

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. Adolcott. The Commercial high school held final exercises in the girls' high school. There were 5 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. Ancona, president of the board of education, presented the diplomas. The Franklin and Bay View grammar schools will graduate classes tomorrow afternoon, 13 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.

Beet Growers to Demand Same Price as Formerly

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—Tariff or no tariff, growers of sugar beets in southern California are determined to get as much money for their product as they have been receiving in the past; if the sugar factories refuse to pay the amount asked, 35,000 acres now devoted to raising beets will be used for other crops. This was the action taken by the Southern California Beet Growers' association at a meeting last night.

Saved Life of Sailor; Gets Medal of Honor

Word was received today from Washington that Secretary McAdoo had awarded a silver medal of honor to John von Dulm of the quartermaster's steamer General McDowell for his action in saving a sailor from drowning in San Francisco Bay September 4.

\$1,125,000 Pike Bonds Passed by Riverside

RIVERSIDE, Dec. 18.—Riverside county is rejoicing today over the five to one majority given the \$1,125,000 bond issue yesterday.

2 New Steamers for San Francisco-Alaska Line

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. P. 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 Dewey and the Admiral Schley.

Reports in Carabao Satires Go to Wilson

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.

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 estimated damage is being done in the O'Farrell streets between Fillmore and Buchanan.

Law Books Printed by Franklin Bring \$415

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—A rare set of law books printed by Benjamin Franklin were purchased here yesterday by the New York state library for \$415. The documents, which consisted of 17 folios executed between 1759 and 1764, were part of the collection of Robert F. Skutch of Baltimore.

Farmers Plan to Sell Direct to Consumers

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 18.—Co-operative markets through which produce would be sold direct from the farm to the consumer are planned by the Farmers' Equity union, now in session at Kansas City, Kan. Delegates from eight of the Middle West states are present.

Newsboys Happy; Benefit Tomorrow

Luise Mayo, soprano soloist in newsboys' benefit show tomorrow afternoon.



Paper 'Merchants' Smile in Anticipation of the Great Event at Savoy

The hurrying patrons who buy their newspapers of the boys on the street these days can hardly notice the wide grins on the faces of the young merchants and the eager air of expectancy that characterizes them. There's a reason. It's a mighty good reason, too, which will be properly explained if those same hurrying patrons invest in some of the tickets that the boys offer for sale along with their papers and then present those tickets at the door of the Savoy theater tomorrow afternoon.

RICHEST 'BACH' IN BERKELEY TOWED

William J. Schmidt elopes to this city with lady of his choice for ceremony.

William J. Schmidt, 48 years old, former town trustee of Berkeley and probably the richest bachelor of the college city, eloped today to San Francisco and will be married at 2 o'clock to Miss Marion E. Annis, 23 years old, at 1742 Larkin street.

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.

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. 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.

COBURN PLANS MANSION IF ADJUDGED COMPETENT

Loren Coburn, 88 years old, is determined today that he shall be comfortable in his future. The millionaire Pasadena 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. Hyman.

NEW LIQUOR LAW EFFECTIVE JAN. 1

All Dealers Notified of Terms of New Ordinance Involving Higher License

A set of instructions to liquor men as to the requirements of the new liquor ordinance which goes into effect January 1 has been prepared and ordered sent to all persons, firms and corporations who sell liquor in Oakland. Holders of liquor permits have been notified that they will have to file application for new permits under the new law in the first week in January, when the higher license goes into effect.

Create New Offices For Fire Department

The positions of substitute assistant chief, substitute second assistant chief and substitute battalion chief in the fire department were created in an ordinance introduced in the Oakland city council yesterday by Commissioner Turner, which is expected to settle the difference of opinion between the civil service board and the city auditor over the filling of vacancies in the department created by retirement of employees for disability prior to the time specified in the charter. The ordinance also creates the positions of 25 extra substitute men to serve in the absence of regulars.

Battleships to Start Target Practice Dec. 26

MARE ISLAND, Dec. 19.—Rear Admiral Cowles, commander in chief of the Pacific cruiser fleet, sent a telegram to Commandant P. M. Bennett of Mare Island today to the effect that his flagship, the California, will leave Guaymas, Mex., this evening for San Diego, and that the big man-of-war will be ready for her target practice Friday, December 26. The California will hold her practice in conjunction with the Yorktown.

May Bring Men Here For Plasterers' Jobs

A movement to bring workmen into San Francisco to take the place of the striking plasterers is today under way among the members of the General Contractors' association, which has endorsed the action of the Building Trades council in ordering the plasterers to return to work.

RUNAWAY CUTS CAR IN TWO

PASADENA, Dec. 18.—Its airbrakes deranged, a trolley work train sped down a steep grade from Altadena at a mile a minute early today, cut a street car in two, jumped the track a mile farther on, and mowed down a number of huge palms and orange trees on a vacant lot. Only W. W. Imboden, an employe on the work train, who remained at his post, was injured.

BIG TIME AT FAIR ON NEW YEAR DAY

The New Year day celebration on the exposition site, plans for which are now being perfected, promises to be a big event and to draw as large a crowd as that of last year.

Exposition Management Plans Barbecue and Boat Races for Annual Celebration

The program includes boat races, fire boat drill, submarine boat exhibition and many other attractions. Handsome silver cups will be awarded the winners of the boat races. All the rowing clubs of this city and the cities across the bay are expected to have entries in the five racing events.

Honor Code Adopted By University Students

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Under terms of an honor code adopted yesterday by students at the University of Chicago, a board of 10 student commissioners, aided by scores of assistants, will attempt to put a stop to cheating in examinations. Students charged with using illegal methods, such as smuggled textbooks and notations on cuff bands, will be tried, sentenced and punished by the commission with faculty approval.

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Here is good news for the war veterans. All soldiers who served either in the war in the Philippines, Cuba, China or the Indian campaigns, whether now in the service or not, are entitled to wear campaign badges, according to a ruling of the adjutant general of the army. The badges can be secured from the Philadelphia mint at 50 cents each. Hereafter veterans could not secure the badges unless they were in either the regular army or militia.

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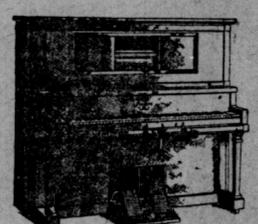
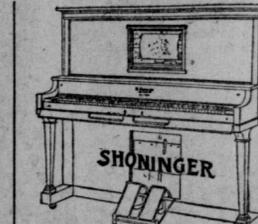
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