

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Utah's First Genuine Republican Convention in Session.

A FULL TICKET NAMED.

Heber M. Wells, a Native of Utah, Nominated for Governor.

C. E. ALLEN FOR CONGRESS.

Harmony Marked the Entire Proceedings of the Meeting—All Sections Honored.

SALT LAKE, UTAH, Aug. 28.—The first real Republican convention ever held in Utah convened at the Salt Lake Theater today.

The theater was packed from top to bottom and the utmost enthusiasm prevailed.

For months past Messrs. Charles Crane and A. L. Thomas have been working for the nomination of Governor for the new State.

Mr. Wells is a young man, a native of Utah and highly esteemed by all. He is cashier of the State Bank of Utah, and a son of the late D. H. Wells, one of the Mormon pioneers of 1847.

Everything passed off so smoothly as could be wished. The work done was of the best for the party.

The ticket as a whole is the strongest ever put before the voters of Utah, and one that will meet the approval of the whole party.

Miss Ella Leonard burned so badly that she may die—Her body scarified.

A FIRE AT LOS ANGELES.

It Is Caused by the Explosion of a Gasoline Cooking-Stove.

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Equalizers Consider the Assessment of San Francisco.

EXPLAINED BY HERZER.

Valuations of Property in the Metropolis Reasonably High.

ILLUSTRATED BY COMPARISONS.

Exceptions Taken by the Board to the Levy on the Various Banks.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Aug. 28.—Chief Deputy Assessor Hugo Herzer opened the campaign on the part of San Francisco before the Board of Equalization this morning by reading a statement prepared at the request of the Board of Supervisors of that City, giving a series of reasons why the tax assessment of San Francisco County should not be increased.

The document began with the assertion that the Assessor had conscientiously sought to comply with the definition of the law that real and personal property should be assessed at its full cash value, and, continuing, stated that San Francisco property was assessed with more uniformity than in any other county of the State; that if such be the case it was the duty of the board to reduce assessments instead of raising them.

After stating the method by which assessments were levied, the statement was made that during the past five years the business and manufacturing interests of the City had suffered grievously, and that the stagnation in commerce had reduced rents to a figure not known in years.

Deputy Assessor Herzer quoted the assessment-rolls of his county for the past six years, and also the assessment-rolls of seventeen other counties, claiming that San Francisco assessment had increased 27.43 per cent, while the increase of assessed value in the State, exclusive of San Francisco, was but 8.59.

Mr. Herzer replied, "Well, perhaps so," and proceeded to give the decrease in the value of the shipping interests and Chinese merchandise, which had declined since 1890 from \$1,499,723 to \$750,318.

Mr. Herzer continued, "I am fully convinced," answered the Assessor, "that the price was paid for the good will, and that is not assessable."

SAN BERNARDINO'S ROAD, Sale of the Nevada Southern Railroad Ordered by the Court.

Only a Preliminary Step to Re-Organization and Further Development.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., Aug. 28.—A decree of foreclosure and sale was made to-day in the Superior Court in the case of numerous creditors of the Nevada Southern Railroad Company, who have judgments aggregating \$151,710.

The principal creditors are the Newport Lumber and Wharf Company, \$31,000; Atlantic and Pacific, \$20,000; Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, \$8,000; Willamette Steam Mills, \$3,000; Harper & Reynolds Company, \$2,500; Giant Powder Company, \$4,500; Culver & Little Manufacturing Company, \$3,000; Bright & Crandall, \$31,000; also electric mechanics and laborers, aggregating \$10,000.

All these claims, except those of Bright and Crandall and the Newport Lumber Company have been assigned to R. W. Woodbury, the Denver banker.

The road will be sold by the Sheriff of this county as soon as the sale can be advertised, probably before October 1st.

These proceedings are preliminary to the reorganization of the company and the construction of a 45 miles new railroad from its present northern terminus at Marvel to Good Springs, Nev. Mr. Woodbury is at the head of the enterprise, and has ample means of his own to build the line.

This extension will open up the largest low-grade silver and gold mines in this section of the country. It also gives access to extensive water supplies in two valleys. The extension will tap big bodies of mineral suitable for flux. All these mining properties have long been waiting for the railroad to come to them and take away the mountains of profitable ore.

The decree made to-day disposes of the attachment suits brought some time since by the creditors of Isaac E. Blake, who attached the Nevada Southern together with other property. Among the creditors were several San Francisco men.

STRUCK BY A WATERSPOUT. Great Loss of Life and Property in a Mexican Village.

ZACATECAS, MEX., Aug. 28.—The village of Huatungo was visited by a waterspout on Monday, causing great loss of life and property. Many houses were wrecked, and a large number were drowned. The flood also destroyed all the crops in the valley. The storm came up very suddenly and the waterspout burst directly over town.

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Complications Yet Arise Over the New County Fee Bill.

A RECENT PERPLEXITY.

All Pensioners and County Claimants Believed to Be Affected by It.

LEGAL OPINION ASKED FOR.

The District Attorney of Santa Clara County Will Render It Monday.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Aug. 28.—The new fee bill for county officials, passed by the last Legislature, presents each day some new puzzle. The courts are kept busy passing on its provisions and the officers whom it affects are obliged to keep the statutes in constant view in carrying on the business of their offices.

Perhaps the most perplexing part of the fee bill is that relating to the fees established for the County Clerk, and County Clerk Pfister, in order to comply with the new law in every respect and conduct his office in a proper manner, to the end that no criticism of his acts may follow any investigation, has referred to District Attorney Herrington an important question regarding the collection from pensioners who swear to the correctness of their quarterly allowance from the Government, and all parties who make affidavit before the County Clerk as to the correctness of their claims against the county, the sum of 25 cents for each affidavit.

The law, as passed by the last Legislature, apparently makes it the duty of the County Clerk to collect 25 cents for all affidavits made before him. Previous to the passage of the act referred to pensioners and parties having claims against the county were not required to pay for the services above referred to.

That portion of the law regarding the collection of the 25 cent fee from parties having claims against the county who make affidavit to their correctness before the County Clerk are, therefore, apparently required to pay for such service.

This will impose a hardship on the persons interested, but the County Clerk, under the plain letter of the law, must collect the 25 cents for the affidavit.

Wednesday, September 4, is pension day and as claims against the county are being filed each day, the District Attorney has promised to file a written opinion in the matter with the County Clerk before next Monday, in time to permit the latter official to act with a better understanding on the question.

A MISSING TEAM.

It Turns Up in a Stable as Security for a 25-Cent Loan.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Aug. 28.—Steve Tajada gave himself up at the police station this morning to answer to a charge of stealing a horse and cart belonging to Miguel Gonzales. Tajada and a party of friends were visiting at Gonzales' place. The supply of wine ran out, and Tajada and Antone Munoz took Gonzales' cart to gather some more wine. They claim they tied the horse and cart in front of the winery while they were securing the wine, and when they came back the rig was gone.

Chief Kiward received word last night from Constable Matthews at Milpitas that the rig was in a stable at that place when it had been pledged for 25 cents. The driver wanted \$2, but the stableman suspected something was wrong, and refused to give him more than 25 cents.

Tajada and Munoz were arraigned before Justice Dewey to-day, and their examination is set for to-morrow morning.

KATE SMITH ANSWERS.

Objects to Being Removed as Executrix of an Estate.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Aug. 28.—Kate Smith filed an answer to-day to the petition of Francis W. Reid requiring her to show cause why she should be removed as executrix of Peter W. Smith, deceased.

She denies that for the last twenty years she has neglected to act as executrix, and denies that she sold the property in dispute to George Roberts, Hiram W. Platt or petitioner's father, W. W. Reid, on August 26, 1872. She sets forth the claim that she has an interest in the land, and further says that her second husband, Charles B. Lauthier, died in 1894, and that she is now unmarried and in every way qualified to act as executrix of the estate of Peter Smith.

Acquitted of Forgery.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Aug. 28.—Edward Cummings was examined before Justice Gass to-day on a charge of forgery, preferred by H. C. Newby, who conducts a bicycle agency on West Santa Clara street.

Newby says that Cummings came to his place with an order bearing the signature of D. C. Smith, for a bicycle. He telephoned to Mr. Smith about the order, and that gentleman pronounced the order a forgery. As the testimony was rather conflicting and the defendant a mere boy, Deputy District Attorney Beasley moved that the charge be dismissed, and Justice Gass, after cautioning the young man to refrain from such acts in the future, dismissed him.

Epidemic of Burglaries.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Aug. 28.—Last night burglars effected an entrance into the store of C. Hirth, on South First street, by removing several bricks in the rear wall of the building and then reaching inside and opening the iron shutters. The safe in the store was not touched and the men secured only \$1 in the money-drawer.

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Yuma Desert Mining Properties in Strong Demand.

LARGE SUMS INVESTED.

One Company Just Organized With a Capital of Two Millions.

JUDGMENT OF AN EXPERT.

The Whole Country Said to Be Tracked Over With Rich Leads of Ore.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., Aug. 28.—The development of mines and the introduction of capital into the district on the Yuma desert, made famous by the McHaneys' great strike in the Desert Queen mine, are going ahead so fast that they can scarcely be chronicled.

To-day THE CALL's correspondent learned from Dr. J. C. C. Price of the formation of a company with a larger capital than any other company in Southern California which will operate in the Twenty-nine Palms district. It is the Printer, Price & Burnap Mining and Milling Company, whose headquarters will be at Los Angeles.

The capital stock fully paid up is \$2,000,000, and the stockholders reside in England and the East. Dr. Price is the superintendent. He has had a wide experience in Australia and the Transvaal. He was in the city to-day, and said:

"The whole country there is tracked over with rich leads of ore. Only a beginning has been made. People who have not been over the ground or who are not miners have no conception of what those barren hills and mountains conceal. It is the coming gold-mining center of the world."

This expression comes from a man of world-wide experience, who has no property to sell. The company owns the San Bernardino mine, the Two Gilberts, the Eilberly, Goin, Sophia, Pinther, Price and others in the vicinity of Twenty-nine Palms, from which assays have been made running in value all the way from \$200 to \$15,000 to the ton.

The company, with its large capital fully paid up, is in shape to purchase and develop property as it sees fit, and it is a part of Dr. Price's purpose in his present trip to the desert to inspect a number of claims owned in this city which his company contemplates purchasing.

Development now awaits only the purchase or lease of water rights, and to secure these is Dr. Price's special mission at this time. Two mills, having forty-five stamps, have been ordered at Los Angeles, and will be shipped to the mines as soon as water is secured to operate them. They will be located within ten miles of the McHaneys' Desert Queen. Dr. Price has expressed the opinion that there existed on the Yuma desert the foundation for one of the most profitable as well as most permanent mining camps the world has ever known.

BURGLARS AT WALLACE.

They Hold Up the Pacific Express Agent and Secure \$400.

He Is Given No Chance to Resist. The Bandits Overlook Valuable Packages.

SPOKANE, WASH., Aug. 28.—The agent of the Pacific Express Company at Wallace, Idaho, had an encounter with two burglars last evening. It was about 10 o'clock when he started to make up his cash in the depot of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company.

His back was toward the door, and when he turned around he was confronted by two masked men with guns, who requested him to deliver over the cash. As the safe was unlocked, the bandits proceeded to go through it. There was but little money on hand, and they secured only about \$400.

They appeared to be in a great hurry and seemed rather new in the business, for they overlooked several packages containing considerable money. The night was very dark, and although the two men were seen by standers to leave the depot they were not recognized, and there is no clue to the robbers.

COLONEL HOLLISTER'S ESTATE.

It Is Being Distributed to Certain of His Heirs.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., Aug. 28.—Considerable property belonging to the estate of the late Colonel Hollister has been transferred to certain of the heirs in settlement of the estate.

A deed has just been placed on record transferring to Jennie B. Hale, Harold A. John J. and Stanley Hollister, all of the Santa Anita ranch, the upper and lower Gaviota ranches and a portion of the Rancho Nuestra Senora de Refugio, the consideration named being \$100,000, a sum considerably less than the appraised value of the lands.

Wait for the Big Alteration Sale. Clothing at cut-in-two prices for just a few days. Starts Saturday morning at 9:30. Full particulars tomorrow in this paper. H. SUMMERFIELD & CO., 924-930 Market Street.