

HIGHER EDUCATION.

Commencement Exercises at the State University.

An Immense Audience Present—Admirable Orations, Essays and Addresses—Conferring of Degrees.

The twenty-third annual commencement exercises of the State University were held yesterday in the spacious gymnasium and attracted more than usual attention.

A very large proportion of the audience was composed of ladies who appeared to take a keen interest in the proceedings.

The procession moved slowly from the library to the gymnasium, where seats had been reserved for the faculty.

The proceedings were characterized by the high quality of the orations and the excellent quality of the essays.

The program opened with the "Constitution March" and the address by the president of the university.

The oratorical contest was a feature of the exercises, with several excellent addresses.

The exercises closed with the singing of the national anthem and the benediction.

THE TRAGIC FATE THAT OVERTOOK ROBERT KIRLIN.

Robert Kirlin.

A Strife Struggle—A Prisoner Since a Knife and a Policeman His Revolver—The Inquest and Non-Committal Verdict.

About 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning Police Officer E. J. Thomson shot and fatally wounded Robert Kirlin, a plasterer by occupation, in front of the latter's boarding-house at 431 Natoma street.

The story of the killing and the causes leading thereto is as follows: Robert Kirlin, together with John Crotty, a Natoma street saloon-keeper, Rudolph Breitbarth and Patrick Haverly, the last two plasterers, went out early Tuesday night for a walk.

As he ran down Natoma street he saw four men standing together in front of Crotty's saloon and he ran up to them.

After the trial, Kirlin was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to the county jail.

The inquest into the death of Kirlin was held yesterday and resulted in a non-committal verdict.

The jury in the case of Kirlin returned a verdict of manslaughter.

The case of Kirlin is a sad one and a warning to all who are tempted by drink.

HANK SPIES' TIMELY HIT.

It Sailed Over the Fence and Won for Frisco.

Oakland's Little Jake on the Locals—O'Brien Has Been Induced to Return to His Job.

Oakland played a neat April-fool joke on Harris' young men yesterday, and they have hardly recovered from the effects of the fright.

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THE IDEAL OF DEMOCRACY.

Joseph Williams, a Socialist, on stepping into the platform was greeted with applause.

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THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Announcement of Interesting Events to Take Place.

The fifth annual tournament of the Pacific Coast Law Tennis Association opens to-day at San Rafael.

The marriage of Miss Maud Lamson to Mr. W. H. Conner will take place at the First M. E. Church, Pasadena, today.

The opening of the thirteenth annual gathering of the Chautauquans takes place today at Pacific Grove.

Eureka Valley Lodge No. 232, A. O. U. W., will hold their annual grand rally at their hall on the corner of Seventeenth and Mission streets.

This evening an interesting wedding will take place in Christ Church, Alameda.

Two treacheries of Lottery-Tickets will be sold at the California Hotel.

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