

CHARLEY FAIR JOINS PATERSON. Enters the Contest of the Will Which He Set Up.

THUS HE MAY DISINHERIT HIMSELF.

He Is in Opposition Now to Both of the Fair Wills.

ALL IN A VERY QUEER TANGLE

The Sisters Remain Aloof and Will Watch the Fight From Neutral Grounds.

Charles L. Fair went into court yesterday and signed his intention to fight the will of his father dated the 24th of September, better known as the "pencil will." By so doing he deliberately placed himself in waiting for a total disinheritance, for he is now in opposition to both wills and he must lose if either of them win.

His action has created amazement all down the line of laymen and lawyers who learned of it, and who have kept the shifting situation of the Fair will contest sufficiently in mind to follow its import.

This move has been under consideration by Mr. Fair and his attorneys for a few days only. A new reading of the pencil will, which they favored so hotly and volubly and unanimously for so many months, is the cause of the renunciation of it, and Mr. Fair now finds himself in a position of antagonism to both wills and to every other individual and interest connected with his father's estate and fairly in the middle of a broad road toward disinheritance.

The action taken yesterday was no less than a withdrawal of the application made by Mr. Fair and his sisters for the probate of the will of September 24 and the filing of a notice of contest of that will. In other words, a complete reversal of his attitude toward—a blowing cold where hot was blown.

This will of the 24th was brought forward by Charles L. Fair, his sisters and their attorneys. In presenting it to the court with their petition for its probate they declared their belief that it was the last will and testament of James G. Fair, that it was written throughout by his own hand and signed by him. This was repeated over and over by way of emphasis and sworn to by all parties.

More than that, they secured the written testimony of all the friends and intimates of James G. Fair, over 100 in number, that the pencil will was in his handwriting, thus clinching the matter so that the opposition could not controvert it.

In the withdrawal and contest filed yesterday Mr. Fair—for he acts alone, independent of his sisters—with Knight & Hegerty for his counsel, takes all that back. He says that when he filed the petition for probate he did believe all he then said, but has since changed his mind, and therefore asks leave to withdraw the petition for probate and file a contest in its stead.

What has caused Mr. Fair to change his mind? Of course, it cannot be stated as an absolute certainty, but it is a fact that he has, since Delmas & Shortridge began the contest for Dr. Livingston, come to a new understanding of the terms of the pencil will.

Under the trust will—with the trust knocked out—each of the three Fair children got a third of the estate. Under the pencil will they would get but a fourth. This fact seems to have remained concealed to Mr. Fair and his attorneys under the following provision in the will:

The residue of my estate, property of every description, I give and bequeath to my children, Theresa A. Oelrichs, Virginia Fair and Charles L. Fair, single and here alike, and to their children forever.

Now it so happens that Mrs. Oelrichs has an under this provision, so the attorneys for Dr. Livingston have estimated, he would come in for an equal share, making the division into four equal parts. It is this discovery by Mr. Fair at this late date that is supposed to have influenced him to take the hazardous steps of contesting the will which he himself set up—which he himself set up as a weapon with which to contest the earlier will.

Mr. Fair's action of yesterday is estimated by attorneys generally as the act of a man who has lost his head—who is frightened and does not know just what to do, and therefore does damage; goes about breaking vases and flower-pots in his own garden.

His sisters have not joined him in the action. They have thought better of it, and stand aloof willing to allow the others to do the fighting.

The contest was already on, precipitated by Van R. Paterson, representing the son of Mrs. Oelrichs. It could have been fought out by him as against Dr. Livingston, and the decision, reached without the declared hostility of Charles Fair, would have worked the same, and so far as he was concerned, without burning his bridges. It is evident that the sisters intend to remain on this neutral ground, remaining mere lookers-on at the fight.

Charles Fair throughout the contest has presented a most remarkable spectacle of changing base. In the first instance, joined with his sisters he opposed the probate of the will of September 21 and brought forward the will of the 24th as the real and genuine last will and testament. Then to test the trust clause of the will of the 21st he brought suit under a law made to order for the purpose for the possession of the Lick House property. The trust clause was decided by the lower court to be invalid. That removed nearly all objection to the earlier will, and all the heirs were now ready to accept it. When it was found that Dr. Livingston, named as an executor of the will of the 24th, intended to insist upon the probate of that will, in view of the united indorsement by all of the children, Charles Fair withdrew his opposition to the probate of the will of the 21st.

The last shift is to withdraw his petition for the probate of the will of the 24th. Thus he stands in opposition to both wills, one of which is indorsed by the trustees and the grandchildren and other equally remote relatives, and the other

still stands indorsed by the daughters, Virginia and Mrs. Oelrichs.

The situation loses none of its interest to the disinherited, and Mr. Fair's move has the effect of adding still a new complication.

One of the oddest features which the case presents is the fact that the contest of the will of the 24th is being made on behalf of Mrs. Oelrichs' son, while under this will, by the provision quoted above, he is made an heir on equal terms with his mother and the other Fair children.

WITHDRAW LAND CONTEST

Contents of the Two Documents Filed Yesterday.

The withdrawal and contest were filed by Charles Hegerty yesterday afternoon. The application for leave to withdraw is as follows:

Now comes Charles L. Fair and respectfully represents to the court as follows: On the 18th day of March, 1896, a certain writing bearing date the 24th day of September, 1894, and purporting to be the last will and testament of said James G. Fair, deceased, and purporting to have been entirely written, dated and signed by said James G. Fair, deceased, on said 24th day of September, 1894, was filed in this court by this petitioner, Charles L. Fair, and his sisters, Theresa A. Oelrichs and Virginia Fair, together with their petition, wherein they did allege and state that said writing was the last will and testament of said James G. Fair, deceased, and that it was entirely written, dated and signed by him, and wherein they did petition and pray said court to admit and allow said writing to probate as the last will and testament of said James G. Fair, deceased, and that letters of administration with the said will annexed be thereupon issued to them; that such proceedings were thereafter and upon said petition had and taken in by said Superior Court that the said petition had been continued for hearing from time to time and is now pending and undetermined, and said alleged will has never been admitted to probate.

That at the time of filing said writing bearing date the 24th day of September, 1894, and at the time of filing said petition for the probate thereof, as the last will and testament of said James G. Fair, deceased, this petitioner then believed, as far as he had been able to ascertain, of about and concerning, and examining the said writing, that it was the genuine writing of, and was entirely written, dated and signed by said James G. Fair, deceased, and was his last will and testament; and acting upon and under such belief, petitioner joined in and became a party to the said petition for the probate of the said writing dated September 24, 1894.

That subsequently to the said 18th day of March, 1895, petitioner was informed and became, and now is honestly and fully convinced and satisfied, and verily believes, and upon such information and belief petitioner here and now alleges that said writing dated September 24, 1894, purporting to be the last will and testament of said James G. Fair, deceased, and filed by this petitioner and his sisters in this court on March 18, 1895, together with a petition for its probate, was not and is not the last or any will of said James G. Fair, deceased, or in his handwriting, and that the said alleged will was not and was never, either on September 24, 1894, or at any other time, written or dated or signed by said James G. Fair, deceased, or in his handwriting or by his hand.

Wherefore said petitioner, Charles L. Fair, does hereby and now withdraw the said petition, and withdraws his name from and his consent to said petition so far as he is concerned, and requests and prays the said court to permit and allow such withdrawal, and to dismiss and deny the said petition, and for such other order as may be proper in the premises. And to refuse and deny probate of said alleged will of September 24, 1894. Dated April 7, 1896. Charles L. Fair, petitioner; Knight & Hegerty, attorneys for petitioner.

The contest to the will sets forth first the main allegations of the withdrawal; when the pencil will was filed, and what proceedings had taken place, and then follow the allegations that the will is not in Fair's handwriting, nor did he ever sign or date it. The document concludes as follows:

Wherefore, this petitioner and contestant, Charles L. Fair, prays and petitions as follows: First—That this petitioner, Charles L. Fair, does hereby and now withdraw the said petition to probate said alleged will of September 24, 1894—withdraws his consent and signature thereto, and prays the court to allow such withdrawal, and to dismiss and deny the said petition in so far as he is concerned therein and to permit and allow such withdrawal, and to dismiss and deny the said petition for the probate of said alleged will.

Second—That this petitioner prays that the said alleged will, bearing date September 24, 1894, and the whole thereof, be adjudged and declared null and void, and to strike his name from and out of said petition for the probate of said alleged will.

Third—For such action and further order, judgment, process, decree and relief, both general and special, as may be necessary and proper in the premises.

THEY ARE IN A BAD FIX.

Sherrick, a Democratic War-horse of Ohio, Makes a Confession.

The Banker, an Old Friend and Neighbor of McKinley, Here on Pleasure Bent.

Johnson Sherrick of Canton, Ohio, an intimate friend and neighbor of Governor McKinley, and a wealthy business man who loves politics simply because of the fascination in it, is at the Grand with his wife.

He is the president of the Canton First National Bank, president and treasurer of the Canton Hardware Company, and was during his most active years in the politics of Ohio a Democratic State Senator.

"McKinley and I started into politics together years ago," remarked Mr. Sherrick, "but we have ever been able to convert the other to his way of thinking. I have aspired to no office, for I have been in politics only for the fun of the thing. I like to make political speeches. Yes, I have canvassed the northwest part of Ohio pretty well at different times."

"McKinley will of course carry Ohio unanimously at the convention, and I hope he will get the nomination. The truth of the matter is, the Democrats are in a bad fix. It is not through their fault. The party has been the victim of circumstances, and has to father the blame for things begun before Cleveland's administration."

"The panic was on when the McKinley bill was passed. Gold was low when Harrison went out; I know that. The Wilson bill would bring in more revenue than the McKinley bill; I know that, too. The idea of taxing one man to protect another is not democratic. "Chauncey Depew does not care a cent whether Morton is named or not, according to my idea, but he is acting for New York bankers."

AN INCENDIARY AT WORK.

Deliberate Attempt to Destroy the California Art Metal Works.

ENGINEER HIBBIT'S DISCOVERY

Fire Marshal Towe Thinks It the Work of a Discharged Employee or Business Rival.

A deliberate attempt to destroy by fire the building, 51 Fremont street, occupied by the California Art Metal Works, was made on Monday night, and it was by the merest accident that the whole block was not burned to the ground.

About half-past 6 o'clock George R. Hibbit, engineer in Thompson's planing mill, 312 Mission street, which is directly in the rear of 51 Fremont street, was in the act of closing up the mill before going home, when he happened to stoop down and a glimmer of light struck his eye. He was fortunately at a spot on a direct line with the rear door of 51 Fremont street, which was open.

Knowing that the employes in the metal

hours later. It may not have any bearing on the case, but it is singular.

The cards were those of the Great Western Boot and Shoe Repairing Company, 562 Mission street and 631 1/2 Sacramento street.

On October 29, 1895, there was a fire in Thompson's planing mill, which communicated with the rear of the metal works. The loss at that time was estimated at \$40,000.

STILL AFTER THAT DICTIONARY

Genuine Success of the Supplemental Distribution Lately Begun.

At the headquarters of the Pacific Coast Newspaper Syndicate the cry is "Still they come," for there are very many readers in and out of the City who are filling their applications during these few days while the offer remains open by which they can so easily secure the Encyclopedic Dictionary.

The work itself is an entirely new idea in reference books, being at once a dictionary and an encyclopedia, and as such it takes the place of many other books on special subjects put together.

Its utility has been fully demonstrated by the 500 sets originally distributed in the 500 cultured homes, where it has been examined and compared with other dictionaries and encyclopedias.

Many who really desired to get the volumes during the original distribution failed to do so through hesitation or delay, and these, now that another opportunity is presented, are hastening to avail themselves of its benefits.

But it should be remembered that this week will see the close of this altogether notable undertaking in the way of a book distribution, and readers are therefore advised to act promptly.

Directors Stetson, Watt and Payson and Trustees Phelan, Van Sicken and Baldwin. They will report at a future meeting of the directors and trustees, to be held at an early day.

John Moss was appointed to have charge of all freight and passenger business, under the title of traffic manager. He is expected to assume the duties of his new position on the 1st of May.

For many years past Mr. Moss has creditably filled the position of assistant local freight agent of the Southern Pacific Company, with headquarters at Fourth and Townsend streets, having a corps of more than 100 clerks under him. Mr. Moss was tendered the position a few days ago, and signified that he would accept it to the committee that waited on him. His resignation is now in the hands of the Southern Pacific Company.

Mr. Moss has a thorough acquaintance with the merchants of this City, and this, added to his technical knowledge of the railroad business, led to his selection for this responsible and important position.

The Valley road's traffic manager served an apprenticeship in the London and Northwestern Railway before coming to this country, after which he was engaged to go to Canada to fill a position with the Great Western Railway, now leased to the Grand Trunk. After four or five years in Canada he was offered a better position in St. Louis by the Atlantic and Pacific road.

For some time he filled the position of joint agent of that road and the Missouri Pacific at St. Louis. Twenty years ago he came to San Francisco and has ever since been in the employ of the Southern Pacific Company.

LASHED WITH A WHIP. Policeman Gillin's Experience With a Livery-Stable Keeper.

John Nolan, a livery-stable keeper on California street, between Polk street and Van Ness avenue, was detained at the City Prison on an early hour yesterday morning on a charge of battery, and Frank Sullivan, a hack driver, was registered on the charge of violating the hack ordinance. The complaining witness against both was Policeman P. A. Gillin.

Sullivan was driving a hack along Sutter street and Nolan was seated beside him. They found talking attracted the attention of Gillin, who was standing on the corner of Sutter and Larkin streets. As the hack was without lights Gillin stopped it and ordered Sullivan to put in the lights. Sullivan objected and told Gillin to mind his own business. Gillin climbed on the wheel to put Sullivan under arrest, when Nolan seized the whip and lashed the horses. Gillin clung to the hack and was dragged half a block. Nolan lashed him and the horses alternately with the whip, till Gillin managed to grab hold of the reins and brought the horses to a standstill. He then placed both men under arrest. The cases were called in Judge Low's court yesterday morning and continued till to-day.

Changes in Rates on Wool. As an encouragement to the wool-scouring industry of California the Southern Pacific Company has announced a change in the rates on wools in grease and scoured wool, to go into effect on the 23d inst. In carload lots of not less than ten tons wool in grease, will be carried from California terminals to Atlantic points, when compressed in bales holding nineteen pounds to the cubic foot, for \$1 per 100 pounds. This is an increase on present rates of 20 cents per 100 pounds. On the other hand scoured wool under similar conditions will be taken for \$1.25 per 100 pounds, a reduction of 25 cents per 100 on the prevailing schedule.

The earthworm bores its hole by passing the earth through its body, and backing out so as to leave it on the surface. This hole goes down often six or eight feet, and into it the worm retreats in the daytime.

NEW TO-DAY.

THE OWL DRUG CO., CUT-RATE DRUGGISTS! 1128 MARKET ST., SAN FRANCISCO. BROADWAY AND TENTH ST., OAKLAND. ALWAYS RELIABLE. NEVER FAILS. DR. IRA BAKER'S COUGH BALSAM, Tar and Wild Cherry, THE IDEAL COUGH REMEDY FOR CHILDREN, 25c A BOTTLE.

SEASONABLE GOODS! Pain's Compound, Hood's Sarsaparilla, Lydia Pinkham's Compound, Cuticura, Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, Scott's Emulsion, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, Chamberlain's Kidney and Liver Cure, Chamberlain's Stomach and Bowel Remedy, Chamberlain's Teething Remedy, Chamberlain's Whooping Cough Remedy, Chamberlain's Eye Remedy, Chamberlain's Ear Remedy, Chamberlain's Hair Remedy, Chamberlain's Tooth Remedy, Chamberlain's Nail Remedy, Chamberlain's Skin Remedy, Chamberlain's Bone Remedy, Chamberlain's Muscle Remedy, Chamberlain's Nerve Remedy, Chamberlain's Blood Remedy, Chamberlain's Brain Remedy, Chamberlain's Spine Remedy, Chamberlain's Joint Remedy, Chamberlain's Limb Remedy, Chamberlain's Organ Remedy, Chamberlain's System Remedy, Chamberlain's Health Remedy, Chamberlain's Life Remedy.

Pacific Coast Agents for Dr. Edison's OBESITY REMEDIES, Bands, Salts, Pills. TIE TO! TIE TO! \$1.50 Tan Russet Oxfords. Cloth or kid tops, latest style needle or narrow square toe, in all sizes and all widths, \$1.50 a pair.

EVERYBODY WONDERS How we can sell so cheaply. Simple enough. We own this big building—no enormous rent to pay and you share in the saving. Monarch Shoe Co. 1340 and 1348 Market Street, San Francisco. Country orders carefully filled.

NEW TO-DAY—DRY GOODS. NEW PARASOLS, RIBBONS, L. HOSIERY, CORSETS UNDERWEAR AT SPECIAL PRICES THIS WEEK. That the EXTRAORDINARY VALUES offered throughout our mammoth new stock are concentrating the bulk of the Spring Dry Goods and Cloak trade to our salesrooms is daily evidenced by the THOUSANDS of delighted purchasers who take advantage of the UNEQUALLED MONEY-SAVING OPPORTUNITIES presented in every department, and this guarantees the popularity of our THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS, which include a variety of THE NEWEST AND MOST FASHIONABLE PRODUCTIONS, all offered at figures that make them BARGAINS THAT WILL COMMAND ATTENTION!

LACE DEPARTMENT! At 4 Cents a Yard. WHITE AND BUTTER VALENCIENNES LACE, 10 different patterns, special at 4c a yard. At 25 Cents a Yard. BUTTER AND IVORY ORIENTAL LACE, 7 inches wide, regular value 60c, will be offered at 25c a yard. At 35 Cents a Yard. BUTTER POINT VENISE LACE, 5 1/2 inches wide, regular value 90c, will be offered at 35c a yard. At 75 Cents a Yard. BLACK CHANTILLY DRAPERY NET, all silk, 45 inches wide, regular value \$1.55, will be offered at 75c a yard. At 25 Cents a Yard. BATISTE LACE INSERTIONS AND BANDS, with all-overs to match, will be offered at 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1 up. EMBROIDERIES! At 25 Cents a Yard. FINE CAMBRIC, NAINSOOK AND SWISS EMBROIDERIES, with Insertions to match, regular price 50c, 60c and 65c, will be offered at 25c a yard. At 30 Cents a Yard. WHITE SWISS FLOUNCING AND DEMI-FLOUNCING, embroidered, hemstitched, 27 and 45 inches wide, regular price \$1 and \$1.25, will be offered at 60c a yard. NECKWEAR! NECKWEAR! At \$1.00 Each. BATISTE LACE COLLARS in linen shade, BUTTER POINT VENISE YOKES trimmed with Oriental lace, regular price \$1.75, will be offered at \$1 each. VEILING! VEILING! At 20 Cents a Yard. BLACK DOTTED TUXEDO VEILING, trimmed with Butter Valenciennes Lace, regular value 35c. CARRIAGE PARASOLS! At 75 Cents. BLACK CARRIAGE PARASOLS, in gloria silk, unlined, value \$1, will be offered at 75c each. At \$1.00. BLACK CARRIAGE PARASOLS, in gloria silk, lined, value \$1.50, will be offered at \$1 each. At \$1.25. BLACK CARRIAGE PARASOLS, in ruffle trimmed, will be offered at \$1.25 each. At \$1.50. BLACK CARRIAGE PARASOLS, in silk gloria, two ruffles, will be offered at \$1.50 each. At \$2.00. BLACK CARRIAGE PARASOLS, ruffle trimmed, silk lined, will be offered at \$2 each. DRESDEN RIBBONS! At 25 Cents. No. 22 3-INCH ALL-SILK DRESDEN RIBBON, assorted colors, will be offered at 25c a yard. At 35 Cents. 3-INCH ALL-SILK SHADED RIBBON, in all the latest colors, will be offered at 35c a yard. At 50 Cents. 4-INCH ALL-SILK DRESDEN RIBBON, in all the new designs, will be offered at 50c a yard. At 65 Cents. 5-INCH ALL-SILK DRESDEN RIBBON, in rich designs, will be offered at 65c a yard. HOSIERY AND UNDERWEAR. At 25 Cents a Pair. CHILDREN'S FINE RIBBED REAL MACO COTTON HOSE, double knees, heels, sole and toes, Hermsdorf dye, in black and assorted tan shades, regular value \$4.20 a dozen. At 25 Cents a Pair. CHILDREN'S BLACK RIBBED FRENCH LISLE-THREAD HOSE, double knees, heels and toes, warranted fast black, regular value 50c. At 25 Cents a Pair. LADIES' REAL MACO COTTON HOSE, plain and Richelieu ribbed, high-spliced heels and toes, Hermsdorf dye, black and assorted tan shades, will be offered at 25c a pair. At 35 Cents a Pair. LADIES' RICHELIEU RIBBED LISLE-THREAD HOSE, black boot and colored top combinations, also all black, regular price 50c. At 35 Cents a Pair. LADIES' INGRAIN BLACK COTTON HOSE, extra heavy, unbleached feet, high spliced heels and toes, onyx dye, regular price 50c. At 50 Cents a Pair. LADIES' FANCY REMBRANDT AND RICHELIEU RIBBED LISLE-THREAD HOSE, in bronze, assorted tan shades and black, also black boot and colored top combinations, will be offered at 50c a pair. At 50 Cents Each. LADIES' JERSEY RIBBED LISLE-THREAD VESTS, high neck, short and long sleeves; drawers made with French band to match; ecru and white, will be offered at 50c each. At 75 Cents Each. LADIES' JERSEY RIBBED WOOL VESTS, high neck, long and short sleeves, warranted non-shrinkable, white, natural and pink color, regular price \$1. CORSETS! CORSETS! At \$1.25. LADIES' SATEEN CORSETS, extra low waist and high bust, firmly and closely boned, three side steels, silk flossed, perfect fit guaranteed, black and drab, regular price \$1.50. OUR NEW SPRING CATALOGUE is now ready for distribution to our COUNTRY PATRONS ONLY, to whom it will be mailed free on receipt of address.



Scene of the Incendiary Attempt at the California Metal Works on Fremont Street. Marshal Towe Considers That but for Engineer Hibbit's Fortunate Discovery a Disastrous Conflagration Comprising the Entire Block Might Have Resulted. [Sketches by a "Call" artist.]

works had all gone home he thought that some one had carelessly left the light burning. He went over to the works, but saw no light in the office. This puzzled him and on returning he looked under the stairway and saw a lot of old overalls and jumpers in a heap on the floor. He moved them and to his surprise there was a lighted candle underneath. The flame had not yet communicated with the heap of clothing, and it was evident that the lighted candle and the clothing had been placed there only a minute or so before.

Hibbit blew out the light and immediately notified Policeman Rial and Special Officer Sample. They made an examination and found the clothing and candle were so placed as to lead only to one conclusion—that the purpose was to set fire to the building occupied by the metal works.

Rial notified Sergeant Donovan, who in turn reported the case to Captain Spillane. The captain instructed Donovan to telephone Fire Marshal Towe and leave everything untouched till he arrived.

The Fire Marshal hurried to the Southern Police station and, accompanied by Sergeant Donovan, went to 51 Fremont street, where they were joined by Policeman Rial.

The Fire Marshal made a careful investigation and this is his report: "I found under the stairway leading to the second story of 51 Fremont street a pile of workmen's overalls and jumpers, which had been saturated with turpentine and coal oil. Under the clothing was a piece of candle, an inch and a half long, and along side of the candle was a wooden box with black varnish in it. I also found a coal-oil lamp with the top unscrewed and the lamp empty."

"The sides of the stairs were daubed with black varnish and coal oil and the candle was stuck on a piece of cardboard on a pile of canvas, which had also black varnish on it. Had the candle burned down to this preparation the whole block would have gone, as the building is an old ramsack one, all open above the first floor, and the fire could not have been seen from the street till it had got a good headway."

"Sergeant Donovan placed Rial to watch the building in the hope that the man who did it was waiting for the firebell to ring, and I thought he might return to see what was the cause of the failure of his attempt, or else would come back to remove the evidence, but he did not return."

"The owners of the works can give no reason for the attempt and I am satisfied they were not concerned in it, as there is no motive for them to do it. It is the work of an enemy and I have the name of a person who threatened he would get even with them two weeks ago. The job has the impression of one well knowing the place and no doubt some discharged employe did it or some rival in business. It was a fortunate discovery, as through the blowing out of that candle by Hibbit a serious conflagration was averted."

The Fire Marshal thinks it is a singular coincidence that the card on which the candle was stuck was the same as a card he found underneath his front door when he returned about midnight from his investigation. "It was not there," said the Fire Marshal last night, "when I left the house at 9 o'clock to go to the Southern station, but it was there when I returned three

VALLEY ROAD FINANCES.

Joint Meeting of the Directors and Trustees to Discuss Them.

This Is the Amount Necessary to Complete the Road—John Moss as Traffic Manager.

There is not to be a single day of unnecessary delay in completing the construction of and fully equipping the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railroad from San Francisco to Fresno. This was evidenced at the joint meeting of the directors and trustees of the company held yesterday afternoon, which was one of the most important since the organization of the corporation.

Two matters of great moment were up for consideration. One was the appointment of a traffic manager and the other was the question of raising funds to complete the road as originally projected. The latter consumed most of the two-hour session.

The capital stock of the company is \$3,000,000. Of this but \$2,500,000 worth in round numbers has been issued, and but 60 per cent of this has thus far been called for. It is calculated, however, to consume this entire sum in the construction of the section which is now nearing completion—that is the division between Stockton and Fresno. Two equally important sections will then have to be provided for—those between San Francisco and Stockton and between Fresno and Bakersfield. The former, it is estimated, will cost about \$2,500,000 and the latter about \$3,500,000.

The conference between the trustees of the stockholders and the directors was held principally to devise ways how best to raise the \$3,000,000. Only James Cross, representing the Hobart estate, was absent of the trustees. Those present were A. B. Spreckels, Lovell White, Daniel Meyer, Thomas Brown, J. D. Phelan, C. de Guigne, O. D. Baldwin and F. W. Van Sicken. Of the directors the following were in attendance: Claus Spreckels, J. D. Spreckels, Captain A. H. Payson, Robert Watt, J. B. Stetson, Leon Schloss, Alvin Hayward and Isaac Upham.

Two methods of financing the project to an early completion were discussed. One was the sale of the additional stock remaining unissued, and the other was to mortgage the entire projected line from San Francisco to Bakersfield and to bond it for \$5,000,000.

It was decided that preference should be given to the construction of the Fresno-Bakersfield section, as that would give a road that would at once return a paying revenue.

After the matter had been thoroughly canvassed by all the gentlemen present it was decided to place the whole matter in the hands of a committee of six, composed of three directors and three trustees. The following named comprise this committee:

NEW TO-DAY—DRY GOODS. NEW PARASOLS, RIBBONS, L. HOSIERY, CORSETS UNDERWEAR AT SPECIAL PRICES THIS WEEK. That the EXTRAORDINARY VALUES offered throughout our mammoth new stock are concentrating the bulk of the Spring Dry Goods and Cloak trade to our salesrooms is daily evidenced by the THOUSANDS of delighted purchasers who take advantage of the UNEQUALLED MONEY-SAVING OPPORTUNITIES presented in every department, and this guarantees the popularity of our THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS, which include a variety of THE NEWEST AND MOST FASHIONABLE PRODUCTIONS, all offered at figures that make them BARGAINS THAT WILL COMMAND ATTENTION!

LACE DEPARTMENT! At 4 Cents a Yard. WHITE AND BUTTER VALENCIENNES LACE, 10 different patterns, special at 4c a yard. At 25 Cents a Yard. BUTTER AND IVORY ORIENTAL LACE, 7 inches wide, regular value 60c, will be offered at 25c a yard. At 35 Cents a Yard. BUTTER POINT VENISE LACE, 5 1/2 inches wide, regular value 90c, will be offered at 35c a yard. At 75 Cents a Yard. BLACK CHANTILLY DRAPERY NET, all silk, 45 inches wide, regular value \$1.55, will be offered at 75c a yard. At 25 Cents a Yard. BATISTE LACE INSERTIONS AND BANDS, with all-overs to match, will be offered at 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1 up. EMBROIDERIES! At 25 Cents a Yard. FINE CAMBRIC, NAINSOOK AND SWISS EMBROIDERIES, with Insertions to match, regular price 50c, 60c and 65c, will be offered at 25c a yard. At 30 Cents a Yard. WHITE SWISS FLOUNCING AND DEMI-FLOUNCING, embroidered, hemstitched, 27 and 45 inches wide, regular price \$1 and \$1.25, will be offered at 60c a yard. NECKWEAR! NECKWEAR! At \$1.00 Each. BATISTE LACE COLLARS in linen shade, BUTTER POINT VENISE YOKES trimmed with Oriental lace, regular price \$1.75, will be offered at \$1 each. VEILING! VEILING! At 20 Cents a Yard. BLACK DOTTED TUXEDO VEILING, trimmed with Butter Valenciennes Lace, regular value 35c. CARRIAGE PARASOLS! At 75 Cents. BLACK CARRIAGE PARASOLS, in gloria silk, unlined, value \$1, will be offered at 75c each. At \$1.00. BLACK CARRIAGE PARASOLS, in gloria silk, lined, value \$1.50, will be offered at \$1 each. At \$1.25. BLACK CARRIAGE PARASOLS, in ruffle trimmed, will be offered at \$1.25 each. At \$1.50. BLACK CARRIAGE PARASOLS, in silk gloria, two ruffles, will be offered at \$1.50 each. At \$2.00. BLACK CARRIAGE PARASOLS, ruffle trimmed, silk lined, will be offered at \$2 each. DRESDEN RIBBONS! At 25 Cents. No. 22 3-INCH ALL-SILK DRESDEN RIBBON, assorted colors, will be offered at 25c a yard. At 35 Cents. 3-INCH ALL-SILK SHADED RIBBON, in all the latest colors, will be offered at 35c a yard. At 50 Cents. 4-INCH ALL-SILK DRESDEN RIBBON, in all the new designs, will be offered at 50c a yard. At 65 Cents. 5-INCH ALL-SILK DRESDEN RIBBON, in rich designs, will be offered at 65c a yard. HOSIERY AND UNDERWEAR. At 25 Cents a Pair. CHILDREN'S FINE RIBBED REAL MACO COTTON HOSE, double knees, heels, sole and toes, Hermsdorf dye, in black and assorted tan shades, regular value \$4.20 a dozen. At 25 Cents a Pair. CHILDREN'S BLACK RIBBED FRENCH LISLE-THREAD HOSE, double knees, heels and toes, warranted fast black, regular value 50c. At 25 Cents a Pair. LADIES' REAL MACO COTTON HOSE, plain and Richelieu ribbed, high-spliced heels and toes, Hermsdorf dye, black and assorted tan shades, will be offered at 25c a pair. At 35 Cents a Pair. LADIES' RICHELIEU RIBBED LISLE-THREAD HOSE, black boot and colored top combinations, also all black, regular price 50c. At 35 Cents a Pair. LADIES' INGRAIN BLACK COTTON HOSE, extra heavy, unbleached feet, high spliced heels and toes, onyx dye, regular price 50c. At 50 Cents a Pair. LADIES' FANCY REMBRANDT AND RICHELIEU RIBBED LISLE-THREAD HOSE, in bronze, assorted tan shades and black, also black boot and colored top combinations, will be offered at 50c a pair. At 50 Cents Each. LADIES' JERSEY RIBBED LISLE-THREAD VESTS, high neck, short and long sleeves; drawers made with French band to match; ecru and white, will be offered at 50c each. At 75 Cents Each. LADIES' JERSEY RIBBED WOOL VESTS, high neck, long and short sleeves, warranted non-shrinkable, white, natural and pink color, regular price \$1. CORSETS! CORSETS! At \$1.25. LADIES' SATEEN CORSETS, extra low waist and high bust, firmly and closely boned, three side steels, silk flossed, perfect fit guaranteed, black and drab, regular price \$1.50. OUR NEW SPRING CATALOGUE is now ready for distribution to our COUNTRY PATRONS ONLY, to whom it will be mailed free on receipt of address.

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