

MINERS' CONVENTION.

The Executive Committee Submits Its Annual Report.

LACK OF FUNDS TO DEFRAY CURRENT EXPENSES.

Review of Legislation in Relation to Hydraulic Mining and the Control and Disposition of Mineral Lands—Jacob Neff Re-Elected President of the Association and Julian Sonntag Chosen as Secretary.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 15.—The Miners' Convention resumed its sessions this morning. There was a good deal of delay in opening the proceedings owing to the fact that the Committee on Resolutions was not ready to report at 10 o'clock, the hour fixed for calling the convention to order.

Something like half an hour's grace was allowed the committee, but Chairman Neff finally became a little impatient and suggested that there were other reports which might be read while the committee was concluding its labors. The suggestion was adopted, and the convention was accordingly called to order.

The first report presented was one from the Executive Committee, which read as follows:

To the Gentlemen of the California Miners' Association in Convention Assembled: Your Executive Committee has the following report to submit for your consideration:

During the past year your Executive Committee has had nine general meetings, at which reports from the Committees on Legislation, Protection of Mineral Lands, and Ways and Means have been received, which were considered fully and at length.

Unhappily most of the time of this committee has been occupied in trying to devise some means of raising funds.

This committee endeavored in every way in its power to raise money for the county associations, but only one county answered by liberal assistance.

Assessments were levied on each county association in proportion to its membership, as is provided by the laws of the association, and but few paid that.

The Board of Trade of San Francisco donated \$1,000 to the association, without which we would have been unable to continue our work.

This committee found it necessary to send a representative to Washington to answer the questions of the United States Interior. The services of this representative were provided by the association, his only expenses were paid.

Over \$3,000 of the \$5,000 expended in the past year was used in the endeavor to reserve the mineral lands of our state to the prospector and miner.

The Secretary is entitled to state in his report that there is an indebtedness of some \$700 due for the employment of an attorney at Washington, who was engaged to obtain the information regarding the railroad land laws that had been drafted could be made by the Committee on Protection of Mineral Lands.

In the State Legislature, however, two measures were introduced, one of which looked a law, the other a bill, that was an injunction granted prior to the trial of a cause, it shall not continue in force longer than one year, unless the parties consent thereto.

Your committee, continued the report, "is of the opinion that but little more can be done by our State Legislature than has been done, and that the mining industry must look to the National Congress for ultimate relief."

A review of the legislation thus far obtained in behalf of the hydraulic mining industry of the State, including the Cannetti bill, was then given at some length, accompanied by a statement that a point had now been reached where the further efforts of the association must be directed to an appeal to the National Congress.

Appended was a statement of the legislation thus far had in relation to the control and disposition of mineral lands, following being extracts from the report relating thereto:

"These provisions, while permitting the miner, under certain conditions, to obtain the title to his mining ground, were still far short of a complete solution of the difficulties that complicate the mining industry. They have developed many imperfections in the law that could not have been foreseen at the time of its enactment, and especially has this been made apparent in the number of contests between mineral and agricultural claimants."

Chairman Carrigan of the Committee on Revision of Constitution and By-Laws, in his report, stated that he had no objection to the proposed amendments, but he suggested that the changes suggested were not radical, chiefly relating to the membership of committees, etc., but some additional amendments were suggested from the body of the convention.

Another change which was adopted provided that the Executive Committee shall hereafter consist of fifteen members—seven in the office of eleven, and two members from each county association, instead of one.

Another amendment suggested from the body of the convention provided that the Treasurer shall hereafter deposit the money of the association in a bank selected by the Executive Committee, instead of in the hands of the Treasurer, to keep the funds wherever he might see fit.

A clause having been inserted in the amendments providing that the members of the association residing in San Francisco shall pay \$5 a year by way of dues, instead of \$1, the sum charged "outsiders," a further amendment that the higher rate be charged members residing in all counties abutting on the bay.

On the question of the time of the annual meeting, it was decided that the President and Secretary of the association, should be a member, ex-officio, of the Executive Committee, and that the President and Secretary of the association, should be a member, ex-officio, of the Executive Committee.

When the convention reassembled the report of the Committee on Protection of Mineral Lands was read by Chairman A. H. Hildner, and it was approved, with a few amendments, and it was adopted.

The report also included a number of suggestions as to legislation needed for the protection of the mineral lands in the future. The convention then proceeded to elect officers, and it speedily developed that the task about opposition and rival candidates for the office of President, so far, at least, as the two leading officers were concerned.

Half a dozen delegates fairly fell over each other in their desire to receive the nomination, and the President of the convention, holding the office of the President, was elected, and Jacob H. Neff was re-elected and a vote of applause and enthusiasm, and President Neff, in his address, said that he again resided in the office under the pleasant circumstances.

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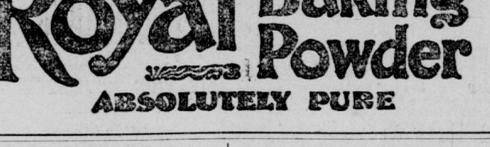
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ROYAL BAKING POWDER.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report



ELECTRICAL STORM. The Heaviest One for Some Time Visited This City.—The heaviest thunder-storm that has visited this locality for a couple of years came yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock.

It was accompanied by a smart shower of rain, which wet the telephone and telegraph wires, and treated those who happened to be in the alleys to a fine electrical display. The telephone service was completely interrupted for a time, but by 8 o'clock almost all the lines were again in working order.

The Bell Telephone Company did not sustain the loss, but the Folsom power came in contact with the wires of the Capital Telephone Company's wires, and their switchboard had to be dismantled a time to prevent its being burned out. It did not take long to repair the mischief, however, and in the evening all the lines but one were in working order.

THE MISSING MINER. James P. Preston's Body Found in the American River.—The body of James P. Preston, the Folsom miner who started from that place in a boat on the American River for this city on the 6th of September to attend the electric carnival, was found in the American River about a mile below the rapids opposite the Earl ford ranch, near Hangtown Crossing, yesterday by Deputy Sheriff M. P. Fisher of this city and J. H. Stevens of the Hangtown body was found in a clump of willows.

Fisher and another man left Folsom on the 11th inst., in a boat to search for Preston. A short distance below Hangtown Crossing they found his boat. At the point where the boat was found a limb of a tree propped the bank out into the river, and it is supposed that Preston collided with it and was knocked out of the boat.

The body when found yesterday was badly decomposed, but it was identified by a watch which Preston was known to have carried. He was between 60 and 65 years of age. His wife resides in San Diego.

CORNER CLARK TO-DAY WILL GO UP TO WHERE THE BODY WAS FOUND AND HOLD AN INQUEST.

STEPHEN POTTER'S SERVICES. He Claims \$541 50 as Stenographer for the Railroad Commissioners.—At the last meeting of the State Board of Examiners considerable discussion ensued when the claim of Stephen Potter for \$541 50 for services as a stenographer for the Board of Railroad Commissioners was taken up. The character of the services rendered was reported in short order by the assessor.

MRS. DAKIN'S FUNERAL. It Was Conducted by the Salvation Army Members.—The funeral of Mrs. S. J. Dakin, a member of the Salvation Army, who died at the County Hospital last Sunday, took place from the army's barracks on K street, between Fifth and Sixth, yesterday afternoon.

ARRIVALS. Arrivals at the Golden Eagle Hotel yesterday.—J. P. Smith, Livermore; Mrs. S. A. Knapp, Hazel Knapp, Sewell Knapp, Nevada; Mr. and Mrs. William Hildner, George J. O'Connell, Napa; M. McClellan, New York; John H. Rupp, P. H. Bradbury, J. H. Rose, James M. Harcourt, L. M. Fisher, Hugo Mansfeldt, M. Rappoport, M. G. Hildner, George J. O'Connell, Napa; H. McCreedy, Jake Shaon, San Francisco; H. S. Webster, St. Louis; O. S. Curry, Mrs. F. W. Dudley and child, Miss Edith Dudley, Napa; J. L. Napp, John F. Kidder, Grass Valley; J. L. Stevens, St. Helena; M. J. Frazier, San Francisco; Charles Hildebrand, Chicago; D. M. Moses, New York.

EXCURSION TO STOCKTON. To-morrow, the 17th, a special train will leave this city for Stockton at 8:30 A. M., where Old Fellows' Day will be celebrated. There will be a competitive drive on the 18th, and the train will leave Stockton at 1 A. M. on Friday. Tickets for the round trip, 52 cents. Those desiring to go on the excursion should apply to J. L. Robinson at Ninth and K streets.

EN ROUTE TO FOLSOM. Sheriff W. W. Westfall of Madera County arrived in this city last night on his way to Folsom Prison with James Lawson, sentenced to twelve years imprisonment for assault to murder.

COMMITTED TO STOCKTON. Violet Miller has been examined for lunacy by Dr. Simmons, Jr., and Dr. Ross and committed to Stockton.

PASSENGER TRAIN WRECKED. ERKINSON (W. Va.), Oct. 14.—A passenger train between Bluefield and Renova, on the Norfolk Western Railway, was wrecked this morning. The baggage and mail cars and second-class coaches were thrown from the track and derailed. Seventy-six passengers were in the derailed cars, and all were more or less injured, but none fatally. All the injured were taken to Pocahontas for medical aid. A broken frog caused the wreck.

FRANCE AND RUSSIA. PARIS, Oct. 14.—The *Gauletis* asserts that while in Paris, Prince Lobanoff, Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, signed another convention between Russia and France, pledging Russia to intervene forcibly against Austria in the event of their attacking France. This practically binds Russia to assist France against any attacking Power whatever.

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LOT 4—Black Cock Feather Boas. These are much in demand, and they protect the neck in cold weather and are very stylish as well. Price, each..... 50c

LOT 5—Children's School Ulsters in a variety of dark mixed cloths. Best thing for school wear. Sizes 6 to 12 years. Price..... \$2 48

LOT 6—River Mink Head Scarfs. These are made in imitation of the real mink, having natural head and claws. Actual value, \$2 50. Price..... \$1 25

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VOICE OF THE PRESS. Expressions From Newspapers of Interest to the California Home-Seeker.—(Woodland Democrat). A great outcry goes up when, after a condemned murderer has been put to death by electricity, his heart beats faintly for a few seconds after the current has been turned off, but no such remonstrance is heard when a like criminal is slowly strangled to death at the end of a rope, and his heart beats for eight or ten minutes after the fatal trap has fallen.

THE HALF-MILLION CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO. The Half-Million Club of San Francisco has issued a list of names of those who are members of the club. The list is published in the *San Francisco Chronicle* and is a list of names of those who have contributed to the club.

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