

RIVAL MEETINGS AT LOS ANGELES.

Huntington's Offset to the Gathering of Pro-San Pedrites.

HIS AGENTS ARE ACTIVE

Attempting to Inflation a Boom for a Deep Harbor at Santa Monica.

ASSEMBLING RAILROAD FORCES

Resolutions to Be Forwarded to Washington From Southern California Cities.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., April 7.—The harbor question remains uppermost in the public mind hereabouts. If Congress were to make an appropriation proportionate to the amount of energy expended by the friends of San Pedro and Santa Monica respectively, \$10,000,000 would be voted for the construction of a deep-sea harbor at either port.

The fight is not confined to this city, but has spread to the rural districts. A mass-meeting of the inhabitants of the Calhoun Valley, lying between Los Angeles and Santa Monica, was held Monday evening. Ex-United States Senator Cole presided, and resolutions favoring Santa Monica for the harbor site were passed.

L. W. Blinn, the lumber king, who is one of the heaviest shippers through the port of San Pedro, resigned the presidency of the Free Harbor League to-day because the address issued by the league yesterday calling a mass-meeting contained statements not in harmony with his views.

"NEW" WOMEN TO MEET.

Equal Suffrage Enthusiasts Will Gather in Convention.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., April 8.—The first mass-meeting of the constitutional amendment workers under the direction of the State campaign committee will be held in Los Angeles on Wednesday and Thursday. There will be two meetings daily, one in the afternoon and one at night.

FRESNO EDITOR SUED.

Evangelist Johnson Demands \$50,000 for Being Denounced.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., April 7.—The Rev. I. T. Johnson, who has been having such a rough experience in Fresno recently on account of alleged sweeping public utterances reflecting upon the chastity of the young women of Fresno, this morning filed a \$25,000 suit in the United States Circuit Court against the proprietors of the Daily Evening Expositor of Fresno.

Mr. Johnson also brings a similar suit for \$25,000 against the Fresno Republican Publishing Company for similar red-hot shot fired at him by its utterances.

Mongolian Mail-Robbers.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., April 7.—United States Marshal Covarrubias to-day arrested two Chinamen for conspiracy to rob the mails. One of the Mongols took a mail-sack lock to locksmith to have a key fitted to it. The smith reported the matter to the marshal, who investigated and became convinced that the Chinamen wanted the key to unlock mailbags and steal the contents.

WOODLAND ARSON CASE.

Witnesses Testify as to the Lax Methods of Collum & Shepherd.

District Attorney Hopkins Endeavors to Prove That They Resorted to Fraud.

WOODLAND, CAL., April 7.—The preliminary examination of Charles A. Shepherd and F. G. Collum, charged with having caused the fire that destroyed the Woodland Woolen-mills, of which they were the lessees, was resumed before Justice E. T. Lampton to-day. Owing to superior court engagements which demanded the attention of the attorneys in the case a continuation to April 14 was taken after a sitting lasting an hour.

Miss Nora Andrews, who was on the stand last Friday when the hearing was continued, resumed her testimony to-day. She declared that in the examination made by Attorney Coogan, representing the insurance companies, Collum testified that the bank account of the firm was kept in the name of C. A. Shepherd.

the insurance companies, showing the transactions of the firm with the bank, and allow it to be introduced as evidence. That line of examination was then dropped, and the witness said Collum's replies were voluntary and freely made. He stated that he had contributed \$2500 to the firm in August, 1895, not all at one time. He could not remember how much he contributed at one time. He had made other contributions; in fact, had continued them up to the date of the fire, but he could not remember any particular date or amount. When asked if all his contributions had been made in coin he replied: "Yes; all in good American dollars."

To a question as to where he kept his money before he went into business he replied: "In my pocket. I have a neat little slug in my pocket now. I do not believe in banks."

Upon further examination Collum had said he had been understood as carrying around \$2500 in his pocket all the time. Part of it was in his pocket, part in the house, part in the safe, and no doubt, he found it his way into the bank. District Attorney Hopkins wanted to show that Collum had stated that he borrowed the money from his brother, but gave no note or other evidence of his indebtedness. Attorney Clark objected. Hopkins said his purpose was to show that their methods were not consistent with those of men conducting an honest business. Clark insisted on his objection, and was proceeding to remark that District Attorneys generally have their own way, but he was stopped by the judge, and warned to confine his argument to the point at issue. The court finally concluded to admit the question for what it was worth.

The witness replied that Collum said he had never seen any entries in the books showing that he had put \$2500 into the business. He thought the inventory was correct, with the exception of a few minor items of no importance. Clark moved that the testimony of Miss Andrews be stricken out on the ground that it failed to prove or tend to prove any facts in the case. District Attorney Hopkins agreed that it might be stricken out if he failed to establish its relevancy, and with that understanding it was permitted to stand.

Miss Allie Watkins was the next witness. She was the bookkeeper for the firm. She was shown a letter written by herself in a justice court, but was stricken out of the case. Another letter was identified as being in the handwriting of Shepherd. It was an order for a safe, and an offer to pay spot cash. Another in the same writing notified the company that the safe ar-



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strongly supported in their candidacy for the May crown, and they represent distinct types of comeliness. Miss Clara Cussick is a native of Chico and 17 years of age. She is a brunette, with large hazel eyes and dark-brown hair. The young lady is the daughter of B. Cussick, formerly superintendent of the Sierra Lumber Company of Chico. Miss Maude Abbott is a native of Chico, aged 18 years, with dark hair and eyes and fair complexion. She is a stepdaughter of Marshal W. W. Waite of Chico. Miss Arvilla Bartlett is the daughter of H. W. Bartlett, a member of the Board of City Trustees. She is 23 years of age and a blond, with light-blue eyes and light-brown hair. Miss Bartlett is a graduate of the Chico Normal School.

SANTA CRUZ STRIFE.

Superior Judge Logan May Order the Construction of a Temporary Court-house.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., April 7.—It is possible that Judge Logan of the Superior Court will direct that a temporary building be erected on the rear portion of the Courthouse lots, to be occupied as a Court-house until the new building shall be ready. If this is done it will be for the purpose of avoiding legal complications that may arise from the occupancy of a room in the unfinished building, as such occupancy might imply an acceptance by the county of the new building. Contractor McCabe declines to talk upon the subject of interfering with the entrance by Judge Logan and his court attaches into the new building.

The provision of the deed from the Cooper estate by which the county thirty years ago obtained possession of the lots which compose a part of the courthouse site recites that, in case there is no building or that a building is unoccupied for the period of two years, the land shall revert to the grantors. But it is not clear that the court must occupy the particular building that is now being occupied.

District Attorney Carl Lindsay expressed the opinion to-day that, since the original demand of the gift was complied with in the erection and occupancy of the first courthouse, the act of providence—the destruction of the building by fire—and the present delay would not affect the title to the property. But, he said, it was intended the county should be held somewhere on the premises this week.

Fresno's Great Electric Plant.

FRESNO, CAL., April 7.—Fresno's great electric plant, which is to be operated by water power thirty-five miles away, is now so nearly completed that currents were last night sent to this city and electric lamps lighted. The date for the formal opening of the plant is fixed at April 15. This plant is one of the largest in the world, and may be increased to 60,000 horsepower if the occasion ever demands.

Coolies Going to Watsonville.

HOLLISTER, CAL., April 7.—Eighteen Japanese passed through Hollister this evening, on foot, traveling from Fresno to the beetfields of Watsonville. The foreman stated that the party was the advance guard of hundreds who were tired of the raisin country. The coolies in this valley are worked by white labor.

Sites in Seattle Harbor.

SEATTLE, WASH., April 7.—The Puget Sound and Central American Steamship Company's steamer Transit arrived in port this morning from Central America, having as part of its cargo \$80,000 in silver bullion, which was transhipped at Victoria, consigned to Havre, France.

Santa Clara Election Results.

SAN JOSE, CAL., April 7.—The town election at Santa Clara yesterday resulted in the choice of the following: Marshal, John Powell; Clerk, G. R. Sanders; Treasurer, E. B. Roll; Town Trustee, B. O'Brien, D. O. Druffel and John Roll; School Trustees—S. Oberdener and George Worrall.

Lake County Primaries Called.

LAKEPORT, CAL., April 7.—The Republican County Central Committee to-day issued a call for primaries to elect delegates to a county convention, which will be held at Kelseyville on April 23. The county committee will elect delegates to the Sacramento convention.

CHICO MAIDENS SEEK A CROWN.

Residents of Butte County Voting for a May Queen.

DIFFICULT TO CHOOSE.

The Town Has Many Beauties, and Each Deserves a Scepter.

LIVELY CONTEST IS EXPECTED.

Three Pretty Misses Whose Friends Are Contributing to the Ballot-Boxes.

CHICO, CAL., April 7.—The balloting for candidates for the Queen of May and two maids of honor is now in progress. Ballot-boxes are posted at the several confectionery stores. So far the vote has been light, but during the next two or three weeks it is expected that hundreds of ballots will be deposited for the favorite candidates.

Chico boasts of a goodly number of typical California beauties and any one of them would make a beautiful May Queen. Each has many admirers, and friends of the candidates will exert themselves to win at the ballot-box. The first count will be made to-morrow.

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description of the suicide tallies with that of the woman, and the San Diego authorities have been convinced with. The missing man was a conductor on the Southern Pacific Railroad until the big strike, when he went out.

SANTA BARBARA'S GUEST.

Rainey's Presence Prevents Possible Corruption at an Election.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., April 7.—The completion of the election count to-day resulted in but one change from the probable result announced last evening. N. D. Smith was re-elected Councilman from the Second Ward.

A picturesque feature of yesterday's election was the presence of Sam Rainey at the Third Ward polling-place and remained an attentive spectator of the local methods of conducting elections, no doubt with the purpose of checking possible corruption by the influence of his presence.

MINERS GREATLY ELATED.

Attorney-General Fitzgerald Says the \$250,000 is Available.

Julian Sonntag, secretary of the California Miners' Association, was in high feather yesterday because, in the first instance of the receipt of news of the passage by the House of the bill for the appropriation of \$250,000 for the impounding of mining debris, again he was pleased with an opinion he had received in writing from Attorney-General Fitzgerald concerning the appropriation of \$250,000 for the purposes aimed at in the bill.

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