

BUNKED SAN JOSE INVALIDS.

Dr. Luis Viscayo and His Collection of Snakes and Lizards.

METHODS OF A QUACK.

He Posed as a Helminthologist and Was Enriched by the Credulous.

SKILLED IN LEGERDEMAIN.

Sufferers Made to Believe That They Had Been Cured of Mythical Ailments.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 25.—After two years of continuance the charge of practicing medicine without a license against Dr. Luis Viscayo was dismissed by Judge Lorigan this morning on motion of the District Attorney, as it seemed impossible to secure a conviction.

Dr. Viscayo came to this city about two years ago from Mexico. He hung out a gaudy sign with "Dr. Luis Viscayo, Helminthologist," upon it, and for a time shekels rolled into his pockets, as he guaranteed a cure or no pay. The doctor was something of a legerdemain, and after giving his patients a dose of his cure-all he would produce a variety of angleworms and small reptiles and felicitate the patient upon having severed relationship with the collection. Some were inclined to doubt the doctor's word, but a second treatment and a second addition to the menagerie convinced them that what he said must be true.

Viscayo was finally arrested on complaint of George Bellamy, who alleged that the doctor had procured \$10 from his wife on false pretenses. Mrs. Bellamy alleged that Viscayo had treated her little son and that on one occasion he exhibited a handful of angleworms and tried to convince her they were miniature members of the Bothriophthalmus family with which the boy had parted company. The doctor had a small garter-snake and many were the sufferers who gazed upon the reptile and shuddered at the thought of the close companionship it had forced upon them until they had met the man of science. This snake was used only in the case of rich patients, who usually paid handsome fees, while their thankfulness lasted. For months the doctor gave entire satisfaction in every case.

After Viscayo's arrest the State Medical Society was very active in its prosecution for practicing medicine without a license. It tried in every way to procure sufficient evidence to convict and now, after two years of delays, the case has been dismissed. The doctor left some time ago and is evidently practicing legerdemain in greener pastures.

EJECTED FROM HIS HOUSE.

Mrs. Robbins' Lover Objected to Her Husband's Presence.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 25.—Antonio Francisco Corra was arrested on charge of having won the affections of Mrs. Hesta Robbins to such an extent that her husband is no longer a welcome visitor at his house. The complainant is J. R. Robbins, who alleges that Corra, who rooms at the house, has supplanted him in his wife's affections.

THE BARRON CASE AGAIN.

New Move Made by the Special Counsel for Eva Barron.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 25.—E. S. Pillsbury, special counsel for Eva Barron, filed a notice in the Superior Court to-day asking that George E. Barron, the contestant of the will of his father, the late millionaire Edward Barron, deceased, be compelled to answer the suit of Edward Andrew Barron, the mulatto claimant, to establish heirship.

Becomes an Insolvent.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 25.—Henry Bookin Jr. to-day petitioned the Superior Court to be declared an insolvent debtor. Bookin has been engaged in the nursery business and attributes his failure to the frequent indorsement of notes. His liabilities consist of between \$13,000 and \$14,000 in scattering debts. He has no assets. The petition will be heard March 5.

Funeral of Mrs. Worthington.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Margaret A. Worthington, a pioneer woman of this valley, was buried from the home of her husband, C. H. Worthington, on the Stevens Creek road, this morning. She settled in this valley in 1850. She was a native of Missouri and 56 years of age.

Burglars Sentenced.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 25.—Frank Atwood, who pleaded guilty to looting the store of M. C. Close, was this morning sentenced to eighteen months in Folsom by Judge Lorigan. Jose Rodriguez was given two years in the same prison for breaking into the Hoffman residence.

Charged With Insanity.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 25.—Josephine Applehill, an aged Spanish woman residing in Cottage Grove, was to-day charged with insanity. She imagines other women are trying to win her husband's affections.

LARKIN HEIR FOUND AT VIENTO.

End of a Long Search for the Quartet Entitled to the Estate of the Californian.

PORTLAND, OR., Feb. 25.—After a search extending over several months, and during which time it was necessary to twice traverse almost the whole United States, the fourth missing heir to the William Larkin estate in California has just been discovered near Viento, Or., in the Cascade Mountains. A local paper prints a story to the effect that the search for the rightful heirs of Larkin has ended, and that the lawyers engaged in the case will make a hot fight to establish the claims of the heirs, three of whom are in Ohio. Their names are Frances, William R. and Mary E. Fox, children of Larkin's sister, who married a soldier named Fox at St. Louis.

received in the army. One of the girls in Ohio is mentally unsound, and it is on this point that the probate of the Larkin will will be fought, as there is a law in California to the effect that if no contest is made within a certain time the will of decedent shall stand, excepting in cases of infant heirs or persons of unsound mind, who have a claim to the estate. Now that Larkin's nieces and nephews have been discovered and steps will be taken at once to contest the probate of the will and establish the claim of the four heirs.

Larkin died two years ago, leaving all his wealth to strangers. His sister's children are his only kin so far as known.

MARIN COUNTY CANDIDATES.

A Lively Campaign for the Supervisorship Begun—Many Aspirants for the Honor.

SAUSALITO, CAL., Feb. 25.—The political battle for Supervisor for the southern part of Marin County is assuming rather a peculiar aspect on account of the unusually large number of aspirants for the position. Even the political leaders seem confused.

The incumbent, Jacob Gardner, says that he is undecided whether to run again or not, but he is generally considered a candidate for nomination. Wheeler Martin, the postmaster at Eastland, in Mill Valley, has expressed a desire for the position. Commodore Harrison of Sausalito is a likely candidate. Mill Valley has another man in the person of J. H. McInnes, formerly a contractor in San Francisco.

Mr. McInnes has publicly stated that he intends to place his name before the Republican convention. In fact, the Republicans are the only ones in the field thus far, although A. Silva is believed to be the choice of the few Democratic voters in the southern part of the county.

The question of whether the school appropriation should be raised sufficiently to keep the public schools open longer for a number of months out of every twelve is the main issue upon which the fight is to be made, although the question of good roads is considered very important.

As to Superior Judge there appears to be no opposition to Frank M. Anselotti. He has occupied the position of District Attorney for four years and that of Superior Judge for six years. The battle is being fought for the position of Supervisor, and on account of the multiplicity of aspirants there is considerable feeling being shown.

FRESNO ELECTION FRAUDS.

Corrupt Methods of Candidates May Be Aired in a Suit at Court.

George W. Smith's Race for the Shrievalty and His Promises to a Supporter.

FRESNO, CAL., Feb. 25.—A suit on appeal from the Justice Court, now being heard in Judge Carter's department of the Superior Court here, involves some questions of great delicacy, in which George W. Smith, the Democratic candidate for Sheriff of this county, is the defendant, Judge W. D. Orlin the go-between and Jacob Hockenberry the plaintiff.

The suit is to recover \$242, with interest since the campaign of 1894. In that year of Democratic disasters Smith was the candidate of his party against Jay Scott, the present Sheriff of Fresno County. Hockenberry had some surplus money, which he "loaned" to the defendant to help him out.

Smith acknowledges that he got some money from the plaintiff, but did not regard it as a loan and never intended to pay it back.

Crichton, who negotiated the "loan," went on the stand to-day to tell what he knew about the transaction.

He at first declined to testify, on the grounds that his testimony might incriminate himself, but was prevailed upon by the court to make his statement. Being a witness in his testimony was exceedingly guarded.

He admitted, however, that he received money from Hockenberry and gave it to Smith, and when questioned as to whether it was for any purpose or expressed promise of official reward in case Smith was elected, said there was no promise, but it was understood that Smith would grant a deputyship to any one he (the witness) might desire.

The case is attracting a great deal of attention among local politicians. Whether it will be concluded without betraying a felonious disregard of the purity of the elections act by the parties concerned, is problematical.

FRESNO'S RABBIT DRIVE.

Corral and Fences Built Preparatory to the Slaughter.

FRESNO, CAL., Feb. 25.—The great rabbit drive and slaughter planned for next Saturday a few miles west of this city promises to attract people for scores of miles in every direction.

A corral has been built and two lines of lath-fencing stretches at an acute angle from this point for miles. Men on horseback have been scouring the country, giving instructions and orders for the event.

These drives often result in the slaughter of thousands of jack rabbits. The drives are said to be more numerous than in any previous year, and in consequence immense killing is predicted.

The drives are conducted by mounted officers, who require military precision and prompt obedience. Neither dogs nor guns are permitted. Clubs are the only weapons and the army of "rusers" is always afoot.

BROUGHT BACK FROM VALLEJO.

San Francisco Young Girls Rescued From Two Outcasts.

VALLEJO, CAL., Feb. 25.—F. A. Holbrook of San Francisco, special officer for the protection of orphans, came up to Vallejo this morning, and returned this afternoon, having under his charge two young girls named Ella Beck and Florence Gifford, who, through the misrepresentations of a woman known as "Tillie" Hill, came here Saturday evening presumably to secure employment in a restaurant.

Instead they were enticed into a disorderly house, from which they were rescued late Saturday night and placed in a hotel until friends could arrive from San Francisco. The proprietor of the house, William Collins, is under arrest. He and the woman will be prosecuted to the extent of the law.

Look a Livermore Store.

LIVERMORE, CAL., Feb. 25.—Burglars entered the large grocery and hardware store of George Beck & Co. last night. They secured about a dozen pocket-knives and a few dollars in change that had been left in the money-drawer. No attempt was made to open the safe. It is believed that the burglars became frightened while at work, as they left their entire kit of tools scattered about the office floor.

MISSION VALLEY SACHEM DEAD.

Aged Chief Gil Loses His Life in a Brush Blaze.

HEMMED IN BY FIRE.

Indian Companions Say That the Old Man Could Not Fight His Way Out.

THEIR STORY IS DOUBTED.

San Diego's Coroner Suspects Foul Play and Will Investigate the Tragedy.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., Feb. 25.—Chief Gil, at the head of a small rancharia of Indians living in Mission Valley, was burned to death to-day a few miles north of the city. He had been engaged with his son and two other men at grubbing a piece of land.

They piled the brush in long rows, and Chief Gil in some manner became surrounded by the fire before he knew it. Being aged and infirm, he did not have the strength to fight his way out. This is the story as told by the other Indians, who went to the village of Morena and informed the ranchers there.

Coroner Johnson went out and viewed the scene and secured the body, bringing it to the city this evening. As he was passing through Old San Diego he was almost mobbed by a lot of Indians and Mexicans, who insist on keeping the body of the chief at Old Town.

The Coroner finally managed to get away from the crowd and brought the body to the morgue. It is black and unrecognizable, the flesh being completely cooked, and a hasty examination failed to show anything suspicious in the manner of death.

Coroner Johnson, however, said that the quantity of brush seemed so small that he could not understand how the chief had been burned unless he had been prevented by others. An inquest will be held to-morrow morning.

SAN DIEGO'S WELCOME.

Preparing a Demonstration in Honor of Prince Luigi.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., Feb. 25.—The Italian cruiser Cristoforo Colombo, now at San Francisco, will arrive in this port on Friday, March 6, and will remain here three days.

The cruiser will be met outside by the Silver Gate Boat Club, comprising a fleet of thirty-five yachts, schooners and launches, and will be escorted by the fleet into the harbor in honor of Prince Louis of Savoy.

During his stay the Prince will be tendered a banquet and ball, to be given by the Italian citizens.

An international boat race has been arranged and several other exciting water events are on the tapis, among them an ocean yacht race and a long-boat barge race between the crews from the Philadelphia, Monterey, Thetis, Colombo and the Naval Battalion.

SAN DIEGO RECEIVERSHIP.

Custody of the California National Bank Transferred.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., Feb. 25.—The receivership of the California National Bank, held by F. N. Pauly for several years, has been turned over to Receiver O'Connor of the Consolidated Bank. The transfer, it is reported, is made in the interests of economy, as one receiver can attend to the affairs of both banks.

A telegram was received to-day by Receiver O'Connor stating that the suit instituted by Receiver Pauly to recover on the bonds of Collins and Dare, late president of the Federal court, a faction of the National, had been decided in New York, judgment being rendered for \$33,000 in favor of the bank.

POINT WILSON WRECKERS.

It Is Believed the Stranded Kilbrannan Will Be Floated to-day.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., Feb. 25.—Unless some unforeseen accident occurs the British ship Kilbrannan will be floated to-morrow, after lying a prisoner in the sands at Point Wilson lighthouse since February 6.

A large force of scrapers has removed the sand that accumulated to seaward, and to-day, with the use of the vessel's own capstans, it was moved seven feet seaward. All conditions are favorable, and at 4 o'clock the Puget Sound Tug Company's fleet will hook onto the Kilbrannan for a pull.

In event of the effort proving successful the Kilbrannan will be towed to the Quartermaster Harbor drydock for repairs. Enormous wrecking pumps have been aboard for weeks, and will keep the vessel afloat on the trip up the sound.

THE SANTA CRUZ TURNFEST.

Dates Announced and the Programme of Events Arranged.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., Feb. 25.—The Turn Verein preparing for the annual coast Turnfest to be held here decided upon August 8, 9 and 10 as the dates, which must be approved by the Turn Bezirk. It is not likely that that body, which has superior control, will change the date.

A programme has been selected as follows: Saturday, August 8—Arrival of all the German societies of the coast; reception. Sunday, August 9—Gymnastic exercises and contests for prizes; evening, grand concert. Monday, August 10—Gymnastic and contests for prizes; evening, grand ball and distribution of prizes.

Tuesday, August 11—General social jinks with picnics, drives, lunches and adieux.

Santa Cruz Carnival Committees.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., Feb. 25.—The executive committee of the Carnival Association to-night appointed Lieutenant-Governor Jeter of Santa Cruz and Maurice Newman of 105 Front street, San Francisco, as a committee on transportation, with power to act. Lieutenant-Governor Jeter was named as chairman of the committee on grounds, Judge Logan of the Superior Court of the committee on illuminations, Charles Kay of the committee on river dam and H. C. Hynes of the committee on music.

Tucson Copper Mine Bonds.

TUCSON, ARIZ., Feb. 25.—The Rosemont mine, a valuable copper mining property near Tucson, was bonded yesterday, after six months' negotiation, to Lewisohn Bros. of New York, well-known operators in copper. They will commence work with a heavy force at once. Lewisohn

Bros. lately bought the Old Dominion at Globe for \$4,500,000. The bond on the Rosemont expires in four months.

Excursionists Visit San Diego.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., Feb. 25.—Eleven carloads of Eastern excursionists arrived this morning. One train of six cars brings a Raymond and Whitcomb party, and a Pennsylvania Railway Company excursion party of five cars makes up the remainder. There are about 600 persons in the two parties, both direct from Pittsburgh.

For a Greater Tucson.

TUCSON, ARIZ., Feb. 25.—The Tucson Chamber of Commerce, the first body of its kind in the history of the town, was organized last night and officers elected. The object is to deal with all questions upon which depend the growth of the town. Four-fifths of the business men are members of the new organization.

Death of a Vallejo Veteran.

VALLEJO, CAL., Feb. 25.—John Ryan, a prominent Grand Army man, died to-day after a short illness and will be buried here under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic.

UNITED IN GAY GOTHAM.

Marriage of Miss Carrie D. Huntington to Edmund Burke Holladay of This City.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. Collis P. Huntington's new residence, at the southeast corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-seventh street, which was taken possession of by its owner only a few days ago, was this afternoon the scene of the wedding of Mr. Huntington's niece, Miss Carrie D. Huntington, daughter of the late Solon Huntington, to Mr. Edmund Burke Holladay of San Francisco.

The white and gold Louis XV salon, where the marriage ceremony was performed, was handsomely decorated with flowers. The Rev. Dr. Frank Glendon, rector of St. Paul's Church, was the officiating clergyman.

The bride, who was given away by her uncle, wore heavy white satin ornamented with pearls. Her veil was of tulle, and it was confined to the coiffure by a wreath of orange blossoms and some handsome diamonds, presents from Mr. Holladay and Mr. Huntington.

There were neither bridesmaids nor ushers.

A seated breakfast, served in the dining-room, followed the ceremony. Included among the guests were A. M. Huntington, Dr. and Mrs. William M. Coley, Mrs. Solon Huntington (mother of the bride), H. E. Huntington, Mrs. Lathrop, George Parsons Lathrop, Mrs. John Sherwood, Edwin Hawley, Miss Lucy Gray, Mrs. Holladay, mother of the groom, Miss Mary E. Gray, Miss Edith Saunders and Miss Anne Saunders of Lawrence, Mass.; Lieutenant Cresapa of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Frank Cendelin of Westchester and Judge Ord of Washington.

Independent Agencies.

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 25.—The receivers of the St. Louis and San Francisco Road announced to-day that after March 1 next they would establish independent agencies at Chicago, Cincinnati, New York and Pittsburg.

The New York agent is W. L. Van Nest, H. B. Franklin at Cincinnati, and O. M. Conley at Pittsburg. This action indicates that the receivers have decided to operate the road independently of the Santa Fe interests.

From the time the Santa Fe went into the hands of the Federal court, a faction of the San Francisco stockholders has been insisting on a severance of relations with the big system, claiming that profit would result, and this view seems to have been adopted by the receivers since the judicial sale of the Santa Fe property.

TAILORS ORGANIZE.

All Branches of the Trade Stand for Better Treatment.

The garment-makers of this city are organizing a strong protective trades union, the power of which will be felt in the near future. Three weeks ago twenty-five tailors held a preliminary meeting and decided to form a union. The tailors met again last evening, but instead of twenty-five there were 125 or more present. Samuel Schwartz was selected as chairman and H. Stark was selected as secretary. At present J. Goodman is the organizer.

The union will be permanently organized as soon as it receives its charter from the International Garment-workers' Union, the headquarters of which is in New York. Then a full board of officers will be elected.

T. F. Burns and Mr. Milne, the organizing committee of the Trades Council, were present and urged the tailors to form a strong union and affiliate with the other labor organizations.

I. Masonick made a strong address, in which he said the union will include all branches of garment-workers—vest-makers, pantaloen-makers, coat-makers and hatters.

More than that, women will be admitted into the union upon an equal footing with the men, and a stand will be taken to see that their hours are reduced from fourteen to eight. More than that, their wages will be increased the same as the men's. At present all are working for only sufficient to keep body and soul together, he said, and an open demand for better and more humane treatment will not result in anything worse. His remarks were received with approval.



Philip Lee Bush, Son of Colonel H. P. Bush, Who Has Just Been Appointed Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of Governor Budd, With Rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. [From a photograph.]

and engineering studies at the State University, from which he will graduate this spring.

He has been for several years connected with the National Guard, was a cadet corporal in the famous High School Cadets, subsequently transferred to Company H, First Infantry, where he served as corporal and sergeant, and as sergeant-major on the staff of his father.

He is at present senior captain of the University Battalion, and his appointment is another remembrance on the part of the Governor of the claims of his alma mater.

A VITICULTURAL DISPLAY.

It Will Be a Feature of the Board of Trade Exhibit.

The viticultural display at the new State Board of Trade rooms at 16 Post street will be upon a grander scale than ever before, because it will to some extent be under the care of the new Viticultural College. When the old State Viticultural

CLAIM TO SANTA BARBARA LAND.

James McMahon's Story Is Investigated at the Mission.

PORTIONS ARE PROVED.

A Brother of the Claimant Found to Have Lived at the Monastery.

CAME WEST IN THE SIXTIES.

The Records Show That He Had Commenced to Study for the Priesthood.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., Feb. 25.—The claim of James McMahon to the property of the old Santa Barbara Mission, now valued at \$15,000,000, may not be as unfounded as Father Reguarus and his associates at the old monastery intimated yesterday. McMahon had stated that his brother John, an ex-priest and inmate of the monastery years ago, had obtained title to all the mission property; that the title was still vested in his name and that he could advance ample proof to support his present claim to this vast church estate.

Yesterday Father Reguarus denied that any one by the name of McMahon had ever been an inmate of the monastery. It seems that he and the venerable Father Forbes had relied entirely upon their memory. They decided to-day to verify their statement by a search of the records, and the result proved they were in error in making the declaration they did.

The records show that in 1865 and 1864 John McMahon was actually present, not as a priest, but as a lay-brother of the Franciscan order. He is now recalled as a man of about 40 years of age, who desired to enter the priesthood but became discouraged on account of the severe course of study required and his already advanced years.

He did not speak Spanish, the prevailing language of the locality at that time, and was never interested in any way in the property of the mission. The father states that McMahon was one of six who arrived at the same time from Brooklyn, N. Y., where they had some disagreement with Bishop Laughlin.

The discovery of these facts corroborates James McMahon's statement, published in last Sunday's CALL, in all but the very important claim that he is the rightful owner of the mission property.

BUDD'S NEW AID-DE-CAMP.

Philip Lee Bush, Son of Colonel H. P. Bush, Appointed by the Governor.

Now Senior Captain of the University Battalion—Long Connected With the N. G. C.

Governor Budd has appointed Philip Lee Bush as aid-de-camp on his staff with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

The new aid, who is the son of Colonel H. P. Bush, is a native of San Francisco. He is quite a promising young soldier and tactician, standing high in his military

Commission went out of existence on the first of the year the college arose from the ashes of the defunct State institution. The members of the old commission and many prominent wine-makers and raisin-growers of the State are moving splits in the new corporation. After turning over the property belonging to the State the members of the commission still retained the library, which is conceded to be one of the best, if not the best, on subjects of the vine of any in the world.

At the last meeting of the State Board of Trade a committee from the Viticultural College made a request for sufficient space in the Post-street quarters where the library could be installed and the wine men have an office and a general rendezvous for all visiting viticulturists. A committee consisting of Messrs. Irish, Le-long and Manager J. A. Filcher was appointed to look into the proposition.

The committee found that their general display of State products will be largely increased by the viticultural display that will be added by the college. The latter body will make a large display of wines, raisins, grapes and everything pertaining to that department. The Board of Trade has already a large quantity of these products and with those coming the projected display will be the largest ever made of the vine products of this State.

SPRING VALLEY SECRETS.

Max Popper Says Supervisors Fell Repeatedly Through Bribes.

Discussion on Public Ownership by the Union for Practical Progress.

The Union for Practical Progress met last evening at 621 O'Farrell street and heard James S. Reynolds and Morrison I. Swift talk upon "municipal ownership."

Mr. Reynolds said he was against municipal ownership unless it could be done by taking the ground rent to pay for it, because if the principle resulted in a saving, the landlord only would receive the benefit. Better water service, just like better streetcar service, he held, would simply raise the rent. Consumers of water would gain nothing, while the owners of the land would.

Mr. Swift said that public ownership could be secured through a political and social organization. The people should unite on a broad basis to bring about a social revolution peacefully, and if that were not done Mr. Swift feared the revolution would come with bloodshed. The desired end could not be gained by the single tax, in which he declared there was not one-tenth the interest as there was in socialism in America.

Mr. Hansborough of Castroville stated by request that a proposition had been made to supply San Francisco with 24,000,000 to 30,000,000 gallons of water daily from Castroville for \$7,500,000. This included plant, pipes and delivery of the water. The amount now paid to the water company by the City would in ten years pay off the bonds of this estimated sum and the City would have free water besides. The plant could be operated for 10 per cent of what the Spring Valley Company claims to expend in that direction.

Max Popper was present in the role of listener, but the chairman asked him for an opinion on the question of municipal ownership.

"I agree with the gentlemen, that this City should have its own water works," he said. "I have studied all these questions from a practical point of view. I have no time for theorizing. So I can only present practical views on the practical question of San Francisco owning its own water works."

The water rates of this City are unquestionably higher than in any other city of the United States, excepting New Orleans, where, I understand, they are about equal to ours. New Orleans suffers from private ownership.

"The greatest temptation to the Board of Supervisors has come from the Spring Valley Company. It should be removed from the local legislative body. Time and again we have elected men upon their pledges that they would perform their duty to the people, and they fell under this temptation.

"The Spring Valley Water Company has watered its stock to an extent out of all reason. The works never cost so much as it claims. In its statement to the Supervisors we are informed that some twenty odd millions are invested in the works. In the Assessor's statement the total amount is somewhere between one and two millions.

"For practical purposes we may say \$1,500,000. This clearly indicates that they are not telling the truth. The City should have bought the water works from the Spring Valley Company years ago, but now, with watered stock and fictitious values placed upon the property, purchase is out of the question.

"If the gentleman from Castroville can supply the City for \$7,500,000 it is a revelation, and I for one am certainly in favor of giving this question support. I am in favor of San Francisco owning its own water works."

THE WONG SAM CASE.

Wong Sam, charged with conspiracy in connection with the unlawful landing of Chinese girls at this port, will have his preliminary examination before Commissioner Heacock to-day.

Eloped From Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, OR., Feb. 25.—R. B. Mathews, under \$5000 bonds to appear before the Grand Jury for having wronged Miss Grace Smith, eloped with her last night. At noon a telegram was received announcing their marriage at Vancouver, Wash.

MR. DAVID WAGNER.

FRESNO, CAL., Feb. 21.—I have scarcely been six hours in Fresno, yet I can report a big success for the Californian remedy. While in one of the leading drug-stores of this city I met Mr. David Wagner. He has been using Joy's Vegetable medicine. He assured me that he was in poor health a few months ago and reading some of our advertisements he