

NEWS OF THE COAST.

Election of Grand Officers by the Druids at St. Helena.

BIG FIRE AT SEATTLE.

Clever Recovery of a Stolen Team and Capture of the Thief.

FRESNO LOTTERIES DOOMED.

Orders Have Been Given to Enforce the Ordinance Passed Last Monday.

ST. HELENA, CAL., June 20.—The Grand Grove met this morning and proceeded to the election of officers, with the following result: Noble grand arch, O. P. Hoag, Santa Rosa; deputy noble grand arch, James A. Devote, San Francisco; grand secretary, J. J. Mollison, San Francisco; grand treasurer, L. Chassagne, San Francisco; grand marshal, Henry Lange, St. Helena; grand guard, J. M. Brand, Eureka; grand trustees—Jacob Nickles, San Francisco; H. B. Mehrman, Oakland; H. A. Chase, San Francisco.

After the election was concluded the newly elected officers were installed. The retiring noble grand arch was presented with a gold watch and chain by the Grand Grove.

It was decided to hold the next annual session in San Francisco, after which the Grand Grove adjourned.

SEATTLE TRAFFIC INJURED.

A Big Fire Destroys the Power-House of a Street Railway.

SEATTLE, WASH., June 20.—The power-house, barn and repair-shops of the Seattle Consolidated Street Railway Company were gutted by fire at an early hour this morning together with all the machinery of the Third-street and Suburban Railway, except one dynamo.

The result is that half the transportation lines of the city are crippled, the whole of the city north of Pike street is left in total darkness, and the two railway companies sustain a loss of fully \$100,000.

The building burned was a brick two-story structure, 60x30 feet. The fire started in about the center of the building, and in a very short time was all ablaze.

The railway companies are to-day arranging with other concerns for power, and with the exception of the Second-street line, which lost all its cars except two, will probably be again running in a day or so.

STOLE A VALLEJO TEAM.

The Rig Recovered and the Thief Landed in Jail.

VALLEJO, CAL., June 20.—C. Seawright stole a cart and horse belonging to Chief Engineer George Burnap of this city while they were standing at Sulphur Springs, east of town. Taking the back road to Napa, Seawright reached that place and placed the rig in a livery stable and offered it for sale.

Burnap, with F. M. Denio, followed him. Denio accused Seawright in Napa, saying he was looking for a horse to buy and, on being told the latter had one to dispose of, inquired if he owned it. Seawright was assuring Denio of his ownership. Burnap, who had kept in the background, smashed the former a terrible blow in the jaw and subsequently brought him to Vallejo to the city prison.

To-day Seawright was held in \$1000 bonds for grand larceny.

FRESNO LOTTERIES.

All the Chinese Operators Have Been Notified to Quit.

FRESNO, CAL., June 20.—City Marshal Woy, in accordance with an ordinance passed by the City Trustees Monday night, last night notified all Chinese lotteries in this city to cease operations. The Chinese promised to close up and the police will make a determined effort to see that the ordinance is obeyed. For the past year seven lotteries have been running in full blast in Chinatown, and many white people patronized them. The effect will be that several Chinese business houses will close up, as the commission in selling tickets added considerably to their profits.

CLERK CAMPBELL SHORT.

His Sureties, It Is Said, Will Make Good the Loss.

STOCKTON, CAL., June 20.—The discovery has been made that ex-City Clerk Campbell, who recently went out of office, is short in his accounts. The amount of the shortage is not yet known, but will probably amount to at least \$500. The ex-official's bond is ample and his sureties will be called upon to make good the shortage. They are J. M. Welch, W. C. White, J. L. Beecher Sr. and J. B. Douglass. The bondsmen have employed experts to go through the accounts and ascertain the shortage. The experts are now at work and will probably be able to report to the bondsmen before any official investigation is made. As soon as the amount of the indebtedness is ascertained, the bondsmen will, it is said, square matters, and there will be no occasion for any further investigation.

The details of the shortage are not known to any except the experts, and they themselves do not know the full facts as yet. Campbell has been in office three terms.

RATES IN SONOMA COUNTY.

They Are Made the Subject of Investigation by the Railroad Commission.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., June 20.—Railroad Commissioners La Rue, Stanton and Clark were here to-day investigating railway-rate matters. They were at Cloverdale yesterday, complaint having been made by W. P. Ink a few months ago that the company was charging excessive rates. No formal complaint was made by the citizens to the board yesterday and the members of the board stated to-day that the rates there were considered in a fairly satisfactory condition. The board is inspecting all points on the San Francisco and Northern Pacific line, with the purpose of obtaining information regarding shipping conditions.

VISALIA'S CELEBRATION.

It Will Be Honored by Her First Native Daughter.

VISALIA, CAL., June 20.—The first white child born in Visalia will be here on the Fourth of July. That child is Mrs. Keller of Bakersfield. She has written to Secretary Charles T. Lindsey to reserve rooms for herself and three daughters for the

Fourth. Mrs. Keller was born in Visalia forty years ago. She moved to Bakersfield twenty-two years ago. She will in all probability be an honored participant in the grand parade. The oldest native daughter of California, Mrs. S. B. Hunt, resides here and is an active worker for the success of our glorious celebration.

MAKING ISLAND ITEMS.

Vallejo Will Contract to Furnish Water for the Navy-Yard.

VALLEJO, CAL., June 20.—The Olympia is lying in the stream taking on coal, provisions and men. Final touches are being made to the engines, compasses, etc., for the trial trip, but no day has yet been named. The recent large increases in the working force at the navy-yard has about exhausted the list of men having had previous navy-yard experience, and consequently increases the chances of many Vallejo and San Francisco men for obtaining employment. When the Second Regiment was here last week many of them registered in the labor board.

The City Trustees last night drew up a contract between the United States Navy Department and the city of Vallejo for supplying Mare Island with water. The proposition is to furnish the yard 2,000,000 gallons monthly for \$400, and the naval hospital 250,000 gallons per month for \$70.

J. I. Williamson, formerly foreman shipwright at Mare Island, has been appointed by Secretary Herbert to be quartermaster under Foreman Trebell.

LOS ANGELES ENTERPRISE.

Her Merchants Seeking to Save a Line of Steamers Stop There.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., June 20.—A meeting of merchants was held this afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce to arrange for stopping at a port convenient to Los Angeles the steamers of the Columbian line plying between Panama and San Francisco. The meeting was presided over by W. C. Patterson. A. B. Cass stated that if a guarantee was made of 500 or 1000 tons of freight the Columbian Steamship Company could be induced to add another steamer to the line, call at some near port for Los Angeles freight and effect a saving to the merchants over the present rates of 20 per cent.

Addresses of prominent merchants followed, when a motion prevailed to appoint a committee to investigate the matter, confer with shippers to obtain the exact information regarding the guarantee, and to report at the meeting to be held on the 27th inst.

The committee comprises J. G. Chamberlain, C. S. Walton, Kaspare Cohn, H. Newmark and W. C. Patterson.

A LOS ANGELES MURDER.

Death of B. E. Jones, Who Was Shot by His Wife's Admirer.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., June 20.—Herbert E. Jones died in the Receiving Hospital at 7 o'clock this morning. He was shot by J. B. Errington of Napa a week ago on South Spring street while walking with his wife. Errington was infatuated with Mrs. Jones. Her husband, while watching, but without the slightest provocation, was shot down, the ball entering his left lung. He had been in the Receiving Hospital ever since, sinking gradually. Errington is now charged with murder. There is a clear case against him with good prospect of hanging. Jones formerly lived in Seattle.

Stole a Bicycle at San Rafael.

SAN RAFAEL, CAL., June 20.—Harry Cline, who was employed for three days as cook at the Occidental Hotel here, went to the dwelling of Mrs. O'Connor at Sixth street and Petaluma avenue, Tuesday night and next day her nephew's bicycle was gone. Cline turned up in Sacramento on the wheel, which he tried to sell. The Sheriff having been notified arrested Cline, who was brought back this evening by the constable. At the hotel Cline is said to have borrowed money and taken some underclothing that did not belong to him.

Picked a Pocket at Santa Cruz.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., June 20.—The examination of Joe Murphy on the charge of grand larceny occupied the morning in Judge Gaddener's court. Murphy is the young man from San Francisco who was arrested the first day of the carnival for lifting a purse containing \$8 from the pocket of Mrs. Eliza Stanciff, who was in a crowd in front of the Pacific Ocean House. He was held to appear before the Superior Court, with bail fixed at \$1000.

Drowned at Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., June 20.—Joseph Morris, a 9-year-old boy, fell from an old flatboat lying at the foot of S street into the river this afternoon and was drowned. The lad was engaged in playing with several others of his own age, and in racing around the boy slipped and fell forward, striking his head on the piling. It is supposed the blow produced unconsciousness. His body was swept away by the rapid current.

Suicide at Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., June 20.—Robert Myers, an employe of the railroad repair shop, committed suicide shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon by shooting himself in the right temple with a pistol. For some days past Morris has been suffering with rheumatism, and has been unable to follow his usual vocation. This fact, coupled with domestic troubles, is supposed to have caused him to take his life.

Mistrial at Santa Rosa.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., June 20.—The jury in the second trial of the people vs. John Eaton, charged with burglary, was discharged this afternoon at 3 o'clock. It was out twenty-six hours and was unable to agree. It stood three for conviction and nine for acquittal. There was only circumstantial evidence. On the first trial the jury disagreed by a vote of eleven for conviction to one for acquittal.

Big Purchases of Sonoma Wine.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., June 20.—The firm of E. Garnier & Co., San Francisco, to-day purchased all the wine in the cellars of Mrs. Hood, Los Gatos, amounting to 220,000 gallons. The same firm, within the last sixty days, has purchased over 600,000 gallons of Sonoma County wine.

Drowned From a Stockton Boat.

STOCKTON, CAL., June 20.—As the steamer T. C. Walker reached Bouldin Island on her trip to San Francisco last night, an unknown man, a passenger, fell or was shoved from the upper deck. A search was made, but the body could not be found.

An Engine's Cab Destroyed.

REDDING, CAL., June 20.—A fire broke out in the Southern Pacific Company's engine-house this morning at 7:30 o'clock and destroyed the cab of the locomotive standing in the stall. The fire started in the cab, but the cause of it is unknown. The house was saved.

Redding's New Schoolhouse.

REDDING, CAL., June 20.—Work was begun this morning on the new \$8000 schoolhouse in this city. The building will be a handsome one, and will, with the present school-buildings, accommodate 800 school children.

BATTLE WITH BRADY.

Shots Exchanged With Him Near the Town of Anderson.

BUT HE AGAIN ESCAPES.

He Was Observed to Fall, and Is Believed to Be Badly Wounded.

SEEN COVERED WITH BLOOD.

A Determined Posse in Pursuit. Little Chance of Making Good His Escape.

ANDERSON, CAL., June 20.—About 4 o'clock last evening Deputy Sheriff George Martin of Cottonwood was trailing a man near Clear Creek bridge, about five miles from here, supposed to be Brady, the Marysville train robber, and slayer of Sheriff Bogard of Red Bluff.

In company with Deputy Martin was an ex-convict who knew Brady when confined in the same State prison, and who could identify him, provided the man they were after proved the right one.

Spotting the man on a hill side, above the county road, Bowers, the ex-convict, approached him, leaving Martin and the buggy in the wagon road. Having identified the man as Brady, Bowers returned part of the way and signaled Martin that he was the man.

Leaving his buggy, shotgun in hand, Martin and Bowers started up the hill. Brady, seeing them approaching, opened fire. About twelve shots were exchanged altogether. Brady was seen to fall once, but Martin ran out of ammunition, and returning to where his buggy was, found that his horse had run away. He returned to the scene of the battle with an empty gun, took up the trail and followed Brady to the McCoy place, on Clear Creek bottom.

Here he saw some children, who informed him that a man had but a short time ago called there, asking for a drink of water. He was covered with blood, which ran from his face. One eye appeared to be shot out and he limped badly as though his legs were severely injured.

Learning this state of affairs Deputy Martin repaired to Redding and summoned Sheriff Houston and the Sheriff of Tehama County was notified. The latter came up on train 15 this morning. Several deputy sheriffs and constables have also repaired to the scene of action, and it will be but a short time before the wounded man will be found, as the chances of his escape are very limited.

HOT ON BRADY'S TRAIL.

Large Numbers of Armed Men Are Scouring the Country for Him.

REDDING, CAL., June 20.—The town is filled with detectives, would-be detectives and man-hunters to-night, and on many of the street corners can be seen a posse of armed men ready to start out in search of Brady, the murderer of Tehama County's Sheriff during the hold-up at Wheeland last May. Among the searchers is Sheriff Bogard of Tehama, the brother of the murdered Sheriff, who is one of the most earnest in the efforts to capture the crippled robber. Two detectives from Sacramento, the Under Sheriff of Sutter County and half a score of other officers are gathered here, all ready to start out and all eager to gather in what remains of Brady and to capture the reward.

Brady's horse and cart are subjects of great interest just now and hundreds of people have visited the vehicle and animal at the stable. The animal is a fine large bay horse and the cart is a very light one, painted red.

All day to-day armed men have been scouring the country and late this evening his exact position is known, and he is surrounded so that escape is impossible. He has his gun with him, but it is thought he has only about half a dozen rounds of ammunition. The posses, however, expect to be compelled to kill him before they take him. He is gritty and will no doubt make a hard fight for his life.

This evening Sheriff Bogard of Tehama and posse started out up Clear Creek, while Bowers and party will keep guard over the locality in which he is supposed to be hiding.

There is already considerable feeling brewing among the officers as to who will receive the reward, and it is thought that the outside officers will try and claim the reward should they succeed in capturing Brady, who has been placed in a crippled condition by the brave fighting of Bowers and Martin.

NOTORIOUS NIGGER TENT.

Brady's Rendezvous Once the Home of a Gang of Desperados.

Nigger Tent, the place referred to in yesterday's dispatches as having been Brady's rendezvous, is many miles away from the place where the bandit was brought low by Martin's shots.

Twenty years ago it was known as the resort of the worst band of desperados in the country, and which had to its credit every crime on the calendar from arson to horse-stealing and from petty larceny to murder. The place was then and is still kept by a woman named Romargis. It is located on a mountain ridge in the heart of the Sierras. It is nearly at the top of the mountain, and is approached from either side by a narrow and winding road. Deep canyons stretch away from both sides of the road and are lost in the depths below. From the ridge the whole country can be swept with the eye for miles around.

In the early fifties a group of negroes located on the ridge and threw up a tent, from which the spot took its name. Nigger Tent is between Camptonville and the Mountain House, about nine miles to the north of the former place. An Italian family named Romargis took up its quarters there in the sixties and established a wayside inn on the ridge.

From the advent of the Romargis dates the notoriety of the spot. The old woman is now 70 years of age, but she is said to be as rugged and as bad as ever and ready to fight "at the drop of the hat."

A gentleman who knows the surroundings very well said last night that Nigger Tent had been in its day the worst spot in California.

"The authorities were after old Mother Romargis a long time," said he, "but they could never catch her. It was a well-known fact that she harbored the gang, but she was too smart to be caught napping. She not only admitted that the band had been there, but complained of the lack of protection afforded her from the desperados. A grandson of the old woman was sent to Folsom for robbery. He was also

arrested for setting fire to Harbor Commissioner Cole's sawmill, and he swore to kill Cole when he came out of prison. But he never came out. He died there.

"Mrs. Romargis has baffled all the detectives in the country, and is proud of her record. It took a man of pretty good nerve to go to Nigger Tent after a criminal. The old woman sheltered a one-eyed Mexican who was wanted for murder. There was a price on his head, but no one went to Nigger Tent to get it. He strayed away from his shelter one day, though, and never went back. He was killed by a deputy sheriff.

"The resort was the headquarters of O'Neill, the celebrated highwayman. He had a band of ten of the hardest and nerviest criminals in the world under him, and they used to go well mounted and armed to the teeth. They would make a trip for three or four days or a week, and return with armfuls of booty. Then they would hold high revel for several days in the deadfall on the mountain side, utterly careless as to who came and went, and woe betide the unlucky traveler who strayed along that way. He was fortunate if he got away with his life.

"O'Neill carried his operations into Shasta and Siskiyou counties. He stopped at stages right and left, but one night he stopped at Silette, on the gun of the Sheriff of Siskiyou, and Judge Lynch saved a job. The Sheriff happened to get him in the door, or there would have been a dead Sheriff instead of a dead stage robber.

"Nigger Tent was the place where Dorcy and Patterson, the murderers of Banker Cumming, took refuge. Cumming was on the stage, bound from Moore's Flat to Nevada City, when the two robbers held the stage up three miles outside of the city. Cumming was on the box with the driver, and he was killed at the first fire. The country was scoured for the murderers, and a determined mob stormed Nigger Tent. The bandits got away, but Patterson was afterward caught and hanged, and Dorcy was captured in Missouri. He got life, but broke away from prison twice and was finally killed.

"The old name still clings to Nigger Tent, but the old gang was broken up after the murder of Cumming, and very few hard characters are now seen on the ridge."

NEWS FROM SAN JOSE.

The Normal School Alumni to Hold a Three Days' Session.

Release of One of the Men Charged With Obtaining Money Fraudulently.

SAN JOSE, CAL., June 20.—The Alumni Association of the San Jose State Normal School will hold a three-day session in this city beginning Tuesday evening, June 25. It is expected that about 300 teachers will be in attendance. Reduced rates have been secured over the railroad, and an interesting programme of exercises has been arranged by the committee having the affair in charge. W. H. Langdon, president of the association, will deliver the opening address, and Professor Childs will deliver an address of welcome.

Wednesday afternoon Professor G. R. Kleiberger will read a paper on "What Should Teachers Do to Improve Themselves Professionally?" and thirty graduates will read two-minute papers.

Thursday afternoon a paper will be read by Dr. James Black of San Francisco on "Defects of Hearing and Respiration and Their Effects on Mental Progress," and Madison Babcock of San Francisco will read one on "What Should the State Expect of Our Teachers?" A debate on the question of pensioning school-teachers will follow. The meeting will close Thursday evening with a grand vocal concert by the Eolian and Nordica quartets.

May Be Punished for Contempt.

SAN JOSE, CAL., June 20.—E. E. Cothran and T. V. Cator, attorneys for E. M. Piery, to-day gave notice that a motion will be made to have Jessie Pyle, who is suing E. M. Piery for \$50,000 for breach of promise, punished for contempt of court. Miss Pyle had been ordered to appear before a commissioner to give testimony on June 8, but failed to make her appearance. A notice was also filed that a motion will be made to-morrow for a dismissal of the suit on the ground of default.

She Loved a Murderer.

SAN JOSE, CAL., June 20.—Mrs. Harriet Simpson was arrested on a charge of insanity to-day preferred by Deputy Sheriff Black. Mrs. Simpson is the woman who, while confined in a similar charge in the County Jail last year, fell in love with Murderer St. Clair, and became notorious by making a public display of her affection for him.

Notre Dame's Commencement.

SAN JOSE, CAL., June 20.—The commencement exercises of the Academy of Notre Dame were held this morning. The hall was well filled with people and the stage was prettily decorated with evergreens and palms. A fine literary and musical programme was rendered. Studies will be resumed at the academy September 2.

Schuetman Released From Custody.

SAN JOSE, CAL., June 20.—Henry Schuetman, one of the men who succeeded in securing several \$10 loans on worthless watches from different business men, was released from custody to-day. The charges of obtaining money under false pretenses were dismissed, as Schuetman had redeemed all the watches.

A Los Gatos Grocer Insolvent.

SAN JOSE, CAL., June 20.—Robert Wilson, a grocer doing business at Los Gatos, to-day filed a petition in insolvency. His liabilities amounted to \$9940, with \$5485 assets. The petition of insolvency is brought about by the San Francisco Board of Trade sending a man down to take charge of the store.

Cost of the New Postoffice.

SAN JOSE, CAL., June 20.—Ex-Postmaster Thomas Kelley, who has had charge of the expenditures for the erection of the new Postoffice, says the structure, completed, cost \$140,696.90 and the site \$35,000. The appropriation was \$200,000, and there is a balance on hand of \$24,303.

Figures Fixed for Campbell Fruit.

SAN JOSE, CAL., June 20.—At a meeting of the Campbell Fruit-growers' Union to-day \$20 per ton was fixed as the minimum price for green peaches, and the directors were authorized to sell 100 tons. It was reported \$27.50 to \$35 was being offered by buyers for apricots, the latter figure by canners.

Good Work of the Fire Ladders.

VALLEJO, CAL., June 20.—By a warrant issued out of Judge Ryan's court to-day and executed by Chief of Police Savage, W. D. Pennycook, editor of the Vallejo Chronicle, was arrested for a violation of city ordinance. He was released on bail and the case set for Saturday.

SHOT IN COLD BLOOD.

San Bernardino Tragedy Attended With Mystery.

REVENGE OF A HUSBAND.

He Wounds the Object of His Rage in a Most Deliberate Manner.

ONE WITNESS FOUND DEAD.

Another Disappears, but Is Discovered and Brought Back to Testify.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., June 20.—On March 10 Will L. Taber took dinner in the cabin of James P. Medlin, a neighbor, living in a canyon leading from Cajon Pass, a few miles from the city. Medlin was a bachelor and Taber's wife prepared the dinner for the three while the men amused themselves chatting.

After dinner they walked down the canyon to their next neighbor's, Joseph Calmont, a Frenchman, where they passed the afternoon drinking wine, of which Calmont kept a supply always on hand. A fifth man to the party was Thomas E. E. Holt.

Something said or done during the day aroused Taber's anger, and when they left Calmont's cabin for home he ran ahead to Medlin's cabin, secured the gun which he had left there, and coming out faced the crowd, ordering all to stand aside from Medlin.

Holt tried to run away, but the gun was turned on him and he was made to return under threat of being shot. Taber then shot Medlin in the arm, went home with his wife and took to the woods. He came to town a few days later and gave himself up.

Holt and Calmont took Medlin home, left him there and went to their homes, returning the next morning to find that Medlin had bled to death from the wound in his arm.

At the preliminary hearing Holt and Calmont were the only witnesses of the murder, except Taber's wife, who was reluctant to testify. Soon after Holt disappeared, but was discovered at Yuma and brought back by Sheriff Holcomb to testify.

Calmont was found a month ago in the ruins of a burned cabin with a bullet hole through the heart. Whether another murder had been committed or it was a case of suicide is unknown. This leaves Holt as the only witness of the murder.

Taber has a brother whose reputation is not of the best, and it is thought he has taken a hand in frightening away the witnesses.

The case was called this morning, and a jury impaneled, when the court took a recess until afternoon.

On reassembling, Thomas E. E. Holt was placed on the stand, and told the story of the shooting of Medlin. No defense was made.

It is rumored that the wife will go on the stand to-morrow and testify that her husband had been wronged by her and Medlin.

SANTA BARBARA CLAIMANT

Romantic Story of the Heir to a Valuable Irish Inheritance.

Will Make It His First Object to Secure a Thorough Education.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., June 20.—James Fitzgerald, the claimant to the large estate advertised in the Parish Maltyhide, County Dublin, Ireland, to-day told the CALL representative the story of his checkered life, and it appears that back of this supposed inheritance is a sensational and pitiful tale.

Fitzgerald was born in Maltyhide about 1867. His first recollection is of the orphanage at Balrothery, five miles from his birthplace, where he was the particular charge of Mary Asbell, a sweet young woman whose unselfish care lightened the hardships of his early life, and for whom he entertained an affection only second to that of a child for a parent. His life in this orphanage he describes as one of constant deprivation and brutal treatment with the exception of her attentions.

When he grew old enough to understand he was told by Mary Asbell and others that his birth was the occasion of a great lawsuit, which resulted in his parents being obliged to pay for his care and support, while his mother, whose name was Lee, was spirited away to farm and industrial relatives.

At 14 he was sent to do brick work as a laborer, but being adventurous and desirous to see if some other part of the world would not offer him better opportunities he took passage in the steamer of the Polynesian, an Allen line steamer, for America.

He gives a careful and detailed account of his subsequent wanderings with a view to establishing his identity.

Fitzgerald has many staunch friends among the best Santa Barbara citizens for whom he has worked as a day laborer, always giving a full measure of service for his compensation. He has written to Miss Coleman, a prominent and wealthy lady of Maltyhide, connected with the National School, who knows him and will aid in his identification. Letters have also been forwarded to the parish priest and other prominent persons.

Asked what he proposes to do with the heritage if secured, this man, who has been so hardly treated by the world and who bears on his person the scars and marks of cowardly abuse received in helpless childhood, answered with brightening face that he will have an education, the one hope and dream of his life, and declares he will demonstrate his capacity for intellectual training if he has to enter the child's class to obtain it.

Good Work of the Fire Ladders.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., June 20.—This afternoon a fire was discovered in the residence of Sidney Mee. The building stands within a few feet of one of the largest blocks in the city and a few feet away from the other side is a large blacksmith shop. The Fire Department station is but a few rods away and prompt work kept the

fire in the residence, which was a frame cottage and which was badly damaged. It will probably be torn down and a fine building will take its place.

SACRAMENTO DIVORCES.

A Number of Them Said to Have Been Fraudulently Obtained.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., June 20.—By order of the Superior Judge the District Attorney has been asked to investigate the method pursued by Z. P. Wharton, an attorney in this city. Wharton sought to obtain a divorce from his wife by default, and swore to having made service on the defendant. His wife, hearing of the action, appeared before the Judge and swore that the swearing to the return of the summons was perjury, as she had never been served with the papers.

In connection with this there is an interesting circumstance. It is openly reported that Wharton has been in the habit of obtaining divorces for people by making false returns. Some of these people have since married; and, if the reports of Wharton's actions are correct, it is probable the courts may set aside the divorces and declare the marriages illegal.

A PHOENIX EDITOR CONVICTED.

Found Guilty of Criminal Libel Against Governor Hughes and Others.

PHOENIX, ARIZ., June 20.—J. O. Dunbar, editor of the Phoenix Gazette, was found guilty of criminal libel at Tucson to-day and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100. An appeal was noted. The libel is now barely two years old and consisted in an editorial paragraph directed at Governor Hughes, Secretary Bruce, United States Marshal Meade and Attorney-General Heney, in which they were called assassins and treasury looters.

Petaluma People Indignant.

PETALUMA, CAL., June 20.—The friends of Postmaster James Long are indignant because, they claim, his salary was reduced from \$2100 to \$1900 by the efforts of people who