

ALONG THE COAST.

Report of Another Gold Strike in the Pinon District.

LEDGES RICH IN METAL.

The Specimens Assay From \$400 to \$1500 to the Ton.

NEAR THE DESERT QUEEN.

Active Work in the New Mine Will Be Commenced at Once.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., Sept. 2.—New and rich discoveries are constantly being made in the Pinon district and in the vicinity of the Desert Queen mine.

The discovery was made in July by N. C. Bledsoe of Los Angeles, and from all indications will surpass the Desert Queen in richness.

A tunnel has been run into the mountain for about sixteen feet and down about eight feet, with the prospects of a three or four foot ledge at fifty feet.

DEATH OF JUDGE WILLIS.

One of the First Prosecuting Attorneys of San Francisco Gone.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., Sept. 2.—Judge Henry M. Willis of this city died suddenly last night at Oceanside of apoplexy, aged 64.

Until he broke down a few years ago Judge Willis easily stood at the head of the bar in this county. He was a man of keenest intellect.

HADLEY TO GO FREE.

Relatives Will Make Good the Amount of His Forfeiture.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., Sept. 2.—W. S. Hadley, who manipulated a forged draft for \$25 on the First National Bank of Redlands, will probably be set free, as Eastern friends have taken the matter in hand.

Sold by the Sheriff.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., Sept. 2.—About \$30,000 worth of land in the Semi-prairie Land and Water Company's tract near Rialto was sold at Sheriff's sale today under foreclosure suits, and most of it was bought by Henry Pierce of San Francisco, who holds second mortgage in the sum mentioned.

STATE FAIR OPENING.

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and spontaneous as the proverbial hospitality of the early Argonauts.

STATE FAIR RACES.

The Meeting Opened With Three Interesting Events.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Sept. 2.—The State fair race-meeting opened today under the most favorable auspices. The weather was delightful, and although the attendance was not large the large number of crack horses, both of the trotting and running brigade, quartered at the track, insure some great racing that is bound to attract horsemen from all over the State.

Book-betting was tried for the first time and has evidently "caught on," for business with the auction-box was extremely light.

Two trots and a pacing race opened the carnival of sport today. All three events were taken in straight heats by the winners.

Promptly at 1:30 o'clock Judge J. Wilson, C. M. Chase and F. C. de Long in the stand called on the five starters for the rich Occident stake, worth \$2400, of which \$720 went to the second and \$240 to the third.

That superb filly, La Belle, 2:16, owned by Mrs. W. J. Severance of Los Angeles, was considered a "moral" and 1 to 10 was her price in the books.

Keating held the reins over her, and there was nothing fast enough in the race to exercise the gracefully moving daughter of Sidney, she jorcing under the wire in 2:20 1/4, 2:19 1/4 and 2:20 1/4.

This is her last race, as her owner intends to retire her for the season preparatory to a sweeping campaign the coming year.

Frank Alto, who vied with Silver Ring for second choice honors in the betting, finished second in each heat, although having a close call in the last one.

Striking the homestead, Silver King seemed to have him beaten, when a disastrous break lost him the heat.

Our Seth had the distance flag waved in his face, being very unsteady, and Nordica was drawn after the first heat.

Of course the customary dump was expected, and it occurred in the second event on the card, the 2:25 class pace. Nothing would do the talent but Ruby, and she sold for \$20 in the auction, while the other twelve starters brought collectively but \$12. It took two heats to convince her

supporters that Birdroe was the jolly joker, but when the speedy Wiggler reeled off the second heat in 2:12 1/4 there was a rush to hedge out. Birdroe took the three heats so cleverly that she may later prove a thorn in the side of some of the free-for-alls.

The books at one time laid as good as 25 to 1 against the winner.

The game John Barry, with his toe-weights, hoppers and other paraphernalia came out in the \$1000 2:22 trot, and, although "dead" lame in the last heats, was never crowded. He opened a 1 to 4 chance in the books, and 1 to 15 were the odds chalked against him after he had "sky-jacked" with his four competitors in the first heat.

When the wise ones discovered that lameness, though, there was some heavy unloading, and 1 to 3 was offered when the horses came out for the word.

The hand played one of its liveliest airs and John, forgetting his infirmities, showed the field the way around and took the purse.

There was a strong demand for Mand H, but she was unsteady and could not get inside the money. Bijou took second money and Stella third.

The collapse of John Barry's sulky while scoring for the first heat showed that a level-headed fellow he is and gave Driver Bunch an opportunity to display his cleverness in the sulky.

The Occident stake, value \$2400, La Belle, ch. f., by Sidney-Annie Belle (Keating), won. Frank Alto second, Silver Ring, Our Seth fourth, Nordica drawn. Time, 2:20 1/4-2:19 1/4-2:20 1/4.

2:20 class, racing, purse \$800, Birdroe, by Mark Monroe, dam Whitwired Chief (Baker), won. Bob M second, Don N third, Dictator fourth, Pansy fifth, Alce sixth, Babe Marion seventh, Lynette eighth, Prince C drawn; Trife, Welcome, Senator and Little Alpha distanced. Time, 2:14 1/2-2:12 1/2-2:15.

2:25 class, trotting, purse \$1000, John Barry, by Antinous-Mulder (Baker), won. Stella third, Here fourth, Mand H fifth. Time, 2:21 1/4-2:18 1/4-2:21 1/4.

The entries for the free-for-all pace close to-morrow. Chehalis, the speedy northern pacer, has gone amiss and will not be a starter at the meeting. Pool-selling on to-morrow's events was brisk to-night.

The following are the entries for the three events:

Two-year-old trot, 2:40 class, Falita and Don Roberts are the only starters.

2:30 class, trotting, Letave, Letter B, Dr. Puff, Native State, Ethel Downs, Rex Gifford, Oliver C, Lady Thornhill.

2:40 class, trotting—Charivar, Fannie C, Anita, Dion, Theres, Leakwood, Cool Dust, Our Lucky.

SANTA CRUZ GRAND JURY.

Investigation of the Court-house Scandal to Be Made.

Supervisors Refuse to Accept the Foundation for the New Structure.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., Sept. 2.—An order was issued this morning by the Superior Court by Judge Logan to the effect that a Grand Jury would be drawn to-morrow afternoon and is to appear in court on September 12. The main business which will be before it will be the investigation of the courthouse scandal.

At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors this morning County Clerk Martin read the communications referring to the breach of contract, written by Supervisor Linscott to Contractor McCabe and Architect Comstock, Thomas Beck of Watsonville, who represents the Supervisors and who oversees the work, said he would not accept the work already done on the foundation on account of the lack of sufficient cement. He also inspected the foundation and found that he could crumble parts of it. Comstock's methods were condemned by the board, and it was agreed he should be held responsible for the cost arising from misrepresentations of the specifications. Mr. Beck submitted the following report:

Honorable Board of Supervisors of Santa Cruz County—GENTLEMEN: In the matter of the contract which is now being done for the foundation of the new courthouse, I beg to report that the specifications for said concrete work have not been followed in many particulars. The work in my opinion is not sufficient as a proper foundation for said courthouse.

THOMAS BECK, Superintendent of Construction.

Supervisor Enright's motion that the foundation already laid be taken up was adopted unanimously, and Mr. Beck was instructed to see that this was done, and also that the specifications be hereafter followed to the letter.

This afternoon the workmen were busy in taking up the foundation.

Burn and Contents Burned.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., Sept. 2.—A large barn on the Loma Alta fruit farm, owned by Humphrey Pilkington, burned to the ground last evening. Seven tons of hay, farming implements, a phaeton and spring wagon were burned. The horses were rescued just in time. The loss is \$1500 with an insurance of \$1000.

POINT ROBERTS DISCOVERIES.

Skeletons of Aborigines Found in Shell Mounds.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Sept. 2.—Andrew Leamy and a friend in searching for archeological specimens on Point Roberts came across three mounds in a straight line, each about 100 feet in breadth, 200 feet in length, and fully 30 feet in height, lying north and south. Work was commenced on the most southerly of the three, and, after excavating a few feet, a tomb circular in form, and about 2 1/2 feet in diameter, was encountered.

The walls of the tomb were built of stone in exactly the same form that a well is built up, but only about 4 feet high. At the bottom were found the bones of a human being, placed in such a manner that the head and heels were touching, or nearly so, the body evidently having been bent double and thrust in. The skull was round and unlike in shape any found in this country, but was in such a decayed condition that it could not be preserved.

A thigh and shin bone were found in a good state of preservation, but the rest of the bones crumbled on being touched.

Leamy and his friend continued their excavation and unearthed another skeleton several feet lower and at a depth below the surface of fully six feet. This skeleton, which had, like the other, been buried in a double-up position, was perfect, and by careful sifting nearly every bone was covered. The skull, unlike the one above, was that of a Flathead and contained every tooth but one, which was lost in being dug up. Still another skeleton was found on further excavation, but not in very good state of preservation. An interesting find was also made in the shape of a bone spearhead, about twelve inches long. The mound is composed principally of shells, and its formation to its present height must have been the work of ages.

On the top of the mound excavated by Mr. Leamy and his friend were two maple trees, each about four feet in diameter, the roots of which overlay the skeletons. G. Major estimates the age of these trees at 300 years, and how long the bodies were buried there before some six feet of shells accumulated on top of them and the trees took root from the seed would be very difficult to estimate.

Sept on the Track.

CHICO, CAL., Sept. 2.—The cowcatcher on the engine of the southbound Oregon express struck and killed Halala, an In-Indian working for General Bidwa, on morning. Halala had got on a spruce last night on China gin and laid down on the railroad track and went to sleep.

ALONG THE COAST.

Fresnoites Lending Aid to the San Joaquin Road.

SECURING LAND RIGHTS.

Gratifying Progress Made by the Committee Raising Funds.

GRADING SOON TO COMMENCE.

As Much Work as Possible to Be Done Before Winter Rains Set In.

FRESNO, CAL., Sept. 2.—An important business meeting of the joint committee of ten of the Chamber of Commerce and the Hundred Thousand Club was held to-night to attend to matters relating to the Valley road.

The finance committee, which has charge of the raising of funds for the purchase of rights of way and depot site, was present and reported satisfactory progress made—in fact subscriptions had been coming in better than expected, and confidence was felt that the necessary amount would soon be raised.

The finance committee is hard at work daily, and at an early date a mass-meeting will be held to stir the people up to a better realization of the critical point which is at hand for Fresno.

It is understood that grading on the road will soon commence from this city, in order to get as much work done as possible before the winter rains set in.

Fresno intends to secure the right of way and sites as soon as possible.

PROGRESS AT STOCKTON.

Work of Laying Ties and Rails to Be Pushed Rapidly.

STOCKTON, CAL., Sept. 2.—Work is progressing rapidly on the Valley road. Ties and rails have been strung all along the line on Taylor street, as far as the bulkhead on Mormon Channel, and the work of putting them in place will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

A large load of timber for the bridges arrived today and is being unloaded. The hauling of these timbers to the bridge sites will begin today.

Thornton & Co. have a large force at work on the Edison-street grade, between Mormon and Stockton channels, and are filling in at the rate of 2000 cubic yards daily. This is the heaviest piece of work they have encountered, and it will be two weeks before they complete the section called for in their second contract.

JONES IN A CARSON COURT.

Attempt to Quash the Indictment for the Mint Bullion Shortage.

No Decision Was Rendered, but Failure Was Apparent From the Judge's Remarks.

CARSON, NEV., Sept. 2.—There was a large audience in the United States Court room today to hear the argument of the demurrers in the case of the United States vs. John Jones, the alleged bullion thief. His attorneys demurred to the indictments on two grounds, and asked that they be quashed. He held that the Grand Jury could not combine two offenses in one indictment, as in this case it had combined larceny and embezzlement.

The court held that the United States law allowed separate offenses to be joined in one indictment. The question raised by the defense to the effect that the jury was impaneled on the trial of the defendant, and in citing authorities the court clearly indicated what course it would take.

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Club originally proposed to do for San Francisco. Its work, however, is laid on broader lines, and its objects are to increase the population of the State, to develop its resources and to assist every legitimate enterprise of a public or a private nature that may tend to promote the prosperity of the State at large.

The league, which organization is complete, is to consist of fifty-seven councils—one for each county of the State, and a Grand Council composed of delegates, one from each council. Until the organization is completed, however, the charter members of the first council organized—that of San Francisco—perform the work of the Grand Council. There have already been organized five or six councils outside of this city.

The present officers of the league are: Edwin L. Forster, grand councilor or State president; C. S. Spader, grand vice-councilor; and Clarence B. Putnam, grand organizer. The other members of the acting Grand Council are all representative San Franciscans and include such men as J. C. Irvine, Myron Mills, C. H. Hammit and Walter J. Wells.

"The chief difference of our work from that of the Half-million Club," said State President Foster yesterday, "lies in the fact that we propose not only to encourage immigration but to place the people already in the State in that portion of it in which each can do the most effective work. For instance, if we find in an agricultural community a man who is best adapted to mechanical work we shall try to place him where he can do that work; if we find an excellent farmer achieving small success as a fruit-raiser we shall seek out a good fruit-raiser who makes a poor farmer, and where possible induce them to change places.

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State Tax Levy Fixed by the Board of Equalizers.

EXCEEDS THE ESTIMATE.

Sixty-Eight and a Half Cents on Each Hundred Dollars.

TOTAL VALUE \$1,132,712,674.

Of This Sum \$43,018,640 Comes Under the Head of Railroad Property.