

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Insurance Men at Redlands in a War of Rates.

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REDLANDS, CAL., May 4.—The insurance men reached Redlands this morning, and to-night property can be protected at a price but little in excess of the cost of the paper on which the policies are written. It is a war to the death between the rival companies.

Many general agents arrived in town yesterday to superintend the fight which has been brewing for some time, and which gave promise of being speedily precipitated. At once rates were cut in two on merchandise and on brick blocks, and three-quarters of the original rate was knocked off our residence property.

There was a rush to secure policies and nearly every property-owner in town canceled his old ones. The local men formed a combination and induced many to accept lower reductions than those openly announced.

The fight is now being waged in earnest, and, from the bitterness shown by the rival companies, insurance protection will soon be offered as a gift to secure patronage.

LEAVE FOR BERING SEA.

Four Revenue Cutters at Port Townsend Receive Their Sailing Orders.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., May 4.—Final sailing orders came to Captain C. L. Hooper, commander of the Bering Sea revenue forces, this afternoon ordering the fleet to proceed to sea. The cutters will begin leaving on Monday. The patrol consists of the Richard Rush, Corwin, Bear, Commodore Perry and probably the Grant.

Recently a survey was held on the Grant relative to her seaworthiness and the report was forwarded to Washington, where the authorities will examine it, and determine the future movements of that vessel. If she does not go north she will probably relieve the Wolcott at San Diego.

The Bear will assist in policing the North Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea until July 1, when she will sail from Ounalaska for the Arctic Ocean and join the whaling fleet.

Other cutters will then be drawn into Bering Sea for active service, and together with the British warship Pleasant, which will probably be re-enforced by the Nymphe, sealing interests can be properly protected. Commander Hooper says his instructions are to enforce the same regulations as prevailed last year. He apprehends but few if any seizures, saying that seal-owners have finally realized that both the American and British Governments are in earnest in enforcing the rules restraining certain kinds of sealing in protected zones.

FATE OF A COLTON MURDERER.

Juan Ferrer Sentenced to Thirty Years at San Quentin.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., May 4.—Juan Ferrer was this morning sentenced to thirty years at hard labor in San Quentin. Ferrer is a self-confessed accomplice of Emilio Garcia in the robbery and murder of James Guilmanot, near Colton, last October.

The story of the crime as related by Ferrer showed that two villains came to the old man's lonely place in the attitude of friends and assaulted him with a hatchet at his chicken-house. They then dragged the wounded and bleeding man to the house and attempted to force him to tell where he had hid his money. Failing in this they stabbed him repeatedly, while Guilmanot fled around the property, a hopeless endeavor to escape. The knife was broken off in his body, and with the broken blade, Garcia cut his throat from ear to ear and then fled.

When arrested Ferrer told the story of the crime, which brought about the death sentence for Garcia, which will be inflicted June 6.

SAN RAFAEL CRIME.

A Domestic Assaulted and Kicked Into Insensibility by a Ruffian.

SAN RAFAEL, CAL., May 4.—Miss Emma Pohlman, a domestic in the employ of Charles Meyers, living in Mill Valley, was the victim of a dastardly assault committed by an unknown stranger last night. She was coming down Throckmorton's avenue when the man jumped from the side of the road and struck her on the head, the blow falling her. Before she had time to cry out her assailant stuffed a handful of grass into her mouth and then kicked her into insensibility. She was found in an unconscious condition by passers-by an hour later, and her condition is now critical.

Diligent search is being made for the woman's assailant, and if taken he is likely to be roughly handled by the indignant citizens.

ROSCOE TRAIN ROBBERS HELD.

"Kid" Thomson Accused of the Crime in His Companion's Confession.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., May 4.—In the trial of "Kid" Thomson for the Roscoe train robbery and murder, Alva Johnson, who has confessed and been sentenced for the crime, told the whole story of the robbery, making "Kid" his partner in the deed. Yesterday Johnson refused to testify.

Sudden Death at Clements.

LODI, CAL., May 4.—Captain C. J. Cox, an old resident of Clements, while returning home with three children from Grant's schoolhouse last evening was taken suddenly ill with heart disease and fell from his carriage dead. He was a man of some property and greatly respected in this section. The coroner held an inquest this afternoon, the jury rendering a verdict of death from natural causes.



AT THE ROSE SHOW IN THE MAPLE ROOM OF THE PALACE.

NORTHERN SONOMA'S FETE

Great Activity in the Preparation for the Healdsburg Carnival.

Miss Livernash Retains Her Lead in the Race for the Floral Crown.

HEALDSBURG, CAL., May 4.—The finance committee of the carnival executive committee made an encouraging report at the meeting of the executive committee last night. It is getting liberal subscriptions from all parts of Northern Sonoma, and will not be handicapped in arranging for the three days' fete by lack of funds.

The stand where the crowning of the Queen will take place will be a tasty affair, decorated entirely with golden poppies, and located in the center of the plaza, twelve feet above the ground. Broad steps will lead to the platform, the steps to be decorated with roses.

Geyersville will be represented at the carnival in an extensive way. Active work is being done there, and a very creditable showing is to be made.

The carnival colors are to be red, blue and gold, and thousands of yards of bunting will be used in decorations. The committee on decorations finds all willing to beautify their homes and business houses. Space for exhibition purposes in the theater is becoming scarce, as many standing displays will be made. All the ground floor space has been secured.

For the parade a large number of floats have been entered in competition for prizes. Three bands have been engaged. The voting contest for queen occasioned much interest to-day. The friends of Miss Maud Sarginson advanced that charming young lady well toward the lead. Miss Emma Widlund also received a large vote; and the admirers of Miss Mary Livernash cast a sufficient number of ballots to retain her in the lead, with Emma Widlund second, Lena Zane third; Zoe Bates, Carrie Moulton, Maud Sarginson, Edna Biddle and Addie Clark following in the order named.

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CROPS.

Fruit-Growers Report a Probable Shortage in the Yield of Fruits.

HEALDSBURG, CAL., May 4.—Some discouraging reports are coming in from the orchardists of this section. Ira Proctor, who has one of the most extensive prune orchards in the county, said to-day that he would not have over half a crop, and that he believed, from reliable information received by him, that the output from the Russian River Valley would be 300 tons short of last season's.

A call representative, in company with W. J. Hotchkiss, made a tour of the orchards of the Geyersville district yesterday. The Bartlett pear crop is the lightest

ever known in that section. It will not be over one-third of an average yield. In some orchards there are plenty of prunes, while in others scarcely any are to be found. The peach crop is immense, and much thinning will be necessary. There will be few apricots, and cherries are light. The shortage in the prune crop will be disastrous, as the fruit will be larger than usual.

THE SALT LAKE CONFERENCE.

Washington the Only Coast State That Will Not Be Represented.

TACOMA, WASH., May 4.—Governor J. E. Rickards of Montana, who was in the city to-day, is very much gratified with the spirit of approval which has been shown in response to his call for a conference of representatives from the silver States, to be held at Salt Lake City on the 15th inst. All the silver States and Territories will be represented except Washington and probably Arizona. Colorado has appointed both her Senators and one of her Representatives in Congress, so that she will be very strongly represented. Oregon, which was expected to look more coldly than any of the Pacific States on the suggestion, was among the first to appoint a delegation.

Governor McGraw is the only Governor who has declined to make appointments. Just what reason he gave for refusing to appoint Governor Rickards would not say, further than that his letter indicated a want of sympathy with the silver movement.

TULARE'S CARNIVAL ENDS.

Three Days of Merry-Making Concludes With a Dazzling Display.

Guests of the Fete Wage Bloodless War With Roses as Their Weapons.

TULARE, CAL., May 4.—The Tulare flower festival ended this evening, after three days of pleasure such as this city has never before witnessed. Everything combined to make the Carnival a success. The weather has been propitious, and large crowds were enabled to drive to the city from surrounding towns. Visits in particular sending a big contingent to each evening's celebration. The last night of the fete was a fitting climax to the whole season of merry-making.

The crowning of the Queen was repeated to-night in order that those who did not have an opportunity to witness the pretty ceremony before could be gratified. The Maypole dance was executed with much grace and was highly complimented. The battle of the roses was the feature of the evening. It was participated in by a large number of people. The fete ended with dancing in the Pavilion.

LORD TALBOT AT REDWOOD

The Heir of Clifton Figures in a Suit Against a Hotel-Keeper.

A Complicated Action Growing Out of the Ramifications of a Horse Trade.

REDWOOD CITY, CAL., May 4.—Lord Talbot Clifton drove into town this morning with a swell crowd on the coach Meteor. The occasion was his lordship's appearance in the Superior Court in an action brought by him against John Lee, owner of the Hotel Mateo. The suit was to recover possession of a valuable mare which had come into Lee's keeping through the various ramifications of a horse trade, wherein his lordship's animal was unlawfully detained without any consideration being forthcoming.

"White Hat" Dan McCarthy testified that the mare was worth \$1500, but winced perceptibly when asked what he had paid for this animal, which he had afterward sold to Lord Clifton. Burlingame was well represented by male and female spectators. The case will be submitted on briefs.

TROUBLE OF A SEATTLE MAN.

Dr. Jordan's Wife Sues for a Share of His Half-Million Dollar Estate.

SEATTLE, WASH., May 4.—Dr. J. Eugene Jordan of the Histogenetic Medicine Company and Populist member of the Board of Aldermen was to-day sued in the Superior Court by his wife, May Jordan, who is trying to assert her interest in property to the amount of \$500,000. She alleges that Jordan deserted her at Coudersport, Pa., ten years ago, and since coming to this city has accumulated no less than seventy-five pieces of property. In the meantime his wife and three daughters have had to shift for themselves.

She has brought an action for divorce in Pennsylvania, and the suit has been instituted here to permit her to secure her share of the property.

All of Jordan's property has been conveyed to J. M. Butler, said to be secretly in trust for Jordan, and has been reconveyed to the Histogenetic Medicine Company, of which Jordan is the moving spirit. Mrs. Jordan asks that the deeds be set aside, on the ground that they are in fraud of the wife.

Jordan is a single-tax advocate, and during the industrial movement was active in organizing the "Patriot Army," an armed body formed during the Commonwealth excitement.

NORTHERN PACIFIC CHANGES.

A General Dismissal of Heads of Departments Is Predicted.

TACOMA, WASH., May 4.—The resignation of James McNaught, general counsel of the Northern Pacific Railroad, will be followed by the resignation or dismissal of several other heads of departments," said an official of "that road" this morning. He stated that Assistant General Superintendent Dickinson and Division Superintendent McCabe would probably be the next to go out. A general change in the legal department of the road is also looked for.

SANTA MONICANS PROTEST.

The Proposition to Establish an Irrigation District Not Well Received.

SANTA MONICA, CAL., May 4.—An effort has been made in this vicinity by a number of parties interested in the Spillman Company to form an irrigation district under the Wright act, taking in about all the territory comprised in Santa Monica, Ballona and the Wolfskill and Denker ranches. A number of citizens in the territory to be taxed thereby recently held a meeting for the purpose of protesting against the formation of the district. J. M. Coyner officiating as chairman and Robert F. Jones as secretary. After vigorously debating the proposition at considerable length resolutions were unanimously adopted declaring emphatically against the formation of the so-called Spillman irrigation district, declaring that it would be a burdensome, unjust and an unconstitutional act. A committee was appointed to wait upon the Supervisors in the matter.

Distinguished Guests.

SANTA MONICA, CAL., May 4.—Hon. J. C. Patterson, Minister of Militia of the Dominion of Canada, and party inspected Santa Monica and vicinity Thursday and Friday, the party traveling in a private car of the Canadian Government Railway. It is the gentleman's first visit to the southern coast, and he was more than interested and pleased with the bay, the mammoth wharf, the climate and the bathing.

Gift of a Philanthropist.

SANTA MONICA, CAL., May 4.—C. H. Ringe, the philanthropic millionaire, who lives on his magnificent ranch, Malibu, adjacent to Santa Monica, has agreed to build a \$15,000 church for the Methodists here provided they raise \$1000 for the support of the church work during the year. This is fast being raised, and the edifice will soon be under way.

Major Thornton's Successor.

SANTA MONICA, CAL., May 4.—Captain F. K. Upham, who has been acting treasurer at the Soldiers' Home, Santa Monica, since the resignation of Major Thornton two weeks ago, has received his commission as treasurer.

Arrest of a Diamond Thief.

SAN JOSE, CAL., May 4.—Sherman Carter, who was arrested several days ago for stealing a diamond ring from the jewelry store of L. Machefert, and afterward released on bail, was taken into custody this morning as he was about to leave for the East. When searched at the police office the ring was found in his hat lining. He was taken before Justice Dwyer and his bond fixed at \$500, in default of which he went to jail.

FRESNO TO ISSUE BONDS.

Citizens Vote in Favor of Completing the City's Sewer System.

Action Brought to Oust Marshal Woy for Alleged Errors in the Election Returns.

FRESNO, CAL., May 4.—An election was held in this city to-day to vote on the proposition of bonding the city for \$40,000 to complete the sewer system, which at present drains only a part of the city. There was considerable opposition to the proposed issue, but the Chamber of Commerce and the Hundred Thousand Club worked to carry the election, and twenty-six votes more than the necessary two-thirds were cast in favor of the issue. The sewer system, when completed, will be one of the most perfect on the coast.

An Election Contest Case.

FRESNO, CAL., May 4.—J. W. Coffman, who was the Democratic-Populist candidate for City Marshal at the recent election, has begun an action to oust M. L. Woy, who was elected by the Republicans by a majority of one. It is alleged that there were errors in the count of the ballots in every precinct. The case will be heard on May 14.

THEATRICALS AT FORTY MILE.

An Alaska Settlement That Supports a Regular Stock Company.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., May 4.—A new feature of fine dielectric enterprise in Alaska has been furnished by Forty Mile, at the headwaters of the famous Yukon River. This settlement, probably the northernmost settlement on the American continent, has a stock company, opera-house, and furnishes the sturdy miners an opportunity to enjoy themselves, not only after their week's labors during the short season in which the mines can be operated, but serves to relieve the monotony of the long winter, during which their time is spent in enforced idleness, brought about by the cold weather.

The first performance this season was the production of "The Streets of New York," from which something over \$300 was cleared. The "show shop," like all of its kind in small places, glories in the somewhat misleading title of the Oregon Opera-house and Concert-hall, and has a seating capacity of about 200.

The leading stars in the performances are George T. Snow, a pioneer actor of the Northwest, his wife and two children. Snow was for a long time engaged in giving shows at Sitka, Juneau and other Alaskan settlements, but caught the Yukon fever when the first big strikes were reported from there and has been at Forty Mile over three years.

STOCKTON REJOICING.

Thousands of Citizens Participate in a Big Jollification.

WELCOME THE NEW ROAD

They Applaud the Approach of the City's Commercial Salvation.

MORE MONEY IS SUBSCRIBED.

Many Come Forward at the Meeting and Add Their Mite to the Growing Fund.

STOCKTON, CAL., May 4.—Fully 6000 people assembled in the Agricultural Pavilion to-night to participate in the jollification meeting, arranged by the Stockton Commercial Association, to celebrate the prospective advent of the Valley road into this city. The Santa Catalina Island band discoursed music on the plaza preliminary to the opening of the meeting in the pavilion, and then thousands flocked to the open air concert to the big building a few blocks away, to take part in the general rejoicing over Stockton's success in securing a competing railroad down the valley.

The floor of the pavilion was packed and the galleries were crowded. Shortly after 8 o'clock President P. A. Buell of the Commercial Association called the meeting to order, and reviewed the work done, pointing out that over \$37,000 in cash had been raised within thirty days to redeem the promises made to the railroad, and that on Monday next Chief Engineer Storey and his party of surveyors would begin the work of planting the stakes that are to indicate the course of the road from Stockton to the borders of San Joaquin County. The announcement was greeted with cheers from the vast throng, and every face beamed its owner's appreciation of the fact that the commercial salvation of Stockton was close at hand.

Fully a third of the audience was composed of women, who showed their indorsement of the part the fair sex has played in raising funds to help the city keep its promises, made when the directors of the Valley road were here about a month ago.

H. E. Wilhoit followed Chairman Buell in a brief speech, telling the audience what the association had done in securing the terminal facilities for the road here, and predicting that good times would follow the building of the first mile of track out of Stockton.

While the band was playing, a number of those who heretofore have been backward about subscribing stepped up to the

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