

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 3, 1906.

WALTER SCOTT IS HERE AGAIN CALLS STORY IN AN EVENING PAPER A FAKE

Declares Inferences Contained in It Are Regarded as Absurd by Persons Familiar With Desert Conditions

Walter Scott, the well known "Scotty" of Death valley fame, arrived in Los Angeles yesterday afternoon on the California Limited. The inferences contained in an article published in an evening paper he declares are absolutely false, and says the sensational story of the indignation of the citizens of Barstow is absolutely unfounded and discredited by residents of that town and citizens of Los Angeles who have occasion to visit Barstow.

The strongest argument in favor of "Scotty's" denial of the authenticity of the story circulated yesterday is that miners who go into Death valley do not usually carry thousands of dollars in money on their persons. "In the first place, to what use could miners put their money?" queried a man in this city who is familiar with conditions in Death valley. "It simply would be foolish to carry any money into that region. No food supplies can be bought there and the sale of a mine could not be made legally on the desert or in Death valley."

Murders Not Regard "The statements regarding the great number of murders in Death valley are exaggerated. There are times when the remains of prospectors are brought into Barstow and the mysterious disappearance of the men is thus explained. But death in most instances is due to lack of food or water. "I have a gold mine, and it's rich," declares "Scotty," "but I shall not disclose the whereabouts of it for awhile. At the right time I shall let it be known. But until then there is nothing to be said regarding it."

Engineers in His Wake "Every time Walter Scott comes to this city he is followed up by mining engineers, who claim the east as their residence, and say they are detailed by prominent men of affairs to look into the quality of ore that comes from that section of the country. Yesterday when he reached this city he was accompanied by D. E. Owen, a mining engineer of Boston, Mass., who accompanied "Scotty" into Death valley on the occasion of the last at-

PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS ENTRANCE TO WALTER SCOTT'S DEATH VALLEY MINE



tempt on his life, when his brother Warner was wounded. Mr. Owen said that his own investigations had entirely changed his former skepticism of "Scotty" and his wealth. "You may put it down as coming from me that Scott has shown Mr. King this photograph, which he had taken with a camera which he always carries when he makes his lonely trips. Near the tub can be seen a kettle with which Scott carries water when he wishes to take a cool plunge. "Slim," Scott's mule and favorite companion on the trips to the mine, is responsible for this, as well as many of his master's other comforts. On the mule's back this tub was conveyed for more than 100 miles across the mountains and desert.

OWNS GOLD MINE AND BATH TUB Scotty Furnishes Snapshot Proof of These Possessions

No longer can there be any doubt in the minds of the most skeptical that "Scotty," the Death valley Croesus, owns a gold mine, for herewith, for the first time, is printed a reproduction of his camp. This is the only picture of Scotty's mine, or any part of it, in existence, so far as anybody besides "Scotty" can find the mine where it is located. Near the camp is a good spring which furnishes all of the water that is necessary, and it is there that "Scotty" draws off the poisoned water and gets the gold from the bottom of the tanks. Scott never sells any of his gold in the vicinity of the mines, as he is afraid there might be a possible chance of expert mining men tracing their way to the place if they should know the exact nature of the ore that is obtained.

Some of the ore has been disposed of in San Francisco, but most of it is shipped to New Orleans, Philadelphia and New York, where it is disposed of by agents. Scott shows some cleverness in never receiving checks in payment for ore or gold. He always receives his money by express and in bills of large denomination.

"Scotty's" Bath Tub Probably the most interesting part of the accompanying photograph is the bath tub shown on the left. When "Scotty" told his manager, Roy King, that he lived very comfortably when on the desert and even had a bath tub,

Mr. King thought that his protegee was "jolly" him. Scott felt hurt that his manager should not believe him, but said nothing. When he returned from another trip to the mine he showed Mr. King this photograph, which he had taken with a camera which he always carries when he makes his lonely trips. Near the tub can be seen a kettle with which Scott carries water when he wishes to take a cool plunge. "Slim," Scott's mule and favorite companion on the trips to the mine, is responsible for this, as well as many of his master's other comforts. On the mule's back this tub was conveyed for more than 100 miles across the mountains and desert.

FRUIT GROWERS FILE PROTEST OBJECT TO RAILWAY CONTROL OF ROUTINGS

California Exchange Adopts Resolutions Demanding Relief in Form of Railroad Legislation by Congress

Resolutions were passed by the board of directors of the California Fruit Growers' exchange at a meeting held yesterday afternoon regarding the control by the government of railroad rates and private car lines.

These resolutions are the outcome of the supreme court decision allowing initial lines to route all shipments. The growers claim that this will work great harm to their interests. The exchange represents more than 3000 citrus fruit growers, who annually ship more than 14,000 cars of fruit and pay an enormous sum in freight and refrigerator charges. Copies of the resolutions signed by President F. Q. Story and Secretary B. A. Woodford of the exchange were sent to President Roosevelt and Senator Dolliver. The resolutions follow:

Text of Resolutions "The decision of the supreme court of the United States, rendered on the

25th day of February, 1906, in the citrus fruit cases, gives to the railways the exclusive control of routings of freight and thereby, in effect, gives legal sanction to a freight pool, effected by means of a division of freight over different lines.

"Our records show that during the period the railroads controlled the routing of fruit was from two to six days longer in transit than when we route our shipments ourselves, causing us losses by decay in hundred of instances of from \$100 to \$300 per car.

"This decision is the last of a series of decisions by that court, in and by which the entire control of commerce and of rates has been denied to the interstate commerce commission, and the public authorities, and vested in the railways.

"By these decisions the present interstate commerce act has become a jumble of meaningless words. "The power of the railways in the control and regulation of commerce is now equivalent to the limitless power of taxation upon all the industries, property and people of the country. "Such construction of the laws and limitation of public rights in their local application to us, places us and our business and property utterly at the mercy of the railways.

Demand Reasonable Rates "We demand that the regulation of commerce be resumed by congress, as intended and required by the federal constitution, and that the further act to regulate commerce shall distinctly empower the interstate commerce commission to supervise and establish reasonable rates, rules and practices relating to interstate transportation and commerce and all agencies connected therewith, including the express business, cars operated under contract and telegraphs, whenever and wherever existing rates, rules and practices relating thereto are found to be unreasonable.

SCHOOL SITES ARE SELECTED

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUYS THREE LOTS

Arrangements Have Been Made for the Erection of Six Modern Buildings in the Near Future

Members of the board of education fully realize the amount of work that lies before them in the purchase of desirable sites for the new school buildings, as well as in carrying out the various details connected with the work in general.

Already three lots have been ordered purchased, and as soon as possible the others will be selected. Those so far chosen, and for which checks soon will be exchanged for the deeds thereto, are as follows: Ninth street, \$4,000; First street, \$2,900; Casco street, \$2,900.

The total cost of the common school buildings is estimated at \$325,000; the buildings is estimated at \$235,000; the furniture at \$32,000; land, \$39,000; heating apparatus, \$30,000; parental school, \$40,000. This makes the grand total \$527,000. Six new fine, modern buildings will be erected, as follows: Montana street, eleven rooms, at a cost of \$24,750; Fortieth street, eleven rooms, \$24,750; Euclid avenue, eleven rooms, \$24,750; Central avenue and Fifty-third street, eleven rooms, \$24,750, and \$7,500 for land; Adams street and Compton avenue, eleven rooms, \$24,750, and \$5,000 for land; Seventeenth street and Magnolia avenue, eleven rooms, \$24,750, and \$13,500 for land.

Old Buildings Enlarged A large number of additional rooms will be added to some of the old buildings, and in some instances this will require the purchase of more lots. Among the improvements planned are the following:

Fifty-fourth avenue, six rooms, \$13,500, and \$6,000 for land; Twenty-fourth street, six rooms, \$12,000, and \$10,000 for land; Main street, eight rooms, \$18,000, and \$3,700 for land; Second street, four rooms, \$9,000, and \$5,500 for land; Utah street, four rooms, \$8,000; Cornwell street, six rooms, \$12,000; Gates street, four rooms, \$5,000; Eoyd street, four rooms, \$8,000; West Vernon, four rooms, \$9,000, and \$9,000 for land; Thirty-ninth street, four rooms, \$9,000, and \$3,900 for land; Twelfth and Oxford streets, eight rooms, \$18,000, and \$10,000 for land; \$5,000 for land; Micheltoreno street, two rooms, \$4,500; Hissetter street, one room, \$2,500; Seventh street, four rooms, \$9,000, and \$9,000 for land; Washington street, eight rooms, \$18,000.

Advertisement for Hamburgers' featuring 'Extraordinary Saturday Morning Bargain' on 'Lace Lisle Hose' for 25c. The ad includes a list of various clothing items like dresses, coats, and gloves, along with prices. It also features an illustration of a woman in a long dress and hat, and a small image of a woman's face.