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Initial *Enterprise* story on the first major residential development in Davis in decades.

C. W. Bower is the orchestrater but the operating work is done by A. K. Pedder of the Mt. Diablo Realty Company of Martinez and Concord.

consciousness all the time, answering questions of husband and nurse to within a few minutes of dissolution. A few minutes before the spark of life fled she signaled the nurse to come to her bed side and with a smile upon her countenance told her that the angels has just visited her and informed her that her time to go had come and said she, "I am going now." Within a few minutes thereafter she passed quietly into the long sleep.

Deceased was a native of Virginia, age 53 years, one month and 15 days, a descendant of Benedict Arnold. Her ancestry she had traced back 150 years. By President Cleveland her mother was awarded the old flag that Benedict Arnold himself floated to the breeze and her brother of Oklahoma now has it. The Arnolds came first to New Jersey, thence to West Virginia and later settled in Virginia. A daughter of Byron and Mary Love. Married to H. C. Liggett 1885, coming here in 1893 resided 8 years in South Putah before settling at late residence.

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in their power and spared no expense all was in vain, for on Friday, January 10th, her pure spirit took its flight. In all those weary months of illness she never complained. She was one of the most devoted women I ever knew. There was never an afternoon or evening she did not read her prayer book. Yet there was no parade or show about her piety.

Little did I think that last November 2d, when I knelt at the bedside of Mrs. Weber to receive Holy Communion, that it would be the last time in company with her. From that time she faded rapidly and about four weeks ago was compelled to seek her bed from which she never arose again. Surrounding her bedside were her husband, George Weber, her loving daughters, Mrs. J. W. Montgomery, Mrs. W. W. Greive, Miss Harriet Weber and Miss Gertrude Weber, her niece, Miss Mae McCabe, who was nursing in caring for her during her illness; also her devoted friend, Mrs. W. E. Bates. She is also survived by two grandchildren, Georgene Montgomery and Charlie W. Greive.

Her home was one of the most hospitable in Davis. The good priestess who come to this town will miss her hospitality, and for my part I shall miss her more than words can express. Wife, mother and friend! Thy unselfish life is o'er.

A crown of fadeless glory is thine forevermore.

This earthly toil is ended; thy lot is with the blest;

The Master's voice has called thee, loved mother, to rest.

A FRIEND.

GREAT FORWARD STEP FOR A NEW AND LARGER DAVIS

Many of our people have had for some time, an inner prompting that something was about to happen that would place Davis on the map. Just what it was to be, it was impossible to forecast exactly, other than the two very probable developments. The first that the new Dean was going to make things hum at the University Farm, which would mean a large increase of buildings, apparatus, instructors and a rapidly increasing attendance of students at the Farm School. Secondly the proposition of incorporation of the town had a perceptible influence in propagating the feeling that other things might follow.

This something, or at least one of the probabilities had happened, coming like a bolt from a clear sky. A stranger has been attracted by what he interpreted as an opportunity to do some good wide awake, legitimate town building, perhaps would express the idea. He came, he saw, and all doubt about the feasibility of his proposition, if he had any, vanished. The location, the rich lands, climatic conditions, in fact all the advantages which have so often been extended upon in these columns appealed to him and led him to a quick decision. He found a man he could deal with on the spot and he got busy and the wisdom of his venture will soon be apparent to the most skeptical resident.

He comes to us as one ripe in experience successful in the line of work he is undertaking. Realizing the promising future which Davis has before her, as evidenced by the great demand for homes and improved lots, A. R. Pedder, of the Mt. Diablo Realty Company, of Martinez and Concord, has come

here and located and has secured twenty acres of the C. W. Bowers tract north of the city and intends to open it up immediately, selling improved lots 50 by 112 feet, for \$250.

A four foot cement walk and curb, a crushed rock street and two evergreen shade trees will front each lot and will be entirely free to lot buyers. Wednesday Surveyor Joseph Arnold, of Martinez, was here and commenced laying out the stakes and within the next few days a crew of men with scrapers and road graders will start work on the streets. All of these will be eighty feet in width and fifteen foot alley will run through the rear.

The tract will be known as the Bowers' addition to Davis. The land secured begins at the corner of Olive and Fifth streets having a frontage of 500 feet on Olive and 1525 feet on Fifth. The lots will be sold on the easy payment plan, thus giving the working man the chance to own a home and a piece of realty at a small expenditure.

It is the plan of the company to also erect homes from plans of the purchaser, for a nominal payment down and the balance like rent. The above firm has been operating in Concord for the past two years during which time they have sold over 600 lots to Concord and outside people and have laid 92 blocks of cement walks and on lots sold there were 42 homes erected last year.

Concord a year ago had a population of 700 people, but the coming of the Oakland and Antioch railroad, in a year has doubled the population. The town is now in

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GEORGE STAMP BEGINS LONG SLEEP

After going to press last issue, the local Masonic lodge, under whose auspices the funeral of the late George Stamp was held, changed their plans and instead of bringing the remains to Davis Saturday to lay in state in Masonic hall, as announced, the remains were not brought out until Sunday morning on the 10:45 train and was met at the depot by members of the order and conveyed directly to the Masonic cemetery and interred with the impressive ceremony of the order. Supervisor, W. O. Russell officiating as Grand Master. Pall bearers: A. G. Anderson, J. F. Henle, C. A. Coyle, A. J. Miller, W. J. Haussler and P. H. Brady.

Deceased, as before stated, was a native of England, and we are informed migrated when a young man to Australia, from thence to Davis in the early sixties. After a short time here he went again to Australia where he engaged in mining for a short time and was quite successful, returning to Davis later with a snug sum of money and for a time was prominent in business circles but unfortunately he lost his savings with the downfall of Dresback-Bane company, large operators in the grain dealing business, losing thereby it is reported something like \$22,000. The loss seemed to discourage him to a degree and he was never thereafter successful financially but continued steadily in his quiet, industrious way. He became a member of the local Masonic lodge, Athens, No. 228 during his early residence and continued a faithful and honored member to the end, always earning his own way until utterly disabled the last week of his illness when he permitted the lodge to care for him.

VALLEY RAINFALL IS GOLDEN FLOOD

During the present week the valley has been drenched with a splendid rain. The precipitation began the first of the week and has continued coming just about as fast as it could soak into the ground. For the storm at 7 o'clock this morning, 3:75. It has been so nice and warm that vegetation is shooting up rapidly and the crop prospects look exceedingly bright.

Wiring Did Not Start Fire.

In the account of the J. R. Williamson fire in last weeks issue, the cause of the fire was given as "defective wiring." At that time the writer had not viewed the scene of the fire and explanation was based upon the opinion of one of the early arrivals at the fire. Later we visited the place of the fire and have no hesitancy in stating that the fire did not start from the electric wiring at all, but on the contrary started at the floor in the corner of the room where the siding was burned through in places and evidently followed the lattice shades upward doing but little burning where the electric light wires came into the building. As to the real cause of the fire, no one seems able to account, but without doubt it started at the floor and not the ceiling.

Gardner Pierce returned to Berkeley Sunday afternoon to renew his studies at the University of California. Master Dixwell Pierce at the same time went to Woodland where he is attending high school.

Mrs. Sadie F. Reid filed suit against the Sacramento Valley Electric Railroad Company. She purchased \$4,000 worth of stock worth of stock and she claims misrepresentation.