

OVER IN OAKLAND.

The Mysterious House at Adams Point.

"GOVERNOR" GETCHELL DEAD

A Suit for the Water Front to Be Commenced for the State—The New Tax Levy.

Stories in plenty have floated over Alameda and Oakland of buried treasure along the banks of the estuary in both towns, it being surmised that in the olden times, when the present sites of these towns were parts of a thickly settled Spanish grant, miners just down from the diggings to take ship back to the States would come over to the inviting land of live oaks in order to cache their gold until steamer day, being fearful of being robbed of it by some of the reckless characters who in those days made their headquarters in San Francisco.

There are other stories and legends of pirates, who made their headquarters in Oakland Creek after raids on the Spanish galleons that were bearing rich cargoes from the Indies to Mexico.

There is plenty of romance connected with these legends, and, although in only a few instances has good, yellow money been found, there are still numbers of persons who believe in the existence of hidden treasure.

The latest of all these hunts for buried gold is perhaps the most interesting, since it is connected with a genuine mystery.

This time the scene of the midnight delving into mother earth has been on the banks of the placid Lake Merritt. The scene of operations is Adams Point, a piece of land from the lake on the north shore on the property of Edson Adams. This Adams Point is a bold headland that rises above the water's edge some twelve feet, with the top covered with live oak, which is a prominent point and a beautiful spot.

In the olden days when tide was full it would have been little trouble to run a boat up the estuary to the point.

On the night of the 10th, when the lake was noticed the twinkling of a light about the point on occasions during the night, and soon the fact began to excite curiosity. Every evening when dark shut down on the world the light was seen to be noticed, and when day dawned nothing could be seen about the point to show that men had been there.

But a closer examination set people wondering, and a little by little they played about the place always noticed that there had been work going on there in a shaft which was being dug, but they never saw any one at work. This work had been going on for a month, and it is supposed that two men only are at work.

About fifty feet back from the water two shafts have been sunk a distance of eight feet, and from the top of each shaft a brick house of some sort, or masonry work which has been put in with mortar just as though in the walls of a building.

After the several rooms, and after breaking away the wall which was reached by the tunnel excavated an underground passage was reached which led to a small room into which the dirt had caved.

The workmanship in the masonry is very good. The bricks used were nearly square but smaller than those used at the present day, and the mortar was of a peculiar color.

The archways were made of hexagon tiles. It was thought for some time that the place was a site of an old brickyard where the bricks were made, but this is not the case as there is no evidence that a house once occupied the place.

But the memory of man runs not back to the time when a house occupied the point. The owner of the property, Edson Adams, said he knew a well-to-do man who was digging there at night, but he had not seen them. He says he has known the property thoroughly for thirty years, but he never heard of a house being there.

Other old-time stellers are as much in the dark as Mr. Adams. There was never a house on the point as far as can be learned, and the only thing that is left of the surroundings that a house once stood on the point, and that these brick walls are all that remains of what was once the cellar and the top of the walls had been covered with soil.

But the house remains are not the only mystery in connection with the strange site. Who are the men who have done all this excavating? Much work has been done, and work of a very laborious character—and night work, too. Who are the mysterious diggers and for what do they dig? One of them is a gray-haired, bearded old fellow. He was seen to dig the spot with a sack over his shoulder. Did the sack contain yellow Spanish gold or the tools with which the digging had been done?

The spot has been visited by a large number of people, but no one seems able to solve the mystery.

Getchell's Checkered Career. Frederick Getchell, sometimes called Governor Getchell, died yesterday at the Hotel House from a blow coming which resulted from a trivial wound received one of his fingers a few weeks ago in San Francisco.

Mr. Getchell came from a good Iowa family and was the owner of the bank, and a promoter of a Des Moines bank, and another who is a prominent member of the Board of Trade in Chicago. Mr. Getchell himself is a man of very fine mind and great learning, and in many ways a very successful man.

Justice of the United States Supreme Court Miller. This marriage was a happy one and gave great promise, but for fatal drinking habits which secured so strong a hold on Getchell that his wife was obliged to leave him. When the couple separated Getchell gave his wife half of his fortune, then amounting to some \$25,000. The wife was obliged to seek her divorce.

He made many resolves to quit drinking, and on one occasion stamped the State of Iowa for the Prohibition ticket, but the habit was too strong upon him. In Chicago he had many companions. After this he went home to his wife and told her it was impossible to master the demon, and stated that he would not drag her down with him, and immediately set her free and gave her half his property.

He then came to California. Soon after his arrival, in connection with Mr. Hinckley, he bought a ranch near Monterey. It was not long before the railroad company was building through the country, and the creation of the Hotel del Monte, and Getchell and Hinckley sold it. It is said that Mr. Getchell cleared up in this deal something like \$100,000.

Some eight years ago he came to Oakland, but lost more than he made in his speculations on account of his habits, and it is said now to be nearly a bankrupt.

H. Bliss, William McDonald, F. W. Fry, Mrs. C. R. Beals, R. M. Murray, J. West Martin, R. F. Simpson, Robert McK. Ilean, Henry C. Hyde, John T. Donovan, J. Kent trustee, C. T. H. Palmer assigned, Robert Dziel, Henry Caranova, Rebecca G. Knox, Israel W. Kiberna Savings and Loan Society, Wells, Fargo & Co., Marietta E. Hyde, John T. Donovan and A. A. Donovan his wife, N. H. Eastman trustee, Charles Babb and A. W. Burrell.

If Not the City, Then the State. The City Council intend that if it is within the range of possibility the water front of Oakland shall revert to the people. A new movement is on foot, and one which will no doubt culminate in the water front of Oakland reverting to the use for which the laws of God and man intended it.

The Attorney-General has been in close consultation with the Water-Front Committee of the Council for some time, and with the city's lawyers in the case against the railroad company, and has about completed steps looking to a suit by the State for the water front.

The Attorney-General was in Oakland yesterday and stated that everything was being arranged for the suit. Authorities have been consulted, and voluminous abstracts are being prepared for the fight. The papers in the case will be filed on October 15. The reason of the delay in filing the suit is ostensibly because the Attorney-General will want to be able to fight the case when the proper time comes, and he contemplates a trip East, to be gone until that time, but it is understood on undoubted authority that he will not go, and that he does not want to begin operations until it is demonstrated that the city's suit will fall through.

The move is a simple one on the part of the Council to make assurance doubly sure. If the suit already begun by the city falls then the State steps in and knocks the chip off the Southern Pacific's other shoulder.

To Wind Up the Business. Attorney-General Hall has filed with the County Clerk a complaint to revoke the charter of the Life and Annuity Association of California.

The complaint states that Insurance Commission J. N. Wilson found that the corporation has not been doing business according to law, and would not be able to liquidate its obligations. So the Attorney-General brings this suit to wind up the business of the company, and asks the court to appoint a receiver to take care for as far as possible the 300 laid up members.

The directors, A. H. Pratt, W. W. Cameron, F. K. Shuck, C. W. Bishop, W. H. Jordan and N. Rosenberg, desire to be relieved from further responsibility in the premises.

It is therefore prayed that the association be perpetually enjoined from doing business.

Law and Order League. Denis Kearney addressed a large gathering at the corner of Ninth street and Broadway last night. He urged the impeachment of Cleveland and the enforcement of the debt law. It was the first time in the history of this agitation, he went on, "The Federal courts of our State are on the side of the people on this question, while the Government at Washington is against us. The audience voted by a unanimous show of hands to organize a branch of the Anti-Chinese Law and Order League. Another meeting will be held on the 20th of this month to effect a permanent organization.

The Cornerstone. The cornerstone in the new High School building at Eleventh and Jefferson streets was laid yesterday at 2 o'clock without any ceremony whatever. Superintendent McLaughlin officiated, and there were present the school directors and a handful of students.

A copper box 15x12x8 inches was filled with educational matter and other documents and publications and placed in the center of the building. It is proposed to have a big celebration at the time of the school's dedication.

The Tax Levy. At a meeting of the committee from the Board of Education and a committee from the Board of Supervisors, the following tax levy was agreed upon: General fund, 18 cents; salary, 6 cents; fire, 10 cents; police, 8 cents; street, 14 cents; sewer, 2 cents; park, 3 cents; fire and police telephone, 1 cent; school building, 10 cents; fire library, 4 cents; street light, 14 cents; bond interest, 4 cents; school building redemption, 4 cents. Total, \$1.12 on the \$100.

A Miscalculation. At 12 o'clock Friday night the electric car on the Hayward line, known as "the flyer," crashed into another car on a switch track.

Both cars were filled with passengers, but luckily no one was seriously hurt. Motorman Tibbetts, on the car in the siding, was knocked insensible and was taken to the hospital.

Both cars were badly damaged. "A Nutting Match." On Monday and Tuesday there will be produced at the Macdonough the very popular drama which has had so much success in San Francisco, "Nutting Match." It is a comedy farm play down in Connecticut, and is said to enchant an audience from the time the curtain rises till the last minute.

For His Pardon. The friends of Jimmy Leiford, a member of the gang, who is serving a three years' term in the City Prison for beating Officer McCrimmins nearly to death a few months ago, are circulating a petition for his pardon. Some 300 persons have signed.

Fire at T-mescal. A fire at T-mescal at 9 o'clock last night destroyed two new cottages near the Old Ladies' Home, owned by a painter named Baxter. The value of the cottages was about \$3000. There was no insurance.

BERKELEY. Since the decision of the Superior Court as to the legality of the present city government of Berkeley, there seems to be a consensus of public opinion against appealing the case to the Supreme Court. The City Attorney desires to appeal it, partly to have a decision on the meaning of the term "general" election. The vote on reorganization was taken at a municipal election, and it was claimed at the time that the term general election meant any regular election, but now it is thought by the term is meant only a State or Federal election. However, public opinion seems to be in favor of holding back the development of the town pending a Supreme Court decision, for no likelihood of other gain than the settlement of a general point of law. As the city government would continue to remain practical at a standstill.

Next Wednesday is the last day under the old town charter for the tax levy, and it is hoped the old Town Board will meet that day, and take up the town government. As four of the members of the present city government board were also members of the previous Town Board, the matter will be less difficult of solution. It is thought the only thing affected by the illegality of the governing body will be its own salaries, acts of the government de facto always being valid in ordinary transactions. And as the major part of the city officials had been elected to their offices before the new charter was adopted, they will not be many affected by the salary clause. The four non-members of both governments are Trustee, Writing Recorder, Cooley, Street Superintendent Lloyd and Assessor Byrne.

Lobbying Yesterday. The first tournament of the University of California Tennis Club was held on the club's grounds at Berkeley yesterday. Two dirt courts had been put in first-class condition. Fifty-two players of much prominence and ability, both from the freshman class—were brought forward. The former plays at times almost a brilliant game, but is not steady. Fine is a member of the team and is a tennis club, where he is well up among the players of the second class.

Yesterday he played with Sanborn '94, the champion tennis player of the 'Varsity, and with the other players on the coast. To these fell the tournament after four

hardly contested sets with Rountree, who stands second only to Sanborn among the University club players, and Gibbs '95, Henry C. Rountree, who played in the best of form. Both showed that they had taken a vacation from tennis as well as from Berkeley during the past summer. Stringham '95 and Hewlett '95 played but were not successful. Rountree and Gibbs are developing into quite a strong net player.

The following is the score, winners being named in style of Crawford, Stearns and Smith, by default; Sanborn and Fine vs. Parkhurst and Crawford, score 6-1, 7-5; Rountree and Gibbs vs. Stringham and Hewlett, score 6-3, 6-0, 6-4; Rountree and Gibbs vs. Rountree and Rous, score 6-1, 6-1. Semi-finals: Sanborn and Fine vs. Syle and Crawford, score 6-3, 8-6; Rountree and Gibbs vs. Rountree and Fine, score 6-1, 6-1. Finals: Sanborn and Fine vs. Rountree and Gibbs, score 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

The second tournament will be a handicapped tournament of doubles in October. The University Club hopes hereafter to enter into the tennis field, and to have a team of its own. The 'Varsity has a player of no mean strength when he is in training. He is a left-handed player whose nerve is the best any player has in the west. He has a very long backswing and smashes the ball with terrific force.

Coming Games. On Tuesday at 4 o'clock the winners of the series of class games up to date—the eleven of the senior and special classes—will contest for supremacy. As '94 eleven scored 12 to 0 against '95, and '94 scored 30 to 0 against '95, the '94 and '95 eleven ought to put up a good game. On Saturday the winners of the '94 and '95 will play, and the winners of Tuesday's and Saturday's games will contest the final class game a week from Saturday. This last game will be held either in Oakland or in Berkeley, and the proceeds will be donated to last year's "Blue and Gold" debt, amounting to some \$482.

Van Court met the players in the gymnasium yesterday and instructed them in the details of the special room for wrestling will be ready this coming week, with a floor completely padded. The tackling bag has been received and placed in the gymnasium. It is the first to be brought to the west coast in this country. It is a bag some four feet long, and about the size of a man's body, suspended by rope and pulley to any required height, and is designed to train the men in low tackling.

Notes. The Christian Endeavor Society of the Christian church have started a Christian church in Berkeley with Rev. H. E. Simpson as pastor. Services will be held in Woodman's Hall at the usual hours.

The management of the Berkeley Improvement Company has changed its personnel. The former directors, James W. Lewis, Louis Gottschall and J. H. Leiper, giving way to B. F. Bergen, J. W. Peck and Electrician Meyer.

ALAMEDA. A blaze was discovered in the press-rooms of the Evening Telegram at 11 o'clock last Friday night by two men who were conversing on the opposite side of the street. An alarm was rung in and in three or four minutes the West-avenue chemical engine was on the scene and its steam turned on the blaze, which was in the top cases and plastered partition. The fire was easily conquered, but not until many hundreds of dollars' worth of type lay in the street, and on the floor in a molten condition. The loss to the printer is thought to be about \$10,000. The printer's office was on the stone slabs and miraculously escaped being "baked," and consequently the paper appeared last evening as usual.

The engine and press escaped damage except for a few dollars' worth of rollers being burned. They were easily replaced. The cause of the fire is not known, but is supposed to be the work of an incendiary who was detected in the night to effect a permanent organization.

THE ODD FELLOWS' HALL CELEBRATION. decorated for the event, the American and Mexican national colors being distributed harmoniously about the auditorium, while from the ceiling were suspended graceful loops of var-colored material, and around the walls were distributed shields bearing the names of the different States of the Mexican Republic.

At the left of the stage hung a picture of Hidalgo, "the Washington of Mexico," while upon the right was that of the present occupant of the executive chair, President Diaz.

It was a sight pretty to look upon, formed by the grouping of the different persons upon the stage. In the rear were the committeemen, the lady participants in the programme, including the chorus of fifty, in the center and front, all arrayed in attractive costumes, while upon either side was a detachment of the Fire Department, in the colors of the two republics, and all of this surrounded by the tasty decorations.

Each number on the programme was well received. Each of the following ladies sang a stanza of the Mexican national hymn: Senoras Virginia M. de Moreno, Carmen S. de Garcia, Elisa A. de Navarrete and Senoras Virginia Arango, Refugio Varela and Hierdilla Verdugo.

In the chorus the following ladies and gentlemen participated: Senoras—Elisa R. de Navarrete, Elena Bernal, A. de Lombarero, E. de Martinez, Dr. William Bostford, F. Kemp Van Ee, William Shew, Frank Smith, H. Lewis, James W. O'Brien, R. O. Gollis.

Senoras—Emma Kinsberg, Angel Vergez, Jesus Montero, Aurora Onda Villa, Katie Walsh, Rosa O'Keefe, Edith Dewina, Cornelia Haven, Clara Winters, Enriqueta Echavaria, Mañe Sullivan, Mary O'Keefe, Alicia Chene, Elsie Conrati, Refugio Varela, the Ladies of the Order of the Fire, and the Ladies of the Order of the Fire.

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HIDALGO'S WORK.

Mexico's Independence Celebrated.

TWO CREDITABLE AFFAIRS.

The Sons and Daughters of Our Sister Republic Remember the Land of Their Birth.

The eighty-third anniversary of the independence of Mexico was appropriately observed in this city last night—in fact, the occasion was given two distinct celebrations, one in the Odd Fellows' building and the other in California Hall.

Both entertainments were characterized by a lively interest that approached enthusiasm at times among the many spectators present, and while at the first-mentioned gathering much the larger audience was assembled and the programme was upon a more extensive scale, at the latter the enjoyment was fully as great and the quality of the entertainment equally as interesting.

In Odd Fellows' Hall from 1600 to 1800 persons were assembled when the Juarez Guard, under command of Captain A. de la Torre and headed by a fine band of twenty pieces, escorted the committee of arrangements, the orators of the evening and various other participants in the exercises to follow up to the stage.

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The festivities were brought to a close by dancing.

Both gatherings illustrated not only the love of their native country among the members of the Mexican colony here, but also their affection for the land of their adoption. "Old Glory" played a prominent part in the decorations of both halls, and the "Star-spangled Banner" evoked a perfect storm of applause from the audience.

SHEDDING THEIR SKIN.

How the Pythons in the Philadelphia Zoo Garden Did It.

Philadelphia dispatch St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The two large pythons which were imported from India for the Zoological Garden have made themselves at home in their quarters. They are said to be the largest reptiles in this country, and naturally attract considerable attention. They had only been here two weeks when both snakes underwent a change. They became droopy and it was seen that they began to

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Prima donna, actress, actors of renown. Find their El Dorado in this wealthy town: The SODONIZERS, who are ready to do anything in the way of articles to suitability. Do as they do, reader, substitutes reject. Equal to this delectable you never need expect.

DUNCAN'S DAMON.

Young Heydenfeldt Found by Detectives.

SHIPPED BACK TO BERKELEY.

He Passed Three Days With the Minister, Who Only Imbibed One Glass of Port.

Young Mr. Heydenfeldt of Berkeley University is home again, but from exactly what "foreign shore" he has not as yet explained.

For some days Mr. Heydenfeldt had been numbered among the missing. His classes, his boarding-house and the homes of his relatives had known him not, and many had been the conjectures regarding his disappearance.

Doubtless, if it had not been for the fact that the young collegian was known to be an especial friend of the Rev. Kenneth J. Duncan, the Howard Presbyterian Church divine, his deviation from the straight and narrow path of every-day college life would have attracted little attention outside the university walls. It was, however, Rev. Mr. Duncan's assertion that he had spent his unauthorized and unexpected vacation with this youthful friend created widespread interest in Mr. Heydenfeldt's movements and whereabouts, which was in no way due to his own personality.

As is well known, the Mission-street shepherd returned to his flock some time since, but Mr. Heydenfeldt remained in the city, and it was not until yesterday that he was seen. He was in no way due to his own personality.

Yesterday afternoon Detective Anthony Tracy, the young man of Genoa, and straightaway expressed him over to the university. Although his disappearance had caused a decided sensation in the pretty little town, his return was unobtrusive, and he was not until yesterday that he was seen. He was in no way due to his own personality.

When asked if his friend had seemed in his usual health, both mentally and bodily, he answered in the negative.