

A SUIT FOR MILLIONS.

Valuable Property Now Held by the Southern Pacific Involved.

OPINION OF JOHN T. DOYLE.

The Railroad People Have Never Complied With the Conditions of the Grant.

In a few days the Southern Pacific Company of Kentucky will find itself in the midst of a suit involving its right and title to property valued at nearly \$2,000,000.

The State of California is the plaintiff in the suit in which effort will be made to regain sixty acres of land in Mission Bay granted to the Central and Southern Pacific Railroad companies in 1868 for terminal purposes.

By the act which gave the Southern Pacific sixty acres of valuable land a strip of land 200 feet wide was granted it over the tide lands claimed by the State, to be used as an approach to the terminal lands on the south.

In a letter to the San Francisco Real Estate circular, John T. Doyle gives a few pertinent facts relating to the abortive attempt made some years ago to have the lands revert to the State.

Assuming that the companies did spend the required amount in improvements, it is notorious that they never made their terminus there nor built the contemplated road of approach.

In January, 1876, Mr. Jo Hamilton, the newly elected Attorney-General, assumed control of the case, and after granting many and long extensions of time, finally, on my remonstrance, refused further time.

Attorney-General Fitzgerald does not propose that there shall be any "sleeping," as Mr. Doyle terms the outcome of the first suit, in the proceedings which he is about to institute.

"This is a matter about which I do not care to talk at present, for the very good reason that it would be extremely unwise to do so. I do not care to even outline the course I intend to follow, but of one thing the people of California can be sure, and that is, in guarding their interest in this and in other matters as well and as faithfully as I know how."

When the suit finally comes to trial it will be full of overlying with technicalities and, as a whole, one of the most complicated legal tangles had to cope with for many years.

Robert Hood Complimented. Cornelius Vanderbilt has gates from France, stone from the West, a gardener from Berlin and plants from Italy.

A HOME-MADE DRINK.

Julian Ralph Tells of a Toddy He Got in the South. "Colonel Ralph," said the planter, "enjoy this yer boundless panorama of nature. Feast yo' eyes, sah, on the beautiful river."

"Serve yourself to a toddy, Colonel," said my host. "I'll watch you first," said I; "I don't know what a toddy is."

IS A LONDON REFORMER.

Rev. Septimus Buss of England Talks of His Work.

Preaches From the Spot Where Elizabeth Heard the Bells of Shoreditch.

Rev. Septimus Buss, rural dean of the Parish of Shoreditch, London, Eng., has arrived in California and is stopping at the Palace Hotel.

Dr. Buss is personally of strong mental attainments, and possesses a wonderful fund of information about America as well as England.

"My parish," he said yesterday, "is in what is known as the Parish of Shoreditch, where there is a population of 123,000. We have in all twenty-one churches, and my own is what is known as the mother church, built on the same spot where the church stood in the time of the Saxons."

Dr. Buss has come to the Pacific Coast to visit his youngest son, who is farming at El Cajon, in the southern part of the State, and when the reverend gentleman has accomplished his mission he will return to England and the Parish of Shoreditch, where he is styled the "Dr. Parkhurst of London."

The following quotation is from a letter written to a South African paper: "I was on Thursday, at 6:30 A. M., the 4th of April, 1895, in the passive resistance of G. M. de Tervoyne family, at Bonne Terre Poinc, a lovely lake named Elsie Milton Lubomir has drawn his first breath of life on this earth."

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LEFT WITHOUT A SERVICE.

Residents South of the Park Robbed of Streetcar Facilities.

NO NOTICE WAS GIVEN THEM.

Part of the Metropolitan Franchise Suddenly and Mysteriously Abandoned.

Property-owners and residents of the district immediately south of Golden Gate Park are indignant at the action of the Market-street Company in discontinuing its service on that portion of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company's franchise that lies south and west of the junction of Waller and Cole streets.

LUMBER RATES WENT UP.

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Price Increased to \$12 After a Bid of \$8 Was Withdrawn.

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At the office of Pope & Talbot inquiry was made as to the prices charged the State by that firm. The reporter was referred to the Harbor Commissioners.

At the office of the Golden Gate Lumber Company, 4 Battery street, vice-president, imparted the information desired. He said that his company and the Slade Company, as stated in THE CALL, made the proposition to the Harbor Commissioners some time ago to supply lumber for \$8 per 1000, and subsequently withdrew it as it was not accepted.

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A EUROPEAN CORPORATION.

The Market-Street Railway Company and Its Competitors.

TWO PER CENT DIFFERENCE.

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NEW TO-DAY.

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THIS WEEK WE WILL CLOSE OUT OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF TAN SHOES.

50c ON THE DOLLAR.

NET CASH PRICE LIST

CHILDREN'S AND MISSES' TAN BUTTON SHOES, spring heel, square toes and tips. Sizes 5 to 7 1/2. 85c. Sizes 8 to 11. 85c. Sizes 11 1/2 to 13. 85c.

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