

MATAAFA'S RETURN TO THE SAMOAN ISLES

Great Feast Held in His Honor.

CANDIDATES FOR THE THRONE

SOME REBELS FAVOR MATAAFA, OTHERS TAMASESE.

Chief Justice Rejects the Claim of the President of the Municipal Council to Control the Government.

Special Correspondence of The Call.

APIA, Oct. 3.—As was to be expected, the death of Maitoia has brought forward quite a crop of candidates for the Kingship of Samoa. The return of Mataafa, the Catholic chief, who has been held in exile for some years by the Germans, has only complicated matters. Naturally Mataafa's adherents, and they are many, are agitating for his return to the throne, and he seems to stand a fair chance of success.

When the steamer Mariposa left Apia on October 3 there were no less than four candidates for the throne in the field. On the 30th of September the Tumua party at Leulumoega sent a dispatch to the Government at Mulinu, informing them that it had been decided to elect Mataafa King. This coming from the rebels under Tamasese, himself a claimant for the throne, was astounding news, but its value was discounted a few days later when a letter came from Tamasese himself. He stated that, although he and his party were present at the meeting which decided in favor of Mataafa, he did not agree with the selection. This is quite in accord with Samoan political tactics, for natives who happen to be in the minority invariably refuse to be bound by the voice of the majority.

Just about the same time the loyal natives of the Tuamasaga district, who have the privilege of naming the succeeding Maitoia, the name always given to the King, announced that they had chosen Paalata, a nephew of the late King, as his nominee, and were prepared to uphold him at all costs. Then another division of the Government at Mulinu asserted that they would support Mataafa, while others are in favor of Tanu, the son of Laupepa.

Altogether politics in Samoa are in an extremely mixed state, but fortunately there is not much danger of bloodshed. The various parties are so divided among themselves that there is little likelihood of their gathering up a sufficient following for a war, apart from the fact that the British and German men-of-war now in Apia would immediately suppress any rising at its cost.

Mataafa's return to Samoa was the signal for a great feast, which was attended by natives of all parties, as well as by the three Consuls representing the treaty powers, the Chief Justice, the president of the municipal council and the officers of the German warship Buzzard.

The desire of Dr. Raffel, the Samoan president of the municipal council, to obtain control of the Samoan Government received a fatal blow by a decision given by Chief Justice Chambers. Dr. Raffel had a dispute with a British resident, Mr. Cun, over a letter written by the late King. The president claimed exclusive control of the royal correspondence, and even went so far as to assert that the King had no right to write a letter on official matters without his consent. The Chief Justice overruled this absurd contention, and ordered the president to return the letter in dispute and to pay the costs of the action.

Benicia Night Watchman Missing.

BENICIA, Oct. 19.—Andrew J. Hyde, who had been employed as night watchman at the Baker & Hamilton Agricultural Works since 1885, mysteriously disappeared last Saturday night, and to the present time nothing has been discovered as to his whereabouts. At 10 o'clock that night he was seen by the other watchman in the office attending his usual work. He was 34 years of age, about 5 feet 7 inches and weighed about 165 pounds. When he left he was dressed in his working clothes and had very little money with him.

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DRAUGHT FROM BED AT NIGHT

Attempted Abduction at Watsonville.

GIRL OF TWELVE THE VICTIM

VILLAINS THRAWED BY HER SCREAMS.

Mysterious Crime That Startles the Town—Important Clues Lead to the Arrest of Suspects.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

WATSONVILLE, Oct. 19.—The residence of Postmaster B. A. Osborn of this place was entered about 2 o'clock this morning by two men and his daughter Edna, a child of about 12 years, was carried from her bed into the rear yard, where she managed to escape from her captors by making an outcry which awoke her father, who came to her rescue. The men made their escape by climbing a rear fence and driving away in a horse and buggy which had been stolen from a neighbor next door, and which was found early this morning without a driver on the other side of the river. This child was not hurt, except a few bruises on her throat, which were made by her attempted abductor, who grasped her throat with his hand to prevent her making an outcry.

The officers found a clew this morning in the shape of a receipt for a load of beet-which was delivered at the factory in the name of James Redman—in the bottom of the buggy, and have arrested the driver and the man and woman, to whom the receipt had been delivered by the weigher. Both are young men of Spanish extraction. One is named Romero, but the other declines to give his name.

A further clew is obtained in a quantity of the child's hair, which was found on the coat buttons of one of the men. While they have not been formally charged with the crime both are held on suspicion. Residents of Watsonville have been greatly annoyed of late by repeated burglaries and they are much excited over this sensational climax.

NEARLY A FATAL END TO A LOVERS' QUARREL

Evelyn McCrasky Takes Poison at Larkspur, but is Saved by a Physician.

LARKSPUR, Oct. 19.—"Frank, you are my murderer. You are going to desert me and I cannot live without you." With these bitter words of reproach Evelyn McCrasky, a tall, handsome brunette who has been spending the summer here, lifted a vial to her lips and drained the contents.

The attempted suicide was the result of a heated quarrel Sunday evening between the girl and her lover, Frank Gazele, a detective employed at the Emporium in San Francisco. One word led to another until Gazele rose in a passion and started toward the door, exclaiming, "I never wish to see you again." The girl's response and her action arrested his progress, and upon the reply that it was poison he rushed out in search of a physician.

A physician was found and arrived in time to save the rash girl's life. She had taken a large dose of poison and was in a condition when medical assistance was rendered. The patient's condition is even yet precarious, owing to the inflammation caused by the poison.

Miss McCrasky expressed herself to the physician as sorry that she had attempted to take the poison, and promised not to try it again. This was her second attempt. It was only about two months ago that the lovers quarreled and the girl tried to drown herself in a tub of water. A reconciliation was brought about by the death of Gazele's father, and it is not probable that Gazele will risk causing a repetition of the occurrence.

RECALLS A COLLAPSE THAT RUINED MANY

Heavy Judgment in Foreclosure Suit Against the Defunct Shasta Lumber Company.

REDDING, Oct. 19.—The largest judgment in the history of the Superior Court of Shasta County was given by Judge Sweeney Monday in an action for the foreclosure of mortgage against the defunct Shasta Lumber Company. The Commercial and Savings Bank of San Jose was awarded \$284,600 and costs and the Wells-Fargo Bank of San Francisco secured judgment in the sum of \$170,000.

The judgments cannot be realized on, but serve to recall the financial crash in the affairs of the big lumbering company of a couple of years ago, when H. J. Jose lost more than a half million dollars and other results of the Shasta County had their fortunes impaired by the failure. The great property has since passed into the possession of the E. Terry of Sacramento for a consideration of \$100,000, hardly a tenth of the amount sunk in it.

A swarm of lawyers from San Francisco and San Jose were in court watching the proceedings, which finally quiet title to the entire property to the present owner.

SUICIDE NEAR CHICO.

An Aged Unknown Sends a Bullet Through His Brain.

CHICO, Cal., Oct. 19.—At 4 o'clock this afternoon the body of a man with a revolver tightly grasped in his right hand was found on the bank of Chico Creek, about three miles north of this city. The position of the body indicates that the man sat down on the ground with his back against a tree and placed the muzzle of the revolver in his mouth and shot a bullet into his brain.

The body, which has not been identified, is that of a man about 50 years old, white hair and mustache, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighing about 175 pounds, well dressed in clothes that appear to have been made to order.

CALIFORNIA RAISINS ABROAD.

Growers Make Special Prices for Canada and Germany.

FRESNO, Oct. 19.—The directors of the California Raisin Growers' Association have made special prices for Canada and Germany to enable the California raisins to compete in those countries with the Spanish article. A rebate of half a cent a pound was made on one and two crowns and a quarter of a cent on three and four crowns. The protective tariff shuts off ruinous competition in this country.

Ian MacLaren's New Love Story, "Saved by Faith," will be published in next Sunday's Call.

Allen Acquitted at San Rafael.

SAN RAFAEL, Oct. 19.—Harry Allen, who was arrested for shooting Joseph Malatesta at Tamalpais and charged with assault with intent to commit murder, was tried in the Superior Court today on suspicion of the charge. The jury was in deliberation less than five minutes.

SICKNESS AMONG TROOPS AMONG HAWAII

Many Patients in Hospitals at Honolulu.

THREE IMPORTANT AILMENTS

MALARIA, RHEUMATISM AND DYSENTERY FIND VICTIMS.

There Will Be No Delay in Establishing at the Islands a Considerable Naval Station.

Correspondence of The Call.

HONOLULU, Oct. 19.—Private James M. Wall, Company C, First New York, is in the military hospital paralyzed from head to feet and suffering from a severe concussion. He will recover, but after several weeks of careful nursing. Yesterday he could not move a muscle in his body; last night, however, he could bend his fingers and talk. His condition is due to a dive in shallow water at Waikiki, his head coming in contact with a rock at the bottom.

There were last night 130 patients in the military hospital. One is quite low of fever and may die. Malaria, rheumatism and dysentery are the principal ailments. Homesickness does not help matters any. The rheumatism patients are all from northern latitudes, which is considered strange. There is more malaria in the camps than was reasonably to be expected. This is for the most part due to the habits of the men.

Captain Tanner, U. S. N., has made draft on the Public Works Office here for wharf and excavation plans so that he may call for bids for United States water front upon his return to the coast. Much information was given Captain Tanner by Superintendent Rowell. It is now certain that there will be no delay in establishing here a considerable naval station.

In the case of Rose Bertliner, who sued the City of Columbia for \$5000 damages for false imprisonment, and whose case was taken out of court by Judge Perry, an appeal has been taken by her attorney, who sets up the following grounds: That the evidence was conclusive and establishes beyond question that the libelant was unlawfully and improperly imprisoned, assaulted, assaulted and shamefully treated by the master of the vessel; that the evidence does not sustain the findings of fact of the trial court in favor of the respondent nor is there any justification or excuse made upon the part of the master or the respondents. The libelant therefore excepts to all the findings of the court and to the decision and decree entered.

In the matter of licenses, about which so much controversy has been had of late, a retail spirit license was issued today, which, in addition to the usual printed matter, contained the following in red ink: "It is further conditioned that there shall be no screens nor other things obstructing the view of the interior of the saloon, and that no sign be placed at the entrance of the licensed place."

If this is all that is asked by the present Government, it will not trouble many of the saloons, and it is already. On inquiry among the saloon keepers they say unanimously that they are willing to accept any fair restrictions upon their trade and that they feel that Messrs. Thurston and Hatch, who have both represented the former Hawaiian Government at Washington, will see that their cause is properly argued.

Justice W. F. Frear leaves for Washington to attend sessions of the Hawaiian Commission before Congress assembles. He takes away a huge mass of documents prepared from the Government departments.

OUTSIDE COUNSEL IN COUNTY LITIGATION

Supreme Court Decision That May Deprive a Local Law Firm of a Big Fee.

SAN RAFAEL, Oct. 19.—A question regarding the legality of Boards of Supervisors employing outside counsel to conduct county litigation has been brought forward by Frank H. Taylor, a well-known attorney of this city, in connection with the overpaid taxes due the various counties from the State.

A decision of the Supreme Court of the State of California is quoted showing that the District Attorney of a county is the officer required by law to collect the sums due the county from any source whatsoever, and this decision if applicable in the present instance will cause Rodgers, Paterson & Slack, the well-known San Francisco law firm, to lose a large sum in fees.

The amount said to be due the county of Marin is \$12,000. Rodgers, Paterson & Slack have contracted with the Supervisors to collect this amount for a contingent fee of 50 per cent of a total of \$6000. If the Supreme Court decision applies in this instance the District Attorney will have to conduct the case and the county be saved \$6000.

The decision referred to was given in an action brought by the State against H. W. H. Cook, the Auditor, from issuing his warrant in favor of Frank H. Taylor for the sum of \$250. This sum was claimed for services rendered to the county under a contract of employment entered into with the Board of Supervisors.

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COMING TO CHRISTEN THE WISCONSIN

Miss Stephenson to Be Accompanied Here by Some Distinguished People From Wisconsin.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 19.—The Wisconsin battle-ship commission, which is in charge of the launching of the battle-ship Wisconsin in San Francisco at 9 o'clock on November 26, is rapidly completing the arrangements. Miss Elizabeth Stephenson, daughter of ex-Congressman John Stephenson of Wisconsin, who is to christen the Wisconsin, reached Milwaukee from Europe to-day. Her father will bear the entire expense of the party to California. The start will be made here November 17. The official invitations have been sent to the ex-Congressman Stephenson, who is to be the host of the occasion, has asked some of his friends informally. The Stephenson party will number about twenty, including, besides the family and a few maritime friends, Governor and Mrs. Scofield, Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Baensch, Senator and Mrs. John L. Mitchell, Senator and Mrs. John C. Spooner and the members of the commission and their wives, Dr. Reynolds and Messrs. Beyer and Stebbins.

This party will travel in one of the finest Pullman coaches in the country and will have a special dining car. Mr. Stephenson bears the entire expense of the party and the invitations, except those to his family and immediate friends, will be made through the commission.

Crushed to Death Under a Wagon.

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THE CONTROLLER GIVES SOME MOST IMPORTANT TOTALS.

San Francisco, of Course, Leads as the Richest County, and Los Angeles Is Second on the List.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 19.—State Controller Colgan has completed a statement of great interest to taxpayers of California. Among other things it gives the grand total value of assessed property in and the indebtedness of each county. San Francisco, of course, is in the lead with a total assessment of \$352,533,515, while second on the list is Los Angeles with \$93,256,053. The appended table tells the story:

Table with columns: COUNTIES, Grand Total Value of Assessed Property, Total County Indebtedness. Lists counties from Alameda to Yuba with their respective values and debts.

Totals \$1,120,885,027 \$4,085,512 90

ALICE RIX

Writes About "THE KING OF THE SLEUTHS" IN NEXT SUNDAY'S CALL.

ROMANTIC WEDDING ON AN OVERLAND TRAIN

Dr. F. F. Taylor of Davisville, Cal., and Miss Mamie S. Wade of Roanoke, Va., United.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—A Columbus (Ohio) special to the Herald says: One of the most romantic weddings in Cupid's vast record of matrimonial events took place on board a train at the Union depot in this city to-day. The principals were Thomas F. Taylor, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Davisville, Cal., and Miss Mamie S. Wade of Roanoke, Va. Dr. Taylor left Roanoke several years ago to seek his fortune in the West. Correspondence followed with the fair Virginia lady, and after years of waiting they decided to meet at some city between California and Virginia and be married. The wedding ceremony was performed on the train, and the happy couple left on the same train, with Dr. Taylor being as one, for their far Western home.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION.

German National Bank of Pittsburg Found to Be Solvent.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Bank Examiner Young has reported to the Comptroller of the Currency that in his judgment the German National Bank of Pittsburg, which closed its doors yesterday, is solvent. The report states that the failure of A. Groening, the president of the bank, resulted in a run, and the directors closed the doors for the purpose of voluntary liquidation. The capital of the bank is \$250,000, and at the time of the last report, September 30, the surplus amounted to \$253,347, due to individual depositors, \$1,520,685, due to national banks and bankers, \$359,123; total resources \$2,533,708.

COLORED MASONS TABOED.

Grand Lodge of Kentucky Resolves on Non-Intercourse.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 19.—The Grand Lodge of Kentucky Masons, at its session to-day, unanimously adopted the resolution reported by its political committee, which recommends non-intercourse between the Grand Lodge of this State and the Grand Lodge of Washington because of the action of the latter in admitting negro lodges. The motion to adopt was seconded by fifty Master Masons.

It was also decided to bring forward and inform Masons, \$40,000 of the necessary \$50,000 for this purpose having been raised.

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DEMOCRATIC DISTRICT MEETINGS.

MAYOR PHELAN, FRANKLIN K. LANE, BARCLAY HENLEY

THURSDAY, OCT. 20.

FOR MAYOR: JAMES D. PHELAN, REGULAR DEMOCRATIC AND NON-PARTISAN NOMINEE.

FOR ASSESSOR, JOHN D. SIEBE, REPUBLICAN, NON-PARTISAN AND POPULIST NOMINEE.

FOR COUNTY CLERK, W. M. A. DEANE, REGULAR REPUBLICAN NOMINEE.

FOR RAILROAD COMMISSIONER, CHAS. S. LAUMEISTER, REPUBLICAN NOMINEE.

FOR CORONER, DR. C. C. O'DONNELL, AND THE DEAD WILL BE RESPECTED.

FOR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, RHODES BORDEN, DEMOCRATIC, NON-PARTISAN AND PEOPLE'S PARTY NOMINEE.

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