NEWS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

COUNCIL HOLDS FAST TO MONEY

Railroad Promoter Chapin Fails in Efforts to Recover on Franchise Fund

MUST GO INTO COURT

Committee Postpones Indefinitely Action on Petition From San Jose Man

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, June 17.

F. E. Chapin, the street railway promoter of San Jose, cannot recover $8500 that the City Council holds as the price paid for the franchises granted to J. H. Macdonald for the stretches of road on College avenue and in East Oakland. The College avenue franchise has been turned over to Chapin, who holds as well any rights there may be in the $8500 that was bid for the franchise.

After Macdonald won the contest he made a dicker with the Oakland Transit Consolidated by which that company, the original applicant, gained control of the East Oakland franchise. The other one was assigned to Chapin, for whom, it is understood, Macdonald had been acting.

For some reason not explained Chapin did not think much of his bargain, and a short time ago put in an application to the City Council for the return of his $8500.

The Council has persisted in ignoring the demand, and for the fourth or fifth time has passed the request in committee. Last night action on Chapin's petition was indefinitely postponed, which means practically that the promoter will be compelled to sue the city.

POLICE BOARD NAMES NEW PRISON MATRON

Mrs. C. F. Baxter Succeeds Her Mother—Former Patrolman Merrick Asks for Rehearing.

OAKLAND, June 17.—Mrs. C. F. Baxter was appointed matron of the City Prison by the Police and Fire Commissioners to-day to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs. S. B. Reed, her mother.

Testimony was taken in support of former Policeman Thomas Merrick's petition for a rehearing on the charges of drunkenness, which the board sustained last week when it dismissed Merrick from the department. Dr. Weitman, a druggist, testified to-day that he had given Merrick a large dose of paregoric shortly before the former patrolman was reported as intoxicated. The drug, coupled with two drinks of brandy which Merrick admitted having taken, might have caused his condition, according to the petition presented to the commissioners. The petition was taken under advisement.

ELECTION CONTEST IN STONYBROOK DISTRICT

J. T. Pereira Says D. W. King, School Director-Elect, Obtained Office Through Fraud.

OAKLAND, June 17.—Action has been begun by J. T. Pereira to contest the election of D. W. King as School Director of the Stonybrook District. He claims that he received more votes than King, but that there was a concerted plan to defeat him and that King was declared elected by an election board of which he himself was a judge. Pereira says that there are but fifteen legal voters in the district and that of this number he received the votes of nine.

Back of this trouble is a quarrel of long standing over the location of the schoolhouse. The district is several miles long and the residents of one end seek to remove the building to their end, while the residents of the other end are equally determined to retain it where it is.

HARRY BALDWIN SENTENCED TO EIGHT YEARS AT FOLSOM

With Harry Childs He Is Put Away Where He Will Not Molest.

OAKLAND, June 17.—For complicity in various burglaries Harry Baldwin was sentenced to eight years at Folsom to-day by Judge S. P. Hall. He was tried before a jury and found guilty of burglary in the second degree. The limit is ten years.

Baldwin, Harry Childs and Ed. Morton were arrested for the same offenses. Morton was caught selling the jewelry stolen by the other two and turned State's evidence. Through his testimony Baldwin and Childs were found guilty. Last week Childs was sent to Folsom for eight years.

Finds Rest in Jail.

OAKLAND, June 17.—Having unduly celebrated the arrest of William J. Lawless, his brother-in-law, on a charge of stealing his valuable papers, Robert Cook found himself in the Police Court dock this morning, badly marred by his hard night and facing a charge of drunkenness. Acting Police Judge Quinn thought twenty-five days' surcease from the cocktail route would bring Cook to his senses and that was the order. The grand larceny charge against Lawless will be dismissed.

Marriage Licenses.

OAKLAND, June 17.—The following marriage licenses were issued by the County Clerk to-day:

Hugh D. Walker, 25, Oakland, and Alice Chapman, 20, Alameda; J. W. Buchan, 32, Walnut Creek, and Mary Goebbels, 24, Oakland; Frank Valergas, 41, and Amanda Cuff, 30, both of Oakland.

Makes Demurrer to Complaint.

OAKLAND, June 17. — Argument was made before Police Judge Samuels to-day on a demurrer to a complaint against the Rev. Father Heslin, who is accused of misconduct. A decision will be rendered June 20.

SAYS BICYCLE LAW IS VOID

Judge Samuels Renders an Opinion That a Wheelman Must Not Use Sidewalks

COUNCIL IS IN ERROR

His Honor Decides Legislative Body Cannot Give Privilege to the Riders

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, June 17.

When the City Council passed an ordinance which permitted bicyclists to use the sidewalks under certain restrictions the legislative body went outside of its powers, according to a decision that was rendered to-day by Police Judge George Samuels. His Honor ruled that the sidewalks of the city are for the exclusive use of pedestrians, that cyclists are not pedestrians and, therefore, the bicycle cannot be ridden on a sidewalk.

For that reason the case of William Clarke, a wheelman, who failed to turn out and dismount when meeting a pedestrian on a sidewalk, was dismissed, the decision being that any punishment administered under the ordinance would be invalid.

The Judge used the following language regarding the question:

Any law that attempts to give a bicyclist privileges to ride on a sidewalk is invalid. The Council has no right to permit the wheelman under any restrictions to use the sidewalk that under the municipal charter is for the exclusive use of pedestrians. When a City Council attempts to grant permission to cyclists to ride on the sidewalk it goes outside of its powers. I ride a wheel myself, but I keep to the street. The city must have a new ordinance, or no more arrests of violators of the bicycle law will be of avail.

SUMMER SOCIETY

By Zoe Green Radcliffe.

OAKLAND, June 17.—Mrs. C. W. Kinsey was hostess to-day at a unique and enjoyable affair—a "mothers' and daughters' luncheon," where Miss Edith Larkey, soon to be a bride, and Mrs. George Lackie, matron of a few weeks, divided the honors. Around the tastefully decorated board were gathered Mrs. Larkey and her daughters, Miss Edith Larkey, Miss Ida Larkey and Mrs. John Tregloan; Mrs. J. R. Scupham and daughters, Mrs. George Lackie and Miss Elizabeth Scupham, Mrs. J. W. McClymonds and daughter, Mrs. Dudley Kinsell, Mrs. Edward C. Finch and Miss Emma Finch, Mrs. Archibald and Miss Clara Archibald, Mrs. Morse and Miss Ruth Morse and the hostess.

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Miss Rita Slater was the chief performer at the McCoy pupil recital Wednesday evening, and her painstaking rendition of a long and difficult programme was awarded by a great armful of flowers, showered upon her by appreciative friends. Miss Slater is a talented and conscientious piano student and plays entirely without the notes before her, which is always a worthy feat, particularly where Beethoven and Liszt are being interpreted. Miss Lulita Wasley sang two of Mr. McCoy's own compositions, and the Grieg sonata for violin and piano, by Miss Morgan and Miss Hannibal, was rendered in good style. The programme was as follows:

Prelude and fugue, C sharp minor (Bach); sonata, E flat major, op. 31, No. 2 (Beethoven)—Allegro—Allegro vivace, Moderato e grazioso—Presto con fuoco—Miss Slater. Two songs—(McCoy)—"Where Was I When Love Passed By?" "Would You?" Miss Walsey. Prelude (Rachmaninoff); Valse, A minor, op. 34, No. 2 (Chopin); "Grande Polonaise," E major (Liszt)—Miss Slater. Sonata, G minor (Grieg), Miss Morgan and Miss Hannibal.

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Mrs. F. B. Cotton and daughter, Miss Bessie Cotton, have returned from a few weeks' sojourn at Summit, the picturesque resort in the Santa Cruz Mountains that is becoming exceedingly popular since Charlie Fowler and his mother, Mrs. D. T. Fowler, have taken charge. Several Oaklanders have been among the recent visitors to Summit, including Misses Grace and Zoe Blodgett and Ward Renshaw, George Hall of Alameda and Byron Bent of the San Francisco Press Club were also guests.

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The Ebell Art section, of which Mrs. D. W. Gelwicks is the curator, gave an original outing at Piedmont Park recently. The basket luncheon was spread on the grass and the dozen or so members of the section enjoyed, in primitive fashion, the viands which were amusingly designated by the names of celebrated artists. The name cards, on which the menu was also written, were of cactus bark—artistic souvenirs of a happy day.

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Mr. and Mrs. Victor H. Metcalf will entertain next Tuesday evening in honor of Paymaster Richworth Nicholson, who returned recently after a long absence.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lovell will spend a few weeks in Cloverdale and will make the Yosemite trip later in the season.

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Misses Cora and Luella Brown and Mrs. Bluett of West Berkeley are spending a few days in Pinole.

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BERKELEY, June 17.—Mr. and Mrs. John Chase entertained a number of friends Wednesday evening at their home on Louisa street. The hours were passed in playing games and afterward refreshments were served. The guests were Miss Jennie Johnson, Miss Mazie Thompson, Miss Alice Lingard, Miss Lelia Brackett, Mis Laura Colburn, Miss Alice Gallagher, Miss Johnson, Miss Lena Chase, the Misses Cora and Bessie Patton, John Patton, George Furlong, John Chase, Frank Lincoln, Jack Gallagher, Alfred Thompson, A. L. Hale and F. W. Hale.

The engagement is announced of Miss Edith Faulds Crawford and Theodore Johnson Ludlow. Miss Crawford is a daughter of Mrs. J. A. Crawford of Piedmont avenue. Mr. Ludlow is a son of James P. Ludlow of Seattle, Wash., and a graduate of both the University of California and the University of Washington.

FALLING CARPENTER IS IMPALED ON A SPIKE

F. A. Smith of San Francisco Lies at Oakland Sanitarium in a Critical Condition.

ALAMEDA, June 17.—By the breaking of a scaffold attached to a residence in course of construction at the corner of San Antonio avenue and Bay street F. A. Smith, a carpenter, fell twenty-five feet and was impaled upon a large spike protruding from a sawhorse that stood beneath the scaffold. The large iron nail entered Smith's back, ripping it frightfully and fracturing three of his ribs. Both of his shoulders were broken and he sustained serious internal injuries, which the physicians say, are very likely to prove fatal.

Smith is 53 years of age, and resides at 336 Turk street, San Francisco. He is now at the Oakland Sanitarium.

To Help Firemen.

BERKELEY, June 17.—In recognition of the valuable services of the volunteer firemen the North Berkeley Improvement Club will father a petition seeking to raise $100 to purchase rubber coats and helmets for the men. The club decided to circulate the petition and appointed E. J. Martin, Victor Robertson, Henry Lamp, A. L. Ott, W. H. Marston, W. J. Murphy, E. J. Doyle, E. E. Newton, F. M. Todd and Harry J. Squires to collect the money.

BERKELEY SUBSTITUTES PAID FOR UNPAID FIRE DEPARTMENT

Reorganization of Protection Service Proceeding Slowly but With Promise of Effective Results. Twenty-Nine Men Now Employed on Salaries

CHIEF OF THE BERKELEY FIRE FIGHTERS, WHO IS PUTTING THAT DEPARTMENT ON A PAID BASIS, AND PHOTOGRAPH OF THE LORIN FIREHOUSE, WHICH HAS BEEN ABANDONED.

BERKELEY, June 17.—The reorganization of the Berkeley Fire Department has begun, and the efforts of Mayor Thomas Rickard and Fire Chief James Kenny, seconded by the Trustees, to give the town a better fire service are bearing fruit. Berkeley has been practically without fire or police protection for years, and the present Board of Trustees, at the initiative of Rickard, has been attempting to remedy this delinquency. The old volunteer department is being largely replaced by paid firemen. In a few years more the department will be entirely paid.

Several important changes are being made in the department, to take effect on or before July 1. Two old firehouses will be abandoned and four new men added to the list of paid firemen by that date. The money saved from the abandonment of the houses is used to pay the salaries of the firemen, which now amount to $145 a month. These men have only antiquated apparatus with which to work but hope to be better equipped if the proposed bond issue is approved by the voters.

With the $145 a month expended on salaries the city gets the services of twenty-nine men, who receive $5 each. The changing of these men from volunteers to salaried fire-fighters has been going on for two years and twenty-five of them have been carried on the city pay-roll for a year. As fast as the fire companies are disbanded certain of the members are retained for the pay department. In those companies that remain intact, however, there are still 150 volunteers who assist at fires. The paid men are scattered among the following companies:

North Berkeley—Jack Hampton, George Creed, Jack Lloyd, J. A. Westcott.
Marston—George Parker, Archie Edgar, Arthur Hicks, J. J. Carney.
Alert—Dick Rowe, Dick Davies, Ben Calhoun, Carl Martin.
Peralta—George Hagerty, Jack Hagerty, Dan Adams, Teddy Williams.
Lorin—Dan Wooley, J. A. Bowers.
Posen—Dan Sloan, John Mariscano, Harry Dean.
Beacon—Samuel Fisher, Asa Sisterna, Dick Brown, Charles Hadlen Jr.
Unattached—Tom Wooley, Al Tobin, Al Miller, Buell Bush.

As the lease of the ground on which stands the Lorin firehouse will expire on July 1, the Trustees ordered the building removed to the home of the fire chief who will use it as a barn.

PLAN ROUND-UP OF ALL BERKELEY REPUBLICANS

District and Central Organization Will Be Used to Get All the Voters in Line.

BERKELEY, June 17.—The Republican Club of Berkeley has taken the first step toward rounding up all the Republicans of Berkeley before the next compaign by engaging rooms in the new Thomas block on Center street, where headquarters will be established. Here it is proposed to plant the central organization of the town and to receive reports and data from all outside districts. The headquarters will be permanently retained and remain open until the issue is decided in November next.

By securing quarters the Republican leaders hope to stimulate an interest in political affairs and to unify the efforts of the men of the Republican faith. The chief aim will be to roll up big majorities in every precinct in the town. There will be a central organization and executive committee and in each of the wards a club and secretaries to collect data. In this way every voter will be reached. The Republicans have already agreed that Thomas Rickard, president of the Board of Trustees, shall lead them and he will be named for chairman of the central organization.

Music Slugs Serve for Gambling.

OAKLAND, June 17. — Wherever there is a chance for one man to win and another to lose, Judge Hall holds, it is gambling. To-day he upheld a decision rendered by Police Judge Mortimer Smith against George Edwards, prosecuted for paying off "music slugs" put into a nickel-in-the-slot machine.

Paroled Patient Missing.

OAKLAND, June 17.—James Cleary, 27 years old, a paroled patient from the State Hospital at Stockton, has disappeared from his residence at Emeryville. The police have been requested to search for the missing man.

OLD MARINER AND SOLDIER CROSSES LIFE'S FINAL BAR

Captain Henry C. Pitman Passes Away After Long Life of Sterling Deeds.

BERKELEY, June 17.—Captain Henry C. Pitman, pioneer of the seas and veteran of the late war, died at his home, 1799 Walnut street, last night. His was a long and honorable career, spent in the service of his country and her people. He fought in the Civil War and became a hero, then settled down to the pursuits of peace, which now after long years have ended in death.

Captain Pitman began following the sea at 11 years of age. His rise as a mariner was rapid and he was so successful that he owned his own ship in 1858. This ship he sailed around Cape Horn the same year he got her and he had been in California ever since, with the exception of the interval of the war.

During the war Captain Pitman commanded the gunboat William G. Anderson. He sailed her everywhere and aided the Union cause materially. In a fight at the mouth of the Mississippi River he was severely wounded. The war over, Captain Pitman returned to California and engaged in shipping enterprises, from which he retired when old age crept upon him.

Captain Pitman was 83 years of age and a native of Massachusetts. Surviving him are a widow and a son, Henry C. Pitman of San Francisco.

Duty is the law of which love is the life.

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FREE TO-DAY
Read Ad. on Classified Page.

GIVE DIPLOMAS TO GRADUATES

Students of Oakland High School Receive Rewards for Application to Work

OFFICIALS TAKE PART

Closing of the June Term Marked by Appropriate Exercises by the Class

Oakland office, San Francisco Call, 1016 Broadway, June 17.

The graduating exercises of the Oakland High School were held to-night at the Common School Assembly Hall, Lafayette Park. The auditorium and platform were embellished with flowers and greenery. Large draped American flags served as a background, before which the white-gowned girl graduates and trim youths received their coveted diplomas.

James H. Pond, principal of the High School, was the president of the evening. An overture by the school orchestra and prayer by the Rev. Owen Hotle were followed by instrumental and vocal music by Miss Mabel Sherbourne and the Girls' Glee Club.

Short addresses to the graduating class were delivered by the Rev. H. J. Vosburgh, and Principal Pond. Dr. W. J. Wilcox, president of the Board of Education, presented diplomas to the following graduates:

Maude Hazel Armstrong, Grace Bardshar, Adele Esther Barnes, Alvina Binns, Amelia Gertrude Brayell, Cecilia Reasoner Burroughs, Elsie Isabel Campbell, Naomi Crouch, Esto Phoebe Dunbar, Sara Evelyn Dunn, Anna Edwards, Alesia Pauline Gil, Alta Gillette, Stephanie Franklin Guard, Maude Myrtle Jones, Grace Lillian Knickren, Georgia Marguerite Maiden, Marie Pauline Mathews, Evelyn Clara Mayon, Florence Muriel McCloskey, Rena Geraldine McGraw, Dorothy Mead, Vera Amelia Moody, Dora Georgietta Morehouse, Iva Belle Ralph, Marian Leigh Seyboldt, Catherine Shannon, Mabel Irene Sherbourne, Hannah Southwick Taft, Mattie Warren Zander, Ralph Hatherly Butler, George William Eachus, Nan Quong Fong, Sydney Baldwin Gray, Neal Harris, Ernest Smith, James Boyd Harrold, Theodore Harold Hook, Allen Richmond Howard, Henry Mackie Isaacs, Robert Vrooman Jordan, Frank Lewis Kelly, Vernon Charles Sheehan, Raymond Fort Snowden, Edwin Franklin Umphred, Taro Utasaki, Kopiro Yoshisawa, Wilbur Leslie Allen.

The following graduates from the Polytechnic High School received their diplomas last evening:

Bert Harold Ballard, Kenneth Henshaw Keefer, Clarence P. Baudin, Claude Renwick Keefer, Arthur Dickie Borden, Elizabeth Elsie Laird, Jesse Chauncey Bowden, Thomas Hugh Loid, Zena Pearl Brown, Ida Estelle Macdonald, Joseph Cooper, Rudolph William Mau, Everett P. Cornell, Perry Lawrence Merritt, Jeanette Cuvellier, Mabel A. Musladin, Leanore Gertrude Donahue, Milina Hazel Perry, Alexander M. Everett, Ernest C. Pierre, Fletcher Thomas Fish, Harriet Emma Reed, Friedrich Frehn, Ina Othelia Robinson, Jeanette Margaret Gaccia:no, Ruby Mildred Rosenberg, Myrtle Belle Hamerton, Paul Samuel Swanson, Martha Evans Holles, Hazel Wells, Ida Knowles Holles, Winfield Scott Whitney, Edith Josephine Jones, Margaret Winifred Winn, Edward Franklin Witherly.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES

Berkeley Organization Marks End of Its First Year of Organization by Giving Banquet.

BERKELEY, June 17.—The Berkeley Young Men's Christian Association was a year old last night and the interesting event was marked by a birthday celebration in the hall of Shattuck avenue. A banquet was served, and, in spite of the fact that it was all informal, turned out to be quite successful. Assemblyman William H. Waste was the toastmaster. In his opening remarks he spoke of the prosperous condition of the association, which had struggled through its first year without any great financial trials. Responses to proposals were then made by W. H. Parkinson, secretary of the association; F. E. Sadler, Earl H. Russell, Loring Barker, Louis Pape, F. C. Ford, E. L. Davenport and the Rev. E. W. Darst of the First Christian Church. The banquet was followed by the playing of games and singing in the library.

MOUNTAIN COPPER COMPANY WOULD BUY CHEMICAL PLANT

Desires to Purchase Complete Works of a Large San Francisco Concern.

BERKELEY, June 17.—Negotiations are now going on for the purchase by the Mountain Copper Company of Shasta County of the plant of the San Francisco Chemical Works at Flemings Point. The diplomats of both corporations have been in communication over this matter for some time, but they have not yet been able to agree on terms. What the terms are nobody knows, but it is possible that the negotiations may be wrecked on this point.

The copper company seeks to acquire the chemical plant so that it can use the output in connection with its own plant at Keswick. By doing this it will avoid bringing raw materials used for its purposes from tide water to Keswick and then returning the finished product back to tide water. A large amount of money will be saved this way in freight charges.

If the deal goes through the plant at Flemings Point will be enlarged and employment given to several hundred men. It is rumored that the copper company is also negotiating for a chemical plant up the bay, near Martinez, which will be consolidated with the one here.

One Franc for Duelist's Life.

It will be remembered that in November last a duel with swords, in which the principals were MM. Charles Ebelot and Henri Lautier, ended in the death of the latter. His antagonist, an advocate from Toulouse, was the other day charged before the Seine Assizes with "having by blows and wounds caused death unintentionally." Judging from the wording of the indictment, the law does not take duellists seriously, or it would not admit the supposition that they do not enter into the encounter with any deadly intention. In this case proof was forthcoming that the affair had been carried out fairly, according to the recognized rules of the code, and the prisoner was acquitted. The family of the deceased took no part in the criminal prosecution, but obtained in the civil action 1 franc damages and

DEDICATE NEW BURIAL PLACE

Lyon Post Veterans Hold Exercises at Their Plat in Evergreen Cemetery

ADDRESS BY PERKINS

United States Senator Is the Orator of the Day and Talks of Patriotism

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Lyon Post No. 8, Grand Army of the Republic, dedicated its burial plat in the new Evergreen Cemetery, near Mills College, this afternoon, United States Senator George C. Perkins delivering the address of the occasion. Five hundred persons, including many veterans of the Civil War, were present at the impressive exercises.

Superior Judge Frank B. Ogden was president of the day and director of ceremonies. After the assembly call by Comrade C. G. R. Montoux of Lyon Post, the Rev. Robert Whitaker, pastor of the Twenty-third-avenue Baptist Church, delivered the invocation, which was followed by "The Star-Spangled Banner," played by the Maccabee band, and the unfurling of a large flag donated by Senator Perkins, from a staff donated by Colonel Hastings of Lyon Post. Judge Ogden made a brief talk, John W. Gwilt rendered a vocal selection, Hon. William Lair Hill spoke on behalf of the Evergreen Cemetery Association, Miss Susie Gladding sang "Tenting To-night" and then came the oration by Senator Perkins, who said in part:

It seems entirely fit and appropriate to me that we should gather here to-day, the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill, to consecrate this burial plat of Lyon Post No. 8, named after General Nathaniel Lyon, who fell at the battle of Wilsons Creek, in Missouri, during the early part of the Civil War. Dust we are and to dust we must return, and the chief reason why we are met here to-day is to turn back the pages of our memory and meditate upon the lives and patriotism of the noble makers and defenders of the nation, who are no more on earth. Bunker Hill and what transpired there has been a beacon light of history. Every nation has bowed in homage and recognized the valor there displayed by our forefathers. When I visited the monument of Bunker Hill as a boy I felt like Scripture tells us Moses felt when he approached the burning bush. An unplaced voice seemed to whisper to me, "Thou are treading on holy ground." The heroes of Bunker Hill helped to make the republic, the veterans of the Civil War preserved it and the younger heroes of the Spanish-American war removed the yoke of oppression from Cuba. These were grand and glorious achievements and all credit and reverence is due to those who participated in them. To-day as we consecrate this sacred spot we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the condition of our country and to revere the memory of those who bequeathed to us such a splendid heritage, not forgetting the father of our country, George Washington, and its savior, Abraham Lincoln. Let us be guided by the patriotism which inspired the makers and defenders of this nation and our future will be blessed.

When Senator Perkins concluded his address he was thanked by Colonel Hastings for the flag he had presented Lyon Post.

Comrade C. G. R. Montoux read an original poem, "The Faithful Comrade," and the exercises were concluded with benediction, pronounced by Rev. Robert Whitaker, the singing of "America" by those in attendance and the sounding of taps by Comrade Montoux.

Four brass field pieces and many shells, donated by the United States Government, have been utilized in ornamenting the burial plat. Thus far but one interment has been made in the plat.

GEORGE L. NUSBAUMER DIES AT COUNTRY HOME

Former Surveyor and a Pioneer of Alameda County Passes Away After Long Illness.

OAKLAND, June 17.—George L. Nusbaumer, formerly County Surveyor of Alameda County and one of the first settlers in Sunol district, died today at Los Alisos, Sunol, after a long illness. Three years ago he was stricken with paralysis. Later he partially regained the use of his limbs and faculties, but was left with a serious impediment of the vocal chords that prevented clear speech. The disease, however, slowly sapped the sufferer's vitality

The Nusbaumer family settled in Alameda County more than fifty years ago and has always been prominent in the affairs of this section. For twenty years or more George Nusbaumer was County Surveyor until illness compelled him to retire. In his earlier days he surveyed many of the large tracts of land in the county. The deceased was 52 years old. His wife, Mrs. Florence Nusbaumer, survives, as do two brothers, Albert and Emil Nusbaumer, and a sister, Mrs. W. Whitmore. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Early Telegraphs.

Very few people, says Railway Locomotive and Engineering, would doubt the electric telegraph being exclusively a modern invention, yet experiments were made centuries before the electric telegraph came into use, which indicated that a system of electric telegraphy could have been worked out had the need of it existed.

In 1746 Le Monnier exhibited a series of experiments in the Royal Gardens at Paris showing how electricity could be transmitted through iron wires 950 fathoms in length. In 1753 Charles Marshall published a remarkable description of the electric telegraph in the Scots' Magazine under the title of "An Expeditious Method of Conveying Intelligence." In 1846 George Lewis Lesage, professor of mathematics at Geneva, promulgated an invention of an electric telegraph, which he eventually completed and set to work in 1774. This system was composed of twenty-four metallic wires, insulated and inclosed in a non-conducting substance. Each wire ended in a stock mounted with a little ball of elder pith and suspended by a silk thread. When a current of electricity was sent through the wire the elder ball at the opposite end was repelled, the movement designating a letter of the alphabet. By this means words could be spelled out. It was a crude method, but it was a complete electric telegraph system. The reason why this and other inventions of a similar nature never came into general use was that the need had not drrived.—Express Gazette.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Alameda County.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17.

Puget Sound Lumber Company (corporation) to Virginia R. and Joseph F. Mullender, lot on N line of Pacific avenue, 73:6 W of Sherman street, W 36:6 by N 110, lot 9 and portion of lots 8 and 10, block F, map 144, lots in Paga Tract, Alameda; $10.

Bert M. and Capitola A. Riedsman to Mary K. Wood, lot on NE corner of Pacific avenue and Wood street, E 33:4 by N 100, Alameda; $10.

Annie R. Wood (wife of Charles L.) to same (single), lot on N line of Pacific avenue, 50 E of Wood street, E 16:8, N 100, E 33:4, N 50, W 50, S 150 to beginning, Alameda; $10.

Frederick G. and Lydia A. Otto to Lulu A. Anderson, lot on N line of Seventh street or Railroad avenue, 150 E of Union, N 127:5, E 21, S 127:3, W 21, block 535, Boardman's map, Oakland; $100.

Christoph Soreen (widower) to James R. Little, lot on E line of Henry street, 100 S of Third, S 50 by E 125, lots 21 and 22, block K, map Bay View Homestead, Oakland; $100.

James R. and Margaret A. Little to Southern Pacific Company, same; $10.

Mariano G Bale to Meta K Bale (wife), lot on SW corner of East Twenty-first street and Seventeenth avenue, S 140, W 35, N 140, E to beginning, block 56, San Antonio, East Oakland; $10.

Plummer Improvement Company to Nelson Koford, lot on W line of Etna street, 255 S of Kearney, S 45 by W 135, block 4, map of property of John Kearney, Berkeley; $10.

Frank and Elizabeth A. Teichman, and George and Stella Hewlett to Ernest F. Barry, lot on S line of Howe street, 152:10 W of Telegraph avenue, W 85 by S 130.80, lot 10 and portion of lot 9, block D, Suburban Tract, Berkeley; $10.

Miles Silverthorn to Louise Silverthorn, lot on S line of Buena Vista avenue, 68:1 W of Oak (Twenty-third) street, W 31:11 by S 86, portion of lot 11, block 39, lands adjacent to Encinal, Alameda; gift.

James Timilty et al. to Louis E. Brown, lot on E line of Castro street, 62:6 N of Fourth, N 37:6 by E 100, lot 4 and portion of 3 and 38, block 47, Kellersberger's map, Oakland; $10.

George Brown to Jennie McCall Bliss (wife of Percy L.), lot on N line of Mariposa street, 40 E of Brown, E 80 by N 116:6, lots 20 and 21, map resubdivision of block A, Brumagim Tract, Oakland; $10.

Agostino Canepa to Angela Canepa (wife), lot beginning at point on — of Seventh street, 75 W of Chester, W 25 by S 96, lot 21, block 495, map redivision of city blocks 494 to 496, Oakland; gift.

Same to same, lot on N line of West Fifth street, 143:9 W of Center, W 25 by N 94, lot 5, block 494, same map, Oakland; gift.

Charles O'Hare (widower) to Ellen Casey (widow) rerecord 921 D, 210, lot on W line of Market street, 101 S of Twenty-fourth, S 23 by W 125, lot 18, block 536, map Market-street lots, etc., Oakland; gift.

Annie E. Bullock (guardian estate of John H. Meyer, incompetent) to Francisca Roderich, undivided one-third of lot on NW corner of Pacific and Campbell streets, N 25:7 by W 74:3, lot 26, block 466, Gibbons property, Oakland Point, Oakland; $550.

John J. Meyer and Annie E. Bullock to same (widow), conveys her interest contained in decree of distribution of estate of Catherine Meyer, same, Oakland; $10.

Mrs. P. J. and Irwin J. Truman to William Dormer, lot on SW line of Clinton street, 200 SE of Union, SE 100 by SW 100, lots 9 to 12, block L, new map of eastern part of Linn Homestead, East Oakland; $10.

J. H. and Catherine Casabonne to P. Milho, lot on NW corner of Delaware and Sixth streets, N 196:2 by W 131, lots 13 to 17, block 66, Tract P, Berkeley L. and T. I. Association, Berkeley; $10.

A. A. and N. C. Heron (husband) to Sarah S. Barstow, re-record 980 D, 106, lots 32 and 33, block A, amended map Teachers' Tract, Berkeley, quitclaim deed; $50.

J. R. and Sarah May Morris to Bertinius and Olene Lee, lots 4 to 6, Snyder Tract, Berkeley; $10.

W. G. and Nellie A. Britt to Ernest C. and Anna Williams (equal shares), lot on N line of Carlton street, 211 W of Fulton, W 40 by N 135, portion lots 23 and 22, block 1420, Berkeley property, maps Nos. 1 and 2, Blake Tract, portion plat 69, etc., Berkeley; $10.

Emily B. Hopkins (widow) to Bay Counties Power Company (a corporation), right of way not to exceed in width 25 feet for the purpose of maintaining two pole lines for conducting and transmitting electricity, the center line of said right of way being described as follows: Beginning at point on E line plat 84, Kellersberger's map of Rancho V. and D. Peralta, which point is 670, more or less, from NE corner said plat 84, thence in a SW direction to the E line of tract in said plat 84, owned and occupied by the Contra Costa Water Company as and for a reservoir site, being estimated distance of 1000 feet, more or less, Berkeley; also lot beginning at point on W line of said tract in plat 84 owned as aforesaid by Contra Costa Water Company, thence W in N ½ of said plat 84, crossing Bay View avenue as per map of Hopkins Terrace and running W across S side of lots 4, 3 and 1 of said last map to E line of Arch street, a distance of 800 feet, more or less, quit claims to right of way, etc., across portion Sobrante ranch, in Contra Costa County Berkeley; $10.

Jacob F. and Etta T. Zellerbach to George L. Fitz, lot on N line of Clinton avenue, 150 W of Oak street, W 50 by N 150, lot 6, in E ½ of block P, lands adjacent to Encinal, Alameda; $5.

Katie L. and George L. Fitz to Anna W. Nylander and Johanna M. Hanson, same, Alameda; $5.

Joseph's Well.

At Dothan, in Upper Palestine, is a pool which has refreshed the traveler for centuries. It is the well of Joseph. Its environs form a dreary enough prospect. Above it is a low, insignificant hill upon whose summit cluster a few miserable mud huts, and at the base is the sordid anachronism of a puffing steam mill, while away from it stretches in all directions the faint-toned, almost hueless expanse of the Syrian landscape, long reaches of palest blue and gray and yellow, with only an occasional blotch of brilliant color in the foreground. Dreary and waste and sad indeed is the scene to the eyes of the flesh, but to the eyes of the spirit that squat, bald hill becomes a veritable Mount of Visions—visions a thousand times more real and vivid than the spectacle of mud huts and steam mill and rocky wastes. —Metropolitan Magazine.

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