

GRAND COUNCIL OF YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

New Officers Are Elected at the Annual Meeting of Young Men's Institute

ROOF GARDEN BANQUET

Bishop Montgomery Guest of the Delegates at Novel Affair at Beach Resort

Special Dispatch to The Call.
SANTA CRUZ, Aug. 24.—Archbishop Montgomery arrived here to-day as the special guest of the Grand Council of the Young Men's Institute. He was met on his arrival at the depot by Anthony Schevanna of Los Angeles and Past Supreme President Frank J. Kierce. To-night a grand banquet was held at the Casino roof garden, overlooking the bay. The tables were beautifully decorated, and the menu was a fine one. John J. Doran, president of Santa Cruz Council, was toastmaster. Toasts were responded to by Mayor E. C. Clark, Santa Cruz, Right Rev. Bishop George Montgomery, Past Supreme President Frank J. Kierce, Past Grand Secretary John P. Fitzgerald, Grand Secretary George A. Stanley, Charles A. Willey and Past Grand President Samuel Hasdiken.

The Grand Council closed its session this afternoon. The selection of a place for the holding of the next meeting was left with the board of directors. The election of officers was the first order of business this afternoon. The election was a spirited one. Following are the new officers:

His Grace Archbishop P. W. Riordan of San Francisco, honorary grand chaplain; Rev. M. D. Slattery, grand chaplain; M. D. Slattery, grand president; C. G. Willey of San Francisco, grand secretary; J. J. Burns of San Francisco, grand second vice president; Frank J. O'Brien of San Francisco, grand treasurer; William T. Aggeler of San Francisco, grand marshal; C. D. O'Connor, grand inside secretary; Joseph E. Kelly of Berkeley, grand outside sentinel; J. T. Glasgow of Vallejo, grand director; Rev. W. R. Thompson of Fort Crockett, grand director; A. Medina, Dr. J. V. Cravotto, E. D. Sullivan, J. E. Richards, W. J. Riley and P. A. McCarthy of San Francisco, and J. Callahan of Livermore.

The newly elected officers were inducted by Deputy Supreme President William J. Hennessy.

A resolution was adopted tendering the thanks of the Grand Council to Santa Cruz Council No. 12, Y. M. I.; St. Agnes Council No. 12, Y. M. I.; the remaining grand officers, the clergy of Holy Cross parish of Santa Cruz, Rev. M. D. Slattery, grand chaplain; the management of the Beach Cottage and Tent City Association, Thomas Kelly of Santa Cruz, to the degree team that entertained the new ritual at San Jose, Vallejo, Sacramento, San Francisco and Santa Cruz, to the press of Santa Cruz and San Francisco and to the press committee of the Grand Council. A resolution of thanks was tendered to the Young Ladies' Institute and the Catholic A.M. Society.

In the fifty councils of the Pacific Coast Jurisdiction there are more than 2800 members with a combined treasury of more than \$250,000.

Fraternal greetings were received from Mission Council, San Francisco, and St. Francis Council, Young Ladies' Institute.

BENNINGTON'S PLATES INJURED IN COLLISION WITH CHICAGO

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IRRIGATIONISTS HONOR PARADE

Governor of California Is Elected President of the National Congress

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Delegates Declare Against Large Land Owners and Praise Government Work

PORTLAND, Aug. 24.—After an interesting session which consumed the entire day the thirteenth annual meeting of the National Irrigation Congress came to an end late this afternoon. Before the session of the congress is important for the pronounced stand assumed on three subjects.

It declared emphatically that its sympathy is with the small land owner against the large landed proprietors who seek to have the national irrigation law so amended as to permit the retention of more than 160 acres of irrigated land.

The congress also expressed the opinion that Government enterprise in the reclamation of arid lands should not unnecessarily interfere with previous private enterprise, nor private enterprise with prior Government projects.

Finally it expressed disapproval of the repeated attempts to inject the subject of undesirable foreign immigration into its deliberations, contending that this subject is one in which the congress, as a body, is not interested.

Before the consideration of the business of the congress the submission of reports, election of officers and selection of next year's meeting place, William E. Curtis of Chicago made an address on the subject of irrigation in the United States.

Curtis' paper was followed by the reading of a letter to the congress from President James J. Hill of the Great Northern Railway and the submitting of committee reports. Hill's letter was read by E. W. Eberlin of San Francisco, who was introduced by Governor Pardee of California, to the congress.

George A. Stanley, grand secretary, presented the report of the nominating committee, naming the following officers for the ensuing year: George C. Pardee, California, president; L. W. Shurtliff, Utah, first vice president; K. H. Stephens, Texas, second vice president; H. D. Maxon, Nevada, secretary.

The committee to adopt the report of the committee on resolutions was followed by the introduction of an amendment to a resolution indorsing the present reclamation law, especially those provisions which afford an opportunity for the disposal of any acreage in excess of 160 acres to one land-holder.

The motion was bitterly attacked by the supporters of the small land holders, and after a spirited debate the amendment was defeated and the report was adopted as presented.

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FIGHT FOR BIG ESTATE EDED

Decision of Court Takes \$1,000,000 From the Heirs of a California Woman

OREGON WINS BATTLE

Judge Holds That Last Testament Was Made by Resident of Webfoot State

PORTLAND, Aug. 24.—County Judge Webster to-day handed down his decision in the celebrated Reed will case, ruling that Mrs. Amanda Reed was legally domiciled at the time of her death in Portland, and that the terms of the will in which more than \$1,000,000 was given for the establishment of an educational institution in Oregon will thus stand. The case will be appealed to the State Circuit Court.

The point at issue was in regard to Mrs. Reed's legal domicile at the time of her death. If Pasadena, Cal., where she was living when she died, was her legal residence, as claimed by the contestants of the will, the laws of California would have applied. Under the California law more than one-third of an estate cannot be given for charitable purposes, and the intention of Mrs. Reed to establish a large educational institution in Oregon would have been defeated.

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The cable was first laid in 1891 by an Eastern company, which lost every dollar it put into the project. It disposed of the submarine to a Northwestern concern, which succeeded in getting the cable in operation and then negotiated with the Government and the Oceanic company, which lost every dollar it put into the project. It disposed of the submarine to a Northwestern concern, which succeeded in getting the cable in operation and then negotiated with the Government and the Oceanic company, which lost every dollar it put into the project.

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WAR VETERAN WELDS KNIFE

Ranch Manager Is Stabbed by Member of the Home for Soldiers in Napa County

HIS DEATH EXPECTED

Victim of Pensioner Is Said to Have Started Row by Attacking Yountville Man

YOUNTVILLE, Aug. 24.—Shortly after 10 o'clock last night Joseph Eckert, the manager of the Prior ranch here, was stabbed and probably fatally wounded by William A. Deans, a member of the Veterans' Home at this place. It is reported that Deans was on his way home from Yountville when he was assaulted by Eckert, who from all appearances had been drinking. Deans drew his knife and stabbed Eckert several times in the abdomen, side and neck.

The wounded man was carried to the hospital at the Veterans' Home, where his wounds were attended to. Dr. H. G. Burton, surgeon in charge of the hospital, expresses grave doubt as to Eckert's recovery, the abdominal wounds being serious.

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EXTENSION OF ROAD SAID TO BE PLANNED

Southern Pacific May Run Its Beach Road to Venice.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 24.—It is reported in connection with the visit of Vice President Kruttschnitt to the Southern Pacific to Los Angeles that his company is contemplating an extension of the beach line to Santa Monica down the coast through Ocean Park and to the new resort of Venice. This would have the advantage of giving patrons of the road through connections from Los Angeles with all of these resorts. It is also reported, although without any official expression, that Kruttschnitt may be called upon to decide during his stay here whether Port Los Angeles shall be abandoned by the Southern Pacific in favor of San Pedro. It is stated that the wharf there if the port is to be maintained, and it is said these may not be made. The port has been neglected, as far as improvements are concerned, for several years.

VALLEJO, Aug. 24.—Colonel Mahoney, Captain D. P. Hall and Lieutenant Ellis of the Marine Corps have been appointed by the commandant at Mare Island to investigate the theft of a check for \$150 issued by the Treasury Department in favor of Coughlin, a sub-inspector in the yard's dock department. The check was delivered to a discharged prisoner (also named Coughlin) on the Independence by a mail orderly. The ex-prisoner forged Coughlin's name and got the check cashed at a stationery store in Vallejo by the mail orderly. The ex-prisoner disappeared after getting the money.

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EXTORTS CON FROM EMPLOYER

Miner Shoots Superintendent and Compels Him to Sign Note and Give Up His Cash

VICTIM IN HOSPITAL

Carried There by Assailant After Injured Man Promised Not to Tell of Assault

AUBURN, Aug. 24.—John L. Caskey was arrested here this morning by Sheriff Keena for extortion and attempting to murder Fred Venzke at the Bald Mountain mine on Tuesday afternoon. Venzke is superintendent of the Bald Mountain mine and Caskey has worked at the mine for the last year. Monday Caskey went to Last Chance, but returned on Tuesday and hid in a cabin. When Venzke came out of his house Caskey slipped in and got a gun, and coming up behind Venzke, shot him in the leg near the ankle, tearing it frightfully. He then demanded \$100.

Venzke finally told him where he had secreted \$100 in money and \$20 worth of nuggets. These and the coin Caskey took and then demanded that Venzke sign a note for \$300. Venzke gave Caskey a note for \$100 and told him he would call it an accident if he would take him to a doctor.

Caskey agreed and brought him to the hospital here. Venzke kept the secret until this morning, when he told it and the arrest followed.

Venzke is a highly respected miner, fifty-one years of age. Caskey is twenty-nine years old. Venzke's leg will have to be amputated.

BLOW OF FIST MAY CAUSE MAN'S DEATH

Garden City Painter Strikes Bartender and Seriously Injures Him.

SAN JOSE, Aug. 24.—William Martin, a painter, was made the defendant in a complaint to-day charging him with assault upon the bartender of the Albion Hotel on the Alameda in an altercation last Monday night.

Martin was drinking in the hotel and got into a dispute with the bartender, and the latter, it appears, was knocked out. Martin claims to have hit the man with his fist only, and as the victim's head and body show no marks, this is probably true. It was thought at first that the injuries were not serious and no action was taken against Martin until last night, when the doctor in attendance upon the victim notified the sheriff that his patient might not recover as his condition had become critical. Martin was accordingly arrested.

SAFE OF A VESSEL IS FOUND BY INDIANS

Relic of Wrecked Craft Discovered and Ransacked by Natives.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 24.—The steamship Fern, which arrived to-day from the northern coast, reports having discovered a ship's safe at a point on Queen Charlotte Islands. On the beach among a lot of flotsam was what looked at first like a big water tank, but investigation showed it to have been a depository for money and valuable papers. The Indians found the safe in wreckage long ago and, taking it ashore, succeeded in breaking it open. They found within, according to the story told, a number of papers, but no money. One of the papers bore the heading of the Pacific Steamship Company. Finding no further use for the cumbersome thing they left it on the beach almost on the spot where it was first landed.

Utahans at the Fair. PORTLAND, Aug. 24.—This is the largest and most enthusiastic gathering I have ever seen in the exposition in attendance on State day exercises.

This was the statement made by President H. W. Goode as he appeared on the balcony of the Utah building this afternoon to deliver a welcome to Utah visitors on the occasion of their State day. There were fully 700 Utahans present.

Memorial Window Unveiled. VALLEJO, Aug. 24.—A beautiful memorial window presented by Mrs. Mason, widow of Commander Mason, U. S. N., in memory of her father, Rear Admiral Stowell Phelps, U