

CONVICT TAYLOR'S CREDITS.

He Asks Governor Budd to Restore Those He Lost.

The Philosophy That Ten Years in State's Prison Has Evolved in His Mind.

Governor Budd is in receipt of a long communication from Clay Taylor, who is serving a ten year sentence for burglary in Folsom, having been sent there on October 23, 1880, with a prior conviction against him. The letter is a unique one, and the style of reasoning is peculiar. It runs as follows: Dear Sir: I have not committed an offense beyond the limit of apology, in accumulating so many pages, as the result of my occasion to address the Governor, that may cause your excellency to deny the attention of a moment to this message from a convict, I believe you will resolve its motive to be sincere and worthy of your favorable consideration. If it may meet with your disapproval I hope that I have not incurred your censure for the presumption that prompted my present appeal to your judgment in the hope of a reduction of my term in the State Prison.

It has been the general impression among convicts that Governor Budd will never exercise the pardoning power to a very generous extent, but the word generous may be differently qualified by legitimate opinion. But I observed the action of your excellency in the instance of pardoning a young man who had violated a conditional pardon. I am, therefore, assured that your excellency will recognize an honest motive, even among men civilly proscribed. The special merit in that case demanded the conscientious favor of the clemency granted.

The merit of my appeal may not be of the decided character of the case to which I refer, as I am characterized as a confirmed offender of the law, having almost finished my second term of ten years, with a previous term of three years to my discredit. But I am not a criminal, and were I of the capricious disposition of the average convict, as liable to turn to the left as to the right, imprisonment would be forthwith only amount to a demoralization of my endeavor. I violated the law by the commission of a number of petty burglaries, for which I have already served nearly as long a time as the average term for murder. Aside from two terms in prison I have never served a day in jail. I have never associated with criminals. I prefer honest and industrious habits.

The opinion of a moral inconsistency might be deduced from my deportment in prison, as I attempted to escape six years ago, but I have acquired valuable experience and different opinions since that remote time. I have served three or four years since my inordinate resolutions to abide in radical principles. To such a disposition further detention is an imposition, a mockery and a challenge. There are occasional instances where justice and the assurance of public safety are intensified into a spirit of vengeance that is liable to excite a retaliatory spirit of vengeance in the ignorant mind of the convict and hopeless outcast, who should not be subjected to more sagacious than society in the suggestion of a compromise. I am unable to furnish or conceive of a more worthy plea for the precious year of my credits than the knowledge in my own mind of Christian promises. A confirmation of criminal inclinations is implied in the frequent presumption that certain characters are beyond redemption in the face of acknowledgment of the irresponsibility of past offenses, and reassurances that the most deliberately culpable responsibility will attend future offenses that doubts of such promises suggest.

If the uncongenial past is the most wretched of the mysterious future, then every inmate of a penal institution were better deprived of the customary figure of speech and doomed to the term of his natural life behind prison walls so far as the moral quality of the question is concerned. My case has been before the Honorable Board of Prison Directors, to whom "there appears no good reason for the restoration of my lost time." But the current impression appears to be that the safest plan is the wisest one for the dispensation of those concerning whom no honorable citizen will ever inquire.



Gladness Comes With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists. If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

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Upon the principle that "the truth itself is not believed from one who often has deceived," it is evident that sufficient inquiry is not employed to determine the truth, and exact justice would not subject all offenders to the same rule, for the unnecessarily prolonged detention of an honest man in prison, for precedent alone, will discourage the victim and form sooner than reform other criminal characters. So, what am I but a burden to the taxpayer and a mercenary fee to the politician? I must abide in the statements of the prison officers in substantiation of the question of my conduct, but my term, without the credits, would expire this month, so I will offer another reason which I believe your excellency will find sufficiently plausible to guarantee the reduction of that one year from my term. "In the reproach of chance lies the true proof of man."

I have labored like a slave during my confinement, but I have not earned the beans that feed me. Is it not more ridiculous for a convict than any other man to be employed at such idle labor after so much as a promise to adopt an honest life, when it is certain that he would soon suffer the reaction of his possible deception, inevitable detection and a more serious penalty? In the meantime I have labored in the construction of what I have faithfully considered to be a worthy ambition. I am accumulating material in the form of a design for the establishment of a penal colony, upon socialistic principles, for the permanent banishment of offensive characters as the only possible means of reducing criminal numbers. That is, I hope to present a plausible and practical idea to the people that will reveal some new truths concerning the subject of crime. As a Government enterprise, a penal colony will effect a greater benefit than the Nicaragua Canal ever would do.

A pardon, in the manner of the restoration of that one year, according to the usual custom of discharge by the Goodwin Act, would afford me some relief from the stigma against my name, and encouragement in directions where I would not be otherwise able to proceed. I have a prior conviction to my discredit, but an examination of criminal statistics will reveal the fact that those who have served a second term are not so liable to return as they were after a first term.

I am thirty years of age, having served eight years and ten months of that time in prison. In the future I will obviate the recklessness that brought me to prison. I intend to leave the United States soon after my release, and I fall to acknowledge any good reason why it should not occur as appropriately this April as next. Therefore I appeal to your excellency, with the most considerate promises as my only assurance, if I must not abandon all prospects To live, to strive a better strife, To war with falsehood to the knife, And not to lose the good of life.

For these honest reasons, if your excellency will please to remove that one superfluous year from my term, God knows that I will be forever practically grateful for your wise decision.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

SYLLABI (No. 19,475—In Bank—Filed April 11, 1896.) William Stevens, respondent; Holman et al., appellants. Reformation and foreclosure of mortgage. Affirmed. Temple, J., dissenting.

While a married woman is not bound by any instrument not executed by her in the manner prescribed by the statute, when she has duly executed a contract, however, there is no reason why she does not bear the same relation to it, and to rights and remedies under it, as any other contractor.

Parties can contract as to their homestead as fully as to any other land, provided their contract be executed in the manner prescribed by statute.

When a conveyance, mortgage or other contract of a married woman has been duly executed by her as provided by statute, it is subject to reformation in like manner as the contract of any other person. In such a case she has no special license to insist upon a wrong caused by fraud or mistake.

There is no difference between a description which does not include all the property intended to be included and a description which is defective in any other respect. In either instance an action for reformation lies.

(S. F. No. 278—Department One—Filed April 11, 1896.) Maria M. Rose, respondent; Manuel M. Rose, appellant. Divorce. Affirmed.

In the absence of a demurrer the pleading cannot be held bad. Declarations by a wife, made to and in the presence of her husband and witness, as to acts of ill-treatment and cruelty toward her by her husband, and the latter's conduct and declarations in response thereto, are proper evidence on the issue of cruelty.

A paper signed by the defendant, offering to divide the property and describing it as community property, is competent evidence as to the character of the property, provided that it is admitted solely on the question as to whether the property is community or separate, and for this purpose is proper as a declaration by the defendant, even conceding that the paper is to be regarded as an offer of compromise. The declaration as to the community character of the property is not essential to the purposes of the compromise, and is, therefore, not to be regarded as a concession made for that purpose. While it would not be competent to admit an offer of compromise, as such, the declaration therein of facts involved in the controversy, which are not mere concessions made for the purpose of such offer, but are statements of independent facts, are admissible against the party making them.

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Piano Tuning.—Paul Schoen here, at Hammer's, Pommer's or Neale's.

All the events of the Bay District track, San Francisco, are chronicled daily by George Rose & Co., at 614 K street, and the result is known here almost as soon as at the track.

George Egan and Will H. Hanlon, well-known Sacramentoans, have purchased the Record-Salt Lake, at 8th and K streets. The full returns of the races at San Francisco are chronicled there daily.

If your complaint is want of appetite, try half-wineglass Dr. J. C. Angostura Bitters before meals.

REPORT OF EXPERTS.

The Boiler Offered by the Risdon Iron Works Preferred.

They Think, However, That the Boiler Capacity Should be Divided Into Three Independent Parts.

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees last night the committee of experts to whom had been submitted the plans and specifications and the various bids for furnishing boilers for the Water Works, submitted the following report, action on which was deferred one week, until the Water Committee could examine it:

To the Honorable the Board of Trustees of Sacramento City—Gentlemen: In compliance with the request of your Water Committee, we have carefully examined and considered each of the several bids, plans and specifications presented to us, and in view of the fact that the Water Works, with the view of selecting and recommending such as are best suited to meet conditions and requirements.

The requirements are efficiency, durability, convenience and economy—the latter, in its fullest sense, embracing and combining the whole, and implies the best interests of the city. After very careful investigation of all points for and against boilers for the Water Works, we have agreed upon proposition No. 1, presented by Mr. Leland, representing the Risdon Iron Works of San Francisco as being the most acceptable, all things considered.

We have selected the water tube type, as representing the best modern practice, and judge of it by knowledge of the principles involved and numerous authentic records of tests showing the economical evaporative or steam-making qualities of this class of boilers, of which there are various constructions.

Of those presented of this type, the one recommended is the lowest and best bid. It does not necessarily follow that the least first cost is always economy, although it has a bearing, other things being nearly equal. Apparent inequalities are often simply a difference of opinion as to certain points, but do not constitute substantial reasons to support it, and some good or bad point in one may be balanced or offset by good and bad points in the other.

We believe the boiler presented to be a good, economical, practical, everyday working proposition, and that it will prove satisfactory in use. We might explain more fully in detail the points we have considered, but do not think it necessary or advisable at this time, as concise brevity is usually the most satisfactory; nor do we deem it requisite to comment on other bids, as we are not called upon to criticize, but to recommend. We would feel better satisfied, however, if the same boiler capacity was divided into three instead of two parts, or even one more of same size, considering the quality of fuel used would perhaps be good economy. It can probably be satisfactorily arranged with the contracting parties if the substitution is considered desirable.

We would add a few suggestions as to contract and specifications: In any bid accepted should be understood that each boiler must be so arranged that it can be used separately and independently as to steam and water connections, having all necessary stop-cocks and fittings; also, all necessary flues and connections to chimney, including dampers; kind of grates to suit fuel used, and necessary wrenches and fire-room tools, subject to the general approval of engineer in charge.

We also present a diagram showing our views as to the best arrangement of boilers in fire-room, looking to convenience in changing from old to new, also to any possible future addition. Respectfully submitted, G. A. STODDARD, J. M. LUNGAN, J. W. BOYD, Examining Committee.

SIMON RATEN.

The Ex-Convict on Trial for the Crime of Murder.

The trial of Simon Raten, the Siberian, for killing two Japanese near Arno recently, was begun yesterday in Superior Judge Hinkson's court.

There are two separate charges against him. On the first he is being defended by Hiram W. Johnson and J. W. Hughes, and on the other, should it come to trial, his counsel will be General Hart and Charles F. Gardner. District Attorney Ryan appears for the people.

The examination of talesmen indicates that the theory of the defense will be insanity. The prosecution expects to present such conclusive testimony against the prisoner that his conviction will be certain.

The day's session was consumed in securing a jury, and the men who are to determine the case are Robert Nichols, George J. Bryce, C. C. Duhan, C. C. Taft, Daniel Meagher, H. W. Jackson, T. M. Rooney, J. F. Gladney, L. Wagner, A. L. Campo, A. Hill and E. M. Leitch.

W. H. Hevener, one of the talesmen, failed to respond when his name was called in the morning, and he had to be sent for. His excuse was that when notified by postal card that the jury would not be required last Tuesday he got the impression, and was also told, that the postponement was for a full week.

Judge Hinkson was not satisfied with the explanation, and fined Hevener \$5. The Judge remarked that if all the jurors had been equally careless as to instructions received the business of the court could not be conducted.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

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

Court Hubertus. Principal place of business, San Francisco, with H. Haar, Otto Guy, Emil Lampe, Paul E. Struck, A. C. Drezwitz, J. Sievert and G. W. Frick of San Francisco as directors. The First Presbyterian Church of Santa Ynez. Principal place of business, Santa Ynez, with James Anderson, John T. Torrence, James B. Noser, Frank H. Smith and E. St. John of Santa Ynez as directors.

The Los Angeles Church of Christ, Scientist. Principal place of business, Los Angeles, with John P. Filbert, Webster A. Bingham, Albana W. Paine and Jesse E. Alexander of Los Angeles as directors.

The Oakland Brick Company. Principal place of business, Oakland. Capital stock, \$25,000, with \$2,450 subscribed, and J. S. Mathews and C. M. Mathews of Oakland and J. G. Jeffress, R. Merrin and Samuel Crozier of San Francisco as directors.

The Photo-Mount and Card Company. Principal place of business, San Francisco. Capital stock, \$80,000, with

\$20,000 subscribed, and J. M. Rothchild, George Goettinger, E. Greenberg, Henry Ach and Julius Ach of San Francisco as directors.

The Etna Gold Mining Company. Principal place of business, Oakland. Capital stock, \$500,000, with \$139,290 subscribed, and J. S. White, George L. Nusbaum, A. M. Benham, George Burbick and L. W. Forsting of Oakland as directors.

The Californian Exploration Company. Principal place of business, San Francisco. Capital stock, \$2,000,000, with \$800,000 subscribed, and A. Poniatowski of Paris, France, J. W. Sperry of Sacramento, Charles E. Northrop, Northrop Cowles and Harold Wheeler of San Francisco as directors.

SCROGGS ESTATE.

Judgment for J. C. Scroggs and Others—Suit for Partition.

A decision has been filed by Judge Grant of Yolo in the case of Almira J. Reichert and others against J. C. Scroggs and others to set aside a certain deed made by Alexander Scroggs, deceased. The plaintiffs to the suit are sisters of the defendants. The judgment is in favor of the defendants.

A suit has been filed by Almira J. Reichert and Sarah I. Vermuth against John C. Scroggs, Alexander Scroggs and others to have partitioned the south 100 feet of lot S, J and K, Tenth and Eleventh streets; east half of lot 3, east half of west half of lot 4, and west half of lot 7, L and M, Eighteenth and Nineteenth. The interest of the plaintiffs therein is claimed to be one-sixth each.

LAST NIGHT'S BLAZE.

Two Cars Standing on the North Levee Were Burned.

About 9:30 o'clock last evening a fire broke out in a string of box and refrigerator cars standing on the north levee at the end of Fourteenth street. Four cars were on fire before the engines arrived, and one box and one refrigerator were so badly damaged that they were rendered unfit for use until the wooden parts shall have been rebuilt. The other two cars were but little damaged.

The blaze occurred near the California Fruit Transportation Company's ice-house, which was partially burned last Sunday morning. It is not known whether the fire was accidental or the work of an incendiary.

Weather Notes.

The Weather Bureau reports show the highest and lowest temperatures yesterday to have been 60 and 51 degrees, with brisk southerly winds and cloudy weather prevailing. There was a light sprinkle of rain.

The barometrical readings at 5 a. m. and 5 p. m. were 30.05 and 29.95 inches, respectively. The highest and lowest temperatures one year ago yesterday were 56 and 45 degrees, with .10 of an inch of rain, and one year ago to-day 62 and 43 degrees, with .04 of an inch.

The rainfall yesterday was .02 of an inch, making 19.05 inches for this season, as against 22.88 inches to an equal date last year.

"The Most Influential."

(From the Antioch Ledger.)

The Sacramento "Record-Union" is now a seven-day paper, and its first Sunday issue, on the 29th, was a splendid number. The people and the times require that big papers should keep no holidays, and being the most influential paper in Northern California, the "Record-Union" had to bow to the popular demand.

W. C. T. U. Meeting.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet in the pavilion at Oak Park on the 16th and 17th. A Demorest gold medal contest will be one of the features of the entertainment. A cordial invitation is extended to all members and others interested in the work.

The Newest Pudding.

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T. B. REID, dentist, Masonic Temple, Sixth and K streets. Office hours 9 to 5.

NEW TO-DAY.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, County of Sacramento. In the matter of the estate of DAVID STAGH, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that FRIDAY, the 24th day of April, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the court house, at said court, at the Court House in the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento and State of California, has been appointed the time and place for proving the will of said David Stagh, deceased, and for hearing the application of Magdalena Stagh for the issuance to her of letters testamentary thereon.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 13th day of April, 1896. (Seal) W. B. HAMILTON, Clerk. By E. S. Wachob, Deputy Clerk. Attested: Filed April 13, 1896. W. B. HAMILTON, Clerk. Alexander, Miller & Gardner, Attorneys for Petitioner. a14-10t

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