

BRITTON SHIES AT GAS SCANDAL

Objects to Reference to Boodle and Denies That Company Gave Bribes

Lively Tilt Occurs at Meeting of Supervisors Called to Fix Rates

The ghost of the gas company's past stalked with heavy tread through the rate hearing conducted last night by the board of supervisors.

Supervisor Connelly asked Britton if he meant to deny that the supervisors were corrupted in the matter.

Members of the board called Britton's attention to the fact that it was known that he had no part in the transaction.

The hearing will be resumed on Wednesday evening, February 24.

TWO GIRLS BURNED TO DEATH

Two girls, 11 and 12 years of age, were burned to death and their mother was fatally injured and was near death.

The Hub Chas. Keilus & Co. Exclusive High-Grade Clothiers. OUR NEW SPRING AND SUMMER COSTUMES AND OVER GARMENTS HAVE EXCLUSIVE PATTERNS AND EXCLUSIVE FABRICS.

Jewelers Building Post Street near Army San Francisco

President Proclaims Holiday

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—By joint resolution late today congress made provision as far as possible for the observance of February 12, 1909, the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

A PROCLAMATION: Whereas, by joint resolution of congress, it is provided that the twelfth day of February, 1909, the same being the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, is hereby made a special legal holiday in the district of Columbia and the territories of the United States;

CHILDREN HONOR LINCOLN'S MEMORY Centenary Exercises Conducted at St. Mary's Presentation Academy

Lincoln centenary exercises were held at St. Mary's presentation academy, Franklin and Eddy streets, yesterday afternoon.

WISER AND COURAGEOUS "He was great as a statesman and great as a man, a noble man and great in every respect," said Father Prendergast.

WHEELER ADDRESSES HEBREWS President Benjamin Ide Wheeler and Lucius L. Solomons were the orators at the celebration of the centennial of the Young Men's Hebrew association at the auditorium, 1970 Page street, last night.

RELICS OF LINCOLN'S TIME IN SANTA ROSA Patriotic Exercises to Be Held in Schools and Pavilion

SANTA ROSA, Feb. 11.—A number of relics connecting the present with Lincoln's time are being brought to light here.

TAKAHIRA TO SPEAK AT LINCOLN BANQUET Japanese Ambassador Accedes to Request of President

PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 11.—Peoria will celebrate the Lincoln centenary tomorrow night with a banquet.

PLAN INDEPENDENT STEAMSHIP LINE

H. S. Bates Reports in Details on His Negotiations in the East Opportunity for Building Up Business Between Coast and the Gulf Ports

Continued From Page 1 rate of \$5.45, which its share would be.

TELLS HOW HE SAW LINCOLN SHOT DOWN Man Who Was Present at Historic Assassination Relates Story for The Call

Continued From Page 1 dramatic pose, flourishing aloft a dagger. In a voice shrill with tense excitement he cried:

MARE ISLAND NAVY YARD WILL REPAIR CRUISERS Many Vessels of Pacific Fleet to Be Overhauled

VALLEJO, Feb. 11.—In accordance with orders received today at Mare island navy yard, the Pacific fleet will be distributed for repairs upon its arrival from target practice at Magdalena bay.

SNELL VALLEY LAND LEASED TO OIL MAN Drilling Operations Will Be Begun Immediately

UKIAH, Feb. 11.—D. C. Dye, a prominent oil well operator of Texas, today closed the last of a series of leases involving something more than 4,000 acres of land in Snell valley near Hopland.

NOTED ARCHITECT DEAD—New York, Feb. 11.—Russell Sturges, the architect and writer on architectural subjects, died today in this city, aged 72.

PRECEDENT FOUND FOR SEATING KNOX

Secretary of Treasury Under Grant Appointed and Relieved Under Same Circumstances Increase of Salary Was Pealed to Let Lot M. Morrill Into the Cabinet

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—A precedent has been discovered which seems to remove all questions of the legality and propriety of appointing Senator Knox secretary of state at the old salary.

COL. E. A. DENICKE CALLED BY DEATH Distinguished Civil War Veteran and San Franciscan Dies in Switzerland

Word was received in San Francisco yesterday of the death of Ernst August Denicke in Geneva, Switzerland.

LOS GATOS PREPARING LIBERTY BELL RECEPTION California Town Has Descendant of Maker of Historic Chime

LOS GATOS, Feb. 11.—Interest continues to grow in the floral carnival and feast of lanterns. Word has been received that the commissioner of the Liberty bell at Philadelphia will start the bell on its journey to Los Gatos.

By Our Formula We produce in Hood's Sarsaparilla a medicine that has an unsurpassed record of cures of...

HOTEL JEFFERSON 218 W. VALENCIA ST. European Plan, \$1.00 a day and up. American Plan, \$2.50 a day and up.

Half Price Suits, Overcoats, Trousers. 14 Suits, size 33—Half Price. 31 Suits, size 34—Half Price. 43 Suits, size 35—Half Price.

J. C. Heller & Company Clothiers 10 Kearny Street Chronicle Building