Interesting Items From Important Points in Alameda County.

BORAX SMITH'S COMBINE.

It Will Enable Him to Complete Many Local Improvements.

DAVIE REPLIES TO MOTT.

Men Summarily Dismissed From the Police Force Without Any Charges.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Nov. 27.

Private advices received in this city have made it plain why F. M. Smith, the borax manipulator, recently cabled to Oakland for his attorney, W. H. Chickering, to go to Europe. The borax millionaire has made a gigantic deal which will produce the supply of ready money that he has long desired to carry out his plans in regard to the California and Nevada Railroad and Emeryville pier.

According to the report Mr. Smith went to Europe for the purpose of making the deal, and had prepared for it by having drawn up elaborate sworn statements showing the extent of the borax deposits which he controls, the cost of extraction, the prices realized and the profits. These statements, in the form of a prospectus, were laid before the English capitalists whom Mr. Smith desired to interest. It is stated that he has sold at a good price a large interest in his borax deposits and in the Pacific Borax Works and the goodwill of the business—this interest being just a little less than one-half, so that he will still retain the control.

At the same time he has organized in London a new corporation which is to deal in crude borax and borax products in Great Britain and Europe. In this corporation F. M. Smith has less than a majority of shares.

He has also made a contract with the London company, whereby borax will be furnished by the Pacific Coast concern to the London concern at specified rates. At the same time Smith has tied up Coy, the owner of other borax deposits in Southern California, in such a manner that the Smith concern is more of a monopoly than ever. The date of the return of Mr. Smith and Attorney Chickering is not yet known.

REFUSE TO RETIRE.

Patrol Drivers, Sustained by the Auditor, Will Contest.

Patrol drivers Babb and Davis, who were dismissed by the Commissioners last night without a moment's notice, will contest the right of the commission to discharge them without cause. The request of Chief Lloyd for their dismissal specified no reason for his desire, and the men had no idea that they were to be put out of their jobs. Both of the men have served several years, and were considered first-class men. Clerk Spaulding of the board took the appointments of the new men to the Auditor this morning.

"I cannot receive these," said Auditor Snow. "The board has no power to appoint four patrol wagon drivers, and if my records are right Babb and Davis still hold the positions. If these men want to contest their dismissal I will not pay any other driver of the patrol wagon until the court compels me to. The charter plainly provides that competent and experienced employes in the several departments shall not be unnecessarily removed, and I should like to see this section decided by the courts. I run my office under it, and I should like to know if other departments do the same. If any employe, discharged without known cause, wants to try the validity of the law, I will stand with him."

Chief Lloyd refuses to explain why he asked their removal. He says he has reasons, but does not see fit to state them. The police captains are both satisfied with the men's work, but they are Republicans, and it is claimed that there were two Populists to be provided for, hence the sudden dismissals.

Mott a "Pinhead."

Mayor Davie has a luxurious head of hair, and Councilman Mott, chairman of the Finance Committee, shines in his baldness. It was not thought, however, that Mr. Mott's comparatively diminutive head would become an object of special notice. But it did. One night Councilman Bassett, Mayor Davie's lieutenant, was addressed by Mr. Mott in offensive terms and Bassett replied with a sarcastic reference to Mott's "pinhead." Now the Mayor has taken it up. He was very angry when he saw last night that Mr. Mott had supplied all the newspapers with a typewritten speech denouncing his Honor in withering terms.

"Poor little boy. Poor little pinhead," said Mayor Davie to-day in speaking of Councilman Mott. "He is not accountable. What does he mean by intimating that by my refusing to sign the ordinance for dredging in front of the city wharves I am favoring the railroad. Don't he know that when he and the rest of his gang gave Taylor the permission to erect that coal bunker they played right into the Southern Pacific's hands? They have it now, so that a decent sized opposition ferry-boat cannot land any place. The little four-ton Emma is no opposition. The railroad company knows that and do you see what they have done? Taken off one of their boats and are now making trips once in two hours.

"Does that little nincompoop think that the people don't see through it all? Does he suppose that they don't know that the erection of that bunker was a railroad move? It makes me tired to hear Mott talk about my working for the railroad. The fact that dredging is not done does not affect any opposition ferry at all. There is plenty of water. He talks big, but you know if you want to make a whistle you have got to have whistle wood. You can't make one out of a pig's tail."

Value of Intention.

Mrs. Gerrish of this city is in doubt as to whether she will receive a legacy from a life-long friend or not. Mrs. Gerrish and Mrs. Lavinia Jones of Sacramento were dear friends, and when Mrs. Jones was alive she announced her intention of leaving all her property to her friend. A short time since Mrs. Jones died. Before her death, in the presence of two friends, she gave an attorney the outline of her will, with instructions to draw it up. In the presence of witnesses, Mrs. Jones announced to her attorney that it was her wish that the larger one of her houses and the ground on which it stood be left to Mrs. Gerrish of this city, and that the other lot and smaller house should be sold and the proceeds given to the Salvation Army, with which to buy a site for a barracks at Sacramento.

This division of the estate was the result of a visit of Mrs. Ballington Booth of the Salvation Army to Sacramento. Mrs. Jones attended the meetings, and concluded to leave some of her property to help the work. After telling the attorney of her wishes, and before the will could be drawn up, Mrs. Jones died. The memoranda and notes taken by the attorney and not signed by Mrs. Jones are presumed to be worthless, and as there are no known relatives of the deceased the Public Administrator has taken hold of the estate, and it is thought it will escheat to the State.

There is only one way to offset the difficulty, and that is to have a court rule that Mrs. Jones' intention be construed as her last will and testament. The case is naturally creating much interest in legal circles. Among the effects left by Mrs. Jones was a shingle on which was printed in a rough manner, "Cad Jones, hanged for wife-beating." It seems that Cadwallader Jones, the divorced husband of Mrs. Jones, treated his wife with great cruelty when they resided in the mountains. A vigilance committee arranged to hang him and wrote his epitaph, but Jones left the county in time. His wife saved the shingle for a trophy.

Acme Baseball Club.

The baseball enthusiasts in the Acme Club are to organize a club headed by J. Donovan, the well-known Greenhood & Moran player. The players will assemble Sunday morning at the old Piedmont grounds, where Colonel Robinson used to shine in all his glory. The Acme nine will be selected from H. May, F. Cooper, H. Germain, J. U. Bird, J. H. Otey, A. H. Agnew, D. J. Corkery, F. T. Agnew, J. V. Galindo, E. E. Laymance, W. M. Owen, H. J. Tresselt, J. S. Fox, L. Selna, W. E. P. Chambers and H. J. Rotherman.

George Ainsworth's Will.

The authenticated copy of the will of the late George J. Ainsworth of Portland, Or., was filed with the County Clerk to-day. His estate consists of property worth about $150,000, which he left to his wife and children, share and share alike.

Will of J. Reichling.

The will of J. Reichling was filed to-day. The personal property is worth $100,000 and the realty $50,000. His three children, Louis F., Albert H. and a daughter, are made executors and beneficiaries under the will.

Foley Getting Well.

Richard Foley, who was shot at Pleasanton, will recover. Detective Hubert has been at Pleasanton investigating, but says Foley has not made any statement of the story told by John Bernal about the shooting.

A Berkeley Failure.

Francis Ferrier of Berkeley, doing business as the Pacific Publishing Company, filed a petition in insolvency this evening. He owes $8750, and the unincumbered assets are about $5000.

Crowley Has Gone.

Deputy Sheriff Al White has returned from a trip up the county and has failed to find any trace of Phil Crowley. The Sheriff's office is satisfied that the convict is out of the county.

HISTORY OF A DAY.

Alameda County Happenings Told in Brief Chapters.

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Thomas Smith, a man who saw service under Admiral Farragut during the late war, died rather suddenly last night at his home, 1115 Eden Park, East Oakland.

James Gwyn, a 13-year-old colored boy, who was beyond parental control, was committed to the Preston School of Industry, at Ione, by Judge Ogden this afternoon.

The cash in the county treasury was counted this afternoon by Supervisor Baily, Auditor Whidden and Deputy District Attorney Moore. There is $301,701 11 on hand.

Night Prison-keeper Swain showed some of the patrolmen how to shoot yesterday at Shell Mound range. He beat all his competitors with a score of 80 in 20 shots. The nearest man to him was Clark with 76.

It has been very quiet along the water front of late owing to the rough weather along the coast, but a few vessels have arrived. Last month the receipts for dockage were $879. This month they will not be over $500.

Mrs. Ellen Radford died at her residence, 1165 Clay street, yesterday afternoon. The cause of her death was the injuries received in an accident a few days ago, when her buggy was run into by Mr. Christ, a young bicyclist.

In the suit of W. H. Knight against W. G. Tripp to secure certain property of Mrs. Elizabeth Cook, claimed to be held by him in trust, the defense put in no testimony, and at the conclusion of the case for the defendant today the defense rested and argument was begun.

The report of the decision of the Supreme Court in granting S. J. Thomas, the colored youth sent to San Quentin for twenty-five years on account of a burglary in Alameda, a new trial, sets forth that the court erred in admitting testimony as to a prior conviction when it had been admitted by the defendant.

W. A. Fine has applied for letters on the estate of Daniel Brennan, the man who thought he owned the Oakland water front. The petition states that Brennan left no will and his estate is believed to be worth about $1000. He was never married and his only surviving relative is a sister, Ann Brennan, aged 87 years.

The Alaska Mining and Shipping Company has been incorporated with $5,000,000 capital of which $500 has been subscribed in sums of $100 each by Charles E. Smith, J. E. Guilbault, J. E. Daley, A. B. Conrad and L. J. Smith. The company is to construct wharves and coal bunkers in San Francisco and Oakland, operate mines and do all things necessary thereto in the United States and Mexico.

WANT HAGER TO RESIGN.

A Temescal School Trustee Indorses an Obnoxious Saloon.

His Conduct Has Proved Unpopular to Many Heads of Families.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Nov. 27.

A saloon-keeper at Temescal has applied to the Supervisors for a renewal of his license, and among those who have certified that the place is orderly and well conducted is School Trustee Lewis N. Hager. Several of the people in the neighborhood are opposed to the saloon and have decided to call on Mr. Hager to resign.

Joseph Humphreys has prepared a statement of the trouble, which, it is said, is indorsed by many people residing in Temescal. "Every Sunday night," said Mr. Humphreys to-day, "the noise made by the assembled crowd is an intolerable nuisance. I made it my business to visit the place last Sunday to be thoroughly sure regarding the place and its character. When I got there a dance was in progress, and upon the floor was a party of dancers and observers ranging from 8 to 40 years of age. The air was filled wfth smoke and bottled stuff was freely served to both sexes. The noise and indecent language could be heard by the crowd who were coming from church, and all agreed that such a place should not be licensed. Upon careful inquiry it was found that the place was licensed upon the recommendation of Lewis N. Hager, a School Trustee in the district, and a sufficient number of others whose names are immaterial, as they are private citizens. There is at present an application pending before the Supervisors for a renewal of the license, and upon the request is the name of School Trustee Hager, who recommends the proprietor as a person of good moral character and a suitable and proper person to conduct such a place.

"As to Mr. Hager as an individual we have no objection to his stand of morality, but as a School Trustee we deplore his connection. Above all persons the ones entrusted with the selection of the guardians of our children's morals while at the public schools should be governed by a higher code than that displayed by this wayside resort. We, as parents of children, guardians of public morals and as citizens of this commonwealth, call upon Mr. Hager to resign and not try to drag the public schools down to the level of the saloons."

By the use of mechanical devices now employed it is said that a workman can make the "bodies" of 400 hats a day. By the hand process he could only prepare four or five.

Take electric cars to Ingleside.

ALMOST READY TO START.

The Mexican Expedition Receives Support From the Lower Country.

THE SANTA ANNA EQUIPPED.

Nothing Will Be Done That Will Incur the Displeasure of Officials.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Nov. 27.

Twenty-seven hundred Mexican dollars were received to-day from Lower California to pay the preliminary expenses of the bark Santa Anna, that will shortly sail from Oakland Creek. The object of the Santa Anna's voyage has been told in THE CALL, but recently the deeds to large tracts of land have been carefully examined,

THE SANTA ANNA.
[*From a photograph.*]

and it is believed that they convey valid titles to their holders. In consequence of this the expedition has been hastened, and the old bark is now an object of great interest.

"I think the Government is pretty well assured by this time that we do not intend to do anything that will interfere with the comity of nations," said Baron Baroteau to-day. "The Mexican Government was considerably alarmed when it was known that we were about to go down to Mexico, and our agents there were very closely watched for a long time; but the best proof we could have that everything is likely to turn out satisfactorily is the receipt to-day of $2700 from them.

"We have been watched up here, too, but there is nothing for any one to be frightened at. If we had all the money we need we should have left several weeks ago, but we are nearly ready now and will sail the first week of the new year. The bark

Baron Alfred Baroteau, Linguist and Owner of the Most Important Assigned Claims.
[*From a photograph.*]

has been out of service for many years, but she is thoroughly seaworthy now, and I have no doubt will prove a very comfortable and safe craft.

"It seems strange, but the islands in the Gulf of Mexico are very little known, and if we do not succeed in establishing our claim to our land we can take enough Angora goats and timber to pay us for our trip. But we have a lot of work mapped out and expect to locate some profitable mineral claims."

Colonel Powell of East Oakland is well acquainted with the island to which John Breen lays claim, and says it is a veritable paradise. He was left on the island once for several days and says it must be composed almost entirely of some metal ore that can conduct sounds properly. When lying on the earth Colonel Powell said he could distinctly hear the bleating of Angora goats that were too far away to be seen.

The Santa Anna is an old wooden vessel of about 1200 tons register. She draws about twenty-four feet of water and has an immense beam.

Among the men who will go to Mexico and Lower California are Gus Wagner, W. Sonberg, Louis Imheer and Alfred Baroteau.

John Breen, who holds a lot of deeds to grants in the southern country, was anxious to get a divorce a few weeks ago, but Judge Ogden decided that both the complaint and the cross-complaint were sustained and refused to grant a decree, so Breen is still married.

Baroteau was served with divorce papers by his wife yesterday and he also is anxious to be a single man when he leaves to make a fortune in the south. Among other things the Santa Anna will carry a complete photographic outfit and views will be taken of all points of interest visited.

HALE & NORCROSS CASE.

The Output of Gold and Silver Bullion During the Levy Administration.

A. B. Thompson, secretary of the Hale & Norcross Mining Company, testified in Department 4 of the Superior Court yesterday as to the bullion taken from the office in Virginia City during the years 1888, 1889, to June, 1890.

According to the books the output of gold was $718,345 12 and silver $960,576 64; total $1,678,921 76. The silver discount was $250,834 16.

This testimony was offered to prove how much the company paid out on the discount on silver, the object being in case the plaintiff received a judgment it would enable the court to estimate the discount during the disastrous Levy administration of 1888-89-90.

M. W. Fox testified as to the assays of Hale & Norcross ore. By repeated tests he learned that the coarse ore assayed $60 gold and $40 silver to the ton, and the fine ore $25 gold and $24 silver.

This was in direct opposition to the theory of the defense.

On account of several depositions to be received from Virginia City not having arrived, the case went over to December 6.

MARRIED AT EIGHTY.

Two Aged Persons Who Have Dragged Their Matrimonial Woes Into the Divorce Courts.

Marie Eugenia Prestat, a wife of nearly 70 years of age, is suing her husband, Jean Baptiste Prestat, who is 80 years old, for a divorce. She alleges desertion as a reason a decree should be granted to her.

The aged couple entered into the matrimonial state eight years ago, and inside of two months they were fighting. A suit for divorce was brought by the bride on the ground of cruelty, and she asked for $60 a month alimony. The husband has no contest to make to the decree, but he did object to paying $60 a month for his wife's support, so after some wrangling the parties compromised, he paying $1000 and she dropping the action for divorce. Since then matters have been peaceful between the two, and neither has seen anything of the other, so the sudden desire of Mrs. Prestat to be free is somewhat unaccountable.

There will be no opposition to her suit, and the aged lady will soon be her own mistress again.

FINISHING A CITY HALL.

A Large Force of Carpenters Employed on Alameda's New Building.

Strenuous Efforts to Complete It by January Next—Many Social Events.

ALAMEDA, CAL., Nov. 27.—A special effort will be made to complete the City Hall so that city officials may take possession by the first of the year. This was supposed to be easy enough, until the planing mill in San Francisco which was getting out the finishing material burned down, with the completed work which was ready for shipment. Then the work had to be made again, and it took time and the finishing was delayed. The plasterers have about finished on the building and a big force of carpenters is rushing the final work. They hope to have it done in time, but there is no certainly about it.

Political Equality Club.

The following officers have been elected by the Political Equality Club: Mrs. C. L. Wood, president; Mrs. George Story, Mrs. T. W. Hinchman, vice-presidents; Mrs. H. Chapman, secretary; Mrs. C. W. Paxon, corresponding secretary; Miss Clara Bowen, treasurer; Mrs. A. W. Hissak and Mrs. E. M. Smith, auditors.

Union Services.

There will be union Thanksgiving services to-day at 10 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church. The Rev. F. D. Bovard, pastor of the Park-street Methodist Church, will preach the sermon. At Christ Episcopal Church there will be special service. The offering will go to the Old Ladies' Home in San Francisco.

Native Sons' Ball.

Alameda Parlor No. 47, Native Sons of the Golden West, every year gives a big ball on Thanksgiving eve. Last night at Armory Hall the biggest event of the season in point of numbers took place. The following committees had charge: Arrangements, J. Henry Glas, Charles T. Rose, C. M. Day, J. J. Flynn; manager, H. A. Reichsrath; floor, Max Gundlach, L. Fischer, Joseph Moffatt, Henry Muller, Edward Owens: reception, F. O. Schuman, J. F. Hanson, H. L. Trausue, W. Eckstein, Max Glas.

Notes of Interest.

Edward Louis, a Park-street liquor-dealer is seriously ill, and it is hardly expected that he will recover.

Hugo Schroder, a coal-dealer, is ill of a pulmonary trouble, and his death is expected to occur at any time.

Mrs. H. V. Ramsdell and son have returned from a trip to Portland, undertaken for pleasure. Mr. Ramsdell is a member of Bullock & Jones, San Francisco.

The new church edifice of the West End German Church, on Haight avenue, will be dedicated next Sunday. Rev. H. E. J. Ongerth, pastor.

A Grand Prix for Cyclists.

The Paris town council proposes to found a Grand Prix de Paris for cyclists, but it will only be of £400. Our Paris correspondent says: "Cycling seems to advance in arithmetical progression. There are cycling dress departments for ladies and gentlemen in all the great shops like the Bon Marche and at the merchant tailors'. The Velodrome, at the Champ de Mars, makes a fortune, though the city receives from it a rent of 30,000 francs and 6 per cent of all the money taken at the doors. This royalty last year brought in 20,000 francs. The last census, taken with a view to taxation, returned 50,000 in the department of the Seine. There are perhaps double the number now, as women are taking up the cycle as a means of enjoying cool country air in the evening. Every one who cycles is delighted with the exercise and the sense of freedom that it gives. It brings townspeople into the country without any of the town conditions. I have friends who cycle to Dieppe on Saturday and back to Paris on Monday."—London Daily News.

Steam cars, 3d and Townsend, run to Ingleside.

BUT FEW VOTES NEEDED.

Our Delegates May Still Be Able to Get Those Required.

VISALIA RIGHT UP TO DATE.

A Record of How the Various States Stand Regarding San Francisco's Chances.

The railroads are now all agreed to make the rate to San Francisco from Chicago for the round trip $50, so that the delegates to the Republican Convention can reach this city at a reasonable rate. When the suggestion of low rates was first made, the railroads offered to make a cut for the occasion, but not until yesterday had they all agreed to an established rate. The Union Pacific road, through its representative, D. W. Hitchcock, has sent the following telegram:

D. W. Hitchcock, General Agent Union Pacific Railway, 1 Montgomery street, San Francisco: Fifty-dollar rate Chicago to San Francisco and return for National Republican Convention has been announced by Southern Pacific and Union Pacific railways. E. L. LOMAX,
General Passenger Agent U. P. R. R.

Nothing further can be done regarding the convention plan now but wait for the delegates who have gone on to Washington to go before the National committeemen and do the best possible for San Francisco and the coast.

Scipio Craig, the editor and statistician of the Redlands Citrograph, has worked out our strength in the following way and correctly figures that we need but seven more votes to get away with the convention. Here are Mr. Craig's conclusions:

NATIONAL REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

Headquarters—New York City.
Chairman, Thomas H. Carter; secretary, L. E. McComas; treasurer, C. N. Bliss.
Alabama—William Youngblood, Birmingham.
*Alaska—E. T. Hatch, Sitka.
*Arizona—W. Griffith, Tucson.
Arkansas—Powell Clayton, Eureka Springs.
*California—M. H. de Young, San Francisco.
*Colorado—J. F. Saunders, Denver.
*Connecticut—S. Fessenden, Stamford.
Delaware—B. J. Layton, Georgetown.
District of Columbia—P. H. Carson, Washington.
Florida—J. C. Long, St. Augustine.
Georgia—W. W. Brown, Atlanta.
*Idaho—George F. Shoup, Salmon City.
Illinois—W. J. Campbell, Chicago.
Indiana—J. N. Huston, Connersville.
*Indian Territory—J. S. Hammer, Ardmore.
*Iowa—J. S. Clarkson, Des Moines.
Kansas—Cyrus Leland Jr., Leavenworth.
Kentucky—William O. Bradley, Lancaster.
*Louisiana—Albert H. Leonard, Shreveport.
*Maine—J. H. Manley, Augusta.
Maryland—James A. Gary, Baltimore.
Massachusetts—W. M. Crane, Dalton.
Michigan—George L. Maltz, Detroit.
Minnesota—R. G. Evans, Minneapolis.
Mississippi—James Hill, Vicksburg.
Missouri—R. C. Kerens, St. Louis.
*Montana—Alex C. Botkin, Helena.
Nebraska—E. Rosewater, Omaha.
*Nevada—William E. Sharon, Virginia City.
New Hampshire—C. P. Cheney, Concord.
New Jersey—G. A. Hobart, Paterson.
*New Mexico—Thomas B. Catton, Santa Fe.
New York—William A. Sutherland, Rochester.
North Carolina—Henry C. Cowles, Statesville.
*North Dakota—H. C. Hansbrough, Devils Lake.
Ohio—W. M. Hahn, Mansfield.
*Oklahoma Territory—C. M. Barnes, Guthrie.
Oregon—Joseph C. Simon, Portland.
Pennsylvania—David Martin, Philadelphia.
Rhode Island—Isaac M. Potter, Providence.
South Carolina—E. M. Brayton, Columbia.
South Dakota—A. B. Kittredge, Sioux Falls.
Tennessee—George W. Hill, Dandridge.
Texas—N. W. Cuney, Galveston.
*Utah—O. J. Salisbury, Wheeling.
Vermont—Mason S. Coburn, Manchester.
Virginia—William Mahone, Petersburg.
*Washington—Nelson Bennett, Tacoma.
West Virginia—N. B. Scott, Wheeling.
Wisconsin—Henry C. Payne, Milwaukee.
*Wyoming—J. M. Carey, Cheyenne.

A late dispatch from Mr. Manley of Maine, sent from New York, says that nineteen votes have already been secured. These nineteen have a * prefixed in the above table. As it only requires twenty-six votes it will be seen that seven more will win the fight.

It is expected that we will get three of them in the South and the balance by shrewd and well-conducted fighting in Washington when the National Committee meets.

SINCERE ABOUT IT.

Visalia Is Doing Her Share for the Convention.

VISALIA, CAL., Nov. 27.—Hon. J. W. Davis of Tulare was in Visalia to-day, interviewing our citizens relative to calling a mass-meeting in this city for the purpose of passing resolutions asking the members of the National Republican Committee to select San Francisco as the place for holding the next Republican National Convention, and had published the following card:

NATIONAL CONVENTION MEETING.—A meeting of citizens of Tulare County will be held at City Council rooms, Visalia, on Saturday, November 30, 1895, at 2:30 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of taking action to assist in securing to San Francisco the Republican National Convention of 1896. This is a matter of interest to the whole State, and one in which Republicans, Democrats and Populists are all taking an active part. Everybody is invited to the meeting, irrespective of political faith.

J. W. DAVIS,
Member of the committee on promotion for Tulare County.

The Times this afternoon says editorially:

In another column of the Times will be found a call for a mass-meeting of citizens to be held in Visalia next Saturday afternoon for the purpose of adopting resolutions relative to holding the National Republican Convention in California next year. The meeting should be a representative one, and if the voice of Tulare County can assist in securing the convention it should be heard in no uncertain tones. The committee having the matter in charge in San Francisco will try to get both National Conventions, but as the Republican National Committee will meet on the 10th of December to select the time and place for holding the convention of that party, all our energies must be exerted now toward showing the committeemen that all California joins San Francisco in asking that the metropolis of the Pacific Coast be named as the convention city.

The benefits to be derived from holding the convention in San Francisco are many. It is a long distance from Washington, New York and Chicago to San Francisco, and there are many men who are called upon to legislate for the country who really have no adequate idea of the immense territory west of the Mississippi River. A trip across the continent would broaden the vision of many of the legislators, and as many of the delegates will be Congressmen and Senators they would doubtless remain on the coast long enough after the convention adjourned to become acquainted with our needs, and thus prepare themselves to vote intelligently upon all questions brought forward by our coast representatives. With the delegates there will come a large army of individuals, who will take advantage of the cheap rates of transportation offered by the railroad companies to see California and investigate its resources. They will come from every State in the Union and the fame of California will spread to every portion of the country. It will be a grand advertisement for the State, as well as a liberal education to the visiting statesmen.

CLAIMANTS IN COURT.

They Want to Collect $360,000 From the Estate of Thomas Bell.

The estate of Thomas Bell was before Judge Coffey yesterday, in order to have a number of claims adjudicated. The claimants asked that certain portions of the real property belonging to the estate be sold in order to satisfy their claims. To this Theresa Bell objected. She said the entire amount of the claims against the estate will not reach over $200,000, and that it is not necessary to sell any real property to pay them.

The claimants hold evidences of debt to the amount of $360,000, and there is $50,000 interest due on this amount. Mrs. Bell says these claims are excessive and fictitious, however, and so Judge Coffey must determine the matter. The claims are submitted from all kinds of sources, and include provisions, wearing apparel and luxuries of every character. None of the creditors were quite ready to go on with the case yesterday, however, and so it was put over.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Hugh and Mary A. Farley to Herbert E. Law, lot on W line of Van Ness avenue, 92:6 N of Chestnut street, N 100 by W 45; $10.

A. and Malvena Gallatin to William H. Crocker, 50-vara lot 5, on N line of Union street, between Steiner and Pierce, 137:6x137:6; also 50-vara lot 3, on NE corner of Pierce and Green streets, 137:6x137:6; also block 402, bounded by Kentucky, Marin, Illinois and Colusa streets; also outside land block 224, lot on NW corner of Pt. Lobos and Forty-third avenues, W 128:8, NE 80, SE 105:3, also S 62-10; outside land 326, lot on SE corner of A street and Forty-fourth avenue, S 314:2, SE 85:4, NE 330, W 164:6; also outside land 327, lot on SW corner of Forty-fourth avenue and A street, W 83:7, SW 317:6, E 185, N 310:1; $25,000.

Pauline K. Genereaux to Thomas Hancock, lot on E line of Devisadero street, 100 S of Oak, S 25 by E 106:3; $10.

Albert and Malveno Gallatin to California Safe Deposit and Trust Company, lot on NW corner of Jackson and Scott streets, N 127:8¼ by W 137:6; $25,000.

Frederick A. Lawson to Frederick H. Venker, lot on NW corner of Bush and Broderick streets, N 26 by W 100; $10.

Estate of James S. Lawson (by Frederick A. Lawson, executor) to same, same; $6100.

Harriet Dennen and James Muir and as executors estate of Martha Muir and John D. Muir, incompetent (by Mary A. Sullivan, guardian), Kate Mosely, Thomas W., John A. and Bridget Tompkins, A. J. Turner, J. L. and W. A. Halsted (by R. I. Whelan, Sheriff) to John B. Halsted, lot on W line of Dearborn place, 238:3 S of Seventeenth street, S 32 by W 96:9; $2876.

Thomas H. and Marietta Griffiths to J. E. le Ballister, lot on N line of Liberty street, 100 E of Guerrero, E 25 by N 115; $10.

Christian Eriksen and August and Helen Maritzen to Anton Eberle, lot on E line of Bryant avenue, 110 S of Twenty-first street, S 25 by E 100; $10.

Henry J. Mibach to Frank W. Fuller, lot on E line of Forty-sixth avenue, 250 S of K street, S 50 by E 120; $2.

P. A. Dolan to Herman I. Nager, lot on SE corner of U street and Fourteenth avenue, E 57:6, S 100, E 125, N 100, E 57:6, S 9:11, SW 241, W 32:10, N 75, W 120, N 150; also lot on NE corner of V street and Fourteenth avenue, N 225, E 92:6, SW 241:9, E 2:10; $10.

Minna Duwe to John H. Grady, lots 1574, 1575, Gift Map 3; $10.

Mary E., Agnes, Alice, Teresa, Emily, Frank and Martin Kelly to Thomas Kelly, lot on S line of Marshall street, 190 W of Craut, W 50, S 209:1½, E 50:1, N 209, College Homestead; $5.

Knud and Anna E. Olsen to Charles R. Bishop, lot on SE corner of Capitol and Sagamore streets, E 75 by S 100, block B, Railroad Homestead; $10.

Allexey W. Von Schmidt to San Francisco Collateral Load Bank, block 723, bounded by Seventeenth and Eighteenth avenues, Dock and Ship streets; also block 730, bounded by Dock and Ship streets, Eighteenth and Nineteenth avenues, Tide Lands; $5.

ALAMEDA COUNTY.

Adelaid S. Moore to H. M. Coley, lot on S line of Twentieth street, 125 E of West, E 25 by S 100, being the E ½ of lot 5, block Q, Barnes Tract, Oakland; gift.

Mrs. F. K. Goerke (wife of G.) to A. H. Blow, lot on W line of Filbert street, 200 N of Twenty-eighth, N 50 by W 125, being lot 17, block A, Golden Gate Homestead, Oakland; $10.

Maria E. and C. S. Martin to James M. Haven, lot on SW corner of Eighth and Brush streets W 40 by S 100, being the E 40 f et lots 15 to 18, block 96, subject to mortgage to Union Savings Bank for $4000, Oakland; $10.

George Sturtevant et al. to Elizabeth Urfer and T. H. Slusser, lot on NW corner lands of Clarke Carpenter and Pearl streets, N 80 W 143, S 10 E 10 S 70 E 133 to beginning, Alameda; $5.

Jane E. Sturtevant (executrix of the estate of J. N. Webster) to same, same, Alameda; $1800.

Nicholas J. and Lida Sweeney to Thomas Ward, lots 65 to 74, map of the Rose Tract, Brooklyn Township; $10.

Eliza D. Bartlett to Helen V. Wheeler, lot on S line of Ninth street, 100 E of Harrison, E 25 by S 75, being the N 75 feet of lot 10, block 85, Oakland; $10.

Elsie S. Wheeler to Christiana M. Powell, lot on the N corner of East Eleventh street and Fourth avenue, NE 50 by NW 100, block 29, Clinton, East Oakland; $10.

C. H. Rice and J. J. White to Charles Johnson, lots 67, 68 and 75, Kimball Tract (quitclaim deed), Oakland Township; $1.

Louis C. and Emma B. Dowton to Alice A. Mott of San Francisco, lot on N line of Oakland avenue, 30 E of Howard, E 30 by N 100, being lot 25 and a portion of lot 26, Bowie Property, Oakland Township; $10.

J. L. and Helen L. Howard et al. to Edwin L. Arnest, lot on SW line of Grant avenue, 360 SE of Telegraph avenue, SE 30 by SW 115, being portion of lots 50 and 50½, Mosswood Tract, Oakland Township; $10.

William Joerndt to Josephine Petersen of Berkeley, lot on S line of Folsom street, 101:6 E of Curtis, E 35 by S 100, block 10, Curtis Tract, Berkeley; $10.

Eliza D. Bartlett to Helen V. Wheeler, lots 15, 16 and 17, block D, map of subdivision of block D, and portion of block F, revised map of Prospect Hill Tract, Brooklyn Township; $10.

Same to same, lots 29 to 32, block E, map of subdivision of portion of blocks 1, A, E and F, revised map of Prospect Hill Tract, Brooklyn Township; $10.

Same to same, lots 1 and 2, block I, Warner Tract, Brooklyn Township, subject to a mortgage for $400; $10.

Same to same, lots 32, 33, block H, map of subdivision of revised map of Prospect Hill Tract, Brooklyn Township; $10.

Same to same, lot 9, block C, Stone Tract, being a subdivision of lots 1 to 5, Stone Subdivision, Brooklyn Township; $10.

John H. and Dealia Walker to Carl J. F. Stolte of Alameda, lots 23 and 24, block F, map of portions of blocks E, F and G of revised map of Prospect Hill Tract, subject to mortgage, Brooklyn Township; $10.

Builders' Contracts.

Mrs. M. A. Rosekrans with Riley & Loane, grading, brick work, etc., on W line of Valencia street, 140 S of Twentieth street; $1695.

Mrs. M. A. Rosekrans with W. J. Field, concrete work, etc., same; $4200.

Timothy Hopkins with William S. Snook & Son, plumbing and gasfitting work, etc., in Panorama Building on Market and Tenth streets; $1382.

S. Macnin with William Helbing, to erect a two-story building on N line of Bush street, 35 W of Baker.

PARIS USES ICE.

The Germ Sharps Say Natural Ice Contains Bacilli.

Among the first of the many curious things that impress the American summer visitor to Paris is the way the French have of doling out ice as if it were diamonds and the horror which Parisians profess for the American custom of icing their drinks and thereby impairing their digestions, says the New York World. Notwithstanding all this, the consumption of ice in Paris, especially for domestic uses, has increased rapidly during the last few years, and if it continues at the same rate it will not be long before it surpasses that of New York. The last twelve months show a total consumption of over 110,000,000 pounds.

Most of the natural ice used in Paris is taken from the lakes in the environs at Chaville, in the woods about Versailles and St. Cloud, and even from sheets of water in the Bois de Boulogne and Vincennes. Ice is made artificially in large quantities, however, and is sold at a much higher price than the natural article. Natural ice, indeed, the Academy of Medicine says, is full of bacilli in a state of suspended animation, and the doctors recommend that only artificial ice be used for domestic purposes.

The highest-priced ice comes from Norway and from Switzerland, where it is gathered from the glaciers and from the mountain-tops. This costs from 28 to 30 francs a ton. Artificial ice costs but a trifle less, but that which is gathered in and about Paris is sold from 9 to 10 francs a ton. The city of Paris harvests the ice in the lakes in the Bois de Boulogne and Vincennes and sells the crop, safely packed in the municipal icehouses, for 55,000 francs or about $11,000 annually.

Men become bald more frequently than women because of the closeness of the hats they wear, which keeps the head too hot, induces perspiration and weakens the hair. The boys of the famous Blue Coat schools of London, who never wear hats, never become bald till late in life.

PAUPERS AT CUT RATES.

Vagrants and Petty Criminals Flocking Here From the North.

CHEAP TICKETS THE CAUSE.

Charitable Organizations Complain of an Extraordinary Influx of Mendicants.

Every war brings in its train evils to some who are not combatants, and the rate war on between the Southern Pacific Company and the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company is not an exception to the rule, as the charitable organizations of this City are beginning to find out. Hundreds of professional mendicants, vagrants, tramps and petty criminals are flocking to this City from the north, both by rail and steamer, most of whom would not be able to come were it not for the low rates prevailing. San Francisco's pleasant winter climate and the reputation the City has for caring well for the poor always attract from all over the coast a large number of these people who make it a business to obtain living without work during the winter months of each year.

For some days past the different charitable organizations have been applied to by so many people whom they have found to be strangers who have come from the north that they have become alarmed and have warned the Chief of Police and asked for his assistance. Most of these people, they claim, are professional beggars and vagrants, and some of them petty criminals.

One of the officers of one of the big charitable organizations of the City, who has been looking into the matter, said yesterday:

This is a serious matter with us. We have here plenty of deserving poor to care for, and every winter we have to contend with a large number of those who make it a business to come to this City in that season. It is the largest city on the coast and so the best field for beggars and vagrants to "work." Then we have a reputation for doing considerable for the poor at this time of the year. So you can see how quickly many who could not otherwise come will take advantage of the low rates. Many of them can pay their own way down, but a larger proportion will be helped out of communities where they are not wanted by the people, who find that much easier and cheaper than caring for them during the whole winter. I have no doubt that many of them have been helped on their way here. Only yesterday a family came to us for help to get to Los Angeles. They were from Tacoma, where they had been given passage to Portland and from there came by the low rates on the steamer.

Some of these people who are willing to talk tell of many others who have been helped out of the northern country in this way. The worst thing about these people is that most of them are professional vagrants, and will unscrupulously "work" one charitable society after another, and this is very hard on our deserving poor. An attempt has been made to have the different organizations co-operate so as to keep track of all those who make a business of working them, but so far it has not been successful.

There should be some means of preventing many of these people from coming, particularly those who are of the criminal class, and to this end we have applied to the Chief of Police for his assistance. I am sure that an investigation will show that a very small proportion of those coming down are of the class of deserving poor.

La Grande Trappe, the parent of all Trappist monasteries, was lately thrown open to women for the first time in its history, on the occasion of