

Alameda Contra Costa

VENTED SPIE ON STEPDUGHTER

Mrs. Ellen J. Tabor Gives Testimony Against Husband, Who Abused Girl GRANTED A DIVORCE

OAKLAND, Dec. 6.—Ellen J. Tabor, who testified that her husband, William J. Tabor, was of a penurious disposition and had abused her 15-year-old daughter by a previous marriage, was today granted a final decree of divorce by Judge Waste. Mrs. Tabor testified on the witness stand that her husband often vented his spite on his stepchild.

EVERALL SENT TO S. P. HOSPITAL

BERKELEY, Dec. 6.—J. A. Averall, railroad man and relative of Mrs. E. H. Harriman, who disappeared from his Berkeley home in San Francisco, was today taken to the Southern Pacific Hospital at Sacramento for special treatment. His nerves gave way last week as the result of long watching by his sick wife's bedside, and it was while thus unbalanced that he roamed through the streets of Oakland and was lost for two days.

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS ADMITTED FREE

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CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS. FREE WITH NEXT SUNDAY'S SAN FRANCISCO CALL. Buy the SUNDAY CALL. Help Santa Claus Decorate the Christmas Tree.

News of Four Counties Bordering the Bay

HORSES RUN AWAY, COUPE IS UPSET

Two Women Occupants Have Harrowing Ride, but Escape With Few Bruises DRIVER LOSES REINS

OAKLAND, Dec. 6.—Imprisoned in an overturned coupe which was being dragged on its side by a runaway team was the harrowing experience today of Mrs. Charles Burkhalter, wife of the astronomical observer at the Chabot Observatory, and Mrs. Helen Kelly, a well-known society public of Oakland. Good fortune favored them, however, and they escaped with nothing worse than painful bruises.

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Plans Completed for Progress Fiesta

Oakland Business Men Busy With Preparations

OAKLAND, Dec. 6.—Preparations are being made by the merchants and business men of Oakland for the progress fiesta to be held on the night of December 12. Already a large number of handsome floats have been entered for the parade, and in addition there will be in line many automobiles and a large number of handsomely decorated wagons and carriages.

NEWLANDS RUSHES TO DAUGHTER

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—In response to a cablegram from his daughter, Mrs. von Eredin, who is seriously ill in Berlin, Senator Francis Newlands of Nevada today sailed on the Lorraine of the French line for Havre, France, where a special train will await him to speed him to Berlin. He hopes to accomplish the 4000 miles approximately in just a week.

REV. A. J. RODELL DIES SUDDENLY

OAKLAND, Dec. 6.—The Rev. August J. Rodell, pastor of St. Paul's Swedish Lutheran Church, 124th and Grove streets, died at his home at 511 Grove street, at 6 o'clock this morning, after a brief illness. Death was caused by apoplexy, and although Dr. Green was at once called to attend him, the stroke proved fatal in a few hours.

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LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6.—Only the timely arrival of a rescue party at a critical moment saved Mayor Owen McAleer from death by suffocation in a bed of quicksand in the San Joaquin River yesterday afternoon. The Mayor was buried to his armpits in the sand and two horses he had driven were almost submerged when he succeeded in attracting attention by his shouts.

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Wants \$50,000,000 Appropriation a Year, but Cannon Says "Go Slow" NOMINATE JENNINGS

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