

GROUND FOR ATOMS

P. Browning Falls on the Fatal Trestle

FROM A RUNNING TRAIN.

A Temescal Fire Attributed to Giant Powder.

OAKLAND'S BRAKEBEAM INFLUX

Fifteen Freeholders Selected to Be Voted on Next Saturday.

OAKLAND.—The ex-employees of the railroad—the men who were out on strike and failed to get back—were bitter in their denunciation of the railroad company and say that the corporation is itself to blame for the Webster-street bridge disaster, and, indeed, all the railroad wrecks which have occurred since the strike.

An A. K. U. leader said yesterday that the whole fault in the Webster-street wreck rested with the company in putting incompetent men in responsible positions. Said this party: "Bardo, the man in the tower, had no experience in the position he filled and had only been there three weeks. The only wonder is that the accident had not occurred before. It was not through carelessness on his part, either, that the switch was thrown, but ignorance of the position he held."

"And I want to tell you something more. A derailing switch can be thrown with a train on it, or a car, and very easily, too. The whole trouble is that the company has put green men in positions where they are to create a switch can be employed. There have been several very serious accidents of late from this cause, and the people will hear of many more of it before the unskilled hands are properly broken in."

Ground to Atoms. The remains of young Peter Browning of Alameda, excepting the head, neck and a portion of the stomach, are scattered along the fatal trestle of the Alameda narrow-gauge for a mile. The young man's body was literally cut to pieces.

He boarded the 6:45 narrow-gauge boat in San Francisco last evening and took the Alameda train at the pier. Soon after the train pulled out the brakeman noticed the young fellow on the rear platform of the first car. He was somewhat under the influence of liquor. He saw the danger of leaving it in that position and made him get in the car. The brakeman then put out his lights, as it was his last night in the car, but could see nothing of Browning.

He was told that he had gone on through the train, and it was not until the following morning that the body was found on the platform, and taken to the morgue. The body of the brakeman was also found on the platform, and it is supposed, was no one saw the man fall off, but when the train had got about half way across the trestle it was reported that he had fallen off. This proved to be the case, as was shown when the train was stopped.

It is supposed that a sudden lurch of the car threw him off and that he was not recovered until he had fallen through the trestle into the bay.

Word was sent to the coroner's office, and the body was taken to the morgue and placed in a coffin. The body was found with an arm, some bits of flesh, pieces of clothing, his hat, a cane, a commode tin ticket which bore the name "Peter Browning" and on the back "Return to Capt. Co., 23 First street, S. N. Francisco."

Browning was well known in baseball circles and was a student at the University in Berkeley in 1891. He was the son of Jacob Browning, a San Francisco racketeer and restaurateur. His parents on Grant street, near Santa Clara ave., Alameda, died last year. He had worked for the Grand Central Clubbers and turners of an anti-tipping supply.

Browning's father said to be away from home at the present time. Many portions of the body were not recovered, having fallen through the trestle into the bay.

Caused by an Explosion. At an early hour today the people of Temescal were awakened by a terrific explosion which shook the houses and rattled windows in the region of Locksley square. The explosion was so heavy to come from gasoline or coal oil, and some of the neighbors reported that it came from a gas stove.

An investigation showed that it was from the residence of George W. Hough, at Locksley avenue, near Summit street, and that the building was enveloped in flames. By the time aid came the house was a mass of smoking ruins.

It seems that the house was unoccupied at the time. Hough is a contractor, and recently he had been engaged to build a house for property in the south part of the city. Mr. Hough is at present in Los Angeles, his home is in San Jose and his daughters in Fresno.

The origin of the fire is supposed to have been incendiary, as no one has been seen about the place since the explosion. The house was valued at \$2000, the furniture at \$1000. There was insurance of \$1200 on the place.

The explosion shook the brick chimney down and threw glass fifty feet distant. Many persons thought it was an explosion at the powder works.

Tourists Coming. The coming of cold weather to the country beyond the Sierra Nevada has attracted the numbers of tramps and brakebeam tourists, and Oakland is receiving her usual big contingent. No less than three hundred tramps have dropped into town and been jailed for evading payment of railroad fare the past week, while at least one hundred have been taken to the city jail for evading the same.

When a train pulls into the yards the tourists begin tumbling from the cars, and are generally received by the watchmen in waiting, who proceed to fill the City Prison with them. The tramps come from everywhere, with the excuse that they are looking for work, and maybe they are, but some are honest enough to admit that the climate of California is just the thing for winter.

Many of them have blankets, a few of them have money—only in being scarce. One man was shown \$7 in his pockets—but most of them have nothing but their clothing. The coming of this season has already begun to swell the list of the city and the influx this year promises to be larger than at any time.

The List of Freeholders. The list of freeholders to amend the present city charter or frame a new one will be voted on by the people of Oakland at a special election to be held on Saturday, October 13th. The names selected, consisting of two citizens from each ward and one at large, are as follows:

- First Ward—J. C. Bullock (D), plumber; D. S. Moulton (R), bookkeeper.
Second—W. C. O'Connell (D), lawyer; E. A. Wilson (R), real estate.
Third—W. Wallace Peterson (R), California Supply Company; J. P. Cameron (R), builder.
Fourth—H. A. Powell (R), lawyer; Charles Sany (R), printer.
Fifth—H. McAdams (D), lawyer; E. M. Marston (R), capitalist; J. A. Stany (D), lawyer.
Sixth—J. R. Glasscock (D), lawyer; V. D. Moody (R), capitalist.
Seventh—N. E. Rorner (R), physician; E. J. Pringle (D), lawyer.
The list includes 7 Democrats, 8 Republicans and 1 Populist. There are six lawyers, nine are engaged in business in Oakland and six in San Francisco.

They Are Prepared. The opponents of Lady Yarde-Buller, her sister, Mrs. D. Wheeler, her husband and her mother, Mrs. Kirkham, will be ready with their answer to the charges of adultery presented in court by Attorneys W. R. Davis and George Wright.

In their answer to Lady Yarde-Buller that lady's allegations are all denied, with objections made to the appointment of the Attorney-Admiral-trial to care for Mrs. Kirkham and the Kirkham money.

It is just possible because of sickness of her children Lady Yarde-Buller will not be ready Monday, but the other side will be fully prepared to meet her at any time.

The Buckboard Plan. Some of the local Democrats of Alameda County intend adopting the Buckboard style of campaign and will start out on the county in buckboards, driving from town to town.

All the local candidates are to own the voters now making a house-to-house canvass, and this will be kept up until the last minute. As there are close to 100 candidates in the field, to mention the individuals, the voter will be kept pretty busy.

In the Twenty-sixth Senatorial District Ed

Denison will have strong opposition. A prominent Republican, W. P. Tigman, has come out as an independent for the office.

Chief of Police Fletcher has received a letter from the State Board of Health Office at San Francisco asking for a list of physicians practicing in Oakland, and accordingly an order has been issued to all police officers to bring in a list of the physicians on their respective beats.

In conversation with one of Oakland's men of medicine yesterday he stated that the object was to find out what physicians are practicing in the city without complying with the law's requirements.

No Money for Them. The officers taking part in the recent bond refunding election will have their warrants issued to them on Tuesday next. They will be 200 warrants for \$5 each, but there is a probability that the bidders will not be able to get them before December next.

The City Treasurer states that the warrants cannot be paid now, and the warrant of D. W. & S. for \$10,200 has first call on the tax receipts.

The Next Attraction. The Macdonough Theatre attraction will be "The Kentucky," which opens Wednesday night next, continuing for four nights and including a Saturday matinee. The advance sale of seats for this production has been unusually large, and to accommodate the host of people who have bought such seats Thursday last from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. Popular prices prevail.

Will Run Independent. Frank Leary has declared himself as an independent Republican candidate for the Assembly for the Forty-eighth District. Mr. Leary is quite well known in Oakland, having lived there for more than a quarter of a century. He is making a no-halt, and declares that the chances of success are excellent. He is popular with the young element, and will probably give the two rivals a lively battle.

BERKELEY. The division which seemed likely to develop itself between the "special charter men" and the "reincorporation under the general law men" has been healed to all appearances, and the straps point toward an acceptance of the special charter by all parties.

The matter was brought about at the special meeting called by President Freble on Friday. As a result of the call the board assembled Friday evening, and also a large number of citizens, a large proportion of whom were Good Government Club men.

Addresses were made by General Wagner and Samuel Zeberg, who are the two main characters. Mr. Rickard argued that the petitioners for reincorporation should not present the matter as a compromise, but rather as a compromise. Mr. Rickard stated that the board should not be asked to take the charter of the city of the fifth class as a basis for the special charter, but that the special charter should be limited to 75 cents on \$100, of which 25 to 30 cents would go to the school fund. This would leave the school rate of 20 cents, and the general charter rate of 20 cents, and the rate of the Board of Education, the school would leave such a deficiency as to compel the schools to close a considerable part of the time.

F. K. Shattuck urged the adoption of a special charter, as did also J. D. Layman. At the close of the meeting the board of directors reincorporation petition, and stated that the petition would be withdrawn on the condition that the board should not be asked to take the charter of the city of the fifth class as a basis for the special charter, but that the special charter should be limited to 75 cents on \$100, of which 25 to 30 cents would go to the school fund. This would leave the school rate of 20 cents, and the general charter rate of 20 cents, and the rate of the Board of Education, the school would leave such a deficiency as to compel the schools to close a considerable part of the time.

At the convention last night the following first precinct—D. I. Bishop, W. K. Weir, Second Precinct—Charles Wilkinson, W. K. Second Precinct—K. L. Whitney, Fourth Precinct—George Schmidt, C. Engelbrecht, Fifth Precinct—D. H. Brun, Charles Haden, Sixth Precinct—John McCarty, N. L. Hanson, Seventh Precinct—R. Rickard, T. J. Wickson, At Large—George Metcalf.

A Convention Held. The Town Attorney held that convention met to nominate fifteen freeholders at last night's meeting, and in consequence of the late hour the meeting was adjourned to the 24th of February next. The document bears the seal and signature of St. Shamp, Vice-Consul-General of Guatemala.

Cut His Throat. Charles Barabino, living at 335 Union street, has been acting strangely of late and a doctor, Rose Cavatone, swore out a warrant for his arrest on the charge of insanity. Yesterday morning P. H. McManis Van Kuren and Rathor went to the house to arrest him, as soon as he saw them enter the house he drew a knife and struck before they could prevent him, inflicting a ugly gash. He was driven to the Receiving Hospital, where the wound, which is not serious, was stitched and dressed.

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POLITICAL GOSSIP.



BY THE OBSERVER.

There is but one opinion concerning the nominations made by the Non-Partisans, namely that the entire ticket is a good one and that its success on November 6th is a foregone conclusion. I was in the company yesterday of two of the most prominent leaders in the movement and after expressing opinions as to the relative merits of the various candidates, one of them, an old friend of the Non-Partisan candidate for Assessor, Mr. Siebe, said that his election to succeed himself was a certainty, for the reason that his conduct while in office has been such as to command the support of the independent voters. Said he: "There can be no possible hesitation in deciding among the various candidates for Assessor. Mr. Siebe has not only given us a creditable administration of the office, but he has signed a pledge to institute improvements in methods which will secure a fairer assessment than ever before. The Democratic morning paper in an editorial the other day remarked as to the chances of Mr. Siebe's opponents: 'The Raiser candidate, Dr. Bryan, is the hero of the Post-office, and the Burns candidate, Mr. Reed, is a former servant of Cincinnatus and Kelly, in whose behalf a flagrant attempt was made to steal the recordship at the last election.' In the face of such a statement, coming from the leading Democratic paper, Mr. Siebe has a walk-over before him."

Mr. Siebe is one of the best-known men in public and private life in the city. Not only does he enjoy local fame, but his reputation extends all over the Pacific Coast. He has in the past received many honors at the hands of his own party, and will be remembered that running on his own party ticket in 1890 he received a handsome majority. His record as Assessor shows that he is an economical and conscientious official, who not only reflects credit upon himself, but upon the city as well. He has shown himself to be an excellent administrator of the office, and the result of the large force under him, with the result that the expense to the city is no greater now than it was twenty years ago, despite the fact that the business of his department has been quadrupled in that time. In 1891-92 it will not be forgotten that he saved the city a few thousand dollars, and since then the saving has been gradually increasing. I have taken some pains to find out from real estate agents who consider themselves experts as to whether or not Mr. Siebe is thoroughly conversant with property values, and the unanimous verdict appears to be that he is, and while he aims constantly to be just to the claims of the taxpayers, the interests of the commonwealth are not allowed to suffer. Be it said to his credit, Mr. Siebe has never been the slave to the bosses even in the days of party local government, and that is one of the chief reasons why he now enjoys the support of the Non-Partisans.

During my rounds among the local politicians I also learned that the present County Clerk, Mr. Haley, has a strong following outside the party ranks, and secured not only the nomination from the Democrats but also the unanimous support of the Non-Partisans there can be but little doubt as to his re-election. Since Mr. Haley's incumbency the County Clerk's office has been for the first time in its history self-sustaining. The office is conducted entirely on a business basis, and while the legal aid allowance for salaries every month is \$10,800 he has, without impairing the efficiency of the service, managed to get along with an expenditure of about \$9000. It is provided by law that the County Clerk's office is entitled to eighty-five clerks, but Mr. Haley contrives to perform the duties of the office with forty and odd men. When a public official saves over \$50,000 a year to the city on salaries alone it is a safe conclusion to arrive at that under honest administration in some of the other offices a like result could be brought about, and thereby effect a very large saving to the taxpayers.

I was present when Mr. Haley received his nominations at the hands of two parties, and when he was called to acknowledge the honor conferred upon him he stated that there was room for improvement in further curtailing the expenses of the County Clerk's office, and if he should be elected to succeed himself he would show even a better record at the end of his term than the one which now stands to his credit. Mr. Haley came to San Francisco from St. Louis forty years ago when he was but 3 years old. He graduated from the High School here in 1869. He was for years engaged with his father in the dairy business, after which he served under the H. R. Corcoran Commission from 1883 to 1887, and then went into the employ of the well-known banks, Wells, Fargo & Co., where he had an opportunity of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the profession in the auditing department. Mr. Haley's political opponents, under the old party methods of conducting local elections, always admitted that he is sound and consistent in his principles, and his splendid record in office has confirmed this opinion beyond the shadow of a doubt.

Part Thirty-two of "Picturesque California" will be ready for distribution tomorrow. It is a beautiful work, and will complete the entire set of the great works.

FOR THE KINDERGARTENS. Entertainment in Their Aid Given at Mrs. Whitney's Residence.

The matinee tea given by Mrs. F. L. Whitney at her beautiful residence on the corner of Laguna and Sacramento streets yesterday afternoon between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock was all for sweet charity, and society did itself proud by honoring the occasion. Over 500 invitations had been sent out and a large proportion of this number appeared either in person with their contributions or caused them to be sent.

Mrs. Whitney is one of the active managers of the Nathaniel Gray Free Kindergarten as well as one of the kindergarten's most enthusiastic workers.

The ladies present at the tea yesterday were unanimous in their opinions that it was very kind of her hostess to entertain such a large gathering for the benefit of the institution.

Mrs. Whitney was assisted in receiving

DAYLIGHT ROBBER.

A. J. Freese Held Up on Sutro Hill.

The Desperado Fires Two Shots at Him, One Striking Him on the Shoulder.

The bold footpad is not limiting his business operations to dark nights, but has commenced to include all hours of the day and night.

Yesterday A. J. Freese, teacher of the Evening School at the Potrero, and who lives at 1255 California street, went with a young lady to Sutro Hill, south of Golden Gate Park, to spend the day. They had lunch just beyond the reservoir and about 1 1/2 miles in the afternoon they were strolling in the woods, drinking tea, and enjoying the beauties of nature spread out all around them, when suddenly their pleasant thoughts were rudely interrupted by a man jumping into view from behind a tree. The man presented a revolver at Mr. Freese's head, and in tones that were no mistaking, said, "I want your money and I want it quick."

Mr. Freese was for the moment staggered by the abruptness of the robber's demand, and the muzzle of the revolver which had an ugly look. The young lady was more active in her movements. "You can have my money," she cried in a choking voice, and she was away screaming at the top of her voice.

Her screams alarmed the robber, and without taking time to search Freese's pockets he fired a shot at him, the bullet striking him on the right shoulder inflicting a slight laceration.

The robber worked backward and the robber ran off. But when about thirty yards away he wheeled around and fired another shot at Freese which fortunately missed its mark.

Freese told Captain Thomson of the park police of his encounter with the robber and Thomson, accompanied by Park Police Officer J. Moran, and a helper, the local for hours, but failed to find the man. The captain also notified police headquarters and detectives were sent out to search for the desperado.

Unfortunately Freese is unable to give anything like an accurate description of the robber and does not want the police to find out his name, as he is afraid the young lady's name being dragged before the public.

LEAN AND HABERLEY.

Referee McLeod Declared the Wrestling Match a Draw.

The wrestling match between Billy Haberley of the Olympic Club and A. J. Lean of the Acme Club of Oakland at the Alcazar Theatre last evening drew a fair crowd of people interested in wrestling.

The match was best two out of three falls, each fall for three minutes. The betting was all in favor of Haberley, who was looked upon as a sure winner. He sold for \$10 against \$4 on Lean, and at these figures there were only a few hundred dollars changed hands.

It was past 9 o'clock when the wrestlers put on an appearance, and the referee, although it was announced that they would commence hugging at 8 o'clock sharp, Billy Jordan, master of ceremonies, informed the spectators that the contestants weighed 164 1/2 pounds.

Den McLeod, the champion wrestler of the world, was selected to referee the contest and as soon as he made his appearance on the carpet he lost no time in giving orders to the gladiators to knuckle down to work.

As expected by those who are aware of Lean's style of wrestling, the Acme champion assumed the defensive immediately and his opponent struggled to catch a Samson to pitch Lean by what is termed a flying fall, and he came very near accomplishing the trick. Lean seemed satisfied to allow Haberley to exhaust himself by hugging, and while the latter was trying for a neck hold Lean surprised the spectators by changing his position on the carpet and resting Haberley into a corner. The latter was pitched on his back, and saved himself by turning quickly before Lean had time to get both of his shoulders on the mat.

After ten minutes of careful work Lean got a leg and neck lock on his opponent and forced the latter over until both shoulders almost touched the carpet, when Haberley spun up and saved himself. Lean finally got another hold on Haberley, and the first bout in twenty-eight minutes and ten seconds.

After an intermission of twenty minutes the wrestlers went at it again, and several minutes later Lean had his opponent almost down, but Lean's opponent touched the carpet, when Lean finally tired of the work and yielded to wrestle. He was cautioned by the referee, but persisted in wrestling on the perfect arrangement of the entire match, the match a draw. Evil tins the pools did not go the way the wrestlers desired.

ADLER'S "BAY STATE."

Opening in New Quarters of a Famous Restaurant.

Yesterday was a gala day at the Bay State dining parlors on Stockton street, the occasion being the grand opening of that well-known place in superb new quarters.

There are not many people in San Francisco who have not heard of the famous Bay State Dining and Oyster Parlors on Stockton street, near Market, which for many years have been conducted by the best of public caterers in the culinary art, N. M. Adler. His name is synonymous with a first-class restaurant, and in future he will have the distinguished honor of being the proprietor of one of the most commodious and splendidly equipped dining establishments, not only in San Francisco but in this country. He will now be found in the Knickerbocker Hotel, where he has not only a few doors north of his old stand, and his many patrons and others are cordially invited to call and judge for themselves as to the perfect arrangement of the entire premises. Mr. Adler's increased patronage compelled him to take this step, and it is only reasonable to predict that the Bay State will not only retain its many friends but will make many new ones. In short, Mr. Adler's enterprise in keeping abreast with the growth of San Francisco deserves recognition, more particularly that his charges will in the future be, as they have been in the past, very moderate.

Had to Tell Her Age.

County Clerk Haley granted to W. A. H. Monroe and Clara K. Gray, on Friday, a license to wed. They stated their respective ages as 38 years. Yesterday morning, bright and early, the couple repaired to the House of Commons and requested that the ages be changed to 42 and 44, respectively. The clerk said he could make no changes in the records.

Who Fired the Shots?

Two shots were fired in rapid succession in front of the Mission Grammar School on Mission street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth, about half-past 8 o'clock last night. A crowd quickly gathered, but who fired the shots or for what purpose could not be discovered. The police are trying to elucidate the mystery.

Go AND see (they) swallow purple swords at the Wigwam Theatre-to-morrow night. It is the greatest phenomenon on earth.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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