

AGRICULTURAL PARK LANDS.

OFFERS SOLICITED FOR THE PROPERTY.

Conference Between the Agricultural Society and the Chamber of Commerce.

The directors of the State Board of Agriculture were the guests last night of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce at the rooms of the Sutter Club.

It was the sentiment of most of the gentlemen present that the old park should be sold as a whole to some person, company or syndicate that might wish a good opportunity for investment or speculation, rather than for the Board of Agriculture to be delayed by selling in small tracts.

It was conceded that the present would be an excellent time for some one to invest money in the land, as real estate values have not recovered from the shock of the hard times that set in a few years since, and that the outlook for better prices is very encouraging, if not an assured fact.

President A. B. Spreckels of the State Board intimated that he may look into the matter himself with a view to investing, but the Sacramentans were of the opinion that some of our own people should buy the land, divide it up and make the expected profit out of it.

Secretary Smith states that the Board of Agriculture is now in a position to receive offers for the land, and that if it can soon be disposed of new grounds can be opened in time for the next State Fair.

"In fact," said Mr. Smith last night, "this could be done within three months, but a little more time would be better. It is a fine opportunity for some citizen or company to make a handsome turn by buying the land in the present park at the prevailing value of real estate and selling it off in lots or blocks at the increased prices that are certain to be obtained very soon."

LOCAL LEGISLATION.

Citizens to Meet This Evening to Talk Over Matters.

Mayor Land has called a meeting of citizens to be held this evening in the hall of the City Trustees for the purpose of considering "matters of importance to the city which are to come before the Legislature."

Whatever may be the matters to which the Mayor refers, it is a good plan for citizens to meet and discuss them before any action is taken. It might be a good idea to have a committee selected whose duty it shall be to keep a lookout for all legislation that might either directly or indirectly affect the interests of Sacramento.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Sermonet are visiting friends in San Francisco. Mrs. C. H. Brush is quite ill of congestion of the lungs at her P-street home.

S. G. Spagnoli, a prominent citizen of Jackson, Amador County, is at the Golden Eagle.

Mrs. H. R. D. Townsend and Miss Adah Townsend are visiting Mrs. E. J. Bianna at Tenth and J streets.

Franklin Hickborn, who will report the legislative proceedings for the Associated Press, has already arrived in the city.

Judge D. K. Trask of Los Angeles was in the city yesterday and received his appointment as Superior Judge from the Governor's office.

Dr. Thomas Ross is home again from his visit to the East and Canada. On the 1st of January Dr. Ross will assume the duties of Superintendent of the Southern Pacific Company's Hospital, vice Dr. T. W. Huntington, who becomes a professor in the medical department of the State University.

Two Deaths in One Family. Yesterday Miss Mary F. Ryan, sister of Mrs. Dr. A. M. McCollum, died after a short illness, and a few hours later her aunt, Mrs. Hannah Flaherty, breathed her last. The latter was 83 years old, and had been in bed twenty years as housekeeper at the Elber Street.

According to the novels of Richardson and his contemporaries, in the olden times men used to murder women who screamed upon the least provocation and fainted on the least alarm. Three persons were injured in the scene of the disaster presents a terrible spectacle, the debris of the hotel, with eight houses and twelve other buildings, was swept into a great heap of matchwood. A new terror was added by the outbreak of fire amid the ruins.

Three dead bodies have been recovered. It is estimated that the damage will reach \$40,000.

Mustering Out of Troops. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—It is said at the War Department that no change in plans as to the mustering out of troops will be made as a result of the threatening outlook in the Philippines. The Secretary of War has made some progress in designating the volunteer regiments to be mustered out, but no announcement will be made until the list is completed.

Cruiser Buffalo at Port Said. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The cruiser Buffalo arrived today at Port Said, en route to Manila, just sixteen and a half days out from New York. This she has broken all naval records up to this point in her voyage. She is needed badly at Manila, as she carries 500 sailors to relieve men in Dewey's fleet whose time has long expired.

Clearance Record Broken. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The clearance of \$88,570 worth of wheat from New York to-day breaks all records in the history of the Produce Exchange. The wheat is destined for general distribution in Europe, including Mediterranean ports.

Some people make the best of everything—and others take it.

THE BROKEN HEART.

Y. M. I. Ball.

At Turner Hall this evening the Council of the Young Men's Institute of the city will give their annual ball. Every effort is being made to insure one of the pleasantest social affairs of the season.

The hall has been beautifully decorated for the occasion, and elegant souvenir programs will be distributed. Light refreshments will be served.

Disturbed the Mayor's Peace.

Chief Dwyer yesterday afternoon arrested Ed Finley for disturbing the peace. Finley was abusing Mayor Land because he would not force Superintendent of Streets Touhey to put him to work, the Mayor having said he would not interfere with Mr. Touhey in the matter.

Sacramento Gets It.

The next convention of the State Teachers' Association will be held in Sacramento City. School Superintendent Erlwine is entitled to credit for his successful efforts on behalf of this city.

MORRILL'S SUCCESSOR.

Dr. Seward Webb's Name Mentioned for the Senatorship. CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—A Washington special to the "Post" says: Vermonters in Washington think the new Senator from that State will be Dr. H. Seward Webb, member by marriage of the Vanderbilt family. Dr. Webb became a resident of Vermont several years ago, built himself a splendid mansion and takes great interest in politics. He was originally a St. Louis physician. Of late years he has been actively and prominently identified with the management of the vast Vanderbilt interests, his special assignment being to look after the Wagner Palace Car Company. With Dr. Webb and Dr. Chauncey Depew in the Senate, the Vanderbilts will be well represented in the upper walks of national politics.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—There is much speculation as to who will succeed Senator Morrill as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance. The committee is generally considered in some respects the most important in the Senate.

Senator Allison, who is now Chairman of the Appropriation Committee, has, since Senator Sherman's retirement, stood next to Senator Morrill on the Finance Committee, and under the new arrangement in the Senate he would succeed to the Chairmanship if he should desire to do so, and the best opinion obtainable is that he will so desire. In order to take this place he would have to surrender his place as Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations.

If he accepts this Chairmanship Senator Hale will succeed him as Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, and he will in turn be succeeded by Senator Perkins as Chairman of the Naval Committee.

If Senator Allison should decline the Chairmanship of the Finance Committee that place would then fall to Senator Aldrich, who would in turn be succeeded as Chairman of the Committee on Rules by Senator Spooner.

POLYGAMIST ROBERTS.

Says He Will Be Ready to Defend Himself When the Time Comes. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A Salt Lake (Utah) special says: Congressman-elect B. H. Roberts to-day made the following statement to the "Evening World" correspondent:

"If a time comes when it is necessary to defend myself, I shall be there right on the spot, and I appreciate that the members of the Congress and the American people are more liberal, broad-minded and generous than a few bigoted and contracted preachers of the Presbyterian church, whose training, mode of life and general tendency tend to unfit them for practical life."

"Joseph Smith received a command from the Lord to introduce our order of marriage into the church. On the strength of that revelation, and not by any other authority, he was authorized to take the Jewish Scriptures, the Latter Day Saints practice plural marriage. Polygamy is not adultery, for we were it so considered, then Abraham, Jacob and the prophets who practiced it would not be allowed a heritage in the Kingdom of Heaven, and if polygamy is not adultery, then it cannot be classed as a sin at all."

It has been urged by some that Roberts, owing to the operation of the Edmunds Tucker Act, which disfranchised all polygamists, is legally barred from taking his seat in Congress. In regard to this, Mr. Roberts says he has had the best legal advice obtainable, which convinces him that there are no legal obstacles in the way of his taking his seat.

AVALANCHE IN SWITZERLAND.

Part of a Mountain Sweeps Down Upon a Village.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Part of Bed Rock Mountain, according to a dispatch from Airolo, a village of Switzerland, Canton of Ticino, has fallen into Airolo, destroying a hotel and several houses. Three persons were injured. The scene of the disaster presents a terrible spectacle, the debris of the hotel, with eight houses and twelve other buildings, was swept into a great heap of matchwood. A new terror was added by the outbreak of fire amid the ruins.

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A SIBERIAN BOY.

Little Fellow Who Drove a Sledge Until Almost Frozen to Death.

"The Boys of Siberia" is the title of an article in "The Record-Union" by Thomas G. Allen, Jr., Mr. Allen says: I have often witnessed the brave endurance of the Siberian boy, but never to such an extent as while on a sledge journey from Krasnoyarsk to Minusinsk. The road between these two points during the winter is nothing more than the frozen surface of the Yenisei River; for the ice is over a yard in thickness, and although the swift current of the river crowds it up into small hummocks during the early winter, yet with the packing of snow and the constant wear of the sledge caravans, it affords a comparatively smooth and solid roadway. The ice is considered so safe that it is even used as a bridge for the trains of the Trans-Siberian Railway. The ties are laid directly upon the ice and the locomotive smooths its way across. Fancy a thousand tons' weight crossing one of the largest and deepest rivers in Siberia merely on frozen water! His extreme youthfulness surprised me, and I immediately returned to the keeper of the quarter to reconstitute with him against detailing a mere boy for such an arduous duty on such a cold night.

BITTER WORDS FROM SAGASTA.

SAYS AMERICANS TREATED SPAIN CRUELLY.

Declares That the Lesson Inflicted Has Been Hard, But It Will Be Fruitful.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the "World" quotes the London "Mail's" Madrid correspondent as saying: Intimate friends of Senor Sagasta have supplied the following statements made by him a few days before his illness became serious:

"The time when the peace negotiations were in progress was a time of the greatest bitterness to me. Many a night I could not sleep, and many a day I could not eat, so great was my anxiety, so deep my fears that what has happened would happen. I know the Americans, and I guessed what they were going to do.

"Some of the Spanish Commissioners in Paris, in the beginning, some expectations in which I never participated, though I some time hoped myself that our opponents would not be so cruel to Spain as they have since proven to be.

"As a rule, victorious nations make generous concessions to the vanquished people, in order to make their victory more humane and to honor their foes. In this way they avoid leaving a sentiment of hate which is too apt to remain through ages, and to expose victors to retaliation of the most cruel kind.

"From the United States we have met with no generosity, but only with levity and deceit, carried to the extreme point of word in the text of the protocol, in order to violate the principle they had already agreed to. We have had to suffer all this to prevent greater evils.

"In Cuba our army, always brave, refused to accept the terms. They wanted to continue fighting against the invaders as well as against the rebels. The General in command had hard work to persuade soldiers and officers, who thought themselves dishonored by accepting peace without having fought against their foes.

"Here in Spain the danger was that the people, agitated by so many misfortunes, might reject a peace which did not respond to their ambitions.

"God only knows how earnestly and how hard I labored to restore calm to the popular mind and to quell the movements which would have disturbed the country still more by endangering not only the Philippines, but also our possessions in the Atlantic and Mediterranean and perhaps portions of our own peninsula. Nobody remembers this except those who can measure the sacrifices I then made.

"Now all is ended, and we must look to the future. Elements are not wanting for our regeneration, and our work will be seen in time. The lesson inflicted upon us has been hard, but it will be fruitful."

How Paget Took the Town.

Like his military colleague, Captain Lee, Captain Paget's sympathies with the American army during the recent war were unconcealed. Like his colleague, he was a man of high moral character and in his official reports, regardless of the laws of neutrality, and it is an actual fact that he accepted the surrender of one of the towns in Porto Rico in the capacity of a United States soldier. I venture to say that he was the only man of his rank and position who did so.

When they reached a place where two ways met there was an earnest controversy as to which way to go. The right one, the General commanding took the road to the right, as advised by his scouts. Captain Paget, with the stubbornness that characterizes many Englishmen, took the road to the left, because, according to his map, it seemed, the shorter and better one, and so it turned out to be.

The correspondents, thinking they would have more fun with Paget than with the soldiers, accompanied him, and when they reached the town were astonished to find the Alcalde, or Mayor, and the members of the Common Council in dress suits, with white ties and gloves and silk hats, standing in the middle of the road, ready to surrender to the Yankee invaders.

As Captain Paget was the only member of the party who wore a uniform, the Mayor and the members of the Common Council, and supposed that the correspondents composed his staff. Nobody knew enough Spanish to explain the mistake, and the newspaper men insisted that Paget should take advantage of the opportunity and accept the surrender of the town as a great honor, and as an officer with her majesty's navy received the surrender of a Spanish town. Fortunately the advance guard of the army arrived in a very few moments, and Paget was relieved of his embarrassment, although the boys still insisted that he captured the town.—Washington correspondence of the Chicago Record.

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