

PIGEONS POLYMERIZED.

FIRST DAY'S SHOOTING OF THE STATE SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The Southern Citrus Belt Wreaths the Selby Trophy From the Northern Citrus Belt.

There was quite a fair gathering of sportsmen at Agricultural Park yesterday, the opening day of the ninth annual meet of the State Sportsmen's Association.

The conditions governing contests for the trophy require that each competing club (or team) should shoot up \$100, each team to shoot 100 live pigeons, the trophy and 50 per cent of the entrance money to go to the winning team.

Consequently, when the team from the Pacific Club undertook to enter yesterday's contest without contributing to the entrance money, there was a vigorous protest.

The day was the most disagreeable experienced here since last March. A cold, dry wind blew from the north, filling the air with dust, and interfering greatly with the shooting.

Five ground traps were used, and guns were handicapped as follows under the rules: Ten gauges 30 yards, 12-gauges 25 yards and smaller gauges 20 yards.

Many of the shooters used Schultz (No. 1) powder, and while some very effective work was done with it, on the whole it did not seem to be the best.

The Selby trophy, a representation of which was given in these columns yesterday, was won by the Pacific Club team with a score of 83 out of 100 birds.

The full scores are as follows:

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STOCKTON GUN CLUB. Has, 11; Galt, 11; Sperry, 11; Scarlett, 11; Morrison, 11.

PELICAN GUN CLUB (TEAM NO. 1). Morrison, 11; Galt, 11; Sperry, 11; Scarlett, 11; Morrison, 11.

PELICAN GUN CLUB (TEAM NO. 2). King, 11; Galt, 11; Sperry, 11; Scarlett, 11; Morrison, 11.

The entrance money was won as follows: Colton club, \$200; Pacific, \$120, and the Stockton club, \$80.

Martinez, Chick, of the Coltons, and C. E. Mack, of the Pacific, were the best.

The winning team also won a champagne and other supper, given by the House in the evening.

For the best individual score in any non-winning team, John G. Greber, E. Niclaus and L. Niclaus tied for the third.

Mr. King, of the Pelicans, won the prize for the second best individual score in any non-winning team.

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This was at 10 live birds, entrance \$4, divided into five money. There were 25 birds, but only those which they had, changed for a place shot out their string.

All but the fifth money was equally divided between those who tied on 10 birds straight, and those who tied on 9 birds.

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WIGGING FOR LIBERTY.

"BRONCHO SHOOTY" NEARLY SUCCEEDS IN BREAKING JAIL.

He Dux Through a Foot of the City Prison Wall Before He was Interrupted.

Jail-breaking is becoming fashionable again. The recent escape of four convicts from the Folsom Penitentiary, by means of a tunnel, is still fresh in the minds of the public.

A couple of weeks ago three men were arrested by detective Burke of the railroad for breaking into freight cars.

One of the prisoners was W. R. Kelly, known in the thieving fraternity as "Broncho Shooty."

"Broncho Shooty" was placed in one of the cells on the west side of the jail, which cells are considered the strongest in the place.

This particular cell faced upon the jail yard, being separated from the latter by a two-foot brick wall.

The cell is covered with half-inch sheet iron. All this, however, did not dismay "Broncho Shooty."

He started by removing a portion of the sheet-iron covering, about a foot square. Next to this was some redwood planking, which was easily penetrated, and then he encountered the two feet of brick wall.

His only tools were an old broken spoon, and a small piece of steel which he broke off his bed.

The cell is very dark inside and this is probably why the officers in charge of the jail, who supplied him with his meals, did not discover the operations.

On Tuesday of this week "Broncho" had cut out half through the brick wall. On Wednesday, however, he was caught.

He was taken to the police court for examination with his companions. They were all held in the Superior court, and, this—alas, for "Broncho's" hopes—prevented their removal to the County Jail.

It was while a trusty was cleaning out the cell yesterday that the hole was discovered, and there was considerable excitement at the police station.

Had Kelly been permitted to occupy the cell a few days longer, there is no doubt that he would have succeeded in making his escape.

As soon as the hole was made, Kelly treated he would have found himself in the jail yard, and the low walls surrounding this would not have deterred him long.

Police Captain Lee said last night that on Tuesday he prevented Kelly from escaping just as he was leaving the Court room.

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THE LAST DAY.

A Nice Little Story With a Nice Little Lesson.

The editor of the Grass Valley Herald has tired of appealing by mournful editorials to his delinquent subscribers. He is on a new tack now. Here is his latest:

It was the evening of the last day of the world, the heavens had been rolled together like a scroll, the seas had been opened, the last trump had been heard.

The righteous people of the earth had been gathered to the fold and the unrighteous had been sent down into the bottomless pit, divided into day shifts and night shifts, and set to work digging sulphur for the old serpent, who had chained for a thousand years, who had chained for a thousand years.

There was darkness upon the earth; the sun, covered with sackcloth and ashes, had sunk from sight, and the moon, a blood-red ball, was hanging low above the horizon.

There was an awful silence. The earth had been turned upside down, and the old serpent was crawling upon its back, and there was no reason to expect that it would soon stop altogether.

Alone in that vast solitude, with his haggard features dimly lit by the crimson rays of the blood-red moon, with frozen tears upon his cheeks, and a wild, hungry look in his eyes, a poor man upon a stone.

The last man, the only man on all the deserted earth, waiting for the first three when the world would become a desolate and a dreary death scene.

Suddenly there was a soft whirling of wings, and an angel sped down through the vast spaces of heaven, and alighted by the side of the forsaken man.

"Why are you here?" asked the angel. "Why did you not follow the procession when left for the nearly gates of heaven?"

"Alas!" said the man. "I did you linger here? Was it because you loved the earth?"

"No!" said the angel. "because you were ashamed, or proud, or undeserving."

"No!" cried the unfortunate man. "I was a sinner, and I was not sorry to be forgiven by my delinquent subscribers. I could not follow the procession. I was too weak."

But the angel stopped him. Tenderly he took the editor up under his arm and swiftly he floated through space, up and up, until he had reached the nearly gates. A whispered word to St. Peter and the light flew open. There was a burst of glory, and the editor was seen no more.

It is often a revelation of nature, warning us of danger.

In a certain sense, according to a writer in *Heart and Home*, pain is a retributive justice, and it is a warning, when the laws of our being, the physical laws, are violated, preparing the way for disease and suffering.

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS.

Needs to Real Estate Filed With the Recorder.

[From law and abstract office of Bruce & Taylor, southeast corner of Seventh and I.]

The following transfers of real estate have been made since the last published report: Bruce & Taylor to Frank Baughman—Lots 8, 9, 10 and 11 of E and Eleventh and Twelfth streets; \$300.

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