

HEARD AT STOCKTON.

The Mail Claims Special Knowledge of a Bank- ing Policy.

TO PROTECT THE FUNDS.

New Move by the Commissioners Concerning State and County Moneys.

GOVERNOR BUDD'S THEORY.

He Thinks Banks Should Not Aid in the Election of County Treasurers.

STOCKTON, CAL., Dec. 12.—With a claim that the information is special and reliable, the Mail says that the Bank Commissioners held a meeting yesterday in San Francisco and determined upon a policy which will materially affect banking methods in this State. The object of the new move is to protect State and county funds.

An order will be issued by the commission directing the bank managers to refuse to accept State and county moneys except as special deposits.

This fact was learned from a local financier who held a conference yesterday with the members of the Bank Commission. The new rule will keep the State and county moneys intact in the banks in which they are deposited, for a special deposit is one in which the cash deposited is undisturbed and the identical coin returned, when drawn out, that was deposited.

This will be a safeguard against the loss of any State or county funds, and it is reported that the city money will be protected in the same way. According to the last statement published by the Bank Commissioners, the total amount of money then being used by banks in this State was \$7,796,127, and a large proportion of this could not be paid on demand.

From the statement referred to it can be readily seen that, while a number of banks are perfectly solvent and capable of more than meeting their obligations, they cannot pay on demand the amount of money due the counties or the State. They have plenty of assets, and have passed muster before the close scrutiny of the Commissioners, but if they were called upon to turn over at once the money they owe the State or the counties they could not do it.

Under the new rule made yesterday by the Commissioners such a state of affairs cannot exist, as the money will always be on hand. Governor Budd was in the city to-day, and, discussing the subject, said:

"I think there will be a change in banking methods before the end of the present fiscal year. I do not think that banks should go into politics for the purpose of securing the election of County Treasurers in order to have county funds deposited with them. This has cut quite a figure in the past in the election of Treasurers and it should all be changed.

"My theory is to take the matter of placing the county funds out of the County Treasurer's hands altogether. This should be done by the County Board of Supervisors, who should place the money with the bank which will give the heaviest bonds and the highest premium for the privilege of using the money. This will keep the money in circulation and at the same time the county will be secured against loss.

"The money should be subject to the check of the Treasurer at any time. There is now some \$6,000,000 of State and county money that if put into circulation would be a great benefit to the people of this State."

VISALIA FLUME BUILDING.

Four New Principles Adopted by the Kaweah Irrigation and Power Company.

Increase of Velocity and Economy in Material, With Added Endurance, Accomplished.

VISALIA, CAL., Dec. 12.—The Kaweah flume of the Kaweah Irrigation and Power Company is interesting, not so much for its magnitude as for the fact that four new principles in flume construction have been introduced in its design. The flume is 640 feet long, six feet inside width and will carry a depth of six feet of water. The first of the principles is applied in the approach at the end of the flume. These are constructed in a manner exactly the opposite to the construction of the prow of a boat.

The approaches involve two bents of the flume at each end of sixteen feet each and begin and end with the exact cross-section of the canal and gradually assume the cross-section of the flume. This was introduced to reduce the loss of velocity consequent upon the change from the full cross-section of the canal to the contracted cross-section of the flume at the entrance to the flume and vice versa at the exit to the flume to a minimum.

The second principle has heretofore been applied only in pipes and closed conduits and will explain many of the failures of flumes in many cases to carry their theoretical capacities. It consists in putting the water with the head of the flume under pressure.

Owing to the greater proportional cost of flume construction over canal and ditch construction, where both are of the same sectional area, it has been customary for self will run one-third or one-half full, while the banks of the canal above overflow, although the flumes are correctly constructed upon existing theories and formulae.

The third and fourth principles are minor ones, and involve detail of construction, one being that all bracing is done overhead by cross-way braces between the four by six posts, which extend above the

flumes, to be constructed closer to the hillsides, which, in the construction of grades through rocky canyons, is a big item. The other is the dividing of the yoke posts into two posts longitudinally, passing the yoke between these posts and across the flume and bolting them to their places, which makes a more equal distribution of strength among the timbers. The application of this principle requires less material and affords greater simplicity in construction than methods heretofore employed.

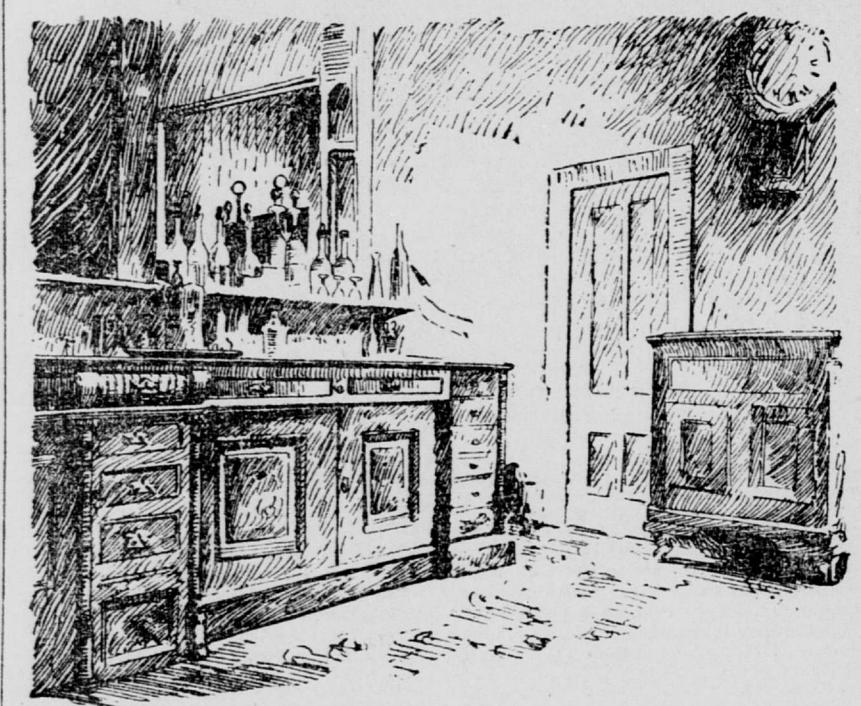
AFRO-AMERICAN CONFERENCE.

Ways to Secure Full Rights of Citizenship to Be Considered.

DETROIT, MICH., Dec. 12.—The National conference of the Afro-Americans, which was called for the purpose of considering ways and means of securing for the negro citizen the full rights of citizenship, met in the Second Baptist Church here to-day and brought together about twenty delegates from various States and a like number from this city. Little or no business was transacted at the sessions to-day, they being occupied with organizing the conference and speech-making. D. A. Straker of this city was made permanent chairman, Hon. R. T. Green of New York president, and Rev. J. M. Taylor of Chicago secretary. Committees on resolutions and on an "address to the country" were appointed and will report to-morrow morning. To-night's session was devoted to speech-making.

Saluted the Glorious Dead.

ROME, ITALY, Dec. 12.—The Chamber of Deputies this afternoon paid a tribute to the memory of Major Tosselli, the commander of the Italian column in Abyssinia, which was decimated by a surrounding force of Abyssinians, and who was himself among the killed. After a number of eulogistic speeches the President of the Chamber invited the orators of all parties to salute the glorious dead, and



THIS IS WHERE BUCKLEY'S FRIENDS GET THEIR COCKTAILS AT THE OCCIDENTAL CLUB.
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the members stood up in perfect patriotic accord. The scene was a touching one.

LIVELY AT COLLINSVILLE.

Survey Corps of the California, Oregon and Idaho at Work.

Running the Line From That Point to Red Bluff for the Big Enterprise.

COLLINSVILLE, CAL., Dec. 12.—The California, Oregon and Idaho Railroad Company has a corps of ten men here, preparatory to starting an actual survey from this point to Red Bluff, where it will meet a surveying party from Eureka already in the field. The corps at this point is under the supervision of Harp and Bald- irecting the survey. They are securing rights of way from all the property-holders in this vicinity and disposing of many contracts for bonds.

There are two series of these bonds, one running for thirty years and the other for twenty years, each to draw 5 per cent interest, payable annually, and secured, respectively by a first and a second mortgage on all the property, rights, franchises and privileges of the corporation, the first



A CORNER OF THE BIG UPPER ROOM WHERE CHRISTOPHER BUCKLEY MAINLY FASHIONS HIS POLITICAL WORK.
(Reproduced from a photograph.)

at \$15,000 a mile, the second at \$5000 per mile. The company is organized under the laws of the State of Oregon. The purchase price is made payable in calls of 10 per cent as the money may be needed for the purchase of material and construction of the road.

The company proposes to construct within three years from date of the bonds a standard-gauge railway from Collinsville, Solano County, Cal., to a point at or near Red Bluff, Tehama County, Cal., together with an intermediate line from a point on the main line in Yolo County, California, to Washington, Yolo County, Cal., and a continuous line from Collinsville to an eastern connection in Wyoming within five years, unless prevented by the decrees or injunctions of the courts or the elements.

It is provided that the subscriber to the second mortgage bonds shall reserve the right to pay 20 per cent of all freight or fare charges contracted over all the company's lines in said second mortgage bonds. Both the first and second mortgage bonds are to be exempt from State or Federal taxation. Failing in either of its covenants the company agrees to repay the subscribers their purchase money.

Without being seen by the people he may want to avoid, and when the flume is filled by a careless runner it is easy enough for a caller to see Buckley in an upstairs room without his presence being known. One peculiarity of the house is that every corner in every room is rounded in accordance with directions by the shades of the other world.

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BUCKLEY AND THE BOYS.

How and Why Things May Now Sizzle at the Political Palace on the Hill.

IN THE OCCIDENTAL CLUB.

Gossip About the New, Fine and Strange Headquarters That Boss Buckley Is Booming.

Buckleyism is about to sizzle up at the corner of Bush and Stockton streets, where a new, quite peculiar and interesting political headquarters has begun a career of some sort. Just now it's something like a song; very likely it will yield a sermon. There is a quite magnificent, really odd and somewhat uncanny palace up there on the slope of Nob Hill just a little below the shelf made by Bush street. In it the returned boss, who cannot see, has established his throne, wakened the Occidental Club into a life whose thrill was not dreamed of or hoped for a few months ago, and made of it the nucleus of a political aggregation representing the highest and lowest levels of the City's social life, which expects to become the reigning Democratic power of San Francisco.

Buckley's Occidental Club is nominally a social-political organization with a defin-

ite membership, but membership doesn't count particularly. It is a rallying place for the Buckley forces of the eighteen Assembly districts, and during the next year it will be a rallying place for the Buckley forces of the city. It is a place where the Buckley forces will be nearly all planned up there at the Occidental Club. Hither the district leaders will go to report and receive orders. There doubling converts will be drawn to be inculcated with the Buckley gladness. The Occidental Club is to be a "political home" where the boys will be welcome and a place that will be enlivened with every charm for the lads that have been on short grass for so long.

To help along the boom and swing that it is sought to be put into the air up there money is now being spent with a touch of lavishness in fixing things up in still finer style, and plans for making the place a constant joy are being arranged. When you go up Stockton street from Sutter toward Bush, you come to a peculiarly situated big white mansion next to the corner building. There is a hole in a high stone wall, from which granite steps wind up a shrub-studded yard to the elegant front portico that doesn't face the street. If you go on and going to be a lively court, a little out of the way, and if you dodge down that you will find a side door and an electric button. If you want to dodge in the front way, through the stone wall, under three trees, nobody will be apt to see you, either.

Buckley didn't build this place for a political club, but he couldn't have planned one more convenient for his political purposes. This used to be the home of the wealthy Mrs. Peck, who lavished something like \$125,000 on it. She built and changed it mainly as the spirits directed, and that may be one reason that the house is so full of peculiar little passageways, stairs and nooks. One can dodge at will through the house from attic to basement

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In 1890, while Buckley was still in the heyday of his power, Mrs. Peck's property went on the market after her death, and Buckley bought it at a bargain for \$32,500. Then the Tammany Society became Buckley's Manhattan Club. It moved \$4000 worth of furniture up the street to Buckley's new mansion, and Jake Lindo bought the fine mirrors and some of the furniture of the house at auction for the club. The Manhattan Club began to flourish under the presidency of Colonel Andrews as a high-toned social club, with politics on the side. There was terrapin stew and champagne to be had there then.

But in 1891 Buckley had important business in Canada while the Wallace Grand Jury was in session, the club went to smash and a time of storm and distress came on. Some of the Manhattan people—and some of them are back now—got out with the reorganizers and shouted against Buckley, who was thought dead forever. An old guard remained there, but silent. During this season of bad fortune the club owed Buckley a year and a half's rent and the furniture became his and stayed there in the deserted rooms where the spiders nested long. The Manhattan Club maintained a nominal sort of existence while Buckley was so thoroughly down and out. Men's Democratic Association organized and took the old Republican Alliance headquarters on Powell street. Soon after this organization and the Manhattan Club combined under the name of the Business Men's Democratic Club, with John McCarthy, the wholesale tea merchant, for president. Quarters were taken in the Baldwin Annex and Chris Buckley and Jerry Driscoll were dropped from the rolls. This club didn't make much amount of noise, and it was not very lively along about last Christmas. Buckley had meantime safely returned, had secretly shown a strong hand in the last election, and some of his old friends of political experience consulted with him about a new programme for the important political campaign that was coming.

John McCarthy, A. T. Spotts, O. M. Wynn, John Spots, E. T. Mills, William Cronin, Ambrose McLaughlin, special agent of the treasury, and three or four other members of the Business Men's Club, talked things over and decided on the reorganization, about which Buckley gave his advice and to which he offered his deserted palace on the hill. Heads were scratched for a name and McLaughlin's suggestion of "Occidental" was taken.

The Business Men's Democratic Club became the Occidental Club early in January. The Stockton street mansion was swept out and occupied. About all the club had to do was to move in and sit down with 210 members. Since then there have been many changes in the roll and now the membership is stated at 384, and every man a friend of Buck.

The following present officers can all be traced back with the leather upholstered chairs that cost \$27 apiece to 1887, Bush street and the Tammany Society: President, John McCarthy; vice-presidents, E. T. Mills and T. E. Dunne; secretary, Joseph A. Baxter; treasurer, William Bryan. The directors are the lawyers and Joseph Rothschild, P. F. Dundon, William Cronin, J. W. McDonald, Samuel Newman and Thomas J. Barbour.

But there are other untitled officers for what really goes on in the Occidental Club, of course, is the king who can do no wrong. Things rather wait and languish when he cometh not. When he puts in three or four days at Ravenswood, there is something like a drop in the tide, but though a worm might be getting in its work in the bud of promise. Buckley is the soul and breath of life of the Occidental Club of the present. He knows every trick and move in every district in the City and the measure of every influence in operation. His mastery "advice" to his friends directs every play.

The active, experienced leaders with whom he counsels and who back and execute the plans of operation are principally John McCarthy, A. T. Spotts, James H. O'Brien, Robert Boyd and Joseph Rothschild, with several others taking this part.

This is a glimpse at the political organization which represents Buckley and his new campaign. The Occidental Club has

the "glad hand" always ready, and there isn't much up there too good for the boys. That's the idea of the new programme. Somebody is putting up between \$2000 and \$3000 for the new fixings that are going in, under the direction of Vice-President E. T. Mills, who takes a deeper interest in the club itself than in its politics. The tapestries that Mr. Mills got out here from New York a few days ago cost from \$12 to \$15 a yard and they are going in the upholstered furniture in the big parlor that has a great \$2500 onyx mantle in it. Everything is being renovated and improved with touches of costly elegance everywhere. Beginning pretty soon there are to be weekly entertainments, with songs, speeches and music to eat and drink, for that is the way to treat the boys.

A good-natured, hospitable, though inconspicuous, Democracy is characteristic of the Occidental Club. The Buckley ex-firemen play pedro in a fine bay-window room on a heavy walnut table, and downstairs the valiant heroes of many a primary loaf on plush cushions and rosewood chairs and receive jolly salutations from big men with lots of money. Downstairs in the basement is a big room where seances used to be held. That's where meetings are held now and where the banquets that are planned will be enjoyed. Sometimes there will be champagne on tap down there and sometimes good old beer, according to the propitieties of the occasion.

When they say "Come and have something," they go out to the sideboard where cocktails are mixed by the white-haired, gentle and courtly Sam Sample, who has been known to wait for thirty years.

When people go to the Occidental Club and touch the button, the door is opened by a nephew of Charles A. Dana. He is Percy Dana, a bright and popular little fellow of 22 years. His father used to be a big stock dealer in Missouri, and supplied mules to the Government his brother wrote so much about. Percy drifted out here, went into the grocery business out on Bush street, opposite the Buckley's City residence. He bought tea and coffee of John McCarthy and sold it to Buckley. Both liked him, and when the grocery business became bad a few months ago he became an assistant steward of the Occidental Club.

"Just look at them windows, there's a different kind of hand painting in every glass," said one of the boys proudly the other day, and was as welcome as one of "Buck's business men" who were diamonds. That's one of the ways that Buckley is now doing politics and one of the features of the new political headquarters in the bill.

Where Jewsharps Are Made.

Bath claims the distinction of having the only jewsharp factory in this country outside of the city of New York. The industry is carried on in a building situated on Fourth street, in the rear of No. 16, J. R. Smith, the proprietor of the establishment, has made jewsharps for thirty-five years. Twenty years he worked at the business in England, and nearly fifteen in this country. He first started in Troy, but believing the location would be more healthful in Bath he removed to that village about nine years ago.

The jewsharp was classed as a toy up to a few years ago. It is now placed among musical instruments. For centuries it was known all over Europe. It is also known as the Jew's trumpet. It consists of a metal frame with two branches, between which a slender tongue of steel, fastened at the end and free at the other, is made to vibrate by twirling with the finger while the frame is held between the teeth.

While there is no decrease in the demand, Mr. Smith says, there has been during the last few years a gradual moving of the demand westward. Orders have increased in Chicago in the same proportion that they have fallen off in New York. Mr. Smith manufactures twelve different styles of jewsharps, ranging in price from \$3 to \$25 per gross. They are put up and shipped in boxes of twelve-gross lots. Mr. Smith is an expert performer upon the instrument.—Albany State.

In Paris there is a wineshop for every three houses.

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MEN'S JAPANESE HEMSTITCHED SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, large size, with embroidered initials, will be offered at 25c each.

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At 50 Cents.
MEN'S JAPANESE HEMSTITCHED SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, extra large size, with very handsome embroidered initials, will be offered at 50c each.

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MEN'S HEMSTITCHED ALL-LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, with hand-embroidered initials, will be offered at 25c each, or in fancy boxes of half dozen at \$1.50.

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MEN'S HEMSTITCHED ALL-LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, with hand-embroidered initials, and extra large size, will be offered at 35c each, or in fancy boxes of half dozen at \$2.

MUFFLERS AND REEFER SCARFS.
MEN'S SILK MUFFLERS, in white, cream, blue, navy and fancy colors, at 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2 to \$4 each.

MEN'S REEFER SCARFS, in black, white, navy, and fancy colors, at 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2 and \$5 each.

NECKWEAR! NECKWEAR!

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MEN'S ALL-SILK SCARFS, in tecks, four-in-hands, fancy bows, De Joinville, Windsor, etc., will be offered at 50c each.

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MEN'S EXTRA FINE ALL-SILK SCARFS, in the latest styles and made up of the newest colorings, will be offered at 75c to \$1.50.

At 25 Cents a Pair.
CHILDREN'S STINE RIBBED BLACK CLOTH HOSE, double knees, heels and toes, Hermsdorf black, sizes 5 to 9, worth 40c.

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LADIES' FANCY HOSE, black boot and opera-shade top combinations, spliced heels and toes, Hermsdorf dye, regular value \$4 per dozen.

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LADIES' BLACK MACO COTTON HOSE, unbleached feet, high spliced heels and toes, Hermsdorf black, good value at 35c.

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LADIES' IMPORTED CASHMERE WOOL HOSE, high-spliced heels, double soles and toes, black, natural and tan shades, value for 65c.

LADIES' KID GLOVES!

At 75 Cents.
800 pairs 8-BUTTON LENGTH MOUSETAIL N D E S S E D KID GLOVES, colors tan, slate and brown, also black, regular value for \$1.25, will be offered at 75c a pair.

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700 pairs 8-BUTTON LENGTH MOUSETAIL GENUINE FRENCH KID GLOVES, colors tan, slate, navy, brown and green, also black, regular value \$1.50, will be offered at 90c a pair.

At \$1.00.
600 pairs 2-CLASP KID GLOVES, in English, reds, brown, tan, cream, pearl and white, regular value \$1.50, will be offered at \$1 a pair.

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WILL GO TO WASHINGTON.

They Will Urge the Passage of Measures to Protect Mining.

WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Tirey L. Ford Delegated by the State Association, to Be Aided by John McMurray.

The executive committee of the Miners' Association has decided to send a man to Washington to work for California mining interests and to push the passage of two bills adopted at the last meeting of the association.

Copies of those bills will be sent to the Congressional representatives of this State, with requests to bring them prominently before the Ways and Means Committee, and two mining men will be on hand to make all necessary explanations of their purpose and importance.

Those two men are Tirey L. Ford of this City, who was unanimously elected to the position, and John McMurray of Trinity County, who has volunteered to spend a short time in the National capital at his own expense in the interests of the California mining industry.

It will be Mr. McMurray's first experience in Washington.

It was decided to have 1000 copies of the constitution and by-laws of the association printed for distribution to the members in the different counties of the State. W. C. Ralston, chairman of the Mineral Lands Committee, was allowed a clerk to assist him in taking up the mineral land question. And it was voted to pay the secretary \$50 a month for his services to the association.

The meeting was held in the rooms of the Union League Club at the Palace Hotel and was a continuation of the long executive session of the preceding evening. Jacob F. Neff presided and Julius Somers was secretary.

Last evening's effective session began with Judge Walling moving the previous question, and immediately after J. M. Wright moved to adopt as amended, "an act to provide for ascertaining the character of certain lands in the State of California."

It was a proposed substitute for the Singer bill and will now be sent on to Washington. In substance the act provides for a speedy determination and indication of the character of all the odd-numbered sections of unpatented lands as to whether they are mineral or non-mineral, and as soon as practicable to publish a notice describing the location of the mineral lands and informing the people that they may file with the Registrar protests against patenting such lands to any railroad.

These notices are to be extensively published for two months, and during that time or within thirty days thereafter any one may offer a protest against a patent being issued on any land thought to be mineral. An accurate description of the location of the section, together with the names of the persons seeking a patent, must accompany the complaint. At the end of thirty days such collected evidence is to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior, who is to suspend the issuance of patents upon the land described until a court of inquiry shall have declared it non-mineral. Twenty thousand dollars is asked to be appropriated by congress to defray the expenses of a mineral land commission, a member of which must be a practical miner.

The act further provides that all un-

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