

FIRE NEAR VACAVILLE.

A Large Stretch of Country Swept by the Flames.

IT IS BEYOND CONTROL.

Reported to Be Rapidly Traveling in the Direction of the Town.

STREETS DENSE WITH SMOKE.

Rumors of Enormous Losses in Grain and Buildings to the Farmers.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., July 15.—It is reported that a large stretch of country fifteen miles from the town of Vacaville is on fire, and great danger threatens the farmers of that vicinity.

Late reports from Vacaville state that the fire is growing to enormous proportions and traveling rapidly in the direction of the town.

The entire sky is a lurid glow and the streets of the town are dense with smoke.

At the present time the flames are at too great a distance to obtain any accurate account of the damage that must have already occurred.

It is impossible to tell how rapidly the flames are advancing, but rumors are already reaching town of enormous losses in grain and buildings among the farmers resident in the locality of the fire.

A STIR AT SANTA CLARA.

An Engagement That Proved of Exceedingly Short Duration.

The Would-Be Groom Forced to Drop His Claim by a Prospective Son-in-Law.

SAN JOSE, CAL., July 15.—The short-lived engagement of Manuel Enos and Mrs. Antonio Oliver caused quite a stir among the Portuguese population of Santa Clara.

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THE BIG FOLSOM DAM.

It Is the Property of the Water-Power Company.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., July 15.—There has been filed for record in this county a document giving the details of the agreement between the Folsom Water-power company and the State, under which the great dam across the American River at Folsom was constructed.

Statements have been published that the company had turned over to the State the dam property in accordance with the terms of the agreement entered into many years ago.

This is a mistake. The dam does not belong to the State. The agreement between the water-power company and the State provided that in consideration of certain money the State should give to the company the right to maintain guard-posts, railroad tracks, etc., on the land of the company, and also the perpetual right to the use of water-power from the first fall of this dam.

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SANTA ROSA WILL CASE.

Contest Filed by the Aged Widower of Mrs. J. H. Draper.

It Is Charged That His Hard-Earned Wealth Has Been Left to Others.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., July 15.—There has been filed in the Superior Court for probate the will of Mrs. J. H. Draper, who died recently in Healdsburg, leaving a widower 74 years of age.

By this will she bequeathed all her property and money, amounting to thousands of dollars, to different churches and left old Draper destitute.

To-day Mr. Draper, through his attorney, W. W. Moreland, instituted proceedings to break the will on the ground that the testatrix was of unsound mind at the time of and for some time prior to her death.

At the time Mr. Draper brought a certain block of property on River street, in Healdsburg, the deed was made out in the name of both him and his wife, so that the property was held in common.

When she died she left only \$5 for Draper and willed everything to certain churches and some Eastern relatives.

THE PIERCE ESTATE.

It Is Valued at Nearly Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., July 15.—The inventory of the estate of William S. Pierce, the young capitalist of Petaluma who was killed by coming in contact with a live electric plug, has been filed with the County Clerk.

The inventory shows the estate's value to be \$74,475.50, consisting of three lots in Petaluma, valued at \$6000; a ranch of 2200 acres Tomales Point, in Marin County, valued at \$25 an acre, or \$42,175.00, and personal property divided as follows: 130 shares of stock of the Petaluma Electric Light Company, value \$6500; 20 shares in the Dairyman's Bank, value \$2000; 10 shares of the California Athletic Club, no value; 36 shares in the W. S. P. Telephone Company, \$3000; life insurance policy, \$10,000; two promissory notes, \$500 each; household furniture and three-fourths interest in 928 head of cattle.

This is the first estate inventory of magnitude to be probated under the new law. The fees amounted to \$70. Under the former law the fee for filing the inventory would have been 10 cents only.

Loss of a Valuable Mare.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., July 15.—Captain Martin Bulger of San Francisco had a splendid pair of bays. They were valued at \$2000 and could trot in 2:30 or better.

On Monday morning one of them received a kick on the left hind leg from the other, which broke the leg below the hock and ankle.

Captain Bulger was telephoned to and came on at once. As soon as he saw the animal he gave orders to have it killed, as nothing could be done to save it.

It was a very valuable mare. The captain was offered \$5000 for the team a short while ago.

TAXES OF SACRAMENTO.

Large Reductions Made by the Board of Equalization.

Assessments in Many Cases Reduced to One-Half the Original Amount.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., July 15.—The County Board of Equalization met this evening for the purpose of considering a number of applications regarding the assessments made by T. H. Berkeley, Assessor of Sacramento County.

While the members of the board decline to state that they consider the assessments as particularly exorbitant, they believe that certain circumstances warrant a reduction, such as for instance the assessment on the railroad shops of the Southern Pacific Company, which are valued at \$100,000.

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RAILS AT STOCKTON.

Barges Arrive With Them From San Francisco.

FOR THE VALLEY ROAD.

They Are Being Unloaded on the South Side of Mormon Channel.

THORNTON'S BONDS ARE READY.

There Will Be No Further Delay in the Work of Grading by the Contractor.

STOCKTON, CAL., July 15.—The first consignment of the 2000 tons of rails which the steamer Washtenaw brought to San Francisco for the Valley railroad was received yesterday.

It consisted of 700 tons loaded on the barge Planet, which arrived between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

This morning the second consignment arrived. It consists of 900 tons, and was brought up on the barge Ajax. The third and last lot, weighing 400 tons, is expected to arrive here to-morrow or the day following.

The barges are now at Buell & Co.'s wharf on the south side of Mormon Channel, where all the material for the road is to be unloaded.

A large force of men is now engaged in taking the rails from the barges. It is estimated that the railroad will give employment at one thing and another to about 300 men.

R. R. Thornton now has his bonds ready, so there will be no further delay in the work of grading. There are hundreds of men coming into this city every day looking for work on the new road.

FOUND HIS MISSING WIFE.

Mrs. J. S. Osborn Prefers the Company of Her Alleged Kidnaper.

STOCKTON, CAL., July 15.—Mrs. J. S. Osborn disappeared from her home last Wednesday noon, leaving her five children in the care of her mother. Her husband was very much worried over his wife's protracted absence.

This afternoon he entered the police station and declared that he thought she had been kidnaped. He said that a certain man and his wife were on quite intimate terms, and he accused the man of enticing the woman away from her home on the pretext of another party.

He said that he had seen her on McLeod's Lake, near Weber Point. The husband discovered his wife on an ark late this evening in company with J. M. Breen and several other men.

She called for her husband and nearly pulled the woman to pieces in their efforts to obtain possession of her.

In court Mrs. Osborn said she was with Breen of her own consent, and so the prosecution against her husband was dropped.

Confidence Operators Sentenced.

STOCKTON, CAL., July 15.—Clinton R. Smith this morning pleaded guilty to grand larceny in bunking Farmer Brack out of \$3000. James R. Green and John T. Gray, his companions in the crime, waived their right for the passing of sentence and notified their attorneys not to move for a new trial.

Smith was sentenced to four years at San Quentin, Gray and Green each to five years in the same penitentiary.

OREGON SHORT LINE CASE.

Decision Rendered in Favor of the Trust Company of New York.

A Decree Will Be Entered Ordering Foreclosure and the Sale of the Road.

PORTLAND, OR., July 15.—The American Loan and Trust Company of New York has won its case against the Oregon Short Line and Utah Northern Railway Company.

Judge Bellinger in the United States Circuit Court to-day rendered an opinion upon which a decree ordering the foreclosure of the consolidated mortgage and the sale of that portion of the road lying in Oregon, Idaho and Montana will be entered.

The decree is sufficient to sell the road in the territory mentioned, to the trust company, but some time must elapse before the foreclosure and sale are effected.

Although the attorneys refused to discuss the matter, it is intimated that the case will be carried to the Court of Appeals, and finally to the Supreme Court of the United States.

SHOOTING AT WOODLAND.

A Jealous Admirer Badly Wounded by a Revolver in Self-Defense.

WOODLAND, CAL., July 15.—Yesterday afternoon, in self-defense, Robert Bristow shot and badly wounded James Lear. The affair took place out near the racetrack and jealousy played the most important part in the prologue that led up to the tragic scene.

FOREST FIRE RAGING.

Fears Entertained for the Safety of Ranches Near San Andreas.

ANGELS CAMP, CAL., July 15.—This section is overhung by a dense cloud of smoke which arises from a forest fire which is raging between San Andreas and Calaveras. The fire is spreading rapidly.

There are many farms in that vicinity and serious damage is apprehended. The fire is supposed to have started this afternoon.

A Change of Heart.

ANGELS CAMP, CAL., July 15.—Several weeks ago County Treasurer Steffer sent in his resignation, claiming that the emoluments of the office would not justify him in laying himself and bondsmen liable in case the treasury was robbed.

To-day he withdrew his resignation at the solicitation of his bondsmen.

Santa Barbara's Assessment Roll.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., July 15.—The City Assessor of Santa Barbara has rendered returns to-day showing the cash value of all real estate in the city to be \$2,662,337; cash value of improvements, \$1,302,165.

The total value of all property for taxation is \$3,964,502. These figures have a special interest in view of certain local improvements now under discussion, as showing the extent of the city's bonding ability.

Arrowhead Springs Hotel to Be Rebuilt.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., July 15.—The Arrowhead Hot Springs Hotel, destroyed by fire on July 4, is to be rebuilt further down the mountain. The structure will be larger and of stone.

Local capitalists will be asked to subscribe to the stock. Water from the springs will be introduced to the new building by gravity.

Decrease in Fresno Property.

FRESNO, CAL., July 15.—County Assessor Vincent completed the work of making out the assessment roll to-day. The totals show a decrease of \$3,000,000 during the fiscal year.

A Danish Creamery Company.

FRESNO, CAL., July 15.—The Danes living in Fresno have organized a creamery company and will put in a costly plant.

ON THE DIAMOND.

Winners of Yesterday's Baseball Games in the East.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, July 15.—When the Bostonians went to the bat in the ninth inning they needed one run to tie and two to win.

Dolan, the first man, hit safe, seemed to unnervé Phillips, and two bases on balls and a wild pitch followed. When they were finally retired they had six runs in their credit, winning the game. Attendance, 3000. Score: B. N. H. E. Cincinnati..... 9 10 3 Boston..... 0 1 0

Batteries—Phillips, Parrott and Vaughn; Dolan, Ryan and Ganzel. Umpires—Galvin and Jevne.

LOUISVILLE, KY., July 15.—Brooklyn shut Louisville out in a well-played game to-day. The New York team, led by Lucid's driving curves and the four bats hit made off him were too scattered to be effective. Attendance, 500. Score: B. N. H. E. Louisville..... 0 1 0 Brooklyn..... 9 1 0

Batteries—Inks and Spies, Lucid and Grim. Umpire—Murphy.

ST. LOUIS, MO., July 15.—Heavy batting by the New York team to-day. Rusie retired before the first inning closed and "Dad" Clarke took his place. Ehret also had enough in the first inning after four runs were scored and Staley finished the game. Attendance, 2000. Score: B. N. H. E. St. Louis..... 7 16 8 New York..... 12 22 3

Batteries—Ehret, Staley and Lamaze; Rusie and Wilson. Umpire, McDonald.

CHICAGO, ILL., July 15.—The Chicago players a listless game to-day and won it. McGill was very wild, giving six bases on balls, and was replaced by Lamaze in the middle of the second inning.

Thorn pitched his first game to-day, and won it easily, letting up after the sixth inning. Both teams failed to show any signs of life in their playing. Attendance, 2000. Score: B. N. H. E. Chicago..... 16 12 4 Philadelphia..... 4 10 10

Batteries—Thorn and Donahue; McGill, Mays and Bovey. Umpire, McGinnis.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, July 15.—Cleveland-Baltimore game postponed on account of rain.

PITTSBURG, PA., July 15.—Pittsburg and Washington teams did not play; no game scheduled.

THE EASTERN TRACKS.

Bob Carter Beaten in the Mile Handicap at Kansas City.

THE WINNERS AT CINCINNATI.

Sherlock's Defeat of Ben Holliday the Feature—Blanche Kenney's Great Run.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 15.—Only two favorites won for the talent to-day, and the bookies had the best of the argument. The best race on the card was the fourth, at a mile, and had the best handicap horses at the track entered in it.

The local-bred horse Bob Carter was again installed favorite, but second was the best he could do. Summaries: Five furlongs, Green Prewitt won, Victor B second, Wild Bird third. Time, 1:04 1/2.

Five furlongs, Emma Long won, Gray Baffle second, Maple Leaf third. Time, 1:04 1/2. Six furlongs, Schuykill won, Mamie S second, Ben Wilson third. Time, 1:17 1/2.

Four furlongs, one mile, Fitzway won, Bob Carter second, Josephine third. Time, 1:45 1/2. Five and a half furlongs, John P. won, Galeway second, Josephine third. Time, 1:10 1/2. CINCINNATI, Ohio, July 15.—The



THE BRITISH BULLDOG. (Some sketches at the annual show at the Royal Aquarium. Reproduced from an engraving in the Daily London Graphic.)

fourth race, a handicap at seven furlongs, was declared off on account of scratches. Sherlock's defeat of Ben Holliday was the feature of the day's racing. The track is getting very fast. Blanche Kenney won seven furlongs in 1:27 1/2 to-day. Summaries: Five furlongs, Sherlock won, Ben Holliday second, Sidel third. Time, 1:02.

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AQUEDUCT RACETRACK, N. Y., July 15.—Six furlongs, Juanita won, Escape second, Tom Moore third. Time, 1:27 1/2. Five furlongs, Emotional and Loranca ran a dead heat, Hermans third. Time, 1:02 1/2.

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One mile, Eagle Bird won, Deserlayer second, Hermans third. Time, 1:48 1/2. Six and a half furlongs, Buck Knight won, Oakesley second, Gold Dollar third. Time, 1:23 1/2.

One and a half miles, over hurdles, Wishup won, Lafayette second, Aloha third. Time, 2:19 1/2. ST. LOUIS, MO., July 15.—Seven and a half furlongs, Addie Buchanan won, J. A. Gray second, Mopsy third. Time, 1:47 1/2.

Five and a half furlongs, Laura F won, Turner second, A B C third. Time, 1:39 1/2. Six and a half furlongs, Jim Moody won, Hartford second, M. B. third. Time, 1:27 1/2.

Nine furlongs, Billy McKenzie won, Foundling second, Joe O'S third. Time, 2:49. One and eight miles, selling, Linda won, Prince second, Sullross third. Time, 2:00.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., July 15.—Six furlongs, Silas won, Subito second, Hex third. Time, 1:19 1/2. Six furlongs, selling, Tiger Tomber won, Fred second, Bird Catcher third. Time, 1:18 1/2.

One mile, selling, Empera won, El Reno second, Fack third. Time, 1:47. Pittington Hotel handicap, one mile and seventy yards, Buck Massie won, Florence P second, Young Arion third. Time, 1:50 1/2.

Five furlongs, Dutch Blue won, My Hebe second, Laverne third. Time, 1:35. SAGINAW, MICH., July 15.—The first meeting of the Grand Circuit races opened here to-day, with a crowd of 10,000 people.

Three events were scheduled, the first being the three-minute trot for two-year-olds. There were nine entries, but seven were drawn, leaving the race between the California colts Fred S. Moody and Trophy the Lansing entry. Moody was the favorite and won the two heats easily.

The 2:30 trot belonged to the favorite, Minnie Wilkes, who took the first two heats, by inviting the bookies by dropping the third to Augustin A. S. rallied, however, and won the last heat and race in 2:21 1/2. Summaries: Three-minute trot, two-year olds, purse \$500—Fred S. Moody, ch. g., by Guy Wilkes (McKerson), won, Trophy second. Best time, 2:30 1/2.

Two-hy trot, purse \$1000—Mina Wilkes, ch. m., by Invader, won, Augustin A. S. second, Sacara third. Best time, 2:21 1/2. Two-hy pace, purse \$1000—Sandy Boy, b. h., by Spinax (Sutherland), won, July C. second, Hildway (Frazier) and Old Hildway, br. g., by Crit Davis, third. Best time, 2:16 1/2.

JANESVILLE, WIS., July 15.—Joe Patchen's creditable mile in 2:04 1/2 was the feature of the sport at the Janesville track to-day. It was done on a course two seconds slow and with a strong wind in the stretch. His time at quarters was :30 1/2; 1:02 1/2; 1:33 and 2:04 1/2. The results were: First race, two-year-old trot, purse \$600, Russell won, Happy Bird second, Elmer third. Best time, 2:18 1/2.

2:26 class, pacing, purse \$600, Davy B won, Thurston second, Roscoe third. Best time, 2:18 1/2. Second race, 2:40 trot, purse \$1000, Ray W won, Dufoir second, Violet third. Best time, 2:21.

WON IN THE SECOND ROUND.

Jimmy Barry Easily a Victor in His Fight With Ross.

REVEREND TAULBEE TALKS.

He Is Listened To by a Large Audience at Metropolitan Hall.

PRINCIPLES OF THE A. P. A.

A Prediction That His Order Will Become a Big Factor in Politics.

Metropolitan Hall was not only filled to its utmost seating capacity last evening, but all the aisles were crowded with people who had assembled to listen to the Rev. J. M. Taulbee lecture on the objects of the American Protective Association.

The stage and hall were profusely decorated. A. J. Washburn, who opened the meeting, said that if there were any in the audience who was timid, or whose brains had been stunted by early religious education, they had better keep their eyes on the usher who was provided with restoratives to be applied on notice.

He said that the meeting was held under the auspices of Council No. 1. The order, he said, now numbered 40,000 in the State, and Council No. 1 had 2000 names on its roll, and every member was ready to maintain the principles of the order.

The Rev. B. F. Huddleston was introduced as "a pocket edition of Abraham Lincoln." The speaker said that there are many who are prophets and that California has her share; that it had been predicted after the last election that the A. P. A. would fall to pieces, but the events had disproven that. He said it could not be denied that the A. P. A.'s work is to become an important factor in the political world, that it will control the elections and that it now holds the balance of power.

"A. P. A.," he said, "stands for Americans Protecting Americans." He then closed by declaring that there are 180 councils of the A. P. A. in this jurisdiction, each meeting weekly and spreading patriotism throughout the land.

Rev. Mr. Taulbee appeared, attired in a suit, and his words were given a rousing welcome. He said that there was no greater honor than to be called an American citizen, and he declared that he had changed his style of dress, in the hope that the A. P. A.'s work would be given a rousing welcome.

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