

## THEATRICAL SYNDICATE SEEKS NEW THEATRE BUILDING SITE

In the classified columns of The Courier of this issue appears the following ad:

"WANTED—Theatrical Syndicate will pay cash for site in Oxnard suitably located for theatre building. Communicate with Charles Butler, 543 Lorena St., Los Angeles.

There has been some talk to the effect that Oxnard was a good show town, and would be a great deal better if it had a theatre building worth while.

It appears that time Mr. Butler happened to be in the city and saw the splendid attendance at the performance. This was proof conclusive to his mind that Oxnard was a good show town, and would be a great deal better if it had a theatre building worth while.

The next day he got in conference with local real estate people and began searching for a site for a new

building. He was shown several, got prices on some, and carried on correspondence relative thereto for several days after his return to Los Angeles. Evidently Mr. Butler wishes to see what publicity through The Courier is capable of doing for him in the way of finding the proper site, hence the ad in this issue.

There is no doubt in the minds of the knowing ones that Oxnard is a good show town, and that a modern building such as this city deserves to have, would pay, because this city would then become the logical show center of the entire population of Ventura county.

Such is already the fact, despite the present drawbacks, is well shown in the engagement of the National Grand Opera company for next Sunday, a company which will bring at least 100 people here, and some of them the highest paid opera singers in the country.

## Gas and Light Rate Protest Goes to Railroad Commission

A protest by 26 residents of Oxnard who maintain that the rates charged for gas and electricity in the city are too high was received by the trustees last night. The paper did not occasion any surprise among members of the board.

C. P. Blackstock, city attorney, informed the board that by the result of the last election all public utilities in incorporated cities are under the control of the state board of railroad commissioners and that the only action the trustees may take is to refer the protest to that board.

Trustee Lehmann moved that the state railroad board be notified that

the trustees have received a complaint that gas and electricity rates are too high. The motion was carried unanimously.

City Attorney Blackstock was instructed to take up the matter with the state board.

The protest will be filed by the board here. The railroad commission in making its investigation will come to Oxnard and take testimony from both sides.

Several members of the board made statements that indicated that they believe the rate could be lower and yet be just to the company.

## LAVENDER TEAM VISITS COURT HOUSE OFFICIALS

Three members of the Lavender team of the hospital campaign fund workers visited Ventura yesterday. The Free Press says of their visit:

The Oxnard hospital workers visited the court house today in the interest of the \$50,000 campaign on for that institution.

The ladies in the delegation were Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Miss Ella Willis and Miss Catherine Saunders. They fared well with the supervisors and the various county officials.

This particular delegation is what is known as the Lavender delegation, each member being decorated with a ribbon of that color.

This is the initial visit of any delegation of workers, but others will follow no doubt, and it will be just as well for Ventura to go down in its pocket, for it cannot get away from the women and the cause and will not try to.

The cause is a good one. The hospital has a debt of \$55,000 and owes \$60,000 to merchants. This subscription will go to liquidate this amount.

Last night an Oxnard banquet to start the ball rolling the sum of \$270.72 was raised.

VILLA'S ARMY MOVING  
ON PORT OF TAMPICO

EL PASO, Feb. 3.—General Villa notified the Constitutionalist headquarters in Juarez today that he has ordered his army to move at once against Tampico. The troop trains are already carrying Villa's soldiers toward Tampico from San Luis Potosi with Tampico in his possession. Villa's position will be greatly strengthened. In a message from Aguas Calientes last night Villa declared he had an army of 70,000 and asserted that within six weeks his forces will be supreme.

## BEARS QUICKLY ROUTED IN CHICAGO WHEAT PIT

(International News Service Wire.) CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—An attempt by bears to raid May wheat at the opening of the board of trade today failed. They forced options down from \$1.64 to \$1.63, which was 8 1/2 cents under yesterday's close but good buying developed and within 15 minutes the market jumped upward to \$1.65 1/2, a new high mark.

July wheat opened at \$1.41 1/2, but lacked support and sold down to \$1.40 1/2.

Coincident with the sensational market notices were served on officials of the Armour Grain company, J. Rosenbaum Grain company and Bartlett, Frazier & Company that they shall appear before the district attorney with records of transactions since August 1. The government wants to hear whether the doubling of the price of wheat in six months is legitimate or through manipulation.

May wheat closed at \$1.59 1/2, which was 1/2 cents under yesterday's finish.

COURT DETERMINES  
HEIR TO ENGLISH ESTATE

(International News Service Wire.) LONDON, Feb. 3.—A verdict establishing the legitimacy of the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Singsby and thus insuring the boy's right to a Yorkshire estate worth \$50,000 per annum, was handed down by the probate court today. Brothers of Mr. Singsby alleged the real heir to the estate was "still born" in San Francisco in 1910, and another child substituted. Singsby was formerly a lieutenant in the British navy.

## NEW RESTAURANT WILL OPEN SATURDAY

At five o'clock on Saturday next the former Oxnard Cafe, on A street, which he has renamed the "People's Cafe." The place will be renovated and fitted up for a first-class restaurant, according to the new proprietor. Besides the regular meals an effort will be made to cater to the select, special order trade. Only American style meals will be served.

Henry Levy received a building permit last night from the city trustees for the new \$12,000 residence which he is erecting on G street.

## Murray is Appointed Marshal

A. J. Murray who has been acting chief of police for the past two weeks was appointed city marshal by the trustees last night.

The only discussion of the appointment was whether Murray should provide his bondsmen before or after the appointment. C. P. Blackstock, city attorney, instructed the board that they should make the appointment and then it was Murray's business to provide satisfactory bonds.

Trustee Lathrop moved that Murray be appointed marshal. It was seconded by Trustee Lehmann, and passed unanimously.

## EXPECT VAN HORN TO BE EXTRADITED

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—Canadian government officials today expressed the belief that the United States will turn over to the Dominion government the German, Van Horn, who dynamited the railway bridge over the St. Croix river at Vanceboro, Maine. It is expected that the American department of justice will readily see the justice of the Canadian claims that no political issues are involved and that the charges contained in the request for Van Horn's extradition are based wholly upon a breach of criminal law.

Van Horn is charged with committing a criminal offense by endangering human life. Extradition proceedings probably will be heard by an extradition court in Maine.

PLOTTED IN BOSTON.

BOSTON, Feb. 3.—It was learned today that the plot to dynamite the Canadian Pacific bridge at Vanceboro was hatched in a hotel in this city by Captain Van Horn, a German army engineer, and three other German speaking men.

VANCEBORO, Feb. 3.—Van Horn is held here on a charge of attempting to destroy an international bridge.

He sent a telegram to the German ambassador in Washington urging that his interests as a "German subject" be protected.

CITY CLERK'S  
REPORT.

The report of F. B. Pettis, city clerk, for the month of January, reads:

Receipts for month of January	\$25,237.32
Salary fund	\$15,000
Sale of old pipe	15.00
Building permits, 7 months	11.25
Rent of roller	40.00
Business licenses	608.50
Property tax	31.74
Sale of wood	96.00
Recorder's fees	80.00
Water rentals	1,458.68
Transfer of funds	4,950.00
Total	\$2,291.17
Disbursements for month of January:	
General fund	\$4,950.00
Contingent fund	400.66
Salary fund	730.41
Street fund	2,961.04
Fire fund	55.75
Library fund	189.70
Park fund	122.35
Water works fund	634.88
Total	\$11,944.70
Bal. on hand Jan. 31	\$21,482.70
Distributed as follows:	
General fund	\$12,771.08
Contingent fund	129.19
Salary fund	78.43
Street fund	40.84
Fire fund	59.28
Sewer fund	52.82
Sewer bond fund	1,092.78
Library fund	1,222.15
Park fund	8.16
Water works fund	6,028.96
Total	\$21,482.70

Segregation of the street fund disbursements for January:

Crushed rock	\$59.46
Freight on same	1,257.89
Labor spreading same	286.48
For cutting city wood	613.17
Contract for city logs and roller	200.00
Skilled employees	300.00
Miscellaneous repairs and mls. labor	704.94
Total	\$3,261.94

MEAL COSTS  
EXCEED FINES.

Meals for the prisoners in the city jail for the month of January cost \$162.20. The fines collected by the city recorder amounted to \$80. The trustees consider the economical method of conducting the jail to make the fines pay for the meals.

MARSHAL'S  
REPORT.

The report of A. J. Murray, acting chief of police, for the month of January to the city trustees, shows 63 arrests for violation of city ordinances and 56 convictions. Arrests on state offenses were 12, with two convictions and 10 held for trial.

WATER  
COLLECTIONS.

Collections by the water department for the month of January, while not up to the record mark, are considerably above the usual amount when the city first took over the water system. T. E. Wheeler, superintendent, reported \$145.68 in collections.

TO INSTALL  
OFFICERS.

Officers for the ensuing year will be installed at the regular meeting of the Masonic lodge next Saturday night.

Dr. R. W. Avery, city health officer reported to the city trustees last night that there are a few cases of measles and chickenpox in Oxnard, but that they are of a mild character.

## ROUSSEY'S QUICK WORK PREPARES FOR FLOOD

Supervisor Roussey is about as well posted on the vagaries of the Santa Clara river as any one in the county. He hurried things up this week and headed off damage by the river. The Ventura Free Press says of his work:

Supervisor Roussey believes in a stitch in time for effective work, and the first clear day after the first big rain the last days in January, got a force of men and teams at work on the Santa Clara river.

On Monday he had ten teams at work at Satcoy crossing and in that section and thinks he has turned the river channel, though there is still the water threatened the eastern approach to the bridge. The flood spread out over the lowlands about El Rio and it was high time that something be done in case another rain should follow.

The other rain followed, all right, but Roussey had been busy and his Sunday efforts perhaps did much to keep much of the flood waters in the river channel, though there is still considerable of back water about the El Rio lowlands.

## DEMOCRATS WEAKENING ON SHIPPING BILL

(International News Service Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Administration senators today sought to persuade the seven seceding senators to return to the Democratic fold and drive through the shipping bill much untrammelled by amendments as possible. The immediate destiny of the bill awaits the outcome of the conference of Democratic leaders and the seven who bolted Monday. Unless they return to the fold it is probable Democrats will seek to postpone the test vote on the bill until tomorrow.

It is practically certain the bill will be amended to place a time limit on the term of operation of the government corporation which the bill provides for. The Democrats also agreed that neutrality is to be safeguarded by amendment forbidding the purchase of interned ships without the belligerents' consent.

FORMER U. OF C. PROFESSOR  
KILLED IN FRENCH TRENCHES  
(Special to The Courier.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—Alfred Tournier, a former professor of literature of the University of California, was killed while fighting with his regiment in the trenches of France, according to advices just received here.

Arzene Tournier, brother of the dead man, wrote a letter to a friend here, telling of Alfred's death. The brothers were fighting within a few miles of each other when Alfred was killed on December 12.

WILD BRONCHO EASIER RIDING  
THAN CAMP DUMP CAR  
(Special to The Courier.)

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 3.—That the "broncho" is easier to stay on than the construction camp dump car is to stay in, is now contended by Austin B. Fletcher, state highway engineer and his assistant, Geo. R. Winslow. Fletcher and Winslow went across the river to inspect the work on the new Yolo basin trestle. To reach the end of the structure they essayed to ride in one of the construction dump cars. The vehicle lived up to its name and dumped both engineers into the basin in 16 feet of water. Both managed to get out after a thorough ducking.

LADIES' DIVISION.

Red. Mrs. Benj. P. Korts, chairman. Mrs. W. R. Livingston. Mrs. J. A. Drifill. Mrs. L. K. Hope. Mrs. Chas. Arnold. Mrs. N. Baker.

Blue. Mrs. Charles Donlon, chairman. Mrs. J. Diefenbach. Mrs. George P. Austin. Mrs. J. A. Treher. Mrs. M. C. DeBrell.

Yellow. Mrs. Louis Mauhhardt, chairman. Mrs. Charles P. Blackstock. Mrs. Joseph Hummel. Mrs. O. O. Emmens. Mrs. Ray Parrell.

Green. Mrs. Charles Rowe, chairman. Mrs. G. I. Conklin. Mrs. J. A. Leonard. Mrs. Frank Connelly. Mrs. H. H. Eastwood. Mrs. J. A. Donlon.

Lavender. Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, chairman. Mrs. Josephine Deul. Mrs. H. W. Witman.

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## Fever Grows as Campaign Progresses

Bright sunshine today sent the spirits of the hospital workers "way up, and the attendance at the luncheon was much larger than yesterday — also the subscriptions reported were larger for the day's work. The mercury in the tube of the big thermometer has gone up to within a very little of the 7500 mark, the day's work adding \$390.50 to the total.

The Blue team, of which Mrs. Charles Donlon is chairman, relinquished the pennant for the day to Mrs. E. Williams' team, the Lavender, that team's report for the day being \$1031. A second pennant for especially good work was awarded to the Green team, Mrs. Charles Rowe, chairman, with a report of \$533 for the day.

Mayor Sailer's team, the Taft, holds the pennant in the men's division, with \$421. The total in the men's division for the day, was \$1049, and the ladies went ahead of them with a total of \$2021.50. The men say it's up to them to make their totals go ahead of the ladies in the next day's work, but the ladies say they'll certainly have to work some.

Owing to almost impassable country roads, which prevents a full attendance of workers from the country, it is impossible to give a complete list of teams and workers. The teams represented at the luncheon to day were:

George Lehmann, chairman. Leon Washington, chairman. J. L. Milligan. I. M. Poggel. A. C. Diebold. C. F. Blackstock. R. B. Witman. William McKinley.

A. Camarillo, chairman. Michael Ryan. Thomas McCormick. Chas. C. Perkins. Joseph Terry. John Reiman.

Thomas Jefferson. W. H. Lathrop, chairman. Ben S. Viden. S. H. Diefenderfer. Dr. J. A. DeSerra. H. H. Eastwood. George Cleveland. Sam Weill, chairman. G. C. Hobart. Joseph Donlon. G. Snow. George Bartlett. James McLaughlin. T. Roosevelt.

Joseph D. McGrath, chairman. Dr. W. R. Livingston. Dr. E. Borchard. Joseph Peters. Alvin Rice. J. H. McGrath. W. H. Taft.

Joseph Sailer, chairman. Mrs. W. R. Livingston. Charles Rowe. Dr. Charles Teubner. George P. Austin. L. W. Rundle. Oliver Lincoln. Major J. A. Drifill, chairman. Justin Pettit. James Donlon. Frank Connelly. Springer Oswald. James A. Garfield. Frank McCarthy, chairman. Ed. G. Laubacher. Joseph Laubacher. Frank McGrath. William E. Kelley. Thomas Carroll.

STORM IN EAST.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—At least half million dollars damage was done to property by a storm which swept the Atlantic coast. Seven deaths were caused in the New York district. Four of these were drowned when the steam dredge Eastern was sunk by the high wind at Port Jefferson, Long Island harbor.

Fifteen thousand men are at work in the streets of New York City today removing the snow, but the work is made difficult by the cold weather which has turned the slush into solid ice.

Rail traffic and wire communication are still suffering from the effects of snow, sleet and wind. The New Jersey coast was hard hit. Many towns and bridges were damaged by the waves rolled in shore by a 30-mile wind.

A blizzard raged through the northern part of New York State last night. The fall of snow in the mountain districts was particularly heavy.

CHARGED WITH ROBBERY.

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## Eleven Horses Die in Flames That Consume Tom Bell's Barn

Tom Bell's barn burned early this morning and all his horses, 11 head, were burned to death. The origin of the fire is unknown. It was discovered by the workmen, but the entire barn was already in flames. Mr. Bell said that the fire extended from end to end of the building when he first saw it. Soon after the flames were discovered the walls fell in. There was no chance to save anything. The fire started about 2:30 o'clock this morning.

Owing to the stormy night all the horses were tied in their stalls. There were nine fine work horses and two drivers. Mr. Bell's team was noted in this section for their quality. Once upon he bought a little over a year ago paying \$600 for it. The others were not inferior.

There were 60 tons of hay in the barn. All the harness, and a large number of small tools, were destroyed. One survey and three bugles were burned and a large part of the ranch implements.

The barn was 70 feet long. The main part was 24 feet wide and a 16-foot shed with lower roof was built on each side, making the barn 56 feet wide.

The barn was wired for electric lighting, yet Mr. Bell is not disposed to place the cause of the fire there. The origin will probably remain unknown.

The loss is partially covered by insurance.

ELKS BALL TEAM  
SEEKS CHALLENGE CUP

The challenge baseball cup now held by the San Diego lodge will be the prize of a game between the Santa Barbara lodge and San Diego, February 20. Four members of the Santa Barbara team will be Oxnard players as Oxnard Elks belong to the Santa Barbara lodge. They will be Fred Snodgrass, Lee Wolfe, Joe Pettit and Ed Heane. Charles Hall of Ventura will be with the Santa Barbara team.

The players and boosters will go to San Diego by special train. February 22 is San Diego day at the exposition and a large delegation from the Channel City is going to attend. The players will remain over for that day.

## NEW SCHEDULE GIVES NORDHOFF MORE TRAINS

A new time card on the Southern Pacific to go into effect Sunday, February 7, will give Nordhoff two more trains daily. Trains No. 56 and 57, which now terminate at Oxnard will make their terminus there.

The mixed train will lay over in Nordhoff instead of Oxnard. It will leave Oxnard at 7:35 a. m. connecting with No. 80 and No. 56 at Montalvo giving passengers from Santa Barbara and Ventura a morning train to Ojai. It will arrive in Nordhoff at 11:30 a. m. and return leaving there at 12:40 p. m. and arriving here about 2:15 p. m.

BERLIN OFFICIAL.

BERLIN, Feb. 3.—The capture of 4000 Russian prisoners and six machine guns since February 1 in the fighting west of Warsaw was announced in the official statement of the general staff this afternoon. It states also that the Russian cavalry attacks in northern Poland and the French assaults upon the German positions near Perthes have been repulsed.

PARIS OFFICIAL.

PARIS, Feb. 3.—The official statement of the war office this afternoon claims a gain for the French troops operating in the Alsace valley, particularly at Perthes. It also tells of the repulse of a violent German attack near Bagiste, in Argonne.

In the warfare against the allies in Northern France the Germans are resorting to new devices and are sending boats filled with inflammable materials which they have set afire and with explosives into the streams in an attempt to burn or blow up the bridges held by the French, British and Belgian troops. These operations are chiefly on the river Esne, which flows north and west of Albert.

BRITISH BOAT IN PORT.

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 3.—The British collier Boyne is taking the 24-hour privilege in the harbor here. The vessel has been out 14 days from Panama canal. It is believed to have caught the Japanese cruiser Idzuma at Ensenada last week as it was three times the usual time from the canal and was not injured. A Japanese naval officer is aboard who professes to speak no English.

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