

# CHIEF OF POLICE PRAISES SPECIAL OFFICERS FOR GALLANT DEFEAT AGAINST RIOTING STRIKERS IN MORNING HOURS

## EVIDENCES OF BATTLE ARE PLAIN

Windows Are Broken and Signs Damaged by Stray Bullets.

Assailed Men Give to Police Their Versions of Attack.

**K**EARNEY STREET, between Market and Post streets, bore every evidence yesterday of the terrible battle fought in the early hours of the morning between a horde of crazed strikers—teamsters, boxmakers, carpenters, sailors and others affiliated with the City Front Federation—and a brave band of five men fighting for their lives. Windows shattered, signs indented, awnings ripped and buildings furrowed with bullets were the mute evidences of the latest riot that darkens the pages of the history of San Francisco. Fire and rapid was the fusillade, and that many were not killed and more seriously wounded was probably due to the inefficiency of the weapons carried by the assaulting strikers.

Not alone was the battle fought on Kearney street, but every point where a striker could discharge a weapon, without regard to the course the bullet might take, was utilized to carry terror to the multitude and give an impression of the public right of the strikers. The Geary and Morton street buildings show the wild course of the leaden messengers of death, and shattered plate glass windows bear other and more visible evidences of the wild and reckless discharge of firearms.

Heretofore strikers have not been known to gather in large numbers at underground resort on Turk street, whence came the mob of rioters yesterday morning. The place was well chosen, for all classes of people are wont to congregate there, and the word once passed around that trouble was brewing would soon lead to the gathering of many of the toughest characters in the city.

### Strikers the Assaultants.

All reports tend to show that the first shots were fired by the strikers and their sympathizers. The first shot was at Lotta's fountain, where Officer Tillman made his stand. The five specials and Howley crossed to the east side of Kearney street, where the strikers scattered. Some advanced into the center of Kearney street, at the junction of Geary, some ran up that street, and others followed along the west side of Kearney street.

Weapons were discharged indiscriminately on Geary street and at the junction of Market street, where Earl Fullington, the man who was shot, was hit in the leg by one of the bullets intended for Police Officer Tillman. Then the tide of battle waged northward until the specials made a stand on Kearney street, directly opposite Morton. Here the greatest damage was done, but the course of the bullets can be plainly seen.

In front of Harshall's tailor shop at 16 Kearney street the specials began firing. Their bullets shattered the windows in Raphael's clothing store and others landed in the windows of the wholesale department of G. G. G. The heaviest firing was directed toward the special officers. Brass signs on the east side of the street show many bullet holes. Mm. Pilger's sign, a few doors below Harshall's place, is punctured twice and holes can be found in the door casements.

Two of Harshall's windows were destroyed and the brass sign in front of his place shatters. A dozen more bullets. Further up the street, in the direction in which the specials retreated, more signs show that the strikers shot to kill, for few of their bullets ranged above the height of an ordinary man's body, although the majority went low, and many struck the sidewalk.

Earl Fullington, 17 years of age, was first wounded. He was in front of the cigar store at the junction of Market and Geary streets when the attacking party and Officer Tillman came along. He saw the riot begin. He says:

Tillman tried to drive the crowd back when the first shots were fired in the vicinity of Geary street at the corner of Market beyond the corner. Somebody in the crowd—there may have been one or two—said, "This is the way to get out of here," and I got out of the way as fast as I could. I saw a number of men standing on the street firing at the five men across the street, who, until after I had been shot, had not fired.

Officers Thomas Murphy and George Deugey arrived at the scene of the riot in an attempt to disperse the crowd. They used their clubs effectively and drove many into the street and others into Morton street. Captain Wittman came running down the latter street, and although cautioned not to go into the riot, he succeeded in holding the crowd at bay until other officers came up. As a result of the captain's

## STRIKERS ASK RESTATEMENT

Trouble on Chicago Elevated Road Almost at an End.

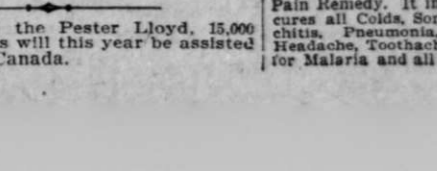
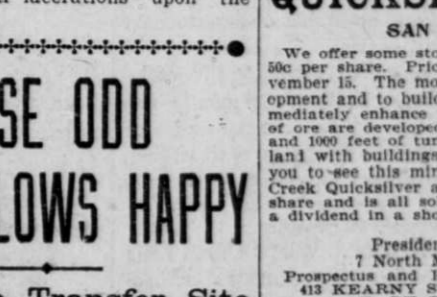
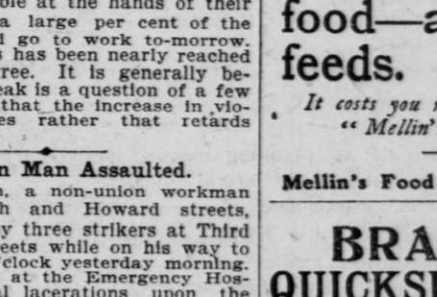
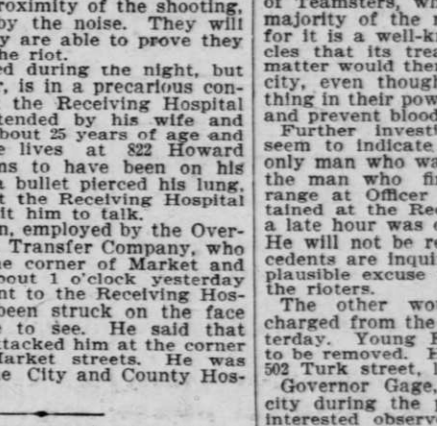
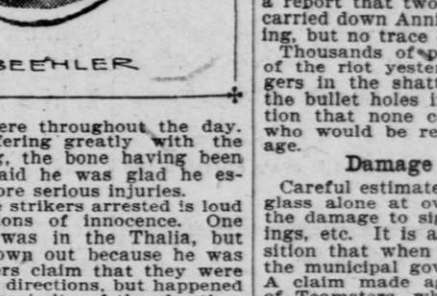
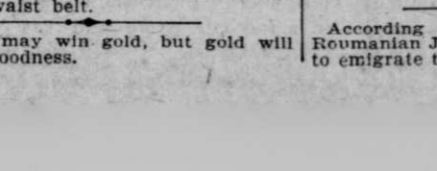
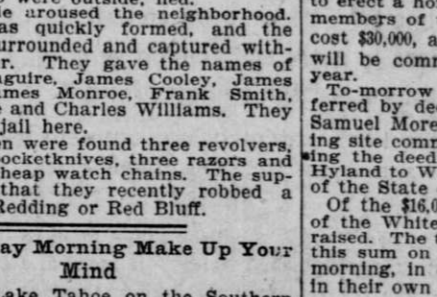
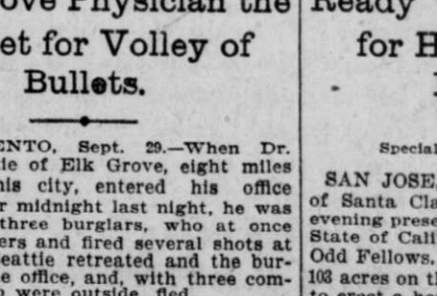
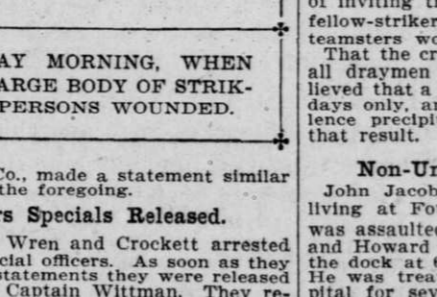
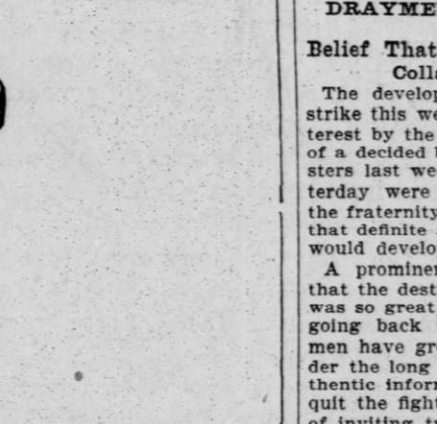
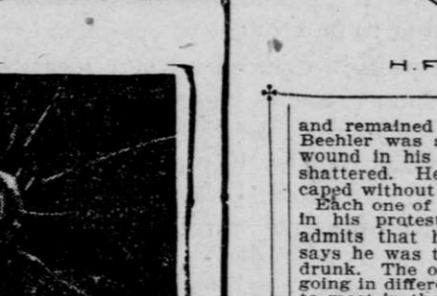
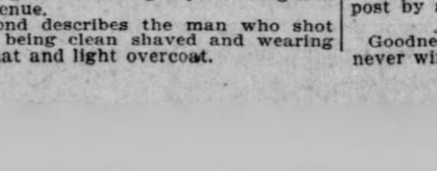
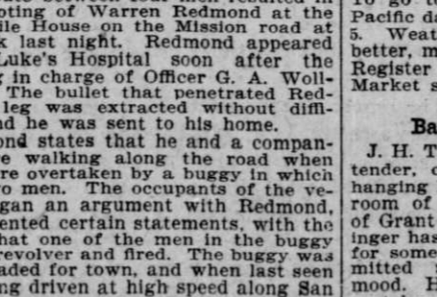
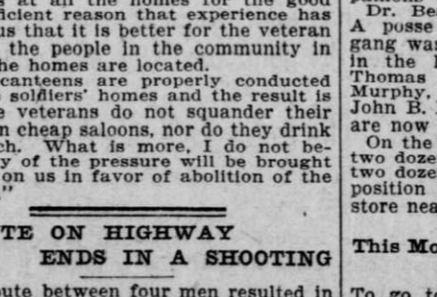
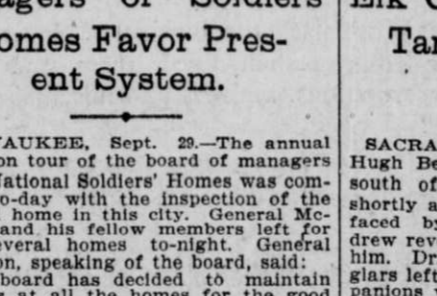
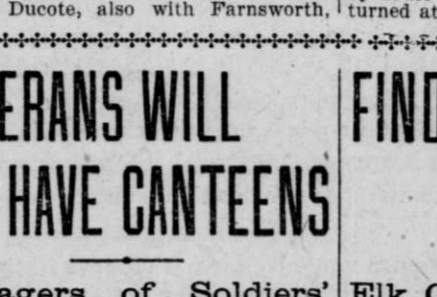
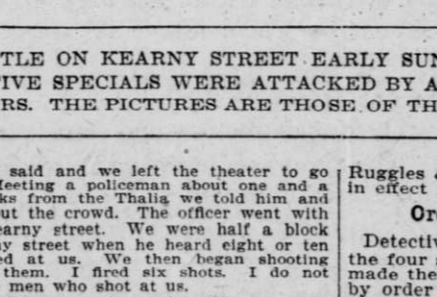
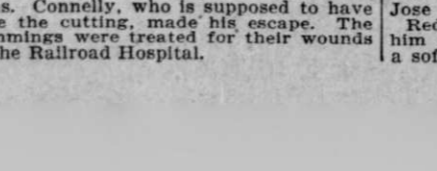
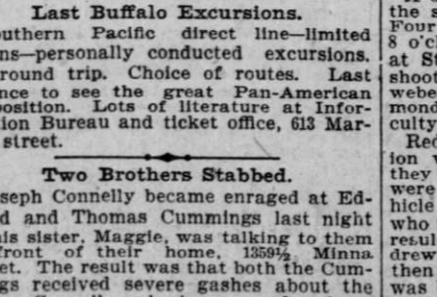
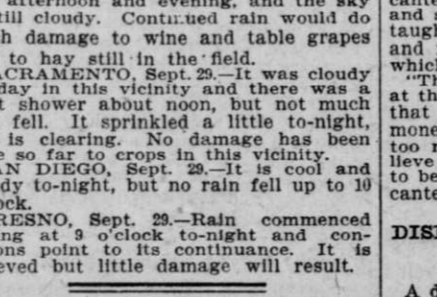
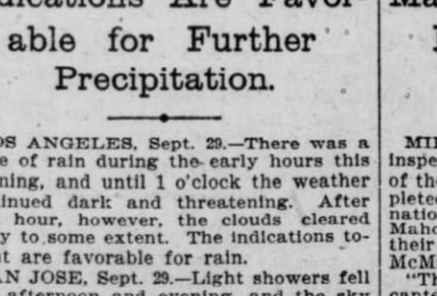
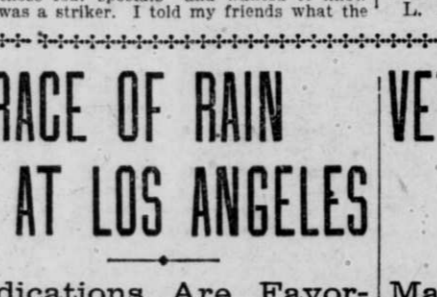
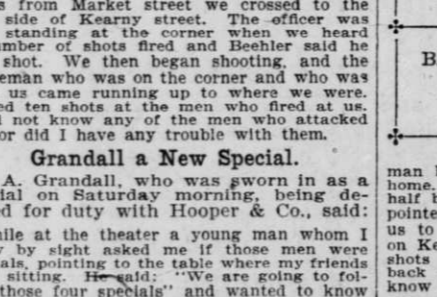
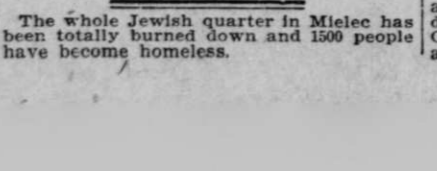
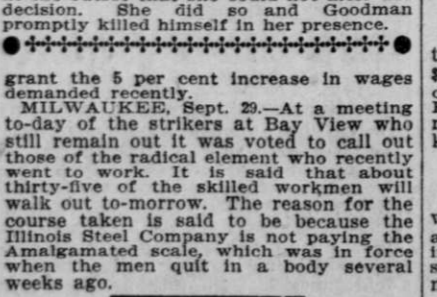
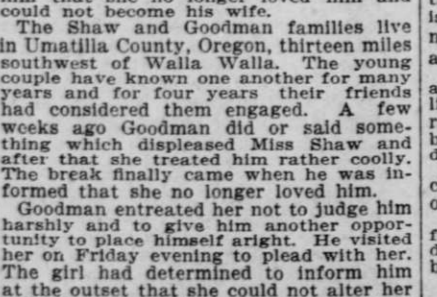
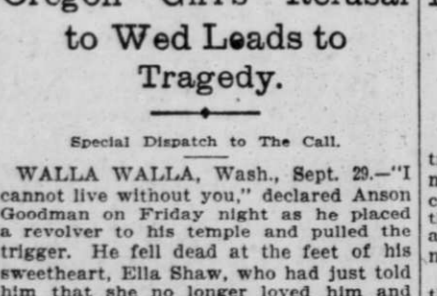
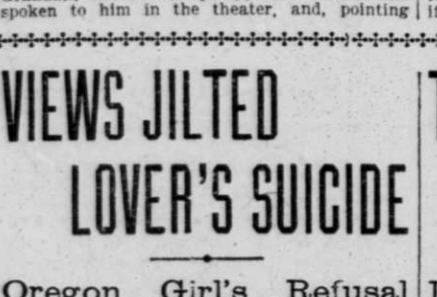
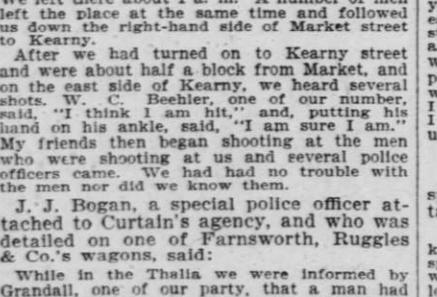
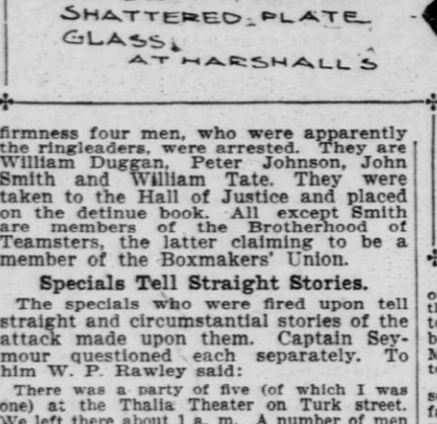
**CHICAGO, Sept. 29.**—The strike on the South Side elevated road was declared practically off to-night. Believing that they would not be able to force officials of the company to grant the concessions demanded, members of the Employees' Union began deserting the ranks of the strikers early to-day and asking to be reinstated. In most cases they were taken back and placed on the extra list, under those who had stepped in and taken their places.

The strike leaders will not admit that their forces are weakening. The company moved trains during the day with little difficulty.

A large iron bar, which is presumed to have been placed on the rails by strikers, nearly caused a serious accident to one of the trains to-night. The cars were loaded to overflowing, and several persons were more or less injured in the panic that attended the smashup. The motorman did not see the obstruction in time to stop and the train struck.

**BOSTON, Sept. 29.**—The strike of the express drivers of the transportation companies unless a speedy settlement is reached, is expected to continue to to-morrow and in case of failure the officers of the Transportation Trade Council, composed of freight clerks, truckmen and general merchandise handlers, have been empowered to call out every member of their various organizations. This decision was reached to-day at a special meeting of the Transportation Trades Council.

**FALL RIVER, Mass., Sept. 29.**—At a meeting here to-day of the Textile Council, at which every union in this city was represented, it was unanimously agreed to order a strike, effective October 7, if the manufacturers refuse to



## CITY MUST PAY FOR ALL THE DAMAGE

Strikers Not Financially Able to Meet Loss Inflicted.

All Wounded Men Are Said to Be on Road to Recovery.

**I** AM highly pleased with the stand taken by the special officers this morning," said Chief of Police Sullivan yesterday. "It shows that some of them are made of the right stuff and will resist attack. Since the patrol has been established on the water front, none of the union pickets will dare venture out after dusk. We have therefore redoubled our energies in other directions. We hardly expected that the strikers would carry their rioting right into the heart of the city, but they did. They did not catch us napping, however, and at the sound of the first pistol shot officers were hurrying from every direction. It is to be regretted that we did not have enough officers to surround the district and prevent the escape of any of the strikers in the assaulting party. This riot can only be laid at the feet of one man—Father York."

A blackjack was the only weapon found by the police when the riot district was visited yesterday morning. As none of the men arrested had weapons on them when searched, the police are investigating a report that two wounded strikers were carried down Annie street after the shooting, but no trace of them could be found. Thousands of people viewed the scene of the riot yesterday and put their fingers in the shattered windows and felt the bullet holes in the signs. One question that none could answer was as to who would be responsible for the damage.

**Damage to Buildings.** Careful estimates place the loss in plate glass alone at over \$500. Then there is the damage to signs and buildings, awnings, etc. It is well understood in proposition that when a riot occurs in a city the municipal government is responsible. A claim for the damage to the Brotherhood of Teamsters, whose members formed a majority of the rioters, would be futile, for it is a well-known fact in strike circles that the Brotherhood is depleted. The matter would therefore come back on the city, even though the police did everything in their power to disperse the crowd and prevent bloodshed and damage.

Further investigations by the police seem to indicate that Ward Miller is the only man who was seriously injured, was the man who fired the shot at short range at Officer Tillman. Miller is detained at the Receiving Hospital and at a late hour was on the way to recovery. He will not be released until his antecedents are inquired into and he gives a plausible excuse for his presence among the rioters.

The other wounded men were discharged from the Receiving Hospital yesterday. Young Fullington was the last to be removed. He was sent to his room, 502 Turk street, late in the afternoon.

Governor Gage, who has been in the city for the last few days, was an interested observer yesterday afternoon of the damage caused by the rioters.

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firmness four men, who were apparently the ringleaders, were arrested. They are William Duggan, Peter Johnson, John Smith and William Tate. They were taken to the Hall of Justice and placed on the detention block. All except Smith are members of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, the latter claiming to be a member of the Boxmakers' Union.

**Specials Tell Straight Stories.** The specials who were fired upon tell straight and circumstantial stories of the attack made upon them. Captain Seymour questioned each separately. To him W. P. Rawley said:

There was a party of five (of which I was one) at the Thalia Theater on Turk street. We were shooting at us and several men left the place at the same time and followed us down the right-hand side of Market street to Kearney.

After we had turned on to Kearney street and were about half a block from Market, and on the east side of Kearney, we heard several shots. W. C. Beehler, one of our number, said, "I think I am hit," and putting his hand on his ankle, said, "I am sure I am." My friends then began shooting at the men who were shooting at us and several police officers came. We had had no trouble with the men who were shooting at us.

J. J. Bogan, a special police officer attached to Curtain's agency, and who was detailed on one of Farnsworth, Ruggles & Co.'s, said: "We are going to follow those four specials," and wanted to know if I was a striker. I told my friends what

our party, said they were going to do up the specials, pointing at us. When Grandall told us this we started for home, and a number of men in the theater followed us. On Market street we met a regular policeman and told him about the men following us.

He told us to be quiet, but to defend ourselves if attacked. The officer came down as far as Kearney street with us. About fifty yards from Market street we crossed to the east side of Kearney street. The officer was still standing at the corner when we heard a number of shots fired and Beehler said he was shot. We then began shooting, and the policeman who was on the corner and who was with the man who was shot at us, fired ten shots at the men who fired at us. I did not fire any of the men who attacked us nor did I have any trouble with them.

**Grandall a New Special.** J. A. Grandall, who was sworn in as a special on Saturday morning, being detailed for duty with Hooper & Co., said:

While at the theater a young man whom I know by sight asked me if those men were specials, pointing to the table where my friends were sitting. He said, "We are going to follow those four specials," and wanted to know if I was a striker. I told my friends what

man had said and we left the theater to go home. Meeting a policeman about one and a half blocks from the Thalia we told him and pointed out the crowd. The officer went with us to Kearney street. We were half a block on Kearney street when he heard eight or ten shots fired at us. We then began shooting back at them. I fired six shots. I do not know the men who shot at us.

L. A. Ducote, also with Farnsworth, Ruggles & Co., made a statement similar in effect to the foregoing.

**Orders Specials Released.** Detectives Wren and Crockett arrested the four special officers. As soon as they made their statements they were released by order of Captain Wittman. They returned at once to the International Hotel

and remained there throughout the day. Beehler was suffering greatly with the wound in his leg, the bone having been shattered. He said he was glad he escaped without more serious injuries.

Each one of the strikers arrested is loud in his protestations of innocence. One admits that he was in the Thalia, but says he was thrown out because he was drunk. The others claim that they were going in different directions, but happened to meet in the proximity of the shooting, being attracted by the noise. They will be held until they are able to prove they had no part in the riot.

Of those injured during the night, but one, Ward Miller, is in a precarious condition. He is at the Receiving Hospital and is being attended by his wife and mother. He is about 25 years of age and a carpenter. He lives at 822 Howard street, and claims to have been on his way home. As a bullet pierced his lung, the physicians at the Receiving Hospital declined to permit him to talk.

Patrick Sullivan, employed by the Overland Freight and Transfer Company, who was found at the corner of Market and Geary streets about 1 o'clock yesterday morning, was sent to the Receiving Hospital. He had been struck on the face and was unable to see. He said that eight men had attacked him at the corner of Market and Geary streets. He was later sent to the City and County Hospital.

**DRAYMEN ARE CONFIDENT.** Belief That Teamsters' Strike Will Collapse This Week.

The developments in the teamsters' strike this week will be watched with interest by the draymen. There were signs of a decided break among the fruit teamsters last week, and the indications yesterday were that the discontent among the fraternity was increasing to the point that definite action on an important scale would develop before Wednesday.

A prominent drayman said yesterday that the destitution among the teamsters was so great that it is now a question of going back to work or staying out. The men have grown exceedingly restive under the long strain, and according to authentic information they were willing to quit the fight. Were it not for the fear of inviting trouble at the hands of their fellow-strikers a large per cent of the teamsters would go to work to-morrow.

That the crisis has been nearly reached and draymen agree. It is generally believed that a break is coming in a few days only, and that the increase in violence precipitates rather than retards that result.

**Non-Union Man Assaulted.** John Jacobson, a non-union workman living at Fourth and Howard streets, was assaulted by three strikers at Third and Howard streets while on his way to the dock at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. He was treated in the emergency hospital for several lacerations upon the face and scalp.

**Special Dispatch to The Call.** SAN JOSE, Sept. 29.—The Odd Fellows of Santa Clara County will on Tuesday evening present to the Grand Lodge of the State of California, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a deed to the White tract of 103 acres on the Alum Rock road, on which to erect a home for the aged and indigent members of the order. The building will cost \$30,000, and the work of construction will be commenced early in the coming year.

To-morrow the property will be transferred by deed from Mary E. Staples to Samuel Moreland, president of the building site committee, and on Tuesday evening its charter for thirty days in Hyland to William Nichols, Grand Master of the State of California.

Of the \$16,000 required for the purchase of the White tract all but \$1700 has been raised. The three local lodges will borrow the sum on promissory notes to-morrow morning. In order to have the deed pass in their own name at 11 o'clock.

**Hungarians Honor Martyr.** The first Hungarian Mutual Aid Society decided at its last regular meeting to draft its charter for thirty days in memory of the late President, William McKinley. The society also passed resolutions of condolence.

**Will Speak on Late President.** Henry E. Highton, the well known attorney of this city, will speak on the late President McKinley this evening in Christ Church, San Jose. In addition to Mr. Highton's address there will be a select musical programme rendered.

According to the Pester Lloyd, 15,000 Roumanian Jews will this year be assisted to emigrate to Canada.

**BATTLE ON KEARNEY STREET EARLY SUNDAY MORNING, WHEN FIVE SPECIALS WERE ATTACKED BY A LARGE BODY OF STRIKERS. THE PICTURES ARE THOSE OF THE PERSONS WOUNDED.**

**WARD MILLER**

**EARL FULLINGTON**

**BULLET HOLE IN GUNSTY STORE**

**H. F. BEEHLER**

**SHATTERED PLATE GLASS AT HARSHALL'S**

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