

OFFICERS OF STATE ARE CAUGHT OFFERING POSITIONS OF TRUST TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER

New Scandal Disgraces the Administration of Governor Gage—James L. King, a Prominent Citizen, Makes a Remarkable Expose and Reveals the Existence of a Traffic in Notaries Public.

H. T. Smith, Representing Himself as the Agent of His Friend and Benefactor, Henry C. Dibble, Receives Part Payment in a Dishonest Sale of an Important and Lucrative Position in the Gift of the Governor.

H. T. SMITH, ex-assistant clerk of the Assembly, acting, as he claimed, for Assemblyman Henry C. Dibble, representing the Forty-first District, and to whom Smith owed his position in the Legislature, has fallen in a deal whereby he endeavored to clear up \$500 for Dibble and himself for securing the reappointment of James L. King of this city as a notary public.

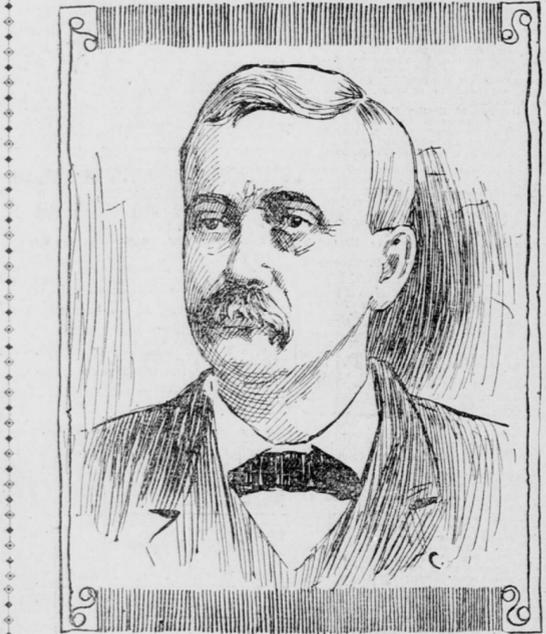
While it was perfectly reasonable, and not at all beyond a legitimate course, for the Governor to promise a legislator a certain amount of political patronage, the manner in which he ignored the King petition for nearly three months made it possible for Dibble to attempt to barter a State office and convert the Governor's favors into weapons for extortion.

James L. King's commission as a notary public expired just before the last Legislature convened. Successive Governors for years back had reappointed him without a question, and he con-

would no difficulty in securing King a commission without delay.

In his account book, at a date corresponding with the day of Smith's visit, King made this entry: "Paid H. T. Smith, expenses trip to Sacramento, \$20."

Money Paid to Smith.
Many of these trips were made. Mr. King's accounts show five of them, each at a cost to him of \$20. On his second or third visit to King Smith informed the notary that everything was fixed. He told King that the Governor had promised Assemblyman Dibble that he could name the successors to Notaries



H. T. SMITH, WHO RECEIVED A PORTION OF THE MONEY



ASSEMBLYMAN DIBBLE, WHO HAS NOTARYSHIPS FOR DISPOSAL.

acknowledge allegiance to Dan Burns.

Birds of a Feather.
Assemblyman Dibble swears by the man from Mexico. Smith made himself offensive at Sacramento lobbying for Burns, and never made a pretext of earning by legitimate labor one cent of the \$6 per diem he was drawing from the State Treasury as assistant clerk of the Assembly. The clerkship without work was Smith's compensation for buttonholing for Burns. Dibble's pay for being faithful to the boss was, among other things, the promise that he could name two of the notaries public who would be appointed by the Governor for San Francisco.

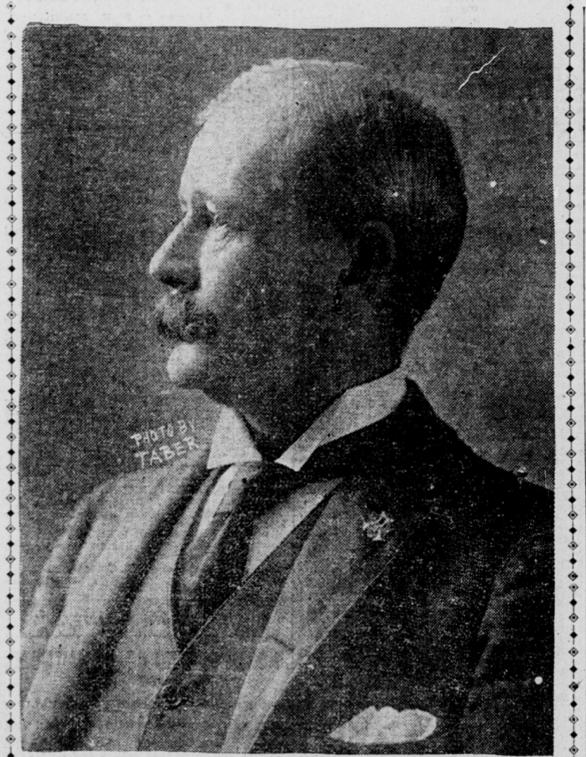
This little chunk of patronage might have been used by Dibble to reward his followers or help pave his way back into office at the next election. Dibble did not put it to any such use.

The natural propensity of the average Burns toady to gather in all the boodle in sight—the genuine, good hard stuff—made the idea of giving the plums away, to gain future political prestige, simply ridiculous. To Dibble's lights, according to the statements of Smith, the jobs were as good as merchandise; he considered them of certain commercial value, and as such offered at least one of them for sale. The price fixed was \$500.

King's Petition Ignored by Gage.
A righteous howl made directly to the Governor by James L. King, whom Smith had selected as the victim, spoiled the trade, but the transaction had reached the point where Smith actually received from King \$150.

King's petition for reappointment was one of the most formidable documents that was ever sent from San Francisco to the Chief Executive of the State. The managers of all the insurance companies, the representatives of every banking institution in the city, besides many others of the greatest prominence and standing in commercial circles, indorsed the well-known notary's petition. The document was looked upon as a matter of form only, and as a compliment to the Governor. No one questioned but that the appointment would follow in a few days. The petition was filed during the latter part of the session of the Legislature and it was "hung up" for three months. No acknowledgment of it was received by King, and the signatures of men representing the business interests of a big city were treated with contemptuous silence. This is the only blame that is attached to the Governor in this latest scandal involving State officials.

The Weapons of Extortion.
It appears almost incredible that a petition of the magnitude and importance of King's should receive no attention from the chief executive or any of his secretaries. The treatment it re-



L. L. BROMWELL, WHO INTRODUCED SMITH.

sequently grew uneasy when he received no reply to his petition to Governor Gage. Some weeks passed and he spoke of the matter to his friend L. L. Bromwell, the insurance agent and politician. Bromwell told him that he had no influence with the executive, but that he had a friend who was assistant clerk of the Assembly and was able to reach Gage by reason of the fact that he was close to Dan Burns. Bromwell promised to write in King's behalf to his friend in Sacramento.

In the course of a few days H. T. Smith left his work at the capital and visited King. The matter of the latter's appointment was discussed and Smith expressed the opinion that he

"I have got it all arranged," replied King, "but this is how I had to do it," at the same time displaying the bank notes and explaining the nature of the transaction. At King's request the friend counted the currency. There was just an even \$500 in the roll.

Before the appointment was secured at the figures named the notary again visited Bromwell at his home in Mill Valley. This was about three weeks ago. Bromwell was informed of what arrangements had been made with Smith and advised King not to pay a cent for his commission, but to seek a personal interview at once with the Governor, who was then in Sacramento arranging for the opening of the State Fair. King followed the advice. The Governor expressed astonishment at the situation and promised that King's case would be attended to at once.

Since then he has received his commission. He was given the appointment held by ex-Registrar P. F. Walsh, who was named by Governor Budd to succeed King, but who was removed by Governor Gage to make room for the latter.

Where the Places Went.

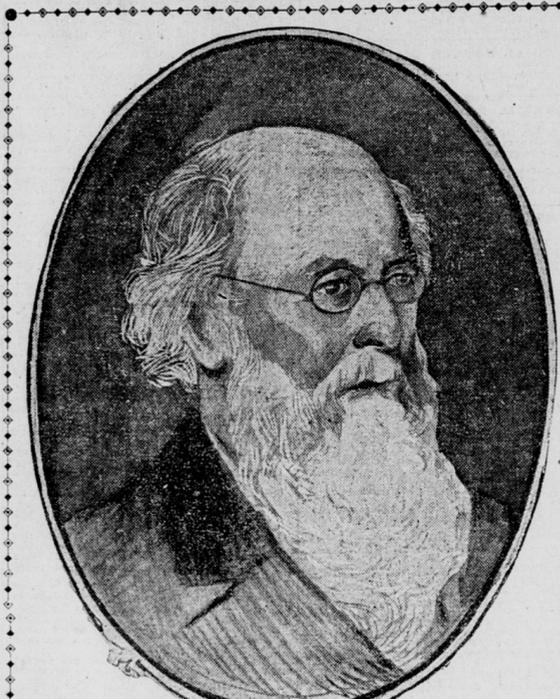
The Thomas O'Brien place, which, according to Smith, Dibble was to sell to King for \$500, went to "Jack" Williams, who is with the law firm of Bishop & Wheeler. Whether or not he paid for the position, or is the man whom Smith says Dibble started offered \$500 for it, but would be "turned down" for King, if the latter would come up with as large a sum, is a matter of conjecture.

When interviewed yesterday afternoon, Mr. King said:

"It is true that H. T. Smith came to me with the statement that he could secure my reappointment through Judge Dibble if I would pay the Assemblyman \$500. The excuse was that Dibble had been offered that much for the place, but would give me the preference. I agreed to pay \$500 for my commission, for I could see no other way to get it. During our negotiations I gave Smith \$100 in \$20 installments for his expenses in the matter, and later gave him one of the ten \$50 bank notes I was keeping for Smith, under his representation that it was to be paid to Dibble. Up to this afternoon I have been expecting Smith to call for the balance of the money, but he has not put in an appearance.

"Since I made the agreement with Smith I have had that money on my person day and night, expecting that either one of them might meet me and hand me the commission, and I wanted to be ready for them."

One of the reasons that Smith has not called to collect the remaining nine banknotes, which he claimed would have to be paid to Dibble, is that he has been sick in bed. Smith is an insurance agent. The directory gives his address



NOTARY KING, THE INTENDED VICTIM.

as 869 Shotwell street. Inquiry there last night brought the information from the landlady that Smith had never resided there, but as they were great friends he occasionally took dinner with her. She directed the reporter to 3256 Twenty-second street. Here it was learned that Smith was sick in bed and refused to respond to the rappings on his bedroom door.

L. L. Bromwell yesterday corroborated fully the statement showing his connection with the case. He said he acted only as a friend of King and had no idea that he was getting him into a bunko game when he appealed to Smith to help him.

DIBBLE MAKES DENIAL.

He Also Makes Admissions When His Memory Is Refreshed.

Judge Dibble was seen at his home last night and at first denied any knowledge of Smith or any traffic in notary appointments.

"It's an infamous lie, sir! An infamous lie!" was all the Assemblyman could say when he caught his breath. "Don't know Smith. Who is this Smith, anyhow?"

Finally he called to mind that he had applied to the Governor to give an appointment to Matthew Harris, a G. A. R. veteran, but insisted that there was no money consideration. Then he remembered that he had spoken to Gage about renewing the commission of Henry Droger.

"But there was no money about this," said Dibble. "Droger was an old clerk of mine and I favored him for old time's sake. Let me think. Oh, yes, I think I do remember this man 'Jack' Williams. Young Bishop spoke to me about him, but I do not recollect that I did anything for him. My whole fight on the notary business was for Harris."

"Now that you refresh my memory I do know this H. T. Smith. It would appear that he has been doing a little business on his own hook. I assure you that he gave me no part of the \$150 he received from King. He asked me during the session of the Legislature to assist him in getting King reappointed, but, as I have already told you, Harris was my man."

"I met Smith here in the city a week or ten days ago and asked him how he was progressing with the King appointment. He told me that everything was coming along all right. That is all I know about it and if Smith was attempting to get any money from King by the use of my name he was doing a little business on his own hook and I was not in on it."

The Wasp's Quarterly Souvenir.

The fourth edition of the Wasp Quarterly Souvenir issued to-day contains a large number of new pictures, including the presentation of medals to the California volunteers and illustrations of the arrival of all troops in San Francisco up to the present time. It is a notable fact that the Wasp is the only weekly paper that has published a special edition illustrative of the scenes attendant upon the return of the volunteers. It must be conceded that the Souvenir is the handsomest and most artistically finished publication ever issued in California. That the public appreciates this fact is proven by the orders that are coming in from all over the country. It seems almost impossible to supply the unprecedented demand. More than one-half of the latest edition has already been spoken for, and all wishing to secure a divorce from the annals of what may be regarded as one of the most memorable events in the history of California, and indeed of the United States, would do well to send in their orders immediately. It is now on sale at all news stands, price twenty-five cents.

In the Divorce Court.

Annetta F. M. Tilton has been granted a divorce from Charles H. Tilton on the ground of willful neglect. Fredericka E. Aronade was granted a divorce yesterday from Fritz E. Aronade on the ground of failure to provide. Anna S. Dalzell has secured a divorce from William Dalzell on the ground of desertion. Leah May Edward F. Henslee on the ground of extreme cruelty. Decrees of divorce have also been granted Gertrude in from from Uriah L. Hertz on the ground of neglect, and Jennie E. Morgan from W. S. Morgan, on the ground of habitual intemperance. Suits for divorce have been filed by Annetta Salisbury against Albert G. Salisbury, for failure to provide; Maggie J. Amblow against Louis G. Amblow, for intemperance; Mary A. Stevens against James C. Stevens, for desertion, and Florence M. Carson against William C. Carson, for cruelty.

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GRIEF AND DESPONDENCY.

The Cause of Mrs. Julia Bachman Shooting Herself.

Mrs. Julia Bachman, proprietress of a saloon at 551 Howard street, who shot herself early yesterday morning, is in a critical condition at the Receiving Hospital and her chances of recovery are poor. She is the wife of John E. Bachman, who was sentenced September 15, last year, to five years in San Quentin for felony embezzlement. He embezzled the funds of the Grutl Verein, of which he was treasurer, to the extent of \$800. Bennett, her bartender, is still detained in the City Prison till her condition is definitely determined. Yesterday morning, believing that she was going to die, she made the following antemortem statement to the police:

"I am 26 years old and was born in California. I am married and my husband is in San Quentin. Campbell was not in the barroom nor was he in the room when I shot myself. Bennett was on the narrow bed, I shot myself while lying on the side of the bed. Despondency and troubles caused me to do it. I am positive no one was in the room when I did it. I fell from the bed, and t.r.s caused the black eye.

Bennett also made a statement. It was to the effect that early in the evening he had a "little argument" with Mrs. Bachman about paper flowers. When she went to shoot herself he thought she had left the saloon to go to bed. He was in the barroom alone when the shot was fired under the woman's head. He then went out and sent a man named Clements for a policeman.

Mrs. Bachman has a son, a boy 7 years of age, who is living temporarily with his grandparents in Martinez. An x-ray will be made with the aid of the X-ray, to locate the bullet.

Wanted in Yolo.

William Berger was arrested last night by Detectives Avron and Gibson and locked up at the Central station, en route to Black Point, Yolo County, where he is wanted to answer a charge of assault to murder.

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Evans Held to Answer.
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Both Feet Terribly Crushed.
Nollie Gerndstaff, a member of Company Thirty-first Infantry, met with an accident yesterday afternoon. He was at Fourth and Townsend streets and jumped on a freight train to ride to the next block. He fell off and the wheels passed over his feet. He was taken to the Receiving Hospital in the ambulance, where his right foot was amputated. Every effort will be made to save the other foot. He is 24 years of age and enlisted in Indiana.

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