

WHO BUILT IT?

The House of Mystery on the Lake Bank.

CHASE'S FATHER-IN-LAW.

The Grace Barton Withdrawn on Sunday—A Shoe-Dealer Closes His Store—The Police Pet.

OAKLAND.—The house of mystery on the north bank of Lake Merritt is the absorbing wonder of the hour.

People went on foot, on horseback and in buggies, and a great many took boats and paddled or sailed across Lake Merritt.

She stood about and simply stared at the hole in the ground, fearful of soiling their Sunday clothes if they stooped on hands and knees and ventured in.

And the nightly diggers who have for a month past been delving into the bowels of earth.

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A middle-aged man, broad-shouldered, black-nosed and resolute-looking, and a delicate little woman, blue-eyed and fair, walked rapidly down Broadway yesterday morning.

The strange man and woman were deeply agitated over something and made no point of concealing their identity.

He said he was a father-in-law of J. G. Chase and that the young woman was one of Chase's wives.

He stated that his errand across the bay was to find Mr. Bacigalupi and inform him of the death of his wife already possessed by Chase and his father.

In referring to his own experience with the young man's horoscope, saying: "If he keeps this up he will die with a bullet in his brain."

For the first time since she entered the lists as a competing ferry with the Southern Pacific the steamer Grace Barton has laid up at her berth for a day.

As a freight-boat the Barton can and does hold its own.

Now all the Whitney passenger business comes to the Davis Company.

for long-distance pole vault, which has been advanced from his 26 feet 6 1/2 inches to 27 feet 11 inches.

The pulpit of the Unitarian Church was occupied last evening by Rev. Mrs. Eugene H. Pierce.

The university library now contains 30,000 volumes, mainly works of reference.

Professor Edward Green has returned from the East. He was president of the World's Botanical Congress, which met at Madison, Wis., and was also made one of the committee of seven to prepare a text book on American botany for the American Botanical Society.

A more complete little chap is not to be found in Oakland, and industrious and ambitious at that.

What his future plans are he is not quite sure, but is happy when around with his brass-buttoned friends, and has a desire to make his happy home—the City Prison.

Much satisfaction is being expressed by members of the Council that Attorney-General Hart has taken the stand he has with regard to bringing suit against the directors of the San Francisco and Oakland water front for the State.

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CARE IS BURIED. The Harmonic Verein in Festive Scenes.

RITES AT A FUNERAL PYRE. Kummer und Sorgen Burned in Camp Taylor With Wonderful Ceremonies—The Club's Fete.

The peaceful forest at Camp Taylor was invaded on Saturday evening by a party of merry Germans with only one object in view—the burial of care and sorrow.

Every German knows that the "dallas" means, but few can translate its meaning, either literally or freely.

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SELFSH MAN'S SOLILOQUY. His Reasons Set Forth for Remaining a Bachelor.

I do not marry for many reasons. One reason is that I am of a very affectionate temperament.

As a bachelor I get a great many invitations and pleasant attentions wherever I go.

Every married man marries for himself, for his pleasure and comfort.

There is no more absurd than the talk about it being a man's duty to the race to take a wife.

I do not write altogether as a novice in matters of the heart.

There is an ideal woman I should like to marry. Some day I may meet with some one who is tolerably like her.

HE'S A LIVE MUMMY. He Has Been One for Seventy Years and Is Now 104 Years Old.

We have received a letter from Lavaca, A. K. The letter is in the script of an aged writer, and the envelope bears the mark of the Lavaca Postoffice.

"What seek you here?" the high priest demanded. "Why come ye here at night?"

"I claim my own," added Mephisto. "Then shall you have him; he is not of us."

PERSONAL NOTES. Editor C. C. Powning of Reno is at the Palace.

The Verein sang "Wir Gruessen Dieh". P. Rosener and A. Jaunist performed on the piano and violin.

After the festivities all sat down to supper in the pavilion, and from that hour until 1 A. M. there was no intermission for sleep or rest.

Another concert was given in the evening at eight o'clock and was quite successful.

Recent Experiments Prove That Cordite is a Better Explosive. It begins to look as if the days of gunpowder as a charge for the guns in the British navy were numbered.

More important still, after 220 rounds had been fired, there were no signs of erosion. The new substance is manufactured at the Government powder mills, Waltham Abbey, and contains 56 per cent of nitro-glycerine.

Information From the Slot. "A year or so ago," said a young man to a Pittsburg.

great shanzhai and expostulating earnestly. The visitor paused and impressively added a \$10 bill to the wad, while the gleaming eyes regarded him intently.

OF NO USE TO HIM. Schemes to Avert Matrimony Did Not Interest This Married Man.

"Vacation trip, I s'pose," ventured the important one. The other nodded.

"Ever hear of the engagement insurance company?" asked the man of importance.

"You know in summer how very impressionable men are. Well, I represent a scheme that is simply great.

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