

EXCITING SCENES IN THE ASSEMBLY

Great Rumpus Caused by the Withdrawal of a Cinch Bill.

Jones Goes After Caminetti and Calls Him Down Very Hard.

"Liar!" and Other Unparliamentary Terms Used by an Enraged Legislator.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., March 18.—Assemblyman Jones of San Francisco went on the warpath to-day and spoke hot, scolding words to Caminetti of Amador—words of war and defiance before which the man from Amador shuddered and lowered his colors.

It appeared that Jones last night stated to the House that he had the consent of Senator Andrews to withdraw Senate bill 314, which he had introduced by the Senator "by request." It is a railroad cinch bill and practically requires all steam and street railroads, ferry boats, passenger boats, mule teams and all other transportation companies to report the innermost details of their business annually to the Board of Railroad Commissioners. Assemblyman Jones had it withdrawn.

Caminetti and some of his Democratic friends were very much interested in securing the passage of the bill through the House, and this morning the gentleman from Amador demanded the return of the bill to its place on the file. In making the motion he stated that Senator Andrews had told him that he had not given Jones his consent for the withdrawal of the bill.

After the bill had been placed on the file Jones, hot with anger, walked over to Caminetti's desk and fiercely demanded whether Caminetti had intended to charge Jones with uttering a falsehood.

"No," replied Caminetti, but Senator Andrews said that he had not given his consent.

"Senator Andrews won't tell you that in my presence, because he did consent." Jones told the rest of the story as follows: "Senator Andrews introduced the bill at the request of somebody else, and I asked him whether I should withdraw it. He was perfectly satisfied that I should withdraw it. I went over to Caminetti to find out if he intended to call me a liar. If he did I intended to hit him square in the jaw. I told him that it was one of the most infamous bills, a cinch measure to keep out foreign capital from investing in street railroads or any other kind of railroads. I told Caminetti that only suck-bummers were in favor of the bill, and he said: 'I am not a suck-bunter.' I said, 'The Examiner says you are,' and I walked off. Of course I don't believe that Caminetti ever got a cent, but the Examiner virtually said that he did take money, but I don't believe it."

Immediately after this passage-at-arms between Jones and the Democratic filibuster the lunch recess was ordered and the announcement was made that the Democratic minority would hold a caucus by way of grace before meat. "About that railroad bill," said Dibble, with a laugh.

Dibble's guess was wiser than he knew. The caucus was for the purpose of outlining a plan of action for filibustering and the railroad bill was to be the main-spring of the movement. "Block legislation" was the result of the caucus. The object of this agreement was to wind up the last calls of the House, so that little or no business might be done and so that the session might end in a disaster and scandal. This would give the Democrats a little more thunder to use in the next campaign and would give the fake organ of the Democracy a text to boast upon, now that the last echoes of the coyote's yelp is heard in the distance.

As soon as the Sacramento Bee made its appearance in the House the afternoon Caminetti rose to a question of privilege and read the account of the passage-at-arms between himself and Jones. Caminetti worked himself up to a fever heat. It was evident that he felt the more or less powerful backing of the Democratic caucus behind him. He had submitted meekly a day or two ago to be called down by even North of Yolo, but he was brave to-day against Jones. Shaking his fist at the gentleman from San Francisco he accused him of stating what was not true.

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around him and advised him to take no notice of Shanahan's words. Shanahan and Caminetti were surrounded by their friends, and for a brief spell it looked as though there was going to be a melee with revolvers and knives. Jones was wild, and remained in the room longer than most of the rest denouncing the bill as a cinch measure, while Belshaw, the center of another group, was making a speech in favor of the bill. When they got hungry they went out to dinner. At 7:30 the House convened for the evening session, and the first business in order came near being a renewal of the row. Waymire of Alameda was the frebrand in the guise of a meek and holy peacemaker. He offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Messrs. Caminetti, Jones and Shanahan this day in open session of the Assembly made use of language which is in the most offensive and unparliamentary manner, grossly insulting to the House; now, therefore, be it Resolved, That they and each of them be required to withdraw such language and apologize to the House for the use of the same.

"I move the adoption of the resolution," said Waymire.

Denery announced that action on the resolution be deferred. Probably the gentlemen themselves might have something to say in the way of apology. He himself was in favor of expunging the whole matter from the record.

"Mr. Speaker," said Waymire, "I decline to withdraw the resolution. The gentleman proposed a mild punishment that could be inflicted. The conduct of those parties this day would justify their expulsion. Never in my life have I heard such language or witnessed such a disgraceful scene."

Speaker Coombs suggested that perhaps some of the gentlemen desired to apologize. Jones, who had been on his feet all this time, was recognized by the chair. Jones' apology was an apology if looked at in one light and it was something else if looked at in another light. He spoke as follows:

"Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the House: I desire to say, so far as the House is concerned, that I realize, I realize, I realize that under the circumstances I was greatly aggravated in this matter. In the first place, the gentleman on the other side had not taken the proper course to find out whether their assertions were true or whether they were false. Every assertion that I have made in this regard to this matter I stand ready now to prove to be the truth. I never had the reputation of a prevaricator under any circumstances. My reputation for veracity has always been good and I defy any gentleman in this House to say that he has ever known of any case where I have prevaricated. If any gentleman can say that, I would like them to come up here and acknowledge it."

"The truth of the whole matter is this: About a week ago it was stated to me that this bill had been sneaked in on this file. It was never referred to a committee, as it should have been under the rules of the House, but was surreptitiously placed on the file, notwithstanding that members of the House asked that it be referred to the proper committee. That request was refused. I went to see the reputed author of the bill and got his consent to withdraw this bill, and I have no doubt he will admit he did so, because he gave other members the same authority. Mr. Caminetti said this morning that I had falsified when I made the assertion last night when I got up and asked leave to withdraw the bill. In one sense that might be true, because the gentleman in the other house introduced it by request of another person, but the real author of the bill consented that I should withdraw it. If Mr. Caminetti had been in his seat attending to his business he would have heard Mr. Shanahan, Mr. Toland and other gentlemen are in favor of this cinch bill."

"I call the gentleman to order," shouted Caminetti.

"I asked that the gentleman's words be taken down," said Toland.

"Mr. Speaker!" called Shanahan. "The gentleman's words will be taken down," said Speaker Coombs, consolingly. Jones continued: "I don't care whether they are here or not. Every movement of mine has been regular, and I defy any man in this House to say that anything is wrong. I can prove that the assertions of those gentlemen on the floor about the matter are false in every particular and they know it. I have no apologies to make to the gentlemen, but I have already apologized to the House, because my feelings got the better of me."

Shanahan said that there was no reason why his name should have been inserted in the resolution. When the Senate had passed a bill and it came before the House, it was unfair to attempt to recommit the bill for the purpose of killing it. He denied the right of any Senator or Assemblyman to withdraw the bill in a spirit of duplicity and with an utter disregard of decency.

Malcolm, Cutter and Price rose to points of order.

Cutter said in his more sarcastic accents: "It would like to ask if this is to be considered an apology to the House?" Denery interrupted and Shanahan attempted to speak again, but Speaker Coombs kept his gavel going like a triphammer.

Finally Denery was recognized and said: "Now that there has been so much talking done about words, I ask that the gentleman's words be taken down, as he has admitted that his body has been insulted before, and I ask that the words of the gentleman from Shasta be taken down."

Publman of San Francisco called to Denery: "Move to expel him."

Caminetti denied that he had insulted the House.

Dibble put an end to the discussion by moving that the bill be made the special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. The motion was carried and the white-winged doves of peace roosted on the great chandeliers.

Jones went with Mr. Jordan of the Associated Press over to the Senate and asked Senator Andrews for an explanation. The Senator said that he had given his permission to withdraw the bill a week ago. When Caminetti came to his desk he asked him whether he had just given permission to Jones to withdraw the bill. The Senator replied that he had not, but that he had given Jones that permission a week ago and that that permission still held good. When Caminetti made his statement to the House, he presented the statement made by Senator Andrews and thereby deceived the House.

Within half an hour after this trouble Belshaw moved to take up Senate bill 314. The discussion almost precipitated a riot. Cutter said that the leaders of the minority had concluded to hold a Democratic caucus, thinking that a little Democratic politics could be made out of the bill. "There is nothing on earth in this bill except to give the Railway Commission a sort of club over streetcar companies, which they may use in the next campaign. An annual report from the Market-street Railway Company or the San Mateo Company would not put down the rates of fare one particle. They would

have to show that the rates of fare at present charged were higher than they should be and that a lower rate would be reasonable."

Cutter added that they would have to go into court and spend \$50,000 or \$60,000 of the people's money to get a decision that the commission was a constitutional body with no power to do anything.

Cross offered an amendment that the provisions of the bill shall not apply to stage lines nor streets, nor electric roads within the limits of cities and towns. The amendment was carried by a vote of 28 yeas to 25 nays.

The following was the vote: Ayes—Austin, Bettman, Burnham, Canavan, Cross, Cutter, Damon, Dibble, Ennis, Fontana, Guy, Harris, Hill, Jones, Kelsey, Leavitt, Lindenberger, Malcolm, North of Alameda, North of Yolo, Power of Placer, Robinson, Seward, Seward, Venoburg, Waymire, Wright—28. Nays—Belshaw, Boone, Bridgford, Burnett, Caminetti, Clarke, Dolan, Elliott, Godfrey, Houghton, Keegan, Lucy, Landsborough, Mahoney, Mead, Mellick, McGrath, Power of San Francisco, Rubell, Ryan, Shanahan, Strain, Toland, Treacy, Coombs—25.

The bill was sent to the printer.

IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY. Bills Rushed Through During the Closing Hours. SACRAMENTO, CAL., March 19.—The Senate to-day rushed through the deficiency and claims bills. Assembly bill was passed compelling railroad companies to construct depot stations, switches, etc., on application of a sufficient number of residents. The coyote claim bill was taken up, debated at length and finally declared lost—19 to 14.

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RAMPANT RIVERS, DEATH AND RUIN

Fearful Floods in Western, Middle and Southern States.

Many Iowa Towns Under Water and Hundreds of Families Homeless.

Houses, Barns, Haystacks and Carcasses of Animals Go With the Torrents.

SIoux CITY, IOWA, March 19.—It is the general impression here to-night that the great flood of 1892, which did thousands of dollars' worth of damage, will be equaled if not exceeded by the present freshet. The Floyd and Missouri rivers are still rising at the rate of an inch an hour and haystacks and dwellings from the tall hills above the city are floating by as evidences of the destruction already accomplished.

The towns and cities so far affected by the flood may congratulate themselves that the rise has not been more abrupt—a fact which has enabled nearly every one to escape death by drowning. Stock has not fared so well, and the carcasses of dead animals can be seen now and then rushing by to the confluence with the Missouri. It will be several days before the actual extent of the damage up the river can be determined, as all bridges and telegraph wires to the north are down and have been since last evening.

This morning the bottoms on either side of the Floyd River in the city were entirely inundated, and several hundred houses stand in from two to three feet of water. Fortunately the citizens in this district had been warned of the impending danger, and moved out in advance. This section is populated with the poorer classes, and hundreds of families are homeless to-night.

At midnight the Missouri River had fallen three feet in a few hours, indicating either that a gorge below had broken or that a new one is forming above.

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report thirty-six hours of rainfall and terrible floods in that region. Great damage has been done. The observer here urges all the people in the lowlands to move out at once to higher ground. The levees in front and north of the city are being strengthened.

MEMPHIS, TENN., March 19.—The latest break in the levee system in this district occurred at 7 o'clock this evening near Austin, Miss., 100 miles south. Particulars are not available. The Caruthersville (Mo.) break occurred about daylight yesterday morning, and last night there was also a break in the town's second or protection levee, which flooded the lower part of the town. No lives were lost there so far as known. There were four additional cases of drowning across from Memphis to-day, two men, a woman and her infant.

LOSS OF LIFE IN ARKANSAS. The Enormous List of Fatalities May Never Be Recorded. LITTLE ROCK, ARK., March 19.—A special from Gavin says: The water rose two inches last night. For many miles the country is flooded and the water is up to the Iron Mountain tracks. Hundreds of sections have been striving to keep the water back with dirt bags. At every station the negroes are waiting to be taken away. The list of fatalities is enormous and probably never will be known.

A man named Middleton, who arrived here with his family from near Rosebud Island, four miles from Arkansas City, reports that a woman and five children were drowned Wednesday night. The water came up and though the unfortunate climbed upon the tables and chairs the flood finally reached over their heads.

William Cartwright and William Cox, working on a farm at Rosebud Island, lost their lives Thursday. They were in a dugout starting for stock and the current upset the dugout. The water killed them.

Charles Burley was drowned while trying to save his hogs Thursday night near Gavin. He could not manage a dugout. A mountain of household goods is piled up at every railroad station. Whites and negroes beg for help from every train-crowded houses along the road are suffering from the roofs and cattle are standing in the fields with only their heads above the water.

WISCONSIN THREATENED. People in the Western Portion Are Greatly Alarmed. MILWAUKEE, WIS., March 19.—Reports to the offices of the different railroads in this city say that all the rivers and streams through the western part of the State are in a threatening condition, the result of recent heavy rains, and considerable damage is feared. On the Prairie du Chien division of the St. Paul road several bridges are being washed out and no trains are running. A dispatch from Black River Falls says much anxiety is felt by those who live along the river in the lowlands. A disastrous flood is feared.

UKIAH MURDER CASE. Counsel for Rancher Henderson's Alleged Slayer Advances the Plea of Insanity. UKIAH, CAL., March 19.—A jury was finally sworn in this morning in the case of the people vs. Gregorio Bercevara, the alleged murderer of Rancher Henderson.

The first time during the proceedings the defendant relaxed his usual sullen demeanor. When District Attorney George A. Sturtevant in his opening address to the jury referred to the incidents immediately preceding the killing of Henderson, the defendant burst into tears and uttered loud protests against the statements of the District Attorney. In a moment a Deputy Sheriff was at his side, and he subsided without further outbursts.

The prosecution's case was a short one. The only witnesses produced by the people were William Owens and John MacPeters, two eye-witnesses of the killing; Sheriff Charles V. Broback and Under Sheriff Philip Handy, who testified to statements made by the prisoner while in the County Jail; Miss Jessie Booth, who told of having found in the defendant's cabin the knife with which Henderson is supposed to have been slain; Dr. W. H. Stout, who described the wounds, and one or two persons called to identify the clothing taken from the deceased.

The chief witness called by the defense was Dr. E. W. King, superintendent of the Mendocino Asylum, who stated that the prisoner was received at the asylum on May 4, 1894, from Alameda, and diagnosed as insane. The defendant, George A. Sturtevant, an attendant at the asylum, testified to the same effect. Martin Hart, a constable of Westport Township, in the northern part of this county, detailed the arrest of Bercevara in October last on a charge of insanity. At that time he was discharged as sane.

At this point in the proceedings the prisoner was called to the stand by his attorney, and after an attempt was made to examine him in the English language an intermission was called for. The defendant, after a long and rambling answer, and finally refused to say anything further. He claims to know nothing of Henderson or the murder. At one time during the examination he spanked his feet, and in an angry tone addressed himself in Spanish to his counsel, at the same time bursting into tears.

Ojai Valley's Mining Boom. LOS ANGELES, CAL., March 19.—Prospectors are rushing into Ojai Valley, attracted by the remarkable gold find in Gravel Canyon, in the lower end of the valley. The mining here is being done by an expert to study the situation. He reports that a large body of ore, running from \$25 to the ton and upward, has been found.

KEEP IT ALWAYS IN THE HOUSE—It's the best life health insurance company for children and old people who are liable to catch their death from "Colds"—Dr. Jayne's Expecto-rant. The best family pill—Jayne's Painless Sanative.

Pedestrian Ludovico's Progress. LOS ANGELES, CAL., March 19.—Today Dr. Ludwick of London arrived in Irwin from San Francisco on foot. He left San Francisco four weeks ago for Los Angeles, en route to Encanto. Dr. Ludwick arrived after accomplishing 750 miles since leaving San Francisco six weeks ago.

CLOTHING AT HALF-PRICE TODAY at Summerfield & Roman's, cor. 6th and Market.

Patrol Starts From Mare Island. VALLEY, CAL., March 19.—The patrol left the navy-yard to-day with the inspection board. It will go to Sausalito for a few days, and then take on the remainder of its ammunition and start for China.

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STANFORD'S NEW ANNUAL REGISTER

Total Number of Students at the University Is 1091

Changes in the Faculty and Variations in Courses of Instruction

Joshua W. Stanford and Russell J. Wilson Enrolled Among the Trustees.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL., March 19.—The University Register for 1896-97 is now almost printed and will be ready for delivery the first week in April. The total number of students registered is 1091, showing a gain of 44 over last year's 1047, showing a decrease of 56 over the year 1894-95. The number of California students has slightly increased. Of the major subjects history has become the most popular, while law and engineering show a falling off.

There are no new names on the faculty list, but several promotions occur. Associate Professors Fairclough, Latrop and Thoburn are made full professors. Assistant Professor McFarland becomes associate professor. Instructors Murphy, Stearns, Marx and Rendtorff are now assistant professors, and Assistants Farmer and Blichfeldt become instructors.

Five thousand books and 5000 pamphlets have been added to the library in the last year, making the total number of books 41,000 and pamphlets 12,000. In future entrance examinations will be held only at the university. The old rule requiring matriculated students, coming in late, to obtain special permission before registering, has been changed also. Hereafter students desiring to register without the consent of the faculty must pay an additional fee of \$30.

The courses of instruction are not essentially changed. The principal variation in the new register is the substitution of the department of classical philology for that of archeology. A number of new courses is offered by Professor Miller of the new department. The English division announces a course in general bibliography by Assistant Librarian Teggart.

Professor Warner, whose health compelled him to resign his chair in the university, is announced to return. He will give two courses during the first semester, one on personal economics and one on the history of the world.

The new register contains the names of two recently appointed trustees. The first—Joshua W. Stanford, a nephew of Senator Stanford—fills the place made vacant by the resignation of Justice Field; the second—Russell J. Wilson of San Francisco—takes the place of Alfred L. Bates, deceased. Hereafter no vacancies are to be filled until the number composing the board is reduced from twenty-four to fifteen. The present trustees hold office until the next meeting, which will be appointed for a term of ten years.

CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT. Stanford Talent to be Heard With Apollo Society Voices. STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL., March 19.—The Choral Society met last night and elected the following officers: President, Professor D. N. Campbell; treasurer, D. A. Lyon; librarian, G. H. B. Wright; executive committee—Professor H. B. Latrop, P. B. Anspacher and R. W. Thompson.

The club, in connection with the Apollo Choral Society of San Francisco, will give a sacred concert at the university the first Sunday in May. The chorus will contain 20 voices. Arrangements are now being made to have Mme. Trebell singing under the auspices of the society.

Intercollegiate Chess Match. STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL., March 19.—The executive committee of the Chess Club has appointed C. Serpas and E. W. McCormack to arrange for an intercollegiate chess match between Stanford and Berkeley on the 21st inst. The preliminary contest will be held here about April 10.

BARKER LEAVES MARE ISLAND. Hearty Farewell Salute Given the Future Commander of the Oregon. VALLEJO, CAL., March 19.—Captain A. S. Barker, detached from command of the yards and docks department at Mare Island and ordered to command the Oregon, left for San Francisco this afternoon. The steam whistles on every craft well salute until the arrival of a hearty fare well. Captain Barker carries with him not only the sincere friendship of all his brother officers, but the goodwill of all the people of Vallejo who have had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Commander B. H. McCalla assumed charge of the department of yards and docks this morning, and will continue to direct its affairs until the arrival of Captain Barker on the 21st inst. Captain Barker will assume command of the Oregon tomorrow.

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morrow, relieving Captain H. L. Howison, who has been ordered to Washington.

Pomona Valley's Olive Industry. POMONA, CAL., March 19.—This has been a season of unusually extensive planting of olive orchards in Southern California and Arizona. The olive nurseries in Pomona Valley have sent out several hundred thousand young trees of all parts of the tree, and in the past few years it is believed that over 1,000,000 olive trees could easily be sold by nurseries this month if the stock were only on hand.

Paso Robles Conference. PASO ROBLES, CAL., March 19.—The annual conference of Zion M. E. Church commenced last evening. Bishop George W. Clinton presiding. Rev. George E. Jackson of Paso Robles delivered the opening address. At a business session to-day the conference expelled Rev. Willis Backwell from the ministry for gross immorality.

Tragedy at Portland. PORTLAND, OR., March 19.—Thomas Wollery, a merchant of Iona, who has been in Portland for several days with his young bride, attempted to blow out his birthday to-day while in a delicious condition incident to an attack of the grippe. It is believed the wound is not fatal.

Hail Storm at Auburn. AUBURN, CAL., March 19.—Auburn enjoyed the novelty of a terrific hail storm this afternoon. It lasted a half hour, and hail as large as marbles covered the ground to a depth of two inches.

Pimples. CURE IT. Sore Throat. CURE IT. Sore Mouth. CURE IT.