NATURAL GAS.

One More Effort Will Be Made to Resume Operations.

The Directors Will Endeavor to Interest Business Men to Take Stock—More Funds Needed.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens' Natural Gas Company was called for last evening at the Courthouse, but the inclemency of the weather kept a number of them away and there was not a quorum present.

Those who attended, however, indulged in an informal discussion with reference to the prospects of boring a new well, and eventually tapping a large natural gas reservoir. All seemed confident that the gas was to be had by boring deep enough. The first well demonstrated that there was gas beneath Sacramento, and if it had not been for the unfortunate breaking of the line of pipe in this well, the gas stratum would by this time have been reached.

F. R. Dray, in addressing the stockholders present, said that the $5,000 which the company had on hand, in connection with its boring plant, was a sufficient sum to bore a well, provided everything worked smoothly and there were no hitches; but it was not a sufficient sum to have in case accidents and unlooked-for obstacles were met with. He was not in favor of proceeding with that sum. If an accident should happen, which would stop operations for a time, and the money on hand should be expended in righting matters, many would proclaim it a failure, and would refuse to subscribe more money. The best plan would be, he thought, to induce business men to take stock and thus get more money to work on. It was best to be sure of the money at first, and then they would have a chance to succeed.

Add. C. Hinkson proposed that they prepare an address to the business men and have it published. This would interest them and they would offer their assistance.

Dr. G. L. Simmons considered that the money now in sight was sufficient to go ahead with. Of course more money would be desirable, but it was not necessary that the impression should be given out that the project would be abandoned unless more money was obtainable. He, for one, did not propose to abandon it. The Directors had gained much in experience and could avoid many of the difficulties they were beset with during the first experiment. Besides, the plant was valuable, and contractor Hoagland had offered to bore the well for $1 per foot. Several corporations had offered to come in and assist the enterprise, too.

Mr. Dray thought Dr. Simmons was confining himself exclusively to the bright side of the proposition. They would have to pay more than $1 per foot, and besides the contractor would only agree to go as far as he could. If he should find his job a hard one he could, according to the terms of his agreement, drop the whole business and leave the company in the lurch.

President Southworth said he knew something about the contractor and had great faith in his integrity.

After some further talk it was agreed that the Board of Directors should prepare an address to the business men and publish it, after which a committee should call upon the business men and endeavor to interest them in the enterprise.

Before leaving the Courthouse President Southworth appointed the Canvassing Committee as follows: C. H. Hubbard, M. J. Dillman, Add C. Hinkson, E. J. Croly, F. R. Dray and Claus Anderson.

HEADED HIM OFF.

Why There Was One "Kick" Less in the Supervisors' Chamber.

Supervisor Bates was sauntering toward the Hall of Records yesterday when he was accosted by a gentleman of pronounced Hibernian extraction, who had fire in his eye.

"Misther Bates, an outhrage has been perpatooted upon me," began the gentleman of the fiery eye. "Oi propose to have joostice, an' Oi'm goin' before the Boord av Suhupervisors an' raise the divil."

"What's happened to you?" asked the Supervisor.

"Shure, sor, that haythen av an Assissor has raised me assissmint. Last year it wor six dolleys, an' this year it is sivin. What d'ye think av thot?"

"That is an outrage, surely. So you are going before the Supervisors are you?

"Thot's wot oi am, sor."

"Well, let me see now," said Mr. Bates, thrusting his hand into his pocket. "The difference is a dollar, ain't it? Now, here's a dollar. Take it; and for the love of heaven keep away from the Supervisors. We have troubles enough."

The outraged taxpayer told the Supervisor he was a just and honorable gentleman, and went away happy.

AMUSEMENTS.

Friday night, at the Metropolitan Theater, McKee Rankin will appear in "The Canuck." He will be supported by his daughter, Miss Phyllis Rankin, and a competent company. The box office will open for reservation of seats on Thursday at 9:30 A. M. Mr. Rankin is well known to theater-goers here as an accomplished, painstaking actor. He has always maintained a good dramatic position as a leader, and we think that in the new character he now presents he will satisfy exacting tastes in Sacramento. The San Francisco *Evening Post* says of "The Canuck" and Mr. Rankin in San Francisco: "The production was more than well received. Jean Baptiste Cadeaux is a homely character, but the actor invests it with interest enough to hold his audience throughout the performance. He has the accent of the French-Canadian down to perfection, and carries it well through every phase of the character. His humor is easy and his fun contagious. Cadeaux is a French-Canadian farmer living on the border line. His daughter has been left in Vermont to be educated, and she afterwards elopes with a divorced man, the son of the friend of the father. Cadeaux shuts his door against the erring daughter, and swears he will never look upon her face again. The girl returns, however, and the sound of her voice is too much for the old man and he bids her stay, and the curtain goes down on a very pretty scene. The old man is filling his pipe before the fire, his thoughts far back in the past, and the little girl swings from the arm of his chair, singing to him in the uncertain light of the fire. Rankin has not made the mistake of overshadowing his company. His support is a good one. Miss Phyllis Rankin, his daughter, has yet much to learn. She is too stilted and does not display sufficient animation. She plays a dual character, and is much better as the Canadian girl than the American young lady. Charles H. Clark makes a splendid Vermont farmer, and one could not wish for a better piece of character acting."

The fair given by the Women's Christian Temperance Union will take place at the Seventh-street M. E. Church to-day and to-morrow, also each evening. There will be much to entertain visitors, and refreshments can be had at any time. Evening admission, 10 cents.

At the skating rink this evening there will be a one-mile race for the championship and $50 between Charles Andrews of San Francisco and Arthur King of Sacramento. On Saturday night there will be a race between Miss Eva Whipple of this city and Maud Cameron of San Francisco for a gold medal.

At the new Foresters' Hall, Sacramento Council, Order of Chosen Friends, will give an entertainment and dance this evening. There will be a choice literary and musical programme from 8 to 9 o'clock, when the grand march will take place.

Dancing will continue until 12 o'clock, the music being by C. A. Neale's orchestra. The carpet will be removed and the floor waxed for the occasion. Admission, 25 cents.

The Letter-Carriers' ball will take place at Turner Hall to-morrow evening. The music will be by Jones, Fisch & Watson's orchestra.

On the 19th instant the Knights of Pythias will give a literary entertainment and dance at Pythian Hall for the benefit of the Relief Bureau.

WAS FRANK GRAHAM KILLED?

Rumored Fatal Shooting Affray Out at Elk Grove.

There was a rumor current in this city, about 12 o'clock last night, that Frank Graham, a well-known young man of Elk Grove, had been shot and killed during an affray.

It was impossible to get any word from there either by telephone or telegraph at that hour, hence the report could not be verified.

Frank Graham was the proprietor of the Toronto Hotel. The family is a prominent one in that section, and of the highest respectability.

J. Frank Clark, the undertaker, had been called to Elk Grove, and he was quoted as having said that Frank Graham was dead. At Coroner Clark's office, however, nothing could be learned. The deputies there stated that Coroner George Clark had gone to Rio Vista, and his father to Elk Grove. Whether or not Graham had been shot, the deputies could not say, nor did they know in whose case Mr. Clark, Sr., had been called there.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

T. C. Perkins and wife have returned from a three months' trip through the East.

Mrs. Charles O. Alexander and Miss Leila Carroll are spending a few weeks at Chico.

Bishop Manogue is in Los Angeles, where he attended the funeral of the late Bishop O'Connell.

Colonel Creed Haymond, General Solicitor for the Southern Pacific Company, is on his way East.

Ex-Congressman Thomas J. Clunie is in San Francisco, having returned from an extended visit in the East.

W. L. Overhiser, a prominent San Joaquin farmer and manufacturer, is stopping at the Golden Eagle Hotel.

George Ohleyer of Sutter County was here yesterday. He was accompanied by Agents McGruder and Hill of the Anti-Debris Association.

Arrivals at the Golden Eagle Hotel yesterday: W. L. Hughson, L. C. Inen, J. L. Fogg, Mrs. W. E. Pettes, W. R. Porter, Jules C. Cerf, John J. Thamen, H. Rosenthal, D. A. Conrad, San Francisco; C. P. Young, A. Klinger, M. H. Dreyfus, New York; W. S. Stitt, Chicago; B. Borach, Yolo; G. H. Gould, Santa Barbara; R. House, Los Angeles; W. L. Overhiser, Stockton; Warren Green, Preston; S. F. Dailey, St. Louis,

On Monday evening a surprise party was given in honor of the ninth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Evans, at their residence in Washington, Yolo County. Among the guests were a number of instrumentalists as well as vocalists, and the time was pleasantly passed in music and singing until midnight. Then the guests partook of a bountiful repast, after which dancing was enjoyed. Among those present were W. McCartney, L. W. Grothen and wife, J. L. Siller and wife, H. Stuby and wife, E. Hawley and wife, Mrs. A. A. Johnson, Miss A. Johnson, Miss M. Burg, Mr. Birdsall, P. Miller and L. C. Morris.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded since our last report:

B. U. Steinman to Charles Miller—Lots 3 and 4 in block 21 of Oak Park and South Sacramento.

J. P. Lorenson to P. C. Lorenson—West half of lot 3, S and T, Ninth and Tenth streets; $10.

Mrs. B. Baur to George A. Capen and wife—West 30 feet of south half of lot 5, P and O, Seventh and Eighth streets.

William English to Annie Patterson and Lawrence English—West half of lot 4, F and G, Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets; $850.

To-day's Auction Sales.

At 10 o'clock A. M., to-day, W. H. Sherburn will sell a large stock of groceries, by order of an assignee, at his salesroom, 323 K street, consisting of groceries, provisions, teas, coffees, tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, etc., etc.

D. J. Simmons & Co. will also offer for sale at auction at 10:30 A. M. to-day a large quantity of groceries, such as teas, coffee, sugar and liquors; also the bar fixtures, horses, wagon, etc., of J. H. Schacht, corner of Second and M streets.

Saloon Burglarized.

On Sunday night the glass portion of the door of H. Ebeling's saloon, on Second street, between I and J, was broken out, as if by burglars, but nothing within was disturbed.

Yesterday morning, however, the saloon was entered and robbed of a quantity of liquor and cigars. A barber living next door heard the burglars, but did not know what was going on, and neglected to investigate.

"Fan Social."

Harmony Lodge, Knights and Ladies of Honor, gave a "fan social" at Pythian Castle last evening which was quite a success. The attendance was select, and, while the rain kept quite a number away, yet there were enough there to keep the floor well covered with dancers. The programmes were printed on Japanese fans and were neatly gotten up. H. H. Howard was Floor Director, and was assisted by M. Nelis and J. M. Green.

Childlike and Bland, But Would Steal.

For some time past the W. R. Strong Company has suspected a Chinaman in their employ, named Ah Mug, of petty stealings. Yesterday Officer Higgins was requested to search Mr. Mug, and in the capacious pockets of the latter's clothing he found one and one-half dozen eggs. Although "Strong" ones, they were fresh and eatable. Mug will answer to a charge of petty larceny.

Sent to Stockton.

John Young, the teamster, whose mind recently became unbalanced, was examined by Drs. Huntington and C. B. Nichols yesterday in the presence of Superior Judge Van Fleet. He was found to be violently insane, and was committed to the Stockton Asylum.

Stood Up and Robbed.

It was reported uptown last night that a young man named Fraser was stopped by three men, quite early in the evening, on Thirteenth street, near O, and robbed. The garroters are said to have taken his watch, chain and a small amount of money.

Berlin Cough Cure.

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Rubber Clothing.

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HAMMER'S music store, No. 820 J street. Sole agency for Chickering & Sons' pianos, Clough & Warren organs; also cheaper makes.

AN ALLEGED HIGHWAYMAN.

The Son of the Poet of the Sierras as a Stage Robber.

Young Harry Miller, the Son of Joaquin and Minnie Myrtle Miller, in a Peck of Trouble.

Sheriff Standley of Mendocino County, who arrived in San Francisco on Monday night from Ukiah, stated that he now had in jail in Ukiah a man who, in all probability, will in a day or two be turned over to the United States authorities for trial. This man is Harry Miller, 22 years of age, a son of Joaquin Miller, the "Poet of the Sierras."

On the morning of November 15th last, at 8 o'clock, nineteen miles north of Ukiah, while Charles Lambert, the driver of the Ukiah and Eureka stage, was slowly making his way up the grade on his way to Ukiah, he was suddenly confronted by a masked man carrying a Ballard rifle. Lambert was ordered to throw out his express box and mail bags, and after gazing into the barrel of the rifle he quickly did so. When ordered to drive on he did so very quickly, and having fresh horses and an empty stage he arrived at Ukiah far ahead of his schedule time and immediately notified the Sheriff. Lambert described the highwayman as being tall and youthful looking, and wearing a blue calico mask, drab ulster and heavy stogy boots.

Sheriff Standley learned that the farmhouse of John Roop, a mile north of Willetts, had been broken into and robbed on November 13th, two days before the stage had been stopped, and that a Ballard rifle, a blue calico dress, a drab-colored duster, a butcher knife and one or two other things had been stolen. He also discovered that an athletic young fellow, with a smooth face and demi-blonde hair, had been hanging around there for some days prior to the robbery.

There the trail of the man was taken up, and the Sheriff, after tracking him from one lumber camp to another and through the vast lumber forests of Mendocino county, learned that a young man named Joe McKay, who answered to the description of the man whose trail he was traveling, had worked three weeks cutting wood for Henry Willard in the outskirts of the town of Hopland, and that he left on Wednesday evening, November 11th—four days before the stage robbery, which took place on Sunday, the 15th—and returned to Hopland again Thursday, the 20th, nine days after he had relinquished his job.

All trace of him was then lost, but Standley visited the wood-pile where McKay had worked, and there found an important link in the chain.

A letter was in an envelope, and while on the outside it bore the name and address, "Joseph McKay, Hopland, Cal.," on the inside it was address, "Dear Brother," and signed, "Your brother, George B. Miller." It was dated from "The Hermitage, Oakland Heights," the home of Joaquin Miller. Sheriff Standley then visited the home of the poet in Alameda County. Joaquin Miller was not in, but George B. Miller, an elder son, was found.

Back in the direction of the robbery went the Sheriff, and finally learned that the man he wanted had been in Cloverdale, and had struck out in the direction of Santa Rosa. So the Sheriff took the train to Santa Rosa, and walking into Burns' Hotel saw the fugitive sitting in a chair reading a paper, and placed him under arrest.

Henry Miller is the son of Joaquin Miller by his first wife, "Minnie Myrtle," who died in New York a few years ago. He says he has had no schooling. About four years ago, after some dispute at home, he mounted the poet's horse and road away, never to return. He then went to Oregon, and at Portland was arrested for house-breaking and sent to the State Prison at Salem for two years. After serving five months he managed to escape, and assuming the name of McKay, came back to California.

Men's Oil Clothing.

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LINKS—In this city, December 6th, to the wife of Jacob Links, a son. *

DIED.

SMITH—In this city, John W. Smith, a native of California, aged 16 years, 5 months and 10 days.

☞Remains will be shipped to Greenwood, Cal., this morning at 10:35 o'clock for interment.

GARRETT—In this city, C. Harry, only son of Henry and Alice G. Garrett, a native of California, aged 15 years and 11 days.

☞Funeral notice hereafter.

PHILLIPPS—In this city, December 7th, Stella, daughter of Louis and Bertha Phillipps, a native of Camden, N. J., aged 22 years, 10 months and 22 days. [San Francisco, Philadelphia and New York papers please copy.]

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the residence of parents, No. 1312 Third street.

JENNINGS—In this city, December 8th, Georgie J., daughter of W. H. and Lizzie Jennings, a native of Chico, Cal., aged 5 years, 5 months and 27 days.

☞Funeral notice hereafter.

OSCHWALD—In this city, December 6th, John, husband of Mary Oschwald, father of Mrs. F. Caminzind, a native of Switzerland, aged 71 years, 3 months and 6 days. [San Francisco papers please copy.]

☞Funeral notice hereafter.

NEWBERT—In this city, December 8th, George W. Newbert, a native of Maine, aged 54 years, 11 months and 22 days.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral. this afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence, northeast corner of Twelfth and J streets.

BERTELSEN—In Rocklin, December 7th, Albert Bertelsen, aged 40 years.

☞Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of Philip Stebenthaler, Twentieth and H streets, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. *

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