

MRS. JOHNSON, AS RECEIVING CHIEF, GRACIOUS HOSTESS

Wife of Executive Cordially Greets Legislators, State and County Officials and Press Folk

SOUTHERN MATRONS ASSIST AT AFFAIR

Decorations of Blooms and Greenery Striking Even for California Event

Governor's Reception Capital Epoch Mansion Is a Bower of Flowers

Two downstate matrons who assisted Mrs. Johnson at governor's reception.



CALL BUREAU SACRAMENTO HOTEL, Sacramento, January 16.

The storm which raged during the first half of the day failed to prevent the reception tendered this afternoon by Governor Johnson and Mrs. Johnson to members of the legislature, state and county officials, newspaper men and their families, being the most brilliant social event in the capital city in many years.

The executive mansion, the scene of the affair, was crowded from 4 to 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Johnson was a gracious hostess. Her welcome to each guest was cordial and hearty.

Assisting Mrs. Johnson in the receiving line were:

Mrs. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr., San Francisco; Mrs. F. C. Havens, Piedmont; Mrs. P. L. Bowles and Mrs. Mary Fairweather, Oakland; Mrs. E. D. Roberts and Miss Louise Roberts, San Bernardino; Mrs. E. S. Birdsall, East Auburn; and Mrs. E. E. Neelan.

GOVERNOR HEADS SECOND LINE

The guests were ushered into the second parlor, where Governor Johnson, Hiram W. Johnson, Jr., A. M. Johnson, P. E. Bowles and E. E. Neelan extended them a second welcome.

The affair was marked by an informality typical of the governor in all matters. Punch was served through the afternoon, while a buffet lunch was spread in the dining room.

An orchestra rendered a three hour program. A baritone magnificently entertained in the reception room with magic and sleight of hand work. Many of the guests fell easy victims of his mystifying tricks with cards.

The decorations were splendidly lavish. Festoons and garlands of smilax and asparagus fern running around the sides of the rooms, canopies from the ceilings and along the hallways transformed the lower floor of the mansion into a veritable flower garden.

A wealth of cut flowers relieved the greenery. In the parlor ferns and smilax with red and pink rose buds made up the color motif.

The decorative scheme employed in the reception and dining rooms called for pink carnations, red rose buds and white lilies. Palms, potted plants and English box trees were placed about the rooms.

The billiard room decorations were the most striking. On one of the billiard tables a miniature Japanese garden had been constructed. Tiny streams of water ran through the garden, with its typical Japanese house, with tea drinking refugees. Tiny gold fish darted to and fro in the miniature stream.

frimmed with Dutch lace and rose velvet.

Mrs. Birdsall was attired in a geranium colored chausseuse with beaded tulle of black and white.

Mrs. Fairweather wore a black chausseuse overdressed with embroidered jet.

Mrs. Neelan was gowned in a corn colored chiffon creation and delicate shade of lace.

Miss Roberts wore a turquoise blue brocade finished with fresh colored shadow lace, and bodice of silver head embroidered work.

single comb white Leghorns, Redwood City, of ferns beautiful framed picture.

Hull Brothers, Redwood City, offer cutglass trophy.

Fred W. Lippman, Jeweler, Redwood City, trophy.

A. D. Walsh Drug Company, Redwood City, trophy.

Ryan's drug store, Redwood City, trophy.

G. Elmer, Redwood City, trophy.

H. Lamb, Redwood City, trophy.

STUDENTS WILL STAGE AN ORIGINAL OPERA

For Third Time Clerks Skit Will Be Given as Feature of Junior Week

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Jan. 16.—For the third year in succession Stanford students will stage an original opera this year as one of the features of Junior week. A committee of three year students announced today that the work of Miss Emily B. McLeod of San Diego and A. T. Stearn of St. Louis had been chosen from a number of others as the one which will be presented by the junior class on March 27.

The successful authors will be awarded medals for their labors. Miss McLeod is a sophomore student registered in the economics department. She wrote the words and the music.

The junior opera committee was not satisfied with the same given the opera by the authors and has decided to give it a new one. The opera is in two acts. Part of the opera is founded on an old Indian custom, the burning of the "maiden fires." Those who have read the book say that the opera furnishes excellent possibilities for a high class performance.

Tryouts for parts will be held about February 1 under the direction of Coach Fred Carlyle of San Francisco.

HERD OF ELK FOR SHASTA

Fifty-one Shipped to Redding and Turned Loose in Hills

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REDDING, Jan. 16.—Two carloads of elk, 51 head, arrived in Shasta county today from the Yellowstone national park and were turned loose at Wintrop, between the McCloud and Pitt rivers. Not one died during the long journey of 10 days. The herd was received at Wintrop by a delegation of Elks from the Redding lodge.

SAN MATEO FOWL SHOW NEXT WEEK

First Poultry Display on the Peninsula Open to Fanciers of State

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SAN MATEO, Jan. 16.—The San Mateo County Poultry Association, which was organized by private fanciers here recently, has issued the premium list and rules of entry for the first poultry show ever held on the peninsula. The show will be held in the San Mateo Athletic hall January 23, 24 and 25. The prizes will be open to all poultry raisers in the state and it is expected that the best fowl in the bay counties will be exhibited.

The show will have the backing of the San Mateo County Development Association, the San Mateo Board of Trade and other booster bodies in this section. The premium list issued makes the following announcements:

The association offers a handsome first, second, third and fourth ribbon on all standard varieties competing.

Special attention and prize ribbons will be given to novice classes—those who have never exhibited before.

The Rhode Island Red Club of California offers special ribbons for that breed.

The National Black Langshan club offers five specials.

The Wyandotte Club of California, two ribbons for exhibits by members of the club.

Five specials are offered to club members of the White Rock club.

The Ancona club offers a silk club ribbon for every first won by a member.

SNOW PLOWS ARE BUCKING DRIFTS

Southern and Western Pacific Lines Each Work to Clear Tracks

Rotary snow plows are now being operated by the Western Pacific and Southern Pacific in the Sierra for the first time this season. In fact the present fall is the first of serious moment since two years ago because the company had no rotary available. During the following summer a plow was purchased, but it stood idle all last winter because of the light snowfall.

Reports received by the Southern Pacific yesterday were that fully five feet of snow had fallen at Truckee. This gives assurance of plenty of snow and ice for the winter sports, for which unusual arrangements have been made this year. An incline has been built and a donkey engine installed for the purpose of carrying the toboggans back to the top of the hill. The pond is also in fine condition for skating. The Southern Pacific is planning a number of special excursions to Truckee.

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Robert Capelle, general agent of the North German Lloyd, is expected back today from a business trip to New York.

WHAT THE WOMEN WORE

The women in the receiving line were exquisitely gowned.

Mrs. Hiram W. Johnson wore a beautiful brocaded emerald green dress, with gold lace and brilliant gridle sash of black mouline. A jeweled ornament was worn in the hair.

Mrs. Bowles was costumed in a black satin gown and a bodice of steel blue velvet brocade and silver.

Mrs. Hiram W. Johnson Jr. was charming in a handsome orchid brocade velvet trimmed with white and gold lace.

Mrs. Frank Havens wore a gown of black chausseuse with a bodice of white tulle embroidered with brilliants and black zigzags.

Mrs. Roberts was gowned in a beautiful blue and silver brocaded dress.

AMONG MEN WHO WORK WITH HAND OR BRAIN

A New Weekly Feature That Will Appear In The Call Beginning Next Sunday

The Subjects Discussed in the Opening Page Are:

A Spendthrift Cured—Work Looked Good to Him After Month of Loafing.

Credit Man Has Difficult Job—Requirements for Position Many.

How a Middle Aged Man Won Success by Individual Work.

Think About Job You're On: That's the Way to Get a Better One.

Lost Account Puzzles Banker.

Tip That Helped to Get Trade.

Remember Next Sunday's Call

CONSPIRACY MAY BE PROVED WHEN EXPERTS REPORT

Discoveries by District Attorney Ferrari Tend to Show Plot in Famous Slingsby Case

PHOTOGRAPHS OF "AD" ARE PRODUCED

Lieutenant Received Message at Victoria Herald-ing Birth of Son

Two important and startling discoveries in the Slingsby baby substitution case made by Assistant District Attorney Louis Ferrari yesterday afternoon tend to introduce the theory that after all the whole case is a conspiracy. The final value of the discoveries will rest with the report of handwriting experts.

The most important revelation is that in November, 1910, a detective representing the brother of Lieutenant Slingsby went to the office of a local newspaper and "borrowed" the original copy of the advertisement which Mrs. Slingsby alleged to have written seeking the adoption of a child.

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As to the telegram, Mrs. Blain, who testified to being present at the alleged stillbirth of Mrs. Slingsby's child and subsequently at the substitution, denied that she had sent a telegram to the original of this telegram will be obtained from the Western Union Telegraph company and if the handwriting corresponds with that of Mrs. Blain this evidence will cast much discredit upon her testimony.

The district attorney's office is making negotiations with the two local handwriting experts, Carl Elsenhimmel and Theodore Kytko. It is possible that both will be employed, and if not Elsenhimmel will probably be retained in the case.

What is regarded as an extremely suspicious move on the part of Attorney Andrew Thorne, representing the names of Lieutenant Slingsby, is that in the Sacramento hearing he introduced a facsimile of the photographic copy of the advertisement which he returned to the local newspaper in the district attorney's office. There is no evidence to show that the original of the advertisement was produced before the state board of health.

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Tomorrow morning the delegates from northern California will assemble for a business session, with the president, Rev. F. W. Shattuck of Oakland, in the chair.

Mrs. Ella J. French of Santa Cruz, Rev. C. W. Whitney of Santa Rosa and Elder J. J. Schauberg of Oakland will be the principal speakers.

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Woman, 105, Keeps Keeper Turns Table on Guardian

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16.—Although the superior court pronounced her dependent and helpless, and appointed a guardian for her, Mrs. Kate Gregory, 105 years old, is today the personal guardian of her legal guardian, who is Kate Gregory, her granddaughter. Within an hour after her appointment by the court Mrs. Fugo became sick. Her aged ward, declining the services of a nurse, took charge of the sickroom and attended the guardian. Mrs. Elsalita has never worn glasses.

Last two days and the case will be sent immediately to the superior court, from which subpoenas will be issued for all witnesses and arrangements made for the taking of depositions of witnesses within reach of subpoena. The hearing in the police court on the 17th will take place at 2 o'clock.

SEARCH FOR MISS ANDERSON

Assistant District Attorney Ferrari set a dragnet in the underworld last night to locate Miss Lillian Anderson, alleged mother of the putative Slingsby child, and her sister, Kate Gregory, according to information recently received by Ferrari both girls are at present working in the lower life of San Francisco.

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DOCTOR FRASER IS EXCUSSED

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WEAVERVILLE, Jan. 16.—Dr. W. W. Fraser, who had been subpoenaed to appear in San Francisco next Monday morning in the Slingsby baby substitution case, received word today from District Attorney Ferrari that he need not come until a week from next Monday. The extension of time was granted at Doctor Fraser's request on account of not being able to get another physician to take charge of his influenza patients right away. He says he is very grateful to the district attorney's office.

KEENE'S WILL IS FILED

Operator and Turfman's Estate Probated for More Than \$100,000

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—The will of James R. Keene, veteran stock market operator and turfman, filed for probate today, leaves his entire estate, valued at \$100,000 and \$150,000, to his widow, Sarah J. Keene.

"I have intentionally omitted making any special provision for the benefit of my son, Francis, and my daughter, Jessie," the will reads, "relying upon my wife to make such provision to them as may be proper, enjoying upon her, however, to be guided in this and any other matter relating to my estate by the judgment of my executors."

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SACRAMENTO : : Stoll Building—Second Floor

RAILWAY LAWYER AND MILLS CLASH OVER TRIAL LIMIT

Lewers Charges Government Is Trying to Curtail Hearing in the Elk Hills Suit

RETORT MADE THAT S. P. STUDIES DELAY

Federal Counsel to Resist Move for a Month's Continuance

Intimating that the government prosecutor is attempting to curtail the hearing of the Southern Pacific's defense in the Elk hills oil land suit, Attorney Charles R. Lewers, representing the railroad in a clash with W. B. Mills, United States assistant attorney general, declared yesterday that he would fight for a month's continuance from February, the time allotted to close the railroad's case.

Lewers charged that the government has taken up 14 months in its hearings and that the railroad is allotted only one and a half months. He asserted that the company needs five months, but is willing to complete the case by March 1.

Mills answered that Lewers was dragging out the case unnecessarily in requesting delays and failing to have witnesses on hand. He asserted that he would not agree to extending the company's time. Referring to the 14 months consumed by the government, he explained that this delay was by agreement with the railroad.

The morning and afternoon sessions were taken up by two witnesses of the railroad company—L. B. McMurtry and E. W. Kay, both oil operators who have had long experience in the Midway field. The testimony of the railroad company so far adduced is mainly from old time oil operators in the vicinity of Elk hills.

The general line of defense has been that in the opinion of these operators, who have made fortunes in the oil business, Elk hills is not a valuable oil property. It is a waste of land. The government has shown that not one of them is capable of an expert opinion on the character of the soil, and that the majority have been in some way connected with either the Southern Pacific or the Associated Oil company.

McMurtry, who is president of the Midway Pacific Oil company and of McMurtry & Co., was the morning witness. He testified that he was one of the pioneers in the Midway field and that he never believed that Elk hills was an oil bearing territory. Also that this was the general sentiment of oil operators.

Kay, an operator in the Midway field in 1900-1901 and a former sheriff of Tulare county, who assisted in the capture of Sonntag and Evans, the notorious train robbers, was on the stand in the afternoon. He testified that in the southern flank of Elk hills in 1900 on a prospecting trip for two days and coming to the conclusion that there was no oil there.

Cross examination by Mills developed the fact that Kay's only knowledge of oil bearing property was of cases where oil croppings were visible. At 2 o'clock Kay's testimony was concluded and Lewers announced he had no other witnesses for the day. This caused the clash as to the time of extending hearings.

Prosecutor Mills announced that the government would take up rebuttal as soon as the defense hearing was closed. He said that experts would be with the government. He testified that the Elk hills territory as being valuable oil bearing land. Mills said that his experts' testimony will crush the defense of the railroad company so far introduced.

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