

SANTA ROSA INQUIRY.

Ex-Officials of Sonoma County Are Under Fire.

REPORT OF AN EXPERT.

Rumored Discrepancies Found During an Investigation by Neilson.

A FEE-BOOK HAS DISAPPEARED.

Grand Jurors Inquiring Into the Methods of Administrations in the Past.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., Dec. 10.—For several weeks past vague rumors, seriously affecting past county officials, have been floating in the air. These rumors are sensational in the extreme. Professor C. H. Neilson, the Grand Jury expert, has made an exhaustive, though partial, report of his findings, and it is freely bruited about that he has made some startling disclosures to the Grand Jury, which is now in session. This report so far is a voluminous one, taking over two hours in the reading. The Grand Jury convened several weeks ago and adjourned to await the Neilson findings.

A rumor considered authentic is to the effect that one ex-official was called before the Grand Jury and asked to produce the fee-book used by him during his term of office. This he could not do. What has become of the book is a conundrum, but it is not in the possession of his successor, the incumbent, who is the legal custodian of the fee-book, and it is supposed to have been destroyed. The incumbent claims that it was never turned over to him and that he never saw it.

Report has it that another ex-official has paid into the county treasury over \$700 to cover a shortage occurring during Woods' ward years, however, that he has received no funds coming from any ex-official to his knowledge and that if such a settlement was made it was made with the ex-official's successor.

The report of the expert is supposed to extend over several administrations. Two years ago the books were examined by Expert Baldwin for the Grand Jury, but no flagrant cases of error were discovered. Neilson's report includes the period passed over by Baldwin. What the present report contains is, of course, a secret and conjectural. Neilson is competent and shrewd, and will no doubt probe to the bottom.

The following citizens of the county constitute the inquisitorial body: Elisha Shortridge, David B. Risk, Charles W. Woodworth, John Telingworth, Chauncey Wrightman, W. J. Griffith, Thomas G. M. Prosser, M. O. Goshen, O. H. Brush, John O'Hara, Herbert M. Austin, Joseph M. Talbot, Robert W. Bell, John Barnes, W. T. Meers, B. M. Spenter, Victor Piazza, Isaac Parker and A. W. Arnold. Most of these are farmers and they will make a vigorous investigation.

For many years complaints have been made about the extravagant expenditures of public funds and the methods of conducting the financial departments of some of the offices. Especially has this been so during the periods of campaign incubations. The investigating body will probably be in session for some days yet. It is generally believed that it is preparing a red-hot roast for various ex-officials.

HOT WORDS IN COURT.

Lawyer Pierce Fined for Challenging Ex-Judge Rutledge's Verdict. SANTA ROSA, CAL., Dec. 10.—Attorney George Pierce was fined \$50 to-day by Judge Dougherty for contempt of court. Pierce is the plaintiff's attorney in the Tzabaco ranch case, which has been pending in court over thirty years. Attorneys Ware and ex-Judge Rutledge, counsel for the defendants, moved to have the case thrown out of court as the time for action by the plaintiff in the matter had expired. Ex-Judge Rutledge, during his testimony, characterized the opposing attorneys' case as a blackmailing scheme.

Lawyer Pierce, who is an old gray-haired man, was on his feet in an instant and in language more forcible than is elegant denounced ex-Judge Rutledge as a perjurer. The court objected to his words, and showed his disapprobation by annexing a fine to his rebuke of force.

LYNCH LAW IN MADERA.

A Grand Jury Resolves to Check Executions by Private Citizens. MADERA, CAL., Dec. 10.—After many months a Grand Jury has decided that the men who lynched Victor Adam in the foothills near Madera must suffer for the act of vengeance, or at least that an attempt be made to bring them before a high tribunal. It is probable that a number of indictments will be issued by the inquisitorial body now in session.

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Now the Grand Jury of Madera County is making investigations regarding the lynching, with the presumable view of indicting those who took part in the affair. Sheriff Sam Westfall of Madera is in the country where the lynching took place, serving subpoenas upon those who are supposed to have been members of the band and while being taken to the Fresno jail was wrested from his captors by sixty men and lynched. It was generally conceded that Adam received nothing but his just deserts. Besides killing Baker, who was highly respected in the community, Adam had gained unenviable notoriety by cruelty to his wife and children.

ADVENTURE OF TWO CHICOANS.

Employes "Shooting a Flame" in a Boat Narrowly Escape Being Carried Through a Break.

CHICO, CAL., Dec. 10.—Frank Thatcher and William Fitzpatrick had a thrilling experience in the mountains near Chico yesterday, and they will probably never again attempt to "shoot a flame" in a boat. The men had finished their work at the Sierra Lumber Company mills in the mountains and decided to "shoot" to Chico by boat in the flume. They made the start all right, but when in the canyon near the Forest ranch they were horrified to see a break in the flume a short distance ahead. The water was running rapidly and to jump meant certain death, for they were over sixty feet from the ground.

Before the two men had time to fully realize their perilous position the boat shot over the break. It struck with a jar the woodwork on the opposite side, but the rushing waters carried the craft along safely, after it had tumbled for an instant on the edge of the break. The thoroughly frightened employes succeeded in stopping the boat and finished their journey on foot.

INJURED NEAR SUMMIT.

A Veteran En Route to a Soldiers' Home Jumps From a Moving Train.

SUMMIT, CAL., Dec. 10.—An aged member of the G. A. R., named Collins, en route to the Soldiers' Home at Yountville, jumped from the platform of a car of passenger train this morning midway between this place and Truckee. The train was running on schedule time and that his neck was not broken seems miraculous. As it was he sustained a fracture of the collar-bone and was considerably bruised about the body.

Collins acted strangely from the time the train left Reno, causing much comment to be made by the passengers. When found after his leap he was completely unable to remember anything and thought he was at Reno. It is believed that his reason suddenly deserted him. He will be sent to Yountville as soon as he recovers sufficiently to travel.

WARD OF STOCKTON FREE.

The Indictment Under Which He Was Convicted Was Invalid.

Persons Implicated in the County Hospital Scandal Profit by a Decision.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 10.—The news that the Supreme Court had declared faulty the indictment upon which Charles W. Ward was convicted of tendering a bribe to influence Chairman Brown of the Board of Supervisors in favor of the adoption of Architect Rushforth's plans for the new county hospital, was received here with much interest. It is regarded as the end of the prosecution of those interested in the new county hospital scandal. The indictment against Supervisor Brown was drawn in similar form to the one upon which Ward was convicted, and in view of the great expense to be incurred in beginning the proceedings over again, and the uncertainty of conviction in the end, it is considered probable that the cases will be dismissed by the District Attorney.

Brown's friends are as happy over the decision as are Ward's. The latter was under a sentence of ten years in the State's prison, and the decision virtually frees him, unless District Attorney Nuttler should take steps to hold him to the next Grand Jury.

BONDMEN MUST SETTLE.

Asylum Directors Endeavor to Recover Ex-Treasurer Orr's Shortage.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 10.—The report of Superintendent Clark, read at the meeting of the directors of the State Insane Asylum to-day, showed that there were in the asylum on December 1 1502 patients, of whom 1035 were males and 467 females. During November seven males and one female were discharged, and there was one escape.

Attorney Louttit, the legal adviser of the board, was present at the meeting to consult with reference to the shortage of Major Orr, the former treasurer of the asylum. The report of Expert Houskin was found to be correct, except that the expert ascertained by an examination of the director's minutes that \$191.50 had been paid out by Orr for which he had never given himself credit. Attorney Louttit was authorized to accept the amount in the report of Houskin, less this sum. Mr. Louttit stated that he would give the bondsmen of Major Orr until next Monday to settle, and if the money was not forthcoming then he would bring suit, as directed by the Attorney-General.

Attorney Louttit reported that he had collected from an estate in Indiana \$1764, due a patient in the asylum, who owes that much for board.

ARRAIGNED AT SONORA.

Wesley McReynolds' Preliminary Examination Upon the Charge of Having Killed Morris.

SONORA, CAL., Dec. 10.—The preliminary examination of Wesley McReynolds on charge of having murdered George Morris at Chinese Camp early on the morning of the 9th of last month was begun before Justice Cooper to-day.

The Grand Jury, which is investigating the case, made no report yesterday, and it was expected that it will in session for several days longer before being ready to make a report. The presumption is that McReynolds will be indicted.

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WINNERS AT MERCED.

Right Bower Captures the High Honors in the Coursing.

EASTERN DOGS BEATEN.

Royal Daisy Secures Second Place After a Series of Game Struggles.

CLOSE OF A GREAT MEETING.

California Hounds Prove too Clever for the Cracks From Over the Mountains.

MERCED, CAL., Dec. 10.—The interstate coursing meeting was brought to a successful termination this afternoon, J. R. Dickinson's nomination, Right Bower, being the winner and W. C. Peyton's, Royal Daisy, the runner up. The weather was splendid for coursing, being perfectly cool. The attendance on the fields was very large, from 400 to 600 people being present. Everything in the shape of a vehicle was there, the equipage that looked as though it had come from the ark as well as the four-in-hand that certainly would have won a prize at the late horse show. Ladies were there by the score, on horseback and in vehicles, adding much, of course, to the attractiveness of the coursing field.

The sport commenced in the morning with a match between T. Hall's Annie Laurie and W. C. Peyton's Flying Buck. Upon being slipped both shot out well after the game, but just as they had gone about 100 yards Flying Buck turned over in a fit, which gave the race to Annie. This was a great blow to Mr. Peyton's chances, as Flying Buck was considered one of the best sprinters at the meeting.

The hares ran all day as if they were trained to the work, nearly all the courses being from one to three miles, and but few kills took place. Of the six Sacramento dogs Shamrock was the only one that went to slip in the second round, and Royal Buck in a grueling course finished him unmercifully.

Of the four Eastern-bred dogs Anna Laurie, Ventura, Master Glenkirch and Charming May all went down before California-bred dogs, Master Glenkirch going into the second round and falling there before T. J. Cronin's Dottie Dimple.

This course was a great one, but the daughter of Dan O'Connell and imp. Lady Cleveland proved more than a match for him, and he fell, but not ingloriously. This dog was looked upon as being superior to any dog in the stake and was heavily backed. T. Hall's Annie Laurie, after having had desperate courses, fell in the fourth round before E. Geary's Electric, which up to this point ran nobly, and consequently was heavily backed in the pools in each of his following courses.

But all through the meeting no one seemed to notice Mr. Dickson's nomination Right Bower, which in his first attempt knocked over in a very short course one of the cleverest little coursers in the State—Mr. McInerney's Little Banchee. His next attempt was with Daisy Crest, and in a good course he beat her, too, in a clever manner.

In the third round he met Emin Pasha in a bye and cleverly ran an undecided heat with him. In the fourth round he met the conqueror of Master Glenkirch—Dottie Dimple—and handsomely thrashed her in a splendid course. Twenty minutes later he had to meet Electric, that from his previous performance was slated by one-half the coursing men as the dog that must certainly come out on top, and thrashed him in a most unmistakable manner in a fine course, leaving him for the final to try conclusions with W. C. Peyton's great Royal Daisy.

Royal Daisy had also performed splendidly, knocking over in her career during the meeting such fliers as Lissak, Ruby and Skyball. The final course created great excitement, and at the last moment the bettors saw that Right Bower and more than a good show against Mr. Peyton's Nomination, and the result proved the correctness of their judgment. The Bower beat her in a splendid trial by 14 to 7 points.

The excitement at the finish was intense, and Mr. Dickson was cheered again and again by the excited and enthusiastic crowd.

President Shannon warmly congratulated the assembled spectators, and especially the citizens of Merced, on their splendid bearing throughout the meeting.

Right Bower, the winner of the meet, is a handsome, fawn-colored dog, owned by T. Cooney of San Jose, is about 22 months old and is by Dashaway, out of Queen Bess. Royal Daisy, the runner-up, now owned by W. C. Peyton, is a Santa Cruz, is by Royal Crack, out of Dougherty's Daisy. She thoroughly proved that she is of high lineage.

Mr. Grace's work was excellent from beginning to finish, and again proved that there is not his equal as a judge in the United States. Mr. Wren handled the slips admirably, and all reached Merced overjoyed with the two days' sport.

WILL SAIL FROM VICTORIA.

The Flagship Royal Arthur to Search for the Strathnevis.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 10.—H. M. S. Royal Arthur, the flagship of the Pacific station, will go upon a search for the disabled steamer Strathnevis, if that vessel has not returned to Esquimaux by Saturday. This decision was arrived at yesterday by Admiral Stevenson, and notice to that effect was posted upon the bulletin board on the ship. The cables were tested yesterday and this morning, so that if the disabled ship is found there will be no trouble in towing it to port. The Royal Arthur will remain out for several weeks, its crew having been notified to prepare to spend Christmas at sea.

The Dominion Government steamer Quadra will not go out as reported. Captain Gaudin, agent of marine, telegraphed to the department at Ottawa to-day that the Quadra at present was unseaworthy, and he deemed it inadvisable to send it on a mission which would have cost the lives of the crew. Inspector Thomson made an inspection of the Quadra this morning and found the keel partly broken. The vessel is also leaking.

ARRESTED AT VENTURA.

A Young Man Claiming to Be Rev. Mr. Dille's Son Purloins a Bicycle.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., Dec. 10.—A man giving his name as George Dille and claiming to be a son of San Francisco's reform preacher was last night arrested in

ON STANFORD COURTS.

Miss Anna Martin Aibly Defends the Tennis Championship.

DEFEATS MISS McCRAY.

The Exhibition One of the Best Ever Given by the Palo Alto "Co-Eds."

CHEATING STUDENTS IN LUCK.

Further Action in the Case of Those Guilty of Cribbing May Be Deferred.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL., Dec. 10.

The women's tennis tournament was decided yesterday and Miss Anna Martin '96 is champion for another year. The championship match was for the best three out of five sets, and from the first two sets it looked as though the champion had at last met her match. Both ladies played fine ball. Miss McCray seemed to have the strongest return, while Miss Martin, by the way, is champion of Nevada, had the best of it on accurate placing and swift serving. Each point was closely fought, and a number of spectators agreed that it was the best tennis exhibition yet given by the "co-eds." The scores were 6-3, 6-8, 1-6, 3-6.

It is the purpose of the Women's Athletic Association to purchase a valuable trophy, which shall be held by the champion until another player wrests it from her. It is hoped that this will draw out more entries for each tournament. An effort will probably be made ultimately to play an intercollegiate tournament with the "co-eds" of Berkeley, but at present little has been done toward that end.

The board of control of the Daily Palo Alto—Stanford's college daily—met this afternoon and elected Sherman B. Osborne '96 editor-in-chief for the coming semester. The editor-in-chief serves but for one semester, while the business manager is elected in April and serves for a year.

The executive committee of the Associated Students met last evening, and discussed the question of a Southern California trip of the glee and mandolin clubs during the coming vacation. From the report of the mandolin club's manager it was apparent that that organization would not put up the required deposit, so the committee voted that the trip be not allowed.

The mandolin club then, through its representative, announced that the University of California's Glee Club had tendered an invitation to join with it in a Southern California trip, the members agreeing to settle up back indebtedness before departure. This proposition met with favorable reception and passed the committee.

The executive committee further voted through an appropriation of \$200 for a track coach. This tends to show that Stanford track athletes intend to make a hard fight this year to bring up their field record against Berkeley. Each night now sees several men at work on the cinder path, while men of greater weight are tossing the hammer and shot.

Nothing further has been done in regard to the students convicted of "cribbing," and it is probable that the matter will be dropped after it has been acted upon by the students in their meeting, which is to take place on one of the last days of this week. It is possible that some of the students will be given another chance on the plea of "first offense."

THE THREE BUILDINGS.

The Regents Decide on That Number for the Affiliated Colleges.

Professor Harold Whiting's Splendid Gift to Several Institutions of Learning.

The board of State University regents met in full session yesterday afternoon in the Hopkins Institute. Upon the subject of the proposed buildings of the affiliated colleges an elaborate opinion from Attorney-General Fitzgerald was read, in which that official stated that under the law they must be constructed separately.

Under this ruling it was decided that a writ of mandamus must be served upon the State Controller in order to secure immediately one-half of the \$250,000 appropriated for the building of the colleges. The number of buildings to be erected caused considerable discussion. Finally a motion was made by Regent Halliell that four be constructed, and Regent Bartlett amended the motion by suggesting three. The amendment was carried by a vote of 8 to 7.

The committee on college lands recommended the acceptance of the offer of the Carson River and Tahoe Lumber and Flume Company to purchase a tract of forest land. It is situated in El Dorado County, near Lake Tahoe, and contains 1040 acres, and is timber land unadapted for cultivation. The price offered was \$5 per acre. Upon a vote the recommendation in the form of a motion was adopted and the offer accepted by the regents.

The gift of \$20,000 to the University of California, the fourth of the \$80,000 donated by the late Professor Harold Whiting to several institutions of learning, has been received by the regents. It will be remembered that the lamented Whiting was lost, with his entire family, while en route to the University of California, Colima, and the above distribution was a part of the legacies found in his last will.

The notice of a donation of \$6000 to the students' aid fund was received from Mrs. Rosewald, also that of \$1000 from P. C. Cole of Rochester, N. Y.

The regents were formally notified that Professor John Fraser, now traveling in China, had accepted the professorship of Oriental languages in the university. Upon motion it was ordered that the following students be presented with collegiate degrees:

Bachelor of Letters—Bertha Oliver, Rachel Vrooman. Bachelor of Philosophy—W. D. Thompson. Bachelor of Arts—Frederick Randolph King.

The finance committee's report on the monthly expenditures amounting to about \$364,000 was received and accepted. Of this sum \$369,000 was expended for the purchase of improved real estate, known as the Kate Johnson property, on Sutter street, between Kearny and Montgomery. By the new university catalogue it was

FRESNO'S CITRUS FAIR.

The Display of Fruits to Be From That County Exclusively.

FRESNO, CAL., Dec. 10.—The Chamber of Commerce to-night fixed the date for holding the citrus fair of Fresno County at January 3 and 4. The display of fruits will be from this county exclusively. A fine exhibition is assured and visitors will not doubt be surprised at the extent and success of the orange and lemon production in this county.

Resolutions urging California's representatives in Congress to use their best endeavors to secure favorable legislation in respect to the Nicaragua Canal were passed by the chamber. A matter of urging the representatives in Congress to secure an appropriation of \$100,000 for a public building in Fresno was also taken up and discussed. Senator Stanford, a few years ago, secured the passage through the Senate of a bill for an appropriation of \$50,000 for this purpose, but it was never brought up before the House of Representatives.

SACRAMENTO INVESTIGATION.

Dr. Ruggles Preparing to Probe the Foundling Home Scandal.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Dec. 10.—Dr. Ruggles, president of the State Board of Health, is in this city making arrangements for an investigation of the Foundling Home, an institution that receives State charges. He has been made acquainted with the managers of the home, alleging that infants have been starved to death and that the roll has been stuffed to defraud the State. It is a small institution, but it will receive a very lively shaking up in a few days. Dr. Ruggles was designated by Governor Budd to make the inquiry.

Senator McPherson at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 10.—Senator John P. McPherson of New Jersey, with his wife and daughter, are stopping at the Westminster. The party arrived last night, and the Senator who is in delicate health, was greatly fatigued from his journey.

TRUCKEE'S PALACE OF ICE.

Work on the Crystal Structure in the Mountains Nearly Completed.

Elaborate Preparations for the Entertainment of Excursionists Are Being Made.

TRUCKEE, CAL., Dec. 10.—A large number of laborers are at work on Truckee's ice palace, the first of its kind in California, and the main part of the building is nearly completed. In a few days, if the weather continues favorable, everything will be in readiness to receive excursionists.

Large fir trees are now being placed upon the roof and sides of the building. When sprayed with water and frozen, will present a magnificent appearance. The entire building will be sprayed and coated with ice so that not a stick of timber will be visible. Several thousand feet of wire netting is expected daily to cover the building before the spraying commences. Hundreds of pairs of stoves and toboggans and sleds have been ordered from the East.

Arrangements have been made to take 500 people for a sleigh ride to Donner Lake in one day. Toboggan slides will be built and snow-shoe courses laid out. Every winter amusement imaginable will be provided for visitors.

Sudden Death at In Grande.

LA GRANDE, OR., Dec. 10.—A holiness prayer-meeting was suddenly terminated last night by Mrs. Ada Waldrop, who fainted while testifying, and in a half hour was a corpse. The members of the church had assembled at the residence of Joseph Clark, in Old Town, and were telling their experiences. When Mrs. Waldrop came in and was asked to describe an interesting talk when she fainted and soon expired. Death was caused by rheumatism of the heart.

Fever Epidemic at Portland.

PORTLAND, OR., Dec. 10.—This city is threatened with a scarlet fever epidemic. Strict sanitary measures have been adopted to prevent a spread of contagion. Within ten days twenty-eight cases of scarlet fever, five of diphtheria and three of typhoid fever have been reported. Many other cases have not been brought to notice, owing to the dereliction of parents and physicians.

A Phrenic Man Crazy by Loss.

PHENIX, ARIZ., Dec. 10.—J. A. Plattner, the largest harness-dealer in Arizona and a sufferer by the recent fire, which consumed his building and stock here, has become temporarily insane. It is presumed that this loss, coupled with its attendant financial embarrassment, was the cause.

A Killing at Westville.

AUBURN, CAL., Dec. 10.—A report has been received here by W. M. Cameron, proprietor of the Westville Hotel, in the mountains forty miles above here, yesterday shot and killed a man named Fox. No further particulars have been learned.

POUND LIMIT SCANDAL.

Henry Tessmer Corrects Some Mistakes He Made in Spelling Names. Henry Tessmer has discovered that there were several of the names spelled wrong in his recent letter to the Grand Jury concerning the way the milkmen induced the Health and Police Committee of the Board of Supervisors to indefinitely postpone action on the question of extending the pound limits. A Mrs. Bowers is mentioned. It should have read "Bauer."

The lady has a milk ranch on Silver avenue near Hillman street. "B. B. B. & Theiss" was spoken of. It should have been "Dais & Bauer."

"By Mr. Ofeman, a groceryman at Tenth and Howard streets, J. William Ofeman, who has a grocery store at Tenth and Polson streets, was referred to. "Our complaint against the milkmen and the Health and Police Committee of the Board of Supervisors has been fairly stated by The Call," said Mr. Tessmer. "If the Grand Jury can get the milkmen to talk they will hear some revelations. The dairymen in February sent a protest to the Board of Supervisors against our trouble in towing it to port. The Royal Arthur will remain out for several weeks, its crew having been notified to prepare to spend Christmas at sea. The Dominion Government steamer Quadra will not go out as reported. Captain Gaudin, agent of marine, telegraphed to the department at Ottawa to-day that the Quadra at present was unseaworthy, and he deemed it inadvisable to send it on a mission which would have cost the lives of the crew. Inspector Thomson made an inspection of the Quadra this morning and found the keel partly broken. The vessel is also leaking. ARRESTED AT VENTURA. A Young Man Claiming to Be Rev. Mr. Dille's Son Purloins a Bicycle. SANTA BARBARA, CAL., Dec. 10.—A man giving his name as George Dille and claiming to be a son of San Francisco's reform preacher was last night arrested in

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reported that 1961 students were enrolled in all the departments of the institution. By motion it was ordered that \$38,000 of the \$40,000 set apart for that purpose be paid to Mrs. Stiles for a reservoir site.

Professor Richardson of the classical department was given one year's leave of absence. He will be gone during portions of 1896 and 1897, and will spend most of that time in Greece and Italy.

A communication from Professor Carpenter of Columbia College, published in the Educational Review, in which the writer stated that the English department of the university was the strongest in the United States, was read. It was considered that such commendation, coming from so bright an authority, was indicative of the Pacific Coast institution's scholastic standing.

A memorial to the late Andrew J. Moulder was read, in which the dead secretary and regent of the university, teacher and superintendent of public instruction, was eulogized for his noble labors in the cause of education.

ROW IN A POOLROOM.

Fleming Welches and Is Attacked by One of His Patrons. There was trouble in the poolrooms of Fleming & Co., 9 Ellis street, yesterday morning. Some of their patrons had laid bets on a combination of three horses on Monday. The combination was Remus and Bay Murphy to win and Three Forks to show. Remus and Bay Murphy won their races, but the race in which Three Forks ran was declared off for fraud. In such cases horses played in combinations are regarded as scratched and the odds are computed on the races left in.

In all the poolrooms except Fleming's this rule was adhered to, but Fleming refused to pay, declaring that the combination was broken owing to the race in which Three Forks ran being declared off. His decision raised a howl of indignation and Charles Weinberg, one of Fleming's patrons, made an attack upon him. Fleming called for help and his employes ran to his assistance and separated the combatants.

Louis Roser, another of Fleming's patrons, was hunting around the police court yesterday afternoon in search of a warrant for Fleming's arrest. He was unable to get it, but expressed his intention of making another attempt this morning.

GOODS MADE BY CONVICTS.

Official Examination to Be Made by Governor Budd's Direction.

The Manufacturers' Association Wants the Labor Commissioner to Investigate. For several months past there has been a quiet agitation of a movement having for its object the enactment of State laws to close California's doors to the products of Eastern prisons. The startling fact was learned at the National meeting of State prison warden in Colorado that thousands of dollars' worth of convict-made articles of all kinds were shipped into this State and sold in competition with home products made by free men.

The Prison Directors, Labor Commissioner and Manufacturers' and Producers' Association took up the matter and began to gather statistics regarding the importation of convict-made goods into the State. Mr. and Mrs. Roser, the secretary of the Prison Directors, was called to the situation and he promised to do all in his power to correct the existing evil. The first movement in this direction has been made by the manufacturers' association, and it is believed that he was ready to proceed in the matter. This was stated yesterday at a meeting of the Manufacturers' Association.

Chairman Sonntag presented the following resolutions: WHEREAS, The Manufacturers' and Producers' Association of California has had under consideration the matter of the manufacture of articles of merchandise by convict labor, and whereas, the statistics indicate that large quantities of prison-made articles are imported to this State yearly at the cost and advantage of our home industries; and whereas, in the opinion of this association a thorough investigation of this subject would be a great benefit to our local manufactures, therefore be it

Resolved, That his Excellency Governor Budd be and he is hereby respectfully requested to provide ways and means to designate a commission to make the said investigation throughout the Eastern States where the said convict goods are manufactured; and be it further

Resolved, That the secretary of this association be and he is hereby respectfully requested to immediately a copy of this resolution to his Excellency Governor Budd.

M. J. Keller stated that the association has made good progress in the preliminary steps toward the investigation and has obtained much valuable information. He said that he had been informed that certain merchants were growing rich by handling convict-made goods which they sold at remarkably low prices, and that Director McGlynn wished to have the petition amended so as to designate the Labor Commissioner as the California agent who should make the proposed investigation.

NEW TO-DAY.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE IMPOSSIBLE.

But Here is Something Just as Good. In spite of all that has been said and written by advocates of total abstinence it is indisputable that modern methods of work and living make the occasional and even frequent use of gentle stimulants highly beneficial if not absolutely necessary to the great majority of men—especially those engaged in business and mental pursuits. It is a well known fact that excessive consumption of nerve food and vital energy consumed by the brain breeds sluggishness of the digestive system, which reacts on the brain.

A corrective stimulant is needed. The course of alcoholic and vinous liquors is that they over-stimulate and create a morbid appetite for more. Peruvian Bitters, though composed largely of old California brands, has no such effect. It permits the brain of exercising its faculties and the body to perform its duties without mental pursuits. It is a well known fact that excessive consumption of nerve food and vital energy consumed by the brain breeds sluggishness of the digestive system, which reacts on the brain.

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