

COUNCIL FIXING WATER, LIGHT AND TELEPHONE RATES

Pacific States Company Asks That Purchase of Home Plant Be Taken in Consideration

WATER CONCERN TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

Next Meeting Fixed for March 14, When Matter Will Be Settled

OAKLAND, Feb. 26.—When the council met today as a rate fixing committee the hearing was attended by representatives of the People's Water company, the Union Water company, the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company and the Pacific Gas and Electric company.

Most of the time was taken up with arguments by representatives of the telephone company. J. W. Gilkerson, division superintendent, gave an outline of the value of the Oakland plant with the expenditures and revenues.

Mr. Gilkerson explained that the company wished the council to take into consideration in fixing the rates the expense of the purchase of the Home Telephone plant, which he said was of little benefit. Many of the cables of the two companies were parallel and this condition applies to other portions. The company is now at work trying to eliminate all parts which are of no value.

Mayor Mott asked Mr. Gilkerson to present an itemized statement March 14.

City Water Expert J. H. Dockweiler had prepared a list of questions to be answered by the water companies and 30 days were allowed for securing this data. The water companies were asked to give the number of active and non-active services, the total number of services on January 1 and June 1 of 1911 and 1912, the meter rate services and the percentage of water used per meter.

Frank A. Leach Jr. and Charles E. Snook, attorneys, were asked to appear March 14 for the fixing of the rates for the Pacific Gas and Electric company.

LAWYER CALLING POLICE "ROTTEN" IS REBUKED

Oakland Jury Resents Attorney's Attack on Department and District Attorney's Office

OAKLAND, Feb. 26.—Abuse of the district attorney's office and the police department, as the main feature in his defense of a burglar today, earned for T. L. Christensen, an attorney, a rebuke from the jury in Judge Donahue's court yesterday. After returning a verdict of guilty of first degree burglary against Christensen's client Juror Richard Townsend asked permission to address the court. He said the jury has entire confidence in the district attorney's office and the police department.

Deputy District Attorney W. B. Smith testified that William Stiggins, the defendant, confessed to him. Smith was assailed by Christensen in the argument to the jury. "The district attorney's office is rotten," said Christensen, "and the inspectors of police are rotten."

Judge Donahue set Monday as the date for Stiggins' sentence.

Bernhardt at Oakland Star Royally Received

Stage folk who win favor with east bay theatergoers.



Orpheum Bill Headed By "Divine Sarah" One of Strength

OAKLAND, Feb. 26.—The appearance of Mme. Sarah Bernhardt at the Orpheum has proved a red letter day in the theatrical history of the city, and local theatergoers have so far realized the importance of the event that they have accorded the "Divine Sarah" one of the biggest receptions she has had along the entire Orpheum circuit.

At both performances today she gave "One Christmas Night," "Phedre" and "The Sign of the Cross" and evening performances tomorrow, after which she will be seen Friday and Saturday in the fifth act of "Camille."

Mme. Bernhardt has selected "Camille" for the close of her engagement because of the great strength and dramatic appeal of the piece.

The other acts on the bill are well up to the Orpheum standard, and patrons are loud in their praise of the general bill. Starting with the Hess sisters, singers and dancers, the bill contains comedy, music, acrobatics and all the other stunts for which the Orpheum is famous. Among those who appear are McMahon, Diamond and Clemence, a laughing success; Josie Heather, singer and comedienne; Ignatius Cardosh, pianist; and Dorothy Brenner and Joseph Rattelle in "At the Flower Stand."

Circus at Pantages

The Pantages theater has something in the nature of a miniature circus this week with its three performing animals. They appear in two different acts and are known as Little Hip, the baby elephant, Napoleon, the man ape, and Jap, the dog.

In honor of the third birthday anniversary of Little Hip, a reception to children will be given by the four footed actors at Saturday's matinee, and a large gathering of the little folks is expected.

The stunt of Little Hip and Napo-

SOCIAL EVENTS IN TRANSBAY REGION

Miss Gertrude Baker to Give Dinner March 28, Preceding Easter Dance

OAKLAND, Feb. 26.—One of the series of dinners preceding the Easter dance of the Friday Night club will be that over which Miss Gertrude Baker will preside as hostess. The second assembly of the club will take place March 28 in the Ivory ballroom of Hotel Oakland, nearly 200 of the smart set being invited. Miss Baker will ask a dozen of the debutante set, and will be assisted in entertaining by her mother, Mrs. C. F. Baker.

Mrs. Harry Meek, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Hawley, formerly Miss Harriet Meek, are on their way to the Atlantic coast, where they will remain until the Eastertide. The month's sojourn in the east will be spent mostly in New York. Mrs. Meek has closed her suburban residence, "The Orchards," for the spring.

Miss Anne Engelhardt is still confined to the house with a broken ankle. Miss Engelhardt, with a party of friends, joined the Sierra club at the ice carnival at Truckee, and while skiing met with the accident which has kept her from the gayeties of the younger set during the spring weeks.

Mrs. Charles Hubbard and Mrs. Edward Hale Campbell entertained 50 guests this afternoon at bridge and tea, the affair being the first in a series of two card parties, the second of which will take place tomorrow.

A dinner, followed by bridge, is the pleasure which Mrs. George Hamner has planned for a dozen or so guests for March 7. Mrs. Hamner has given a series of these affairs during the season, opening her Adams point home to the groups of friends.

In honor of Miss Madeline Clay, whose wedding with Warren Harold will take place April 22 at "Level Lea," Miss Florence Henshaw entertained a dozen girls of the younger set at a luncheon this afternoon at "Rose Crest." The later hour was devoted to a session at the bridge tables.

Mrs. George McNear Sr. will arrive in Europe early in April, planning to spend the summer on the continent. She will join her daughter, Miss Elizabeth McNear, in England, later probably becoming a member of the party of her son, George McNear Jr., and his family.

Miss Edith Livermore is in Dresden, the house guest of her sister, Mrs. Hurlen. Professor Hurlen occupies a unique position among the musical folk in Germany, and the Dresden home is the center of social life. Miss Livermore will not return to California for two years.

In honor of her mother, Mrs. Lewis of Chicago, who is spending the early year in California, and Mrs. W. H. Ferguson, a bride of the season, Mrs. Royal D. Hawley will entertain at a large tea Saturday afternoon at her home in Perkins street, asking her guests from 3 to 6 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Hawley will depart a week later for a short visit in Chicago.

With Miss Helen Young and her fiancé, Professor Crawford of the University of California, as her guests of honor, Mrs. Martin Biote entertained last night. Cards and dancing was the diversion of the score of friends who were asked to meet the young couple, whose wedding will be in May.

Berkeley Jottings

President Benjamin Ide Wheeler has announced that the speaker at the university meeting Friday, February 28, will be Professor Francis Greenwood Peabody of Harvard university, an eminent theologian who is on his way with his wife to the orient.

Charles H. Spear, former harbor commissioner of San Francisco, has made known definitely his intention to run for mayor in the April election.

Policeman Shoots Himself Had Quarreled With Wife

BERKELEY, Feb. 26.—Special Policeman George Logan, 32 years old, attempted to commit suicide this afternoon at 5:20 o'clock by shooting himself in the heart with a revolver at his home at 2025 Bancroft way. Logan was taken to Roosevelt hospital. His condition was precarious. The shooting followed a quarrel Logan had with his wife, who had left him and gone to San Francisco. They had had domestic disturbances frequently.

A wedding breakfast the young couple departed for a honeymoon in the north. They will live in Los Angeles, where Mills is in business.

The bride is the daughter of G. J. Waller, democratic candidate for governor in Hawaii. Mrs. Waller and her daughters have been making their home in Alameda for a few seasons. The wedding was simple in detail, spring blossoms decorating the rooms, while the members of the family connections gathered to witness the ceremony, which was read by Rev. James Curry. The bride wore the same gown of ivory satin and lace which her sister, Miss Ruth Waller, wore on the occasion of her marriage to James Clegg a year ago.

The only attendants were Miss Esther Waller and Miss Beatrice Waller, who were similarly robed in gowns of pink crepe de chine. They carried baskets of pink roses. Douglass Clegg assisted Mills as best man.

CHAMBER WINS GAS ENGINE FIGHT

More Time to Be Granted California Manufacturers in Filing Government Contracts

OAKLAND, Feb. 26.—Recognition of the efforts of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce to overcome the discrimination against California manufacturers of gas engines in the awarding of contracts by the federal government was received at the chamber today in a communication from Congressman Knowland. The letter contained a statement from Franklin MacVey, secretary of the treasury department, who forwarded a report from S. I. Kendall, superintendent in the life saving service. The report concedes that manufacturers of gas engines in California labored under a handicap and grants a concession of more time in awarding contracts.

ART EXHIBIT IS ARRANGED

Hillside Club of Berkeley Will Display California Painters' Work

BERKELEY, Feb. 26.—The Hillside club of Berkeley is arranging for its annual display of paintings by California artists, which will be held this year from March 14 to 20, at the club house, Arch and Cedar streets. Last year more than 2,000 persons visited the exhibition. Frank M. Seconover, who arranged the display last year, is chairman of the committee now in charge.

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BERKELEY TO HAVE BOND ELECTION ON APRIL 12

Ordinance Passed on Receipt of Telegram From Councilman Norton Ending Deadlock

BERKELEY, Feb. 26.—The city council has set the date for the bond election for April 12. The ordinance calling the election was passed to print on receipt from the south of a telegram from Councilman E. B. Norton, declaring in favor of April 12 as the election date. The council, in Norton's absence, had remained deadlocked. Mayor Wilson and Councilman John A. Wilson wanted the election in May, after the general municipal election. Councilmen Hoff and Turner held out for April 12, between the municipal primary and general elections.

The bond items will total \$805,000. This sum will be expended on a sewer system, playgrounds and fire equipment.

The Oakland Esperanto club will meet this evening at the Oakland high school. The club is furthering a proposition to make Esperanto an elective study in the public schools of the state.

OAKLAND THEATERS

PANTAGES MAUDEVILLE. Little Hip Daisy Harcourt. THE TINIEST BABY ELEPHANT IN THE WORLD AND NAPOLEON THE MAN APE. 8-BIG ACTS-8. Mat. Daily at 2:30; Nights at 7:15-9:15. SUN AND MONDAYS at 1:30 and 3:30. HOLIDAYS 1 Night Continuous from 6:30. Prices. 10c, 20c, 30c.

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