

CONVICTS OUT ON PAROLE

Prison Directors Find Great Good Comes From the System.

It Is the Making of Many Honest Citizens, so They Say.

More Jute Ordered From India to Prevent Running Short—Bennett at Work.

There were several matters of interest before the Board of State Prison Directors who met yesterday at San Quentin. Lack of a quorum prevented the board from taking up any of the petitions for parole, of which there are many.

Warden Hale in his report to the board stated that during the three years the system has been in operation, but one prisoner has committed himself in such a manner as to make his release necessary. At the present time there are about sixty men out on parole from San Quentin and about forty from Folsom. Warden Hale read the monthly reports that the ticket-leave men are required to make of themselves, substantiated by the Sheriff or constable of the place in which they reside, and these letters showed that nearly every one of them is engaged in some legitimate calling. Those who are not have sickness for their excuse. Many of these men have several hundred dollars to their account, money earned since their probationary release.

"From all that I can hear," said the Warden, "these men are leading honest and worthy lives, and the board has not been imposed upon in granting them their leave to prove that there is still in them that which will make them useful and trustworthy citizens."

The members of the board are convinced of this, and it is their desire to release as many as are deserving of the consideration. In this matter they are taking every precaution. As one of the directors said, they desire to save as many as possible from following criminal lives by giving them a chance to reform, and at the same time save the State from a large expense for their keeping.

Warden Hale recently returned from the East, and during his trip he visited nearly every penitentiary of note. He reported that in nearly all the same system of management is pursued. There is but one place, he said, where the system is better, and that is the Cherry Hill prison in Philadelphia. There convicts are kept in solitary confinement and never allowed to speak to any one except their guards. They are then blindfolded upon entering the prison in order to keep them from knowing the plan of the building.

Nowhere are the prisoners better fed than in this State. In some of the prisons visitors are admitted to the workroom of the prisoners upon the payment of a small admission fee, which, considering the large numbers who go, helps out to some extent in the expenses.

The Warden's report of the jute mill showed: Number of grain bags on hand, 1,878,500; number sold during the month, 4,258,928; shipped, 4,102,728; sold awaiting shipment, 136,200; on hand available for sale, 312 cuts of grain bags, 1894, 3094; 1895, 3040; 1896, 3260; 1897, 4300.

The amount of jute, as shown, will only run to next March, and the cargo on the way will keep the mill running until about February, 1898. Should anything happen to the sailing vessel that is on the way the mill would have to be shut down.

To prevent anything like this from happening the directors decided that as the present price of jute is lower than usual it would be better to send on to India another 1000 bales, to be sent by steamer.

The meeting of the directors brought joy to one man—William Edwards, or "Bully," as he was familiarly called for the past twelve years. Fourteen years ago a number of men congregated in a little house several miles out from Auburn, Placer County, and liquor of the moonshine flowed freely. The cry ended in the killing of one man. The man who was shot and killed his assailant. The verdict was imprisonment for life, and as Edwards was, and is still, a young man, the sentence was regarded as severe. During his stay in prison Edwards has been messenger in the Warden's office, and has been an exemplary prisoner. The cause of his great joy was that on the board decided to recommend that his sentence be commuted to twenty years. With his good citizenship credits he will be a free man in fourteen months. Many prominent citizens have interested themselves in his behalf.

FOUND NO GOLD AT MINOOK.

C. Cumbers Says That the Creek Was "Salted" to Boom the State.

Charles W. Cumbers, who started for the Klondike last fall, has returned to the city, having been unable to get any farther north than Fort Yukon. He stopped three or four days at Minook Creek and staked out a couple of claims, but, finding them worthless, left them.

"The talk of gold on Minook Creek," he said, "is all fake. There isn't an ounce of gold in that part of the country. Any number of miners have sunk to bedrock there without getting a show of color, and have quit in disgust. The whole cry of gold there is only a scheme on the part of real estate men to boom the town of Minook. When a tenderfoot strikes the town, he is shown plenty of gold by the men interested in booming the place, but an experienced miner will tell you that all the yellow metal shown is Klondike gold. One man from Seattle, who went up on the steamer with me, had \$1000 worth of California dust, which he told me was taking up to use for 'salting' purposes."

Minook is used for a supply station by the merchants, and a good many of the miners from Dixon come down there to winter, so it is a pretty good town so far as business goes; but for mining—well, there is no gold there. I am going back in the spring, but I won't try it at Minook again."

Not Williams, Dimond & Co.

In regard to the item published on the 12th inst., regarding a suit for \$9735 alleged to be due by H. A. Williams of Williams, Dimond & Co. on a bill of exchange accepted by them, the London Bank of Australia (limited), it is pertinent to note that the same does not refer to Mr. Williams, late partner of Williams, Dimond & Co., nor to that firm in particular.

Rev. Mr. David Returns.

Rev. J. S. David, minister of the Swedish Mission Society of this city, returned yesterday from a two months' touring tour in Oregon. He is enthusiastic over that State as a secure field, and expects to return to it in January.

Cure your cold with Low's household cough syrup, price 10c, 47 Sansome st. *

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Dress Goods.

Do you want something new for a Thanksgiving gown? Something out of the ordinary? Something appropriate to your individuality? Try Hale's.

\$2.80 Suit—A special lot of strictly all-wool chevrons, very heavy, 4-sleeved design, 3 coats to each design; a 7-yard suit for..... Suit

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FANCY BIRDS, blue and black, orange and brown..... \$1.00 pair

NATURAL BIRDS, brown, green, black..... 60c pair

LARGE NATURAL GRAY BIRDS..... \$1.00 each

GRAY BIRD, white quill and wings..... 95c pair

WHITE BIRD, white quill and wings..... 35c to 75c pair

OSTRICH TIPS, 3 in a bunch..... 75c to \$1.25 bunch (each in white, cream, brown, blue or black).

OSTRICH TIPS (BLACK), 3 in a bunch..... 75c to \$1.25 bunch

BLACK OSTRICH PLUMES..... 50c to \$2.00 each

HANDKERCHIEFS

LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS, white, lace edge effects..... 5c to 25c

LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS, white, lace and insertion..... 12½c

LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS, all-wool, linen, lace edge..... 15c

LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS, Swiss, embroidered and scalloped edges..... 7½, 12½, and 25c

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STRIPED WOOL EIDERDOWNS, a big variety of fancy stripes for baby gowns, dressing gowns, baby garments, smoking jackets, etc., 17-inch, at Hale's..... 25c Yard

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NEW SILK LINES, one case just placed in stock, a big assortment of the prettiest patterns we have seen, on sale..... 10c Yard

WHITE CROCHET BED SPREADS, for large double beds, hemmed and ready to use, a good \$1.25 spread, at Hale's..... 95c Each

MARSEILLES SPREADS, big size, for large double beds, extra heavy quality, at \$1.75 spread for..... \$1.50 A \$2.50 spread for..... \$2.15

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SAN DIEGO'S GREAT GRASP

Wants the Marion for Her Branch of the Naval Reserve.

It Is Not Certain, However, That the Warship Will Be Sent South.

Captain Louis Turner Will Make a Strong Effort to Keep the Vessel Here.

The members of the local divisions of the naval militia are not going to give the old warship Marion up to the San Diego boys without a struggle. Preparations for the reception of the vessel here have already begun and they will not be stopped unless the unexpected happens and the vessel is turned over at once to the San Diego reserve.

The local membership in the militia is four times greater here than it is at San Diego, so it is certainly not "the good of the service" that the Secretary of the Navy will be considering if he sends the Marion south.

The question arises, however, if the Marion remains here would the Camanche ever reach San Diego? Either one boat or the other will go south and the question of the seaworthiness of the old monitor will have to be tested before the ventures on a voyage down the coast.

The sailors on the British ship Netherby have a very poor opinion of their officers. Some of the men deserted in Newcastle, Australia, and were sent to jail. The Newcastle Herald says:

Three seamen, who were being taken from the Maitland jail on Saturday to be put on board the Netherby, smashed five railway carriage windows between them so that they might be sent back to the jail, which they declared "was like a rat hole compared to the lie they were subjected to on the vessel."

For smashing the railway windows the men got twenty-one days each, and were then put aboard the vessel, which is now on her way to San Francisco, via a South America port.

A broken electric car wire caused a stampede at the Tiburon ferry yesterday. It parted at one of the joints and three strands dangled in the air emitting a shower of sparks every time it came in contact with a trolley. It was over an hour before the break was repaired, and during that time a policeman had to stand guard over each strand in order to keep the people away from them. One man in his hurry to catch his boat put out his hand to put the wire out of his way, and had not Sergeant Hayes of the State police pushed him aside, he would have been shocked to death. The cars did not stop running, but simply jumped the break and kept going.

The steamer Walla Walla arrived from

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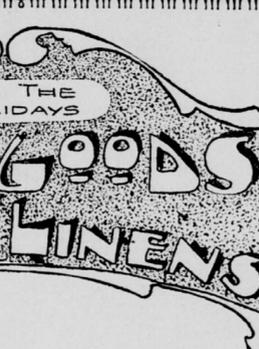
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POPULIST WAR CLUBS DESCEND

In the Ruins Haskell Still Holds Down the Boss' Pedestal.

An Abortive Attempt to Consign Him to the Shades of Oblivion.

Why an Opposition Candidate Was Snowed Under—A Hint to Maguire—Members Rebuked.

Burnette G. Haskell can still wave his banner to the breeze, and proclaim proudly with his usual parti-colore oratory that he is the only one entitled to the prefix "boss" when reference is made to the local People's party.

But there are other aspirants, and here lately there has been considerable pow-pow going on, the result of which is an alleged attempt to dethrone the famous leader of Kaweah known that proved signally abortive. There is only one "B. G.," and so far he has proved his ability to stay. In fact, the only thing in existence up to date that has triumphed over the Populist sachem is an electric car, and that victory doesn't count for much on account of the fact that the car is not in politics.

The so-called scheme to relegate the "boss" to the shades of political oblivion was hatched not long ago when he removed from the Thirty-fourth Assembly District, from which he was a delegate to the County Committee. Then it is alleged that a certain person went down into the district vacated and had a meeting called, at which it was the intention to fill the space left by the absence of Mr. Haskell's silk hat and fighting shoes. A. B. Kinne is supposed to know all about the affair. There were only three members of the club present and the plan went by the board.

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CITY GUARD OFFICERS.

Captain Filmer and Lieutenant Sturtevant Recommended for Re-election.

The Choice Will Be Made To-Morrow Night at the Page-Street Armory.

A meeting of the members of the City Guard, N. G. C., was held last evening in the rooms of the company in the old armory, Market and Tenth streets, for the purpose of nominating candidates for election to the offices of captain and first lieutenant, both of which positions would be left vacant by the expiration of the club present and the plan went by the board.

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Eminent Lawyer Afflicted With Inflammation of the Optic Nerves.

As Chief Counsel for Mrs. Nettie Craven He Over-Worked Himself.

Rumors That He Will Soon Sever His Connection With Mr. Shortridge.

Nettie R. Craven's claim against the estate of the late James G. Fair has resulted in great physical discomfiture to that lady's chief counsel, D. M. Delmas. The nights of study and research expended by the attorney in building the case of his client has resulted in a serious defect of vision.