolman Lee and has confessed to several burglaries in this city which have been mysterious to the police. The woman was formally charged with burglary this morning and was arraigned before Police Judge Edgar, who set her preliminary examination for next Saturday morning.

Several weeks' search by the police, during which the woman burglar continued her depredations, led to her capture at an early hour this morning. When taken into custody the woman had wearing apparel and other articles of $75 value, which she confesses to having stolen from Mrs. W. H. Thaxter's home at 2955 Regent street.

The woman usually cut wire screenings out of rear doors and pried the locks. In a few cases she entered homes by windows. The evening of May 5 she broke into the Thaxter home, entering a side window. A few nights previously she said she entered L. E. Sperry's home, 2301 Ward street, where she obtained $15 worth of clothing. May 12 she entered H. T. Adams' home at 2122 Carlton street, stealing $40 worth of articles. In all these cases the police have a confession.

Mrs. Turner said she came from Los Angeles in April. Chief of Police Vollmer has records showing that she served two years for burglary committed at Kansas City, Mo.

The woman's husband, known to the police as Commodore Turner, was sent to San Quentin penitentiary from Los Angeles last November for assault with a deadly weapon, having stabbed his wife.

BERKELEY VALUES GROW BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS

BERKELEY May 16.—City Assessor H. J. Squires said today that the assessed valuation of Berkeley for this year will exceed that of last year by fully $3,000,000. The total assessment he estimated at $40,000,000. Last year it was $37,000,000. In 1902 the assessed valuation of Berkeley was only $10,000,000.

TAXATION QUESTION SETTLED BY BOARD

General Rule Is Set Down Regarding Operative and Nonoperative Properties

SACRAMENTO, May 16.—The state board of equalization in settling the controversy between the big Los Angeles corporations and the city assessor over the taxation of properties set a general rule today in determining what properties are operative and what are nonoperative.

The board held that tools, supplies and equipment when used in the extension of lines or systems were nonoperative and are assessable by local assessors. When such tools, supplies, etc., are actually used in the operation of the lines or systems they are to be regarded as operative property assessable by the state.

This decision was given after a hearing was given the corporations and city assessor before the board yesterday. The corporations are the Southern Pacific, Santa Fe, Pacific Gas and Electric, Salt Lake railroad, the Pacific Electric railroad and the Los Angeles railroad.

THUG RECOGNIZED BY VICTIM IS CAPTURED

James Gramman Asks for Drink and Arrest Follows

OAKLAND, May 16.—James Gramman, charged with robbery in a saloon at 776 Fruitvale avenue, conducted by Samuel Tanovitch, was arrested this evening by Captain Thorwald Brown of the Melrose police station and Inspector Richard McSorley and booked at the city prison.

Tanovitch was held up and robbed four night ago bya man who wore goggles. Gramman entered the saloon tonight and asked for a drink. Tanovitch, positive Gramman was the man who had held him up, reached for his revolver and Gramman took to his heels.

Tanovitch gave chase and Brown and McSorley, who had gone to the annexed district, working on a description furnished by Tanovitch, placed Gramman under arrest.

ASIATICS MANUFACTURE UNDER U. S. COGNOMEN

Japanese and Chinese factories are manufacturing various articles of wearing apparrel in this city under the disguise of American names, and selling the articles wholesale at prices below which Americans can produce them, according to the report made to the supervisors yesterday by the union label section of the San Francisco Labor council. The council asks the supervisors to check the practice by insisting on the union label when ordering supplies.

NEW ERAS VISIT SUISUN—Vallejo, May 16.—Thirty members of the Vallejo New Era club went to Suisun today, where they were the guests of the Wednesday Afternoon club of the county seat. During the afternoon Miss Helen Todd of San Francisco delivered an address on civics.

DO YOU WANT A BETTER JOB

In your shop, office or factory? If this question interests you read "Working Upward in Business," by C. W. Jennings, with illustrations by B. Cory Kilvert, in the Semi-Monthly Magazine Section of The Call next Sunday, May 19. It is free to readers of The Call.

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MEPHITIC BREATH DISRUPTS SOCIETY

OAKLAND, May 16.—Bad breath broke up the Ladies' Silk Culture society according to an affidavit of E. M. Kirk filed in the superior court today. Kirk is the society's former secretary who is suing for back salary. The breath was charged in Kirk's statement to Attorney D. J. Murphy of San Francisco.

Kirk alleged that his cousin, Mrs. E. S. Mighels, complained of Murphy's breath at a meeting held June, 1908, and later threw her cape over her head in defense. Murphy was in a rage, it was said, which was shared by his wife, and they bolted the meeting. With them went several members of the society who had been disaffected. Then, aided by the Murphys, a new society was organized.

Before this Kirk said his salary fell into arrears and much of the trouble which subsequently ensued he ascribed to the Murphy incident. In addition he said that Mrs. Mary Murphy, wife of Attorney Murphy, was jealous of his official position.

Kirk's affidavit tends to explain the trouble in the company's answer to his complaint, as he has been accused of rendering no services.

WIFE LOVED KITTY HUSBAND DID NOT

OAKLAND, May 16.—"Love me, love my cat," was the rule of Mrs. Vera J. Musser, and when her husband, Theodore Musser, did not love her cat she left him. Musser said that he found that the animal was a nuisance about the house, but his objections were vain until he threw the pet out of the door. Then Mrs. Musser screamed and went back to her mother. Musser got an interlocutory decree of divorce today.

Russell Lamp made his bed on the floor in protest against Irene Lamp, and when she was ill he walked through her room for a week at a time without looking at her or speaking to her, according to her testimony. Mrs. Lamp got an interlocutory decree for cruelty.

Failure to provide on a monthly salary of $150, in addition to property worth $10,000, was charged against Andrew F. Hass by Elizabeth Hass today. She said that he spat at her May 12 when she asked for money to buy a dress.

Maria Pereira refused to accompany Jose Pereira to America from her mother's home in Portugal, and he was divorced from her for desertion.

Rachael Olans got an interlocutory decree from Isadore Olans for cruelty.

A final decree was given Minna Eckman from George L. Eckman.

OAKLANDERS GET OUT THEIR BROOMS

OAKLAND, May 16.—The movement recently inaugurated for the beautifying of the city was given added impetus at a conference this afternoon of the park commissioners, members of the "city beautiful" central committee; J. W. McClymonds, city superintendent of schools, and Perry F. Brown, city engineer. The work will be formally launched Saturday, May 25, which day has been set aside by Mayor Mott as "house cleaning day."

Although as much work as possible is planned for that day, the city beautiful committee will continue its labors. The plans call for preparing the city for the 1915 fair, to show a cleanly as well as beautiful front to visitors. Backed by the women's clubs and other organizations, the committee will launch an energetic campaign. Mrs. Zoe G. Radcliffe, chairman of the committee, announced today that a permanent organization had been formed to look after the work.

At the meeting today the park commission and the school department promised to co-operate for the success of the movement. The plans of the organization include a "garden club." Owners of vacant lots will be asked for use of the ground, and flowers and vegetables will be planted by chosen members of the club.

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