

STEPHENSON STILL BUG INSPECTOR.

The Effort to Oust Him Results in Failure.

Three of the Supervisors Hold That the Charges Against Him Were Not Proved.

The time of the Supervisors was taken up yesterday in hearing the petition of certain fruit-growers who recently presented charges of neglect of duty against Horticultural Commissioner (fruit pest inspector) J. N. Stephenson, and asking that the office be declared vacant.

There was quite a large delegation of fruit-growers present from various parts of the county, few, however, in comparison with the numbers that had petitioned the board for and against the removal of Mr. Stephenson from office. The former were represented by Lawyer Alvin J. Bruner, and Mr. Stephenson by F. S. Sprague as his counsel.

For the petitioners who asked that the office be declared vacant the witnesses examined were O. O. Goodrich, W. T. Spillman, Anton Koch, Charles Grundona, Thomas O'Brien, Thomas Oaks, Mrs. S. E. Moore and J. P. Odert.

Against the granting of the petition testimony was given by A. D. Murphy, E. W. Lewis, T. W. Johnson, E. A. Gammon, Thomas Bullard, H. A. Gear and M. A. Winans.

Three petitions were presented in favor of the retention of Mr. Stephenson in office. One contained 116 signatures of fruit-growers, another 51, and the third was signed by 19 persons who had signed the petition for Mr. Stephenson's removal. These signers stated that they had no personal knowledge of the Commissioner having neglected his duties, and were satisfied that he could have done nothing to improve the condition of their orchards.

D. T. Larkin, one of the original signers of the petition for Stephenson's appointment, testified that he did not know of Mr. Stephenson having done anything in the way of inspecting orchards. He had no knowledge of his ability as Horticultural Inspector. He had never heard of his going about and compelling orchardists to keep their orchards clean.

Within the past year witness had discovered new pests, but Mr. Stephenson had never called on him to learn the condition of things. He had talked with Mr. Stephenson, and had come to the conclusion that the Commissioner did not like bugs.

Mr. Bruner, representing the petitioners for Mr. Stephenson's removal, argued that it had been shown that Mr. Stephenson had not in a single instance made a suggestion to fruit-growers as to the manner of dealing with fruit pests. It was shown, he said, that Mr. Stephenson had been a traveling agent for a certain nursery while drawing a salary from the county as Horticultural Commissioner.

Mr. Bruner said that so far as he knew Mr. Stephenson was an excellent young man, and well connected, but contended that he went into office knowing nothing of dealing with fruit pests, and had learned nothing since.

In his argument against the petition for Mr. Stephenson's removal Mr. Sprague said there was but one thing for the board to consider, and that was, had he neglected his duties as Horticultural Commissioner? Mr. Stephenson had been dragged before the board on unsworn charges made by certain persons who alleged that he had not visited the orchards nor assisted in the destruction of fruit pests.

But two men had appeared, said Mr. Sprague, who could say that Mr. Stephenson had not visited their orchards. Outside of this there had been nothing introduced to show that the Commissioner had neglected his duties. If any one whose orchards required attention had dropped a note into the Post-office it would have secured his immediate attention. Every month he had filed with the Supervisors reports of his operations, and these show that he had not neglected his duties. It had not been shown that an orchard or a tree that could have been relieved of pests by anyone had been neglected.

On the other hand, there was the testimony of several fruit-growers to show that Mr. Stephenson did visit and inspect their orchards.

Mr. Bruner again reviewed the subject and commented on the fact that Mr. Stephenson had not himself gone upon the stand and testified to what he did and did not do. Counsel regretted that he had not done so, as he desired to ask him some rather pointed questions.

Mr. Sprague—Perhaps you know more about bugs than the Commissioner does. Mr. Bruner—I have not the slightest doubt of it. From what I can learn of Mr. Stephenson's knowledge of fruit pests, I am convinced that such is the fact.

Mr. Bruner then read the law prescribing the duties of Horticultural Commissioner, and showed that that officer is required to notify orchardists, when their trees are affected, that they must take steps to have the pests removed. He contended that the Inspector should be a man with sufficient backbone to compel orchardists to cleanse their trees and not subject their neighbors to injury. It could not be shown that Mr. Stephenson had ever, as the law requires, served a notice on a fruit-grower to abate a nuisance in his orchard.

In conclusion, Mr. Bruner said that as the office had been administered it was a farce, and the \$900 a year paid as salary was wasted.

At the conclusion of the arguments Supervisor Curtis said his district is one of fruit-growers. In his opinion the office of Horticultural Commissioner should not be filled for more than three or four months in the year. Mr. Stephenson had, so far as he could learn, accomplished little or nothing, and he (Curtis) considered it his duty to his constituents to move that the office be declared vacant.

Supervisor Jenkins moved as a substitute that the matter be taken under advisement, and the substitute was accepted by Mr. Curtis.

Chairman Morrison thought the members of the board were as well prepared now as at any time to act on the petition. For his part, he had talked with many fruit-growers, and from what he had been able to learn he could

not see that Mr. Stephenson had been derelict in the discharge of his duties.

It is the small orchardist, said Mr. Morrison, who needs the help of the Pest Inspector. The large growers can and will look out for themselves. It would be an easy matter for the Inspector, if he did not look after the interests of the small growers to ruin them by condemning their little orchards and requiring the destruction of their trees. If Mr. Stephenson has paid more attention to the small orchards than the big ones, it was rather to his credit. He believed the Inspector had shown good judgment. As for hurting someone's feelings, he did not care about that. He was there to do his duty, and proposed to do it. If he made a mistake it was one of judgment, not of intention. He hoped the board would act on the petition at once.

Supervisor Jenkins then withdrew his substitute to Mr. Curtis' motion to declare the office vacant, and the roll was called on the latter, with this result:

Ayes—Todd and Curtis.

Noes—Dreman, Jenkins and Morrison.

So Mr. Stephenson remains as Inspector of Bugs.

RIVER MINING.

New Boat at Work in the Sacramento River.

The Golden Sands Placer Mining Company has sent a flat-boat up the river to this city, and will begin in a day or two to prospect for gold in the slickens and sand on the sandbar between the mouth of the American River and the Pioneer Mills.

George B. Tollman, who is largely interested in the scheme, says the company believes it can get from \$1 to \$2 of gold per ton from the sand and slickens lifted, and that if as much as \$1 is secured it will pay. The boat is fitted with bucket-lines of dredgers that lift the sand and carries it to an amalgamator, where all the fine gold and the quicksilver are taken up. The assayer of the company says he has found as high as a pound of quicksilver in a ton of the slickens.

The boat is large enough to accommodate seven men with living quarters, and for all the necessary machinery for the mining. The company works on claims in the river that it has filed under Federal laws. It does not anticipate any interference by anyone, as it says it does no harm, puts no additional matter into the river and creates no new sandbars.

Its present work near this city is looked upon as mere prospecting. When the best location is found, it will locate for some months of work. This work is distinct from another that is now operating well up the American River, and uses machinery of a wholly different character from that in the boat now in front of this city.

Articles of Incorporation.

The following articles of incorporation have been filed in the office of the Secretary of State:

The Genevieve Mining and Milling Company, Principal place of business, San Francisco. Capital stock, \$200,000, with James M. Taylor of Amador, John A. Votaw and N. B. Schilling of Oleta, and H. G. Comstock and F. M. Johnson of San Francisco as directors.

The Pioneer Yacht Club. Principal place of business, Tiburon, with George Engels, J. W. Kelly and Alex. Beatty of San Francisco and Dave W. Dean and Henry McNutt of Tiburon as directors. The California Bee-keepers' Exchange, Principal place of business, Los Angeles, with George W. Brodbeck, Joseph Moffat, B. S. K. Bennett, G. S. Stubblefield and B. J. Cole of Los Angeles, C. H. Clayton of Lang, Los Angeles County, Robert Dunn of Fillmore, N. Levering of Colgrove, John A. Marzetta of Bloomington, E. Touchton of Santa Paula and W. T. Richardson of Fremontville as directors.

Another Scroggs Case.

John C. Scroggs has, by his attorney, Albert M. Johnson, brought suit against Alexander Scroggs, Jr., to recover the sum of \$1,187, which sum he alleges is due on account of the plaintiff having, for their mutual benefit, paid to Sarah I. Wermuth \$2,374 to discharge a debt owing by their father, Alexander Scroggs, Sr., covered by a mortgage on a portion of lot S, J and K, Tenth and Eleventh streets.

The property is owned jointly by the plaintiff and defendant, and the former wants his share of money paid out for the latter's benefit.

Officers Installed.

Sacramento Council, No. 96, Order of Chosen Friends, has installed the following officers: Past Councilor, Dr. L. A. Harcourt; Councilor, Mrs. E. Kelly; Vice-Councilor, Mrs. M. L. Hesson; Instructor, D. J. Hartley; Secretary, C. H. Denton; Treasurer, F. W. Day; Public, C. E. Brooks; Marshal, Mrs. E. C. Gorman; Warden, Mrs. L. Sonne; Guard, C. H. Buchanan; Sentry, Mrs. V. Lawler; Trustees—James Parsons, D. J. Hartley and Mrs. I. Marsh; Pianist, Mrs. J. Klebs; Captain of the Team, Miss F. R. Hauser.

Fines and Continuances.

Thomas Murphy was fined \$10 in the Police Court yesterday for visiting an opium joint. The petty larceny case of William Dixon was postponed till to-day. Ah Ben was fined \$10 for conducting an opium joint. The case of M. Dandried, charged with selling liquor without a license, was continued till January 16th.

Suit for Nine Thousand Dollars.

Mrs. Adelaide Lee, by her attorney, A. L. Hart, has filed a complaint versus Eugene J. Gregory, Frank Gregory and Mary E. Gregory, who she claims were doing business in 1894-95 under the name of Gregory Bros. Company, alleging the indebtedness of the defendants to her in the sum of \$9,000, with interest thereon at the rate of 7 per cent per year since April 4, 1895.

Filed Their Answers.

P. J. Van Loben Sels and the San Francisco Savings Bank have filed a joint answer to the complaint of Reclamation District, No. 881. Alexander Brown and others have done likewise, and Van Loben Sels has also filed a separate answer thereto.

The suits were for the recovery of assessments levied for reclamation purposes in that district.

Notaries Public.

Governor Budd has appointed the following Notaries Public: J. F. Goodenow and Lulu M. Hinton, Los Angeles; A. C. Bloomer, Lordsburg; W. S. Allen, Dunnigan.

MECHANICS' AND LABORERS' LIENS.

Important Decision of the Supreme Court.

Those Working by the Day Are Not Entitled to File a Lien on Property.

The Supreme Court has rendered a decision in the case of Keener, respondent, vs. Eagle Lake Land and Irrigation Company, a corporation, a Lassen County case, which will be of great interest to mechanics and laborers.

The plaintiff, under employment by the defendant, performed labor upon reservoirs, dams and ditches of the company at different times between May 27, 1892, and June 23, 1893, amounting at the agreed rate to \$843 75, of which he was paid \$378 82, and brought action to recover \$464 93 and have that sum adjudged a lien upon the property. Judgment by default was rendered in his favor and the defendant appealed.

The defendant does not contest the amount for which judgment was given, but contends that the judgment was erroneous in declaring plaintiff entitled to a lien on the property. The court quotes the statute of 1891, which declares that every corporation doing business in this State shall pay the mechanics and laborers employed by it the wages earned by and due them weekly or monthly, on such day in each week or month as shall be selected by such corporation, and provides that a violation of the law shall entitle the mechanics or laborers to a first lien on the property of the corporation.

The court holds that the Act does not apply to those who labor by the day and that as it was shown that Keener worked by the day, at varying daily wages, he is not entitled to a lien. The decision of the lower court is therefore modified. The judgment against the company is affirmed, but the decision of the court making it a lien and allowing the plaintiff counsel's fees is reversed.

INGHAM AGAIN ARRESTED.

Charged With Concealing His Knowledge of a Burglary.

Fred. Ingham is again behind the bars. It will be remembered that he was arrested with William Verhelm, Joseph Dolan and Harry Wagner for complicity in several burglaries and the disposition of the booty within the last three or four months. Robert Forrest was also arrested in Eschscholtz, Eschscholtz County, through the efforts of Officers Logue and Pennish for participation in the crimes and was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in Folsom Prison. Dolan was discharged after a preliminary examination, Wagner turned State's evidence, Ingham was held to answer, but released on habeas corpus, and Verhelm on Wednesday was sent to the Superior Court for having received stolen property.

The particular charge against Ingham this time is that of having known that a burglary had been committed and concealing that fact from all the magistrates in the city and county. The complaint was sworn to yesterday by Harry A. Wagner, a self-confessed burglar, who testified against his partners in crime. The warrant was issued by Justice of the Peace Henry and shortly afterward Ingham was arrested by Officers Ash and Fisher. The officers took Ingham to the police station, where he remained until 8 o'clock, when he was taken to the County Jail by Constable Spinks.

Officers Logue and Pennish, who succeeded in breaking up the Gold Dust Saloon gang, and in convicting Verhelm and Forrest, say they will prosecute Ingham for having received articles of jewelry stolen from Miss Genevieve Green and a portion of the money and jewelry taken from a trunk which was stolen from a saloon on Front street.

The "Mechanical" Store Injunction. Judge Johnson has filed his modified decree in the case of Weinstein, Lubin & Co. versus H. Marks, designating the character of signs that the latter shall use to distinguish his store from that of the plaintiffs, adjoining.

Condemned for County Purposes. Judge Hinkson has made an order condemning, for the purpose of a public highway, certain strips of land of George Hanlon, the county having paid into court \$374 74, the sum allowed as damages therefor.

En Route for Folsom.

Sheriff S. W. Westfall of Madera County arrived in this city last evening having in charge Andrew Anderson, sentenced to seven years' imprisonment in Folsom Prison for arson.

Insolvent Debtor.

David S. Baker, a car conductor, has filed a petition in insolvency. His debts amount to \$363 85, and his assets are nothing.

Pursued by a Demon. How many suicides, think you, reader, have been committed by persons driven distraught and hunted to their doom by the demon of chronic ill-health? Countless. For instance, we know, do we not, that hypochondriasis is a monomania—a sort of minor madness produced by chronic dyspepsia? Again, insomnia, or sleeplessness, often a result of the same cause, culminates in a derangement of the reasoning faculties. It is, therefore, of momentous consequence to prevent the arrival of disease at its chronic phase, when it daily and nightly scourges the sufferer by dangerously uncertain goals. No medicine known to science, as a means of arresting the malady to which it is adapted, is superior to Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Among these complaints are chronic indigestion and insomnia, kidney and rheumatic ailments, constipation and liver trouble. Appetite is improved by the Bitters, the blood fertilized and bodily substance and vigor increased by it.

Chilblains are cured by using Green's Sure Cure for Chilblains, at Seventh and K streets.

Best standard tomatoes, 4 cans for 25c; asparagus tips, 15c a can; Capital Beans, 10c a can. A. C. S., Eighth and K.

Jacob Doll, Conover, Mathushek and Kramlich and Bach planists at Neale, Eilers Co., Seventh and J.

DIED. CHAMBERLAIN—In this city, January 8th, William Edwin Chamberlain, husband of the late Charles Chamberlain, father of the late Edward A. Chamberlain, Mrs. Florence L. Julia of this city and William E. Chamberlain, Jr., of San Francisco, a native of New Hampshire, aged 94 years, 2 months and 8 days.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this day (Friday), at 10 o'clock, from the residence, 1019 Fourth street. Interment private.

NELSON—In El Dorado County, January 9th, John Nelson, a native of Norway, aged 84 years. Funeral private.

MARONI—In this city, January 5th, Frank Maroni, a native of Italy, aged 64 years. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this day (Friday), at 10 o'clock, from the residence, 1019 Fourth street. Interment private.

DEMARTINI—In this city, January 9th, Giuseppe Demartini, nephew of Pellegrino and Teresa Gualandri, a native of Italy, aged 26 years and 3 months. Funeral notice hereafter.

CHANGED DAILY FOR WEINSTOCK, LUBIN & CO.

TO-DAY, 9:30 A. M.

SPECIAL SALE OF

Slightly Smoked Flannelettes, Eiderdowns and Bed Sheets and Linen Towels.

LOT 1—Recently there was a fire in a large mill in the East, and a sale was made by the insurance companies of the goods that were damaged. We bought 4,800 yards of Flannelette, much of it in perfect condition, but a little of it smoked on the ends of the bolts. It is of firm twilled weave and fleecy finish. Desirable brown, tan and gray stripes. Sale price, 7c yard.

LOT 2—We also bought Eiderdown Flannels in as dainty and pretty patterns and colors as anyone can wish—chiefly pinks, blues and tans. Sale price, 10c.

LOT 3—We shall also have All-Linen Unbleached Damask Towels, fancy border and fringe; size 17x36 inches. Sale price, 11c each. A similar towel, firmer quality and with knotted fringe. Sale price, 13c.

LOT 4—All-Linen Bleached Damask Towels, 20x40 inches long knotted fringe. Sale price, 18c.

LOT 5—Loom Dice Damask Towel, unbleached, 20x43 inches. Sale price, 12c.

LOT 6—Bleached Muslin Bed Sheets, size 81x90 inches. Sale price, 44c per sheet. Full size for double beds.

TO-MORROW, 9:30 A. M.

Men's Underwear Sale.

Nearly a thousand pieces of Men's Undershirts and Drawers have been laid out for sale Saturday morning, and the writer has never seen a nicer, cleaner lot for such a purpose. Why, here is a Swiss Cotton Undershirt that has been selling rapidly all the season at \$1 25, and because there are only twenty of the shirts left they have been marked for this sale at 75c. It's the same way with most of the other garments. The following will show how much the prices are out of the way:

LOT 1—Men's Gray-mixed Undershirts, heavy weight, at the very low price of 25c per garment.

LOT 2—Heavy Cotton Ribbed Undershirts or Drawers, brown color. Sale price, 39c per garment.

LOT 3—Several lines of Wool Undershirts and Drawers; some plain and some ribbed; colors, grays, tans and browns. Sale price, 78c per garment.

TO-MORROW, 9:30 A. M.

Fine Burt & Packard Shoes, Reduced from \$5 to \$2 98

For this sale we have taken 238 pairs of fine Burt & Packard Shoes (no better makers in America), being parts of lines which we wish to discontinue, and reduced them to nearly one-half of what they have been selling for right along in our shoe stock. These are the particulars:

LOT 1—Sixty-three pairs Men's Patent Leather Shoes, various styles of toes, lace or elastic sides, and till January 8th in stock at \$5. Will be \$2 98.

LOT 2—108 pairs Men's Fine Calf Shoes, elastic sides, medium toes, plain single soles. Suitable for dress wear, dancing or wear in the Spring. Reduced from \$5 to \$2 98.

LOT 3—Seventy-three pairs Fine Calf Shoes, with cork soles, lace or elastic sides. Till January 8th we sold at \$4 a pair. Will be reduced to \$2 98.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Advertisement for 'A MAN' with previous knowledge of the geography of the country. Includes name W. F. PURNELL, Bookseller and Stationer, 609 J St.

Advertisement for 'TROUBLE' with 'DO YOU WANT TO AVOID IT?'. Includes name H. S. CROCKER CO., 208-210 J Street.

Advertisement for 'FOR A FEW DAYS' featuring furniture like '6-foot Hardwood Extension Table, \$4 00'. Includes name CHAS. M. CAMPBELL, 409 K.

Advertisement for 'HUMBURG' and 'LAFAYETTE' with descriptions of clothing and food items.

Advertisement for 'BARTON' featuring 'All-Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, 25c' and 'All-Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, 50c'. Includes name C. H. KREBS & CO., 626 J STREET.

Advertisement for 'MASON'S' Steam Laundry and Shirt Factory, 528 J STREET.

Advertisement for 'NATIONAL BANK OF D. O. MILLS & CO.' with directors D. O. MILLS, EDGAR MILLER, S. PRENTISS SMITH, FRANK MILLER, CHARLES F. DILLMAN.

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