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ation has filed a complaint against John M. Stankov, A. Pratt et al. to recover \$2409 and interest on a promissory note given October 18, 1890. The note was secured by a mortgage on real estate in this city.

The Superintendent of Streets has reported that it will cost \$8000 to erect the plant for sprinkling the streets with salt water. The tank will hold 25,000 gallons and will be on a frame forty-five feet high. The pump will have a capacity of 50,000 gallons. There will be 6300 feet of pipe line, with eighty-three hydrants. This matter will be disposed of by the Board of Trustees next week.

George H. Payne desired to erect on Park street a corrugated iron building within the fire limits for the purposes of a wood and coal yard and a hay and grain store. He petitioned the Trustees for a permit by amending the ordinance, but a long protest against the amendment was filed. The matter was taken under advisement.

An ordinance has been introduced by the Trustees calling for an election on May 6th upon the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$41,000 for school purposes and \$50,000 for the erection of a new City Hall.

AN OREGON TEAM. Webfoot Leather-Kickers Come To-Day. Auxiliary Athletic Games of All Kinds Being Arranged for the Fair Grounds.

This forenoon the Oregon football team will arrive here from Portland. They will be escorted to the Baldwin Hotel. The team consists of A. Ellsworth, fullback; F. J. Raley, W. Holt, J. H. Smith and W. B. Larswell, three-quarterbacks; C. McDonald and F. F. Alexander, halfbacks; P. H. Blyth (captain), S. G. Bowley, L. L. Page, J. Lotta, H. B. Tronson, R. Doseh, R. W. Clark, J. McDougal, forwards; A. St. M. Mackintosh and another, reserves. Captain Blyth of the Oregon eleven has a letter to record. He has been a member of the Oxford University team, Fettesian-Lorettonians, London Scottish, Edinburgh Wanderers and others of the crack teams of the British Isles. Most of the other men in the team have also good records. They will play with the California Rugby team to-morrow at the re-creation grounds. On Friday they will play the British Columbia team, which arrives that morning from Victoria by steamer, and on Saturday the California team will play against the British Columbia team.

This was the substance of what Dr. Browning reported at last night's meeting of the athletic auxiliary committee of the fair. On behalf of the baseball interest, B. C. Irland reported that the Intercollegiate League will play every Saturday afternoon and the Athletic League every Sunday at noon. Next Sunday the match will be between the Olympic nine and the Reliance of Oakland. D. J. Wetmore stated that the cyclists would make May 28 a gala day. Over 700 wheelers would be in line in the parade, and much interest is being worked up all over the coast. R. L'Hermuelle resigned as chairman of the committee on targets, and A. Russell Crowell was appointed in his place. Lieutenant F. L. Winn reported that on April 11 there will be a match between the undergraduate and graduate football teams of the University of California and review drill by the cadets.

Berkeley Day. Berkeley is beginning to doubt that she will have a day at the fair. No action by the citizens has been taken in the matter. No arrangements have been made to secure a day for the Berkeley school children. The trouble with Berkeley lies in the fact that the greater number of her citizens are men whose business is in San Francisco and who take no other part in the town's life than to utilize the place for sleeping quarters and to furnish a home for their families. Commencement. The faculty has decided that only student speakers shall make addresses on commencement day and Harry Wright and Mrs. Mary Gilmore have been selected as speakers. The trouble with Berkeley lies in the fact that the greater number of her citizens are men whose business is in San Francisco and who take no other part in the town's life than to utilize the place for sleeping quarters and to furnish a home for their families. The Men and the Unloaded Gun. Charles White, a barber in the saloon on University and San Pablo avenues, yesterday playfully pointed an unloaded pistol at a friend, Henry Megow, and Megow was struck in the neck by the bullet. The wound is not dangerous. Barnard's Lecture. Professor E. E. Barnard will lecture at 3:45 o'clock this afternoon on "Celestial Photography" at the Assembly Hall. The lecture will be illustrated with a stereopticon. ALAMEDA. The war over the ownership of the Woman's Exchange building has somewhat subsided. The corporation has brought a claim and delivery suit against some of the members of the incorporated association for the possession of the build-

HELD TO ANSWER.

Matheny in the Role of a Burglar.

DAVIE'S MEN ARE AT OUTS.

Captain Bassett Refuses to Show the Books.

DR. ICKSTADT IS RELEASED.

The Women of Golden Gate Unite to Close the Saloons at That Place.

OAKLAND.—Louis Matheny appeared before Judge Henshaw yesterday morning to answer a second time to the charge of murdering Police Officer Cashin at Kuhnle's saloon, in West Oakland, on the night of March 10, 1893. Pursuant to an agreement made by the defendant's attorney the trial was continued one week. From the Superior Court Matheny was marched down to the Police Court to answer to a charge of burglary committed at Kuhnle's saloon on the date of the killing of Cashin. The lobby of the courtroom was crowded with the same aggregation of doubtful characters that used to grace Judge Henshaw's department when Matheny's first trial was in progress.

Carroll Cook appeared for the defendant and Assistant District Attorney Lin Church and Prosecuting Attorney Melvin for the people. The arraignment was briefly made and all parties in the case were prepared to proceed the preliminary examination was conducted. The witnesses called by the prosecution were Officer Ely, William Kuhnle, Officer Nick Williams and Detective Denny Heiland. Sufficient evidence was adduced to sustain the charge and the defendant was held to answer in \$3000 bonds. The defense put in no case whatever and the witnesses of the prosecution were subjected to no cross-examination.

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The members of the Davie Transportation Company are now involved in civil war. Secretary Bassett for some reason best known to himself, saw fit to refuse access to the company's books to one of its stockholders, and now he is confronted with a suit for mismanagement.

The trouble grew out of an interview between Mr. K. M. Gatchell, a stockholder of the Davie Transportation Company, and Mr. J. M. Bassett, the company's secretary. It was on Friday last. Some question was raised as to whether or not the accounts of the company had been properly kept, and to settle it Mr. Gatchell demanded to see the books. This Mr. Bassett refused to do, and Mr. Gatchell retired without seeing the accounts, but with the determination fully crystallized that he would see them in spite of all opposition.

Today he swore out a complaint charging Mr. Bassett with misdemeanor under section 555 of the Penal Code.

The section reads: Every officer or agent of any corporation, having or holding in office, position, title, name or in his custody or control any book, paper or document of such corporation, and to the use of which he is authorized or member of such corporation lawfully demands to see the same, to inspect or take a copy of the same, and to have the same audited, and if he is refused, a reasonable opportunity so to do is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Setting a Big Estate. The \$700,000 estate left by the late General R. W. Kirkham is being settled up. There is at present on hand seventy thousand gold bonds valued at \$70,000 and 20 shares of United States Bank stock worth \$25,000. The executors desire to sell a portion of the bank stock and twenty bonds to raise some needed coin. The fee of Attorney Wright amounts to \$4000 and the executors' fees foot up \$8000.

Yesterday Judge Henshaw appointed Charles E. Naylor to appraise the property devised to Joanna M. Wright, so as to enable the court to assess and fix the value of and the tax to which the same is liable under the act of the last Legislature which taxes collateral inheritances of over \$500 5 per cent for school purposes.

The funeral of John and Mary Brady, whose violent deaths on Sunday shocked the community, was held from Coroner Evers' undertaking-parlors at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

A number of floral pieces surrounded the casket, and the candles of the Catholic church burned at their heads throughout the day. The attendance consisted almost exclusively of relatives of the family. Services were conducted by Father Slavin over the body of Mrs. Brady, who was buried in consecrated ground in St. Mary's cemetery.

Mrs. Brady was also buried in St. Mary's cemetery, but in unconsecrated ground and without benefit of clergy.

Golden Gate W. Men and Saloons. The women of Golden Gate, the Oakland suburb on the north, have organized a W. C. T. U. to fight the saloons of that neighborhood, which is now number seven. The women are circulating a petition to be presented to the Supervisors. The saloon men are ready to fight, however, and propose boycotting all those merchants and business men who have signed the petition. The entire community has taken sides in the fight and lively times are anticipated.

Dr. Eckstadt Released. On a writ of habeas corpus Judge Henshaw yesterday released Dr. Albert Eckstadt of Golden Gate, who was arrested on Sunday on a telegraphic warrant from Chilton, Wis., where he was wanted for complicity in a criminal operation.

The Sheriff of Chilton is on his way to Oakland, and will rearrest the physician. Farmer Perry Morrison was in the Superior Court yesterday. He was being prosecuted by H. Curtner of Centerville, who claims that Morrison owed him \$2000 on a note, and that subsequently, when he showed Morrison the note, the old man grabbed it and had ever since refused to give it up. Morrison said the agreement had been that the note should not fail due until after his death, and that he only wanted fair play.

Notes. Blake & Moffitt assisted in swelling the relief fund to \$2300 yesterday by contributing a check for \$50. Five hundred dollars are now on the registered list, and there is some money enough to give them three days' work each.

Frank Langervan of Alameda was confined in the County Jail yesterday on suspicion of insanity. Last September he was examined on a similar charge and discharged. Al Jim, charged with assaulting another Chinaman with an opium-pipe, was released yesterday on account of insufficient evidence to sustain the charge. The Empire Building and Loan Association

Yes; she has reasons for doing so," was the reply.

"What are they?" "Well, she took a fancy to his baby and wants it to have the property when it is 21 years old."

"Why did she take the fancy?" "I don't know," answered Freyschlag sullenly, and the reporter asked, "Wasn't it because she thought its spirit had something to do with your dead brother's?"

"Well, maybe she did; but that is all right."

"Didn't your son tell her the spirit of Christian was speaking through the baby and told her to give the property to him?" asked the reporter.

"Maybe he did," admitted Freyschlag. "And she did as she was told. She recognized the voice."

"Do you mean that she has turned over the property already," asked the reporter.

"Yes, that's it. She had it deeded to my son John several months ago. It's his now and nobody can get it," answered Freyschlag in a tone of voice that implied that he had been talking enough.

As the reporter rose to go Freyschlag said: "Now don't put any of this in the paper if you are that kind of a man; it will only make a sensation."

In addition to the application for guardianship papers, an effort will also be made to have the deed made by Mrs. Knapp set aside, and proceedings for that purpose will be immediately instituted.

The relatives who are taking the matter into court are determined to push the fight quite energetically, and express a determination not to stop until they have completely undone the work of nephew John.

"We are not doing this," explained one of them, "because we expect to benefit ourselves at all, but because we know a great wrong has been done and are anxious to right it."

Ex-Judge Rhodes of this city was formerly a resident of San Jose and an old acquaintance of Christian Freyschlag. He also knows the nephew, John, quite well, and in discussing the manner in which he obtained control of his aunt's estate said:

"John Freyschlag is a shifty, sort of fellow, and never amounted to much until after his uncle's death. Then he came to the front with a rush. Mrs. Knapp was originally administratrix of her brother's estate, but in reality the nephew ran affairs. The woman seemed to be entirely under his control and obeyed his every command. Why, I know of times when she refused to obey orders of the court solely because he told her not to obey them."

"The property deeded her by her brother, in addition to what was bequeathed, would amount to about \$150,000. Some of this was mortgaged, but at least \$100,000 was clear of any indebtedness. All this the nephew obtained, but I cannot understand just how, unless undue influence was used. Of course Mrs. Knapp was old and feeble, and I guess she could be moved without much trouble. I know that while I interested myself in their affairs young Freyschlag did with her just about as he pleased."

CHINESE ROBBERS.

Another Charge Against the Ross Alley Gang.

A Rich Mongolian's Apartments Looted—One of the Thugs Sent Away to China.

The capture of the four Chinese robbers in their roost in Ross alley by Detectives Cox and Glennon one week ago has had a salutary effect upon the lawless element in Chinatown. Robberies and burglaries are falling off at a gratifying rate and the merchants no longer fear to be out late at night.

Three of the robbers—Wong Yin, alias Wong Woe; Cheen Bo, alias Dong Leung, and Dong Lum—were taken from the tanks in the old prison yesterday and lodged in the felons' cell. Charges of robbery and burglary were registered against each of them, and they will have their preliminary examination in the Police Court to-day. All the goods stolen from the Mongolian in Washington alley, which was found gagged, have been found in Chinese pawnshops.

The rich clothing that was found at the headquarters of the gang was identified yesterday by the police. It was the property of a wealthy Mongolian, Mr. Hwee Bin, 915 Clay street. The robbers secured it about one month ago by breaking into his apartment during the absence of the owner. They tried open his door with a jimmy and departed with silk and fur garments worth several hundred dollars.

The leader of the gang was clad in stolen garments when he was arrested. It was under his bed that the gags and bag of red pepper were found.

No charge was made against Woo Chong, the fourth member of the gang. His friends asked the police to deport him under the section of the Mor Gray act which provides that no Chinese who has been found guilty of a crime can remain in the country. The Chief of Police and District Attorney Barnes were pleased to get rid of the robber so easily. They accordingly had him taken from the tanks yesterday afternoon and placed on board the Gallic, which sailed for China at 3 o'clock. He was released from the ship's books as a deported laborer and cannot return. Three other Chinese criminals who had been ordered deported sailed for China on the same vessel.

THE MECHANICS' LIBRARY.

One of the Post-Street Stores to Be Utilized.

At a meeting of the Mechanics' Library trustees last evening the following standing committees were appointed to serve for the ensuing year: Library, rooms and building, chairman, Oscar Lewis; books and donations, chairman, Joseph Leggett; finance, chairman, F. J. Sims; lectures and classes, chairman, M. Manson. The pavilion committee is composed of the vice-president, recording and corresponding secretary, instead of the president and vice-president heretofore.

It was finally decided that the tenant of one of the stores in the Post-street building should be given notice to vacate by the trustees, that the premises be utilized for library purposes.

Arrangements are being made to have the entire basement fitted up as a reading-room and it is expected work will be begun in this connection before the end of the present month. All other available space about the building will also be utilized to the best possible advantage, as the intention of the present board to make the library accommodations without equal in this city.

After Many Years.

J. B. Gillman and J. C. Wilmerding in 1888 used Mary Murphy to recover possession of a lot on Mission street, near Randolph street, from the late Mrs. Wilmerding. The case was heard before the courts all these years, and only yesterday, on the formal motion of the plaintiff's attorneys, Judge Hunt ordered the action dismissed.

Through which the human voice issues, should never become rusty. To keep the teeth forever free from blemish is to render their decay impossible. It is only necessary to use FRANK'S TOOTH PASTE. It is antiseptic and supremely wholesome.

sons, and that John Harold Freyschlag and others, and that Christian Freyschlag is now under control of John Harold Freyschlag, who has taken advantage of her mental condition to obtain from her without consideration and by reason of force, fraud and undue influence the property known as the Rucker ranch and Lone Hill Vineyard and other pieces of valuable property.

Accompanying the petition are a number of affidavits which are offered in support of the charges made. They have been sworn to by persons of such prominence as to make them worthy of some consideration and contain statements which, if true, brand John Harold Freyschlag as an unfeeling and heartless rascal.

Mrs. Knapp is now, and for many years has been, a firm believer in many of the doctrines taught by believers in spiritualism. At the time of her brother's death she explained to his attorney, ex-Judge Rhodes of this city, that his passing away was but temporary and that he would soon return to her.

"There is no death," said she. "Our bodies are taken off, but our spirits live on forever."

To John Harold Freyschlag she made the same statement, and in doing so made known to him a weakness which he afterward converted into a means by which he gained control of her property.

Her home was broken up by the death of Christian Freyschlag, and as there was no other friendly door open to her she determined to spend the rest of her days in the Old Ladies' Home of San Jose.

A check for \$1500 was given to secure a life's berth and the old and friendless woman moved into her new abode.

For several months she lived there, apparently forgotten by all who had ever known her and with no other enjoyment than that which she found in the anticipation of the return of her brother's spirit. Then one day her nephew called upon her and in the course of his visit divulged a great secret.

Christian Freyschlag's spirit had returned and taken up its abode in the body of John Harold Freyschlag's child.

From that day on Mrs. Knapp became a changed woman.

The Old Ladies' Home lost all its attractions to her. She wanted to be near the child which contained the spirit of her brother, and could find neither comfort nor rest anywhere else.

This condition of affairs quickly became known to John Freyschlag and he quickly took advantage of it.

His visits to his aunt became more frequent, and on each occasion some message from her brother's spirit was delivered.

Finally it was proposed that the old lady should go to her residence at the home and live with John and his child, so that she could always be near the spirit of Christian. Of course she readily consented to the proposal and quickly made the change.

From that time on she has been completely under the control of her nephew and virtually a prisoner in his house. True, she is not kept under lock and occasionally goes out, but never except when in company with her nephew.

All that transpired after Mrs. Knapp went to live with John Freyschlag is not known, for great care is taken to prevent the secrets of the house on Lone Hill Vineyard from making their way into the outer world. This much, however, is familiar to all San Jose.

One day about three months ago the old lady, accompanied by her nephew, went to the office of the County Clerk of Santa Clara County and caused to be recorded a deed by which all her property passed into the possession of John Freyschlag. No consideration was named in the deed nor was any reason assigned for the generous act, but Mrs. Knapp afterward explained that the transfer had been made because her brother had ordered it.

In working out this scheme Freyschlag allowed his greed for wealth to get the better of his reason, and arranged a deed which made no provisions for the payment of any debts which Mrs. Knapp had contracted. Even the note given to the Old Ladies' Home was ignored, and it was that fact which first aroused suspicion.

Then the manner in which the woman was guarded after she signed the deed also caused comment.

The watch kept upon her while the spiritualistic scheme was being worked up was nothing as compared with the close scrutiny to which she was afterward subjected. No one was ever allowed to see her except in the presence of her nephew, and then he invariably did all the talking for her. Whenever she ventured out he

had him into all sorts of wild financial schemes and borrowed and squandered money out of him until he secured close on to \$75,000. Then Freyschlag began to realize that he was being swindled.

At the same time he became possessed of the belief that he would eventually lose all his money and become a pauper, and in order that his sister, Mrs. Knapp, might not suffer a similar misfortune he proceeded to make provisions for her.

Among the pieces of property owned by him were what is known as the Rucker ranch and the Lone Hill vineyard, which consist of some of the richest sections in the Santa Clara valley. These, with many other portions of real estate, were deeded to Mrs. Knapp.

During the early part of last June Freyschlag died, and when his will was opened it was found to contain additional provisions for his sister, which made her estate worth in all no less than \$150,000.

A portion of this was bequeathed with mortgages, but in the will a way was provided by which this incumbrance could be removed.

"Christian's spirit spoke to me," said she, "and I heeded his words. He told me that he would live again in the boy, and that he would give his property to support him, so I gave it back. Of course I could do nothing else. It belonged to him, and he had a right to demand it."

When questioned relative to the way in which her brother made his wants known, Mrs. Knapp explained that she was not in direct communication with him in consequence of her old age, which prevented

her from perceiving his manifestations, but that his wants were revealed to her through his father.

It was then that the questionable methods of John Harold Freyschlag became known. He had apparently played upon an old woman's weakness until he forced her into turning over her property to him under the belief that she was gratifying the wishes of her departed brother.

At the time of Christian Freyschlag's death, John Harold Freyschlag was employed upon the Lone Hill Vineyard in some minor capacity, and was entirely without means.

He believed, however, that his uncle would make some provisions for him in his will, and when the announcement of the old man's death was made at the vineyard he tossed his hat high in the air and shouted "Hurrah! I am to be master now."

Of course when the actual contents of the will became known young Freyschlag's hopes received quite a blow, but even then he apparently did not become entirely discouraged and immediately directed his attentions toward his aunt.

She apparently took a deep interest in him, and lost no time in making amends for the unjust neglect of her late brother, but then things are not always as they appear, and that seems to be the case in this instance.

The petition for letters of guardianship was filed.

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For many years the brother and sister lived in a modest house in an out-of-the-way part of San Jose and led a hermit-like existence. He was even more eccentric than she, and neither cared for or tried to make friends.

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Gave Him the Control of His Aunt's Estate.

CHARGE FRAUD AND CHICANERY

Hermiona Knapp of San Jose Deeds Away Her Valuable Property Without Consideration.

A simple application for the appointment of a guardian over the person of Mrs. Hermiona Sophia Knapp, which will be filed in the Superior Court of Santa Clara County to-day, gives every promise of developing into quite a sensational affair before the conclusion of the proceedings.

Mrs. Knapp is a woman nearly 80 years old, and was until about five months



CHRISTIAN FREYSCHLAG.

ago possessed of property worth about \$200,000.

This property is now in the possession of her nephew, John Harold Freyschlag, to whom it was deeded, and it is because of this transfer that an attempt will be made to cause the issuance of guardianship papers.

The petitioners in the matter are Alfred W. Jones of Santa Rosa and Louis Mahlike of Alameda, who are also nephews of Mrs. Knapp, and it is the evidence which they will produce which will develop the sensational features.

Hermiona Sophia Knapp is one of San Jose's oldest characters.

She has lived in that city almost half a century, and during every year of her residence in the place her eccentricities have become more pronounced. It was not she, however, who accumulated the fortune for which others are now about to do battle.

The property which the woman recently deeded to her nephew originally belonged to her brother, Christian Freyschlag, and passed into her possession some time last May and just previously to her brother's death.

Christian Freyschlag was a pioneer of Santa Clara Valley. He went there way back in 1849 or '50, and resided there continuously until the time of his death.

In habits he was even more eccentric than his sister, and although worth at one time close on to half a million dollars, he apparently never found one moment's pleasure in life.

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