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## IMPROVEMENT CLUB HAS BEEN ORGANIZED FOR SOUTH CITY

To Look After All Matters That Will Tend to Develop the Resources and Needs of This Locality.

At a meeting held in Judge McSweeney's court room last Monday evening, the South City Improvement Club was formally organized.

The following permanent officers were elected: President, A. McSweeney; First Vice-President, E. W. Langenbach; Second Vice-President, A. Hynding; Third Vice-President, Thos. Hickey; Secretary, E. I. Woodman; Treasurer, C. F. Hamsher; Executive Committee, C. T. Connelly (chairman), W. J. Martin, E. E. Cunningham, J. L. Debenedetti, Wm. T. Garrett.

After the installation of the newly-elected officers, an extended discussion was had as to what the purposes of the club would be. It was the general opinion that the club would not interfere in any manner with the South City Board of Trade, which is a distinctively business man's organization, but would take up matters from time to time concerning the general welfare of South City as a whole. The varied

subjects of lighting streets, improving streets and sidewalks, putting in additional sewers were taken up and discussed. The subject of incorporating South City was dwelt on for some time.

On motion the Executive Committee was instructed to circulate a petition among the local business men, and endeavor to have the business streets better lighted at night. As a result of the committee's labors the business district was lighted up Wednesday night, and will continue to be so in future.

The Executive Committee was also instructed to prepare a constitution and by-laws by which the club will be governed.

The next meeting of the club will be held Monday evening, December 16th, at Judge McSweeney's court rooms. All residents, property owners and business men of South City are invited to be present and sign the roll of membership.

## SPECIAL EDITION OF THE ENTERPRISE

Will Be an Illustrated Publication That Every Resident of South City Can Be Proud Of.

Prepared With Great Care and At Considerable Expense, It Will Give an Epitome of the Great Manufacturing Industries and Business Houses of This Place.

The illustrated special edition of THE ENTERPRISE will be issued during the coming week. It had been expected that it would be issued this week, but the unusual demand for advertising space made it necessary to hold its publication back a few days.

Nevertheless, the special will be one of the best and most valuable ever issued in San Mateo County. An important feature in its publication is the fact that it will be printed at this office. The finest of book paper will be used, as well as the best quality of ink. Beautiful half-tone cuts of scenes around South City, business places and portraits have been made, and the whole publication will be one that every resident can be proud of.

Prepared with great care and at considerable expense, it will give a complete epitome of the great manufacturing industries and business houses of South City.

The edition will be a large one, but those desiring extra copies will save themselves possible disappointment by placing their orders early at this office.

after visiting a week with Mrs. Sam Murch.

FOR SALE.—Choice South City business lot; a snap. See us at once. McSweeney & Walsh, 224 Grand Ave. Nov. 23-1f

The Grace Episcopal Church will have special communion service this Sunday at 11.15 a. m. Rev. Mr. Stone of San Francisco will hold the service.

Mr. R. S. Cochrane, representing the Bay City Lumber and Supply Company of San Francisco, was a visitor to South City on Thursday.

Lost—A maltese cross emblem; compass and square one side, "G. A. R." other. Finder leave at Postoffice and receive reward. d 14-3t

Earnest Eikerenkotter, nephew of Supervisor Eikerenkotter is in South City visiting relatives. He has been a resident of Portland, Oregon, for a year. All his old friends are glad to see him back once more.

John London, a valued employee at W. P. Fuller's factory, passed away to the great beyond on the 6th instant in his 42d year. A wife and four children mourn. Our sympathy is with them and for them.

Quite a number of South City's sports attended the Ketchell-Thomas fight in San Francisco Thursday night. The contest, which was a lively one, was won by Ketchell.

A very violent wind and rain storm passed over South City Thursday night, but on Friday morning the sun came out and everything was a bright and cheerful as a spring day.

At the installation of the new camp U. P. E. C., that took place in Metropolitan Hall last Sunday, Dr. Walter Turnbull, Jr., was selected and installed as physician. M. S. Dutra acted as

## A BRIGHT FUTURE IS PRESENTED TO THIS LOCALITY.

Opening of New Cutoff Railroad Will Make South City an Important Factory and Home Site.

Trains have been running over the new bay shore cutoff railroad during the past week for the first time.

The opening of the new road has brought to the view of thousands of passengers a stretch of country that they had never seen before.

South City, which heretofore has occupied a position far away from the line of regular through traffic, has been brought to the front in a practical manner.

It has been the general remark of the many passengers over the new route that nowhere else is there more suitable sites for factories, with such expanse of water front and accessibility to a main line of railroad.

Great surprise was expressed when the many beautiful sloping hillsides of South City came into view, where suburban homes can be built with such a view of hill, vale and bay that cannot be surpassed anywhere.

South City residents should feel extremely proud over the new future that is presented, and from now on endeavor to do everything in their power through letters and otherwise to induce good people to settle here.

In its issue of Sunday, December 8th, the San Francisco Chronicle had this to say about the opening of the new road: "This Sunday, December 8, 1907, marks the beginning of a new era for San Francisco and her citizens, who would live where they can have their own garden and the pleasures of out-of-door and verandar life.

"Henceforth peninsula commuters will steadily grow in number until they rival the ferry commuters, because this bay shore cutoff, with its all-land route, will get a man more quickly and safely to his suburban home than by the several changes necessary for a transbay trip, particularly in foggy or stormy weather."

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS TOLD IN BRIEF

Read Langenbach's new ad.  
Stock taking in full swing at Fuller's.  
August Lund of San Bruno was a local visitor Thursday.  
Miss Lillie Muller spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Oakland.

Mike Guerra has recovered from his recent indisposition.

Have you seen the beautiful \$10 Kestner Doll to be given away at Schneider's? d 14-1f

Lights, lights, on Grand Avenue. Get down in the business section during the evenings and be convinced.

The working day at the Steiger pottery works commences at 7.30 a. m. from Monday next.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Crowley left last Tuesday for their home in San Juan

"The chief menace to the business prosperity of the country is extravagant living, over-speculation and a desire to get rich quick."—Paul Morton, President Equitable Life Assurance Society.

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C. F. HAMSHER, Cashier

Street, Los Angeles, until their own cottage at San Gabriel is completed. Many friends in South City and San Francisco will no doubt be glad to know Mr. Burke's wedding bell has rung.

A few choice lots on the original plat of the town of South San Francisco, centrally located, heretofore held in reserve by the South San Francisco Land and Improvement Company, will be put on the market tomorrow, Sunday, December 15th, 1907. Prices reasonable, terms easy. Inquire of E. E. CUNNINGHAM & Co. Sole agents for these lots. Postoffice Building, South San Francisco, Cal. d 14-1t

Sermon at St. Paul's Church Sunday, December, 15, 11 a. m., "What Is Good?"; 7.30 p. m., "A Man of Character." Other services as usual. All are invited. d 14-1t

The dedication of the new Methodist Episcopal Church at San Bruno Park will occur Sunday, December, 22d. Bishop Hamilton will make the dedication address.

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 District Attorney..... J. J. Bullock  
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 County Clerk..... Joseph H. Nash  
 County Recorder..... John F. Johnson  
 Sheriff..... Robert Chatham  
 Auditor..... Henry Underhill  
 Superintendent of Schools..... Roy Cloud  
 Coroner and Public Adm..... Dr. H. G. Plymire  
 Surveyor..... James B. Neuman

## Officials—First Township

Supervisor..... Julius Elkerenkotter  
 Justice of the Peace..... A. McSweeney  
 Constable..... Bob. Carroll  
 Postmaster..... E. E. Cunningham  
 School Trustees..... Tom Mason, Duray Smith

## Grace Episcopal Church.

Sunday School..... 10 a. m.  
 Service of Holy Communion every third Sunday of each month at 11:15 a. m.

Grace Guild meets every alternate Friday for an all-day session at Guild Hall.

Junior Guild and sewing school meets every Saturday in Guild Hall at 2:00 p. m.

Mrs. W. J. Martin, President of Guild.

Mrs. Jennie P. Frost, Superintendent of Junior Guild.

## St. Pauls Methodist Episcopal Church

(Cor. Grand and Maple Aves., one block from Post Office.)

Regular Sunday services—Sermons at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School classes for all ages at 10:00 a. m. Epworth League of C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Prayer service Wednesday at 8 p. m. The public is made cordially welcome at all our services.

"A home-like church."

EDWIN D. KIZER, Pastor.

## Subscribers, Attention!

As special inducement to increase the subscription list of THE ENTERPRISE the management has decided to offer at an additional cost of \$1.00 the Sunset magazine for one year, together with the "Road of a Thousand Wonders" and the Town and Country Journal. Any one wishing these papers with THE ENTERPRISE can obtain them by paying \$3.00 in advance.

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 Nov. 23-ft

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## THE MARKETING OF CALIFORNIA PRODUCTS

At a time when the movement of crops throughout the country is a problem for the solution of which the railroad official, the shipper, the merchant and the economist are bending their energies, the discussion of the theme chosen for discussion at the eighth semi-annual meeting of the counties committee of the California Promotion Committee "Marketing of California Products," promises to elicit from the experts who will read papers on the various phases of the topic and from the representative men who will gather at Fresno from all parts of the State, many suggestions, of value not only to California producers, shippers and merchants, but of general interest to the entire country, which recognizes California as a large producer, December fourteenth is the date set for the meeting, and a large attendance is assured, commercial and civic bodies in all of California's fifty-eight counties having been invited to send representatives. Reduced rates have been made on the railroads for the meeting in Fresno, and the Pacific Coast Steamship Company has offered reduced rates which will be taken advantage of by delegates from the coast points who will travel partly by water.

The Fresno County Chamber of Commerce is arranging an attractive program of entertainment which will give the delegates on the days following the meeting (which will take morning and afternoon of the fourteenth) an opportunity not only to enjoy the hospitality of the prosperous citizens of Fresno, but to see and appreciate the resources and attractions of a county which has added much to California's wealth.

Among the program addresses, which will be followed by a general discussion, are the following: "Preparing California Products for Market," by P. H. Rice, of Santa Barbara, representing the south coast counties; "Interchange of Products in the State," by G. W. Cartwright, of Fresno county, representing the San Joaquin Valley; "Desirability of Use of California Products Against Outside Products," by Geo. W. Pierce, of Yolo county, representing the Sacramento Valley; "Broadening of the Outside Markets for California Products," by B. A. Woodward, of Los Angeles county, representing the counties south of Tehachapi; "Educating the Consumer," by H. E. Emlay, of Santa Cruz county, representing the central coast counties; "California's Consumptive Demand," "California's Rivers and Harbors as an Aid to the Producer" and "Free Markets and Their Effect on Prices," will be treated by well posted men from other parts of the State who have not yet been selected.

## HOW TO BECOME RICH.

In order to become rich it is necessary merely to follow the perfectly simple procedure of any kind of finance. Thus:

Borrow all the money you can upon the property you already own.

With the money buy more property.

Combine the two properties, float a loan upon them, and with the money buy a third property.

Merge the three properties, use the merger as security for a loan, and with the money buy another large property.

Consolidate this with others, select a board of directors, and authorize yourself to float twice as much stock as there is.

Sell this stock, and with the money buy five or six more properties.

Organize a holding company, which will carry the stocks of all the properties.

You are now so wealthy and influential that you do not need to make any more loans.

Increase the stock of your properties and sell bonds upon them.

Authorize yourself to buy everything in sight with this money.

Now you will have control of everything; also you will have the say so in any number of subsidiary companies and a controlling voice in eight or nine insurance companies and national banks.

After this there doesn't seem to be much for you to do except to get the dyspepsia, get bald and prattle gently about the excellence of moral proverbs.—Life.

## Christmas Suggestions

## GIFTS FOR LADIES

Toilet Cases  
 Manicuring Sets  
 Photo Albums  
 Post Card Albums  
 Perfumery  
 Bureau Scarfs  
 Hand Bags  
 Fancy Handkerchiefs  
 Fancy Back Combs  
 Fancy Collars  
 Pin Cushions  
 Furs  
 Shirt Waists  
 Umbrellas  
 A fine assortment of writing paper in Fancy Christmas Boxes  
 Glove and Handkerchief Boxes

## GIFTS FOR MEN

Shaving Sets  
 Cuff and Collar Boxes  
 Military Brushes  
 Gold Cuff Buttons and Neck Tie Pins  
 Black and White Silk Mufflers  
 Suspenders in Fancy Boxes  
 Neck Ties in Fancy Boxes  
 Silk Initial Handkerchiefs  
 Umbrellas  
 Fancy Slippers  
 Sweaters and Golf Shirts

## GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

Doll Buggies and Beds  
 Dolls  
 Agate, Tin and China Dishes  
 Stoves, Pianos, Work Boxes, Sewing Sets and Toilet Cases  
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## CALIFORNIA INVENTORS.

The following patents were issued last week to California inventors, reported by D. Swift & Co., patent lawyers, Washington, D. C.: C. Atkins, San Francisco, drive shaft connection; G. Buelna, Santa Barbara, sprinkler; D. F. Campbell, Eureka, dragsaw; W. A. Cheesbro, Los Angeles, means to record the speed of automobiles; A. Claiborne, Dolgeville, device for pulling pipe-sections together; J. L. Dunn, Montpelier, pencil holder; H. L. Fairall, Highland, automatic water register; C. Freeman, Los Angeles, automatic firearm; W. C. Hays, Berkeley, chimney construction; C. F. Hobson, St. Helena, saw filing device; G. Huff, Tropico, dog collar; S. Jorgensen, Arcata, die stock; G. B. Savage, Oak Grove, beeswax separator and purifier; C. L. Walker, Piedmont, surveying instrument; W. D. Watkins, San Jose, clothes pin; F. Schmitz, San Francisco, door manipulator; G. M. Hurley, Los Angeles, three-point contact trolley timer for motor cars.

The following patents were issued this week: W. N. Best, Los Angeles, air carbureting oil-burner; E. G. Burkhardt, Oakland, harness; H. P. Christensen, San Francisco, reversing mechanism for turbines; F. C. Dawes, Los Angeles, sprocket; M. H. Dorgan, Mayfield, vehicle washer; J. P. Fishburn, Los Angeles, lawn sprinkling device; G. Gurney, Berkeley, extracting gold and silver from ores; J. Hall, Fresno, carrier; C. L. Johnston, San Francisco, sheet delivery apparatus; A. H. Kroschel, Los Angeles, combined grading and bordering machine; E. Lauppe, Antelope, loading attachment for wagons; J. C. Oestergard, Burbank, implement to arrest the flow of water; G. W. Palmer, Gardena, curtain rod support; C. W. Puckett, Kern, rotary engine; G. C. Richards, Berkeley, deep well pump; J. B. Richardson, Santa Margarita, target trap; A. Rone, Corona, heating device; W. H. VanMarter, Petaluma, oil burner; S. E. Warren, Eureka, fruit press; E. V. Williams, San Pedro, calculator; R. P. Williams, Santa Barbara, connecting device for railway cars.

Copies of any of the above patents will be furnished to our readers at ten cents each, by D. Swift & Co., Washington, D. C., our special patent correspondents.

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# To Manufacturers

The earthquake did but little damage to South San Francisco. The industries located here, the Western Meat Company, the Wool Pullery, the Butler Brick Company, the Pacific Jupiter Steel Company, the Steiger Pottery Works, the W. P. Fuller White Lead Works, and other enterprises, are all in full operation to-day. Not one of them having suffered any serious impairment by reason of the earthquake.

The South San Francisco Land and Improvement Company planned South San Francisco as a manufacturing suburb of San Francisco. With that object in view they originally purchased 3500 acres of land in San Mateo county on the bay front five miles south of the City of San Francisco, and have developed their property so that to-day they possess perfected nearly every feature desired by manufacturers.

## SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

Is a railroad terminal; it is on the main line of the Southern Pacific Railroad and accessible to all railroads; has deep water communication; owns and operates for its industries, a railroad connecting with the Southern Pacific and the water front; has electric street car service from factory to town and direct to San Francisco; has an Electric Light and Power Company; owns an independent water works, and has an abundance of fresh water for factory and house; has wharves and docks; a perfect sewerage system; a bank; a town hall; and a population of 3000 people; an extensive and fine residence district, where workingmen may secure land at reasonable prices and on favorable terms, as homes for themselves and their families.

### FACTORY SITES

Can be obtained from the South San Francisco Land and Improvement Company on most reasonable terms.

The American Smelting and Refining Company recently purchased from this Company 200 acres of land and are on the ground to-day arranging for the immediate construction of a plant costing upward of \$5,000,000. This means a vast increase in population, and a great augmentation for the benefit of all industries of every detail pertaining to rail and water communication.

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RESIDENTS of South City are requested to furnish this office with any news items that they know of from time to time. There is a letter box attached to our front door, in which written items can be placed. Please write on one side of paper and sign your name to it. THE ENTERPRISE desires to print all the local happenings, and the people of South City can be of material help.

ent of the new improvement club.

St. Paw, all hands together and  
 (Cor. it for South City.

The new bay shore cutoff is great.

South City is fast filling up with strangers who are making inquiries as to the benefits of living here.

The hills surrounding South City are again taking on carpets of green since the last rain.

The new improvement club sounded the slogan, "Let there be more light at night in South City," and there is more light.

Commencing next Monday the saloon keepers of Redwood City will charge 10 cents straight for drinks. For case goods and mixed drinks, a charge of 12½ cents will be made. Gee, won't the hobo have to hustle to get a dime where he formerly asked for a nickel "to get a cup of coffee!"

THE public is done forever with the circuitous route over the Mission hills from the south, except as for travel to that section, says the San Francisco Chronicle. In time it will be made an electric road and serve far better than ever before the needs of a large and valuable section in this city and San Mateo county. The next generation will see the right of way widened and a double track along the entire distance, with electric service both ways on short headway. The Mission and the district beyond it will not be left out in the cold.

But the main approach to the city from the south will be by the Bay Shore Cutoff—as solidly constructed a piece of road as can be found in the United States, straight as an arrow for most of the way, level as a floor, with almost no grade crossings, fully equipped with automatic block signals and for a great part of the distance closely skirting the bay. A railroad entrance to a great city is not expected to have much scenic beauty, for it necessarily follows the low land largely devoted to side tracks, spur tracks and industrial establishments—none of them usually things of beauty but all joys forever in the opportunities which they offer for men to buy

comforts with the fruits of their labor. This approach to San Francisco does not differ from other approaches except that for much of the way, either from viaducts or from the very shore it affords fine views of the bay which will greatly impress strangers.

What will strike our own people is the vigor and rapidity with which powerful engines can move trains over a straight and unobstructed track to their destination, and get commuters home to an early dinner. San Jose is to be but a little over an hour away, and, commencing next spring, it is expected to have some trains make the entire distance in an hour with one or two stops. Nobody between here and Palo Alto will ever again be more than an hour from Third and Townsend streets. It will revolutionize suburban life on the peninsula and make the attractive districts on the other side of the bay hustle to retain their prestige.

But there is more than that. It opens up a wide and valuable area between here and South San Francisco which probably not one resident of San Francisco in ten has ever seen, but which, within a couple of decades at the farthest, will be as busy a hive of industry as can be found in America. And it will have the advantage over most manufacturing districts in the fact that in close proximity to the factories there is ample space for the homes of the workers and much of it at slight elevations commanding marine views which the aristocrats of Presidio Heights might well envy.

It is not too much to say that since the opening of the first transcontinental road no single accomplishment has had so marked and transforming an effect in this city as will result from the opening of the Bay Shore Cutoff.

We would specially urge our people at this time to buy their Christmas presents of our local merchants so far as they can. The recent monetary disturbance conclusively proved that money is not only the life-blood of business but that under our present system of civilization and commerce, industry ceases to be productive and there is little prosperity without it. The United States paid big premiums to get gold from Europe. Every community in the United States is hampered because of a lack of money in circulation. How foolish then for people to send money away when they can just as well keep it in their own community. All our merchants have put in special lines of beautiful and serviceable goods for the holiday trade. If these are not sold they will be dead stock on their hands for another year; if they are sold the money will go into circulation and everybody in the community will feel the effects of it. The little profit the merchant makes on the goods cuts little figure but the amount of money put into circulation among ourselves instead of being sent to a distant city does make a big difference. Here, in our own town, can be found expensive and inexpensive dishes, ties, ribbons and other dainty and serviceable wearing apparel, toys and hundreds of other articles which will probably be as acceptable to the recipient old or young, as can be found elsewhere. Keep the money at home for then a good part of it will find its way back to your own pocket.

Have you noticed there are all kinds of fresh fruit and vegetables every day at Lind's Market. Nov. 2-1f

## WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., December, 8. The Sixtieth Congress convened last Monday with the customary quiet ceremonies. There were many new faces in both Houses, so that it was noticeable that the present Congress has a new element, whose legislative course will be watched with interest.

The great questions which have been discussed by members of Congress as they arrived in Washington have been the financial situation and the probable candidate of the Republican party for the presidency.

The crisis is now well passed, and time will bring further relief. By many members of Congress it is held that some kind of legislation is necessary to give us a more flexible currency, and it is certain that such legislation will be discussed in both Houses.

The other great question—the nomination of a candidate for President is being debated very earnestly in all quarters, and everywhere is heard the question, "Is Roosevelt a candidate?" thus apparently justifying Justice Brewer's famed reference to a game of hide and seek in which the President takes part.

Senator Foraker may be relied upon to wage as vigorous a war as even a strenuous opponent may desire.

Congressman Hayes has announced that he has prepared and will introduce a bill to limit Oriental immigration, and that the movement will have the support of the entire Congressional delegation from California goes without saying.

It is certain that this question will be one of the most important ones coming before this Congress. But that any attempt by the California delegation to place Japanese on the same footing with Chinese in the matter of immigration will be opposed by the Administration is made certain by the President's announcement to Congressmen Hayes and Kahn that he is decidedly opposed to any bill excluding Japanese laborers.

But there is yet no authentic information as to any diplomatic difficulty having arisen.

The Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco is making an effort to secure for the merchants of that city a part at least of the supplies for the Panama canal work. Senator Perkins placed the matter before the Canal Commission and has requested that San Francisco dealers be recognized.

A vigorous effort will be made during the session to secure the establishment of a naval station somewhere on San Francisco bay, and others at San Diego and San Pedro. Such stations will become absolutely necessary by reason of the increase in the strength of the United States fleet in the Pacific.

### Good Templars Will Meet.

The Good Templars, organized by Captain Dutton and Mr. Baute of the Grand Lodge of California, will hold their second regular meeting Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, in Metropolitan Hall. The Lodge is nonsectarian in all its work, standing for total abstinence alone as a requirement of membership. Captain Dutton will be with us on Tuesday evening. Every member is urged to be present and bring a friend as the meeting will be an open one to all all friends of temperance. The Captain is a noted speaker and is captivating and entertaining.

### New School for Vista Grande.

Supervisor Julius Eikerenkotter and Superintendent of Schools Roy W. Cloud visited Vista Grande last Saturday and inspected the building proposed for the temporary school house. It is the property of E. Ryan and its use is donated until next July.

It is to be put in condition for the reception of school furniture by the people of Vista Grande.

The Superintendent of Schools recommended that the trustees of Jefferson district supply the teacher and furniture.

A Michigan man sobered up and returned home after a week's debauch upon hearing he was the father of twins. News of that kind will have a sobering effect on any man.

FOR SALE.—Rooming house, complete; choice location; on line of street cars; a money maker. McSweeney & Walsh, 224 Grand Avenue. Nov. 23-1f

## PECK'S WEEKLY LETTER.

The Bay Shore Cutoff opened last Sunday, the 8th, and is really more wonderful than was expected. We have waited so long for the day when we could ride to South City in twelve minutes and we have talked so much about making the trip in twelve minutes that when we came down in seventeen minutes last Sunday, we were very much surprised at the quick trip. When the road is thoroughly tried out and is down to twelve minutes, we hesitate to say what that will mean to South City.

Looking back over the year since we first entered South City to size up the piece and to determine whether we would put the hard earned money of a dozen years into the town, we are amazed at our own good fortune. For surely some element of luck must have been with us. We thought we saw wonderful things ahead for South City and we felt that we could invest our money and our time and ability in South City to better advantage than anywhere else; and we were right. But we never in our wildest dreams saw the South City that we now see since we have made the trip on the Bay Shore Cutoff. Our view is that South City will be the peer of any town on the entire peninsula, barring only one—San Francisco. Its future growth will seem unnatural, the development will be so rapid.

We hasten to say to our friends—those who followed our advice and bought South City real estate—that you have been as fortunate as we, only in a lesser degree, according to your investment, and there will be more profit made in real estate at South City than at any other point on the peninsula.

To those who have not as yet ridden on the Cutoff, we advise a trip at once. Don't put it off, but come Sunday or any day and you will be repaid a thousand fold.

A word about the Bay Shore Cutoff. It is completed and in daily operation. It extends from 7th and Townsend Street to a point a few miles below South City. This is the entire length of the Bay Shore Cutoff, and the \$7,000,000 was spent between South City and 7th and Townsend Streets.

Our work from now on will be devoted to the improvement of our property; to get it into shape for home building in the Spring, and to make it the most beautiful home site on San Francisco Bay. We have a lot of work to do in improving the service on the Bay Shore Cutoff. We want more trains—in fact, we want every train that passes through South City; we want the fare reduced and we are going to work until we get these concessions.

While the times are hard and money is tight we feel satisfied that the general condition will be all right next year and we are looking forward to great prosperity for South City.

FOR SALE.—Milk Route; 192 customers; 56 cows and necessary appurtenances. For particulars inquire of McSweeney & Walsh, 224 Grand Ave. Lease. Nov. 23-1f

## SOUTH CITY RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

### BAY SHORE CUTOFF.

#### NORTHBOUND TRAINS.

6:23 A. M.

7:23 A. M.

(Except Sunday)

7:43 A. M.

9:23 A. M.

1:03 P. M.

3:03 P. M.

5:23 P. M.

6:23 P. M.

7:03 P. M.

#### SOUTHBOUND TRAINS.

6:37 A. M.

7:17 A. M.

8:40 A. M.

10:57 A. M.

11:57 A. M.

2:20 P. M.

3:37 P. M.

4:37 P. M.

5:57 P. M.

6:17 P. M.

6:37 P. M.

8:37 P. M.

## POST OFFICE.

Post Office open from 7 A. M. to 6 P. M. Sundays, 8 A. M. to 9 A. M. Money order office open from 7 A. M. to 6 P. M. Mails leave Post Office/thirty minutes before trains.

### \* NORTHBOUND DISPATCH.

11:48 A. M.

3:43 P. M.

7:03 P. M.

### † SOUTHBOUND DISPATCH.

6:37 A. M.

11:57 A. M.

3:17 P. M.

\* Mails from south arrive.

† Mails from north arrive.

E. E. CUNNINGHAM, P. M.

## \$50 REWARD.

Sheriff Chatham, of this county, offers a reward for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who waylaid and murdered James C. Jones, better known as Deacon Jones, on November 10th last, at Visitacion Valley.

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# CHRISTMAS!!

## WHAT SHALL I GIVE HIM?

### A Few Suggestions:

A nice Smoking Jacket.....\$5.00 and up  
 A Nice Bath Robe.....\$4.00 and up  
 A Pair of Fancy Suspenders.....50c to \$1.50  
 A Silk Reefer (all colors).....50c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00  
 A Handsome Necktie.....25c, 50c, 75c  
 A Handsome Scarf Pin.....25c, 35c, 50c  
 A Silk Handkerchief.....50c, 75c, \$1.00  
 A Fancy Golf Shirt.....\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50  
 A pair of Cuff Links.....50c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00  
 A Fancy Pair of Hosiery.....25c and 50c  
 A Pair of Gloves.....\$1.00 and up

## HATS . . . SHOES

READY-TO-WEAR SUITS

We will exchange for the right size.

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## THE POTRERO COMMERCIAL AND MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION

LIGHTS AND POLICE FOR POTRERO HEIGHTS.

San Francisco, December 12th.—We have succeeded in getting eleven lights and two mounted policemen for the district bounded by Wisconsin to Vermont and Nineteenth to Army Streets.

There has been a great influx in this section since the great earthquake. It is estimated that there are 3500 people located there.

Rome had its seven hills; but San Francisco with its seven hundred, more or less, has scarcely any more inaccessible heights than are to be found within the above boundary lines. The first time one visits this portion of the Potrero he is surprised that the residents have been enabled to overcome the natural disadvantages, and to erect as good houses as they have built.

In time this area will have to have some attention paid to sewers and streets.

### CITY'S SANITATION.

When San Francisco is finally rehabilitated and its cross streets and avenues symmetrically interwoven in convenient and easier grades, this district will be much more accessible from the other portions of the city.

"In time of peace prepare for war," is one of the maxims inculcated from time immemorial and may be applied as being well to bear in mind in other matters by getting ready in advance to minimize any troubles to arise next summer from any neglect of the proper rules of sanitation. The rats are doomed, and cleanliness is to be the order of the day all over our city. While these rules ought to be enforced, we presume that the Board of Health and Supervisors will handle the mat-

ter intelligently and not impose unreasonable conditions that may injure any of our citizens who have the care of animals.

### SPUR TRACK ON SPEAR STREET.

The merchants doing business on Spear street are in a fair way to have a spur track on that street from Harrison street to the south side of Mission. The cars on this track are to be operated from midnight until 6 a. m. Many of the heaviest shippers are located along this part of Spear street, and its situation is well adapted for the use of the spur track without interfering with the general public.

Last year Mr. Duffey tore up the track which is now to be replaced. The only way to help San Francisco to maintain her trade is to give her merchants the use of the spur tracks as is done, without hesitation, in Seattle and Los Angeles.

The charter amendments passed at the last election and made law at the special session of the Legislature now happily empower our Board of Supervisors to grant spur track privileges.

### THE BOND ISSUES.

The charter amendments now in force, permitting the payments of five per cent interest, will enable our city to sell its bonds and provide for sewers and all improvements needed and authorized.

For the coming year we have much to look forward to. The rehabilitation of San Francisco will now make rapid strides, and in the budget for 1908 we confidently expect great things for the Potrero and its contiguous and outlying districts. It ought to prove of lasting benefit to all of our city and place us on our feet again.

## COUNTIES COMMITTEE TO MEET AT FRESNO

The Eighth Semi-annual meeting of the Counties Committee of The California Promotion Committee will take place at Fresno on Saturday, December fourteenth. The subject to be discussed is the "Marketing of the California Products", and an unusually interesting program has been arranged by the committee in charge. The meeting will be opened by the Chairman of the Counties Committee Mr. Andrea Sbarbaro and an address of welcome made by John A. Neu, President of the Fresno County Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor Lyon of Fresno. Addresses will be made on topics pertaining to the theme of the meeting by P. H. Rice, Santa Barbara County; George Henderson, Humboldt County; B. A. Woodford, Los Angeles County; William E. Smythe, San Diego County; Geo. W. Pierce, Yolo County; G. W. Cartwright, Fresno County, and others. Addresses will also be made by Governor Gillett; State Harbor Commissioner W. V. Stafford and H. D. Loveland, State Railroad Commissioner of California. Ample time will be allowed for free and open discussion of this important subject, and it is anticipated that the conclusions reached at the meeting will be such as will have the desired effect in inaugurating a campaign for the amelioration of conditions in California as regards the marketing of products. It is a subject that is a vital consequence to the development of the State, and must be dealt with now, in order to provide for the great expansion that may be looked for within the near future.

The rapid increase of population in California that has been going on, especially since the effective exploiting of the State in recent years, requires the most careful consideration of the transportation problem, especially as affecting California products.

At the meeting in Fresno, the usual custom of the Committee will be followed, and an Executive Committee appointed to carry out the wishes of the delegates. That such wishes are expressions of the people of the State is shown by the fact that every one of the fifty-eight counties of California will be represented. The last meeting was held at Petaluma in June when fifty-seven counties were represented, but since that time the county of Imperial has been added.

In addition to the regular business of the meeting and discussion of the subject selected, reports will be received from the Chairman of the Legislative Harbor Committee, which Committee was appointed as a result of the San Diego meeting held a year ago; also a report of the Committees appointed at the Petaluma meeting on Forestry and Irrigation in California. These Committees have been actively at work and are now prepared to present their conclusions.

It is interesting to know that previous meetings of the Counties Committee of The California Promotion Committee have been held at Sacramento, Pasadena, San Jose, Santa Barbara, Napa, San Diego, and Petaluma, and the interest in the meetings increases and their importance is demonstrated with each succeeding one.

The Fresno County Chamber of Commerce has made very elaborate preparations for the entertainment of delegates. On the evening of the fourteenth a banquet will be given arranged by the leading citizens of Fresno. On Sunday morning the visitors will be taken by special train to Reedley and to the Wahtoke Vineyard, where luncheon will be served, thence the party will be taken by carriage through the great citrus district of Reedley, Mt. Campbell and Centerville. The Fresno Chamber of Commerce is also getting up a fine citrus exhibit in honor of the Convention. This exhibit will be in the Chamber of Commerce Building. Special rates on all railroads will be made for this meeting.

A San Diego, man is asking for a divorce, because his wife shot him in the leg. He will have difficulty proving that she was aiming at him.

"There is a vast difference in saving money for a rainy day and 'hoarding,'" says the Detroit Free Press. But what's the difference to the man who is unable to do either?"

FOR SALE CHEAP—New three room cottage.  
E. E. Cunningham & Co. tf

## VISITACION VALLEY NEWS

### Masquerade Prizes.

The costume worn by Mrs. H. Nutter, at the masquerade ball given for the benefit of the Visitacion Valley Improvement Club, Saturday night December 7, at the Six Mile House, was very beautiful and took the first prize, the oil painting. The costume represented California fruits. A tight-fitting princess dress was entirely covered with green leaves, and all over the skirt at regular intervals, were different California fruits. A head dress was worn on which was printed "California Fruits." Cranberries were festooned about the bodice and she carried a fancy basket filled with fruit. Mrs. John Nutter won the second prize as a beggar woman. Mrs. A. F. Anderton, as a darkey belle, carried off the booby prize.

Mr. Larry Kennedy, as a miner, took first prize. Mr. A. Robinson, as a cavalry officer took second prize, and Mr. Jack Brown the booby prize.

Mrs. A. T. Tillson wore a dress over 100 years old. Mrs. Leo Dowdall and Miss Vona Taber were "ghosts." Mrs. R. B. Hutchison and Mrs. Richard Plamonden represented the "Mission Times" and wore dresses made entirely of that paper. Miss Nellie Hamilton was Morning. Miss Lily Duncan was Violets. Miss Gladis Russell wore a beautiful costume made of wall-paper. Mrs. P. Burnett represented Gretchen. Mrs. W. Brand was clothed in black. Miss Justine Gorse wore a Mary Jane dress. Mr. Jack Lyon was a sailor. Mr. R. Plamonden wore a National Guard uniform. Many other guests were present in different costumes. Most excellent coffee and sandwiches were served. Dancing lasted until the early morning hours, and the third

annualmasquera de in Visitacion is joy of the past.

### Murry's New Launch.

Mr. Murry, of Sunny Dale Avenue and Schwerin Street has on the way from the East, a thirty foot launch. He will put this launch together on Schwerin Street, and in course of a month will have it floating off the wharf in Visitacion Bay. Mr. Murry found his other launch too small to accommodate the parties wishing to go out with him. His new launch can carry twenty people and many parties are planning for a trip around the bay.

### Catholic Fair Prizes.

The drawing for the large prizes held over from the recent Catholic Church fair at Visitacion took place last Monday evening at the pastor's residence.

The following were the prizes: Morris chair donated by Dr. C. V. Gallagher; suit of clothes donated by Kelleher and Browne; sewing machine donated by Dowdall, Chambers & Co; lot donated by a parishioner; gold watch donated by the Bay Shore Real Estate Co; oriental rug donated by Dr. R. J. Dowdall. Persons having coupons can obtain winning numbers by applying to the pastor.

### A Thrilling Experience.

A party of four, two ladies and two gentlemen, whose names are unknown, while passing through the long tunnel on the Bay Shore Cut-off near Visitacion the other day had an experience they will not forget in a hurry. They did not know the trains were running and were surprised and horrified in the tunnel by a train running by them at all speed.

### BOB INGERSOLL'S LOAN.

"Few men are more pestered by beggars than the late Col. Robert G. Ingersoll," says a New York lawyer who is now in easy circumstances. "I myself made a touch on the colonel and he responded to it like the gentleman he was."

"It was in Memphis. I was 'dead broke,' friendless and desperate, I even envied the sweating, half-naked stevedores down at the river wharves, as they stood in line to receive their pay, only to hustle off and lose their money in a crap game. My hotel bill was worrying me a lot. It wasn't big, but I had nothing with which to pay it. I scarcely had nerve enough to go in and eat my meals, and I never would have stepped up to the desk if I hadn't been compelled to ask the clerk for mail in the hope that a letter might contain a check that would relieve my misery."

"One day I noticed in the hotel lobby a lithograph likeness of Col. Ingersoll, I had seen it before, announcing a lecture on 'The Mistake of Moses.' But this time it furnished an inspiration. I hated to confess it. I had met Col. Ingersoll in the days of my prosperity, a year or so before. But the meeting had been of the most casual sort and gave me not the slightest claim upon his friendship. I doubted if he ever remembered me. Such was my necessity, and so low had my self-respect ebbed that I determined to join the vast army of leeches that followed him."

"On the night of the lecture, which was given the next evening, I went around to the stage door and gained admission by stating that I was a friend of the famous orator. A stage hand gave me a seat in the wings, and at the close of the lecture handed my note to Col. Ingersoll."

"I can see the noble old chap as he came out into the wings to meet me. He evidently had seen my kind before, but he was patient and courteous."

"I don't remember you," he said, "but tell me what I can do for you." "Tell him! I unloosed the tongue of my woe and let fly. I told him I had to have \$20."

"That is a pretty large sum for one man to ask of a stranger," he remonstrated gently.

"I admitted it, but pleaded the harder."

"Very well," he weakened, handing me the bill. "Only remember that I am not so rich as many think I am. Hundreds of persons ask me for money."

I can't give them all \$20 bills. Some day I may need this, so if you have any luck hereafter send it to me. I may have to pass it on to some other poor devil."

"That loan of the colonel's helped me over the rough hill of my hard luck. Inside of a year I was in Washington with a good job. One day I encountered the colonel as he was about stepping into a carriage."

"Col. Ingersoll," I said stepping up to him, "I don't suppose you remember me."

"No," he replied, just a trifle suspiciously. "I don't believe I do."

"Well," I replied, "I believe you said that once before, but this time I don't think you will regret having me refresh your recollection. First take this \$20, and I'll explain myself."

"I did, and I don't think I ever felt more proud of having pulled myself together than I did then, for I was telling the story to the man who had seen how nearly down and out I had been."

"My boy," he said, laying a big, friendly hand on my shoulder. "You don't know how happy you have made me feel. That repays me for the thousands that never have come back."

"A few weeks later I read a press dispatch announcing that he had suddenly dropped into his last sleep at his home at Dobbs Ferry. I had paid my debt none too soon."

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## GREATER SAN FRANCISCO CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

The California Promotion Committee has sent out the following circular:

"The campaign for a Greater San Francisco is now fairly launched, and the matter is one of interest to the entire State of California. It is proposed to take in the territory within a radius of fifteen miles on an air-line from the City Hall of San Francisco. This would include the towns on the south as far as San Mateo, and across the bay, Fruitvale, Alameda, Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond, San Rafael and interlying territory, in all covering an area of approximately 180 square miles, and figuring the present estimate of population of this area, there would be 807,655 people in the Greater San Francisco as proposed. This fact in itself will be a great advertisement to the State of California, and will place San Francisco fourth in rank with cities of the country, instead of eighth place which it now enjoys."

"The California Promotion Committee, the pioneer in the movement for greater cities in California, has been for nearly two years accumulating data and securing information regarding other cities of the world that have consolidated, and is now in position to show the great benefits that accrue by such action. The committee takes the position that this subject is one of general State interest, and has announced that it will assist in every way possible other communities of California that wish to take action similar to the action that has already been taken in San Francisco and cities about San Francisco Bay. This probably has special reference to Los Angeles and contiguous territory. Los Angeles has for some years been desirous of annexing considerable area tributary to the present city, and in its efforts it will have the hearty support of The California Promotion Committee. The entire State of California should get behind this movement, as the consummation of the project is much to be desired."

### CHRISTMAS TREES.

From time immemorial a tree has been a part of the Christmas celebration. It may be seen outside the traditional mangers in the missals and early paintings of the preraphaelite Italian

school. In the tree or near it are seen angels in flowing robes singing out of a scroll of illuminated paper the "Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men" or "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!"

The correct German Christmas tree always has an Angel or a Christkind on the topmost branch with a tinsel star at the end of a staff, like a pantomime fairy, and if the tree belongs to a very orthodox family there is usually at its foot a small toy group representing the Saviour's birth in the stable at Bethlehem.

The lights on the tree are said to be of Jewish origin. In the ninth month of the Jewish year, corresponding nearly to our December, and on the twenty-fifth day, the Jews celebrated the feast of dedication of their temple. It had been desecrated on that day by Antiochus. It was dedicated by Judas Maccabeus, and then, according to the Jewish legend, sufficient oil was found in the temple to last for the seven branched candlestick for seven days, and it would have taken seven days to prepare new oil. Accordingly the Jews were wont on the 25th of Kislev in every house to light a candle, on the next day two, and so on till on the seventh and last day of the feast seven candles twinkled in every house.

It is not easy to fix the exact date of the Nativity, but it fell most probably on the last day of Kislev, when every Jewish house in Bethlehem and Jerusalem was twinkling with lights. It is worthy of notice that the German name for Christmas is Weihnacht (the night of dedication), as though it were associated with this feast. The Greeks also called Christmas the feast of lights, and, indeed, this was also the name given to the dedication festival, Chanuka, by the Jews.—New York Mail and Express.

### \$25.00 REWARD

The South San Francisco Land and Improvement Company offers a reward of \$25.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anybody injuring or tampering with the water meters of the Company.

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FOR RENT.—House of four rooms and bath. Inquire of J. L. Wood or Postoffice. 3t



## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LETTER

RHODES SCHOLARS WINNING HONORS.

BERKELEY, December 4th.—The Trustees of the Rhodes Scholarship have issued a statement of the welfare and activities of the Rhodes Scholars during the last year that is of considerable importance to the people of the United States. Of the seventy-three scholars elected in 1907 forty-five were from the United States, eight from Canada, six from Australia, five from South Africa, five from Germany, and one each from Bermuda, Jamaica, Newfoundland, and New Zealand.

The election of scholars is to be completed and the names of successful competitors notified to the Trust before the fifteenth of April. Steps will then be taken by the representative of the Trust at Oxford to distribute the elected scholars among the various colleges. Elected scholars are to present themselves at Oxford for the opening of the term in October, 1908.

ELWOOD MEAD'S PLACE FILLED BY GOVERNOR.

The United States Department of Agriculture has rearranged the work of the irrigation and drainage investigation which has formerly been under the charge of Dr. Elwood Mead. Dr. Mead has recently resigned to assume direction of government irrigation work in Australia. Dr. Samuel Fortier, irrigation engineer in charge of the Pacific district of the irrigation and drainage investigations, and stationed at the University of California, Berkeley, California, has been made chief of irrigation investigations. Mr. C. G. Elliot, for several years past engineer in charge of the drainage investigations of the office has been made chief of drainage investigations.

GREAT HONOR FOR SCIENTIST.

The King of Norway has conferred upon Professor George Davidson of the University the high honor of the Cross of the first class of the Royal Order of St. Olav. This is a distinction that can only be obtained by the sanction of the King's ministers, and for valuable services rendered to Norway.

COMING EVENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

The University mid-year examination season will commence on Tuesday, December the tenth, and last until Friday, December the twentieth. The remaining events between now and the examination seasons are as follows: On Friday morning at eleven o'clock the regular University meeting will be held in Harmon Gymnasium. The speakers will be Professor William Dallam Arnes, Assistant Professor of English Literature, and Professor Henry Morse Stephens, Professor of History and Director of University Extension.

## "FOR CALIFORNIA"

The December number of For California, the monthly magazine published by The California Promotion Committee, is devoted to the birds and bird life of the State. We hear the curious misconception stated occasionally that California is deficient in bird life, or at least in song birds. That nothing could be farther from the truth this special number of For California shows.

There are enthusiasts who claim that the birds of this State attain more exquisite powers of song than their relatives east of the Rockies. This is certainly true in the case of the California meadow lark, and very possible in others. The number is distinctly readable, from cover to cover, not alone by bird lovers but by busy people who have little time for reading.

Dr. Frederick W. D'Evelyn writes of birds in California; another viewpoint is had in Fred W. Koch's Birds of California Deserts; Bertha Chapman tells about Birds in My Winter Garden; The Greatest Bird Rookery in the west is described by Milton S. Ray; Elizabeth Grinnell deals with Some Birds the Stranger Sees; Professor William E. Ritter writes of Bird Beauty and Perfection; Joseph Grinnell tells of a Bird with a Language; William W. Price gives a page on Birds of the Mountains; Walter P. Taylor's theme is Pasadena Tourists; there is a sketch by Clarence E. Edwards on the Gulls of San Francisco Bay and W. Scott Way reports on the work of The Audubon Society of California. A bibliography of California birds is added. The frontispiece of this number is a beautiful full-page half-tone of the California thrush.

## PROMOTION COMMITTEE PROGRESS BULLETIN.

Reports received by The California Promotion Committee from the gold mining districts, indicate great activity with heavy output. California has given to the world, since gold was discovered in the State, a total of more than \$1,500,000,000 worth of the metal, and indications are that there will be greater development than ever with modern methods that are now being used in all mining districts. During the month just past there has been increased inquiry into mining opportunities. In November, California gold mines produced over \$1,500,000.

Railroad building continues, both in steam and electric lines, and the demand for labor shows no slackening. In manufacturing lines the reports show continued prosperity. All crops have been harvested, and the returns have been better than was expected. Harvesting of the citrus crop has begun, and already many carloads have gone to Eastern markets from points in the interior valley.

From returns made by railroads, more than 100,000 people came to California on colonists' rates during the two seasons of 1907. These new settlers have been distributed all over the State, and their coming has been a material help in the subdivision of large tracts of land. Reports received by the Committee from its Eastern affiliations indicate that there is a very general inquiry about California from prospective settlers.

The following summary shows California conditions from October 26 to November 28, inclusive:

San Francisco building permits, \$2,219,157.  
San Francisco building permits since the fire, \$89,366,520.  
Los Angeles building permits, \$964,860.  
Oakland building permits, \$701,926.  
San Diego building permits, \$194,290.  
San Francisco real estate sales, 3070 value, \$850,000.  
San Francisco bank clearings, \$122,391,524.29.  
San Francisco bank clearings, Nov., 1906, \$232,238,872.09.  
San Francisco bank clearings, Nov., 1905, \$175,162,702.27.  
Los Angeles bank clearings, \$38,074,587.  
Oakland bank clearings, \$6 789,074.26.  
San Jose bank clearing, \$2,169,960.77  
Sacramento bank clearings, \$3,416,651.37.  
Stockton bank clearings, \$2,563,828.07  
San Francisco customs receipts, \$552,510.76.

## BRIEF AND BREEZY

Mr. Weston, the aged pedestrian, turns aside from his walk from Portland to Chicago to put flowers on a grave near Fredonia. It seems as though he has been studying the art of advertising in Washington.

Sixty days in jail was the penalty incurred by a rash young man who sent a dynamite bomb to the governor of Colorado. It would be interesting to know what that judge regards as a serious crime.

From now on an Oklahoman will stand up when he hears Star Spangled Banner.

The Massachusetts judge who has decided that a woman who rumages in her husbands pockets is guilty of cruelty could be elected to the Presidency.

If John D. Rockefeller has \$100,000,000 in the United States bonds, as alleged, it is strange that he doesn't try harder to run the Government than he appears to do.

An exchange says, "Washington needs better gas." And less of the Congressional brand.

At last reports there were 38,215 rural delivery routes in operation in the United States, all the growth of a few years. No other country has ever developed a new postal feature to the same extent in so short a time.

A man who calls another a liar in the Indian Territory may now be indicted and tried for the offence. The lawyers in that part of the country must be sadly in need of a chance to make a living.

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Oil Pants and Leggings ..... \$1.25 a pair  
RUBBER BOOTS (Knee and Thigh) for ..... \$3.50 and \$5.00  
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# The Opal Serpent

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## SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS

I. Paul Beecot, son of wealthy parents, leaves his home in the country owing to the tyranny of his father and goes to London to make his way as a writer of stories. He meets Grexon Hay, an old school friend. Paul has a peculiar opal brooch fashioned in the shape of a serpent. Hay appears to be anxious to buy it.

II. Paul falls in love with Sylvia Norman, the daughter of Aaron Norman, a London bookseller and pawnbroker. Paul offers to pawn the opal brooch with Norman, but the latter falls in a faint when he sees the jewel.

III and IV. Mrs. Beecot, who gave the opal brooch to her son Paul, writes him that her husband had obtained the brooch at a pawnshop in Stowley, and that subsequently the pawnbroker had tried to get it back, saying that the pledger had called for it. Paul is injured by being run over by an automobile, having stumbled in front of it as the result of Hay's falling against him.

V, VI and VII. Paul has lost the serpent in the automobile accident. An East Indian named Hoker visits Norman's store and leaves on the counter a small pile of brown sugar. Aaron Norman is murdered in the store that night, and his lips are found pinned together with the opal brooch.

VIII and IX. It develops that the opal serpent brooch had been pawned in Stowley twenty years before by a sailor, Aaron Norman, who will devise everything to "my daughter." The will is signed "Lemuel Krill," which, it turns out, was Norman's right name.

X. A woman, with her daughter, Maud, appears. She announces that they are the wife and daughter respectively of Lemuel Krill and claim the fortune, thus casting a shadow upon Sylvia Norman's legitimacy.

XI, XII and XIII.—Paul Beecot and Detective Hurd of Scotland Yard set to work to find the murderer of Aaron Norman, alias Krill. Hurd suspects Hay, who is a shady character. Hay writes Paul to dinner at his rooms, and there Paul learns that Hay is to marry Maud Krill.

XIV and XV.—Mrs. Krill offers Paul an annuity if he will marry Sylvia and leave England forever. It is learned that Mrs. Krill had for many years been the proprietress of an inn called the Red Pig, at which twenty years before Lady Rachel Sandal, who was wearing the opal serpent brooch at the time, was murdered by strangulation. Maud had made so much noise on that occasion that Lemuel Krill (Aaron Norman) had silenced her by pinning her lips together with the opal brooch. Lemuel had then fled.

XVI. Sylvia explains to Paul her reasons for suspecting that the Indian Hoker had killed her father.

XVII.—Hurd learns that the sailor who pawned the opal serpent twenty years before was named Jessop.

XVIII.—Hurd goes to the Red Pig.

XIX and XX.—Jessop proves that he had nothing to do with either the murder of Lady Rachel Sandal or with that of Aaron Norman (Lemuel Krill). He knows a good deal, however, of the attendant circumstances of both murders.

(Continued)

nor Krill I never did see. He'd knife you as soon as look at you when drunk."

"But he evidently preferred strangling."

"Hold on, mate," said Jessop, with another deep pull at the rum. "I'm comin' to that night. We was both on the bust, a y'may say, and Mrs. Krill she didn't like it, so got to bed with the child."

"How old was the child?"

"Maud? Oh, you might say she was thirteen or fifteen. I can't be sure of her age. What's up?"

For Hurd, seeing in this admission a confirmation that Maud was not Krill's child and could not inherit the money, had showed his feelings. However, he made some trivial excuse, not wishing to be too confidential, and begged Jessop to proceed.

"Well, mate," said the captain, filling another glass of rum, "y'see the lady had come earlier and had been put to bed by the missus. I never saw her myself, being drinking in this very room along of Krill. But he saw her," added Jessop emphatically, "and said as she'd a fine opal brooch, which he wish he'd had, as he wanted money and the missus kept him tight."

"Krill was a judge of jewels?"

"Traveled in jewels once," said the captain. "Bless you, he could size up a precious stone in no time. But he sat drinking with me, and every now and then got out of the room, when he'd stop away for perhaps a quarter of an hour at the time."

"Did he mention the opal brooch again?"

"No," said Jessop, after reflection, "he didn't. But he got so drunk that he began to show fight, as he always did when boozy, though a timid chap when sober. I concluded, wishing no row, to git to my hammock, and cut upstairs. Then I went by mistake into the room of that pore lady, carrying a candle, and saw her tied to the bedpost stone dead, with a silk handkerchief round her neck. I shouted out blue murder, and Mrs. Krill, with the kid, came tumbling down. I was so scared," added Jessop, wiping his forehead at the recollection, "that I ran out of doors."

"What good would that do?"

"Lor, I dunno," confessed the man, shivering, "but I was skeered out of my life. It was rainin' pitchforks, as y'might say, and I raced on through

the rain for an hour or so. Then I thought, as I was innocent, I'd make tracks back, and I did. I found Krill had cut."

"Did his wife tell you?"

"Oh, she was lying on the floor insensible where he'd knocked her down. And the kid—Lor," Jessop spat, "she was lying in the corner with her lips fastened together with the brooch."

"What?" cried Hurd, starting to his feet. "The same as her—the same as Norman's was?"

Jessop nodded and drank some rum. "Made me sick, it did. I took the brooch away and slipped it into my pocket. Then the kid said her father had fastened her lips together and had knocked her mother flat when she interfered. I brought Mrs. Krill round and then left her with the kid, and walked off to Southampton. The police found me there, and I told them what I tell you."

"Did you tell about the brooch?"

"Well, no, I didn't," confessed Jessop coolly, "and as the kid and the mother said nothing, I didn't see why I shouldn't keep it, wantin' money. So I went to Stowley and pawned it, then took a deep sea voyage for a year. When I come back, all was over."

"Do you think Krill murdered the woman?" asked Hurd, passing over for the moment the fact that Jessop had stolen the brooch.

"He said he didn't," rejoined the man with emphasis, "but I truly believe, mister, as he did, one of them times when mad with drink and out of the room. He wanted the brooch, d'ye see, though why he should have lost the loot by sealin' the kid's mouth with it I can't say."

"When did you come across Krill again?"

"Ho," said Jessop, drawing his hand across his mouth, "'twas this way, d'ye see. I came round here lots, and a swell come, too, a cold—"

"Grexon Hay," said Hurd, pointing to the photograph.

"Yes, that's him," said Jessop, staring, "and I hated him just, with his eyeglasses and his sneerin' ways. He loved the kid, now a growned, fine gal, as you know, and come here often. In June—at the end of it anyhow—he comes and I hears him tells Mrs. Krill, who was always looking for her husband, that a one eyed bookseller in Gwynne street, Drury lane, had fainted when he saw the very identical brooch showed him by another cove."

"Beecot. I know. Didn't you wonder how the brooch had left the pawnshop?" asked Hurd, very attentive.

"No, I didn't," snarled Jessop, who was growing cross. "I knew old Tinker's assistant had sold the brooch and he didn't oughter 't have done it, as I wanted it back. Mrs. Krill asked me about the brooch and wanted it, so I said I'd get it back. Tinker said it was gone, but wrote to the gent as bought it."

"Mr. Simon Beecot of Wargrove, in Essex."

"That was him; but the gent wouldn't give it back, so I s'pose he'd given it to his son. Well, then, when Mrs. Krill heard of the one eyed man fainting at the sight of the brooch she knew 'twas her husband, as he'd one eye, she having knocked the other out when he was sober."

"Did she go up and see him?"

"Well," said Jessop slowly, "I don't rightly know what she did do, but she went up. I don't think she saw Krill at his shop, but she might have seen that Pash, who was Mr. Hay's lawyer, and a dirty little ape o' sorts he is."

"Ha," said Hurd to himself, "I thought Pash knew about the women beforehand. No wonder he stuck to them and gave poor Miss Norman the go-by." He rubbed his hands and chuckled. "Well, we'll see what will come of the matter. Go on, Jessop."

"There ain't much more to tell," grumbled the captain. "I heard of this, and I wasn't meant to hear. But I thought I'd go up and see if I could get money out of Krill by saying I'd tell about the murder of Lady Rachel."

"You are a scoundrel," said Hurd coolly.

"I was 'ard up," apologized the captain, "or I wouldn't, not me. I'm straight enough when in cash. So I went up in July."

"On the 6th of July?"

"If that was the day of the murder, yes. I went up and loafed round until

it was dark and then slipped through that side passage at 8 o'clock to see Krill."

"How did you know where to find him?"

"Why, that Hay knew about the chap and said as he did business in a cellar after 8. So Krill let me in, thinking, I s'pose, I was a customer. He'd been drinking a little and was bold enough. But when I said as I'd say he'd killed Lady Rachel he swore he was an innocent babe and cried, the drink dyin' out of him."

"The same as it died out of you lately," said Hurd, smiling.

"Go slow," grunted the captain in a surly tone. "I ain't afraid now, as I ain't done nothing. I said to Krill I'd say nothing if he'd give me money. He wouldn't, but said he'd placed a lot of pawned things with Pash, and I could have them. He then gave me a paper saying I was to have the things, and I went to Pash the next morning and had trouble. But I heard by chance," again Jessop cast a strange look at Hurd, "that Krill had been murdered, so I didn't wait for the lawyer to come back, but cut down to Southampton and went on a short voyage. Then I come here, and you nabbed me," and Jessop finished his rum. "That's all I know."

"Do you swear you left Aaron Norman alive?"

"Meaning Krill? I do. He wasn't no use to me dead, and I made him give me the jewels Pash had, d'ye see."

"But who warned you of the death when you were waiting?"

Jessop seemed unwilling to speak, but when pressed burst out, "'Twas a measly little kid with ragged clothes and a dirty face."

"Tray," said Hurd. "Hum! I wonder how he knew of the murder before it got into the papers?"

## CHAPTER XXI.

HURD'S sister was a clever young woman who in her time had played many parts. She began her career along with Hurd as a private detective, but when her brother joined the official service Miss Hurd thought she would better her position by appearing on the stage and therefore took the rather queer name of Aurora Qian. In her detective capacity she had often disguised herself when employed in obtaining evidence and was remarkably talented in changing her face and figure. This art she used with great success in her new profession and speedily made her mark as an impersonator of various characters out of novels. As Becky Sharp, as Little Dorrit, she was said to be inimitable, and after playing under several managements she started, in the phrase of the profession, "a show of her own" and rapidly made money.

But her great faults, among others, were vanity and extravagance, so she was always in need of money, and when chance offered, through her brother, to make any she was not averse to returning to the spy business. Thus it came about that she watched Mr. Grexon Hay for many a long day and night, and he never suspected the pretty, fluffy, kittenish Miss Qian was in reality an emissary of the law. Consequently when Aurora asked him to a card party at her rooms Hay accepted readily enough, although he was not in need of money at the time.

Miss Qian occupied a tiny flat on the top of a huge pile of buildings in Kensington, and it was furnished in a gimcrack way, with more show than real value and with more color than taste. Like the Becky Sharp whom she impersonated with such success, Miss Qian possessed a chaperon, not because she needed one, being very well able to look after herself, but because it sounded and looked respectable. Miss Stably, who filled this necessary office, was a dull old lady who dressed excessively badly and devoted her life to knitting shawls. She talked very little.

This sort of person exactly suited Miss Qian, who wanted a sheep dog who could neither bark nor bite and who could be silent. These qualifications were possessed by the old lady, and for some years she had trailed through a rather giddy world at Aurora's heels. In her own dull way she was fond of the young woman, but was far from suspecting that Aurora was connected in an underhand manner with the law.

This was the old lady who sat in the pink drawing room to play propriety for Miss Qian. Lord George Sandal was present, looking rather washed out, but as gentlemanly as ever. Hay, with his fixed eyeglass and eternally cold smile, was there, and a third young man, who adored Miss Qian, thinking her to be merely an actress, simpered across the card table at his goddess. The four were playing a game which involved the gaining and losing of much money, and they had been engaged for about an hour. Miss Stably, having eaten a good dinner and commenced a new shawl, was half dosing in the corner and paying absolutely no attention to the players.

"It's a good thing we're hanging on

our own hooks in this game," said Miss Qian. "Were I your partner, Sandal"—she always addressed her friends in this free and easy fashion—"I'd be losing money. What luck you have?"

"I never do seem to win," lamented Lord George. "Whenever I think I've got a good hand, the thing pans out wrong."

"Hay has got all the money," said the simpering admirer who answered to the name of Tempest. "He and you, Miss Qian, are the winners."

"I've made very little," she replied. "Hay's raking in the dollars hand over fist."

"Lucky in love, unlucky at cards," said Hay, who did not like his good fortune to be commented upon for reasons which Miss Qian knew. "It's the reverse with me—I'm lucky at cards."

"And lucky in love, too," interrupted Aurora, with a grimace, "seeing you're going to marry that Krill heiress—if she is an heiress."

"What do you mean?" asked Hay, who was dealing a new round.

"Go on with the game and don't ask questions," said Miss Qian in a saucy manner. "Sandal, don't stare round, but keep your eye on the cards," and she winked stealthily at the young lord while Hay was exchanging a word with Tempest. The young man, who had spoken privately to her immediately before the dinner, knew well what she meant. Had Hay been likewise "in the know" he would scarcely have done what he did do and which Sandal saw him do in a few minutes.

Hay was rapidly dealing, and the cards were flying like leaves. A pile of gold stood beside Hay's elbow and some silver near Tempest. The game commenced, and soon the players were engrossed, heedless of the patent snoring of Miss Stably, who, poor old thing, had succumbed to the lateness of the hour. Suddenly Lord George, who had been very vigilant, felt his foot touched under the table by Miss Qian. He rose at once and snatched up the gold standing near Hay.

"What's that for?" demanded Hay angrily.

"You're cheating," said Sandal, "and I don't play with you any more."

"That's a lie! I did not cheat."

"Yes, you did," cried Miss Qian, bending forward and seizing the cards; "we've been watching you. Tempest—"

"I saw it all right," said the other.

"You took up that king—"

"And it's marked," said Aurora. "I believe Hay's got cards up his sleeve. Examine the cards."

Hay, very pale, but still keeping his countenance, tried to object, but the two young men seized and held him, while Miss Qian, with a dexterity acquired in detective circles, rapidly searched his pockets.

"Here's another pack," she cried, and shook an ace and two kings out of the detected swindler's sleeve, "and these cards—"

Sandal took one and went to the lamp. "Marked, by Jove!" he cried, but with a stronger oath. "Here's a pin prick!"

"You are mistaken," began Hay, quite pale.

"No," said Tempest coolly, "we're not. Miss Qian told us you cheated, and we laid a trap for you. You've



"Here's another pack," she cried, been trying this double card and marked card dodge several times this very evening."

"And he's tried it lots of times before," said Aurora quickly. "I have been at several places where Hay scooped the pool, and it was all cheating."

"If it was," said Hay with quivering lips, "why didn't you denounce me then and there?"

"Because I denounce you now," she said; "you're cooked, my man. These boys will see that the matter is made public."

"By Jove, yes!" cried Sandal, with a look of abhorrence at Hay, "and I'll prosecute you to get back those thousands you won off me."

"I never did!"

"You've been rooking this boy for months," cried Miss Qian. "Here, Tempest, get a constable. We'll give him in charge for swindling."

"No! no!" cried Hay, his nerve giving way under the threatened exposure; "you'll have your money back, Sandal, I swear."

"Lord George to you now, you blackguard; and how can you pay me the money when I know you haven't got a cent?"

"He intends to get it from the heiress," sniggered Aurora.

"Oh, dear me!" rose the plaintive voice of the sheep dog, "what is it, Aurora? Anything wrong?"

"We've caught Hay cheating, that's all, and the police!"

"Oh, Aurora, don't bring up the police."

"No, don't," said Hay, who was now trembling. "I'll do whatever you like. Don't show me up—I'm—I'm going to be married soon."

"No, you sha'n't marry," cried Tempest sharply; "I'll see this girl myself and save her from you."

"You can't prove that I cheated," said Hay desperately.

"Yes, we can," said George. "I and Miss Qian and Tempest all saw you cheat, and Miss Qian has the marked cards."

"But don't expose me. I—I— Hay broke down and turned away with a look of despair on his face. He cursed himself inwardly for having ventured to cheat when things, by the marriage with Maud Krill, would have soon been all right for him.

"Miss Qian," he cried in a tone of agony, "give me another chance."

Aurora, playing her own game, of which the two young men were ignorant, appeared to repent. She beckoned to Miss Stably. "Take Mr. Hay into the dining room," she said, "and I'll see what I can do. But you try and bolt, Hay, and the news will be all over the west end tomorrow."

"I'll stop," said Hay, whose face was colorless, and without saying a word he followed the sheep dog into the dining room in an agony of mind better imagined than described. Then Miss Qian turned her attention to her guests.

"See here, boys," she said frankly, "this is a dirty business, and I don't want to be mixed up with it."

"But Hay should be exposed," insisted Sandal; "he's been rooking me, I do believe, for months."

"Serve you jolly well right," said Aurora heartlessly. "I warned you again and again against him. But if there's a row, where do I come in?"

"It won't hurt you," said Tempest eagerly.

"Oh, won't it? Gambling in my flat and all the rest of it. You boys may think me free and easy, but no one can say a word against me. I'm not going to be made out an adventurer and a bad woman for the sake of that swindler Hay. So you boys will just hold your tongues."

"No," said Sandal, "my money!"

"Oh, bother your money! I'll see that Hay pays it back. He's going to marry this Krill girl, and she's able to supply the cash."

"But the girl shouldn't be allowed to marry Hay," said Tempest.

"Don't you burn your fingers with other people's fire," said Aurora sharply. "This girl's in love with him and will marry him in spite of everything. But I don't care a cent for that. It's myself I'm thinking of. If I get your money back, Sandal, will you hold your tongue?"

Lord George, thinking of what his noble father would say were he involved in a card scandal connected with an actress, thought it just as well to agree. "Yes," said he hesitatingly, "I'll not say a word if you get the money back. But don't you let Hay speak to me again in public or I'll kick him."

"That's your affair and his," said Aurora, delighted at having gained her point; "but you hold your tongue; and you, Tempest?"

"I'll not say a word either," said the young man, with a shrug, "though I don't see why you should save this blackguard's reputation."

"It's my own I'm thinking of, so don't you make any mistake. And now I have both your promises?"

"Yes," said Sandal and Tempest, thinking it best to hush the matter up, "but Hay—"

"I'll see to him. You two boys clear out and go home to bed."

"But we can't leave you alone with Hay," said Tempest.

"I'll not be alone with him," cried the little woman imperiously. "My companion is with me. What do you mean?"

"He might do you some harm."

"Oh, might he? You take me for a considerable idiot, I suppose. You get along, boys, and leave me to fix up things."

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Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Maar of Oakland spent Monday with friends in Redwood.

On Thursday evening "Billy McDonald" will sing with the Orpheum quartet, and many Redwoodites will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear their old time friend.

C. M. Doxee, wife and two daughters returned from a visit to their old home in Iowa, last week. Their visit was shortened on account of the serious illness of Mr. Geo. Rice who is a business partner of Mr. Doxee's.

A. J. Elmes, station agent, accompanied by his mother, returned from a three months trip to England. They report a delightful time, but are well content to spend their days in California.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper are glad to learn that they intend returning to Redwood, and again making their home here, where they have spent the best years of their life.

The community was shocked on Tuesday last to learn of the sudden death of L. Crowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Crowe. Death was due to acute pneumonia, and Miss Crowe was only sick from Saturday. The funeral was held on Thursday, interment Cypress Lawn Cemetery.

The faculty of the High School held an informal reception for the parents of the pupils on Friday last. The object of the reception was that teachers and parents might become better ac-

quainted. A banquet was served, and a good time generally enjoyed.

S. Nash an old resident of this part of the country, who was injured by the train at the Fair Oaks crossing the first of last week, died on Saturday at the Guild Hospital, Palo Alto. And now comes another accident at the same place. On Tuesday of this week, the driver of one of Tuite's butcher wagons attempted to cross just as he train pulled in. The wagon was totally demolished, and strange to say the man was only slightly injured. The horses took fright and ran away.

#### LETTER LIST.

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As an index to the growth and general prosperity of South City the following report of our postoffice for the month of October will convince the most skeptical that we are rapidly forging ahead.

Number of pieces first-class matter going out, 32,651; second class, 1772; third class, 79; fourth class, 2156; penalty and franked matter, 520; total pieces, 26,178; stamp sales, \$605.23; money order business, \$11,126.14; total, \$11,731.31.

### FRATERNAL ORDERS

#### F. O. E.

South City Aerie No. 1473, elected the following brothers as officers for the ensuing term, Wednesday evening last: Worthy President, Judge A. McSweeney; Worthy Vice-President, Chas. Iago; Worthy Secretary, Harry Edwards; Worthy Treasurer, M. Hawes; Worthy Chaplain, R. I. Woods; Junior Past Worthy President, Thos. Mason; Trustees, Geo. Wallace, Dan McSweeney, Fred Hudson.

At this session the newly appointed District Deputy, C. W. Westcott of San Mateo, paid the Aerie his first official visit. His appearance was greeted with rounds of applause. He complimented the members on the success of Eagledom in South City. Also the officers, especially the Worthy President, Thos. Mason, for the able manner in which his meetings were conducted, at the same time appointing Past Presidents Frank Lawler and Harry Edwards his assistants in installation ceremonies at Redwood City and San Mateo. The district deputy will also install the new officers of the local Aerie in Metropolitan Hall on the evening of January 8, 1908.

#### I. O. R. M.

Tippecanoe Tribe, No. 111, will hold a public installation of the officers elect January 1, 1908, where members of the Degree of Pocahantas, with wives and sweethearts of members of the tribe, will be permitted to witness the ceremony. This is a new departure for the tribe, and considerable in-

teres is being aroused over the event. The Past Sachem's badges will also be presented to all past officers of the tribe entitle to wear them. This will be the most important function the tribe has undertaken in its history, and will undoubtedly prove a great success.

The officers elect are: Sachem, J. Guerra; Senior Sagamore, Geo. Davids; Junior Sagamore, Chas. Grady; Prophet, L. C. Swarthout; Keeper of records, G. E. Kiesling; Keeper of Wampum, Ed Stahl; Trustees, J. Fischer, M. Empeni and Harry Edwards.

#### WULICH DISAPPEARS.

The mysterious disappearance of A. J. Wulich, a hotelman of Colma, has aroused his wife and many friends to fear that he has committed suicide. Wulich's business affairs have worried him lately and they may have unsettled his mind, his friends say. He left his hotel suddenly December 2. The following day his wife received a postal card, saving he was with friends in Oakland and that he was going from there to Stockton. No trace of him has been found in the latter city.

Mr. Wulich is well known in South City. He is a man of a very jovial disposition, and it is hoped nothing has gone wrong with him.

#### PECK'S ADDITION

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TIPPECANOE TRIBE No. 111, I. O. R. M., meets every Thursday evening at 8 p. m. in Metropolitan Hall. Visiting Bros. welcome.

L. C. Swarthout, Sachem.  
Geo. E. Keissling, Keeper of Records.

SOUTH CITY AERIE No. 1473, F. O. E., meets every Wednesday evening in Metropolitan Hall at 8 p. m. Thomas Mason, Worthy President. T. C. McGovern, Secretary. Visiting brothers welcome.

WHITE EAGLE CIRCLE No. 56, U. A. O. D., meets every Monday night in Metropolitan Hall.  
Mrs. Nellie Wight, Arch Druidess. Miss Mary McDonald, Sec.

SAN MATEO LODGE, No. 7, JOURNEYMEN BUTCHERS, P. and B. A., meets every first and third Mondays in Metropolitan Hall, at 8 p. m.  
M. J. HAWES, President.  
J. SULLIVAN, Secretary.



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