

GRADUATES AWARDED DIPLOMAS

Mission, Polytechnic and Commercial High Schools Hold Final Exercises

The graduation exercises of the Mission high school were held last night in the school auditorium. 19 girls and 14 boys getting their diplomas. About a thousand parents and friends of the graduates attended. The address of the evening was made by Supervisor William H. McCarthy, who promised to use his influence as a member of the finance committee to secure a \$300,000 appropriation next year for a new school building.

The commencement exercises of the Polytechnic high school were also held last night at First avenue and Frederick street. Nineteen boys and girls graduated. An address was made by Principal James E. Adcock. The Commercial high school held final exercises in the girls' high school. There 6 graduates in the four year course and 72 in the two year course. Fairfax Wheelan was the principal speaker, his subject being "Trade Service to Civilization." Dr. A. A. Ansonia, president of the board of education, presented the diplomas. The Franklin and Bay View grammar schools will graduate classes tomorrow afternoon, 12 students getting diplomas at the Franklin and 24 at the Bay View. The exercises of the Jean Parker school are being held this afternoon, sixteen are in the graduation class.

Highway Bond Case Submitted to Court

The case in which Supervisor Joseph M. Kelley of Oakland is attempting to restrain the state and county treasurers and the county auditor from buying \$200,000 worth of state highway bonds was submitted last evening to Judge Harris and will be decided December 26.

At the closing session yesterday afternoon Attorney John T. Neuse, representing the attorney general's office, declared that most of the counties which buy the bonds will lose money on the investment, but that they will be repaid by having the state highway run through their territory.

The Truth Will Out



Books

Read—
How Piet, a little Dutch boy, came in and asked for a Toy.
How the dear little China folk came down to the floor and spoke.
We have books to please all ages from babies to grannies.
—See the—
Golden Book for children - - - \$1
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Little Colonel series - - - \$1
Wizard of Oz series - - - \$1
Peter Rabbit series - - - 50c

City of Paris
UNION SQUARE

77 Year Old Singer Plans to Take Part in Musical Services

Elaborate Program in Oakland Church to Be Featured by Aged Woman's Lyrics

In spite of her 77 years, Mrs. Margaret Blake Alverson, the oldest singer in the state, will take part in the musical services Sunday morning at Good Samaritan chapel, Ninth and Oak streets, Oakland, of which Rev. R. Franklin Hart is rector. Others who will be heard are Miss Margaret Mulgrew, soprano, a pupil of Mrs. Alverson; Miss Davies, alto and violinist; R. Davies, tenor, and Miss Whitmore, organist. Mrs. Alverson is the author of "Sixty Years of California Songs," which is rapidly taking its place as a classic and has been placed in most of the libraries of the state. Her home at 1429 Second avenue, Oakland, has for years been the mecca of musicians.

MARY'S AMB WENT TO SCHOOL ONE DAY; THIS DOG 4 YEARS

Mrs. Charles E. Gross, her son and "Spratts," pointer dog who was given promotion for school attendance.



"Spratts" Wins Blue Ribbon Promotion Certificate for Being Neither Absent Nor Tardy During Long Attendance

This certifies that SPRATTS GROSS has completed the work in the sixth A grade of the Lakeview school and is promoted to the sixth B grade.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 12, 1913.

Proudly bearing the above certificate of promotion, properly sealed and ribboned, in his mouth, Spratts Gross, a beautiful pointer dog who has been attending the Lakeview school in Oakland for the last four years without a day's absence, came home after being the central figure in the graduation exercises. Today he is the pride of the neighborhood.

Spratts was more fussy than a girl attending her first dance in the preparations for the promotion exercises. He ran around the house and by a series of short barks conveyed the information to his mistress, Mrs. Charles E. Gross, 345 Perry street, Oakland, that his ribbon was not on straight.

Previously the animal had insisted that the bath water should be at just the right temperature, that his coat be nicely smoothed out and that his nails be trimmed and filed. Then, with a box of candy in his mouth for the teacher, Spratts pranced to the school for the ceremonies.

"I am almost as proud of Spratts as I am of my children," said Mrs. Gross, owner of the intelligent animal, today. "He can do almost anything except speak, and even does that in his dog language. I hope to have him graduated out of grammar school into high school. I have not decided whether he will take a classical course at the university or not."

HAWAII'S CHIEF WELCOMED HERE

Governor Elect of Islands Delayed From Sailing by President's Cold

Because President Wilson caught a bad cold when he attended the army-navy football game, L. E. Pinkham, governor elect of Hawaii, was unable to sail on the Mongolia today. Governor Pinkham arrived at the Stewart hotel this morning, four days late.

Pinkham will leave on the Honolulu December 23.

He was given a right royal welcome by San Francisco and island friends in the lobby of the hotel this morning. Everybody shook him by the hand, and Clerk Charles Green was so overcome that he pocketed the pen with which the governor signed his name upon the register. "This pen will be historical some day," was Green's explanation.

"My administration will be conservative," said Pinkham, "and the rich and poor will be equally considered. I can not talk about the sugar situation."

DIVORCEE JAILED AS A SWINDLER

On the charge of being an amiable swindler, Miss Nettie Putnam, a charming divorcee, 26, and her companion, C. Campbell Denman, the scion of a well known London family, will leave here today for Los Angeles under police escort. They were both arrested last night in her apartment in the Hotel Glen, where she had arrived a short time ago, with four trunks, three aliases and a fortune in diamonds and other jewels. She is accused of having swindled merchants and banks of \$1,200 by the use of a trick in juggling her bank accounts.

According to the Nick Harris detective agency, Miss Putnam, alias Lule Rogers, alias Lule Reeves, alias Mrs. Denman, reached Los Angeles November 17, and C. Campbell Denman arrived several weeks later. The woman opened an account with a Spring street bank, depositing \$200. A like amount was deposited in another bank. The couple then chartered an automobile and made a tour of the Broadway stores, making small purchases and giving checks in excess of the goods bought. Shortly before the banks closed checks were presented at the banks for the full amount of the Putnam deposits, and immediately the couple arranged to leave town. They were traced through a taxicab driver.

When the couple reached San Francisco she opened an account with the Crocker National bank for \$25. The police believe she planned to repeat the Los Angeles trick in the city prison today, where both she and her companion spent the night, Miss Putnam indignantly denies the charges against her, but says she will not fight extradition and will stand trial. The police, on the other hand, say that if she is the Mrs. Denman for whom they have been seeking she is one of the cleverest check passers in the country and is wanted in several cities. She is a native of West Virginia and went to Los Angeles from Buenos Aires, South America.

THEFT OF PICTURE UNSOLVED PUZZLE

"Indian Girl" Taken Because of Beauty, Theory of Dealers in Art

The mysterious disappearance of the painting entitled "The Indian Girl," by Mrs. Alice Coult, from the art galleries of Rabjohn & Morcom, 240 Post street, yesterday, is still puzzling Mrs. Coult, the art dealers and the police. No clew has yet been found to the thief, but it is the belief of the firm that the picture was stolen on account of its dainty beauty rather than its value. The painting was listed at \$85.

One of the proprietors said that he hung the picture in the morning. Later in the day he noticed that it was gone, but supposed one of the clerks had taken it down to show to a customer. It was not until an hour later, when he noticed that the picture was still missing, that he found, upon investigation, it had been stolen. The screw by which it was hung had been jerked from the wall.

Color is lent to the theory that the picture was stolen by some one who particularly admired it by the fact that adjoining it were several paintings of much higher value, including canvases by William Keith.

"The Indian Girl" was a small canvas, only six by eight inches, and easily concealed. It is in Mrs. Coult's best style, being an exquisitely dainty work.

Mrs. Coult and her husband, Gordon Coult, who is also an artist, returned recently from Europe, where they were studying and working. They live at 408 Pacific avenue, Oakland.

Spring Valley Suit to Begin

The ordinance directing the city attorney to begin the condemnation suit against the Spring Valley Water company has been signed by acting Mayor Jennings, and Thomas E. Haven, special counsel for the city, is ready to file the complaint. City Attorney Long is authority for the statement that this will be the largest suit in condemnation ever instituted in this or any other country. The amount involved depends on the value placed on the water properties, and is in the neighborhood of \$37,500,000. Three judges, selected jointly by the city and the water company, will try the case in this city.

Early Morning Blaze Scares Hotel Guests

Three engines, two chemicals, three hose wagons, one truck and the water tower were called out at 7 o'clock this morning when a fire alarm was turned in from Fourth and Market streets for a blazing chimney at the New Fashion restaurant, 78 Ellis street. Guests in nearby hotels were frightened by the fire bells, but the apparatus left in short order. No damage was done the case.

NO POSTOFFICE ADDITIONS

Explaining that there are at present 740 plans waiting the consideration of the government architects, Senator George C. Perkins has notified the Merchants' exchange of Oakland that it will be 10 years before the necessary additions are made on the Oakland postoffice.

GIVES FAREWELL ADDRESS

Rev. C. Telford Erickson, missionary to Albania, gave his farewell address on the Balkan independence in the Ivory ballroom of the Hotel Oakland yesterday afternoon. The address was under the auspices of the new society, "The Friends of Albania."

FEES FEB 6 LOOK ON

Officers Baffled by Escape of County Prisoner; Auto in Waiting Outside Fence

With the aid of a confederate in an auto, John Resinger rolled six guards and escaped from the county jail today. The tooting of an auto horn outside the prison yard gave the alarm after he had eluded the watchers. He is believed to have fled in the machine.

Sheriff Eggers immediately started an investigation and the police began a citywide search.

Resinger was doing 90 days for a misdemeanor, having been sentenced November 4 for disturbing the peace. His escape is one of the most daring from the county jail in years. The investigators were baffled by the means used.

High Property Cost Stops Ry. Extensions

An extension of commutation privileges between Oakland and San Francisco by the Oakland, Antioch and Eastern railway was taken up last night by the Oakland Merchants' exchange committee appointed to confer with the railway officials. The high valuations of property necessary to extend the lines originally agreed to within six blocks of the Oakland city hall has made an extension impossible, and it is said that no arrangement by which either a direct right of way or track privilege to a commutation point can be obtained is possible without prohibitive cost.

First Bad Accident in New Civic Center

The first serious accident to occur in the new civic center happened at 8:45 o'clock this morning, when J. Jenkins, an iron worker, fell 30 feet from the second story girders at the new city hall building, extending struck his head on a crossbar in the fall. He was taken to the central emergency hospital. Little hope is held for his recovery, as he is suffering from a basic fracture of the skull. He is 35 years old and single.

Reports in Carabao Satires Go to Wilson

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Secretary Garrison and Daniels today completed their report on the satires at the recent Carabao dinner conducted by army and navy officers. It contains certain recommendations, but whether it will lead to a reprimand or court martial was not divulged. Secretary Garrison expected to confer later today with the president.

DEMAND FOOD; MAY GO TO ROCK PILE

Fresno Grand Jury Considers Answer to Leader of Army of Unemployed

By Associated Press. FRESNO, Dec. 18.—A demand was received last night by the directors of the Fresno Chamber of Commerce from the "army of the unemployed" traveling in this direction from Stockton that the people of this city provide accommodations, food and medical attendance for the army, consisting of 120 men, for a day.

It was stated that the army expects to reach here on Friday next. The Chamber of Commerce directors discussed the question only briefly and then turned the communication, signed by A. L. Hall as chairman, over to the mayor for appropriate action without further comment.

The autopsy on the child was set for today and her funeral for tomorrow.

Grandmother of Child Burned to Death Blames Herself and Threatens Suicide

Though badly burned in a vain effort to save her little granddaughter, Mrs. J. Carroll today threatened herself with violence, believing she was to blame for the child's death. Mrs. Carroll, badly burned on the hands and with all her hair singed, was taken to the home of a friend after 6 year old Marion Fish was burned to death when her clothes caught fire at the hearth of her home in Kentfield.

She was the daughter of Dudley Fisher of Dixon & Fish, stationers.

Mrs. Carroll, delirious, was closely watched today to prevent an attempt at suicide.

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COBURN PLANS MANSION IF ADJUDGED COMPETENT

Loren Coburn, 38 years old, is determined today that he shall be comfortable in his future. The millionaire Pescadero land owner says he will build himself a mansion as soon as he can be restored to competency. He is now under the guardianship of M. J. Hynes.

BROOKOVER CONCERT TOMORROW EVENING

Much interest is being taken by local musical circles in the concert to be given tomorrow evening at Kohler & Chase hall by Mrs. Mabel Ordway Brookover. This is Mrs. Brookover's initial individual effort, although she has appeared a number of times at charitable and church affairs. She possesses a rich deep contralto, which has been carefully trained under Mme. Rosabelle Marks, and which has received much encouragement from musicians of note. The following varied program will be given: "Tomorrow evening, accompanied by Frederick Maurer: Aria "La Giocanda" Blind Girl's Song; "Samsa et Della," My Heart at the Sweet Voice of Nature; "The Salt-Sausage"; "Du Bist Wie Eine Biene"; Schumann "Die Wanderer"; Schubert "The City of Rachedoc"; McDowell "The Lord is My God"; Mendelssohn "Love's Whimper"; Willingham Indian song; "At Dawning"; Cushman

Property Damaged by Heavy Cars, Is Charged

The Fillmore Street Improvement association today is negotiating with the United Railroads in an attempt to prevent damage to property which, it is alleged, results from running heavy cars on rails laid on sand. It is claimed damage is being done in Ellis and O'Farrell streets between Fillmore and Buchanan.

CALL-POST WILL REPLY TO QUESTIONS

Concerning State Insurance

BECAUSE of the great interest throughout San Francisco and California in the new workmen's compensation, insurance and safety act, commonly known as the workmen's compensation act, and the general desire for enlightenment on various phases of the law, The Call and Post will answer questions through its columns daily on anything relating to the proposition.

Send your written questions to The Call and Post. They will be answered by Colonel Harris Weinstein, Will J. French and A. J. Pillsbury, composing the state industrial accident board, and both employer and employ will have an opportunity to obtain a good idea of what the law is.

The act goes into effect January 1, and its sponsors say it will be one of the greatest legislative benefits ever given to the workmen and women of California.

Write your questions plainly and make them concise. Watch the columns of this paper closely, as the question you interested in may be propounded in the query of your neighbor.

PAVEMENT TANGO IS S. F.'S LATEST

Street Dances, Fathered by Supervisors, to Make Debut in Clement Tonight

The pavement tango will soon be as famous as many another dance which had its birth in San Francisco, and like the others, its birthplace will be the pavement. The pavement tango and street dancing will be made a reality here tonight in Clement street, when the holiday festival opens there. It will be repeated Saturday night at Mission and Twenty-fifth streets, and the biggest dance of all will be held New Year's eve in Grant avenue.

Street dancing is to be made an institution in San Francisco, like our fogs, and coming with equal frequency.

"There is no doubt that the public will eagerly avail itself of the opportunity to take part in these street dances," said Supervisor J. Emmett Hayden, who suggested the pavement dances. "Since the dance halls were closed on the Barbary Coast there have been frequent assertions made that there is a demand for places. These street dances, supervised by the police, will fill this demand admirably."

The plan of the supervisors is to make San Francisco unique among American cities for her outdoor life and gaieties.

2 New Steamers for San Francisco-Alaska Line

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Removal of William R. George from active participation in the affairs of the George Junior Republic at Freeville, N. Y., founded by him more than 10 years ago, is recommended by the State Board of Charities in a report made public today.

More than 50 witnesses in six states were examined with regard to charges of loose living made against George by three young women, former members of the republic. These charges dated back to 1904. The testimony was unprintable.

The board adopted resolutions recommending that no more girls be received at the republic and that those now there be speedily removed to other institutions.

Of George's conduct the report says in part:

"In view of certain confessions and statements regarding his exercise of hypnotic influence on the citizens of the republic, and his admissions of the same, his presence in the institution is clearly undesirable."

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BIG OIL FIRE IS FINALLY CHECKED

Battle Against Flames Ends at 6 This Morning; Loss Totals \$200,000

After almost destroying the plant of the Pacific States Oil refinery at the foot of Fruitvale avenue, East Oakland, the fire that raged there nearly all day yesterday and all of last night was extinguished at 6 o'clock this morning. The damage is estimated by Superintendent James Halloran at approximately \$200,000.

The firemen worked all night in the face of great danger, their chief efforts being devoted to trying to prevent the flames from spreading to a 45,000 gallon tank of benzine. Several times the tank caught fire, but the flames were automatically extinguished by the gases rising from the tank, benzine not exploding unless mixed with a certain percentage of air.

A great crowd assembled to watch the fight with the flames, being attracted by the glare and the dense cloud of smoke that hung over the city. So big was the throng and so closely did it press in on the fire fighters that the mounted police had to be called out, it being feared that the big tank would explode and kill hundreds.

The plant contained 20 big and 40 small tanks. Two of the small ones, about half the warehouse supply of asphalt and the engine room were saved; everything else was burned.

President William Lange said this morning that he did not know whether or not the company would be called out, but he would. He did not know the amount of insurance.

FIFTY FAMILIES IN WANT

MARYSVILLE, Dec. 18.—According to a report of the local relief society, 50 families are in dire want in a population of 5,000, making one out of every hundred in the city destitute.

BANDITS RIDE IN AUTO WITH VICTIM

Chauffeur Says Customers Tied Him to Park Bench and Threatened Death

John Glover, an automobile driver for William Haines, 1713 Haight street, who lives at 97 Baranann avenue, told a strange story to Policeman Quigley on the water front early this morning about how he had been gagged by two patrons of his machine, tied to a park bench and then compelled to drive the men back to town at the point of two revolvers.

Glover says the two men, who were well dressed and appeared to have an air of refinement about them, hired him at the ferry building at 10 o'clock last night. After driving the two men out the downtown street for two hours, they told him to speed for Eighth avenue and Fulton street. When they reached that corner they ordered him to go into the main driveway near that place.

When Glover stopped his machine the men gagged him with the chauffeur's own glove. Marching him from the machine, the two men at the point of a revolver compelled Glover to sit on a park bench while they tied him. The trio were sitting on the bench, Glover says, when a policeman hove in sight and ordered them to move the machine off the middle of the driveway.

The two men shoved the machine to one side and Glover says the policeman walked away.

As soon as the officer was out of sight, Glover alleges, one of the men said: "This spoils our \$5,000 job."

According to Glover, the two men waited on the bench for half an hour, then untied him, and ordered him to drive back to the city.

He says one of the men held a revolver to his side, warning him that an outcry meant instant death. Arriving at the ferry building, the two men jumped out and disappeared.

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JUNIOR REPUBLIC HEAD DISMISSED

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Two new steamers are to be put on the Seattle, San Francisco, Alaska run by the Pacific Alaska Navigation company, which has officially changed its name to "The Admiral company." An announcement to this effect was made yesterday by H. F. Alexander, president, who says that the added ships will enable a twice a week service between here and Seattle. The vessels, which are now being completed in the east, are to be called the Admiral Deary and the Admiral Schley.

Complete list of rooms to let, Call-Post Want Ad section.