

CONVENTION AT PALO ALTO

Convention of the Santa Clara Christian Endeavorers.

Strong Address on "Christian Genuineness" by Rev. Dr. Minton.

Church and Hall Occupied by the Biennial Meeting—An Interesting Program.

PALO ALTO, CAL., April 16.—The sixteenth biennial convention of the Santa Clara County Christian Endeavor Union was held here to-day, the sessions being divided between Northey Hall and the Presbyterian church.

Afternoon meetings: 3 to 3:45, Northey Hall junior session, conducted by Mrs. Genie Salisbury—Opening, praise service, Palo Alto juniors' selections, Mountain View, Santa Clara and San Jose juniors' reports of committee officers, address, Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, collection.

9:45 to 10:30, Northey Hall, intermediate session—Conference of intermediate superintendents and workers, conducted by William G. Alexander, paper, "Looking for the Work," Miss Mann, San Jose; paper, "Prayer-meeting Committee Work," Miss Mann, San Jose; paper, "Social Committee Work," Miss Frances Hammond, East San Jose; paper, "Pledge," Miss Edith Wilson, Palo Alto; question box, conducted by W. G. Alexander; 4:00—Presbyterian church, conference of local day committees, conducted by Rev. S. Young; 4:30-5:30—Presbyterian church, missionary conference, conducted by Miss J. Berry, State Co.; superintendent of missions; 5:30—Northey Hall county executive committee meeting; 5:50-7:00—Lunch, Northey Hall.

Evening meeting, 7:30—Northey Hall; Paine service, by Rev. Dr. Minton, Palo Alto address, Rev. T. S. Young, San Jose; address, Rev. J. R. Compion, Santa Clara; address, H. C. Minton, J. D., San Francisco.

The address of Dr. Minton was one of the principal ones. His topic was "Christian Genuineness." He began by making pleasant reference to his personal interest in Santa Clara county, in which he had made his home for several years.

He spoke of Bayard Taylor as calling their valley one of the three most beautiful in the world, ranking it with the ancient valley of Damascus and the famous plain of Mexico. He said:

The Y. P. S. C. E. has come to be a recognized fact and force in the world of religion. The approaching convention in San Francisco will be a great event. The movement has its critics. It needs the sanction of the world. Sometimes popularity fails. Everything of this kind has its enemies. It is not to be allowed to pass. But the law counts a man an infant till he is 21, and according to that, the organization, great as it is, is only an infant.

Your society emphasizes action, work, effort, but only Christian life is the basis. It is not a matter of motives, aims and principles. The endeavor without the Christian is like the galvanic battery without the zinc. The Christian is the battery, the endeavor is the zinc. You have asked one to speak to you to-night who is not in a pastor's position. Prudence says you gave us the best of the world from the other direction. If he had confined his remarks to some theology we might let it pass unchallenged. But he is a Christian endeavor; but what is Christian endeavor? Your answer is, a reason in theology. Stipend is not Christian endeavor. It is the endeavor to do good, to do good for the purpose of mere usefulness. Christianity is the endeavor to do good for the sake of God. But who is Christ or what is Christ? Here again we feel that the organization, great as it is, is only an infant.

I heard a young man in San Francisco say, in an address upon Christian endeavor: "Practical Christianity is the endeavor to do good for the sake of God." This is the world we live in to-day. With no sort of depreciation of practical good work with all respect for the world of religion, the world needs praying Christians to-day. It needs the prayer of the Bible, the Bible and the catechisms, because there never was a time when the world was in greater need of prayer. We are, in fact, intellectually and spiritually well-developed Christian men and women to-day.

I want to make the point, in my judgment, the endeavor movement must grow with the utmost care, or its tenure of life and thrift will be short. First—Loyalty to Holy Scripture as the word of God. This is the basis. This is the fossil bone dug out from the dark caves of theology. The Bible is under hot fire to-day. Open the Bible, and you will find turning unfriendly forces against the good old Bible of our fathers. The artillery of eloquence is being used against it. The Bible is being used to storm the fortress of our faith. Nobody believes more than I do in turning all the lights. Let nothing be hid. Not the Christian but the world. The Bible is the fact which, if he would do it, might give his religious faith. You cannot study the Bible too closely. Let us see what the Bible has to say to us to-day. Let us see what his opinion in the place of our own conclusions. If you have not time or brains to study the Bible, let us see what the Bible has to say to us to-day. Let us see what his opinion in the place of our own conclusions. If you have not time or brains to study the Bible, let us see what the Bible has to say to us to-day. Let us see what his opinion in the place of our own conclusions.

Second—Loyalty to the church of God. I know how you emphasize this, but you cannot emphasize it too strongly. The church is the bride of Christ, and it is the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The church is the bride of Christ, and it is the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The church is the bride of Christ, and it is the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The church is the bride of Christ, and it is the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

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St. Helena to Disincorporate. St. Helena, Cal., April 16.—At the last session of the Board of Town Trustees, a largely signed petition was handed in by the Town Clerk requesting the discontinuance of the town as a corporation. Many citizens were present, but Mayor Bingham dampened their enthusiasm by referring the petition to a board of examiners, composed of Messrs. J. H. Hines, Charles and York. The petition will be duly considered and acted upon next Wednesday night.

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Albatross Returns to Santa Cruz. SANTA CRUZ, CAL., April 16.—The Albatross returned to this port this afternoon, and E. M. Burdick of San Diego, who is a guest of Captain Moser, came ashore and will go to San Francisco, where he will await the Albatross' appearance and again join the captain for a cruise in that bay.

CASTAWAYS OF THE WILLAPA.

Picked Up by the Steamer Edith and Taken to Dyea—Great Joy of the Gold-Hunters.

PORTLAND, OR., April 16.—The castaway passengers of the wrecked steamer Willapa, who believed that success would quickly reach them and that they would soon be able to continue their voyage to Dyea, have been taken to the latter place by the steamer Edith, which has just arrived back from the trip, says the Evening Telegram.

According to the story told by the officers of the Edith there was never a boat more heartily welcomed by the stranded gold-hunters than the Edith when she put in an appearance at Bella Bella. It was not so much the discomforts which the men were undergoing—straight they were prepared to face hardships in the wilds of Alaska, and they were plentifully supplied with provisions and stores from the wrecked steamer—but every day which they were compelled to stay there was regarded as a day lost out of the all-too-short season during which they could accumulate the golden nuggets.

While they were compelled to wait for nearly two weeks in enforced idleness gold-seekers who left the Sound long after the Willapa passengers were landed at Dyea and had already begun the long journey over the divide to the helping waters of the Yukon, down which they were to follow, were not so patient. The days were not all of idleness, however, for the men were busied during the earlier period of their imprisonment in the making of a raft, and in fact anything from the steamer which was not below water.

The stories of the looting of the wreck and its subsequent breaking up by the waves are said to be gross exaggerations. The hull of the steamer is still said to be in comparatively good condition, and it is believed that it will be salvaged by machinery with modern wrecking appliances.

She is not yet broken, and her engines and boilers are still in position. The miners who were on board saved nearly if not all their personal effects, including provisions and cooking and camp utensils, and they will be enabled to strike the trail in as good condition as their more fortunate brothers who have not suffered the hardships of shipwreck at the outset of their undertaking.

The fifty passengers who were taken on board the steamer Edith were carried to Dyea, where they were taken to their destination. The total loss to the Willapa and cargo, provided there is no effort made to wreck her by the insurance companies, is estimated at \$50,000, with an insurance of \$25,000.

BELIEVES THE SAMARIA LOST.

Story of Captain Dermot of the Barkentine Portland—The Vessel He Saw in a Storm.

PORTLAND, OR., April 16.—There is a bare possibility that Captain Thomas Dermot, lumberer in port, caught a last glimpse of the missing barkentine, the Samaria, when the vessel sighted by the Portland, then, as Captain Dermot states it, he has grave fears that the Samaria never rode out the storm.

"It was on the afternoon of Friday last, and we were some 3 deg. off the coast and struck into the worst storm and sea I have ever encountered on the Pacific Ocean. Such was the force of the hurricane that the atmosphere was filled with the flying spume, making it a hard matter to see two ships' lengths ahead of the Portland.

"Suddenly the horizon cleared to the northwest and we plainly made out a vessel of the size and color of the Samaria, but so far distant as to be unable to discern any signals had she been flying them. The vessel was laboring fearfully in the sea, and we were unable to get anything forward appeared a wreck, her head sails being gone and the craft having broached.

"A moment later the flying mist shut down again thick, and the vessel was lost to sight. I cannot say it was the Samaria, but as we were so far distant, it may have been near that position at the time. If it was the Samaria, then, with her deadweight cargo of coal and in her partially disabled condition, she had little hope of having ever been heard from again.

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EDITOR SEHORA MAY BE PARDONED

Very Romantic Story of Why He Killed Druggist Putnam.

To Protect the Sacred Honor of a Lady He Pledged His Word.

Evidence Before Governor Budd to Prove the Tale—A Compromising Letter.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., April 16.—It is claimed that within a few days evidence will be laid before Governor Budd which may induce him to grant a pardon to Dr. W. A. Sehora, editor of the Willows Gazette, who, something over a year ago, killed J. E. Putnam, a druggist at Willows, and was sentenced to a term of eight years in the State prison, the sentence of the Superior Court having been later affirmed by the Supreme Court of the State.

Should the claims made be proved true it will exemplify that Editor Sehora is a man of honor, who, rather than violate his pledged word to a lady, preferred to endure the ignominy of the State prison.

Briefly the story is as follows: A wealthy young lady of Colusa county, who is well known in well society circles, and whom Sehora had been acquainted with from her infancy, while visiting in Sacramento received, it is claimed, the following insulting letter from Putnam:

WILLOWS, APR. 17, 1894. My friend: I will be down Sunday on my way to the State prison. My dear friend, I want you to go down to the city with me Monday. All the other delegates will go on to the city on Sunday, so no one will see us. Do not say you will not go, as we can have a good time and I will see you. If you cannot go wire me Saturday using the following words, "It is off," and do not sign any name.

In her grief and anger she, after pleading Sehora to eternal secrecy, gave him the letter, and in subsequent editorials from his pen he frequently used the words, "It is off." This gave Putnam sprang into the editor's sanctum and, presenting a pistol at his head, demanded the epistle. It is claimed that Sehora remonstrated with him until catching him off his guard he drew his own pistol and drove the druggist from the room, but as he left it is claimed to have said, "I'll kill you on sight."

All of this story Sehora has in honor to his pledged word, withheld, but now that no other legal remedy remains to the prison doors from closing on him, the young lady has demanded that the whole story be presented to the Governor as a proof that the killing was an act of self-defense.

NEWS OF SAN JOSE.

O'ic Neuhaus, a Roadhouse Proprietor, Sues for Damages for Defamation of Character. SAN JOSE, CAL., April 16.—Otto Neuhaus, proprietor of a roadhouse near Los Gatos, to-day began a legal action in Superior Court against W. N. Greer for \$10,000 damages, for charges of forgery and defamation of character. Neuhaus has had trouble over securing a liquor license for his place, and Greer and other citizens in the vicinity have opposed the granting of the license. Neuhaus has had to keep Kany and Constable George A. Tibbits of Bakersfield were placed on the stand to inspect the testimony of Neuhaus. All said that Neuhaus' reputation was bad.

"Misdirected Energy." Interesting Paper Read Before the Friday Morning Club. LOS ANGELES, CAL., April 16.—The subject at the Friday Morning Club this forenoon was "Misdirected Energy," Mrs. C. E. Day read a very interesting paper on "Misdirected Energy in Church," in which she spoke of the bazaars, fairs, etc., being mistaken for favors to the church. She stated that the same amount of money given would help much more than by occupying so much time and trouble in arranging for the same.

Mrs. L. A. Goff was on the programme for another paper, but was ill and unable to present it. The board of directors then met and the report of the ex-president Mrs. Osmond to the club, which was gracefully and gratefully accepted.

Her Husband's Plot to Send Her to an Insane Asylum. SAN JOSE, CAL., April 16.—Philomena Coe, who was arrested a few days ago on a charge of insanity preferred by her husband, Salvador Coe, was dismissed from custody this morning by Judge Lorigan.

Mrs. Coe testified that her husband recently brought another woman home and installed her as mistress of the place and made the accused act as a servant. He also beat his wife on numerous occasions. It was also shown that Coe was endeavoring to get rid of his wife so that he could marry the other woman, and as a last resort had charged her with insanity.

Judge Lorigan denounced Coe in severe terms, and warned him that if he did not take his wife home and treat her right and respectfully he would be arrested.

Dependent Negro Takes Laidanum. SAN JOSE, CAL., April 16.—John Rosenberg, a young Swede, was to-day sentenced to one year's imprisonment at San Quentin on a charge of felony embezzlement by Judge Lorigan. Rosenberg was in charge of a ranch at Gilroy belonging to August Salvadore of Oakland. The provisions on the place ran out, and in order to provide food for himself and other employes he sold a cow belonging to Reinberg, as soon as a letter heard of it he had Rosenberg arrested for embezzlement.

TACOMA DEADFALLS RAIDED.

The City Jail Crowded as a Result of Commissioner Teats' "Slumming" Expedition.

TACOMA, WASH., April 16.—Tacoma's City Jail is jammed full this morning with gamblers, fallen women and their male companions. Chief of Police Hoge getting a fit last night of the fact that Civil Service Commissioner Teats was going to lay formal charges of neglect of duty and incompetence against him, resolved to checkmate this by rounding up offenders against the law. The police were all called in and a general raid made on the gambling-houses and places of disrepute. A number of the houses got wind of the new move and the inmates escaped arrest by closing before the police.

Teats charges that Hoge is incompetent and impractical, without thoughts and ideas and without the executive ability to carry them out to effect. He had them, and that he is knowingly permitting young girls to remain in houses of ill-fame and allows messenger-boys to frequent such places.

Hoge announced after the arrests were made that in future he would compel all the saloons to remain closed on Sundays. He said if the police were not forced to do this he would enforce them. In this way he hopes to escape censure and probable dismissal by the Civil Service Commission.

LA FIESTA AT LOS ANGELES. Will Open With a Masque Ball of Surpassing Brilliance—Programme of Pavilion Exercises. LOS ANGELES, CAL., April 16.—La Fiesta for 1897 will open with a grand masquerade ball on Friday evening, April 17. This will be followed by the grand entrance of Queen Francesca, accompanied by her court and guard. This will be a brilliant feature. The address of welcome will probably be given by Mayor M. P. Snyder. Mayor M. P. Snyder will present the Queen with the keys of the city, and Frank J. Thomas, the Mayor's Prime Minister, will deliver the royal proclamation.

KID THOMPSON TESTIFIES. Averages He Is Innocent of the Crime of the Santa Clara Robbery. LOS ANGELES, CAL., April 16.—Kid Thompson occupied the stand part for the second time this afternoon at his trial for train robbery before Judge Smith. The kid was not subject to a rigid cross-examination, though, and was soon excused. The defendant showed plainly that he is laboring under great excitement, and he frequently broke off in course of his testimony to protest his innocence.

"Before my God, I am innocent of this crime," he said at one time, and then again he declared: "I am innocent of this crime, and if they hang me for it they hang me for nothing."

Thompson denied all knowledge of the Roscoe robbery, and stuck to his original protestations of ignorance about the matter. The prosecution closed its case with F. B. Kennett, who went on the stand before Thompson. Kennett said that the kid had confessed to him in the County Jail that he had been in the Santa Clara robbery, and that he had hidden Woodton's body, were mistaken as to dates.

SAUSALITO FIRE TROUBLES. Citizens State That They Will Start a Fire Department of Their Own for Protection. SAUSALITO, CAL., April 16.—Trouble is brewing between the citizens of Sausalito who are taking an interest in fire apparatus and the regular members of the Sausalito Fire Department. At a meeting of residents held some time since it was left to J. I. Harnes to appoint a committee of five to secure apparatus to use in case of fire. Mr. Harnes appointed the following gentlemen, together with himself, on the committee: J. M. Killam, H. A. Cobb, Thomas Frost, Fred Raker.

Information in regard to the expenditure of town money for fire apparatus has been obtained by the committee. The explanation is said to follow. The citizens' committee has said that they intend to start a fire department of their own and act independently of the regular department. "After every fire in Sausalito," said President Sylla of the Sausalito Fire Department to-day, "this same sort of rumormongering is raised and never amounts to anything. The hill people are not the ones who take off their coats and fight the fires. They are not here in the daytime, and if a fire broke out they would not be here to fight it. All this talk won't amount to anything."

The other side took a different story. They say the over \$20,000 has been expended for fire protection and the town is sadly in need of proper apparatus. They intend to get at the bottom of the matter.

SAUSALITO'S NEW SCHEME. The Town's Prisoners to Be Set at Work Repairing, Grading and Cleaning the Roads. SAUSALITO, CAL., April 16.—Prisoners arrested in Sausalito for various offenses were compelled to spend their time fixing up the streets if the suggestion made go into effect. The tough Sunday picnicer, who impales too freely in beer and is put in the lockup to spend the night, may find that all is not fine.

It is the purpose to enforce a town ordinance, which provides that the Town Marshal may make the prisoners under his care labor for eight hours on the roads or other public property for the benefit of the town.

The argument in favor of the proposition is that there is much work that could be done on the streets, such as cleaning, grading or repairing, which the town at present does not feel able to appropriate money to have accomplished, and the toughs who are taken in on a Sunday can be set to work on Monday to recompense the town for what it expends in furnishing them meals. The Trustees will instruct the Town Marshal to do this there is little doubt.

Sausalito Terror Troubles Over. SAUSALITO, CAL., April 16.—Recorder Pryor to-day terminated the trouble caused by the famous Nickles parrot by fining Andrew Nickles \$25 for discharging firearms on the public streets. The case is the outcome of the theft of Nickles' parrot. The bird disappeared, L. R. Lemaire was accused by Nickles of taking it. Later Lemaire and Nickles had trouble, and the latter fired two shots at the former. The case was tried, dismissed, and Prosecuting Attorney Sylla instructed to sue Nickles for shooting on the streets.

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A VISIT TO THE WOOTTON RANCH

Sanders, Court and Jury Have a Tedious Journey.

Witness Rohloff Contradicts One of His Former Statements.

Ruling of the Supreme Court With Which Judge Carroll Cook Disagrees.

FRESNO, CAL., April 16.—The jury which is trying Professor W. A. Sanders on charges of forgery returned at midnight last night on a visit to the Wootton ranch, which is situated in the foothills forty miles east of this city. Judge Carroll Cook and the entire court, including the defendant, accompanied the jury. The day was very warm, and the long ride was a very disagreeable one.

Today the introduction of testimony by Sanders, which was worked on the ranch at the time of Wootton's disappearance, and who saw the wealthy rancher drive away with Sanders on the afternoon of February 1, 1894, was on the stand the entire day.

The most important feature of the proceedings of the day was the statement of Judge Carroll Cook that in his opinion the introduction of all matters not bearing directly upon the forgery charge should not be permitted to go before the jury.

But in the appeal taken to the Supreme Court by the defendant, when he secured a new trial, the tribunal held that testimony concerning Sanders with Wootton's disappearance was admissible, in that it tended to corroborate the evidence showing that the signature of Wootton's name to the \$1000 draft could not be genuine.

Judge Cook said that no matter what his own opinion might be he would have to recognize the rulings of the Supreme Court as the law in the case, and, therefore, allow the testimony which the defense claimed was extraneous. The court stated that he wanted the record to show that he permitted the testimony on this ground, as his own view did not conform with that of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Short objected to the introduction of the indirect testimony shortly after Rohloff was placed upon the stand, as Attorney Hines for the prosecution immediately began questioning the witness regarding Wootton's disappearance from the ranch on August 1, 1894.

Witness Rohloff made a change in his testimony from the stand at the last trial. He today contradicted the former assertion that on his visit to the ranch the week before he took Wootton away Sanders had been in the room with Wootton's body, were mistaken as to dates.

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NOTE OF VIRGINIA.

Paine's Celery Compound in High Favor in His Family.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9.—Congressman Peter J. Oey has distinguished himself by active and honorable service in the House of Representatives, where he was sent from the Sixth District of Virginia. On the floor of the House and in the committee-rooms he is a conspicuous advocate of measures for the advancement of good government.

DEAR SIR: For years I have been a great sufferer from neuralgia, and during the past winter was advised to try your Paine's celery compound, and I used two bottles with it with great benefit. I was so much pleased with it that I persuaded my brother, John Floyd, to use it. He had been having bad form of nervous dyspepsia, and now, after using the compound for two months, is so much improved that we feel sure a third bottle will complete his cure. Every one has spoken of the marked change for the better in his appearance. Respectfully,

Mrs. MALLIE FLOYD OYER. This is one of some fifteen or twenty letters from United States Congressmen and members of their families that have recently appeared in the newspapers here, all recommending Paine's celery compound.

One of the most eminent physicians in the city, being interviewed by one of the papers, says: "Paine's celery compound marks a tremendous stride in the cure of diseases. No remedy has ever succeeded in driving out the underlying causes of nervous exhaustion, and it is rapidly becoming a knowledge of nervous exhaustion. It cures every line."

General Manager Nevin said that no extensions of the Southern California would be made at present, but that after the consolidation of the Southern California with the Atlantic and Pacific, which he thought would take place in a few weeks, something of the kind might take place.

MONTEREY AND MONADNOCK PREPARING TO LEAVE SAN DIEGO. SAN DIEGO, CAL., April 16.—The paymasters of the United States coast defense monitors Monterey and Monadnock have been very busy all day taking on small lots of extra provisions and settling accounts uptown. The vessels themselves will sail at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning for San Diego, whence they will go to the coast slowly to Mare Island, arriving there about May 10. The Monterey has been in port since January 23 and the Monadnock since January 24.

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