

## THE PACIFIC COAST.

**Fresno Raisin-Growers Consider Plans of Organization.**

**DRAFT OF CONSTITUTION**

**A Central Agency Is to Have the Control of the District Sub-Agencies.**

**SEVEN MEMBERS AS MANAGERS**

**The Executive Committee Will Have Absolute Power to Contract All Sales.**

PRESNO, March 16.—Thomas E. Hughes presided at the meeting of raisin-growers which was held in Kutner Hall to-day. The gathering was the largest held this season, raisin-growers from all parts of the county being present.

T. C. White presented the report of the committee appointed to draw up a constitution. It entered fully into the details of organization and met with very general approval. The Central Association is to have a president, secretary and treasurer and an executive committee of seven, to be chosen at the annual meeting of the stockholders. The officers are to be under heavy bonds.

A constitution to be adopted by each of the various district organizations or sub-companies was included in the report of the committee. Its provisions are merely suggestions, as it is one of the strong points of the new combine that each little district is to be as nearly as possible self-governing. When a grower delivers his goods to the packing-house of his district he is to receive 50 per cent of their value. If the board of directors of the sub-company see fit they may advance the grower money with which to pick and cure his grapes, taking a crop mortgage as security. The money so advanced is to be deducted from the first payment to the grower.

During the packing season the seven directors of the central association will hold frequent meetings to manage the matter of sales, consignments, receipts, etc. They are to have absolute power to contract for all sales, and, being a small body, can act quickly in case of need. All raisins cured by any member of a sub-company is to be sold through the central agency, and thus all competition between the growers will be stopped.

It is expected that this plan will also do away with the drying of grapes before they are ripe in order that they may be first in the market.

D. T. Fowler, T. C. White and William Harvey were appointed a committee to draw up an address to the raisin-growers of the valley.

One of the chief obstacles in the way of co-operation at present is the fear among the raisin men that money cannot be borrowed for the building of packing-houses and curing and packing of the crop. Every local bank, however, has given assurance that money necessary for the work will be furnished to any responsible association, and the promise will be given prominence in the address to the growers. The banks are taking a deep interest in the new combine, as the value of their securities depends largely upon the

English and the Judge refused to admit them, but advised them to study English until they can comply with the requirements.

### ACCIDENTS AT SACRAMENTO.

**Several Persons Injured as the Result of a Series of Runaways.**

SACRAMENTO, March 16.—There was a series of runaways on K street in this city to-day, which resulted in three ladies and a Chinaman being thrown from their vehicles and injured. Several horses were hurt and a large number of rigs of various descriptions were entirely demolished.

The first runaway occurred at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, when the horses attached to a Chinese vegetable wagon took fright and after running two blocks dashed into a cab belonging to a local liveryman. The Chinese driver was thrown to the sidewalk by the force of the collision and was seriously injured.

When picked up he was unconscious and covered with blood. The animals attached to the cab, after wrecking the vehicle by colliding with a telegraph pole, ran to the outskirts of the city before they were captured. Their rapid flight caused other stampedes, and for blocks remnants of wagons could be seen at all corners.

About an hour later a buggy animal, driven by Mrs. Ammon of Clarkburg, became unmanageable and ran into a delivery-wagon. The lady was thrown to the sidewalk and was badly bruised.

The animal attached to the delivery wagon dashed across the street, ran into a buggy in which were seated two ladies, and the buggy was upset and the occupants were thrown into the street, one of them, Mrs. George Gibbs, being severely cut on the head and arms, while her companion, Mrs. Stapleton, was severely bruised about the head and body.

## LOS ANGELES SENSATION.

**ATTEMPT TO INTIMIDATE WITNESSES IN A CHINESE MURDER CASE.**

**A BARKEEPER ALLEGES THAT A DETECTIVE IS THE PRIME MOVER IN THE MATTER.**

LOS ANGELES, March 16.—A sensation developed to-day in the matter of Chinese troubles when E. H. Koch, a witness who appeared and testified at the examination of Wong Chee, Wong Chuy and Wong Wing on a charge of murdering Lou Suey, went to the Courthouse and made a statement to Deputy District Attorney James Koch, who was employed in a saloon in Chinatown, and was near the scene of the tragedy when the shooting occurred. He says that before the examination came up his employer told him that he had better not testify against the men accused of murder, and that he was afterward advised by other parties to keep his mouth closed. After the examination, during which he did testify, regardless of caution, he was called up and discharged from his position.

Koch implicates ex-Detective Bosqui in the matter, and claims the belief that the ex-officer, who sided with the Wong Chee faction, was the cause of the intimidations being used and is the person engaged in the attempt to have the evidence suppressed.

This Chinese case has excited heathens all over the State, and several San Francisco highlanders are here looking after the defense of Chee and the two other defendants.

**The Female Incendiary Case.**  
LOS ANGELES, March 16.—Mrs. Knox, one of the women charged with having set fire to a house on Pico Heights, was released yesterday afternoon by Justice Young, the evidence not being sufficient to

## THEIR WORK IS DONE.

**Sunday Morning Sees the Death of the Legislature.**

**SOME CLOSING SCENES.**

**The Members Become Kittenish at Parting and Play Like School Boys.**

**PAPER PELLETS ARE USED.**

**Tokens of Remembrance Presented to the Officers of Both Houses.**

SACRAMENTO, March 17.—It is 1:42 o'clock on the morning of St. Patrick's day and the Thirty-first Session of the Cal-

ifornia Legislature is drawing to a close. The token of appreciation of his constituents of the Twentieth Senatorial District, Senator Mathews made the speech which accompanied the present.

To Senator Earl was presented a huge bouquet of California poppies, the gift of the ladies of Sacramento in behalf of his efforts to make the eschscholtzia the State flower.

In the Assembly it was 8:30 when the Speaker's gavel descended. By that time every chair in the house was filled. Hardly a desk lacked a feminine visitor, while the galleries and lobby were gay with bright costumes.

As soon as order was obtained Speaker Lynch read a telegram from Walter Morosco inviting the members of the Assembly to be present on Monday night at the first presentation of Assemblyman Brusie's melodrama at the Grand Opera-house. The invitation was accepted by a unanimous vote.

Then a series of resolutions were presented as the House waited for messages from the Governor and the Senate. Some of these were in earnest, but more were humorous. The first was presented by Bettman, thanking Speaker John C. Lynch for his uniform courtesy to all members and the fair and impartial manner in which he had presided over the deliberations of the Assembly.

Among the many resolutions that followed was one from Belshaw of Contra Costa to make Reid of Trinity chief entomologist of the State, at a salary of \$20,000

## THE SENATORS DODGE

**An Evasive Report by the Bribe Inquiry Committee.**

**ITS LABORS EQUAL ZERO.**

**A Profound Verdict That Either Biggy or Dunn Told a Lie.**

**THEY DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE.**

**So the Senate Coolly Turns the Whole Matter Over to the Grand Jury.**

SACRAMENTO, March 16.—Jinks, low jinks, instead of a tragedy, closed the thirty-first session of the California Senate.

that one of the Senators involved in this affair has sworn falsely and should be held up to the world in his true light and be punished for his misconduct.

On the other hand it is equally plain that one of them has spoken the truth and it is but justice to him that he be able to substantiate his words more fully than has been possible in the limited time at the disposal of this committee.

From both considerations therefore your committee recommend:

First, that the whole matter be referred to the Grand Jury of Sacramento County, now in session.

Or second, that this committee be continued in existence, with power to sit during a recess of the Legislature, and to report the results of its labors to the Governor.

We feel that some further inquiry is due to the innocent party, to the people of the State and to the good name of this honorable body. We herewith transmit a transcript of all the evidence taken in said investigation, all of which is respectfully submitted.

C. M. SIMPSON,  
Chairman,  
EUGENE ARAM,  
S. C. SMITH,  
J. H. SEAWELL,  
L. A. WHITEHURST,  
Committee.

For half an hour Senator Simpson vainly sought to gain recognition of the chair, as resolution after resolution was sent up to the secretary's desk. Finally, when this recognition was accorded, Senator Simpson tersely announced: "Report of the Investigation Committee."

Dunn leaned forward in his desk and eagerly followed the reading of the secretary. Senator Biggy sat quietly in his chair, closely watching the secretary as he read. The report began with a preliminary statement of the facts which led to the investigation. A resume of the testimony followed. As predicted in the CALL, the report of the committee was a Scotch one—"not proven."

Senator Androus moved that the report be adopted and the committee discharged. Senator Biggy seconded the motion.

Senator Dunn took the floor and declared that the charges made by Senator Biggy were utterly false. Senator Orr, who was in the chair, ruled him out of order.

Senator Withington raised the point of order that Senator Dunn was in order. Dunn was allowed to proceed. He denied Biggy's charge. He had served with Senators Martin and Mathews before he knew Senator Biggy. He referred to his record as a legislator and declared that he was willing to go before a Grand Jury of Sacramento County or before a committee appointed by the Legislature, with full powers to investigate. He concluded by asking the Senate to appoint such a committee.

"I did not intend to discuss this matter on the floor of the Senate," declared Senator Biggy, "but the discredit thrown on my accusation makes it necessary for me to reply. I took a solemn oath to the God who gave me existence to tell the truth to that committee. I took my nomination of Senator unwillingly. It was no one but Dunn!"

At this point Biggy was called to order. He replied that he should be accorded the privilege which had been accorded Dunn of speaking.

"Before I would falsely accuse a brother Senator of a crime like that," continued Senator Biggy, "I would ask God to strike me dead. I will stand by the accusation if it is the last breath of my life. I do not wish to explode a bombshell on the floor of this Senate, but it is my duty—"

Biggy was again called to order, but on motion of Seawell was allowed to proceed. He related substantially the charges which he had made in the open Senate and before the committee. Dunn had told him there was \$8000 for standing in with "the combine." He had mentioned this to Senators Gesford and Burke, to Judge Slack and to John P. Dunn and others. He was willing to go before any investigating body or a grand jury to substantiate his accusation. Attorney Joseph Norman had the floor

## THE FALL OF EWING.

**Sullies His Record With a Job on the Eve of Adjournment.**

**LEADS A TREASURY GRAB**

**A Speech by Ventura's Silent Member That Nets the State \$240.**

**CALLS THE SCHEME A "STEAL."**

**A Surprising Incident During the Closing Hours of the Assembly.**

SACRAMENTO, March 16.—Two Assemblymen, Belshaw of Contra Costa and Ewing, the Populist member from San Francisco, who have during the entire session been severe on the treasury raiders, were connected with the last attempt to grab unearned dollars from the treasury. It occurred this afternoon, and would have succeeded but for the watchfulness of Peter Bennett of Ventura, who made his first speech and saved the State \$240. Some days ago Ewing introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of \$240 is hereby ordered to be paid out of the contingent fund of the Assembly to J. C. Bunner, as compensation for services rendered as expert for the Committee on Homestead and Land Monopolies, the same being for thirty days' services at the rate of \$8 per day, and the Controller is hereby ordered to draw his warrant therefor, and the Treasurer is directed to pay the same.

It was sent to the Committee on Ways and Means, and this afternoon just before recess Brusie returned it to the desk with the recommendation that it be adopted. A number of members objected to the resolution, as they did not know who Bunner was nor why he should receive \$240.

Powers of San Francisco said he was unacquainted with the motive of the resolution, and wanted to know what it was.

The chair questioned Belshaw, who stated that the bill was all right.

The House was about to vote on the proposition when "Uncle" Peter Bennett, the chairman of the Committee on Homesteads and Land Monopolies, demanded the Speaker's attention. Every one turned in surprise. Bennett had not spoken before and the members were electrified to find the splendid presence he displayed.

"This whole thing is a steal," he said. "This man was hired for seven days. At the end of that time he was told that his services were no longer needed and the sergeant-at-arms was instructed to strike his name from the payroll. He received pay for his seven days' work and has done

## DREADFUL PSORIASIS

Covering Entire Body with White Scales. Suffering Fearful. Cured by Cuticura.

My disease (psoriasis) first broke out on my left cheek, spreading across my nose, and almost covering my face. It ran into my eyes, and the physician was afraid I would lose my eyesight altogether. It spread all over my head, and my hair all fell out, until I was entirely bald-headed; it then broke out on my arms and



"NO MORE! ONE DOSE IS ENOUGH."



WILL HE DROP IT?



WOULD CARRY OFF THE CAPITOL IF HE COULD.



SENATOR BLOWHARD OF RETRENCHMENT

HOME