

EVENTS IN THE COUNTIES BORDERING ON THE BAY OF SAN FRANCISCO

KEY ROUTE BASIN WORK UNDERWAY

PROJECTS CALLING FOR EXPENDITURE OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS MAPPED OUT FOR CITY AND WATERFRONT

POLICE ROUND UP ALL UNDESIRABLES

City Engineer Completes Surveys for Rock Wall to Be Constructed at Once

OAKLAND, Dec. 30.—Construction of the rock retaining wall in the Key Route basin, where the city will create a great inner harbor, with deep water, ample wharves, adequate roadways and complete railroad connections. Nowhere on the coast will rail and ship meet so advantageously. The city will own the wharves, and regulate the switching facilities, will maintain the harbor, and lease to manufacturers sites for plants at the edge of the harbor. The 400 acres of land which will be created by the fruition of the project will afford space for warehouses and factories innumerable. As a property unimproved, the land will be worth \$6,000,000.

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In addition to the western harbor project work has been started on the concrete wharf at the foot of Wingston street, East Oakland, and on the \$250,000 quay wall from Broadway to Myrtle street. These harbor projects, with the city hall work to be started shortly, have resulted in booming real-estate prices in the main business district and along the water front.

The building committee of the Oakland Hotel company has awarded bids for the installation of lights for the vaulted sidewalk in the business district, for \$27,740. Work will start soon.

A three-story, 32 room apartment house with two stores on the ground floor is about to be erected by Jacob Andrew in the west side of Broadway, 150 feet north of Twenty-third street. The building is to be a frame structure, equipped with all modern improvements, and will cost \$22,500. The building will be a block and a half north of the Key Route inn. Andrew is a San Franciscan, who has great faith in Oakland.

A three-story, 41 room apartment house will be built in the northeast corner of Piedmont avenue and Eleventh street by S. F. Merrill. The structure will cost \$25,000.

The realty dealers report unusual demand for residential property. Many sales have been made. Among the recent sales is that of the residence of Charles D. Pierce, mayor of Oakland in 1888-89. The property is located at 855 Twenty-third street and was purchased by Henry McCook. The demand has been even greater in the first three weeks of December than in the preceding month. This is especially true of suburban property.

MANY BUILDING PERMITS
The building permit applied for during the week total 48, calling for an expenditure of \$72,943.

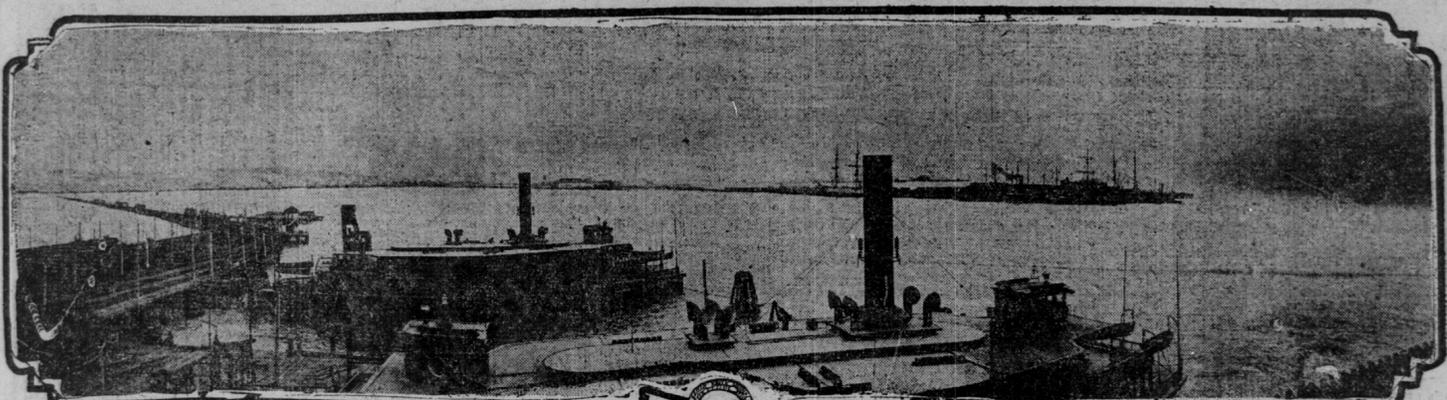
Table with 2 columns: Description of building types and their corresponding permit amounts.

In discussing the realty situation, E. Reed, subdivision manager of the Laymance real estate company, said:

"The strides Rock Ridge has taken during the year have been so great that even we who have had the planning of the property and the sale of it in charge have been surprised. A year ago Rock Ridge was practically unknown, while today it has taken its place in the city's life as a permanent factor—a highly improved and well restricted suburb.

PERALTA HEIGHTS ACTIVE
Charles Taylor of Taylor Brothers said:

"The Peralta heights district continues to be a popular one, for homes and there are many from outside desirous of living in Oakland to whom we are unable to supply the artistic houses they are seeking. The beautiful views of Lake Merritt, San Francisco bay and the foothills, and the short car ride by the Fourth avenue cars have been chiefly responsible for the transformation of this section by the home building of those who like a commanding situation on a hill. Lake View terrace in a few months has been sold out with the exception of half a dozen



View of Key Route basin, where the city of Oakland will make extensive improvements.

lots. Some of the sales which illustrate the activity on the east shore of Lake Merritt are as follows:
Sold to John P. Maxwell, 30 foot lot, Lake Shore Park heights. Maxwell will soon build a beautiful home thereon.
Sold to J. H. O'Neil, 20 foot lots, Lake Shore Park heights.
Sold to William Perrill, 66 foot lot in Lakeview terrace, facing Wesley avenue.
Sold to James Taylor, 80 feet frontage, Lakeview terrace, facing Wesley avenue.
Sold to Joseph Hinch, 110 foot frontage, Lakeview terrace, facing Wesley avenue.
Sold to J. C. Woodburn, 40 foot frontage, Lakeview terrace, facing Wesley avenue.
Sold to J. J. O'Neil, 60 foot frontage, Lakeview terrace, facing Wesley avenue.
Sold to Wesley Greenlaw, 40 feet, Lakeview terrace, facing Wesley avenue.
Sold to William G. Ferguson, two story, eight room residence, in Hanover avenue, Morand heights, for \$3,750.
Sold to Dr. Louis W. Watts, cottage, 171 Alameda avenue, \$5,000.

The realty dealers of Oakland see a bright future. George W. Austin said:

"Oakland has every reason to congratulate herself upon the conditions existing at the opening of another year's business. The realty market has displayed a steadily increasing strength through the year of 1910 until in the last few months an activity was displayed that no one could find fault with. The month of December, notwithstanding the holidays, produced good business, and there was an amount of negotiation and inquiry from outside points that promises well for the coming year. The comparison to be made between the year closing and 1909, and I think the new year will surprise the many who have not been in touch with conditions.

"The amount of building that is going on in Oakland is one of the features which would astound those whose business does not keep them in touch. The large amount of loans being made through the real estate offices because the banks can not accommodate the large demand is a sure indication of the way Oakland is growing. My business in this department has grown to an average of \$1,000,000 a year, and there is plenty of money to be had on improved property."

In Alameda
ALAMEDA, Dec. 30.—The real estate market, while not particularly active in this city owing to the holidays, has been more than holding its own, and with the changing of the steam railroad to electric in the near future much is hoped for in Alameda real estate.

McNaughton & Cuthbertson report many inquiries for December and a number of important sales, among them being the sale of the northwest corner of Central avenue and Chestnut street, 108 by 117.6, for \$12,500, to G. T. McCarthy, who will erect three handsome homes. Another important sale is that of a two story house at 554 Park street to Doctor Pierce for \$5,000. Others are the sale of a new five room bungalow at 1524 Pearl street, eight room cottage at the southwest corner of H. C. Henry for \$3,000; five room cottage at the southwest corner of Pearl street and Encinal avenue for \$2,250; five room cottage at 1336 Broadway to W. B. Henry for \$2,800.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE IS APPOINTED BY MAYOR
Vacancy Filled by Resident of Annexed District
OAKLAND, Dec. 30.—G. F. Beardsley, living at 1815 East Fourteenth street, Fruitvale, was appointed library trustee by Mayor Frank K. Mott today, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John A. Brewer.

The present board of library trustees was chosen before annexation. The mayor, in filling the first vacancy that occurred, has sought to give the annex its proper representation on the board. Beardsley is well known in the eastern districts of the city, where he has been a leader in civic affairs. He was warmly recommended by leading citizens of the annex.

HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS TO STAGE CLASSIC
BERKELEY, Dec. 30.—A number of high school students who are members of the congregation of the First Christian church of this city will stage the third act of Henry Van Dyke's "The House of Rimmon" in the church tomorrow night. A program of music will also be part of the evening's entertainment.

CITY CLUB TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL BANQUET
BERKELEY, Dec. 30.—The City club of Berkeley will hold its annual banquet in the Shattuck hotel the evening of January 5. Percy V. Long, city attorney of San Francisco, will be the chief speaker of the evening. His topic will be "The Control of Public Service Corporations."

REALTY SYNDICATE GOES A-DREDGING

Big Corporation to Bid for Municipal Contract for Harbor Channel

OAKLAND, Dec. 30.—City officials have been informed that the Realty Syndicate, which company is now building a dredger for use in the Key Route basin, will be one of the bidders for the municipal contract for dredging a deep water channel and filling land back of the new bulkhead line in the western harbor. As the contract will be the largest of the kind ever let by the city, the estimated cost being \$350,000, the syndicate's proposed bid is expected to be greatly in favor of the municipality.

The number of companies which can take the contract is small. Reports have been made to the city officials that the large contractors will work in collusion to keep up the price of the contract. The fact that the Realty Syndicate purposes to bid is considered an advantage to the city, as the company is as much interested in low cost for the work as the city is.

The bids will be opened January 11, when the Realty Syndicate dredger will be completed. The dredger is being constructed for use by the San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose railway, but the enterprise of that railroad in the Key Route basin is so closely allied with the municipal project that one dredger could do the whole work.

For this reason the Realty Syndicate bid will be favorably received by the city, although the large contractors deny the alleged collusion.

CARS WILL RUN LATE ON NEW YEAR EVE

Discharge of Firearms Is Prohibited in Oakland

OAKLAND, Dec. 30.—Special car service will be maintained until 2 o'clock Sunday morning for the benefit of New Year eve revelers. The last car for the outlying districts will leave downtown at 2 o'clock, and there will be cars every few minutes until that time.

The Key Route will continue service to San Francisco every 20 minutes until 12:40 o'clock, and from San Francisco to Oakland until 1:40 o'clock. Superintendent of Police Wilson ordered today the arrest of any person exhibiting or discharging any kind of firearm New Year eve, or of any person carrying paint, mixed colored confetti, brushes, dusters, or flour. Patrolmen and sergeants are ordered to arrest any one causing any disturbance likely to result in injury to women or children.

HEBREW CONGREGATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

OAKLAND, Dec. 30.—The following officers were elected last night by the First Hebrew congregation to serve for the coming year: President, Abraham Jonas; vice president, Morris Schelder; treasurer, Frank Rittigstein; directors, George Samuels, Albert Lavenson, George Mosbacher, Max Marcuse, A. Sehafran and Frederick Kahn. A committee will be appointed to reform the ritual.

COUPLE MARRY FOR THE THIRD TIME

This Time for Keeps, Says Girl Who Has Obtained Two Annulments

OAKLAND, Dec. 30.—For the third time, Milton T. Mayfield and Lillie Haven Davis will take their vows to live together as man and wife until death do them part. Twice already they have been married, and twice legally separated. This morning the bride to be again, who is only 21 years old, secured a license for her third wedding. It will be celebrated by the Rev. Thomas Boyer of the First Christian church.

The first wedding took place when she was only 15 years old. She did not get along with her husband, who was 22 at the time, and she had the marriage annulled on the ground that she was under age when she was married.

More than two years later Mayfield talked her into another wedding. She was almost 18 years old. This marriage was no more successful than the first, and again she availed herself of the fact that she was under age to have the marriage annulled.

A few days ago she decided that the third time might be the charm. Her former and future husband did not have time to go with her to the marriage license counter, so she went alone.

"This is for keeps this time," she said to Deputy County Clerk Wilson, who acted as Cupid.

NEW LAW TO PREVENT GASOLINE ACCIDENTS

Berkeley Council Demands Labeling of Oil Cans

BERKELEY, Dec. 30.—Owing to many accidents in the use of kerosene and gasoline, improperly labeled, the city council today passed an ordinance requiring proper labeling, and the prohibition of all over-volatile oils.

At the next meeting the board will consider a billboard ordinance designed to prevent the piling of rubbish behind these fences. The proposed law will require the boards to be placed three feet back from the sidewalk and that they be not joined at the corners in lots at the intersection of two streets.

The council took over at the meeting three deeds for parks in Claremont court, which the city will hereafter maintain.

EASTERN STAR WATCH PARTY—San Leandro, Dec. 30.—Golden Wave chapter No. 102, Order of Eastern Stars, will hold a watch night meeting in the new Masonic hall tomorrow evening.

BOY'S NAME ALMOST HALTS MARRIAGE

Mother Insists He Use One, He Another; "Use Both," Says Clerk; Curtain

OAKLAND, Dec. 30.—A hitch in the matrimonial plans of Edward A. Runge and Ruth V. Lover was occasioned last night by the refusal of the young man's mother to give her consent to his marriage unless he gave up his name, which is that of her first husband, whom she divorced 17 years ago. In as much as Runge is only 19 years of age, he could not get a license unless his mother consented.

He arrived at the marriage license counter with Mrs. Mattida Morrison, his mother. Deputy County Clerk Riley asked him his name and the name Runge was given in response. This brought out an indignant protest from Mrs. Morrison, who refused flatly to give her consent.

The young man refused as flatly to change his name, saying that only the court could do that for him. Things had come to a halt when Riley suggested that he might use both names in getting the license. It was made out accordingly. "Edward A. Runge, sometimes known as Edward A. Morrison," this placated Mrs. Morrison, and she gave her consent. Runge, or Morrison, has always been known by the latter name.

WOMEN ENTERTAINED BY ALAMEDA EAGLES

Nearly Four Hundred Guests Enjoy the Evening

ALAMEDA, Dec. 30.—Alameda aerle of Eagles held a women's night program in Woodman hall last night. Nearly 400 guests were present. The program consisted of vaudeville numbers, a dance and supper.

Dr. Tom Carpenter, state vice president, complimented Alameda aerle on its increasing membership and growing prosperity.

Percy Forsyth, who is soon to retire as president of the aerle, was presented with a ring by his lodge brothers. The presentation was made by Al Klhn.

ST. HELENA OFFICIALS STUDY STREET SYSTEM

OAKLAND, Dec. 30.—A party of city officials from St. Helena arrived in Oakland today to inspect the street and fire systems. In the party are Mayor F. G. Warner, City Engineer C. N. Wallace, Trustees J. C. Money, L. G. Clark, Ed B. Brilliant and S. N. Bell. P. S. Grant accompanies the officials. City Engineer F. C. Turner is conducting the visitors.

PROMINENT MASON SHOWN HIGH HONORS

OAKLAND, Dec. 30.—John C. Foser, past high priest of Oakland chapter No. 36, Royal Arch Masons, and past master of Brooklyn lodge, was chosen twice illustrious master of Oakland council No. 12, Royal and Select Masters, at the annual meeting held last night.

The following were the other officers elected:

Edwin Stevenson, deputy illustrious master; Edward H. Morgan, principal conductor of works; James B. Merritt, treasurer; George H. Smith, recorder. The newly elected officers of Royal Arch Masons will be installed January 11.

PIONEER RAILROADMAN BURIED—Oakland, Dec. 30.—The funeral of the late James N. Abbey, a pioneer railroadman of California, was held this afternoon under the auspices of Leland Stanford division No. 253, brotherhood of locomotive engineers.

BANK ROBBERS GET \$3,000—Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 30.—Robbers entered the bank at Dow City, near Des Moines, during the night and escaped with \$3,000.

Cleanup of Berkeley Ordered by the Chief Is Being Accomplished

BERKELEY, Dec. 30.—Chief of Police Vollmer this morning issued orders to his force to gather in all peddlers who are making a house canvass of the city without licenses. He has also issued instructions to round up tramps and other vagrants. The frequent burglaries during the last month and the large number of hoboes in the city have made a cleanup necessary. House holders were warned to report at once to the police department the presence in their neighborhood of all men peddling or acting in a suspicious manner.

MYSTIC SHRINE TO GIVE THEATER PARTY—Oakland, Dec. 30.—A theater party will be given in the near future by Ahimsa temple, order of Mystic Shrine.

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Gowns at 10 Per Cent Reduction
An immense range of GOWNS in high, round, square and V neck styles, ranging from \$1.00 to \$30.00. ALSO A SPECIAL LINE OF FINE GOWNS AT 25 PER CENT TO 50 PER CENT REDUCTION.

Skirts at 10 Per Cent Reduction
A large and beautiful variety of SKIRTS in embroidery and lace effects. \$2.50 to \$27.50. Specially good values in SKIRTS at \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$5.00. ALSO A SPECIAL LINE OF FINE SKIRTS MARKED AT 25 PER CENT TO 50 PER CENT REDUCTION.

Drawers at 10 Per Cent Reduction
DRAWERS at 50c, 60c, 75c, \$1.00 up to \$12.50. CORSET COVERS at 25c, 50c, 60c, 75c up to \$2.50. ALL THREE-PIECE COMBINATIONS MARKED DOWN TO COST. COMBINATION GARMENTS at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 up to \$20.00.

Imported Underwear at 10 Per Cent Reduction
New importations of AUSTRIAN and FRENCH UNDERWEAR in immense variety included in this sale, comprising CHEMISES, GOWNS, DRAWERS, CORSET COVERS and THREE-PIECE SETS. A SPECIAL LINE OF FRENCH UNDERWEAR MARKED AT 25 PER CENT REDUCTION.

Children's and Misses' Muslin Underwear at 10 Per Cent Reduction
We make a special feature of quality UNDERGARMENTS FOR CHILDREN—CHILDREN'S DRAWERS at 35c, 50c, 60c up to \$2.00. CHILDREN'S SKIRTS at 60c, 75c up to \$4.50. CHILDREN'S WAIST SKIRTS at 60c, 75c, \$1.00 up to \$4.50. CHILDREN'S GOWNS at 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 up to \$1.75. CHILDREN'S COMBINATIONS AND PRINCESS SLIPS. CHILDREN'S WHITE MOTHER HUSBAND DRESSES—60c and prices to \$20.00. CHILDREN'S WHITE FRENCH DRESSES at \$1.25 up to \$35.00. INFANTS' LONG WHITE DRESSES at 60c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 up to \$2.50. INFANTS' LONG WHITE SKIRTS at 60c, 75c, \$1.00 up to \$5.00. INFANTS' HAND-MADE DRESSES at \$1.75, \$2.00 up to \$37.50.

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COATS AT 1/2 PRICE
DRESSES AT 1/2 PRICE
SKIRTS AT 1/2 PRICE
EVENING GOWNS 1/2 PRICE
EVENING COATS AT 1/2 PRICE
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