STRAIGHT REPUBLICANS

ARE WHISTLING TO KEEP UP THEIR COURAGE

Various Objections to the Non-Partisans—Funeral of E. F. Hurlbut. Social and Personal Notes

PASADENA, March 26.—(Office of The Herald, 58 East Colorado street.) Every day adds more weight to the impression, now quite general, that the Non-partisan ticket will be an easy winner in the coming election. The straight Republicans are whistling to keep their courage up, and using every little unimportant point to fill space, both in the circumjacent atmosphere and in the local papers, in order that they may distract attention from the alleged platform upon which they are supposed to stand. As, for instance, that the Non-partisans are not to be allowed to use the word "independent" after the names of their candidates, as though this could make the slightest difference in the result. This is said to be one of the effects of the supreme court's decision knocking out the new primary law, but this is rather a small matter in comparison with the fact that there is some danger of the Republican ticket being thrown out altogether. Of course attorneys differ as to the effect of the decision, but one good point sticks out plainly enough, and that is that the new law debarred certain voters from participating in the primaries, who, under the old law, could have done so. Many who have discussed the matter are of the opinion that this one point is sufficient to knock out the straight Republican ticket. The matter will probably be tested in the courts, in order that the election may not be held under misapprehension of the law and then result in no election at all, as might happen if a decision is not first secured in the matter, owing to the fact that both tickets are to be printed on one ballot, and one being illegal might knock out the whole ballot and hence the whole election. Aside from any question of the law in the matter and the effect on the two tickets, there is a constantly growing sentiment among the independent voters in favor of the Non-partisan ticket, so that appearances indicate its complete triumph in any event.

MR. HURLBUT'S FUNERAL

The funeral of Edwin F. Hurlbut took place this afternoon at 2:30 oclock at All Saints' church. The impressive services were witnessed by a large number of friends. The services were conducted by the Rev. William McCormack, the rector. The singing was led by the church choir and no sermon was preached. The XV chapter of I Corinthians was read. After the obsequies the body lay in state for a short time in the aisle, and the face was viewed by many friends of the deceased. The pall bearers were ex-Governor H. H. Markham, C. W. Bell, Seymour Locke, G. W. Hill, E. R. Hull, C. B. Scoville, J. W. Hugus and Prof. C. F. Holder. Interment was made in Mountain View cemetery.

BREVITIES

The case of Hans Turner, charged with carving Joseph Bunch, was again continued this afternoon until next Tuesday at 2 oclock. The delay was caused by the non-appearance of a representative of the district attorney. For this lapse the district attorney was severely roasted by Attorney Metcalfe.

The enrollment of the junior branch of the Better Roads society is being pushed. Each school will appoint a committee of three scholars to obtain members. The Garfield school is the first to make this appointment, and has chosen Edward Hust, Madge Conger and Frank Harris.

The Lake-avenue Congregational church this morning placed a 650-pound bell in the belfry.

Thirty-eight hundredths of an inch is the amount of rain which fell last night, making 5.94 inches for the season.

The infant child of Rev. and Mrs. McCormack had a narrow escape from death today. The carriage containing the baby rolled off the sidewalk under the hoofs of a kicking horse. Its escape was miraculous.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Myrtle Hall of Summit avenue entertained the F E club last evening with music, games and refreshments.

The Philadonian club gave one of its series of dances in the Auditorium hall. About thirty couples were present.

The Quercui club gave a dance last evening in Kramer's hall, which was attended by about thirty-five couples.

Mrs. H. M. Lutz entertained with a card party yesterday afternoon at her home on South Orange Grove avenue. Mrs. R. I. Rogers won first prize; Mrs. E. A. Ford secured second, and Mrs. Neff lone hand.

Joe Samarano, a Mexican, and J. P. Williams were arrested today for drunkenness and were deposited in the city jail until morning.

E. F. Mills of Logan street will leave on Monday for San Francisco.

Miss Bertha Sroat of South Moline avenue entertained the Clover club yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Jarvis of North Raymond avenue entertained friends this evening.

Miss Maud Hallock of Santa Monica is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Goddard of North Fair Oaks avenue.

Dr. S. Bond and daughter, Mabel, of Toledo, O., are guests at the Green.

San Bernardino Brevities

SAN BERNARDINO, March 26.—The settlers around the Rose mine are asking for a school district, as their children are forty miles from any school, the nearest being at Victor. The county superintendent of schools, Margaret M. Mogeau, is in receipt of the petition, in which it is stated that there are seventeen children of school age in the proposed district, of which George P. Brown has three, J. G. Sawtell one, William E. Harrison one, Alonzo Dewitt three, W. P. Caeman two, F. M. Johnson two, W. R. Wilson two and James Hargraves three.

There not being sufficient testimony to convict in the case of Frank Gregory, accused of assisting prisoners at Ontario jail to escape, by passing tools inside for that purpose, although he was caught in the act, the case has been dismissed.

Benjamin S. Sothern wishes to be appointed guardian over his two minor children, who have a little real estate coming to them in Santa Ana, and he wishes his wife, Ellen B. Sothern, officially notified of the fact of his appointment.

Marriage license has been issued to Major Farnk Clarke Prescott of Redlands, aged 38, and Henrietta Pierce Barlett, native of New Hampshire, aged 38, also of Redlands.

At the teachers' institute Monday, Prof. C. C. Van Liew of Los Angeles will have four innings on the program; Dr. W. W. Robiee of Riverside will have two, and Prof. Fernando Sanford from the university will have one.

Rialto is rocked in the cradle of deep politics on the postoffice question, there being three candidates: S. S. Wood, W. E. Jones and J. W. Tibbot. The interest outclasses the Spanish difficulty.

Rev. Otto Anderson has resigned the pastorate of the Congregational church of Rialto and accepted one at Sierra Madre.

The striking weight of the town clock in the court house, weighing nearly half a ton, broke its cable and took a drop of forty feet, driving every one out of the building with the crash.

There was a very heavy fall of snow on the mountains last night, the thermometer registering 2 8deg. at the signal station, and the wind blowing thirty-two miles per hour, directly from the south. In the city the rain came down very heavily in the middle of the night for an hour or two. Of course a north wind and a heavy frost will follow.

JACKSON DENIES CLAY

CLAIMS THAT HE WAS ONLY A TOOL

In the Hands of His Master—Preliminary Examination at Riverside. Another Complaint

RIVERSIDE, March 26.—The examination of D. T. Jackson, the alleged swindler, took place today in the justice court, on the charge of having obtained $500 from mine owners here by false representations. Among the witnesses to testify were I. Witherspoon, County Recorder Gruwell, A. H. Judson and Alva Warren, the last two of Colton. These witnesses made a very bad case for Jackson, as their testimony went to show that he was a partner of M. W. Clay, the man who was here, as he stated, for the purpose of investing anywhere from $100,000 to $300,000 in Southern California mines.

Jackson, the defendant, testified in his own behalf. He swore that he was only the secretary of the notorious Clay, and that as soon as he found out the kind of a swindler Clay was he quit him and went east. He claimed that he had no interest in any of Clay's schemes as a partner, and did not, until a short time ago, realize what sort of a man that individual was.

Before the evidence was concluded facts developed which led the district attorney to dismiss the first complaint and file a new one, and the examination will be had over again.

Riverside Ripples

RIVERSIDE, March 26.—George Ford, a well-known citizen of this city, left for the Klondike a couple of weeks ago, and now Chris Belton, who was the owner of a fine large mastiff dog, charges Ford with having stolen the canine and of having taken the animal with him north. Belton swore to a complaint yesterday, and a warrant has been issued, and an officer will go after Ford, who is now understood to be in Seattle. This will be an expensive trip for just a dog, but the officers say Ford will have to come back.

Riverside lodge and Ramona Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F., entertained a large number of friends, as well as the members of their lodges, last evening with a musical and literary social. The affair was one of the most pleasant social functions that has taken place this winter.

The schools of this city were dismissed last evening for a week's vacation, during which the teachers will engage in institute work. Three days of the week will be spent in the county institute, to be held in this city, and the remainder of the week will be spent by the teachers in Los Angeles, where the Southern California institute will be held.

Rain Was Too Late

RIVERSIDE, March 26.—A good shower of rain, amounting to .30 of an inch, fell here last night, and the indications are that more of the much-needed moisture will come before the storm is over with. The above rainfall makes a total for this season in this city of 4.96 inches, as against 11.20 inches last year to the same date. Last night's shower was the third heaviest that has fallen here this winter. The heaviest rain of the season was on October 13th, when the rainfall was .84 of an inch. On December 1st, .54 of an inch fell. Ranchers do not expect this rain to do a great deal of good, for the reason that it has come too late in the season. It will, however, give the grass a start, and pasturage will be the better for it.

Quite a fall of snow on Temescal range is reported. This is a rare occurrence there, even in the depth of winter, and the circumstance goes to show that the weather is cool, and that the present storm is an extremely cold one for this season of the year.

Orange Items

ORANGE, March 26.—Last night we had a precipitation of .26 of an inch. This makes a total to date of 4.31 inches. The rain will no doubt be of great benefit to the hay crop. The prospects for a deciduous fruit crop are very good. Our ditches still continue to run full of water.

Owing to the state of the eastern market, our orange shipments are almost at a standstill.

The young people of Villa Park are preparing a literary convention. It will be held in Orange next week.

A number of the young folks of Villa Park gave a pleasant dance in the Rochester, at Orange, last night.

Ed Farwell has purchased a lot on East Chapman street, and will soon move a house on it for residence purposes.

John Hutchinson has purchased a lot on Grand avenue and will soon build.

Owing to the teachers' meeting, which will be held next week, our school children will have a vacation.

A Pomonan Dead

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 26.—John W. Hutchinson, son of the mayor of Pomona, Cal., died of a congestive chill last night. The burial wil take place in Pomona.

At Ventura

VENTURA, March 26.—John Newby, one of Ventura's most prominent citizens, while out hunting to day with his father, accidentally shot himself in the arm. The wound is not thought to be very serious.

THERE IS NO POOL

SO SAYS PRESIDENT RIPLEY OF THE SANTA FE

But the Two Railroads Don't Propose to Fight Each Other Simply for the Benefit of the Public

SAN DIEGO, March 26.—President E. P. Ripley of the Santa Fe railroad and party are domiciled at Hotel Coronado, where they will remain until Monday, when they wil leave for Los Angeles. This morning President Ripley was interviewed by your correspondent, and said:

"For several weeks past I have been in receipt of newspaper clippings, taken from both Los Angeles and San Diego papers, alleging that a pool exists between the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific railroads. There is absolutely no truth in such a statement. I will admit, however, that the two roads are not actively engaged in fighting each other, and in my judgment there is no occasion for such a policy. Both are engaged in legitimate business, and the railroad business is the same as any other line of business. In my position, as president of the company, I take it as my duty to see that those who have money invested in the Santa Fe get the best return possible on the amount invested, and I do not think that fighting the Southern Pacific, or any other competing line would add much to our revenue, but on the contrary reduce it. Some few people, apparently, are not satisfied unless the two roads are in open hostilities against each other. That might please them well enough, if a reduction in freight and passenger rates would result, but they seem to forget that the railroad companies have to consider their own interests, to a limited extent at least.

"I saw that the fruit-growers held a convention recently in Los Angeles, and drafted a memorial requesting a reduction in rates, but to be candid about it I don't think there is much hope for their prayer being granted. For many years the fruit business was taken care of by the railroads at a considerable loss, and now that the quantity shipped from Southern California gives a small margin of profit the producers appear to think that the railroads should continue this part of their business at a loss.

"In some of the clippings received by me I have read personal attacks on Mr. Nevin. So far I have failed to read anything that would even suggest a change in the high opinion that I have always held of Mr. Nevin. He has carried out the policy laid down, so far as his management extends, to the entire satisfaction of the officers of the Santa Fe, myself included. As to certain statements alleged to have been made by Mr. Nevin, I have asked him if they were correct, and he has denied them. I most certainly accept his statement as correct, as I have confidence in his integrity."

DEPUTATION OF FRUIT-GROWERS

Yesterday afternoon a deputation representing the chamber of commerce and the Packers and Shippers' association waited upon President Ripley and presented their claims for a reduction in the present rate of citrus fruits, and lemons in particular, from this city.

Mr. Ripley listened with apparent interest, asking many questions from the delegation, and finally said:

"I do not wish to express my opinion as to what will be done in this connection. I understand the matter has been submitted to the Transcontinental Traffic association, and it doubtless will receive due attention. I will add further," said President Ripley, "that your interests and ours are identical. If you prosper, so will we, and if your business is ruined, we will feel it greatly. The reduction of freight from $1.25 to $1 is a big question, but the facts you give us demand careful attention."

SANTA ANA

Budget of Interesting Notes From Orange County's Capital

SANTA ANA, March 26.—Judge J. W. Towner narrowly escaped serious injury today, by colliding with a wagon while on a bicycle. The wheel was demolished, but Mr. Towner received only a severe shaking.

Major Nat M. Brown of Tustin will leave on Monday next for San Francisco, to tender his services to Uncle Sam in the navy. Major Brown is an experienced navigator and has also seen hard service on the border. While in San Francisco he will attend the grand lodge of A. O. U. W. as a delegate from the lodge here.

Miss Sallie Peabody gave a most enjoyable party last night to a number of her friends, in honor of her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Heathman entertained the story tellers' section of the Ebell society last night in a very pleasant manner.

Jacob M. Growe, aged 38, of Patton, San Bernardino county, and Annie M. Stewart, aged 27, of Capistrano, were today granted a license to wed.

Miss Ora Connell entertained the senior class of the high school at the residence of her sister, Mrs. P. S. Roper, last night.

First Lieut. W. A. Greenleaf and Second Lieut. L. W. Vestal of company L have received orders to present themselves at the armory in Los Angeles next Tuesday evening for examination. Cols. Berry and Butler and Major Owens are the examining board.

C. S. Altee has purchased the interest of J. A. Stahle in the grocery firm of McKean & Co.

Mrs. S. M. Packard of Chicago arrived in Santa Ana today to make an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. L. M. De Vore.

The schools closed yesterday for a week's vacation, on account of the county institute, which will be held next week.

Secretary E. A. White of the chamber of commerce has completed arrangements with A. R. Sprague, general organizer of the Deciduous Fruit-growers' association, whereby he will be in Santa Ana next Friday to meet with the growers and discuss the advisability of forming two separate associations, one for the nut-raisers and one for the fruit men, instead of the one organization. The matter was brought up at a recent meeting of the fruit men, but was left unsettled until Mr. Sprague could be here.

George W. Ford, owner of a 300-acre farm northwest of this city, is making arrangements to put in a pumping plant with a capacity of 1200 gallons of water per minute, for irrigating purposes.

A slight shower of rain fell in this vicinity last night, but not enough to do any material good to the crops. The weather gauge at the Southern Pacific depot registered a fall of one-fourth of an inch.

Miss Belle Chilton gave a delightful card party last night, to which a large number of her friends were invited.

The "hilario jocundi" given by the Rebekah lodge last night at the Grand was well attended. The proceeds were for the benefit of the soldiers' monument.

THE POLITICAL POT

Will Be Warmed by Water Rates. Non-Partisans for Reduction

RIVERSIDE, March 26.—As the date of the municipal election in this city approaches politics warm up, and the indications are that the campaign will assume a very warm nature. The principal bone of contention in the fight this year is the regulation of water rates. The Republicans are charged with being favorable to the scheme of the water company to collect high rates, and the Non-partisans are making the campaign on a platform which promises a reduction of the rate to at least 10 cents an inch. In other years the principal question in city politics here has been the liquor question, but this year both parties agreed to submit this question to a vote of the people, and thus remove it from the campaign as a factor of dispute. As the matter now stands the Republicans have not pledged their nominees on the question of water rates, further than to say that a fair rate shall be established, but the other side comes out flat and declares for reduction in present rates, which are 15 cents an inch, and further, the candidates are pledged to economy in all city affairs. The election takes place on April 11th, and from now to that date there will be a lot of electioneering done by the managers of each side.

Fullerton Fragments

FULLERTON, March 26.—The Placentia postoffice will be a money order office on and after April 1st.

Stern & Goodman have bought sixty-eight acres of land near the foothills from R. J. Northam.

A new road, running north and south, will be opened through La Habra valley next month.

H. H. Hale has bought the north ten acres of Mr. Sponable's place in Placentia.

A literary society has been organized in Placentia, with thirty-nine members.

It is reported that 50 per cent of the apricot crop was killed Wednesday night by frost in the low sections of this county.

Mr. and Mrs. James Booth of Los Angeles organized a degree of honor of the A. O. U. W. in Fullerton Tuesday night, with thirty-five members.

George Porter has returned from Inyo county, where he has been exploring mining territory, with Steve and Charles Hogle of Los Angeles.

Twenty-nine new books were added to the Fullerton public library this week.

The preliminary examination of R. D. Miller of Buena Park, charged with having removed ten tons of hay from the place of B. F. Pritchard, will be held in the justice court here next Tuesday morning.

George Betts of Placentia sent some choice lemons to Los Angeles this week, to be placed in the Fullerton exhibit of the chamber of commerce.

During the week ending at noon today orange shipments were made from Fullerton as follows: Earl Fruit company, six carloads; C. W. Leffingwell, one carload; Chapman Bros., one carload; G. B. Key, one carload; total, nine carloads. The Golden Belt company packed the last of its crop of Washington navels this week.

Two carloads of wool were also shipped from Fullerton this week.

During the past two weeks L. P. Drake and F. R. Holcomb & Son have been shipping from ten to twenty boxes of asparagus daily to Chicago by express. They receive $4 a box for this vegetable.

Alonzo Montgomery has sold his fourteen-acre place in Placentia to R. J. Laidlow; consideration, $3200.

The Fullerton and Placentia Farmers' club was organized here this week, the following officers being elected to serve one year: President, E. S. Richman; vice-president, S. F. Daniels; treasurer, L. P. Drake; secretary, S. S. Twombly. At the last meeting a constitution and by laws were adopted, and papers were read on "How to Prevent Puffy Oranges," by W. M. McFadden, and "Rebudding of Old Citrus Trees," by W. L. Hale.

Hon. Charles Edelman of Orange was here today. Mr. Edelman will be a candidate for the nomination for state treasurer before the next Democratic state convention.

Orange County Pomologists

ORANGE, March 26.—A meeting was held in the reading room this afternoon for the purpose of making arrangements for the spring meeting of the Pomological society of Southern California, which will be held at Orange on May 5th and 6th. A. D. Bishop of Orange was elected chairman and G. H. Goodwin of Los Angeles secretary. The following were appointed a committee of arrangements: A. D. Bishop of Orange (chairman), D. Edson Smith of Santa Ana, Dr. W. B. Wall of Tustin, J. B. Neff of Anaheim, A. S. Bradford of Placentia, L. B. Benchley of Fullerton, O. Handy of Villa Park, Dr. Chaffee of Garden Grove, Henry West of McPherson, C. P. Taft of Olive, A. C. Twist of El Toro and O. B. Bryan of Westminster. The following were appointed a committee on finance: A. D. Bishop, D. C. Pixley and S. K. Hemphill, all of Orange. Entertainment committee: Mrs. D. C. Pixley, Mrs. George Black, Mrs. C. A. Park and Mrs. O. Handy, all of Orange. Committee on music: S. K. Hemphill, Mrs. George Black and Miss Prince Bibber. A. D. Bishop is chairman of all committees. After the committees were appointed the meeting took up the consideration of the program.

A Vile Assailant

VENTURA, March 26.—About 8:30 o'clock Thursday night at the corner of Kalorama and Marvine streets, little Frankie Shaw, of this city, the 14-year-old daughter of Nathan Shaw, was frightened by a strange man, who sprang out of the shadow of St. John's Methodist church and attempted to catch her by the neck. She screamed loudly for help, and the man hearing footsteps and reassuring cries near by, released the girl and took to flight. The little girl was so bady frightened that she could give no definite description of the man.

It is reported that actual work on the county bridge will begin in about ten days, and will be rapidly pushed till completed. A. W. Burrell, president of the California Bridge company, is here today, and was in consultation with the supervisors, with a view of closing up all details before beginning work. Piles and timbers are now on the way and the shops are turning out large quantities of steel work.

It is the want of health that makes wealth—for the physician.—Chicago News.

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LEE HILL'S STORY

HOW PARVIN CAME TO DEATH AT HIS HANDS

The Defendant Tells His Story of the Fatal Affray—The Evidence Is Concluded

VENTURA, March 26.—Testimony was concluded at 2 p. m. today in the case of Lee Hill, who has been on trial for the murder of Theodore Parvin, who died from the effects of a blow from a club in the hands of Hill on February 8th. The argument commences Monday. The prosecution has made out a strong case, and a verdict of manslaughter is probable.

A larger crowd than usual was at the court house yesterday and today to hear the murder trial of Lee Hill, every seat being taken.

Mrs. Parvin, the wife of the man who met death at Hill's hands, was on the stand yesterday, and stated that she heard Hill order her husband from the ranch before he struck the fatal blow. Attorney Ewing, for the defense, worked a long time concerning her husband's position in the corral before the altercation. The attorneys wrangled for quite a while over this apparently unimportant proposition. The club supposed to have been used was offered in evidence, but was objected to, but the objection was overruled. During the examination Mrs. Parvin broke out into hysterical sobbing several times, and on one accasion was led from the court room.

Today was mostly occupied by the testimony of R. L. Hill, the defendant in the case.

According to this testimony, on December 1, 1897, Parvin gave a note of $1080 for property Hill sold to him, and a note for $700 as advance payment of the rent for the first year on the Hill place. These notes were secured by a crop mortgage, in which all the crops raised on the place were to be given to Hill and wife; also a chattel mortgage, in which all the farm machinery on the Hill place, seven head of horses, one fanning mill and all the hay in the barn, amounting to about twenty tons, were under mortgage.

On February 1st, according to Hill, he met Mr. Parvin at the Saticoy depot with six sacks of corn. Parvin told Hill he was going to sell it. Hill said he shouldn't do that, as he had no right to sell mortgaged property, the corn as well as other crops on the Hill place being mortgaged to him, R. L. Hill. Parvin considered that he had a perfect right to sell such mortgaged property if he saw fit. This caused Hill to seek the advice of District Attorney Poplin, who said he might be able to buy Parvin off by paying him $250 or $500 for his labor from December 1, 1897, to February 1, 1898. Hill was not willing to do this, but considered $100 a fair price for the two months' work. On the 5th of February Hill made the proposition of paying Parvin $100 for his work, provided that he would return all the papers in his possession, and by such return release the mortgages. Parvin refused to do it for less than $250. No definite understanding was reached on that day.

On the 8th of February Hill called again, and found Parvin constructing a wire fence. Hill asked Parvin if he had thought of the proposition made to him a few days previously. Parvin said he had, but was still of the same mind; would accept nothing less than $250.

Hill then said that he would have to abide by the original contract and cultivate the land so that a crop could be produced. Parvin answered that the land couldn't very well be cultivated until some rain fell. Hill said that if Parvin wouldn't cultivate it he would try to get authority to put men on the ground to cultivate it.

Parvin replied: "And I'll put any man off the ground as quick as you put them on."

"Well," said Hill, "I don't think you're doing the right thing by me, and I don't know as you intend to."

"That's a damn lie!" shouted Parvin, angrily.

"You're another!" yelled back Hill.

The two men were near each other, and Parvin picked up a saw and hammer and made toward him, hitting him once with the saw on the wrist. Hill picked up a long stick and prepared to defend himself while Parvin kept on hitting at him with the hammer, using the saw as a guard. During the melee Parvin was struck on the finger and over the head, though, according to Hill's statement, he did not seem to be much injured by the affray, and when he heard the next day from one of his friends that Parvin was dead he went and gave himself up to the authorities.

After Hill's testimony the court adjourned for the day.

BADLY BURNED

A Tramp Injured in Another Hay Fire

An alarm of fire was turned in from the Plaza at 3:15 this morning. Officer Talamantes discovered a hay barn on Olivera street, opposite the Plaza, on fire. After ringing in the alarm, he returned to the fire, and heard a man yelling. He broke down the fence and found a tramp, unable to get out and badly burned. Talamantes succeeded in rescuing him, but his injuries are severe. His name is Tom Kennedy and he is a late brake-beam tourist from the east.

The barn and contents, a quantity of baled hay, belonged to E. R. Long. The fire department confined their attentions to preventing the spread of the flames to neighboring buildings. The loss is estimated at about $300.

MET VIOLENT DEATHS

Two Well-Known Residents of Lower California Killed

SAN DIEGO, March 26.—Two prominent residents of Real del Casbillo, Lower California, named Manuel Nunez and Maximo Saenz, were killed last Wednesday on the road between the Real and Jacalitos. They were driving down a steep grade when the brake-beam fave way, throwing the wagon upon the horses and causing them to rush madly down the hill. Both men were thrown forward under the wagon, one of them having his skull crushed, while the heavy wheels passed over the body and legs of the other, killing him almost instantly.

PERSONAL

James J. Wait of Chicago is in the city.

George Larabee was in New York Friday.

J. McClelland Crombie of Detroit is in the city.

Dr. D. M. Livingston was in the city yesterday from San Jose.

R. R. Kittredge of New York is making a tour of Southern California.

J. D. McNale, an orange grower of Riverside, arrived in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sauter of San Francisco are enjoying a pleasant trip in Southern California.

A. W. Ludwid of Minneapolis arrived here yesterday, accompanied by his wife and daughter.

Albert Smith, an official of the new Randsburg branch, was in the city yesterday on business.

F. W. Matthiessen, an extensive ranch owner of Ventura, was looking after his business interests here yesterday.

Governor Lon V. Stevens of Missouri, who is taking a pleasure trip through Southern California, left yesterday for Coronado.

Information Wanted

The mayor is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. R. Cantlebery of Steinaur, Pawnee county, Neb., inquiring as to the whereabouts of her son, Osborne C. Cantlebery. Information will be thankfully received by the mayor.

Prof. Lester Payne and a number of his pupils gave an informal musical Friday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Adair on South Workman street. Selections on the guitar and banjo were rendered by Prof. and Mrs. Payne, Miss Floy Ralson, Miss Vivian Ralson and others.

INSURANCE CUT RATES

A REDUCED OFFER MADE ON THE CITY'S PROPERTY

Auditor's Weekly Balances—Buena Vista Street Widening—Bridge Estimates—City Hall Notes

Within the next week or two something like $54,000 worth of insurance policies upon city buildings will expire, and already among the insurance men there is the liveliest kind of a scramble for a piece of the pie which is to be distributed. The finance committee has the matter in hand and is considering offers of all kinds from the eager bidders for business.

The present policies were written three years ago, during an insurance-rate war, and the city cannot hope to do anywhere near as well at the present time. Some time ago the Pacific Insurance union fixed a premium rate of $1 per $100 valuation, and the offers heretofore made to the finance committee have been upon this basis. Yesterday, however, a proposition was made by the Northwestern National, through its agent, to cut 20 per cent under the combination rate, making the price of 80 cents on $100.

Previous to the reception of this offer the committeemen had about decided to divide the business between half a dozen firms, but in the present depleted condition of city finances the cut rate offer is a big inducement, and, unless the low bid is met, it is probable that the Northwestern National will get at least $25,000 of the insurance.

Buena Vista Street Widening

The map for the proposed widening of Buena Vista street has just been completed by the city engineer's office. This is one of the most difficult pieces of engineering work recently completed by the department. It involves the widening of Marchessault street, from Main to Buena Vista street, and the widening of the latter between Marchessault street and the bridge. The work as mapped out will make the street of a uniform width of 100 feet. It is now 60 feet wide throughout the greater part of its entire length, but in one portion it is but 40 feet in width.

Auditor's Balances

City Auditor C. T. Nichols yesterday filed his weekly report, showing the following funds overdrawn: Cash, $3612.53; fire department, $2212.64; East Los Angeles park, $164.66.

The following funds show cash balances: Salary, $214.49; common school, $8777.10; library, $1705.46; general park, $1631.96; Westlake park, $931.63; Hollenbeck park, $182.61; Echo park, $76.48; Elysian park, $112.97; park nursery, $209.42. Treasurer's balance, $97,644.22.

Out of the City Hall

The office of the commission for the opening and widening of streets was yesterday removed from the city hall to the Gardner-Zellner building, on Broadway, near Second street. This was done to give the building and plumbing superintendents more room, as they, with the boiler inspector and the commissioners' clerk, had heretofore been cooped up in one room.

Petitions for Street Work

A petition was yesterday filed by property owners, asking that Ceres avenue, between Sixth and Seventh streets, be graded, graveled, sewered, curbed and sidewalked under the bond provisions of the Vrooman act; also another, asking that the grade of Loomis street be changed to conform with existing conditions.

Fiesta Decorations

A communication from the Fiesta committee to the council was yesterday filed with the city clerk. It requests that the council grant the committee the use of the park and street department forces from May 5th to 7th to assist in placing the street decorations for the carnival.

Bridge Estimates

City Engineer Dockweiler has completed the estimates for the new bridges, the money for the completion of which is intended to be raised by bonds. The total amount needed will be $80,000, instead of $120,000, as was at first expected.