

for the downtrodden, poor children of the late James G. Fair...

GAME DR. LEEK WINS THE TROT

Sensational Finishes on the Los Angeles Track.

Marquise, Jim Czeman and Gold Dust Take the Running Events.

Searchlight, Joe Wheeler and Silkwood Will Match Their Speed To-Day.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Oct. 15.—The attendance and the betting at Agricultural Park this afternoon showed a marked improvement.

The 2:30 trot, caped by Dr. Leek, was by far the best feature of the card, the finishes at the end of the several heats keeping the spectators in the grand stand in great hubbub of excitement.

The opening event, a mile selling affair, saw Sink's Alvarado go to the post a 7 to 10 choice and land in the show.

There will be an special meeting of the Harbor Commissioners on the water front and the harbor of San Francisco is both general and special.

With reference to the jurisdiction of the board over the property included in the complaint in the case of the people of the State...

There is no question, however, but that the Harbor Commissioners have general control over the waterfront.

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VINCENT PLEADS FOR LUETGERT

Dwells Upon the Doubt as to the Wife's Death.

Police Score for Browbeating the Witnesses for the Defense.

Condemning a Human Being to Die Upon Circumstantial Evidence Declared Dangerous.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

CHICAGO, ILL., Oct. 15.—The intensely hot weather of to-day had but little effect upon the attendance at the Luetgert trial.

The courtroom was packed and hundreds of persons were unable to gain admittance.

Attorney Vincent, chief counsel for the defense, continued his address to the jury.

His arguments were principally directed toward the "reasonable doubt" as to the death of Mrs. Luetgert.

He vigorously attacked the evidence of witnesses, particularly in the case of Mary Siemmering, who he declared the defendant had treated more like a daughter than an employe.

The witnesses for the prosecution were held up to scorn, and Vincent declared that the prosecution had done nothing but throw mud at his client while the defense had been engaged in scraping it off.

Vincent will probably conclude his address at to-morrow's session. On Monday State's Attorney Deneen will make a five-hour speech and the case will doubtless be given to the jury late Tuesday.

"Gentlemen of the jury," said Vincent, "I intended reading to you some ten or twelve cases on circumstantial evidence, but owing to the oppressive heat, and in deference to the wishes of the court, I shall curtail my readings considerably.

But before I enter upon a further discussion of the evidence in this case I shall read to you two or three cases of interest."

Vincent thereupon read from lawbooks definitions of circumstantial evidence and the weight that was due and should be attached to it.

"I will not say that circumstances do not seem to point to guilt," observed Vincent, "but I will say—aye, and affirm with emphatic warning to you twelve men—that condemning to death a human being on purely circumstantial evidence is a dangerous proceeding. Can any juror in that jury-box say that Mrs. Luetgert will not return before I have ceased this argument? Can any of you say she will not come back to her home and her children next week, next month, next year or in ten years? I think not. I think a reasonable doubt exists in your mind, and you must give this prisoner the benefit of it. Throughout your deliberations, remember that this prisoner is entitled to the benefit of a reasonable doubt."

During all the hot afternoon session of court Vincent pleaded with the jury to spare the life of his client. He argued that there was nothing in the alleged facts to warrant the conviction of the petty servant girl, that would constitute the press-gang to commit such a diabolical crime as was laid at his door.

Mary Siemmering is a relative of Mrs. Luetgert and had been in the family for years, and was regarded as a member of the family rather than in the light of a servant, the speaker declared. Then he read the testimony of Mary Siemmering, 1886, and was apparently the family friend and had often paid her extra wages, warning her not to let Luetgert know this fact. He also recalled that the two women exchanged presents on Christmas, 1886, and was apparently on the best of terms. With but invective Luetgert's chief legal defender attacked the Police Department for alleged cruel, browbeating treatment, which had not only been imposed upon Mrs. Luetgert, but which had also been accorded other witnesses for the defense.

Vincent seemed to realize that this was the one last plea and appeal for the big man who sat within the touch of his hands, and this fact inspired the orator with eloquence and fire. In one of his outbursts he shouted, turning suddenly toward Luetgert: "They have for months been throwing mud at him, and mud at him, and mud at him. At the repetition of the phrase the speaker reached down and dashed an imaginary handful of mud in Luetgert's face. Then he stopped suddenly. Facing the jury he stood a while in silent contemplation and then added: "And we have been scraping it off."

State's Attorney Deneen was sharply criticized for the attack upon the reputation of Mrs. Luetgert, and then the lawyer declared that Mrs. Luetgert had been well treated at her home.

He recalled the fact that Luetgert and his wife had lived together eighteen years and had got along as well during their married life as people of their station and mental development usually do—no better and no worse.

Witnesses who had testified for the defense were praised, while those who had appeared for the State were declared to have been for the most part the perjured dunces of the police. Vincent declared it was his first conviction that Mrs. Luetgert had wandered away while demented, and that she was not guilty of the death of her husband.

To-morrow Vincent will speak about the rings, the experts and the soap-making. State's Attorney Deneen will appear for the State on Monday. The case will probably go to the jury Monday.

FROM A KINGDOM TO AN EMPIRE

Korea's Ruler Desires to Bring That Country Up to Modern Standards.

Unmistakable Evidence That Aspirin Nations Cannot Absorb the Domain.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 15.—The Korean legation received an official cable to-day stating: "King proclaimed himself Emperor from this date, October 15, 1897."

The King is a member of the Progressive party and shares the wish of that party to bring Korea up to modern standards. The opposition element is known as the Conservative party and is desirous of preserving the old traditions and governmental system of the country. Mr. Soh, who recently died here, was the leading figure of the progressive element. The present Korean Minister is a member of the Conservative party. The act taken by the King in proclaiming himself Emperor after to-day is regarded as a final stroke of the progressive and modern element.

The change also has another aspect.

PLEDGES MADE TO WHEELMEN

Capital City Candidates Appear Before the Cyclists.

Each Aspirant Promises to Labor for Street Improvements.

Bright Prospects for Sacramento in the Matter of Better Thoroughfares.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Oct. 15.—"What's that?" said a startled pedestrian as he looked upon a terrible tumult on Ninth street at about 8 o'clock to-night. "Is it a fight?"

"Nope," replied a bystander, "them's candidates trying to get in and square themselves with the Capital City Wheelmen."

"Sure enough" on the bulletin board of the club a harmless looking little notice read: Candidates for office at the coming election will be given an opportunity to-night of stating their position on the question of good streets.

That little notice was the cause of the commotion which extended to the center of Ninth street.

Whether it was a struggle for the candidates to get in, or the wheelmen to get out, or both, matters not. Sufficient is it that they were all there, perfectly willing to "R. S. V. P." to the little notice on the wall. Republicans, Democrats, Populists, Citizens, Independents, all were there, each vying with the other in his professions of faith in the religion of the wheelmen—"good roads."

"They 'fell in according to height," and Russ Stephens led off, with the proud boast that his position on such matters not only found a demonstration but a monument to his labors along the line of street improvement in the magnificent mile of pavement which encircles Capital Park.

Leonard listened attentively to the Stephens oration, and when he arose the aged gentleman felt that the effort of a lifetime was about to be made, and it was. Leonard never arose in an ordinary meeting of the board of trustees more self-possessed. There was no reticence in his voice or manner, nothing hurried, nothing simulated. The calmness of superior strength was visible everywhere—in countenance, voice and bearing. His exordium was grand, and to cap the climax, with a master stroke of political sagacity, he promised the club that if elected he would select a Street Superintendent from the bicyclists of the city.

Stephens moved unweildly in his chair and Hubbard bit his finger-nails to the quick.

The Citizens' candidate followed and made the pledges of the other two. William Land, by no means, took a back seat on the pledge proposition, and the boys were much irritated when he spoke, for they all know that, after all, his pledge is the best, for he will be the only one who will ever be in a position to fulfill it.

The "smaller fry" came next, and in no time on the road were they all on the heads of the ticket in their promises to do many things for the wheelmen if elected.

Taking it all in all, it was a very satisfactory meeting for the cyclists, because if there is one question which is beyond the possible fate of an issue it is that of good streets. Every candidate on every ticket is pledged to it, and every pledge will be fulfilled. As Charles Payne, the Republican nominee for Trustee for the Third, said to-night: "Why, Sacramento is on the eve of the greatest street-improvement era in her history. With the fact that she is now at her very door—from the great rock-curve in front of Folsom—there is no reason in the world why Sacramento should not be one of the best paved cities in the United States."

T. Pennish of the Ninth has a good record to his credit on street improvement, and with Lipman and Douglas, both enthusiastic on the question, there can be no doubt or speculation upon the result.

"There is one hobby that I shall have," said Lipman, "it will be that of pushing along such work as Nineteenth street now shows. I believe in a general and comprehensive plan—one which will take hold of a street and complete it throughout its length. I do not believe in patchwork when it comes to our city thoroughfares."

"These are my sentiments," said Phil Doney, who was standing by. "Get our streets over the hump and the future would be a trifle. Maintaining streets is like maintaining a railroad track. They should at the outset be put into first-class shape and then kept so by constant attention."

BOLD REVOLT OF LORD LONDONDERRY.

Tenders His Resignation as President of the Conservative Union.

Objects to the Free Hand Allowed Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

LONDON, ENGL., Oct. 15.—At the conference of the Northern Union of Conservative Associations at the Berkeley-on-Tweed to-day Lord Londonderry tendered his resignation of the presidency of the union. His reasons were set forth in a letter to the executive committee, in the course of which he said: "The principle of Free Conservatism has been cast to the winds by our leaders in passing the workmen's compensation bill. Among Conservatives throughout the north of England the feeling is one of bitter disappointment and disaffection at the conduct of these leaders."

"If unalloyed it will lead to a serious split in the party. It is due, I am convinced, to a subordination of Conservative principles to the dominating will of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, whose radical views on home politics Conservatives have always disapproved, however much they may have admired him as an individual."

"In these circumstances the committee will understand my reluctance to continue as president of a union nominally Conservative, but which, unless it puts a stop to the action of our leaders in allowing Mr. Chamberlain so free a hand in home legislation, is virtually an organization for the promotion of radical measures."

Lord Londonderry's position and definition of policy were unanimously indorsed by the union and he was re-elected president of the union.

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