

ESTATES ARE EASILY ROBBED

Grand Jury Will Endeavor to Have the Laws of Public Administration Amended.

OPPORTUNITY FOR LOOTING TOO GREAT.

No Charges Preferred Against John Farnham—It Is the System That Is Condemned, but Not the Execution of It.

The Grand Jury yesterday afternoon held a session, called to take up the question of delinquent fees in the matter of estates administered by Public Administrator John Farnham.

WILL RENEW INQUIRY.

The only witness called before the Grand Jury was Douglas Young of the office of official experts. He explained the present system of administering estates and also the fee system.

"When we went into the office," said Farnham, "we succeeded to a number of unsettled estates left by our predecessor, Administrator Boland, and we had an understanding between Ed Casey, the administrator, and myself, and my bookkeeper, that the fees would be paid on the final settlement of an estate.

HIGHWAY ROBBER RUNS INTO ARMS OF POLICE.

Edward Doherty, a steamship fireman who lives at 272 1/2 Mission street, was booked at the City Prison last night on a charge of highway robbery.

AMATEUR ATHLETES MEET.

At a meeting of the Pacific Athletic Association held last evening in the Emma Sprickels building, the Bisbee Gymnasium Club of Arizona was elected to membership in this association.

SCENICITY BY LADY TEAZLE

THE HOSPITABLE Merrill home on Washington street and Van Ness avenue was thronged with visitors again yesterday afternoon.

The charming Wilkins home on Broadway was the scene of a delightful party yesterday afternoon when Mrs. Wilkins presented her daughter, Miss Alice Wilkins, to society on her wedding day.

Miss Elsie Sperry is asking a few friends informally to tea on the afternoon of Sunday, December 13th.

Miss Bernie Terry of Stockton was given a party by Miss Eleanor Warner and Miss Helen Ray Davis at the Waldorf on Friday evening.

TRAINS WRECKED, BUT NO LIVES LOST

Accident Occurs at Foot of Myrtle Street, Where Car Telescopes a Passenger Train.

OAKLAND, December 11.—At 5:54 o'clock this morning an east-bound passenger train, fortunately empty, collided with an extra work train at the foot of Myrtle street.

PLANS SILK WORM STATION.

BERKELEY, December 11.—A silk worm experimental station is the object for which investigations in California are now being made by C. R. Mariatt, entomologist and expert of the United States Department of Agriculture.

DELEGATES SELECTED.

BERKELEY, December 11.—Three delegates to the meeting of the University of California, which will meet in February at New Haven, were chosen today at the meeting of the Graduate Association.

TO GIVE EUCRE PARTY.

C. L. A. S., No. 2, is to have a eucra party Monday evening at St. Charles' Hall, 580 Shotwell street.

SCHOOL BOARD AIDS ATHLETES

Auditor Believes Expenditure for Football Supplies to Be Illegal, and Stops Payment.

Auditor Harry Baehr has refused to sanction the payment of a demand on the treasury drawn by the Board of Education in favor of Fred Barthel's expenditure for football supplies.

The demand was made by attaching the original bill, minus the name of the firm supplying the goods, to a blank with Barthel's name written in.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Sioane Watson and Mr. and Mrs. William D. Watson yesterday for their northern trip to Portland, Tacoma and Spokane.

MARTINEZ DIES ON THE SCAFFOLD

Murderer of Deputy Sheriff Casey Pays the Maximum Penalty for His Crime.

SAN QUENTIN, December 11.—Displaying the same unconcern that characterized his confinement in the condemned cell, Julius Martinez, the murderer of Deputy Sheriff James Casey of Calaveras county, mounted the scaffold this morning and paid the penalty of his crime.

THE CITY IN BRIEF

WOODWORTH RETURNS.—United States Attorney Marshall B. Woodworth returned yesterday from an official trip to Fresno. He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Woodworth, and a daughter.

THE OAKLAND BRANCH OFFICE OF THE "CHRONICLE" is now at 1100 Broadway, near Thirteenth st.

CARMEN HAVE GRIEVANCES

Complain of Bad Treatment and Wholesale Discharge of Men Without Just Cause.

Trouble is brewing in the Carmen's Union which may lead to serious controversy between the union and the United Railroads of San Francisco.

The Carmen's Union which was organized in 1892 and has a membership of about 1000 men, is preparing to demand that the company reinstate the men who have been discharged without cause.

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PARK COMMISSIONERS MEET AT THE LODGE

Monument to Father Junipero Serra Will Be Erected at an Early Date.

At the postponed meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held at the Lodge yesterday afternoon, President A. B. Spreckels and Commissioners Sullivan and Altman were present.

ARGUMENT IN EPPINGER CASE.

Argument was heard by Judge Lawlor yesterday on the motion made by the attorney for Herman Eppinger to quash the indictment against him.

COAL TEAMSTER INJURED.

Owen Hughes, driver of a coal wagon, lost control of his team at Fourth and Bryant streets yesterday afternoon and fell beneath the wheels, sustaining serious injuries.

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UNIONS FAIL TO RESPOND

Ignore Communication From the Restaurant Keepers to Meet Them in Conference.

Three more restaurants which had been closed during the past few days reopened their doors yesterday.

The Restaurant Keepers' Association and the Tivoli Cafe remain closed, the officers and some of the members of the association were at the hall, 20 Eddy street, at 11 A. M. yesterday.

Another claimant for the fixtures in the Cliff House has appeared, and the first claimant is growing weary of paying keepers' fees and getting no returns.

PROMOTION COMMITTEE PUBLISHES MAGAZINE.

New Monthly Will Afford Information About the State to Prospective Settlers.

The first number of For California, a monthly magazine published by the California Promotion Committee, has been issued.

MISCELLANEOUS.

WATERBURY'S... THE CITY IN BRIEF... TALK TO YOUNG MEN... MARRIAGE LICENSES... FALSIFYING FROM A SWING... TROUBLE FOR JOHN DOE... ARGUMENT IN EPPINGER CASE... COAL TEAMSTER INJURED... MISCELLANEOUS.

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