

THEY WERE NOT UNGOVERNABLE.

The Government Engineers Saw What our River Needed.

Errors in the Published Reports of Their Recommendations—An Interesting Interview.

A representative of the RECORD-UNION yesterday overhauled Dr. Dixon, who is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the River Improvement Commission, and by questions drew from him interesting information upon the subject of the recent report of Government Engineers.

"What, doctor, are the views of the committee concerning that report?" "They were much surprised, sir, as were all the people I apprehend who wish to have the integrity of the navigable river restored and maintained."

"Why, that no reference was made to the lower Sacramento. The friends of river improvement who met and conferred with the commission had every reason to anticipate that a comprehensive plan of restoration and improvement would be devised and a large sum recommended for the work."

"It is possible that the telegraphic report was incorrect, you remember that the reporters stated that they had great difficulty in ascertaining anything about it—the official report being jealously withheld."

"Yes, for it seems that it is better than reported, and it is probable that when we receive a full report we may have reason to congratulate ourselves. Hon. George O'Leary, President of the River Improvement Association, went to San Francisco on Wednesday, and to-day I received from him a telegram on the subject. Here it is: 'Press dispatch from San Francisco, dated February 12, 1891, received at Sacramento, California, and seventy-five thousand dollars recommended for lower Sacramento River. Twenty-five thousand for Jacob Slough.'

"That is quite a different version of the matter. What, now, is your idea of what the commission intends to have done if it is not agreed to?" "Well, I think that it means that the commission recommended \$500,000 for improvement of the Sacramento, and \$25,000 annually for the snag-barge service. That is, \$500,000 for treatment of the Yuba River above Marysville, and \$20,000 annually for channels of the Feather, or a total expenditure for one year of \$525,000, a considerable sum after all, and a splendid opening wedge, which may well be followed by several millions of dollars until the entire work necessary is accomplished. It is anticipated that the \$25,000 for the lower river is recommended as an annual appropriation like the \$20,000 for the Feather, but only a full text of the report will show full scope of the recommendations."

"You say, doctor, that your committee conferred with the commission. Was anything understood then as to what ought to be done?" "The engineers were careful in their expressions. It would not have been proper for them to say what they would recommend."

"Well, did they have nothing to say of the impression the view they had of the Yuba above Marysville made upon them?" "They recommended you see, \$500,000 for the Yuba, which has no navigable value."

"They saw at once that it was of vital importance to the Yuba, and that the debris now in the Yuba, and which is rapidly drifting towards and into the Feather and Sacramento should be restrained and forever kept out of the latter rivers. They clearly intimated that it would be a formidable task to dispose of the debris now in the navigable channels, and positively no more of the destructive element must ever be thrown into the tributaries of these rivers if we expect the Government to restore and improve the navigable integrity of our rivers."

"Did they say as much?" "They did say in so many words to Mr. O'Leary that if the Yuba, and if it must not come down, that it would be difficult indeed to remove what is in the Sacramento now, and that no more ought to come in."

"Was Major Heuer with the commission when it went up stream?" "Yes."

"What did he think?" "Why, when he saw the conditions above Marysville he frankly abandoned his idea of nature wash, especially now when he was shown the clear water in the Sacramento above the Feather, and the yellow water emptying out of the Feather into the Sacramento, and the buried trees and places along the Yuba."

"That has not before been stated." "I thought that it was generally known that he changed his opinion on that subject. There was no secret made of it, I am told."

"What is your idea, as Chairman of the Executive Committee, should now be done?" "Why, sir, that the friends of river improvement must follow up the recommendations of the commission vigorously and tirelessly. Congress is in the habit, you know, of approving bills and resolutions recommended about one-half, and this will not do in this extreme case of need. Only by hard work have we secured the recommendation of the Government measure of aid proposed. A few thousand for the snag-barge has been the limit heretofore, and the \$250,000 now apparently within reach should not be allowed to grow less by any inaction or temporary disappointment on the part of the people identified with this movement for Government care of our navigable rivers."

"What will your committee do next?" "That I cannot say. It has no way to make on any one. It will only ask the Government to care for the trust it holds for the people—that is the navigable streams. I am but one of the committee, but I can say that every assistance should be offered the Executive Committee in any efforts they may make in the immediate future."

MRS. GILLIG'S MAID.

Amelia Gehring on Trial Before a Jury for Larceny.

The trial of Amelia Gehring, the young German girl who is accused of stealing about \$450 worth of jewelry and other property from her employer, Mrs. Amy Gillig, was commenced yesterday in Department Two of the Superior Court.

Judge Davis, of Marysville, occupied the bench in place of Judge Van Fleet. A special venire of jurymen was called for, and the panel was completed at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The jurors accepted were: John F. Cross, D. H. Lindley, A. H. Rott, H. A. Heilbron, J. G. Martine, E. C. Hopkins, M. Barber, John L. Huntton and Charles J. Jones.

City Attorney Hart—who, with Charles T. Jones, appeared for the prosecution—made the opening statement to the jury, after which Mrs. Gillig was called to the witness-stand. Her examination occupied the rest of the afternoon.

Mrs. Gillig's testimony was given in the same prompt and quiet manner that characterized her demeanor on the stand at the preliminary examination in the police station, and she thoroughly convinced the attorneys ever given in Sacramento to that she is one of the best witnesses they had ever encountered. She related how for some time past she had been missing various articles of jewelry and clothing, and could not account for their mysterious disappearance until one day she recognized a piece of her valuable hair-trimming on one of her maid's hats. Prior to this she had repeatedly asked the maid if she knew anything about the whereabouts of the articles, but the girl disclaimed all knowledge of them. At that time, however, Mrs. Gillig said she

BOARD OF TRADE.

Members Discuss the Boycott and Bonded Debt Bills.

The Former Was Indorsed, but Final Action Taken on the Latter Postponed.

The Board of Trade met last evening in the office of Grove L. Johnson for the purpose of considering the bills affecting the Sacramento bonded debt, now pending in the Legislature, and also the boycott bill. There were present: P. E. Platt, A. S. Hopkins, L. Tozer, Fred Adams, G. M. Mott, E. A. Crouch, W. F. Peterson, V. S. McClatchy, H. Weinstein, D. A. Lindley, Sparrow Smith, C. H. Hubbard, E. K. Alsp, W. D. Comstock, George Schroth, H. O. Beatty and W. E. Gerber.

The first subject considered was the boycott bill, now before the Legislature, amending Section 182 of the Penal Code, making it a crime for two or more persons to conspire to injure any person in his business, or prevent any person from exercising a lawful employment, and fixing the punishment at imprisonment in the County Jail for not exceeding two years, or by a fine not exceeding \$2,000, or by both.

V. S. McClatchy made an address on the subject, after having previously been regarded as the evil effects of the boycott on the community, he stated that one of the objects of the meeting was to get an expression from the members of the board as to whether or not they indorsed the bill. He said he was aware that no one of the business men present wanted to express himself openly on the question.

Fred Adams said he did not see why Grove L. Johnson had been boycotted, and while thus hammering out one of the best weeks' work during his career.

Mr. McClatchy—"If the gentlemen present do not wish to express themselves, they can stand together, and recommend that the bill be either passed or killed. Mr. Gerber, do you think if the boycott bill were passed, you would be able to build such an establishment?"

Mr. Gerber—"No; if I were to go upon the streets to-day, I do not believe I could get up such a brewery enterprise."

Mr. Adams—"Are not the legislators able to take care of that bill without our indorsement?"

Mr. McClatchy replied that there were always workers on both sides. Certain workingmen did not indorse, and were using arguments to defeat it. Arguments were needed on the other side of the question.

Mr. Hopkins—"It is hard to see why we should be afraid of being boycotted."

Mr. Peterson did not think it was a business man here who was condemning the boycott, and I don't see why they are afraid to express themselves."

Mr. Crouch—"I don't think there is a resolution in the bill, or even though every man present was in favor of it."

C. M. Mott—"I was never noted for my wisdom, but I will make a motion to the effect that the board pass a resolution indorsing this bill."

Mr. Tozer seconded the motion, the board went into executive session, and after a short discussion, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The board then took up and to start the discussion a motion was made that the board instruct the Sacramento representatives in the Legislature to vote for the passage of the three bills introduced, providing that fifty-five per cent of the net (instead of the gross) profit be paid to the waterworks, harbor, dues and licenses, be turned into the interest and sinking fund.

Mr. Beatty talked for over an hour on the subject, and concluded by claiming that the city was on the brink of a precipice. He could show that if the bill was not passed, the city would get into litigation and would not recover for at least ten years. If the Bonded Debt Commission was let alone it would pay the debt in seven or eight years.

Mr. Weinstein concurred in Mr. Beatty's views, and did not think it a wise idea for the city to be continually fighting the bondholders. It seemed to him that it was to the interest of the people to wipe out the debt as soon as possible, and instead of having the tax rate \$2.20 on every \$100 of taxable property, reduce it to 50 cents, the rate which would prevail when the city was free from debt.

Senator Dray who was present during the discussion, said it was his own conviction that the city had better engage in water works, harbor, dues and licenses, and would not support the original bill unless the word "net" was confined exclusively to water works revenues, omitting harbor dues, license and interest on bonds.

E. K. Alsp and W. E. Gerber took an opposite stand to Judge Beatty, holding that the better plan would be to reduce the tax rate as soon as possible, and pay a longer time to pay off the debt. The present city tax rate was driving thousands of people away from the town.

After further discussion, it was decided that a vote would not be taken until the special committee of five appointed by the board had had time to inform themselves as to the merits of the call of the chair.

BANQUETING PAGES.

The Assembly Boys Have a High Feed at the French.

Last evening at the French Restaurant, and had a merry time. The menu card was very neatly gotten up, and the boys claim that the "spread" was about as fine as has been given in this city during the present session.

Charles Lansing acted as toastmaster, and made the following address: "Pages and Fellow-Members: I have the honor to say that we have met upon this occasion to express our appreciation to each other and our kind friends who have assisted us in this matter. At the opening of the session we came as strangers from different parts of the State, and the daily transaction of our duties has been such that a kindly feeling has been generated, and I hope will remain in our hearts; but before closing I wish to say that the position of page is not an exalted one, though honorable. But this is the country of opportunity, and it is to say that I hope our future life will be crowned with as much success as has been the last two months. I hope that we will always remember the many happy days we have spent in the twenty-ninth session of the Legislature."

There were present: Edward Short, Charles Lansing, Milo Ayer, M. Berry, A. Keith, T. Cowan, M. Erwin, W. Howard, John Pearl, C. Marchant, A. Glover and H. Welch.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

The Organization Convened in this City—Interesting Topics.

The Sunday School Institute convened at the First Baptist Church in this city yesterday afternoon, Rev. S. S. Fisk, of Santa Rosa, presiding.

SOFTENING SENTENCES.

A Water Gets Six Months for Stealing a Valise.

In the Police Court yesterday, Rosa Rodrigues, Philip Rivers, John Abrigo, Charles Hanley and Ah Gin, who were arrested by officers Wilson and Gibson in an optium den, were fined \$10 each.

All Gow and King Gow, charged with playing an ape for a continuance, and their trials were set for February 18th. The charges against Ah Moon and Ah Lee, accused of similar offenses, were dismissed on motion of the prosecution.

N. Savary pleaded guilty to stealing a valise from a room in the State House Hotel, and was sent to the county jail for six months.

The charge of disturbing the peace, against Mrs. A. Harbin, was dismissed on the payment of costs by the prosecuting witness.

In the case of Jos. X. Dias, charged with seduction, City Attorney Hart stated that the defendant had married the girl, and it was agreed that the charge would be withdrawn. The Judge dismissed the case.

The trial of William Gilson, charged with receiving stolen property, was set for to-day.

THEY WILL BE TRIED.

The Fugitive Witness in the Mollusk-Dunn Case Caught.

When attorney Estabrook tried to get his clients Mollusk and Dunn, the bat-tlers, out of the clutches of the law by the Swiss consular authorities, he loudly protested against Police Judge Craven's method of postponing the trials of the young men, and said that in this manner he might keep them in custody for twenty years. It will be remembered that John Baldwin, the prosecuting witness in the case, mysteriously disappeared when Mollusk and Dunn were to be tried, and there was every indication that the case had been "fixed" out of court.

But attorney Estabrook's fears of a twenty-year term for his clients, are at an end now. Mollusk and Dunn will be tried shortly. Word was received from Truckee yesterday that Constable Long of that place had captured the fugitive witness, and was holding him for the local authorities. An officer will go to Truckee for Baldwin immediately.

COMING GRAND KNIGHTS.

Preparations for a Big Time in Sacramento in April.

The Committee of arrangements appointed by the local lodges of Knights of Pythias met last evening and discussed several very interesting features for the entertainment of the Grand Lodge, which will meet here in April.

As there will be about four hundred delegates besides other visitors, it is proposed to make this one of the largest receptions ever given in Sacramento to a body of visitors.

As outlined at present it is proposed to hold special banquets for each lodge's entertainment, and the Knights hope that the citizens of Sacramento will lend their aid to giving the visitors a hearty welcome while in the city.

South Sacramento.

The auction sale yesterday was a success. It was held at 14th and J streets, at 7:30 o'clock.

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This Morning at 9:30, SPECIAL SALE.

Ostrich Feather Dusters.

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AMUSEMENTS.

"Lotta" will appear at the Metropolitan Theater to-night in the play, "Musette," written for her. We have already spoken so fully of the engagement of this creator and leader in the sourette star line of acting, that it is not necessary to add much. Lotta is so widely known, such a prime favorite, and has such an army of friends, that her engagement is certain to be successful. Old Californians will go to see the favorite of years ago, and new Californians will attend to see what the little woman is like, and with enthusiastic admiration. Lotta's company is said to be a thoroughly good one—it is not probable that she would consent to be associated with a less talented company. Her dispassionate personality, her unique suggestions, her perfectly unimpaired manner, and the charm of her method, together with her own sympathy and the closeness with which she gets to the audience and interests them in her, constitute the forces that make Lotta an attraction on whatever stage she appears.

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A musical and social entertainment will be given this evening at Pioneer Hall by the ladies of the English Lutheran Church. The ladies promise to be a very pleasant affair.

Death of James R. Morris. James Richardson Morris, a composer well-known in Sacramento, and, in fact, throughout the coast, died suddenly last evening at 228 J street, of hemorrhage of the lungs. The deceased was a native of Ireland, and 48 years of age, and was unmarried, and had been residing in Denver, Colorado. He was also a veteran of the late war.

Respect for the Dead. The employees in the railroad office at the depot in this city sent an obituary offering to San Francisco yesterday to be placed on the grave of the late T. J. Urquhart. Superintendent Wright also sent an elegant piece. H. B. Breckenridge, chief of the office, went down to attend the funeral.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

"The Electrical World" for January 3d (Times Building, New York), contains a profusely illustrated and illustrated article on the wonders of the gramophone, the new talking machine, and also a double-sheet showing views of the largest electric light plant in the world, that at St. Louis. But the succeeding number, up to the last at hand, February 5th, are equally as interesting and valuable—the last, for instance, illustrates a new mining locomotive, a wonderful labor saver, and an exhaustive illustrated paper on electricity in transit, by Professor Wm. Crookes, the noted scientist. There is also free illustration of the electrical equipment of our Squadron of Evolution, by Lieutenant Hutchins, U. S. N. In short, we know of no magazine of this character that is so exhaustive, so richly illustrated, or so full of electrical news and details as such a large quarto (about 80 pages) can be issued weekly and made to pay—so great must be the cost of such a journal, in preparation at all times to the public. It does seem probable that there is such interest in electrical progress as to justify such an enterprise, especially devoted to a specialty. But there must be, or the publication would cease.

"Harper's Young People" for February 3d, like all its issues, was bright, crisp and filled with choice matter for young readers. But that number was especially attractive because of a double page free supplement presenting a beautiful engraving, "His Latest Purchase," after a painting by P. Barnes. There is no better weekly publication for children than "Harper's Young People."

ACTON sale of South Sacramento lots was postponed until Saturday evening at 7:30. 519 J street.

Weather Forecast. Forecast till 8 P. M. Friday: For Nevada and Northern California—light rain, turning to snow in the mountains, except fair weather in the southeast portion; winds general southerly; nearly stationary temperature.

MARRIED.

GREENBROOK—In this city, February 12, by Rev. C. H. Beechgood, T. B. Misley of Yuba City to Helen A. Murdock of Marysville.

MISLEY-MASON—In this city, February 12, by Rev. C. H. Beechgood, T. B. Misley of Loomis to Clara B. Mason of Rocklin.

DIED.

HAMILI—In this city, February 11, Mary Laura, wife of John E. Hamill and daughter of Eunice Hardy and the late James E. Hardy, a native of Mokelumne Hill, California, died at 2:30 P. M. at her residence, 229 Fair Oaks street.

Funeral will take place in Sun, California Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, from residence of her brother, Wm. J. Hardy, 229 Fair Oaks street.

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