

A MEAN SPIRIT MANIFEST.

STOCKTON'S UNSPORTSMAN-LIKE WHEELMEN.

Charging Crookedness Because They Cannot Ride Fast Enough to Win.

The Stockton "Mall" of yesterday has an excitedly written article concerning the late cycle race and the trophy held by the Capital City Wheelmen. It is related that the Terminal City Wheelmen and the Road Club Annex of Stockton have united forces and will send witnesses to Sacramento to testify against the Capital City, to the effect that our local riders accepted pace, and that the packet was not carried through.

It is also set forth that on the very day the rule forbidding pacing was adopted the Sacramento club had perfected arrangements to have its men paced clear through the 100 miles; that photographs are in existence proving the pacing, and that in one instance a Sacramento rider was actually paced along by a helper. Finally, that unless the Sacramento men give up the cup an appeal will be taken, etc. Bad luck is shown all through the article, and an evident purpose to pick a quarrel.

"A Record-Union" reporter last evening called upon those qualified and authorized to speak for the Capital City Wheelmen and asked what the Sacramento club would say about it. The reply was as follows:

"The Stockton people have no reason to pick a quarrel with us. We will have none. Our Racing Board met last Monday and respectfully resolved, and so notified the Stocktonians, that if they had complained to make and would forward the same in writing the board would investigate the matter and make response justified by the facts.

"We want nothing but exact justice. Our club is composed of high-minded, self-respecting men, incapable of crooked work. It is a cold-blooded cruelty to charge that we provided for a race on the 29th of May 1898, and that the Racing Board repudiates the charge as unworthy of gentlemen and sportsmen. If the charge is authorized by our brethren of the Stockton clubs, which you now show in the paper you have, then they have prejudged the case and lowered their own estimation. We do not believe they have done so, however. The rule against pacing was not made recently, but two years ago.

"There is and has been no denial that one of our riders, an unhappy accident, lost the packet, and that it was not recovered until the return trip. We do deny that pacing was had or permitted. Our men all stand ready to swear that they were not paced. If any of our men accepted pacing, we will prove it. It is safe to say that if any man did so he will be disciplined with the utmost severity, and will probably be expelled. But until proved guilty, we hold our men innocent.

"As to the packet, the 'Record-Union' the other day got things about right. We claim that the essential thing was the race—the getting of the racers through fairly—and that all else being fair, the loss of the packet was not an incident, and that the clause concerning the carrying of it is but directory, and not mandatory. Some of our members, however, hold to the contrary, and believe the race was lost by us. But you can safely say that when the Capital City Wheelmen come to act on the matter, which the club has not done, they will say that if the T. C. W. want the trophy on the technical ground that the packet was not carried over every rider, they can have it, and we will send it crowned with bouquets and good-luck wishes.

"But the trophy will not be surrendered as long as charges of crooked work are pending, if any are made, unless we mistake the spirit of our club. Our club is clean-handed, pays its debts, cherishes its honor highly, and will not submit to any insinuation that it jockeys or does dirty work.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

A Pistol That Went Off and Wounded Two Persons.

Shortly before noon yesterday a young man who gave his name as Oscar Sutherland went into Bloomberg's second-hand store on K street for the purpose of trading pistols.

While Mrs. Bloomberg was showing him a pistol, it was accidentally discharged, the ball, a .32-caliber, went through the palm of her hand passing into his thigh. He was taken to the Receiving Hospital, where City Physician Nichols attended him and removed the bullet, which went nearly through his thigh.

The bullet barely missed the large artery, and at best the wound is a dangerous one. It will take several days to determine whether or not the result will prove serious.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SYNOD.

To Meet at Florin Next Tuesday Afternoon and Evening.

On Tuesday afternoon next, at 2 o'clock, the Sunday-school synod will meet at Florin and will open with devotional exercises. The theme will be: "Feed My Soul," and the exercises will be as follows:

(Part I—"The Food.") "Valued and Variety of Food Furnished," Mrs. Brook, Oak Park; "Should All Be Fed the Same?" Mrs. Sanders, Florin; "Size of a Feeding," Mrs. Whitman, Uno; "At What Hour?" Virgil Smith, Florin; "Condiments," Mrs. Hoffman, Oak Park; vocal solo, Mrs. Gibson, Pacific.

(Part II—"The Flock.") "How Shall It Be Divided?" Mrs. Aldrich, Elk Grove; "Should Any Be Tied Up?" Mrs. Lewis, Elk Grove; "Refractory Lambs," Miss Morrow, Elk Grove; "A Voice From the Flock," Halle Stewart, vocal solo, Miss Rich, Pacific.

(Part III—"The Feeder.") "Object of Feeding," A. L. Gibson, Mountains; "Who Shall Do the Feeding?" Mrs. Kuykendall, E. G.; "Preparation for the Work," William Whitman, Florin; musical selection, the Cox family, Florin; "A Model Lesson—The Marriage Feast," Charles M. Campbell, 5:15 adjournment for lunch.

Evening—7:30, devotional; 7:40 musical, instrumental duet, the Casey Brothers; song by the choir; mandolin solo, Ed. Rich and Ross; "Pa's Boots," Grove F. Elms.

A general invitation is extended to all Sunday-school workers. Each should take a basket of lunch, and the Florin ladies will furnish tea and coffee. Charles M. Campbell of Sacramento will preside. No collection will be taken.

SUPERIOR COURT.

(Department One—Hughes, Judge.)

Estate of Mary Weber, deceased—Homestead set aside to Joseph Webster for life; final account settled. S. A. Stewart vs. F. T. Taylor—Demurrer sustained without leave to amend; judgment for defendant for costs.

All other cases were continued.

(Department Two—Johnson, Judge.)

Estate of William Joseph, deceased—Contest of will set for May 31st. Estate of Catherine Preiss, deceased—Final account to be heard May 18th. Estate of James Eagan, deceased—Final account settled and distribution ordered.

Estate and guardianship of Isabel Boggs, a minor—Sale of real estate confirmed. Peter Yager vs. Creditors—Homestead set aside, and insolvent discharged.

John A. Anderson vs. Creditors—C. T. Jones, Jr., appointed assignee. J. D. Morton vs. James Faris, Jr., et al.—Dismissed. G. W. Locke vs. D. M. Cress et al.—Reports and accounts of Receiver and Commissioner approved.

G. W. Locke vs. E. K. Aisip et al.—Same order. Charles H. Hausen vs. Lucas Kreuzberger et al.—Demurrer overruled. George W. Johnson vs. Nettie Munch et al.—Motion of Defendant Young for a new trial denied.

Estate of John Schmidt, deceased—Administrator discharged. All other cases continued.

AH LOY'S BAND.

An Orchestral Combination That Is Simply Awful.

Ah Loy, the High-Muck-a-Muck of a Chinese band leader, who has been arrested on complaint of D. H. Quinn for maintaining a nuisance. The nuisance consists of hideous noises made nightly at the town's headquarters, which are in rather close proximity to Mr. Quinn's residence.

The awful sounds of which complaint is made are made on Chinese fiddles, banjos, tom-toms and other strange instruments of torture. Mr. Quinn has no soul for that kind of music.

ACCIDENTAL SHOT.

J. H. Glide, Jr., Brought Home a Bullet in His Leg.

J. H. Glide, Jr., was brought over from Dixon on Thursday night for treatment for an accidental pistol shot wound in his right leg. Mr. Glide had a pistol in his pocket and in stooping over it fell to the ground and was discharged, the bullet entering his right leg above the knee.

The young man's father went to Dixon that evening and brought him home. The bullet was extracted, and Mr. Glide will soon be about again.

Trial Calendar.

Judge Johnson yesterday set the cases on his trial calendar as follows: Estate of Todd vs. Manuel Silva et al.—May 12th. Market-street Bank vs. E. K. Aisip et al.—May 10th. Flori Gabrielli vs. Ugo Corli et al.—May 12th. Mary Mertens vs. Joseph Mertens—May 24th. George Schroth vs. F. Kohler et al.—May 23d. James M. Short vs. Elizabeth Noble et al.—May 24th. C. F. Vehmeyer vs. Howard-Wilson Company—June 2d.

Custody of a Child Asked.

Daniel Healy, acting for the Children's Protective Society, has applied to the Superior Court for an order committing Cora Smith, a child of 2 years of age, to the care of the society.

The Ziegler Minors.

F. A. Ziegler, by his attorney, J. C. March, has petitioned the Superior Court for letters of guardianship on the persons and estates of Lottie, Willie, Eddie and Amelia Ziegler.

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