

COUNTY AFFAIRS.

What the Supervisors of Alameda Did.

CHOOSING MANY DELEGATES

The Stamphief Is Sent to State Prison.

SIMONS HELD FOR MURDER.

An Attorney Sued—Opening of Jefferson Street—No Ferry-House for Davie — Notes.

OAKLAND.—The Alameda County Board of Supervisors met in regular session yesterday, all the members being present except Supervisor Bart Moran, who is abroad on leave of absence. Supervisor Bailey occupied the chair.

The usual large number of indigents sought relief of the county. In the matter of the Kennedy road, between Alameda and Contra Costa counties, Supervisor Plunkett said the proposed improvement would cost \$25,000, and wanted to know where the money was to come from.

He stated that it could not be taken from the general fund, as Mr. Buckley addressed the board favorably to the project, and stated that the cost of the tunnel on the proposed road would be the heaviest expense, and this would cost \$16,000, and this amount was to be divided equally between the counties of Alameda and Contra Costa.

The balance of the road, Mr. Buckley said, would not cost to exceed \$2500. The matter was taken under advisement.

The matter of granting a franchise for an electric road on Fruitvale avenue, asked for by the Oakland, San Leandro and Hayward line, was laid over till next meeting.

The following were appointed as delegates to attend the meeting at Sacramento of the California River Improvement Association: J. L. Baird, John P. McLean, Eli Denison, F. O. Leach and F. J. Moffitt.

On behalf of the prisoners in the County Jail, Lawyer Aram appeared in support of a resolution he had introduced to have prisoners credited with five days each month where they had done no work at any time, either within or outside the prison. Mr. Aram stated that according to the law they were entitled to some credit for working for the county, for good behavior, and for the time they are given five days in each month. This rule applies to those prisoners who have a month or more to serve. The matter was taken under advisement.

W. E. Darle was appointed a delegate to the Trans-Mississippi Congress to convene in San Francisco February 2, 1894. The board adjourned till Monday next.

Held for Murder. The preliminary examination of C. W. Simons for killing William Hansen was held yesterday before Justice Cliff and resulted in the prisoner being held for murder without bail.

Simons looked very haggard and careworn when he came into court. He feels his position keenly, and the recent death of his mother was a severe blow to him. His aged mother never rallied after she heard that her son was a murderer. Simons' wife, son, and little girl were present in court with the prisoner.

The first witness called was William Kirschner, the man who keeps a saloon on Shattuck avenue, and who stated that the prisoner, Simons, had been in his saloon on the night before the tragedy.

Lawrence, the son of Simons, testified to his father coming into the house and saying he was going to shoot Hansen.

There were no other witnesses examined. Grove and Jefferson Streets.

A meeting was held in the office of Mayor Pardee on Saturday night, at which were present the Mayor, members of the County Board of Supervisors, and representatives of the Oakland Gaslight and Heat Company, which company claims to own under the title from the water-front company Grove and Jefferson streets, below First.

The proposition was made to the city representatives and accepted by the city, providing the city will grade and macadamize the same to the water front. This will open Jefferson street right through to the water's edge, and to deep water, and will open Grove street on the upland, the gas company agreeing to the terms of the franchise.

A franchise will be offered to the city as far as the gas company owns. The Jefferson street deed will be placed on record in a few days, and when graded the city will have acquired a new water front, and will, no doubt, proceed to build a wharf thereon.

Only Part of the Gang. Two tough citizens were arrested yesterday on a charge of assaulting a Southern Pacific gatekeeper on the Seventh-street local. About a week ago two young fellows, including John Quigley and Victor Ghirardelli, climbed over the gates of one of the cars at Center street and proposed to have a ride without paying the fare or showing their tickets. The gatekeeper, V. Heck, did not propose to have things that way, and accordingly demanded tickets. He was told to go to a very warm place, and resented it. The gang jumped on him and proceeded to beat him nearly to death. He was frightfully cut about the head. The gang then jumped off the train and stayed in hiding for several days, hoping the affair would blow over. Two of the men were captured and were nabbed. The others will be gathered in shortly, as they are very well known. Ghirardelli and Quigley will be examined to-morrow.

The High School Graduates. The graduating exercises of the pupils of the Oakland High School will be held this year in the Congregational Church, as usual. Principal McChesney has made out the following as the list of graduates who will have finished there Tuesday, December 19: Harry G. Allen, Muriel Bailey, John Baldwin, Josephine Blessing, Robert Braden, May Crawford, Alfred Giacomini, James Gilbertson, David Hadden, Agnes Harrower, Nettie Hirsberg, Frank Howard, Estie May Hume, Alice Jordan, Augusta Kent, Abba O. Kellogg, Estelle Kellogg, William Kinz, Henrietta Travers, Alfred MacKenzie, May Maxwell, Ethel McClymonds, Alice Moffitt, Silas Palmer, Marie Proie, Margaret Hansome, Harriet Roberts, Lillie Seehund, Emily Swain, Adda Wilson, Arthur Woodworth.

There may possibly be a few more names added to this list by next Monday.

The Stamp Thief. The stamp thief, George Williams, who stole \$2000 worth of stamps from the San Francisco dealer a few days since, pleaded guilty to burglary in the second degree and yesterday was sentenced to serve three years in San Quentin Prison.

The sentence was made light because of the witness having pleaded guilty. When asked yesterday in court whether he had anything to say for himself he stated that he was but 20 years of age and had never been arrested before. He said that the charge made in the newspaper that he was wanted in Denver for crooked work done there was false.

A Singular Suit. The queer suit of Buckley vs. Gray, which is on trial here Judge Henshaw, is on trial here Judge Henshaw. Buckley brings suit against Giles H. Gray for \$85,000, alleging that in October, 1883, Gray drew up a will for Mrs. Catherine Buckley, the plaintiff's mother, by which, when she died, the plaintiff inherited the \$170,000, and her grandsons got the other half. By the will the estate has

be equally divided between the plaintiff and his brother, but the brother died in the meantime and it was his children who came in for his share as grandsons of Mrs. Buckley.

Now V. P. Buckley, the surviving brother, claims it was his mother's intention to give all to the surviving brother, and sues Gray for half, or \$85,000, alleging that he did draw up the will according to the wish of Mrs. Buckley.

No Ferry-House for Davie. There were three vacant chairs at the Council meeting last evening, Messrs. Capell, Watkinson and Barstow not answering to their names. Much routine business was disposed of, and among new matters there was passed to print under suspension of the rules an ordinance repealing the ordinance appropriating \$2000 to build a ferry-house and waiting-room for the Davie Ferry and Transportation Company at the Franklin-street wharf.

Mr. Barnard stated that some time ago he introduced a resolution declaring that Castro street was an open street and asking that it be paved and an underground through to the water front. He wanted to know what had become of that resolution, and gave notice that he would call the matter up at the next meeting.

Mr. Small said that the whole matter was in the hands of the Water-front Committee and would be attended to at the proper time.

Cost Him \$50. Joe Garibaldi is a Temescal Italian who would think twice when he goes home drunk next Saturday night, if his wife gives him a beating. This is what Joe did last Saturday night, and his stepl-daughter determined to call a halt. She accordingly swore out a warrant for Garibaldi's arrest for his latest escapade, and he was called to appear before Justice Cliff and explain matters. Yesterday he strode into Justice Cliff's temple of justice, and when arranged on the charge, he waved his hand majestically, saying: "That's all right, Judge. I plead guilty. I slap her. How much?" Joe pulled out a \$10 gold piece, which he fingered carefully.

"Fifty dollars," said Justice Cliff coldly. Joe paid the fine, but he went out scratching his head and thinking.

Trotter's Salary. Judge Henshaw has issued a writ of mandate to George E. de Coles, attorney for John Trotter, commanding Auditor Stone to sign and issue the warrants for Mr. Trotter's salary since August 1, as superintendent of construction of school buildings, at \$150 a month. Mr. Trotter was appointed by the Board of Public Works Auditor Stone claimed that he should have been appointed by the Board of Education and that the salary should have been fixed by the City Council.

Judge Henshaw said that a question is a much-discussed question of authority in several municipalities of the State.

A Broadway Fire. At 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in the restaurant of Mrs. E. Steele, at 835 Broadway, caused by the overturning of a coal-oil lamp by an Italian employe. The fire spread rapidly, and before they were fully under control they had consumed most of the restaurant furniture, etc. The damage was \$800, insurance was damaged only slightly, and was insured for \$250. It was owned by W. I. Huyp.

Notes. The Countess Poulson instructed her attorneys yesterday to dismiss the divorce proceedings she had instituted against her husband, the Count Peter von Fagersterna. This purges the Count of contempt of court and removes the name of Poulson from the court papers of Alameda County. The Count and Countess are now on their way to Council Bluffs, where they will reside in the future.

There was a dozen applicants for the position of deputy mechanic in the Oakland schools, made vacant by the death of A. E. Spear. The salary was \$135 per month and \$75 for an assistant. There is some talk of abolishing the position altogether in order to retrench, and the board last night decided not to select a man for the position, but to postpone the matter until next June. This leaves the position altogether vacant.

By the will of Harriet Burton, Attorney Frank M. Stone, who is named as executor, receives a bequest of \$500, while his wife receives \$400. The balance of the estate goes to friends and relatives of the deceased.

The verdict of the coroner's jury at the inquest on the body of Louis Gromar was that he committed suicide while temporarily insane.

BERKELEY. The football season is definitely over. There will be no more college games as far as the State University is concerned. The tie with Stanford will not be played, and there will be no game between the freshman teams of the two universities. Manager Demmen finds the receipts a little greater than expected, and he is glad to see that they will just about cover the local expenses.

A Prince Will Lecture. Berkeley will be favored to-day with a lecture from a gentleman whose station, nationality and intellectual attainments render him an interesting personage. Prince Serge Frousky is a high Russian official who has been representing his Government at Chicago, and since has been coming to America to visit his relatives. At Harvard, Cornell and Ann Arbor he has appeared, and lectures which he has given at these places are well received. In America and other topics have won for him the admiration of the students, for he is a man of high culture, speaks several languages, and brings to his subject a keen mind. The Prince is now in San Francisco, on his way home, but will lecture at the university this afternoon at the Higher Education of Women in Russia.

Foreign Guests. Dionysios Latas, Archbishop of Zante, Greece, and Dr. F. Kalkos, Greek Consul at San Francisco, were the guests of W. Damiakakis of Berkeley on Sunday and took great interest in inspecting the completed building.

A Danish Government official, Mr. Erlangsen, is the guest of Captain Oakland of West Berkeley. Mr. Erlangsen has six months' leave of absence to attend to the estate of his brother, Peter Erlangsen, who was murdered at his mining claim in Sierra County on the 23d of August.

A Pioneer Passes Away. Curtis A. Bancroft, for many years a resident of Berkeley, died yesterday morning at his home on Francisco street. Mr. Curtis came to the State in 1850 with his wife and two children for many years in mining in Plumas and Butte counties. He was 71 years old.

Notes. Professor and Mrs. William Carey Jones have left their room at the Occident to take up their permanent residence in Berkeley.

While moving a safe Howard Logan of Patterson, Cal., was engaged to cut off two others badly crushed by the safe slipping upon his hand.

A reception was given last evening to Mrs. Heulett Cook, president of the Woman's Relief Corps Home Association, by Mrs. Captain Morrison of North Berkeley. Members of the local posts and corps were present.

The Posee fire company was out in full force Sunday to try their new chemical engine. A shed was saturated with oil and all provisions made for a successful blaze to be followed by a successful attack by the fire boys, when it was ascertained the contractor would deliver over the engine until they had his price in their hands, which could not happen until the shed was destroyed. Therefore the fire and test remained unrealized.

ALAMEDA. Frank Beck, who had some difficulty with the police and with Professor Stiehl on Monday morning of last week, has now taken a hand in the proceedings and yesterday he had a hearing before Justice Cliff on a charge of battery. While Beck was under a charge of office at the jail which hit him a heavy blow in the mouth. Justice Cliff admitted the blow was a very bad name.

Stricken With Paralysis. T. F. Hering, an exceedingly eccentric and well-known citizen of Alameda, was stricken with paralysis last evening and now his chance of recovery are very slim.

An Old Offender. Charles Lambert, who got fifty days in Oakland for a burglary, and was held in the Alameda jail, was yesterday taken to the State Prison for a term of six months for a burglary in Alameda. He has served much time behind the bars for larceny, disturbing the peace and for battery.

Indigestion? Miserable! Take Beecham's Pills

AT THE THEATERS.

"Sinbad" Crowds the Grand Opera-House.

EDDIE FOY IS VERY FUNNY.

"Admitted to the Bar" a Play of Much Interest.

MRS. MCKEE RANKIN'S ILLNESS.

Katie Putnam Draws Well at the Stockwell—"The Bat" Draws at the Tivoli.

"Sinbad" is running to tremendously large houses at the Grand. It promises to be an immense success all through the season. The scenery, costumes, music, incidental comedy and specialties are entirely new. The plot of the extravaganza, if plot it may be called, does not cling very closely to the fact, told on that far-away Arabian night by the charming Justice Scheherzade. Mr. Henderson, manager of the Chicago Opera-house, is in the saddle. His methods are up to date—perhaps just a trifle ahead of date—and while many of the adventures of the hero of the romancing princess are utilized for the extravaganza Mr. Henderson's "Sinbad" is emphatically a creature of the nineteenth century. Extravaganza—a style of entertainment whose introduction into this country is due to his foresight and bold policy—is nothing more nor less than English pantomime Americanized; and its American progenitor takes the same liberty with tradition, fable and legend as do the authors of those gorgeous but stupid spectacles which have been associated for fifty years with the historic English playhouse in Drury lane. But

The vaudeville entertainment offered at the Orpheum packed that house last night, and the astounding acts of the Arabs gained round after round of applause. An "aerial gymnast" named Melville succeeded in passing his body through his arms, hands, to a trapeze, three times, a feat of contortion that is simply marvellous. Manager Walters has gathered a good crowd of specialty people together and is giving good entertainments.

The entries for to-day's races are as follows: First race, five-eighths of a mile, selling—V. B. Kilday 105, Howard 105, Lulu Dunsen 105, Stoenman 115, Hal Fisher 125, North 140, Addie Childman 100, Clara White 90, Dr. Ross 125, Kilday 105, Birtwood 110, Oregon Radium 109, Conde 110.

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THE RACE TRACK.

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He Favors the Single Judge System.

The Entries for To-Day's Events.

Phil Dwyer, the central figure of Eastern racing circles since the death of D. D. Withers, is in California, not for the first time in his life, but after an absence of thirty years, for it was in the sixties that he was in the butcher business on First street in this city, and it is with feelings of honest pride that the wealthy turf magnate looks back upon those days of early struggles.

Mr. Dwyer is here to join his son, who, traveling for his health, which has lately been very poor, is at present in Southern California. The president of the Blood-horse Association had hoped that Mr. Dwyer would have been able to act with Colonel Chinn, James Rowe and their associates on the board of stewards, but as his stay here is, so far as now decided, merely temporary, Mr. Dwyer scarcely has time to be in California in accepting the position, though he may be induced to reconsider his determination on his return here from Los Angeles, where he will be in the course of the next few days. His presence on the board of stewards would naturally lead to additional weight to the result of his deliberations, from his individual prominence in the racing world, but even if he should remain among us for any length of time, Mr. Dwyer is not likely to be called upon to render a verdict, as he would be called to render an opinion, before he could consent to act. In other words, he wants to have time to estimate with fair accuracy the form of the horses entered.

In course of conversation with a representative of THE CALL, Mr. Dwyer expressed himself in favor of the single judge system in vogue not only in England and in Australia, but also on some of the tracks in the East.

The subject was touched upon in an inquiry of him as to whether J. J. Burke was to be presiding judge on all traces under the jurisdiction of the board of control. Mr. Dwyer, in answering in the affirmative, referred to the entire satisfaction that the present presiding official, Colonel Simmons, had given, incidentally to the fact that he had succeeded in his capacity as unassisted judge for so many seasons at different race meetings, at none of which Mr. Dwyer ever remembered any of his decisions being called into question—a tribute to Mr. Burke's qualifications that those who know the gentleman can well appreciate.

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