

TAKE STEPS TO SAVE PRUNE INDUSTRY OF THE STATE.

Fruit Growers Outline Plans



LOCAL FRUIT MARKETING EXPERT RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A EUROPEAN TRIP WHO YESTERDAY DELIVERED AN ABLE ADDRESS BEFORE THE FRUIT GROWERS' CONVENTION IN THE GARDEN CITY.

Special Dispatch to The Call.
SAN JOSE, Dec. 9.—Another attempt to organize the prune growers of the State will be made, in the hope that the industry can be placed on a paying basis and a good market secured and retained. This action was favored this afternoon at the meeting of the State fruit growers' convention. The plan came before the convention in the shape of the following resolution, which was submitted by A. R. Sprague of the committee on co-operation:

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A GRAND JURY OF GRAND JURY

Indictment of Young Weber on Charge of Robbing the Bank Is Expected To-Day

DEFENSE HIRES SLEUTH Detective, It Is Believed, Has Been Retained to Impeach Witnesses of State

Special Dispatch to The Call.

AUBURN, Dec. 9.—The Grand Jury has not as yet returned an indictment charging Adolph Weber with robbing the Placer County Bank. It is believed, however, that the true bill will be forthcoming to-morrow. That Weber has not been indicted on the robbery charge before this is due to the erroneous advice given the jury by District Attorney Robinson. This advice was to the effect that the jury, having indicted Weber on one charge, could not indict him on another, advice due to Robinson's wrong interpretation of the law, declaring that a man could not be indicted twice for the same offense.

Next Monday Judge Prewett will set the time for the trial of young Weber on the charge of murdering his mother. It is believed here that the defense has secured the services of a detective to impeach the testimony of the witnesses for the prosecution. This belief is due to the presence in Auburn of a man giving the name of Green, who has during the last few days kept himself busy interviewing those who testified at the preliminary hearing of Weber and the Coroner's inquest.

Will Prosecute Weber.
In response to the requests of Governor Pardee, backed by the Board of Supervisors of Placer County and many prominent people from all over the State, Attorney General Webb has determined to take personal charge of the prosecution in the Weber murder case at Auburn. District Attorney Robinson of Auburn will be associated with the Attorney General. It is said that young Weber has arranged to employ several of the best criminal lawyers of the State in his behalf. The battle before the Placer County Superior Court will be a hard one. General Webb says there will be no friction between himself and Robinson.

COWARDLY GANG'S PLOT RESULTS IN A DEATH

Painter Killed by Bullet Fired Through Side of Building by Soldier Townsend

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 9. John Dollar, a painter's foreman for the contractors at Fort Casey, was instantly killed to-day by an unknown soldier. Dollar was in the stump saloon when several bullets crashed through the walls, one of them striking him in the head. Five soldiers who had a grudge against the owner of the place fired into the building and fled.

FEVER CLAIMS MAN WHO REFUSED MEDICAL AID

PASADENA, Dec. 9.—E. L. Wayland, a wealthy young mining man, died of typhoid fever here yesterday. He refused to have any doctor but a Christian Scientist. The health officer has refused a burial permit until the Coroner grants it. The doctors they will investigate the case thoroughly.

\$20,000 to be used in securing insects to eradicate the various fruit and vegetable pests. The distribution of the insects among the growers, was brought up by Dr. Dinsmore. President Cooper announced the following committee to look after this legislation: S. F. Leib of San Jose (chairman); A. P. Johnson, representing Southern California; H. P. Stabler, representing Northern California; John S. Dore, representing the San Joaquin Valley; and A. N. Judd, representing the apple interests of the Pajaro Valley.

WORDY WAR AVERTED.

There was a good attendance at the convention this morning. The first thing before the convention was the following resolutions, presented by A. N. Judd of Watsonville, and which came near stirring up the old question of transportation:

Whereas, The California fruit growers' convention is fast becoming a misnomer, and inasmuch as this convention at times has been dominated by the Southern Pacific officials and their adherents; and

Whereas, By their votes and influence you have placed the fruit growers of the State on record as favoring the Southern Pacific Railroad Company in preference to the Santa Fe, who own their own car lines; and

Whereas, The pecking of this convention the officials and men dominated by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, without consent of the fruit growers, thereby having the privilege of a competing railroad that the growers have so long prayed for to be represented in our convention;

Resolved, That the said committee be discharged, and, be it further resolved, That in 1906 the fruit growers of the State of California hold a convention of their own and that no person be allowed to take part in its deliberations only by request of the chair, unless the person is a bona fide fruit grower, and without any side interests that are inimical to the grower.

A long and bitter wrangle seemed imminent. Edward Berwick of Pacific Grove was on his feet at once to denounce the resolutions, and John S. Dore of Fresno also attacked it. President Cooper settled the threatened wordy war by declaring that as the resolutions were not before the house all discussions were out of order.

ABLE PAPERS READ.

The regular programme of papers arranged for the session was then taken up. A paper on "Wine and the Growing of Wine Grapes From the Producer's Standpoint," by W. J. Hotchkiss, was read by Secretary John Isaac. Percy T. Morgan, president of the California Wine Association, delivered an address on "Native Wines and Their Future." Albert Van der Nallien of San Francisco addressed the convention on the importance of making an exhibit of California wine at the exposition to be held in Belgium. Professor P. H. Dorsett of the experimental station in Chico read a paper on "What the Bureau of Plant Industry Is Doing for the Fruit Grower," and Professor Warren L. Clarke presented a paper on "Aphids Attacking the Apple."

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE.

A resolution passed last night urging the Legislature to provide two assistants in the horticulture quarantine department at San Francisco, and also asking for an appropriation of

ARTIST'S CHILD FATALLY BURIED

Three-Year-Old Daughter of Charles Rollo Peters Meets With a Frightful Death

CLOTHING TAKES FIRE Accident Occurs While Little One Is Playing in Room of Her Father's Bungalow

Special Dispatch to The Call.

MONTEREY, Dec. 9.—The old town of Monterey was shocked this morning at the death by fire of beautiful little Kathleen Peters, daughter of Charles Rollo Peters, the painter.

From what can be learned the little one, with her elder sister and her twin brother, had been playing in the living room of the bungalow, in which a gas fire was burning. During their play the sister and brother left the room, leaving little Kathleen alone. Soon screams were heard and the little one enveloped in sheets of flame rushed into the garden. An employe ran to her, tore her clothing from her body and smothered the blaze. But help came too late. The flames had burnt their way into her tender little body, and she mercifully released her from her suffering.

At the death of Mrs. Peters, for whom the unhappy babe was named, she left a little daughter six years of age, and tiny twins; and it was for these we believe that she yielded her young life.

Immediately after the loss of his beautiful wife the artist secured the services of a trustworthy woman of Monterey, and confided to her the care of his motherless babes.

A sad feature of the affair is that the bereaved father had all but concluded negotiations for the sale of the hacienda, intending to leave California for Broadway, near London, the home of Whistler and other famous painters, and there to settle with his interesting little brood.

STRICTER LAWS FOR RAILROADS

CALL BUREAU, HOTEL BARTON, WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—President Roosevelt is standing squarely on his message in reference to the fixing of railroad rates by the Interstate Commerce Commission, and he desires that action be taken by Congress at this session.

Many Senators and Representatives called on him to-day to learn his views, and he told them frankly that he thought something should be done in the way of enlarging the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission to remedy this evil, and that it should be done immediately.

The Senators, who have determined that nothing shall be done until the beginning of the next Congress, have accepted the situation, and a contest between the White House and the Senate on the great question of railway rates and increased powers for the Interstate Commerce Commission is now fairly on.

In addition to making it known that he is in earnest for some action at the present session of Congress, the President has taken care to tell his callers that his recommendation was not made at the instance of Governors Cummins of Iowa, La Follette of Wisconsin and Van Sant of Minnesota. When Governor Cummins and Governor Van Sant called at the White House two weeks ago the railway part of the President's message was altered, the system of rates was changed as a result of that conference.

"The President is undoubtedly in favor of doing 'something' at this session," said a Republican member of the Senate Commission on Interstate Commerce to-day. "The President is using the alternative of bringing forward a compromise proposition."

MEET AND TALK ABOUT LAWS CONCERNING RIVERS

Governor and Other Interested Persons Hold a Short Conference in Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 9.—A conference was held at the Capitol this afternoon between the Governor and the executive committee of the River and Reclamation Association and the auditing board to the Commission of Public Works with reference to legislation to be asked for in the interest of the rivers. No conclusion was reached, the conference deciding to await the report of the Eastern engineers now in session at Sioux City, Iowa.

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WIRELESS PLANT FOR FALLOONES

Force of Men From Navy Yard Goes to the Islands to Select Site for a Station

CARRY A FULL OUTFIT Move Believed to Be Preliminary to Extension of the System to Honolulu

Special Dispatch to The Call.

VALEJO, Dec. 9.—A force of men under Master Electrician George Hanscom left Mare Island to-day for the Falloones Islands, where a wireless telegraph plant will be established. The work will be performed by the yard workmen.

It is expected that wireless connection between the Falloones, Yerba Buena and Mare Island will be established within a few days. The men have taken with them a complete camping outfit and provisions and will remain at the Falloones until the work is completed. As soon as connection is made the battleship Ohio will test the apparatus.

This is believed to be the Government's first move toward the extension of the wireless system to Honolulu. In the event that the present plans are carried out the Falloones station will be made the head coast station. This is evidenced by the fact that plans for permanent buildings and necessary adjuncts are already under way.

EXTENDING THE SYSTEM.

Seattle Soon to Be Center of Wireless Telegraph Service.

SEATTLE, Dec. 9.—Within the next few days Seattle will be connected with Fort Townsend, Fort Casey, French Harbor and Victoria, B. C., by wireless telegraph. A wireless telegraph station has been erected on top of Queen Anne Hill in this city and in a short time messages will be received for transmission.

Apparatus has also been installed on the revenue cutter Grant, so that communication may be had with the shore stations when the cutter is in these waters.

ELEVEN MEN DROWNED TRYING TO SAVE OTHERS

Boat Swamped in Which Fishermen Went to Aid Vessel in Distress.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Eleven fishermen were drowned to-day in an attempt to assist the Norwegian steamship Anglia, which was wrecked on the rocks near West Biggin, Northumberland. In response to distress signals a dozen fishermen went out in a fishing boat, which was struck by a heavy sea and swamped. A lifeboat subsequently picked up a single survivor, who was clinging to the fishing boat. The Anglia's crew is safe.

Christmas Fountain Pens.

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STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE RHINE & MOSELLE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

OF STRASSBURG, GERMANY, ON THE 31st day of December, A. D. 1903, and for the year ending on that day, as made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 610 and 611 of the Political Code, condensed as per blank furnished by the Commissioner.

Table with columns: Amount of Capital Stock, paid up in Cash, ASSETS, Real Estate owned by Company, Loans on Bonds and Mortgages, Cash Market Value of all Stocks and Bonds owned by Company, Cash in Company's Office, Cash in Banks, Interest due and accrued on all Stocks and Loans, Interest due and accrued on Bonds and Mortgages, Premiums in due Course of Collection, Due from other Companies, Insurance on losses already paid, Due from other Debtors.

Table with columns: LIABILITIES, Losses adjusted and unpaid, Losses in process of adjustment or in Suspense, Losses retained, including expenses, Gross premiums on Fire Risks running one year or less, Dividend to stockholders remaining unpaid, Due on accrued salaries, rents, etc., All other demands against the company.

Table with columns: INCOME, Net cash actually received for Fire Premiums, Received for interest on Bonds and Mortgages, Received for interest and dividends on Bonds, Stocks, Loans and from all other sources, Received for Rents, Received from all other sources.

Table with columns: EXPENDITURES, Net amount paid for Fire Losses, including 2 1/2 per cent. losses of previous years, Dividends to Stockholders, Paid for salaries, fees and other charges for officers, clerks, etc., Paid for State, National and Local taxes, All other payments and expenditures.

Table with columns: FIRE, Losses incurred during the year, Risks and Premiums, Fire Risks, Premiums, Net amount of Risks written during the year, Net amount of Risks expired during the year, Net amount in force December 31, 1903.

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J. SCHALLER, PRESIDENT. R. POIZAT, Secretary. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 2d day of April, 1904. JOSEPH I. BRITAIN, U. S. Consul.

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USED PIANOS—THOSE THAT WE HAD RENTED OR TAKEN IN EXCHANGE—JUST AS IF YOU HAD OWNED THEM A FEW MONTHS—THAT IS THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM AND NEW INSTRUMENTS. THE BIGGEST BARGAINS WILL GO FIRST, OF COURSE. COME EARLY. GOOD PIANOS IN GOOD CONDITION:

Table with columns: Knabe Upright, Steinway Grand, Chickering Grand, Wm. & Son Upright, Kohler & Campbell, Glough & Warren, C. A. Stone Upright, Antislip Upright, Fischer Upright, Sherman & Co. Upright.

More taken-in-exchange—We have no desire to force a piano on anybody, and if after the piano bought here is in your home and you or your family are not pleased with it we will take it back and give you one of our new pianos, allowing what you have paid on the old one.

Marcellus Upright \$195, Wing & Son Upright \$240, Kohler & Campbell \$225, Glough & Warren \$185, C. A. Stone Upright \$75, Antislip Upright \$150, Fischer Upright \$150, Sherman & Co. Upright \$125.

SOME SQUARES—We are actually selling some fairly good square pianos for \$12.00. We have a number of square pianos ranging from this price up to \$100.00 each, some of them old standard makes and perfectly good.

In addition to our regular stock of pianos—which was never better—we have placed on sale some beautiful new mahogany uprights, a lot which we purchased from a modern factory, taking their entire output, a durable piano, fully guaranteed. Well worth \$250.00. Our sale price now \$150.00.

DO YOU WANT AN ORGAN? If so, you can get a fine parlor organ now for \$35—brand new, and some second hand for a great deal less. All good.

PERHAPS YOU WANT A PLAYER?—We are sole agents for the Chase & Baker, the finest in the land. We have a number of Simplex Players, formerly \$250.00 now \$125.00. Music for Players reduced in price also.

Note This—YOU MAY GET YOUR MONEY BACK. When you buy a piano, either on installments or for cash, you get a coupon. Place it in the coupon book here, at 11 o'clock, December 31st, a drawing will be made, and all money paid on the piano between now and then will be refunded to the lucky coupon holder.

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F. O. APPEL, U. S. Manager. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 23rd day of January, 1904. CHARLES EDGAR MILLS, Commissioner of Deeds for California in New York.

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