



NEWS OF THE COAST.

Sonoma County Sues Ex-Treasurer Stofen for Funds.

HE HAD BEEN ROBBED.

It Is Not Claimed That He Took the Money, but the County Wants It.

BURNED AT GRASS VALLEY.

Miss Lizzie Temby Seriously Injured by Her Clothing Igniting From a Candle.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., April 24.—As a sequel to the sensational robbery of the Sonoma County treasury on December 23, 1894, a suit was commenced to-day by the county against ex-Treasurer P. N. Stofen and his bondsmen. It is alleged that on that day Stofen appropriated and converted to his own use \$7515.79, the amount of moneys given by the robbers who held up the Treasurer and afterward locked him up in the vault. It is not claimed by the county or anybody that Stofen took the money, but the law makes it necessary in such actions to allege the appropriation and conversion, as the robbery, according to the plaintiff's interpretation of the law, does not constitute any ground of defense.

Stofen's bondsmen are Con Shea, J. H. Brush, A. H. Overton, M. Doyle and H. Hitchcock. Stofen and his bondsmen claim the county treasury was unsafe and that he was in no way to blame when the robbery took place, and should not be held for the loss of funds. They have employed eminent counsel and will make a stubborn fight.

OLYMPIA AT SAN DIEGO.

The Residents Surprised That the Cruiser Lays Off Shore.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., April 24.—When the cruiser Olympia came down from Santa Barbara much surprise was manifested when she failed to come inside the harbor, but cast her anchor at least four miles off shore. Efforts were made to cause the department to order her inside, and an answer was received that the men had deserted in such numbers at Santa Barbara that it was thought best not to come in.

During the stay here the officers of the Olympia have been singularly uncommunicative, and the men have not been allowed to dally on shore, merely coming for the mail with petty officers and immediately returning.

Yesterday, however, visitors on the vessel learned that over sixty men had deserted since the cruiser left San Francisco. Some of the men told the visitors that the food served them was insufficient in quantity and poor in quality, and that the officers absolutely refused permission to buy fresh food on shore to make out a decent meal.

Coxswain John Johnson, while practicing with the five-inch gun this morning was instantly killed by the breech plug blowing out.

The Olympia will leave on Friday morning for San Francisco. She would be unable to do effective work at Corinto even if ordered there, on account of the lack of men. The officers seem to deny the charges of the men and say the food is good.

BURNED AT GRASS VALLEY.

A Young Woman Seriously Injured by Her Clothing Igniting.

GRASS VALLEY, CAL., April 24.—Miss Lizzie Temby, employed as a domestic by Josiah Glasson, had a very narrow escape from being burned to death last night at midnight. She had been in bed about an hour and got up to get a drink of water. She lit a candle and in a few seconds her night robe was in a blaze. She gave a scream which startled Mr. Glasson, who was in the sitting-room below. He ran to her assistance. The unfortunate young lady was standing at the head of the stairway vainly trying to subdue the flames. Mr. Glasson succeeded in extinguishing the blaze, but not until the skin had been entirely burned from his hands, exposing the flesh.

Miss Temby was terribly burned about the right side and right arm, and may be disabled for life. The bedding in the young lady's room also caught fire, but the blaze was extinguished before any great damage was done.

Joseph Boniver's residence, a mile south of town, was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, \$1500.

KILLED AT PETALUMA.

Mrs. James Corbett Thrown Under the Wheels of a Gravel Train.

PETALUMA, CAL., April 24.—Mrs. James Corbett was killed here at 5 o'clock this evening by being run over by a gravel train in charge of William Eddy and Conductor Charles Hopkins. She and her husband were driving in a buggy with a high spirited horse which took flight for something on Washington street, one block from the railroad. The animal dashed toward the track and was caught by the cow-catcher of the engine. Mrs. Corbett was thrown under the engine. Both of her legs were cut off below the knees.

Mr. Corbett had tried to guide the horse to the right but his wife clutched the left line excitedly and brought the horse back. Mr. Corbett was thrown out on the right side but was not seriously injured. The horse and buggy were carried thirty feet. Both were torn to pieces.

Mr. and Mrs. Corbett were well to do people. The deceased was 63 years of age and a native of Scotland. The accident happened in full view of a crowd of people. The engine was thrown from the track.

SHASTA VALLEY CRIME.

Will Dimmick Uses an Ax to Help His Brother Fight.

YREKA, CAL., April 24.—In little Shasta Valley, twelve miles east of Yreka, Will Dimmick terribly mutilated the head of Ed Robbins with a dull ax yesterday morning. There are several Dimmick brothers, and they and Robbins have been quarreling for the past week. Ed Dimmick and

Ed Robbins began fighting, when Robbins got his man down, who then yelled for help. His brother came to the rescue and struck Robbins a blow on the neck with a blunt ax and then struck him on the head with the back of the ax. Dr. Collar dressed the wounds, after Robbins had laid unconscious for several hours. Robbins is about 30, has a family, and will probably die.

REFUSED A WARRANT.

Los Angeles' District Attorney Could See No Libel in the Times.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., April 24.—The proceedings brought by Dalton Wheeler against District Attorney Donnell to force him to issue a warrant for the arrest of the editor of the Times on the charge of libel were dismissed by Judge Vandever to-day.

The Times published an article severely criticizing Wheeler and others, who conducted meetings similar to spiritualistic seances, and when they requested the District Attorney to issue a warrant for the arrest of the proprietor of the paper he refused, claiming as a reason that there was no merit in their demands.

Suicide at Menlo Park.

MENLO PARK, CAL., April 24.—Coroner Crowe of Redwood City held an inquest this afternoon on the body of Gus Swanson, who committed suicide some time yesterday by hanging himself in his bedroom. Swanson was employed at the Sunset Seed and Plant Company nurseries and yesterday afternoon was reprimanded by the foreman of the institution for being intoxicated. He was of a sensitive nature and appeared downcast over the upbraidings he had received. He was not missed from his work until noon to-day, when one of his companions entered his room and found him hanging from the ceiling dead.

From the position of the body when found it is supposed that after receiving the reprimand he went to his room and securing a piece of baling rope, fastened one end to a rafter and tightening the other end around his neck, jumped from his bed. Swanson was employed for some time at the nurseries, and is spoken of highly by his employers. He has a brother living at San Jose.

DISMISSED AT LOS ANGELES.

The Charge of Manslaughter Against Christian Scientists Dropped.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., April 24.—Jesse Samis of Whittier and "Dr." Richard A. Cook of this city appeared for preliminary examination on a charge of manslaughter to-day, and were discharged upon motion of the District Attorney, upon the ground that the evidence against them was insufficient to warrant their being held.

Samis and Cook are Christian Scientists, and were accused of having by criminal neglect caused the death of Mrs. Alice Samis on March 12 last in not providing proper medical treatment for her during childbirth. The evidence brought out the fact that Mrs. Samis had positively refused to be attended by a physician.

On Trial in Santa Rosa.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., April 24.—The trial of John Eaton, one of the men arrested for robbing Bell's store at Windsor a few months ago, began in Judge Dougherty's court to-day. Eaton went to Los Angeles, but was found there and arrested by Constable Ingalls of Healdsburg. A number of his female friends created quite an excitement in court by rushing up to him and kissing him enthusiastically. Eaton claims to be innocent of the crime charged against him, and is making a determined fight for acquittal.

Ukiah Burglars Captured.

UKIAH, CAL., April 24.—O. L. Smith and Henry Hanson were arrested near this city to-day on a charge of burglary. A number of residences west of this place have been broken into recently and many valuable articles stolen. Up to this time no clew had been obtained to the perpetrators. Two burglaries were committed yesterday. The parties in custody are said to be the guilty individuals. They were admitted to bail in the sum of \$250 each.

Bricklayer Killed in Napa.

NAPA, CAL., April 24.—O. H. Butler, a bricklayer, while constructing a chimney on G. Migliavacca's new residence here, fell from the scaffold to the ground, a distance of twenty-five feet, this morning, and died a few minutes later.

Deceased was for fifteen years a foreman brickmason at Mare Island Navy-yard, and at one time prominent in politics at Vallejo.

Will Sentence Sanders Saturday.

FRESNO, CAL., April 24.—Judge Webb has set Saturday, at 10 o'clock, as the time for passing sentence on Professor Sanders. The term of imprisonment will be from one to fourteen years, and this will be increased if, as District Attorney Snow considers probable, Sanders is tried and convicted on some of the many other charges of forgery that may be brought. Sanders is now confined in the County Jail.

Salvation Army Officers Confer.

FRESNO, CAL., April 24.—The lieutenants and captains of the Salvation Army in this district are holding a conference in this city. The district extends from Bakersfield to Salt Lake City, and many representatives are present. Captain Mil-saps of the San Francisco War Cry is in attendance also.

Refused Admission to a Hospital.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 24.—Considerable indignation is expressed here over the death of Juan Alvarado, a Chilean sailor. Chilean Consul Morris applied for his admission into the City Hospital, but owing to real estate admission was refused and the man died. A coroner's jury strongly censured the authorities.

Suicide Near Davisville.

WOODLAND, CAL., April 24.—The body of Daniel O'Hara, formerly an inmate of Napa Insane Asylum, was found near Davisville to-day. He had shot himself through the head. O'Hara had been about Davisville for several days, and this morning purchased a revolver and a supply of cartridges.

Will Entertain at Ukiah.

UKIAH, CAL., April 24.—The necessary funds for the entertainment of the Second Regiment Artillery, N. G. C., have been raised by citizens of this place. The entertainment will be held from the 15th to the 23d of June.

The Mohican at Olympia, Wash.

OLYMPIA, WASH., April 24.—The United States steamship Mohican dropped her anchor here to-day. While here she will test coal.

AMID FRESNO'S VINES.

Half Million Excursion Reaches the Pretty City.

HEARTY WELCOME GIVEN

Best of Wines Are Placed at the Disposal of Delighted Travelers.

TAKING IN ALL THE SIGHTS.

The People Do Themselves Proud With Music, Banquet and Speeches.

FRESNO, CAL., April 24.—Fresno has been entertaining a party of the Half-Million Club excursionists this afternoon and evening. The handsome special arrived from the south at noon, but owing to a misunderstanding as to when the visitors would reach this city, they were not met at the depot until the committee of the Chamber of Commerce and Hundred Thousand Club had been notified.

Those who welcomed the excursionists were A. L. Hobb, William Glass, Dr. E. C. Dunn, J. C. Nourse, S. S. Parsons and H. O. Bunker of the Hundred Thousand Club, and A. R. Briggs, Louis Gundelfinger, C. L. Walters and O. J. Woodward of the Chamber of Commerce.

After an informal reception the travelers were shown over the city. At 1:30 they were taken out to the large vineyards east of town. At the Barton they were entertained in the immense winery, where the whole stock was at their disposal.

The visitors expressed themselves as delighted with the country through which they had passed and with Fresno's famous vintage. After spending some time at the Barton the party returned to town, arriving here at 5 o'clock. They spent the remainder of the afternoon in looking over the city and becoming acquainted with the leading men of Fresno.

The very best feeling was manifested, and Fresno people heartily applauded the purpose of the Half-million Club to unite firmly the north and south. This evening the committee of the Hundred Thousand Club and the Chamber of Commerce gave the excursionists a musical and social entertainment at the depot.

Arthur R. Briggs of the Fresno and San Francisco Chambers of Commerce presided at the entertainment, which was given at the hotel.

W. M. Bunker, chairman of the Half-million Club, made a strong address favoring State unity. His club, he said, was not organized that the members might enjoy banquets, but that they might work for the good of the whole State.

The lack of harmony between the North and the South had prevented progress and now there must be unity. The Half-million Club had begun its work by persuading the cities near San Francisco to form improvement societies and the scope of the club's operations is constantly enlarging.

Mr. Briggs, speaking for Fresno, said that this city, which is in the geographical center of the State, had never entertained any wish to have California divide. President Cline of the Pasadena Board of Trade followed in a speech warmly commending the object of the Half Million Club in endeavoring to develop the whole State. Los Angeles would never be so prosperous, he said, as when San Francisco has 500,000 citizens.

Other speakers followed, and at the close of the formal exercises a banquet was served and music was furnished. The remainder of the evening was passed in visiting. At a late hour the excursionists repaired to their cars and at midnight they pulled out for the north. The sentiment of the citizens of this city is that the visit will be of great value in crystallizing the movement for State unity.

UKIAH IS PREPARING.

The Half-Million Club Will Be Well Received There.

A meeting of the ladies was held this afternoon to make arrangements for the entertainment of the Half-million Club and their guests who are to visit this city May 2. The public and High schools will be closed for the occasion, a general holiday having been declared.

The guests will be met at the depot by children in costumes especially prepared for the occasion. They will form in a procession at the depot, carrying flowers and banners, and will be preceded by a band and followed by citizens in carriages. A picnic will be held in Todd's Grove, where the festivities will consist of a Maypole dance. The citizens will banquet the visitors. Gallons of wine and other refreshments are already donated. There will be a match game of baseball, and visitors from all portions of the county will be present.

MARTINEZ ROBBER TRIAL.

Edgar Jones Testifies to the Arrangement Made With Nottingham.

He Says He Is Afraid of Friends of His Former Companion Will Kill Him.

MARTINEZ, CAL., April 24.—The case of the People vs. George Nottingham for highway robbery was continued to-day. During the course of trial several sensations were developed. The testimony of James Howard, called for this morning, was to the effect that he and George Nottingham were to put up a job on the electric-car line in Oakland, and during the course of the conversation Nottingham told about doing up Walnut Creek station. Albert Van Mater, the station agent, told how he was robbed and told the court that he suspected Nottingham.

The testimony of Edgar Jones created the greatest sensation, however. Jones was arrested as being the accomplice of Nottingham. At the last moment he turned State's evidence and told how he

was connected with Nottingham. Jones' testimony in substance is as follows: "About five days prior to the shooting George Nottingham came to me, said he was broke and wanted some money, and suggested that we hold up the depot at Walnut Creek. I told him I did not want to commit a crime, and he said I would go with him if I knew what was good for my health. The day before the robbery he and Hattie Scott (now Mrs. Nottingham) were driving in a wagon and told me to join them. I did so and we began talking about the proposed robbery. Nottingham told me to do it alone. I refused and he called me a coward. Miss Scott then said, 'Why won't you do it? I would be willing to help George myself.'"

Jones testified that on the night of the robbery he went to the home of his parents and got a revolver and a coat and proceeded to the depot at Walnut Creek and there met George Nottingham, who gave him a mask and told him to put it on. They then held up the station agent and Nottingham took all the money and they ran in different directions.

Jones also told where the masks and clothes were and identified them when produced in court.

The young man labored under considerable excitement while telling of the occurrence, and on cross-examination stated that he was afraid of being killed by friends of Nottingham.

IN JAIL AT BAKERSFIELD.

Lord Douglas Will Have His Examination in Court This Morning.

The Brother of the Girl Says the Englishman Shall Never Marry His Sister.

BAKERSFIELD, CAL., April 24.—Lord Douglas remained in the lunacy ward of the County Jail all day. Early this morning his friends began calling on him and he had crowds of visitors all day. Soon after breakfast he sent for his attorney and it was arranged that his examination should come off to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

He could hardly find terms strong enough to denounce the "outrage" which had been perpetrated upon him in his arrest for insanity. During the day his inamorata called upon him. As soon as the door opened the couple sprang into each other's arms.

Douglas swears that he will marry the girl just as soon as he is set free. A remittance arrived by cable to-day for him, with which he will fight for his freedom.

The brother of the Lord's inamorata went to the jail last night to have an interview with him. "See here," he said, "I want you to understand that I don't propose to let my sister marry you. I'm not going to let any lowdown English Lord like you have her. I know I'm pretty low myself, but I consider my sister a notch above such lowdown fellows as you are."

"Get out of here! Get out of here!" replied his lordship.

"Yes, I'll get out," said the brother, "but you just remember, I won't let my sister marry any such lowdown fellow as you," and with this the angry brother withdrew.

It is whispered about to-day that the officers friend who wrote out the warrant charging Douglas with insanity has himself been making ardent love to Miss Addis, and that the fact that Douglas had supplanted him in the girl's affections was not altogether unconnected with the willingness to have his rival incarcerated.

HIS TIME IN PRISON.

His "Lordship" Receives Visitors and "Bothering Newspaper Reporters."

BAKERSFIELD, CAL., April 24.—Great interest is felt in the Lord Douglas episode and it is the general talk about town. The young man, who is just turned 22, is the meekest maniac that ever graced a narrow cot in an iron-bound cell. His pale, white face and roving blue eyes show little sign of insanity. The general impression would gather from his appearance would be a weak character and no intellectual force. He is still in the County Jail awaiting his hearing, which comes up to-morrow, and great care is being taken to keep the iron doors locked.

All day he has been receiving visitors, mostly English friends, who never fail to address him as "My Lord," and newspaper men. This evening he declared he never saw so many reporters. "Why, blast them, they're an awful nuisance," said he.

Several took snapshots at the Lord with cameras. One reporter gained his good graces for a while and took two good views of him. Later in the day this same reporter was asked to "get out." His Lordship, if left alone, would like to talk, but his attorneys, Emmons and Graham, have cautioned him to keep still. The few leisure moments his Lordship enjoyed he spent reading a liberal supply of magazines, which friends sent in.

This afternoon Miss Addis called at the jail and was closeted with the Lord for quite a while. After she came out she told a friend he declared he was still determined to marry her. This is in contradiction to what he said this morning. He then, after admitting he got out the license, said he did not know that he cared to marry her.

WINTERHALTER MAY DIE.

The Man Who Has Been by Squatters in a Critical Condition.

BAKERSFIELD, CAL., April 24.—William Winterhalter, who was so severely beaten last night by the squatters on the swamp land, is in a very critical condition and not expected to survive through the night. Five of the men, Jesse Dover and his two sons, George and Henry, and Neil Dooley and William Shattuck, were arrested to-day and brought into town by Officer W. E. Tibbet to-night. Justice Thomas, before whom they were brought, fixed their bonds at \$20,000 each.

Murdered Near Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 24.—One of the most brutal murders ever perpetrated was discovered this morning. For the last six days a French Canadian, named Louis Pomeroy, has been missing. Being in ill health Pomeroy decided to return to Quebec. On the day of his proposed departure he disappeared. George Andrews, with whom Pomeroy lived, said the deceased suffered from heart disease and that he probably dropped dead. He telephoned the police to-day that he had found the body near his shack. A bullet-hole was found in his head and a deep gash made by an ax was found on the right temple. No clew to the murderers.

UP AT THE CAPITAL.

The Grand Army Elect Officers for This Year.

WILSON IS COMMANDER.

The Hawaiian Government Condemned for Having Exiled Comrades.

A GRAND BANQUET ENJOYED.

The Old Soldiers Will Visit Folsom To-day and See the Prison and Deserted Mines.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., April 24.—The encampment of the Grand Army elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Department commander, Charles E. Wilson; senior vice-commander, George Hopkins of Arcata; musical director, E. E. Russell of Marysville; department chaplain, W. Acton of Dixon; assistant adjutant-general, T. C. Mastellar (sixth year); quartermaster-general, Eugene Weigand.

Council of Administration—Cohen, Burgess, Miller, Sullivan and Dodge.

Delegate to the national encampment—A. W. Barrett of Los Angeles.

Delegates at large—C. Elderman, Mr. Burbank, G. W. White, J. P. Lauck, H. C. King; alternates—Ford, Simmons, Wallace, Hilliker, Shuck and Baker.

Members-elect of the Veterans' Home Association—Gridley, Backus, Jennie, Garnett and Todd.

A resolution was passed unanimously asking the enactment of the law making all honorably discharged Union veterans of the Civil War pensioners when they shall have reached the age of 62.

The following committees were appointed: Transportation—Fuller, Arbuttle and Boskowitz.

To confer with Woman's Relief Corps and Ladies of the G. A. R. with relation to the union of the organizations—Wallace, Backus and Wartfield.

On department badge—Kinne, Fuller and Ticknor.

On Sons of Veterans—Arbuttle, Bowman and Blackmer.

On Ladies of the G. A. R.—Jacobs, Fuller and Sullivan.

The courtesies of the floor were tendered to Clarence Ashford, brother of V. V. Ashford, once Attorney-General of Hawaii and commander of George W. de Long Post, G. A. R. Mr. Ashford made a very interesting address on matters in the Hawaiian Islands.

In accordance with his remarks resolutions were submitted condemning the action of the Hawaiian Government in expelling American Grand Army men and imprisoning others. The matter was referred to the author's post.

There was nothing in the arrangements of the annual campfire and banquet held this evening in the Sacramento Agricultural Pavilion that would tend to recall the old army regime of commissary pork and black coffee to the minds of the veterans of the late war. Long arrays of tables, covered with snowy cloths, china and glassware, interspersed with huge bouquets of crimson roses and white callas, bear but little resemblance to the battered and smoke-begrimed tinware of field life. Crab salads, turkey, chicken, wines and other delicacies were presumably not furnished by Uncle Sam's Commissary Department in wartime to be partaken of, while soft strains of orchestral music soothed the mind and dissipated the cares of life; bright eyes and loving smiles, with their setting of brilliant costumes and stunning spring bonnets, were certainly not an adjunct of camp life; and yet, despite the absence of reminiscences, the old veterans seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Over 700 plates had been provided by the committees from the local G. A. R. posts and failed to meet the requirements of the occasion by several hundred, and yet after the second tables had been refilled there were no signs of diminution in the supplies of the commissary department.

At the conclusion of the banquet Comrade Frank Miller, who officiated as toast master, introduced the newly elected department commander, Charles E. Wilson, who delivered an eloquent address on the formation and fundamental principles of the organization.

"Twenty-nine years ago," said the speaker, "the department which I have the honor to command was formed, the object being to strengthen the ties that bind together the soldiers, sailors and marines who give up the comforts of home to meet the foe on the field of battle. Another object of our brotherhood is to honor the memory of the dead, provide for their widows and orphans and assist the needy among our living comrades. Annually we hold our parades and reunions, which tend to inculcate principles of honor and loyalty to our flag in the hearts of the children.

"Comrades, our ranks are yearly being decimated by the attacks of death, and, as we close the gaps in the line and touch the hearts of the living, it is our duty to become a thing of the past, but the principle we inculcate will live forever."

The address concluded with a glowing tribute to the ladies of the R. C. and G. A. R. Mrs. Alta Comstock, the newly elected president of the Woman's Relief Corps, followed in a neat speech on the objects of that adjunct, and Mrs. Nellie Gunlock, national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army, responded to the toast of that organization.

She was followed by L. C. Schroder, division commander of the Sons of Veterans. Owing to a slight indisposition Governor Budd was unable to be present, but was ably represented by that eloquent young orator, Jud C. Brusie, who rendered a glowing tribute to the toast "California."

The "Volunteers" was ably represented by J. R. Laine, and General Charles A. Sumner responded to the toast, "The Ladies," with eloquence that will ever endear him to the feminine portion of the assemblage.

E. D. McCabe, Governor's Budd's pri-

vate secretary, responded to the toast, "The Native Sons," in language befitting the lawyer and statesman he has proved himself to be. "The Press" was responded to by George W. Arbuttle. Lieutenant-Colonel Weinstock answered the toast, "Citizen Soldiers."

The remainder of the programme was as follows: "The Post, Past and Present," H. C. Dibble; "Our Comrades Dead," G. W. Arbuttle; "Our Flag," Hon. Hiram Johnson; a duet descriptive of the North and South, Miss Evelyn Reeves and Miss Alice M. Andrews; "The Old Canteen," C. Mason Kinne, and "Our Mothers," W. C. Bailly.

To-morrow there will be an excursion to the old historical mining town of Folsom, where the members and their families will inspect the deserted mining grounds of the past and make a tour of the State Prison.

ASSAULTED BY A FOOTPAD.

A San Francisco Drummer Beaten at the Depot.

SAN JOSE, CAL., April 24.—John Merk, a cigar-manufacturer doing business at 91 Chestnut street, San Francisco, was assaulted at the broad-gauge depot by a footpad last night, who, after beating him over the head with an iron pipe, went through his clothes, but secured nothing.

According to Merk's story, he came here yesterday noon to take orders for cigars. He canvassed the town until late last evening, and then decided to take the midnight freight to San Francisco. While waiting for the train he was approached by a young man, who engaged him in a conversation for a short while, and when his head was turned assaulted him, inflicting a bad wound over the left eye. After going through Merk's pockets, the man made his escape on a southbound freight train. Merk was taken to the Receiving Hospital, where he was treated by City Physician Harris. Merk returned to his home in San Francisco this afternoon.

REEDLEY IS IN LINE.

Sanger and Dinuba Also Proclaim for the Road.

VISALIA'S DELEGATION.

Territory From Fresno to Monson Given Over to Committee to Canvass.

INSTRUCTED TO GO TO WORK.

Over Seven Thousand Carloads of Freight Can Be Secured From There This Year.

REEDLEY, CAL., April 24.—The meeting of representatives from Sanger, Dinuba and Reedley was held in Reedley this afternoon. T. B. Ruggles of Dinuba was chairman and E. P. Dewey secretary. The object of the meeting was to devise ways and means to have the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railroad parallel the east side road of the Southern Pacific from Fresno or Sanger to Monson, thence to Visalia.

Sanger was represented by A. S. Armuth, E. P. Dewey, S. A. Frankenaui, A. J. Elmore and F. P. Lindsay; from Dinuba there were T. B. Ruggles, James Sibley, F. L. Bacon, W. P. Boone and W. B. Nichol. The Reedley people were represented by J. S. Jones, S. F. Earl, H. F. Winnes, C. M. Mallory and W. W. Holland. The Visalia Board of Trade sent a delegation consisting of W. H. Hammond, Ben M. Maddox and a CALL representative, but they did not arrive until after the meeting was over.

The territory from Fresno to Monson was allotted to different committees to secure right of way with instructions to proceed immediately with the work. There was a general discussion as to how Sanger, Reedley and Dinuba could best secure the road and the importance of working with either Fresno or Visalia was considered. It was decided to work with Visalia. A committee on statistics was appointed. All the facts necessary to furnish the directors of the road with an idea of the business for them, should they go on the east side, will be supplied.

It is estimated by conservative men that there will be shipped from Sanger, Reedley, Dinuba and Monson this year 7500 carloads of freight. There is considerable enthusiasm and good feeling manifested in town toward the competing road and the business is here for it.

Rebuild the Temecula Road.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., April 2