

THE SIREN AND THE SUCKER.

A Commercial Man's Experience in the Capital City.

He Sought the Elephant in the L-Street Jungle and Came to Grief.

The city yesterday got \$60 from Ida Ross, an L-street fairy, through the clever engineering of City Attorney Brown.

A man who said his name was Harry Thompson, and who was on his way northward on a business trip, stopped over in the city on Tuesday night and went in search of the elephant that every city of pretension is supposed to keep for the entertainment of visiting strangers.

In his ramble he fell in with Ida Ross, and though there is nothing elephantine in her make-up he seems to have concluded about that time that he would hunt no further for elephants. He had business to attend to, however, and after basking for a few hours in the smiles of the fair Ida, he tore himself

away and hastened to the depot to resume his journey.

It was when he went down in his pocket for the coin with which to purchase his ticket that he discovered he had been "touched off" to the tune of \$45. He returned and told his trouble to City Attorney Brown, but refused to swear to a complaint against the woman, as he did not want to appear in court in a scandal of that character.

Mr. Brown was somewhat surprised later on, however, when Thompson, an officer and the fair Ida showed up at the Police Station. He had an interview with the woman, and she denied having taken her visitor's money. She finally agreed, however, that, rather than have to stand trial on such a charge, to give Thompson \$45, the amount of his alleged loss.

Knowing the difficulty of convicting a woman under such circumstances, Mr. Brown concluded to allow her to do so, but with the understanding that she must answer to at least a charge of petit larceny. But Thompson still refused to swear to a complaint, and Mr. Brown threatened to serve him with subpoena as a witness against the woman on a charge of grand larceny, which would require him to be detained as a witness.

By this time the woman had changed her mind. She said she would not give Thompson any \$45. This moved the City Attorney to resolve to place a charge of vagrancy against her, when she weakened and said she would get Thompson his money and submit to the petit larceny proposition.

An officer went with her over to Tolo, where she got her key to a safe deposit box, returned, got some money and presented herself for trial. She paid Thompson his \$45, was then convicted of petit larceny and was fined \$60 by Justice Davis.

The fine was paid, the woman discharged, and Thompson went on his journey a much wiser man than when he dropped into town, while the city's treasury was considerably augmented.

BOTH CASES DISMISSED.

Supreme Court Throws Out the Election Board and Supervisor Cases.

There were two Sacramento matters on the Supreme Court calendar yesterday morning, and they were disposed of in short order.

The first was the case of the people against Frank Gregory, J. J. Simmons, George Anderson and others, who composed the Election Board of the first precinct of the First Ward at the last municipal election for Mayor and other city officers, and were indicted for permitting alleged frauds to be practiced.

When the case came up in the Superior Court their attorney asked to have the indictment set aside on the ground, among others, that they had been compelled to be witnesses before the Grand Jury that indicted them, thus making them witnesses against themselves, in violation of their rights.

Yesterday morning when the case was called, W. A. Anderson, attorney for the defendants, moved the dismissal of the appeal on the ground that the order appealed from was not an appealable order. Deputy Attorney-General Post made no opposition, and the motion was granted.

The case of the people against Todd and the other members of the Board of Supervisors of this county, which was also appealed by the District Attorney, came next. It charged them with allowing illegal claims. It was dismissed yesterday for the same reason as the case of Gregory and others.

Attorney Anderson, in moving the dismissal, quoted to sustain his position Section 1238 of the Penal Code and the decisions in the cases of the people against Richter, decided July 24, 1896, and the people against Higgins, decided August 18, 1896.

ALMOND GROWERS.

They Want Their Industry to Have Protection.

A dispatch from Lodi, San Joaquin County, states that the almond growers of the State are being notified by some of the largest growers who have orchards in that neighborhood to meet at Sacramento on December 1st to prepare a petition to be presented to Congress by one of our Congressmen asking that the former McKinley custom tariff of five cents per pound be put back on imported almonds, the Wilson bill now permitting their importation at three cents per pound.

The growers of North San Joaquin say the industry is unprofitable as the tariff now stands. The movers in the cause are the Hatch-Armstrong Company, Senator B. F. Langford and the Buck-Allison Company. This is the first time concerted action has been taken for the benefit of the nut-growers.

Elk Grove Eastern Star.

On Tuesday evening Elk Grove Chapter, No. 109, O. E. S., elected the following officers for the ensuing year: W. M., Mrs. Sarah G. Bradford; W. P., M. James Kelly; A. M., Mrs. Mary E. Campbell; Secretary, Louis Bower; Treasurer, Silas Stewart; C. Mrs. Lillian Stephenson; A. C., Miss Emma Alltucher; Adah, Mrs. Barbara McKee; Ruth, Mrs. Martha Davis; Esther, Mrs. Jennie Stewart; Martha, Mrs. Jane Andrews; Electa, Mrs. Susie Alltucher; Warder, Mrs. Ann E. Freeman; Sentinel, Lake Freeman.

Again Bereaved.

Miss Daisy Bell Finch, daughter of David Finch of Natoma, died at her home yesterday and will be buried from there on Friday. Miss Finch was 20 years of age, and was a general favorite among her acquaintances. A couple of years ago Mr. Finch's eldest daughter, Minnie (Mrs. Ecklon), died, and some years before that he lost his wife by death. His many friends deeply sympathize with him in his sorrow.

Health Officer's Report.

The report of Secretary H. L. Nichols of the City Board of Health, for the month of October, shows 40 deaths in that month, or an estimated annual death rate per 1,000 of 16.00.

The only cases of contagious diseases reported were two of diphtheria. There was one death from this cause, and one from consumption.

Female Vagrants.

Annie Lewis, Lottie Goodrich, Laura Griffen, Aggie Anderson and Sadie Vantine were all convicted in the Police Court yesterday of vagrancy. Justice Davis sent them all to the County Jail for forty days.

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THE Y-STREET PUMP MOTOR.

The General Electric Company the Successful Bidder.

A Contract Closed, and It Will be Delivered as Soon as Possible.

The Board of City Trustees met in special session yesterday afternoon, Trustees Tozer, Wachhorst, Davis, Leonard, McKay, Devine and Bentley being present.

The meeting was for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee appointed to examine the bids for furnishing an electric motor to run the old pump from the Y-street sewer pumping plant.

The committee reported in favor of the bid of the General Electric Company, but Trustee Tozer, the Chairman, said that, as some criticism of the specifications had been made, he would like to have Dr. Van Orden of the Central Electric Company state them.

Dr. Van Orden said that the bid of the General Electric Company was undoubtedly the lowest, but while he did not think the board intended to be unfair the specifications were drawn up in the interest of one particular company.

The voltage called for was also so great as to be dangerous in such a place. The company represented by him was placed at a disadvantage by the specifications. He thought it would be well for the board to reconsider its action in relation to the voltage, as a current of 200 volts is not dangerous to life and would be equally effective as the higher voltage.

Mr. Barber, for the General Electric Company, said that the voltage for the motor was laid out by the City Engineer and he presumed he had previously investigated the matter. His company had never had a case of accident from the 1,000 volt motors. They manufacture motors of voltage from 200 to 1,000 and can furnish any of them.

The lowering of the voltage to 200 would enable the other companies to bid, but would necessitate the use of a transformer, and the contractor would have to charge the city more for it. The Fresno Water Company is using a motor of 1,000 volts and so is the Sperry Flour Company, and neither of them find any trouble with it. There is danger from a 200-volt motor as well as one of 1,000 volts, but it is only liable to occur in either case from carelessness.

Mr. Shock of the Sacramento Electric, Gas and Power Company explained that the board was asked to aid City Surveyor Mullenney in making out the specifications. When the Westinghouse Company objected to the specifications it was only to the speed of the motor, as its representative said they could manufacture 1,000 volt motors. The motors of that voltage were just as safe as at a lower one. The ones in the power house here carry a much higher voltage and there are no accidents.

The report of the committee was adopted, and the Mayor and Chairman of the board were instructed to enter into a contract with the General Electric Company for a motor, and the board adjourned.

AN ENJOYABLE EVENING.

Social Dance and Birthday Party of Wenonah Council.

The ladies of Wenonah Council, No. 2, Daughters of Pochontas, gave an invitation social dance and birthday party last evening at Red Men's Hall to commemorate the ninth anniversary of the council. There was a large attendance, and the evening was passed in dancing.

J. H. Crone, with a few pertinent remarks on the growth of the council and the interest taken by the members and officers in the work, presented each of those who had attained the position of Past Pochontas with a beautiful collar of purple and gold. Past Pochontas Mrs. A. C. Klink responded fittingly. After the presentation those present adjourned to the banquet hall, where the Committee of Arrangements had prepared several tables tastefully adorned with flowers and laden with the most toothsome viands, to which all did full justice. The Committee of Arrangements was: Mrs. D. B. Plummer, Mrs. A. Burnett, Mrs. E. J. Brazil, Mrs. A. C. Klink, Miss Rowena Chambers, H. Meredith and George Chambers; Floor Director, N. Holmes; Floor Managers—E. J. Brazil, F. Gordon and W. Daly.

AMUSEMENTS.

The box office of the Metropolitan Theater opens this morning for reservation of seats for the "Town Topics" performance to-morrow evening. The piece is called "A Laughing Festival," and the company is known as "The Broadway Comedians." The Los Angeles "Herald" says of the play and people in it:

"Never before has a play taken Los Angeles so thoroughly by storm as has 'Town Topics' at the Burbank Theater. From the time the curtain goes up on the first act until it drops at the close of the play there is one continuous shriek of laughter, the pauses between the acts being only long enough for breathing spells. The success of Sunday night, when fully 500 people were turned away unable to get even standing room, will be repeated all week. Judging from the

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advance sale and the public interest that has been created, "Town Topics" will pack the theater from the boxes to the upper gallery each and every performance, including Wednesday and Saturday matinees.

The features of the entertainment are: The main attraction, the Jay, with money to burn; Mack and Fay, singers; Ott and Harrington, low comedians and character actors; Queen, as the negro Cinch in Dutch dialect; Beatrice Norman, Nellie Sennett, comedians; whirlwind dance by Misses Sennett, Heckler and Nugent and other character actors and specialists.

At the Clunie Opera-house this evening the romantic play, "The Burglar," which has added to it now a strong comedy act. Every night orders for twelve crayon portraits are given away.

At the Metropolitan Theater last night Mr. Alston's company appeared in "Tennessee's Pardner." It is a play full of human interest, tender sentiment and manly spirit. It is acted by a competent company. Harry Mainhall has the leading male part and sustains it excellently. Charles B. Hawkins has a low comedy role that is ludicrously funny. Jane Corcoran, the juvenile actress, is far more than clever as Tennessee Kent. Estha Williams and Annie Mortimer with Oliver Barr, F. M. Kelly and Frederick Hicks give good support to the leaders. The piece took well and the company was favored by the audience with warm applause. Mr. Alston intends to play a return engagement here, and his piece and people warrant him in doing so.

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NEW TO-DAY.

DATE TAKEN. SACRAMENTO TYPOGRAPHICAL Union, No. 46, will give a ball on THURSDAY EVENING, December 3d, at Old Pavilion, for the benefit of its cemetery fund.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT their regular meeting, held on the 25th day of September, 1896, made the following order:

The Board of Trustees of the city of Sacramento hereby determine that lots numbered seven (7) and eight (8) in the block or square bounded by Eleventh (11) and Twelfth (12) streets, and 8 and T streets, in the city of Sacramento, county of Sacramento, State of California, are covered with stagnant water for a portion of the year.

It is therefore ordered that the owner or owners thereof fill up the same to such level or grade as will prevent the same from being so covered, and that in the event of a failure so to do, the city of Sacramento will fill up the same at the expense of such owner or owners of said lots.

Notices having been duly posted as required by City Ordinance No. 365 and the City Surveyor having estimated that 2,231 cubic yards of earth filling will be required, it is hereby ordered that sealed bids will be received for doing the work of filling up said real estate at the office of the City Clerk until the 23rd day of November, 1896.

Bids must include all work for a gross sum or for a price per cubic yard of the amount of earth used in doing the work. The work must be completed within sixty days after the acceptance of the bid.

The "Record-Union," a daily newspaper published and circulated in this city, is hereby designated as the newspaper in which notice hereof shall be published as often as three times a week for two consecutive weeks.

Adopted November 9, 1896, by the following vote: Ayes—Trustees Wachhorst, Kent, Davis, Tozer, Devine, Bentley, Leonard. Absent—Trustees McKay, Pennish, CHARLES E. LEONARD, D. S. LEONARD, President of Board of Trustees. Attest: M. J. Desmond, Clerk of Board of Trustees. n12-14-16-18-20-23.

ELECTRIC BELTS

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AMUSEMENTS.

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GRAND COURSE MEETING.

AGRICULTURAL PARK, SUNDAY, - - NOVEMBER 22, 1896.

Admission, 25c. Ladies free.

In the Matter of Reclamation District No. Three County of Sacramento, State of California.

AUCTIONS.

THE PETITION FOR THE FORMATION of said district having heretofore been approved by this board, and the land-owners of said district having heretofore adopted and reported and recorded their by-laws, now, on application of W. J. SMITH, a land-owner of said district, it is ordered that an election be held on TUESDAY, the 17th day of November, 1896, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., and closing at 4 o'clock p. m. on that day, for the purpose of electing three trustees of said district, and that notice thereof be published in the "Record-Union," a newspaper of general circulation in said county, for one month, and that the County Clerk sign said notice.

And it is further ordered, that said election be held at the Ryde pump-house, in Swamp Land Survey No. 311, in the county of Sacramento, State of California, and that David Bixler be, and he is hereby appointed Inspector, and L. G. Hall and J. L. Aldrich be, and they are hereby appointed Judges of said election.

By unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors of the county of Sacramento, October 9, 1896.

Attest: (Seal) WM. B. HAMILTON, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento, State of California. oil-td

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NEW TO-DAY TO THE CITIZENS.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD of City Trustees, with the Advisory Committee, submit the following outlines of three propositions under consideration for interpretation and amendment of the charter, and desire expressions of opinion from citizens concerning the same in writing or before the committee, which meets again on the evening of the 13th inst. at 8 o'clock.

Proposition 1, to define powers of Mayor and Trustees—The Board of Trustees shall have no power to employ men, purchase supplies, direct officers or exercise any executive power whatever except confirming appointments, but all executive power shall be lodged in the Mayor without interference or control by the Board of Trustees. All officers of the city shall be under the control of the Mayor, who shall report to him whenever and as often as he may require. The Board of Trustees shall provide by ordinance the method and condition to be observed by the Mayor in the purchase of supplies or performance of work. The Mayor shall transmit to the Board of Trustees any reports made to him when requested.

Proposition 2, to define power of Mayor and Trustees—Except in relation to the appointment of officers, whose confirmation is necessary by the Board of Trustees, the Mayor shall in all respects be subordinate to the Trustees, and shall comply with the orders of the board. He shall have no power to purchase supplies, or enter into any contract without the consent of the board, or to employ men, purchase office at any time in the manner prescribed by Section 23 hereof. The Board of Trustees shall have power by resolution to direct and control all officers appointed by the Mayor.

Outline of General Proposition—There shall be six wards, and the Trustees shall be elected from each ward, and one shall be elected at large, who shall be President of the board and Mayor. All power shall be lodged in this board, and they shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the board. The Trustees shall receive \$50 per month, and the Mayor \$150 per month. All appointments shall be made by the board, the Mayor voting as a member of the Board of Trustees.

(H. C.) J. H. DEVINE, Chairman.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, in and for the county of Sacramento.

The People of the State of California to DONZEL STONEY, Notary Public in and for the city and county of San Francisco, in the State of California, greeting.

Whereas, it appears to the Judge of our Superior Court in and for the county of Sacramento, State of California, that Miss Alice M. Rohlfing of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, is a material witness in a certain action hereafter to be filed in a Superior Court of this State between Mrs. Grace M. Elmer, plaintiff expectant, and James E. Elmer, defendant expectant, and for reasons set forth in the petition for this order, the testimony of said witness may be lost to said plaintiffs, and in consequence of your prudence and order, you have appointed and by these presents do appoint that the testimony of said witness be taken before you on the 11th day of November, 1896, at 11 o'clock a. m. and continuing from time to time thereafter until completed.

We do further order and decree that said testimony may be written down in shorthand by a shorthand reporter, and thereafter be taken out in longhand, and after being so written out in longhand may be read to and corrected by the witness, and that said deposition and testimony when taken be read and used in evidence in said cause expectant on any trial thereof or proceeding therein, subject to the same objections and exceptions as if said witness were personally present on the stand, but without objection or exception to the time, place or manner of taking the same, and the form of question unless noted at the time.

The said defendant expectant, James E. Elmer, is hereby entitled to ten days notice of the taking of said testimony at aforesaid time and place and before said officer.

That after said testimony has been duly subscribed by said witness and you do certify to the same and seal and transmit the same to the County Clerk of Sacramento County, State of California, to be placed on file by said Clerk.

October 31, 1896.

MATT F. JOHNSON, Judge of the Superior Court of Sacramento County, State of California.

Duly attested on said date.

N. B.—It is hereby ordered and decreed that the foregoing order granted by this court in said matter on the 31st day of October, A. D. 1896, be and the same is hereby altered to read as follows in the following particulars: That the taking of said testimony is hereby set for the 25th day of November, A. D. 1896, in the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, and that said testimony be taken before Donzel Stoney, Notary Public in and for the city and county of San Francisco.

Witness, M. F. JOHNSON, Judge.

This 11th day of November, A. D. 1896.

O. G. Hopkins, Attorney for Plaintiff expectant. n12-21th