

STUBBS MADE THE ONLY WANTED MAN

Conference Devised in Yellow Building.

Tricky Plan to Get Interstate Commissioner Who Should Represent Huntington's Interest and Not the Coast's.

SOME surprise was occasioned by the publication in The Call Sunday morning of all the facts concerning the conference in the Southern Pacific offices last week between H. E. Huntington, J. C. Stubbs and the executive committee of the Pacific Coast Jobbers' and Manufacturers' Association. The facts were correctly reported. Mr. Stubbs then and there declared that he had nominated General N. P. Chipman and further said that he would not withdraw his support from Chipman. That is a part of the current history of the movement in which the mercantile interests of the Pacific Coast are concerned. It is another chapter that has not heretofore been told. Stubbs knew earlier than did the merchants that there would be a vacancy upon the Interstate Commerce Commission. The merchants received the information through him. The story of the meeting, when they learned the facts, is one of unusual interest.

Two leading merchants were requested by Mr. Stubbs to call upon him on the 23 day of October. They went to the yellow building and there met Stubbs. The subject matter was made known with little delay. Mr. Stubbs told them that he had received a letter from the East and that therein the news came that W. J. Calhoun had sent in his resignation as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission and that it was to take effect upon the 1st day of October. The news had not yet reached San Francisco by wire. Stubbs had requested the merchants to come and talk about the Interstate Commerce Commission, so he had a good thing to have the vacancy on the commission filled by a man from and representing the Pacific Coast. "He need not be a professional man to fill the position well, not necessarily," said Stubbs, "but he should be a business man—one who is acquainted with the business and traffic peculiarities of the coast."

Stubbs then invited the two merchants to express their opinion on the matter. The coast ought to be represented by an Interstate Commerce Commissioner. If he had any choice for a Commissioner. "No," said Stubbs, "empirically, 'no, I have no one to recommend. I want a good man for the place." The merchants believed that Stubbs was acting in good faith, and that he meant what he said. "The first thing to be done," said Stubbs, "is to get the Interstate Commerce Commission to recognize the Pacific Coast in making the appointment. I will be the one to get the ball rolling, and get the newspapers in such a rabid mood concerning the matter that they would not listen to me."

Some additional conversation took place. The merchants went away feeling that Stubbs had not been candid. They realized that the merchants were in a business man, conversant with conditions upon the Pacific Coast, would be of benefit to the coast. The merchants never once dawned upon them that Stubbs, acting for the Southern Pacific Company, would be trying to get the company's own attorney selected as member of a commission before which the company might have to appear in answer to charges as a defendant at any time. The sequel shows how badly they were mistaken.

The mercantile organizations of this city held meetings and recommended to President McKinley that some Pacific Coast man should be nominated as Commissioner. While they were doing this, and securing the co-operation of the commercial bodies in other cities, it may be, or may not be the fact, that Stubbs "knickered," as the saying is, "in his sleeve of the matter. The Coast Traffic Association, the temporary body that immediately preceded the Pacific Coast Jobbers' and Manufacturers' Association did not know that Stubbs even then had a joker in his hand, when they were preparing to enlist the co-operation of the coast.

When The Call first made known the fact that the Southern Pacific Company was taking advantage of the situation to get the President to name the railroad company's attorney general as Interstate Commerce Commissioner, a large number of leading business men in the city interviewed the named requisites for a business and transportation interests of the Pacific Coast.

"He must be a business man; one acquainted intimately with traffic matters—not a lawyer or politician." The last provision was dwelt upon by many merchants who are leaders in commercial circles. Mr. Stubbs, who says that he nominated Chipman, Justice of the Peace of many where, concerning the ethics of the circulation of a petition by President McKinley to name Chipman for Commissioner, and the merchants knew nothing of the matter. A number of merchants and others were induced to sign the petition in behalf of Chipman, when it was taken around in this city by B. C. Penner, and in Sacramento by D. O. Mills, upon the same sort of representation.

Some time ago the different transcontinental roads, inspired by the Southern Pacific Company, decided to raise the rates on all the principal commodities shipped out of this country to the great distributing points in the Orient. This was to be accomplished by an agreement entered into between the various roads and their ocean steamship connections, and the only reason for the move was to be found in the increased business being done between the United States and the Eastern world and the situation which, since the commencement of the war, has been a lack of vessels for charter. This scarcity of bottoms has placed the merchants in a position of being obliged to accept any additional burden that the roads decide to place upon them, for the reason that they control the only means of getting the goods, which, in many cases have been already sold, to the markets for which they are destined. As many of these sales were based on the old schedule of freight rates it is easy

to see the harm that a sudden increase, reaching in many cases to over twenty per cent, has occasioned to the sellers on this side of the ocean. They are obliged to fulfill their contracts, and the unexpected jump in the expense of transportation more than eats up any profit they may have hoped to make.

In nearly every case the goods that have suffered greatest taxation are those for which there is the greatest demand and which form the bulk of exports from the United States, particularly the South and West. Thus canned goods have gone up from 75 cents to \$1.25 per 100 pounds in carload lots and from \$1.25 to \$1.75 per hundred in less than carload shipments. Boots and shoes are rated at \$3 in carload lots and at \$4.50 in less than carload. Cotton piece goods have gone from \$1.07 to \$1.35 and from \$1.35 to \$1.75. Electrical machinery, appliances and supplies have been raised from \$1.25 to \$2 in carload lots and from \$1.75 to \$3 in other quantities. Gimp, nails, spikes, paper, soap, wood pulp, alcohol, high spirits and liquors, rubber, glue, tobacco in all shapes, packing, tins, glass, such as bacon, hams, beef, pork, pigs feet and in fact everything that has any call whatever in the Orient has been advanced from 45 to 65 per cent. These figures when applied to the immense shipments that are yearly made from this country to China and Japan alone mean hundreds upon thousands of dollars added to the already enormous earnings of the different companies, and merchants that this new source of revenue is made to flow.

These rates apply from all Atlantic seaboard, Chicago, Western and Southern points to all the regular points of entry in China and Japan.

Theodore Wores' Paintings.

Pictures painted by Theodore Wores, consisting of portraits and scenes in Japan and elsewhere, are on exhibition at the Bohemian Club. On Wednesday, November 1, from 2 and 5 p. m., ladies may visit the clubrooms. Cards with members of the club will admit holders to the exhibition.

WHEELER INDORSED.

Two Thousand Santa Clara Republicans Voice Their Sentiments.

SAN JOSE, Oct. 30.—The Republican Good Government League of Santa Clara, which represents over 2000 Republican voters, at a well attended meeting passed a resolution endorsing William R. Wheeler for the vacancy existing in the Interstate Commerce Commission. It was resolved that the Pacific Coast needs a representative in that body. The following resolution was passed unanimously: Resolved, That we heartily endorse the appointment of William R. Wheeler as Interstate Commerce Commissioner, and we pledge our support to his administration.

Copies of the resolution will be sent to the President and the Congressional delegation representing California. The Good Government League is made up largely of lawyers, physicians and farmers, and the resolution was the sentiment of these classes. A number of members also carried against the holding of a special session of the Legislature for the purpose of electing a United States Senator, as it was feared that Dan Burns or some other unsuitable person would be elected.

Violate the Fish Laws.

Revenue Cutter Perry Has Returned From a Cruise.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 30.—The United States revenue cutter Perry, Captain W. F. Kilgore, returned home to-day from a five months' cruise in Alaskan waters. Captain Kilgore says he found several flagrant violations of the fish laws and regulations on the part of certain cannery corporations; that they have fenced one particular stream, preventing the salmon from reaching their spawning grounds. The matter has been reported to the Government.

MADHOUSE CLAIMS NOTED

AMOS LUNT, THE HANGMAN

AMOS LUNT, the hangman of San Quentin, driven insane by the specters of the twenty odd murderers around whose necks he had placed the death noose in obedience to the law of which he was the servant, was yesterday committed to the State Asylum. The verdict of Dr. J. H. Barbat, reinforced by the expert opinions of Drs. Ruthers and Windell and the sorrowful testimony of the unfortunate man's wife, was that the ex-hangman was suffering from melancholia, and upon this testimony Judge Bahrs reluctantly signed the order of commitment. Amos Lunt's friends and Mrs. Lunt find some consolation in the hope that under skillful treatment the stricken man may in time recover his mental equilibrium, but this hope is clouded with the horrible fear that instead of recovering the demon-haunted brain may be completely wrecked by the continued strain to which it is being subjected and the tainted atmosphere of the madhouse.



AMOS LUNT.

The Amos Lunt of to-day is a far different man from the Amos Lunt of a few weeks ago. The strong, steel-nerved, hard-headed hangman has been transformed into a weak, timid, nervous, pale-faced man, afraid of his own shadow. His condition is truly pitiable. The weird shadows of the night to his distorted vision transform themselves into a myriad of vengeful devils, each reaching forth a pair of claw-like hands to clutch his throat, while fiendish leers of triumph distort their already hideous faces. With daylight the grinning demons come to him in different form, but always with the same faces, the faces of the executed murderers who perished by his official hand on the prison gallows. The priceless boon of recovering the demon-haunted brain may be completely wrecked by the continued strain to which it is being subjected and the tainted atmosphere of the madhouse.

SCHOONER SINKS

AT STOCKTON

Mishap to the Energy, Wheat Laden.

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The schooner arrived in the channel at about 7 o'clock last evening in tow of the tug Rush. The vessel tied up at the South Wharf, but the captain of the schooner found, on sounding, that the water was so shallow next to the wharf that when the tide fell the boat would ground and possibly capsize. He therefore moved the Energy to the middle of the channel and anchored. But one of the crew was on the vessel when she went down. He was in the cabin and narrowly escaped drowning. Had the water in the channel been a few feet deeper the sailor would not have escaped. As it was the top and companionway of the house of the schooner were not entirely submerged. The wheat belong to Jacob Simon and was being shipped to the Shepherd Doyle Company for storage. The wheat swelled so that many of the sacks burst open. A barge was towed alongside the sunken schooner to-day and the work of transferring the grain from the schooner commenced.

Dewey in His New Home.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—Admiral Dewey to-day took possession of his new home. The last of the furniture was arranged in the new house to-day and the admiral's trunk were brought up from the apartments he has been occupying at the Everett.

Tulare County Teachers Meet.

VISALIA, Oct. 30.—The Tulare County Teachers' Institute convened here to-day for four days' session. There were 154 teachers in attendance. Dr. Kendrick C. Babcock of the State University is chief instructor.

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Sudden Adjournment of School Board.

THE SCAVENGER TO BLAME

BOLD HOLD-UP ON CROWDED STREET

St. Louis Footpads Make a Good Haul.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 30.—Robert B. Jennings, secretary and manager of the Broadway Cable Company, was held up this afternoon on the corner of Washington avenue and Broadway and robbed of a large sum of money. The robbery occurred on a crowded downtown corner. The thieves escaped with their booty.

STATE'S GOVERNOR ON THANKSGIVING DAY

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SACRAMENTO, Oct. 30.—The Governor to-day issued a Thanksgiving proclamation, which is said to be one of the shortest ever issued by a California Governor. It is as follows: "In obedience to the universal and praiseworthy American custom of setting apart a day for public thanksgiving and prayer to almighty God, and for the performance of charitable works; and, further, in conformity with the proclamation of the President of the United States of America, given at the city of Washington, D. C., October 25, 1899, I, Henry T. Gage, as Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim Thursday, the 30th day of November, A. D. 1899, as Thanksgiving day, and I do hereby declare the same a legal holiday."

Two Men Burned to Death.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Oct. 30.—An electric spark from a switchboard at the Indiana Powder Company's plant at Fontaine, this county, ignited some powder on the cap of an employe, burning to death two men. The dead are Samuel King, aged 30, and Alfred McBride, aged 22. Dyke Overly was badly burned, but will recover. The men went into the motor house of the plant contrary to orders.

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MRS. BEANSTON REINSTATED IN HER POSITION.

MANY PANTHERS FOUND

IN MARIN COUNTY

Dairymen and Farmers at Some Distance Removed From Towns Much Frightened.

SAN RAFAEL, Oct. 30.—So many panthers seem to be roaming around Marin County at present that the dairymen and farmers living away from the vicinity of towns and villages are kept in a state of apprehension. The latest instance of a panther frightening dairymen occurred this morning when two of the species, a male and a female, appeared at Lutero's ranch near Point San Pedro and killed a yearling calf. Dutaro saw John Smith, a well-known market hunter of this city, passing through the area and besought his aid in killing the ferocious beasts. Smith discharged a shotgun at the panthers, which they both badly injured.

CITIZENS' NON-PARTISAN PARTY.

FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT.

To the Voters of San Francisco: The Non-Partisan party was organized seven years ago to wrest from professional politicians the control of municipal affairs and to separate entirely from national evanities the selection of city and county officials. It has at all times opposed machine politics, and sought to elect worthy men to office by independent nomination or endorsement. The last Legislature passed a law expressly aimed at the "unwelcome interference" in public affairs of non-partisan organizations. The Rickert act forbids any information on the ballot concerning the endorsements that a candidate may receive and makes it impossible for a man to be nominated by two parties. Such a creditable occurrence as the nomination last year by the two great parties of John Latham for Supervisor could not be repeated. We regard this law as pernicious in principle and against public policy, and we intend to vigorously contest it.

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CITIZENS' NON-PARTISAN COUNTY COMMITTEE.

GEORGE K. FITCH, Chairman. JOSEPH BRITTON, Vice-Chairman. C. C. BURR, Secretary. San Francisco, Oct. 30, 1899.

FOR MAYOR

HORACE DAVIS,

REGULAR REPUBLICAN NOMINEE.

FOR MAYOR,

JAMES D. PHELAN,

INCUMBENT.

FOR COUNTY CLERK,

W. A. DEANE

(Present Incumbent.)

REGULAR REPUBLICAN NOMINEE.

FOR SUPERVISOR,

CHARLES BLISS,

Regular Republican Nominee.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY,

LEWIS F. BYINGTON,

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE.

IF YOU WANT THE DEAD RE-SPECTED VOTE FOR

C. C. O'DONNELL

FOR CORONER.