

that the silverware found on the bandit answers the description of a card which he received from San Jose some time during the latter part of March. The card stated that it was stolen from the house of E. A. Auzeiras, and as all the silverware and napkins have the initial A. there is no doubt that the goods were stolen from the Auzeiras home on March 10 last.

The inquest on the body of the dead desperado was held last night, Coroner Gordon coming from Gonzales for that purpose. Harry Bishop, the dead man's companion, and the two tramps who occupied the same boxcar in which the robber was killed, were brought before the jury to testify.

Bishop told this story: "I am a native of Wisconsin, and came to California about six months ago. I stopped at Yreka, Redding, Sacramento, Stockton and other places. At Alhambra I met Charlie and traveled with him to Los Angeles. We passed through Salinas together several weeks ago and went to Santa Cruz, where we remained for a few days.

"Then we turned southward and went to Pismo Beach, near San Luis Obispo, where we camped for some time. We were at Arroyo Grande on the night of the robbery, and Charlie was at the railway station at 8:30."

Bishop said that he knew his companion by no name save Charlie, and strenuously denied any knowledge of or participation in the robbery. He continued:

"Charlie gave me \$30 the day after the robbery. I do not know where he got it. I do not know how he came into possession of that watch."

During the examination Bishop several times asked District Attorney Zolala what effect a confession of knowledge of the robbery would have on his trial, but the District Attorney gave him no encouragement.

The two tramps stated that they were too frightened by the shooting at the car to take note of passing events.

The jury returned a verdict that the dead robber "was 31 years old, name and nationality unknown, and that death was caused by a gunshot wound inflicted by Sheriff John L. Matthews while in the discharge of his official duties."

Sheriff Ballou of San Luis Obispo County deserves much credit for the manner in which he followed up the bandits, but he says that Sheriff Matthews is entitled to all the honor for the place and courage he displayed in the capture of the outlaws. Sheriff Ballou returned this evening to San Luis Obispo with Prisoner Bishop, who will be held in jail there pending trial. Bishop will no doubt confess all at his trial, if not before, as he has already furnished sufficient information to convict him, and by his actions it is evident that he would do almost anything that would have a tendency to lessen his sentence.

It was discovered late last evening that the dead bodies had been struck by three bullets instead of two. Sheriff Matthews' shot took effect, one in the right side between the tenth and eleventh ribs and the other in the left knee. Another ball from Deputy Sheriff Nesbitt's pistol lodged in the same knee.

SAN JOSE, CAL., April 4.—The robber shot at Salinas is the man who burglarized the residence of E. A. Auzeiras in San Jose March 10. A lot of silverware stolen from the residence was found on his person.

The Robber in Jail. SAN LUIS OBISPO, CAL., April 4.—Harry Bishop, the surviving Arroyo Grande robber, captured at Salinas yesterday, arrived here this evening in the custody of Sheriff S. D. Ballou, and was lodged in the County Jail.

### SACRAMENTO GRAND JURY.

It Will Not Investigate the Alleged Combine of State Senators.

Matters of Local Importance Which Portend Sensations Are on the Tap.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., April 4.—The Grand Jury, which has adjourned for a week, has definitely decided not to investigate into the alleged methods pursued by the Senatorial combine in rushing through "cinch" bills for a monetary consideration.

One of the reasons they give for taking this course is that they do not consider that sufficient evidence can be adduced to enable them to procure indictments against any of the Senators who, it is alleged, have committed dishonest acts. Another reason is that they have discovered enough dishonesty in the administration of local politics and the methods employed in conducting county institutions to occupy all the time at their disposal.

It is rumored that they have other weighty matters to investigate and it is said that when they reassemble a new matter will be entered upon that may involve one holding a high official position who, it is claimed, has been conducting politics in his precinct in favor of the Southern Pacific Company.

The members of the Grand Jury are close-mouthed upon the subject, but will not deny the fact that sensational developments are on the tapis.

A. P. A. AND THE CHURCH. The State President of the Organization Outlines Its Policy.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., April 4.—B. P. Huddelson, State president of the American Protective Association, in an interview this afternoon, indorsed the position taken by Rev. Dr. Ravlin at Stockton.

He said the A. P. A. was not a sectarian organization and would oppose any encroachment of the Protestant church upon the state as vigorously as that of the Catholic church. He did not believe in ex-priests or Protestant ministers making tirades against the Catholic religion and claiming the authority of the A. P. A.

He was opposed also to Protestant ministers using country school houses as Sunday-schools or for church services, and advocated also the discontinuance of the practice of reading the Bible in the public schools.

Sentence of Female Shoplifters. SACRAMENTO, CAL., April 4.—In the Police Court this morning Judge Davis sentenced Mrs. Howell Bidwell and Mrs. Frank Palmer to six months' imprisonment each in the County Jail without the alternative of a fine. The women are quite prominent.

They have been engaged in shoplifting for nearly a year past and stole goods from shoe-dealers, milliners and dry-goods stores worth about \$300. When caught they confessed their crimes, most of the goods were recovered and they were convicted of the simple charge of petty larceny. The husbands of both women are well-known young men.

Death of a Vancouver Ex-Mayor. VANCOUVER, B. C., April 4.—M. A. McLean, Vancouver's first Mayor, died this evening at 7 o'clock. He was a former resident of Winnipeg, where he conducted an extensive wholesale grocery business.

### FRESNO'S BIG SCHEME.

A Plan to Harness the Waters of the San Joaquin.

### POWER FOR THE VALLEY.

Electricity and Light for the Factories and Towns From Madera to Fowler.

### PLANS OF THE NEW COMPANY.

They Include the Construction of Electric Freight Lines Through a Rich Farming District.

FRESNO, CAL., April 4.—Fresno people are jubilant over the formation here of a company to utilize the immense water power of the San Joaquin River and transmit it by electricity to all points in the valley. The capital of the new organization is \$800,000, all of which has been subscribed.

Such a scheme as has now been successfully started has been under discussion for many years, and the value of the unused power of the San Joaquin has been frequently pointed out by well-known engineers.

The country between this city and the river is very level, and consequently there will be but little expense in putting up the necessary lines of wire. The San Joaquin issues from the foothills at a point about seventeen miles from Fresno, near the historic old town of Millerton, once the County seat, but now a short distance from the Alameda city, the dam to confine the flow of the stream will be located.

Above and below this point there is a considerable fall, amply sufficient to give power for additional wheels should there be a demand for greater electrical energy. It is intended to put in ten turbine wheels of the latest pattern at the first dam constructed. Engineers who have made a careful study of the river say that a single dam during the season when the flow of water is least will be sufficient to supply five times as much power as is now used in the mills, etc., of this city.

Were it the intention of the projectors to supply only this city one dam would probably be sufficient for many years; but power will also be furnished to Madera, Sanger, Selma, Fowler and other towns lying within a short distance of the works. Already an order for the first plant has been placed, and it is positively stated that it will be ready for operation in three or four months.

The only names that appear in the articles of incorporation are: John S. Eastwood, John J. Seymour, Harry Sherwood, O. J. Woodward, James Porteous, M. R. Madary and L. L. Cory. All are prominent business men of this city. Mr. Eastwood holds \$797,000 of the stock of the company, but it is in reality owned by Eastern capitalists, who are not yet ready to give their names. The projectors of the company tried to interest California capitalists in the movement, but failed, and so turned to the East. It is believed that the owners are Chicago men, a number of whom are heavily interested in the local water company, which is one of the largest users of power in the city. The investment in the water works has been a very profitable one and the Chicago capitalists would be very ready to advance the money necessary for furnishing electrical power.

The local men who are pushing the organization have a deep interest financially in its success. Mr. Sherwood is manager of the flouring-mills, the largest in this part of the State; Mr. Seymour is president of the water company; Mr. Porteous owns large agricultural manufacturing works, and Mr. Madary is proprietor of a large planing-mill. Besides furnishing power for their own establishments the projectors have in mind the acquisition of the streetcar lines of this city, which will be changed to electric lines and the system will no doubt be extended. The product to be removed from the neighboring vineyards and orchards will call for the construction of motor lines of considerable length. The need of such lines has been greatly felt by farmers, but the heavy expense of building and operating steam lines has heretofore prevented the carrying out of the enterprise.

There are thousands of acres of rich land lying near the city that have not been planted owing to the cost of transporting the crops. By furnishing a practicable means of opening these vast tracts the company add hundreds of thousands of dollars to the wealth of the county. A motor line to Hanford is considered one of the possibilities of the future.

As the freight rates as high as they now are the cost of the benefit but little will be introduced of cheap power, but when the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railroad reaches this city there is strong reason to believe that this will become an important manufacturing center. Excellent coal is now being mined in the Sierra Nevada, and immense deposits of iron have been discovered in the Minarets. When these mines are developed and the output is laid down here at a small cost, the industries of the county will be revolutionized.

It has not been decided as yet what charge will be made for power furnished to the users outside of the new company, but Mr. Seymour, who is himself a practical engineer, says positively that electrical power can be furnished at one-fourth of the cost of steam power. The milling company alone consumed nearly \$500 worth of fuel during 1894, and their saving will consequently be very great.

Among other advantages to this city will be the possibility of lighting the streets at an almost nominal expense.

Conservative business men are enthusiastic over the project. Before the end of the year the organizers say the company will be ready to furnish all the power that is needed to satisfy every demand. Every one feels that a powerful reaction from the business depression has set in.

Recovered His Bagpipes. FRESNO, CAL., April 4.—James Sinclair, whose historic bagpipes were taken from this city by "Professor" R. M. Munro, who fled the town a few days ago, today received an express package from Reno, Nev., containing the pipes. Munro had heard that reputation papers were being made out, and he became alarmed at the possible consequences.

Omaha Supreme Court Decision. OMAHA, NEB., April 4.—A special to the Bee from Lincoln, says: The Supreme Court today handed down its final decision in the celebrated case of John Fitz-

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A Famous San Rafael Land Case. SAN RAFAEL, CAL., April 4.—The taking of evidence in the land case between G. Wornouth and Peter Gardner ended today, and arguments will commence next week. This case has held the attention of the Marin County courts since 1875. The land in dispute is a valuable tract lying on the right of the North Pacific Coast Railroad, near Sausalito. The case has gone through the United States court and has been decided, but is now being fought on new grounds. It is expected the arguments will take several days.

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Explosion of a Lamp in an Incubator in the Basement of a Schoolhouse. SAN RAFAEL, CAL., April 4.—An incubator in the public school, on Fourth street, near Shaver, which was used by the progressive principal of the school to give his pupils object lessons in the matter of the development of chickens from the eggs, came near causing the destruction of the building this afternoon owing to the explosion of a lamp used in heating the incubator.

It was at 4:45 P. M. that an alarm of fire was sounded and the lower basement floor of the school was seen in flames, while smoke was coming out of the windows all over the building.

Professor Dunn, principal of the school, was on the top floor at the time of the fire, instructing a pupil in private lessons. When Dunn and the pupil noticed the smoke they hastened to notify the janitor, and the three endeavored to extinguish the flames with the chemical apparatus used in the school, and also with buckets of water, but their efforts proved unavailing, and then the Fire Department was notified. There was a north wind blowing at the time, and there was great fear that the entire schoolhouse and the large Episcopal church adjoining would be burned. If such had been the case the best part of the business portion of San Rafael would have been in ruins. The Fire Department, however, soon extinguished the flames. The damage to the building is about \$2000 by fire and water. The loss is covered by insurance. This is the second time within a year that the school has been on fire.

BURNED AT BATTLE MOUNTAIN. An Old Resident Perishes in the Flames of His Home at Midnight. BATTLE MOUNTAIN, NEV., April 4.—Louis F. Johnson, an old man, was burned to death in his little cottage last night. The flames were discovered at midnight, but the house was destroyed before the firemen arrived.

A search in the ruins this morning brought to light the remains of the occupant, who had been living alone for several years. It is supposed that a lamp upset and exploded, the flames spreading rapidly. Johnson had evidently been dozing and attempted to make his escape, but was overcome at the door and perished.

Johnson has lived here for twenty-five years. He was formerly a section foreman and once kept a hotel in Sacramento. He had no family.

Hotel at Modesto Burns. MODESTO, CAL., April 4.—Fire this morning early destroyed the Eureka Hotel, of which Joseph Archambault is proprietor. The building was a two-story frame, covered with sheet iron. In the building was a harness-shop conducted by Archambault, the stock in which was saved. Most of the hotel furniture and her fixtures were burned. The loss is \$10,000. Insurance, \$4000 on the building, \$1500 on the furniture and \$500 on the harness. The proprietor believes that the fire was incendiary.

W. H. Mills Gives His Idea. He Says the Filing of the Deed Has No Significance. W. H. Mills of the Southern Pacific Company was seen in regard to the telegram from Bakersfield. He said: "I have not heard anything about the matter, but I have a pretty good idea about it. It is either a transfer of the mortgage from one trust company to another, or the Southern Pacific Company has just ascertained that the trust deed had not been filed in Kern County, and steps were taken to comply with the law."

As every one knows, there has been a mortgage of about \$60,000,000 on the property of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company for many years. About six years ago the trust deeds were filed in every county in the State where the railroad company had property. I am under the impression that the deeds were made out to the Metropolitan Trust Company, however. So if a trust deed to the Central Trust Company has been made it is possible that a change has been made in the mortgages. If not, then probably, as I said, it has been found that no deed has ever been filed in Kern County. I know of many similar cases in regard to land patents. Sometimes we learn that employees neglect to file patents in all the counties where the lands lie, and when the patent is finally filed the country papers about the place come out with the news that new land patents have been granted to the railroad, whereas the patents may have been fifteen years old. I remember one such case."

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Landing and Woodland. All that section of the county was in a state of excitement and everybody was positive that the train-robber wheelman was about to be captured. The posse overtook the frightened wheelman, when the latter soon convinced them of their error.

One Wheelman's Experience. STOCKTON, CAL., April 4.—A young man, named Nathan Hurst, who says he is a resident of San Francisco, visited the Sheriff's office today and told an interesting story of his experiences on a trip toward Virginia City on a bicycle.

He remembered the missing train-robber somewhat and was stopped by officers thirteen times until he became tired of the annoyances and returned to his home. At each place he procured a letter of confidence from the arresting officer and went on, but he had to go through the same experience in each town. He left here tonight on the steamer for San Francisco.

The Late Sheriff Bogard's Successor. RED BLUFF, CAL., April 4.—A. J. Bogard, brother to the late Sheriff J. J. Bogard, who was killed by Brady, one of the bandits who attempted to rob the Oregon express near Marysville last Saturday, was appointed Sheriff to-day by the Supervisors to succeed his brother. His appointment was requested by a universally signed petition.

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SAN DIEGO, CAL., April 4.—When Harry W. Weineke, County Tax Collector, turned over his books of office on January 7, there was a dispute regarding the books, and the County Auditor claimed there was a discrepancy of \$1600 in Weineke's accounts. The latter asserted that his cash was all right, and that possibly the books were in error. Experts were appointed, one of them J. P. McQuaid, Weineke's chief deputy, and errors amounting to \$5000 have been found so far.

Weineke went to Los Angeles some days ago and suffered an hysterical fit in the railroad car. He was taken to the Receiving Hospital and searched, and the report received here is that \$2500 was found secreted upon his person.

This caused Chairman Jasper of the Board of Supervisors to take immediate steps for his arrest.

A warrant was wired to Los Angeles, but Weineke was then on his way home, and arrived late last night. He was arrested immediately, and gave \$3000 bonds for an examination Saturday on the charge of willfully and feloniously omitting to pay over to the Treasurer certain county funds in his possession.

Soon after A. F. Cornell took charge of the Tax Collector's office, January 7, he found a condition of affairs that prompted him to object to having the balance due from the office under the old administration charged to him by the Auditor. Cornell made the board acquainted with the situation, and two men were appointed to go over the tax-receipt stubs. They found numerous instances of taxes having been paid by property-owners and receipts given, but no record of business in office. This discrepancy now amounts to about \$1500, and the work is not finished. Other experts have found a shortage in their books of \$2000, making in all about \$5500 which Weineke should have paid over to the county before he went out of office. The Supervisors have been cognizant of this state of affairs for some time, and the District Attorney has been kept posted.

"While it has been the opinion of the board for some time past that measures should be taken to secure the county's interests," says Chairman Jasper, "Mr. Weineke has appeared to be in such straits that no way was open by which we could recover the amount of the shortage. Only a few days ago Weineke represented to Supervisor Nason that he did not have \$40 in the world and was, in fact, a beggar. So when we received information from Los Angeles yesterday that Weineke was carrying \$2500 around with him, we made up our minds that he should be arrested and made to give some accounting of the affairs of the Tax Collector's office."

"The District Attorney, in fact, stated to the board that the interests of the taxpayers and of the county in general demanded summary action. Acting upon that advice, and as chairman of the board, I swore to the complaint against Weineke this afternoon."

Weineke was asked to give his side of the case. He said he had no knowledge of the shortage in his office, and that he paid over \$2000 more than the two officers he charged with. He added that if there was really a shortage, it was caused by some of his clerks, and not himself. He believed that the Supervisors knew this, and intended to get at the guilty parties through him.

A report was current to-day that one of Weineke's clerks was suspected, and that his arrest would follow at once. McQuaid was discharged as an expert on April 1.

SENATOR ELKINS' SPEECH. He Advocates the Construction of the Nicaragua Canal. SAN DIEGO, CAL., April 4.—In a speech to-day before the San Diego Chamber of Commerce Senator Stephen B. Elkins, referring to his recent trip through Mexico and the close commercial relations that should exist between the two countries, and the benefits that would follow the construction of the Nicaragua canal, said:

"While there I was impressed with the vast possibilities of commerce between California and that western coast. There is no railroad to the Pacific coast of that country, and I said to myself if that were built California might furnish all that Mexico required, especially manufactured articles. California is even more interested in such a road than Mexico, herself. With a road from the interior reaching to Acapulco, Mazatlan, San Blas or some of those ports the opportunity for trade relations would be opened up."

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