

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

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Insurance Men Writing Policies at One-Fourth the Usual Rate. The Carson Hearing.

VALLEJO, CAL., April 27.—One of the convicts who escaped from the County Jail at Fairfield a week ago, when five desperate prisoners broke their way through the prison walls, was recaptured this evening by Under Sheriff Robinson on a train coming from Cordelia to this place.

Robinson was coming from Fairfield and detected the man in a car. He immediately grappled with him and attempted to handcuff him. Murphy made a desperate resistance and attempted to leave the flying train by a window. He was firmly held, however, and after a struggle Robinson put the nippers on him and awaited the stopping of the train at the first station.

On the way back to the jail, and Murphy will remain in a dark cell for some time. Murphy, when searched, was found to have possession of a ticket booking him to San Francisco and carried several ugly weapons. Robinson knew he was dealing with a desperate man, and grappled with him before the astonished culprit could draw a revolver.

The recaptured prisoner refuses to disclose the whereabouts of his four companions. It is thought they will be captured, however, as little chance is offered them to get outside of Solano County.

SANTA CRUZ CHOSEN.

The 1896 Epworth League Convention to Be Held in That City.

LOS GATOS, CAL., April 27.—The district convention of the Epworth League finished its work last evening. Santa Cruz was chosen as the place of holding the convention in 1896. Rev. Arthur Briggs of San Jose was elected district representative to the National Convention, which meets in Chattanooga in June, with Dr. W. W. Case of San Francisco as alternate.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Albert Pennie of Los Gatos, president; Miss E. Bennett of San Jose, vice-president; Mr. Musselman, Gilroy, second vice-president; Dr. Fletcher, Trinity Church, San Francisco, third vice-president; Mrs. C. B. Perkins, Simpson Memorial Church, San Francisco, fourth vice-president; H. A. Hyde, Santa Cruz, corresponding secretary; James Harper, Monterey, recording secretary; Miss Bowman, Centella Church, San Jose, treasurer.

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County Buildings Insured at One-Fourth the Usual Rate.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., April 27.—In the insurance war which has been raging here for three days the outside companies won a dear victory to-day, when they wrote all the county business at one-fourth of the compact rates. This is a stand-off for the victory by the compact companies, who yesterday secured all the city school buildings at a shade less than one-fourth of the old rates.

All the special agents who have been here to direct their respective forces during the war will leave Monday and rendezvous at Los Angeles, ready to move on double-time to the next battlefield. About nine-tenths of all the risks in town have been rewritten, the prevailing premium on commercial business being one-half of last year's rates.

INCENDIARY BLAZE AT STOCKTON.

Total Destruction of a Large Warehouse Filled With Wheat.

STOCKTON, CAL., April 27.—At an early hour this morning the Farmers' Union and Milling Company's warehouse was destroyed by fire, nothing being left but charred timbers to show where it stood. There were 300 tons of wheat in the building. The loss is estimated at \$15,000, which is fully covered by insurance.

It is believed that the fire was of incendiary origin. Yesterday coal oil was poured on the wharf near the warehouse and the wharf was set on fire. The blaze was discovered and extinguished promptly. It is believed that the same firebug did last night's work.

MISS ADDIS LEAVES BAKERSFIELD.

She Will Commence a Star Engagement in a San Francisco Theater.

BAKERSFIELD, CAL., April 27.—Miss Loretta Addis, the sweetheart of Lord Donoghue will take the night train for San Francisco, accompanied by her brother. It is understood that she will accept a position in a theater. Several bids have been received by Miss Addis, several hundred dollars a week finally being offered. Miss Addis is in possession of Lord Donoghue's address, and the young people are sure to meet in the city.

HARRIS TESTIFIES AT CARSON.

He Says the Mint Scales Had Been Repeatedly Tampered With.

CARSON, NEV., April 27.—The taking of evidence in the mint examination continued to-day. Harris was again on the stand. He testified that, while on the previous examination he had sworn to finding a duplicate key in Jones' desk, he had since learned that the key was found by O'Hare in the refinery vault and thrown into the desk. He found in weighing the bullion that the scales had been tampered with so as to overweigh a little over one ounce in 1000. He had employed George McLaughlin, an expert mechanic to fix the scales, but they were wrong again the next day from tampering. When it was known

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HOLLISTER, CAL., April 27.—At 8 o'clock this morning Dave Lahiff, a young man of this place, while intoxicated, went into the Magnolia saloon, and after making some trouble was ordered out by the barkeeper, Charles Mansfield, son of Rev. Delos Mansfield, a San Jose minister. Lahiff refused to go, whereupon Mansfield undertook to put him out and got him as far as the door when Lahiff turned and knocked him down.

Mansfield immediately drew a revolver and shot Lahiff twice. One bullet struck him on the left shoulder-blade and glanced off; the other lodged in the left arm. Lahiff was taken to the hospital and the bullets were cut out. No serious results are at present apprehended. Mansfield is in jail.

SEEN IN STOCKTON.

Light Thrown on the Disappearance of a Pacific Grove Citizen.

STOCKTON, CAL., April 27.—William Quantel, the wealthy citizen of Monterey County, who disappeared from Pacific Grove last November, was in Stockton last Thursday and Friday. He was accompanied by a woman who formerly lived here. The two disappeared from this city about as suddenly as Quantel did from Pacific Grove. They were last seen here last Friday morning, when they took breakfast in the Independent Restaurant. It is thought that they have gone to Sonora, the woman's home.

A SAN JOSE LOCHINVAR.

Jesus Chabolla Charged With Abducting Susana Aceda.

SAN JOSE, CAL., April 27.—Rosalea Aceda appeared before Justice Dwyer to-day and swore to a complaint charging Jesus Chabolla with abducting Susana Aceda, his 17-year-old daughter.

Susana is a pretty Spanish girl and has been employed in the family of Victor Chappere at Almaden, and while there fell in love with Chabolla, who was employed in the mines. A couple of weeks ago the Chappere family went away on a visit and Susana returned to her grandmother's, Mrs. Gomez, who resides at the corner of Willow and Orchard streets in this city. A week ago Chabolla came to town to see the girl, and when he returned to Almaden she went him.

The father says they are stopping at the house of Antonio Bernal, in Almaden, and he says if Chabolla will marry his daughter the charge of abduction will be dismissed. The young people will probably make haste to accede to this demand, as it was with the intention of eloping that Miss Susana ran away.

DEATH OF A PIONEER.

Paralysis Ends the Life of a San Jose Forty-niner.

SAN JOSE, CAL., April 27.—John B. Price, an old pioneer, died at his home in this city early this morning.

Mr. Price was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, in 1819 and came to San Jose in 1849, locating in this city. On his arrival here he formed a partnership with Lewis Corey, and they began running a freight and passenger service between this city and San Francisco, via Alviso. With his partner they opened a general merchandise store here, buying their goods direct from the ships landing at San Francisco. Since then Mr. Price has conducted numerous enterprises of the same character.

A few days ago he was stricken with paralysis and sank rapidly. He was prominent in church affairs and belonged to the Odd Fellows and Pioneers, being one of the originators of the latter society.

Exciting Pursuit of a Forger.

SAN JOSE, CAL., April 27.—There was an exciting chase on South First street this evening after a man giving the name of Henry Bonnell, who attempted to pass a forged check in the Bank of San Jose. It was signed by Zollers & Restino, a firm of blacksmiths, one of whom happened to be near at hand when Bonnell attempted to pass the check in a shoestore in payment for a pair of shoes.

When Zollers pronounced the paper a forgery Bonnell took to his heels. A crowd followed in pursuit, but he escaped.

Ex-Attorney-General Hart Sued.

SAN JOSE, CAL., April 27.—An attachment suit was begun here to-day by J. Severance against W. H. Hart, ex-attorney general, to recover \$1472. As a result of the suit two blocks in the town of Palo Alto were attached.

KERN COUNTY LAND WAR.

Haggins' Force in the Swamp Lands Arrested for Unlawful Assembly.

BAKERSFIELD, CAL., April 27.—All of J. B. Haggins' force in the swamp lands were arrested to-day, charged with unlawful assembly. They were brought in, gave bonds and left for the ranch to-night.

Lutherans at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., April 27.—The California Lutheran Synod, in session here, elected the following delegates to the thirty-seventh convention of the general synod, which meets June 5, at Hagerstown, Md.: Clerical—Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sacramento; M. W. Hanna, Washington, D. C.; Lay—C. G. Burnett of San Francisco and P. Leisenring, San Diego.

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VISIT NAPA VALLEY.

Half-Million Club Excursionists View a Rich Country.

A TRIP TO ST. HELENA.

They Find Oranges, Lemons and Dates Growing in Abundance.

ARRIVE AT THE ROSE CITY.

A Reception and Banquet Tendered the Visitors by Sonoma County Citizens.

NAPA, CAL., April 27.—The excursionists of the Half-million Club reached Napa shortly after midnight this morning, and were met at the depot at 8 o'clock by a committee of the Napa Improvement Club and a large number of citizens. A heavy rain had fallen all night and it was still raining at 8 o'clock, so the plan to drive about Napa and vicinity was abandoned, and instead the train was run up the valley as far as St. Helena, thus giving the visitors the opportunity of a passing glance at what they agreed to be one of the most delightful sections they have visited.

Before the trip up the valley was begun a meeting was held in the dining-car and addresses were made by D. M. Carman; W. C. Patterson, president of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce; C. H. Keyes, president of Throop Institute and the Board of Trade of Pasadena; and General Wasson of Pomona.

After the return trip from St. Helena G. M. Francis of the Napa Improvement Club made a speech on behalf of the Napa people, and Major Woodward of Sonoma County told the excursionists of the warm welcome that awaited them at the City of Roses. W. M. Bunker closed the speech-making with a concise statement of the aims of the Half-million Club.

At half-past 12 the train pulled out for Santa Rosa. A Napa delegation, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Beard, Henry Hogan and H. L. Johnston, accompanied the party and will complete the excursion with them.

The excursionists were surprised to learn that oranges, lemons and even dates can be and are readily raised in this valley, which they supposed was given up almost entirely to wine-growing.

ARRIVE AT SANTA ROSA.

The Half-Million Club Party Given a Cordial Reception.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., April 27.—The Half-million Club excursion party arrived here at 3 o'clock this afternoon. It was met at the depot by citizens in carriages, who gave the visitors a hearty welcome. They will remain here until Sunday evening, when they will depart for San Jose.

A reception and banquet was given them at the Occidental Hotel after their arrival, and a number of speeches were made. The excursionists report that all along the line they have been cordially received.

The names of the visitors are as follows: W. M. Bunker and wife and D. M. Carman of San Francisco, A. G. Platt of Porterville, E. E. Harlow of Stockton; W. C. Patterson, president of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce; C. H. Keyes, president of the Pasadena Board of Trade; General John Wasson, vice-president of the Pomona Board of Trade; M. J. Daniels, president of the Orange-growers' Guild of Riverside; E. E. Katz of San Bernardino; George Heuzelon of the San Francisco Chronicle; Mrs. A. W. Padue of Carlisle, Pa.; J. S. Butler and wife of San Francisco; Mr. Holmes and wife of San Francisco, M. Block of Chicago, James Horschburg Jr. and J. D. Cook of San Francisco, C. A. Thurston of San Jose, James Holle and A. W. Jones of San Francisco, J. O. Carroll of Dublin; A. L. Ellis of Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. A. W. Barton of Princevale and William Niles of San Francisco. C. F. Wilson of Bakersfield accompanied the party.

FATE OF REEDLEY'S FORGER.

Ten Years at San Quentin the Sentence of Professor Sanders.

His Attorneys at Once Serve Notice of an Appeal to the Supreme Court.

FRESNO, CAL., April 27.—Unless an appeal to the Supreme Court is successful Professor Sanders, who was convicted of forgery last Tuesday, will serve a term of ten years in San Quentin.

At 10 o'clock this morning Sanders was taken before Judge Webb to receive his sentence. The courtroom was crowded. The convicted man sat with his head bowed and a hopeless expression on his face. Before sentence was pronounced his attorney, Frank H. Short, moved for a new trial on the grounds that the court misdirected the jury in matters of law and erred in its instruction; that it erred in decisions on points of law; that the verdict of the jury was contrary to law, and contrary to the evidence. The motion was promptly denied, as was one for a stay in the rendering of judgment, made on the ground that the indictment was defective. Judge Webb then sentenced Sanders to serve a term of ten years in the State prison at San Quentin.

The condemned man looked dejected, but gave no other sign to show how the heavy sentence affected him. Attorney Short gave notice of an appeal to the Supreme Court.

This afternoon Judge Webb granted a motion to admit Sanders to bail, pending the result of the appeal. Bonds of \$3000 are required, and Mrs. Sanders will try to secure the amount among the professor's friends at Reedley.

Receiver for a Port Angeles Bank.

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Up to eight or ten days ago confidence was felt that the crop of prunes this season would be abundant, but now reports from all directions in the valley are to the effect that considerably young fruit is dropping in many orchards, so that the trees will not produce more than last year, while in other directions there is a prospect for a crop equal to that of 1893. The prune crop will not be an average for the entire valley. This, however, means more than last year, and will insure enough to keep open the channels of trade, even though the French product may not be as large as in 1893 or 1894 by several millions of pounds.

CAPTURED NEAR CLEELUM.

Five Washington Train Robbers Meet With a Warm Reception.

They Run Into a Posse of Officers in Wait for Them and Two Are Captured.

TACOMA, WASH., April 27.—Five masked men attempted to hold up North Pacific passenger train 2, last evening about 8 o'clock, six miles this side of Cleelum station, which is ninety miles east of Tacoma. The plot miscarried, because the train ran 1400 feet after being signaled to stop, instead of 1000 feet, which the robbers had calculated on.

The railroad company had knowledge that the attempt was to be made, and had planned a warm reception. Ten men were stationed where the express-car was to be robbed of \$30,000 sent to pay off the Roslyn miners for March. When the engine stopped the two robbers who were to board it were too scared to run 400 feet and get on. The train started went ahead.

These two men started across the bridge, ran into the posse, were captured and taken to Ellensburg. Their names are Hank Harrington and Jack Harrison. The others escaped.

Harrington recently finished a term in the penitentiary for burglary. Harrison came to the State three years ago from Kansas. They will be tried in Kittitas County. Extra guards have been placed at the jail to prevent escape.

One of the five robbers was a railroad man, who kept the company posted as to what was going on. The robbery was set for Wednesday, but the shipment of money to Cleelum was postponed to Friday, to give more time to set a trap for the gang's capture. The robbers likewise deferred action.

The cash was shipped on yesterday's train, as expected, and a force of men were concealed in the express-car. The company's plan was to kill all the gang except the man who was posting the officers. Ten Tacoma men under Sheriff Hinton of this county were posted east of the bridge, where the engine and express-car were to be run. Tools and dynamite had been left there, and a quick job in opening the safe was the programme. Hinton's posse was to co-operate with the men in the car.

When the engine stopped 500 feet in front of Harrington and Harrison they were afraid to make the attempt at boarding, and the train finally pulled away. The scared robbers after taking off their blackcloth masks started over the bridge and ran into the posse, which put them under arrest.

Officials and officers will not say who gave the railroad its information. A posse is chasing the other two men who escaped.

JAILED AT PRESCOTT.

A Relative of Lady Churchill Arrested for Alleged Theft.

PRESCOTT, ARIZ., April 27.—L. R. Jerome was committed to the County Jail here to-day, in default of \$500 bonds, to await the action of the Grand Jury on a charge of grand larceny for the alleged theft of a gold watch.

Jerome is a well educated man and was at one time a prominent citizen of New York, being a near relative of the late celebrated Larry Jerome, and Leonard Jerome of that place, and of Lady Churchill of England. When not drinking Jerome was an industrious and faithful worker, but his appetite for strong drink would get the better of him at frequent intervals and he would go on a protracted spree. This is the first charge of a serious nature booked against him.

Kidnaping Sheriffs Released.

WINNEMUCCA, NEV., April 27.—Sheriff Kavanaugh of Platte County, Neb., and Joseph Burns, representing the attorney-general of that State, arrived from Carson to-day. Kavanaugh showed papers to Governor Jones and received a warrant for the convicted Nebraska cattle thief, Michael Lamb, and left for the East with the prisoner this afternoon.

Sheriffs Kavanaugh and Wright, the latter of Ogden, who were arrested by officers of Lander County and bound over to the Grand Jury for kidnaping Lamb, were discharged from custody by Judge Fitzgerald of the District Court when the facts of the case were stated to him, and the threatened complications between Nevada, Utah and Nebraska were averted.

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