

GOVERNOR BUDD AFTER THE TAX COLLECTORS

For Their Failure to Impose a Tax on Transfers of Mining Stock.

San Francisco the Only County Which Lives Up to the Law.

A Hotel and a Number of Other Buildings Destroyed by Fire at Burke, Idaho—One Man Suffocated, Two Others Fatally Burned and Four People Seriously Injured.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 28.—Governor Budd is going after the Tax Collectors of the counties outside of San Francisco and intends to ascertain why they have neglected to perform a duty imposed upon them by law.

"The neglect," said the Governor, "is a failure to collect a tax of 10 cents on each transfer of a certificate of mining stock in this State. The money goes into a fund for the maintenance of the California Mining Bureau. Mr. Crawford, the State Minerologist, called my attention to the fact a few days ago, and I referred him to the Attorney-General, and I understand the law requiring the collection has never been repealed."

"It is only in San Francisco that the tax on transfer of mining stocks has been collected," said Henry S. Durden, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the California State Mining Bureau. "That tax has been a yearly revenue to the bureau of from \$4,500 to \$5,000, while from the other counties the aggregate of the revenue has been but \$20 in sixteen years."

JAMES W. SPERRY.

A Prominent Plan in the Business Community Dies at Stockton.

STOCKTON, Sept. 28.—James W. Sperry, prominently identified with the business interests of this city, died here to-day.

Mr. Sperry had been an invalid for something like two years. Previous to that he was a director of the San Francisco Produce Exchange and Treasurer of the Sperry Flour Mills.

James W. Sperry leaves behind him a widow and four children. The immediate cause of death was a sinking spell caused by heart failure. However, the sick man suffered from a complication of liver and stomach troubles, and was wasted almost to a skeleton. His death occurred at 1 o'clock this afternoon. He was but 37 years of age.

THE PEOPLE'S BANK.

The Action to Remove Gen. Sheehan and the Directors Nonsuited.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 28.—Judge Sewall to-day granted a nonsuit in the application of the California Safe Deposit and Trust Company for the removal of General Sheehan and the directors of the People's Home Savings Bank.

The contention of the deposit company was that the directors were abusing their trust and that General Sheehan exercised unwarranted power in the exercise of his functions. Judge Sewall held that General Sheehan had acted unwisely in paying himself without an order of court, but this did not constitute an offense severe enough to warrant his removal. The motion for nonsuit was therefore denied.

WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER.

Plight of an Oakland Man Who Was Found on the Mojave Desert.

MOJAVE, Sept. 28.—Wm. Stratheam, a prospector whose home is in Oakland, was found to-day by Thomas Hughes of Bakersfield out in the desert, fifteen miles east of Mojave. Stratheam had discarded part of his clothing, to which was attached a note giving the direction in which he was going. He was almost unconscious when discovered near the roadside. He had used his supply of food and water, of which he had only three quarts when leaving the camp Friday morning. With considerable difficulty he was brought into town, as he wanted to leave the

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wagon. He soon rallied, after careful nursing, and is now being well cared for.

CASES DISMISSED.

Suits Which Were Brought Against the Southern Pacific Company.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 28.—The eight suits against the Southern Pacific instituted in the Superior Court last February to recover lands valued at \$500,000 were formally dismissed by District Attorney Foote to-day. The authorities at Washington investigated the cases, finally reaching the conclusion that it would be better not to press them at the present. Mr. Foote was instructed to dismiss the suits, provided the railroad would pay the costs, amounting to \$410. This has been done, hence the action of the District Attorney.

Accident in an Arizona Mine.

PHOENIX (Ariz.), Sept. 28.—A. L. White, Chief of the United States Weather Bureau in this city, was killed and a number of his companions seriously injured in an accident this afternoon at the Congress mine, sixty miles north of Phoenix. The party was ascending the incline on a dump train when the cars left the track near the 1,200-foot level and were piled up in a wreck. Most of the visitors jumped and escaped with broken limbs, while others went down with the cars and were badly crushed and bruised.

Butte Without a Theater.

BUTTE (Mont.), Sept. 28.—Maguire's Opera-house, erected seven years ago at a cost of \$50,000, was demolished to-day under an order of the Supreme Court, which decreed C. A. Murray to be the owner of it under a number of mechanics' liens. The Grand Opera-house Company, which holds a mortgage on the ground, refused to buy the house or sell the ground, and Butte is without a theater.

Fatal Fire at Burke, Idaho.

SPOKANE (Wash.), Sept. 28.—At Burke, Idaho, this morning the Tiger Hotel, a number of warehouses and several small buildings were destroyed by fire. William O'Mara was suffocated to death, E. L. Searles and Joseph Coburn fatally burned, and Annie Johnson, Martin McHale, T. Smith and Abel Danielson seriously scorched and bruised. All were guests of the hotel. The property loss will reach \$25,000.

Calkins Nominated for Senator.

NEVADA CITY, Sept. 28.—The Republican Joint Senatorial Convention to-day nominated S. Calkins of Nevada City for State Senator. The Republican County Convention, which also met here to-day, nominated Frank T. Nixon of Nevada City for Superior Judge, and William S. Robinson for Assemblyman.

Suicide by Drowning.

PORTLAND, Sept. 28.—Gustave Pell, a young Russian, who was impoverished and dependent over his misfortunes, committed suicide to-day by making a sensation leap from the Burnside-street bridge into the river. His body was recovered.

RILEY GANNON.

Ruled Off the Track by the New York Jockey Club.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—A meeting of the stewards of the Jockey Club was held this afternoon. There were present August Belmont, James R. Keene, James Galway, Andrew Miller, F. R. Hitchcock and F. M. Sturkis. After discussion of various facts before them in reference to Jockey W. Martin, it was resolved that his license be suspended for violation of rule 150, and that he be notified to appear before the stewards to show cause why it should not be permanently revoked. Other resolutions adopted were:

That Jockey Coyle's license be revoked for violation of rule 150 of the racing rules.

That Riley Gannon be warned and ruled off the turf for offering and making presents to jockeys in violation of the rules of racing.

In view of the evidence submitted to the stewards concerning the practices on the turf of W. Wallace, it was resolved that until the facts referred to in the evidence are explained to the satisfaction of the stewards all entries of W. Wallace be refused on all courses racing under the rules of the Jockey Club.

Resolved, That Dr. Burrow of Sheephead Bay be warned and ruled off the courses of all associations racing under the rules of the Jockey Club until such time as he shall be willing to answer the stewards of the Jockey Club all questions respecting the charges of corrupt practices which he has made.

Resolved, That all other charges of corrupt practices upon courses racing by the association be referred to counsel with a view to bringing such charges before the Racing Committee for investigation.

It has come to the knowledge of the stewards that Fred Taral, Jockey, received a present of \$500 during the season of 1895 in violation of the rules of racing. Owing to Taral's universally accepted good character, he is reprimanded by the stewards and ordered to refund the money received by him in violation of the rules, and all jockeys are warned that the practice of accepting presents will hereafter be strictly dealt with.

PRISON ASSOCIATION.

Important Meeting Held at Milwaukee Yesterday.

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 28.—To-day's was the most important of the meetings of the Prison Association. That branch of the association known as the Warden's Association met for a national exchange of views.

The President's address contained a brief history of the Association of Wardens, which was formed ten years ago, and a number of valuable suggestions, devoting considerable space to child labor.

An interesting paper on convict labor and the conduct of Wardens was read by Colonel Charles E. Felton of Chicago, member of the Board of Managers of the State Industrial Reformatory of Illinois. He was followed by Warden J. W. French of the United States Penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., on "The Relation of the Federal Penitentiary to the Various State Institutions."

The afternoon session was devoted to the Chaplains' Association meeting.

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WHEELMEN AND GOOD ROADS.

Interesting Talks by Messrs. Michener and Monaghan.

What is Being Done in the Interest of Good Roads—A City Boulevard.

The Capital City Wheelmen met last evening and had a large attendance. President Ennis presiding. It was resolved that the consideration of the report of the Committee on Clubhouse be had on Tuesday evening next week, instead of Monday evening. This is not to take the place of the regular club meeting of Monday, but is to be a special assembly with the clubhouse as the sole subject of consideration.

It was ordered that the Wheelway Committee take up and consider in connection with citizens' committees moving in the matter the suggestion to petition to have the new bituminized roadway around Capital Park declared a boulevard.

The club being now entitled to three members in the Board of Governors of the Associated Cycling Clubs of California, Consul F. T. Dwyer, James McDonald and Robert Smith were chosen as the delegates.

An invitation to attend a social party at Patterson's Station Tuesday evening was accepted, and then Mr. Michener of San Francisco, representing the League of American Wheelmen, Northern California Division, was introduced and addressed the club on the aims and purposes of the league. He said it was an example of the value of co-operation of unity for common and for community good. The league is now the largest athletic association in the world, and in this State has nearly 7,000 members, having doubled its membership in the last six months.

Its purpose is to conserve the good of all wheelmen, and its accomplished work has benefited every cyclist in the State. The league wants to double its membership again, and that, too, before the 1st of January. He then set out the advantages of league membership. Some of these are the reception free of the "L. A. W. Bulletin," also the annual issue of the road and lamp book, the reception of the league handbook, the card advantage of special rates at league hotels, the management of all speed events and the assurance to the racing sections of cleanliness and honesty in contests, and that the sport shall never degenerate into gaming or ungentlemanly procedure; the cultivation of sentiment in favor of good road construction, and the stoppage of the waste in the present system of road management.

In this respect the league labors, he said, not to increase, but largely decrease taxation. It has in the East succeeded in that aim to a great extent. It is the father of the good road revival in the United States. It has removed the ban and prejudice once existing against wheeling, and has secured for it recognition in the laws.

It had been by the press, perhaps unwittingly, misrepresented regarding the baggage transportation question. It had no flight to make against any transportation companies. On the contrary, when it acted in concert with San Francisco it acted in concert with a conference committee from the railroads, which met it, and measures were agreed upon, without acrimony or feeling, that should form the basis of a policy that will, he believed, be adopted into the laws. He regretted that the idea had got out that there was a fight in this matter between carriers and the league, as it is not true. He emphasized this expression by saying that carriers would not oppose such legislation as would be certainly agreed upon, and there would be perfect harmony in his opinion.

At length Mr. Michener pointed out the value of union in cycling interests, which are far from being so beneficial to cyclists as they are to farmers and taxpayers. The league had done and is doing more for farmers and taxpayers than for itself. The trouble had been that the drivers of horses and taxpaying building roads had not been brought so close to routes as had cyclists, and therefore had not been so conscious of the ill construction and waste.

He declared that the absolute waste to taxpayers in this State had amounted to many millions of dollars, and that all that ought to be done could have been done with less than has been expended on the public highways in construction and maintenance, and have given the people permanent good roads.

Mr. Michener replied to many questions as to terms, advantages, club membership in the league, etc., and explained again how much the national body is doing and has done in public interest, and for the general good and economies of all the people of the United States.

Chief Consul Monaghan, for the Southern Division of California, was then introduced and spoke fervently, indicating all that Mr. Michener had said, and adding something concerning the work of the league in his section. He referred to the necessity of any measures of legislation having behind them a constituency, and that is what the league is to the worthy bills that are presented to State Legislatures in good road interests.

He explained what had been accomplished in New York in the settlement of the baggage and road questions and the conservation of good road work, and the removal of prejudices, and claimed for the league that it is a powerful influence for good government, honesty and progress. Membership in the asso-

ciation gives, he said, to every wheelman the advantages of the entire league, and no one is more benefited by the league work than the agricultural interests, and people interested in the settlement of sections awaiting development.

He referred to the waste in road work and told of the enormous sum spent by Los Angeles County for roads, and for which she has not a foot of good road to show. All that sum had been wrong from taxpayers and the money having returned. He referred to the roads in the valley sections of California as little better than enlarged trails, yet money enough has been expended on them to give the people good highways.

It is to correct such evils that the protest and labor of the L. A. W. is devoted. It works in the open, has no secrets and conserves only the best interests of all.

Highway Commissioner Maude being present was called upon, but declined to speak as a Commissioner. As an old-time wheelman, however, he addressed the club and told it what had been accomplished in Massachusetts, and what the officials of that State had related to him concerning the work of wheelmen in the East. He also outlined the methods employed in the southern part of the State to secure good results for money expended on highways, and how the San Diego club operates to secure the co-operation of legislators, Supervisors and officials generally.

Of the moral influence of the league and of associated cleanly effort he spoke and advised the club membership to unite with other wheelmen or organizations in conserving the high and public-spirited aims of the League of American Wheelmen.

Remarks were then made by a number of members, questions asked and answered, and finally a committee, consisting of M. S. Laytonson, B. McDonald and George Readman, was named to co-operate with Consul Dwyer in securing such a percentage of C. C. W. members to unite with the league that the club will be recognized as a league club.

Samples of the resolution signed in Southern California for the formation of local Good Roads Leagues were shown and read, and the question of forming a similar league here was taken up. The club felt that it should not move alone; that its object might be misunderstood if it did so, but it resolved that it would gladly co-operate with citizens and associations generally to form such leagues in Central California, in order to educate public sentiment on the subject, that wise legislation may be secured. To that end it expressed the wish to have the Sacramento Driving Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the old Executive Committee of the County Good Roads Convention—still in authority—and especially the Sacramento County Humane Society, which originated the good roads agitation in California, to co-operate in taking the initiative. To that end the club named Messrs. Laytonson, Roundy, Dwyer, W. Wright and C. A. Luther a committee to call upon those and similar associations and citizens generally and grant representatives to urge them to set the ball in motion this week.

BLUE MONDAY.

How Malefactors Were Dealt With by Justice Davis.

In the Police Court yesterday morning Pat Carlin, Charles Yell and S. R. Schwartz were found guilty of violating the ordinance prohibiting sleeping in the Plaza and fined \$5 each, with the alternative of spending five days in jail.

The case of O. Burns, charged with vagrancy, was continued until this morning owing to the absence of his attorney.

Grant Pittman, who on Sunday evening amused himself by smashing up his furniture and otherwise creating a disturbance in his neighborhood, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of disturbing the peace, and owing to his unsavory record as a peace disturber was sentenced to serve three months in the County Jail.

J. S. McVeigh, charged with having assaulted Violet Johnson, a woman of lower L street, with a deadly weapon, was arraigned, and the preliminary examination set for this morning. When arrested a heavy dirk was found upon McVeigh, with which the woman avers she was assaulted and received a cut on one of her fingers.

DOWN THE RIVER.

A Delightful Day's Outing at Nicolaus Farm.

Sunday on the lake at Nicolaus Farm, twelve miles south of the city, there was a very pleasant gathering of friends from Sacramento. The day was spent in hunting and fishing and a substantial repast that had been provided for the occasion was spread at the noon hour and heartily discussed, fish and game entering largely into the dishes served, and that had been secured by members of the party in the early morning.

Those present were Henry Nicolaus, R. Schuler, C. Williams, F. Grosser, A. C. Yoerk, S. Stueher, John Schmidt, H. Kurz, R. Rummel, A. Spertz, L. Schuler, C. Stokes, F. M. Woodson, Frank Schmitt, E. Davis, E. Lavine, George Yoerk, F. A. Yoerk, A. Metzger, E. Hess, G. Stauffer, H. Nicolaus, H. A. Mohr, A. W. Yoerk, L. Nicolaus, A. Becker and Fritz Becker.

FOUR MEN SUFFOCATED.

Three of the Crew and a Stowaway on a British Steamship.

CHESTER (Pa.), Sept. 28.—Three of the crew and a stowaway of the British steamship Cyrus, Captain Simmons, from Philadelphia for Norfolk, Virginia, met a horrible death to-night while the steamship was lying off the quarantine station in the Delaware River. The killed are: Alfred T. Beck, first mate; Hans Jagers, fireman; Fred Hiltner, a sailor; unknown man, a stowaway.

The men in lowering a barrel of oil into the hold of the vessel accidentally burst it, and to save the oil procured another barrel. One of the men struck a match and ignited the fluid. The four men were suffocated before they could be rescued.

Floods in Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, Sept. 28.—The west coast of Mexico has been visited by a tremendous storm, which caused great damage and destruction. The town of Ahaha, port of State of Sinaloa is inundated, and the capital city of Culiacana has suffered severely. Many other towns have been flooded.

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BROKE JAIL.

Three Prisoners Escape from the Old County Bastille.

Three prisoners made their escape from the County Jail about 9:30 o'clock yesterday forenoon, and two of them, William Harrison and W. J., alias Ed. Creelman are still at large. E. Kinney, alias McCarty, a burglar, was caught in a private yard close by the jail, where Deputies Schwilke, Smith and Conran found him hiding under a bush.

Harrison was awaiting trial for burglary, and Creelman for grand larceny (pocket-picking). The latter is 18 or 20 years old, 5 feet 6 inches in height, weighs 130 pounds, has hazel eyes, light hair and a beardless face.

The men made their escape by tearing up some of the flooring of an old water closet, beneath which they found an excavation and hole through the north wall of the outer yard, where a couple of years ago some plumbers had been at work.

After getting through the wall they found another closet in the dispensary yard, and by knocking out the floor of that and ascending to the surface they had only to get through the dispensary windows and travel.

One of the prisoners in the jail informed Jailer Beckley shortly after the trio had got out, and the deputies named immediately set off in pursuit of them. A man who came in from Lathrop on the 2:50 p.m. train was shown a photograph of Harrison, and said he saw a man answering that description just as he was leaving Lathrop.

It is thought that possibly the men made straight for the depot and got away on the trucks of the train leaving at 10:25, but the chances are they got into the brush beyond the north levee and worked their way up along the American River, as there is a dense growth of willows and cottonwood there. Sheriff Johnson and his deputies are doing their best to apprehend the escapes.

The old jail is a sorry place in which to attempt to keep desperate criminals unless constantly confined in the iron tanks.

HAVE ARRIVED.

Eastern Investors Examine the Route of the Proposed Electric Road.

W. J. Bonwell, electrician and civil engineer, of St. Paul, Minn.; George Park-er, a practical railroad builder of the same city; and General J. P. Thompson of Forest City, Ia., arrived yesterday to look over the ground in relation to building a new electric road to Fair Oaks.

They were taken in hand by T. B. Hall and driven yesterday afternoon over the proposed route through Highland Park, Oak Park and the country towards and beyond Perkins, and will probably be taken to Fair Oaks this morning.

HANDY WITH HIS GUN.

A Physician's Attempt to Kill His Wife and a Druggist.

DUNCANNON (Pa.), Sept. 28.—This afternoon Dr. L. S. Johnston, one of the best known physicians in the county, called into his office druggist George F. Henry, a prominent business man, and taking a large revolver from his pocket, deliberately fired three shots at him, two of which lodged in his shoulder and one in his stomach. He then walked into his hall, and meeting his wife he shot her twice, once in the arm and once in the shoulder. He then walked up to his stable, two blocks away, had his team hitched and drove down to his office, where he got his ledgers and taking in a Constable started for New Bloomfield, the county seat, ten miles away. Mrs. Johnston's wounds are not considered dangerous, but it is thought Henry cannot live.

The first patent was issued to Samuel Hopkins in 1790 for making "pot or pearl ashes."

PERSONAL MENTION.

John Hasman of Elk Grove is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Derby of Oakland are at the Golden Eagle.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Preston are back from a trip to the seaside.

Supervisors Reeg and Richmond of El Dorado County are visiting the Capital City.

Mrs. H. H. Love has returned from a three months' outing in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Mrs. W. C. Hadley of Wilmington, O., is visiting her son, E. S. Hadley, of the State Printer's office.

Congressman Johnson left yesterday for Ione, Amador County, where he was to speak last night.

L. C. Morehouse, Chairman of the State Board of Equalization, is up from San Leandro and stopping at the Golden Eagle.

James B. Haggins' health continues so poor that he has gone to the Virginia Hot Springs in the hope of improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Dold and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dold departed yesterday for their homes in Buffalo, N. Y. They were accompanied to the depot by a number of their friends.

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