

THAT LA PAZ STORM.

Washing Away of a Dam Destroyed Life and Property.

HEART-RENDING SCENES

Houses Swept Away, Leaving Many Families Without Shelter.

STEAMERS ALSO IN DANGER.

The Willamette Valley Will Not Arrive in San Francisco Till Friday.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., Oct. 13.—Private letters received from Guaymas and La Paz give a few details of the great storm early this month. At La Paz on September 20 a slight rain started in the morning, with almost no wind, and became a gale as the day wore on. By 5 p. m. the storm had reached the fury of a cyclone, and Cais Arroyo de las Mendozas, running through the southern part of the town, overflowed its banks.

A small dam had been formed by the natural action of the streets from the arroyo, and this was speedily washed away. The arroyo, which had assumed the proportions of a river, flowed through the streets in the lower part of the town and flooded the market-places.

House after house, adobe and frame, crumbled and melted or tumbled as their foundations washed out, until by dark thirty houses were swept away and as many families left without shelter. Some of the largest business houses of La Paz were in the way of the flood and several succumbed, including a large store owned by Jose Maria Lopez. It was his big iron safe that was washed half a mile from the spot where the house stood.

The scenes among the poor families washed out of their homes were heart-rending, as all their clothes and bedding were lost and the rain continued to fall in torrents, while the wind was so high that the air was full of flying missiles.

At one time everybody in the city was panic-stricken, as dark the arroyo continued to rise, and threatened to flood the entire city.

Many hastily took food and clothing, and struck out for higher ground, believing the city to be doomed. The consternation was greater from the fact that the creek had been dry for years, and no such flood had ever been seen. On the day following the flood attempts were made to get at the amount of damage done, and to rescue many persons in dangerous predicaments further up the creek. The storm still continued however, and practically nothing was done.

Reports came in of lives lost here and there, and several bodies were washed into the bay and there recovered. So far as can be learned there was no tidal wave, all the loss resulting from the sudden and extreme rise in the arroyo, which has its source in the high mountains and runs rapidly downward to La Paz.

At the time the letter was sent, just after the storm, rumors had been received at La Paz of damage and loss of life at San Jose de Cabo, Todos Santos and other little towns on the end of the peninsula, but nothing definite was learned.

A letter has also been received from one of the officers of the Mexican gunboat Oaxaca, at anchor in Guaymas Bay, describing the fearful hurricane and expressing fears that the steamers Diego and Mazatlan have been lost. He says the steamer Willamette Valley, due at Guaymas on October 4, did not arrive until the 8th after a terrible experience along the coast in the gale. The Willamette Valley is, therefore, not expected to arrive in San Francisco before the 15th inst. She is due at Ensenada on the 16th.

SAFE IN FRESNO'S JAIL.

Toy Ah Sing, a Chinese Girl, Rescued From the Cruel Highbinders.

But Her Enemies Charge Her With Petty Theft to Clear Their Own Shirts.

FRESNO, CAL., Oct. 13.—Toy Ah Sing, the 16-year-old Chinese girl who was recently abducted from Martinez by Fresno highbinders and brought to this city, is now in jail here. She was arrested at Colma this morning by Deputy Constable Dumas and Hi Rapelje on a charge of petty larceny.

She was with the two Contra Costa Deputy Sheriffs who rescued her from the highbinders yesterday, at the time of her arrest. They were waiting at Colma for the northbound train, which they intended to take for Martinez.

After the girl was spirited away from this city the highbinders immediately had her charged with stealing the clothes she had on, and habeas corpus proceedings were also instituted. Dumas and Rapelje drove to Madera during the night, expecting to find the party there. On their way back they came by way of Colma and there found the girl.

Sing, when seen this evening at the jail, said, through an interpreter, that two highbinders had frightened her with all sorts of threats to get her to leave Martinez, where she was visiting a friend. When the highbinders arrived here with her they treated her shamefully.

A number of citizens have interested themselves in the rescue of the girl and she is very happy to be out of the clutches of the highbinders. She is an unusually attractive girl and is an inmate of the mission in San Francisco.

WOES OF A SEATTLE BARBER.

Arrested for Refusing to Shave a Colored Man.

SEATTLE, WASH., Oct. 13.—A. L. Thomas, a barber, was arrested last night for refusing to shave a colored man, and the old question of civil rights is to be tested in the courts. There is a State law making refusal to afford equal rights to all citizens punishable by imprisonment, and this test case is to be made under it.

SPOKANE'S POLICE TANGLE.

A New Court Ruling Which Strikes at the Mayor.

SPOKANE, WASH., Oct. 13.—Mayor Belt, acting in accordance with the decision of Judge Sullivan, giving him power to appoint the Chief of Police, issued an ultimatum giving the opposing police force the choice of turning over to him the uni-

forms and stars by 8 o'clock last night or being thrown into jail.

When the hour arrived he had his force together to carry out the threat, but he was served with a writ of prohibition issued by Judge Moore, on affidavit of the board of police, which ordered him to give up all control of the police department.

This would give the Police Board control. Mayor Belt is not inclined to obey the writ, and may conclude to hold the fort. If he does it will render the situation serious.

HURT IN A RUNAWAY.

Accident to the Family of a Californian at Tehachapi.

TEHACHAPI, CAL., Oct. 13.—John Iribarne, accompanied by his wife and daughter Blanche, little nephew Edmund Young, and Miss Laura Bickerstaff started on a pleasure drive this afternoon which may terminate fatally for one of the party.

The team started to run, and in an attempt to check them one of the rings holding the inside line broke and left the driver powerless to control them. Mrs. Iribarne jumped out, and was soon followed by her daughter and Miss Bickerstaff. Mr. Iribarne's little nephew and stayed with the team until the surrey turned over.

Mrs. Iribarne sustained a severe blow on the back of the head, from which grave consequences may result. She is now at the home of R. R. Taylor, four miles from town, and a physician is attending her. The exact extent of her injuries may not be determined before to-morrow.

Miss Blanche sustained a slight scalp wound, and her left arm is badly bruised and scratched. Miss Bickerstaff and little Eddie came out unharmed and Mr. Iribarne was but slightly hurt. The team was a lively team that has figured in several lively runaways heretofore, but none have ever terminated so seriously. Mr. Iribarne is an old Californian, and at the present is owner of the Plute, Tehachapi's leading hotel.

AMONG THE BEST PEOPLE.

A Past Exalted Elk Sorry He Cannot Come This Way.

PORTLAND, OR., Oct. 13.—Past Grand Exalted Ruler of Elks E. B. Hay, after being entertained here as though he were a king, passed the day quietly visiting a few old-time friends, and leaves to-morrow morning for his home in Washington City.

He authorized THE CALL correspondent to express his regrets to the San Francisco Elks of his inability to visit them on this trip, as an important lawsuit imperatively demands his presence in Washington on the 20th inst.

"Nothing," said he, "would have given me more pleasure than to have met the California Elks in their own woods, just now, for my reception here inspires me with the belief that they will be among the very best of the best people on earth. I shall look to meeting them in the near future."

THE SHIPS AT VALLEJO.

Cruiser Boston to Be Ready for Commission by Next Saturday.

The Adams Will Be Sent North. Notes and Personals at Mare Island.

VALLEJO, CAL., Oct. 13.—By Saturday next the cruiser Boston will be ready to go into commission. Twenty shipwrights and ten ship-joiners, who have been working on her and on the Hartford, were discharged Saturday night. Many of the shipwrights now working on the Hartford will be discharged before long and by December work will have practically stopped on her. She has been hoisted in with canvas to protect the upper deck from rain, so that workmen will not be discommodated.

The engines and boiler are being placed in the new tug, and in five weeks she will be ready for her steam trial trip.

The Adams has been hauled down near the stone drydock and will be taken in the first of the week. After going into commission the Adams will be sent north to relieve the gunboat Pinta. The latter will come to Mare Island and go out of commission and will probably be sold.

A number of the officers of the Boston are here. Her executive, Lieutenant Commander A. V. Wadhams, is aboard each day, and will make a good executive, judging from the manner in which he attends to his duties. He is a gentleman universally liked on board of ship.

But little is being done on board the Monadnock, as she is almost ready for her trial trip.

Work at the navy-yard will be very dull at the present time, as the yard have been commissioned and have left port.

The Monterey is out of dock, and will soon be sent to San Francisco.

Lieutenant Frederick H. Lefavor has assumed his duties as aid to the commandant, and, with his family, has taken up his residence in house 11. The lieutenant and his family are welcomed back to their island home.

A building piece of quay wall is being built along the water front, which will be the means of employing a number of men in the yards and docks department for some months to come.

A SUICIDE AT SAN DIEGO.

Charles F. St. Clair, an Old Soldier, Found Dead in Bed.

He Had Been Drinking and Threatened to Take His Life.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., Oct. 13.—Charles F. St. Clair, an old soldier, aged 62, was found dead in bed to-day at Mechanics' Home, in this city. He was last seen alive Thursday evening, when he went to his room and told the girl not to disturb him, as he wanted a long sleep. Constable blood was found on the pillow, seeming to come from hemorrhage.

Two bottles of laudanum were on the table near him, one empty and the other two-thirds full. St. Clair was addicted to morphine and also drank heavily, and told friends some days ago he would commit suicide if he could not stop drinking. He was on a spree Tuesday and Wednesday.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

John Felix's Wife of Menlo Park Killed by Her Own Gun.

MENLO PARK, CAL., Oct. 13.—John Felix, a fish merchant of this place and his wife, while out hunting in the hills back of town this afternoon, met with rather a peculiar accident. They were riding in a buggy with a breech-loading shotgun resting on the seat between them. A squaw made an attempt to get into Felix's joggins caught the trigger, discharging the gun. The load entered the fleshy portion of the woman's arm, inflicting a painful wound. The gun was shot through the No. 7 shot. The injuries are not considered serious.

SAN JOSE CARNIVAL.

An Organized Effort to Secure a Supply of Flowers.

BEAUTIFY VACANT LOTS.

Green Grain, Potted Plants and Other Decorations in View.

ROSES FOR THE BIG PAVILION.

The Finance Committee Has Now Secured Five Thousand Dollars.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Oct. 13.—A meeting of the chairmen of the committees on flower supply was held yesterday afternoon. The meeting was largely attended by chairmen from the committees in various sections, and all rendered encouraging reports of the progress made.

Chairman L. J. Chipman stated that it would be necessary to begin an organized effort at once in order to secure the flowers necessary for the great carnival enterprise. They would be needed in immense quantities and no dependence could be placed upon collecting sufficient flowers from private individuals to meet the demand for effective decorating. It was the design to interest the children in the various schools of the county in the scheme, and no doubt this means a great quantity of flowers could be secured. The school grounds of the city, it was desired, should be beautified with flower plats to be as great an extent as possible, and the fences ornamented with flowering climbing vines.

Professor Childs stated that about twelve acres of the Normal School grounds would be available for flowers, and that a fund was being raised among the pupils for such a purpose.

The ward committees in the city will see to the beautifying of the vacant lots and sidewalks in their districts, and will endeavor to have owners of vacant lots sow their lands in barley or wheat so they will present a green and pretty appearance by May. The stores and pavements in the business portion of the city will also be ornamented with potted plants and palms.

For decoration of the pavilion it was suggested that it would be possible to place climbing roses in large boxes the same as small plants are usually potted. These climbing vines would make a profuse and elaborate decoration for the pavilion.

In regard to the marigold, rose and sweet pea days, it was the opinion of those present that the changes in the decorations would be only in the display at the pavilion. A portion of the arch decorations might also be changed to suit the day.

On motion of Mrs. C. D. Wright the following were adopted as the colors and varieties of sweet peas to be raised: Lavender, Cardinal, Radnor, pink, Mrs. Gladstone, cardinal, Boreas, scarlet, freddy.

The Santa Clara County Floral Society at its meeting yesterday afternoon decided to have an elaborate float in the carnival parade.

Chairman Spring of the Finance Committee has secured nearly \$5000 in subscriptions without making an extended canvass, and there will be no trouble in raising the \$20,000 carnival fund.

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

It Will Meet in San Jose on Next Thursday.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Oct. 13.—The synod of the Presbyterian church of California will meet in the First Presbyterian Church next Thursday evening. The delegation will comprise the minister and one elder from each church in the State, and about 150 are expected to be present.

The synod will be opened by a sermon by the retiring moderator, Rev. Arthur Crosby of San Rafael, master of Mount Tamalpais Military Academy. Following the sermon will be the organization of the synod and the election of a moderator and appointment of committees.

On Friday morning communion will be celebrated at 8:30 o'clock, continuing for half an hour. Following this service the synod will open for the transaction of business. The meeting of the synod promises to be very interesting because of several important matters which are to be brought before it of both local and general interest.

Chief of the difficulty between the First Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles and the presbytery of Los Angeles. This grows out of the sale of the property of the First church and the purchasing of a lot, two miles distant, to which a minority demurred and insisted that the presbytery, resulting in an action by the presbytery dissolving the First church and creating two new churches and demanding of the First church a pro rata division of the proceeds of the sale of the property. The pastor, Rev. Burt Estes Howard, and officers refused to obey the action of the presbytery, denying its authority to dissolve a corporate body and force a division of the funds, claiming that it is a matter to be settled by the courts.

A meeting of the presbytery has been held during the past week and it is expected that Rev. Howard and his officers have been suspended because of insubordination. This will be a fiercely fought battle between rival factions and will probably find its settlement in the Supreme Court of the United States. The suit regarding the property is now pending in the Superior Court of Los Angeles.

The trial of Rev. Howard and officers for insubordination will occupy the principal attention of the synod, though the other matter involving about \$60,000, will receive due attention.

PEOPLE'S PARTY CONFERENCE.

Delegates to Meet at San Jose With the Farmers' Alliance.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Oct. 13.—Delegates began to arrive in this city this evening from all parts of the State to attend the conference of the People's party committee and the annual convention of the State Farmers' Alliance. The deliberations are to open to-day to continue three days, and are to close on Wednesday evening with a joint debate by John P. Irish and T. V. Cator upon the money question. This debate is the ninth and closing one of the series.

Among the delegates who arrived in this city this evening were: E. M. Wardall of Los Angeles, chairman of the People's Party State Central Committee; J. V. Webster of San Luis Obispo, president of the State Farmers' Alliance; J. E. Campbell of Sacramento; Judge E. M. Gibson of Alameda; T. V. Cator, L. D. Gibbons of San Luis Obispo; John S. Dore of Fresno; W. H. Gilstrap of Tulare; W. S. Fawcett, Los Angeles; R. E. Bust, Oakland, and Charles H. Arnold.

In an interview this evening J. V. Webster, State president of the Farmers' Alliance, stated that the principal object of

the conference of the People's party State Central Committee was to make arrangements for the State convention on next spring when Presidential Electors will be named and candidates for Congress nominated.

At the deliberations of the Farmers' Alliance on Tuesday and Wednesday there are to be discussions upon "Co-operation," the gold and silver question, freights and fares, and how the farmers can best keep their produce out of the hands of middlemen and get them to the market as cheaply as possible.

SANTA CLARA FRUIT.

Exchange Shipping Large Consignments at Good Prices.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Oct. 13.—The County Exchange is at present shipping a large amount of extra fine dried fruits in fancy boxes East to fill early orders. The price realized at present is 47 cents per pound for the average of the four sizes of prunes, and it is believed that the price will not cut during the season's sales.

Large quantities of prunes and other dried fruits are being received at the Exchange daily and soon the entire crop will be stored. In quantity the crop is up to expectations, and the quality, especially of prunes, is all that could be desired.

YOUNG BURGLARS.

A Gang of Boys in San Jose Run Down by the Police.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Oct. 13.—Ed Williams, a 16-year-old boy who has eluded the police since last May, was arrested by Officer Prindle last night. Williams was the ringleader of a gang of youthful thieves, who made raids into the country in quest of anything that a junk-dealer would buy.

At one place visited during the absence of the family the boys carted off the cook-stove. The gang perpetrated many burglaries before the officers succeeded in locating them.

As soon as Williams learned the officers were on his trail he left town, and he had been back but a short time when arrested. He will be charged with burglary.

FLED WITH ANOTHER MAN.

San Jose Divorce Suit on the Ground of Desertion.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Oct. 13.—George Hood yesterday began suit for divorce against Anna Hood on the ground of desertion. The couple were married in Riverside in 1891. Hood who was employed on the railroad, was away from home a great deal and when he returned from one of his trips he found that his wife had packed up her trunk and fled to Los Angeles with another man.

Mrs. Hood is now living in Riverside, to which place she returned after her husband had left that section. Hood is now employed at the Hopkins nursery near Palo Alto.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC TELESCOPE.

Miss Floyd of Lakeport Presents It to Lick Observatory.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Oct. 13.—Miss Floyd of Lakeport has presented to the Lick Observatory a five-inch photographic telescope, which was made for the private observatory of her father, the late Captain Floyd, formerly president of the Lick trust. It is an important addition to the equipment of the observatory.

Held Up a Saloon.—The saloon of Frank Blackmar, at the Meridian, four miles west of this city, was entered by highwaymen about 8 o'clock this evening and the proprietor and five customers forced at the point of three pistols to deliver their money, amounting to \$30. The men wore no masks. One was 40 and the other 18 years of age. They were Swedes, but no trace of them has been found.

Death of Joseph E. Brown.—SAN JOSE, CAL., Oct. 13.—Joseph E. Brown, a well-known real-estate dealer of this city, died suddenly at his home last evening of rheumatism of the heart. Mr. Brown was born in New York State in 1825 and came to this city in the early sixties. He leaves a widow and one son, Goldwin Brown.

INDIANS GET THE WINE.

Healdsburg Tramps May Get Five Years for Selling It to Them.

Five of the Gentry Captured for Whom San Quentin Has No Terrors.

HEALDSBURG, CAL., Oct. 13.—Although eighteen men have been arrested and convicted of furnishing wine to Indians in this place during the past twelve months, the prison walls of San Quentin seem to have no terrors for many others, and the red men still continue to secure all the wine they want.

This is the season of their discontent. They are brave, money, earned in the harvest of the hop crop and that of Charles's braves and money cannot remain long together while the supply of wine lasts, many white men get into trouble.

Officers, Ingalls, Leard and Norton yesterday captured five men who had been carrying the juice of the grapes to a delectated of red men and women and landed them in jail. They also seized a five-gallon oilcan filled with wine. The guilty parties were all tramps and had purchased fifteen gallons of wine for the natives.

The case against them is a strong one, and all will soon be in the "big jail." Many seem to forget that it is a felony to supply an Indian with liquor, punishable by not less than one or more than five years imprisonment.

SHORT GRAPE CROP.

The Supply at Healdsburg Not Equal to the Demand.

HEALDSBURG, CAL., Oct. 13.—The big plant of the American Concentrated Must Company shut down last night, owing to the fact that no more grapes could be had. While Manager Duke had contracted for 1500 tons of grapes, only 810 tons were available, as the crop of this county will be little over half of what it was last season, and many cellars will be empty at the end of the season. The second crop in many of the vineyards is as heavy as the first.

Several sets of this season's vintage have already been made. It is stated that F. C. Albertz, one of the heaviest wine-makers in the Cloverdale district, has sold his entire vintage to the Wine Association for 15 cents per gallon.

The brandy output of this district will be the heaviest in years, as much inferior red and white wine is being distilled. A large quantity of sweet wine is also being made, so that the northern wine market will be far below that of former years.

ONE JUG OF WHISKY.

Two Men Take Laudanum in Theirs and One is Dead.

PORTERVILLE, CAL., Oct. 13.—Word has just reached here that M. Donohue and S. S. Coburn, living in the mountains twenty-two miles east of here had drunk the contents of a jug of whisky, after which they each took a dose of laudanum for the purpose, it is supposed, of producing sleep.

The result is that Coburn is dead and Donohue is in a serious condition. Both of them are known as hard drinkers. Each was about 60 years of age.

MAJORITY CONTEST.

The Vital Question in Sacramento's City Politics.

DEMOCRATS ARE DIVIDED

Lawton and Steinman Each Has a Following in the Party.

FOUR CANDIDATES NOW AFIELD.

J. W. Wilson, the Republican Nominee, Against Hubbard, the Citizen.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Oct. 13.—The vital question in political circles at the present time is: Who will be Sacramento's next Mayor? One of the candidates being the off-spring of one of the most turbulent political conventions that have met in this city for years, and one of his opponents of the same political faith being responsible for the riotous scenes in the late Democratic convention has caused a breach in the ranks of that party impossible to repair.

The Democrats are arrayed in two opposing factions and so pronounced is the personality of the candidates of the independent faction who failed to get the party nomination that his following is known as "Steinman Democrats." The other faction is composed of the regulars, who are banded together for Lawton, who is also endorsed by the Populists. The Citizens party have named a man who was defeated for Assessor in the last County Republican Convention by less than a score of votes. His defeat is conceded to have been caused entirely through lack of proper management and cannot be attributed to any dearth of friends.

The nominee of the Citizens—C. H. Hubbard—has also received the endorsement of the American Protective Association, and it is claimed will receive the full vote of that organization, which is variously rated at from 1000 to 1500. The Citizens' party, as an organization, carries but little strength outside of the power of nomination.

The Republican candidate—J. W. Wilson—is the nominee of the party which has always possessed the greatest strength in this city, and if the party would give him a solo vote there would be no question as to his election. For the past four or five years the spirit of independence has been rapidly growing, and party lines are by no means as closely adhered to as in former years. At one time the nomination by a Republican convention was equivalent to an election.

Owing to these complications and the numerous candidates who occupy the field local politicians declare that they were never more at sea as to the ultimate result of the contest, but all seem to unite in saying that the battle royal lies between Frank Rhoads, the position not excepted of the latter sum up the position as follows: The total vote will probably amount to 5500. Of this number they claim that their candidate will capture at least 2000, and perhaps 2500. To Wilson they concede 1500 to 1800 votes, and divide the balance between the other candidates.

On the other hand, Wilson's friends claim that he will win out without a struggle and refuse to concede Steinman's power, while they cast suspicious glances in the direction of Hubbard, whose adherents are making a strong, quiet battle, cloaking their movements in a mystery that seems impenetrable as to the strength they are acquiring.

Frank Rhoads, better known as the "Little Napoleon," like his prototype has again demonstrated his political genius by appearing at the Republican convention backed with a solid delegation from the First Ward and has declared himself as in former days solid in favor of the Republican nominees. In those olden palmy days of politics, when a nomination on the Republican ticket meant a Republican victory, Rhoads held the fate of every Republican aspirant for political honors in his hand. Men who went to the conventions followed his lead, and no man possessed greater popularity. He spent his money like a prince, and no needy person ever applied to him in vain for aid.

Frank Dareaux, who has long been his staunch lieutenant, was taken by Rhoads direct to the position of president of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, and became king of the Second Ward, where his sway was absolute. Having always been dictator, Rhoads refused to be dictated to even by such an omnipotent power as the railroad company apparently possessed. To this fact in a great measure may be attributed the decline of his political power, as the company deserted him and placed their interests in the hands of Bart Cavanaugh, who had displayed considerable executive political ability. Cavanaugh gladly deserted the banner of his old commander to accept the higher responsibility entailed, and has since been engaged in the difficult task of offsetting the two solid delegations of the First and Second wards brought to all conventions by Rhoads and Dareaux.

In the present majority contest Cavanaugh declares that he has no interest "an out of politics and am raising hops," he said with a cheery smile, as he started in the direction of the Superior Court rooms to watch the progress of affairs in the indictments presented against him by the Grand Jury on charges of putting railroad funds where they would do the most good in the last political campaign to the defeat of the political aims of the "Little Napoleon."

Speaking of the situation, B. U. Steinman, Independent candidate, said: I am opposed to political bosses and they are opposed to me. Managing a city's affairs on a business proposition. I have conducted those affairs on business principles in the past and will continue to do so in the future if elected.

I am in favor of pushing public improvements of all kinds and the introduction of manufacturing enterprises. My motto is upward and onward. I am in favor of a new sewerage system and water supply. In fact my aim will be to develop our resources, improve our city, invite new enterprises, encourage capital to make investments, increase population and make new Sacramento a city that will eventually become the pride of the State.

J. W. Wilson, Republican nominee, when questioned as to his intentions if elected Mayor, said: I have been a resident of this city for thirty-four years and have had dealings with all in the city, and think the people capable of judging whether I possess the attributes of a successful business man. I shall conduct the city's business as I have my own and shall continue to be, as I have been in the past, foremost in the ranks to promote in every possible way the city's improvement and progress, and will devote my entire time to forwarding its material interests. As yet the only argument which has been advanced by my opponents against my election to this office is that I am dominated by the political

bosses. This is absolutely false. True, I possess their friendship, I prefer friendship to enmity, but my past record in county and city office will prove the falsity of their assertions.

C. H. Hubbard, Citizens' nominee, said: In the event of my election I shall endeavor to carry out the will of the community as regards all the necessary adjuncts to the city's growth and prosperity as far as power is vested in me so to do. I shall uphold the laws in every way and see that they are strictly enforced against gambling and other immoral places. I shall endeavor to promote any scheme that points to added advancement of the community, and will fulfill the duties of the office without fear or favor, showing partiality to none. I have made no other promises. I will make no other.

H. P. Lawton, Democratic nominee, said: Sacramento is one of the most important commercial cities in the State, and great attention should be given to the improvement of navigation. The sewer system of the city should be perfected without further delay. Sacramento could then announce itself as an all-year health resort as well as a commercial center. I favor bountimizing and macadamizing all the streets of the city as rapidly as possible, without crippling individual interests. Sacramento has a decided advantage in the use of cheap electric power, and I favor the encouragement of manufacturers to locate here. I shall insist that economy shall be observed in the various city departments.

SUFFOCATED BY SMOKE.

Three Workmen Lose Their Lives in a Mine Fire.

SIQX CITY, IOWA, Oct. 13.—The shaft-house at the Summit coal mine, three miles south of here, burned at 9 o'clock last night. Four miners, Albert Peterson, single; Alexander Eastman, single; Ing. Ingelman, single, and George Payne, a married man, were suffocated.

The engineer had built a fire in the furnace which hoists the shaft and left for supper. While he was gone the timbers close to the furnace became ignited and the mine rapidly filled with smoke. He returned and attempted to draw the imprisoned men from the mine when the cable broke, precipitating them to the bottom of the shaft. They found no way to escape from the mine and entered a cell, hoping to barricade the entrance and thus keep the smoke out, but it was impossible. The indications were that they died within half an hour after they commenced to fill the entrance to their retreat.

HIGH-SPEED TELEGRAPHY.

Successful Results