

In the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys

MODESTO TO HAVE A COMPETING ROAD

Interurban Company Extending Lines and Will Connect With Santa Fe

[Special Dispatch to The Call] MODESTO, Aug. 7.—The Modesto Interurban railway company has completed its grade from Empire, on the Santa Fe, to Modesto and the officers of the company announce that they expect to have cars running over the new line by September 15, at the latest. The Pacific construction company has begun work on the bridge over Dry Creek and the laying of ties and rails will be completed as soon as the bridge. With the building of this line the people of Modesto will, for the first time, have a competing railroad, as this line will make close connection with all Santa Fe trains and it is expected that a direct service will be established between Modesto and Oakdale. Motor cars will handle the passenger traffic on the new road.

Another proposed extension of the Modesto Interurban is east from Empire to Waterford and La Grange. The La Grange water and power company, backed by E. A. Whitsee, John Hays Hammond and other prominent investors, is planning the expenditure of vast sums for power and mining propositions on the Tuolumne river and they desire the extension of the road for the hauling of the supplies needed in their work. The company is at present operating one of the largest gold dredgers in the state near La Grange and has completed a power system which will serve electric power to Modesto and Turlock.

The company is planning to build other dredgers and will build a big dam on the Tuolumne river for the impounding of water and the creating of power. The building of a traction line to La Grange would save many miles of hauling for the power company.

FOREST FIRE THREATENS HOMES NEAR MARYSVILLE

Hurried Fire Fighters Work Desperately to Subdue Flames

[Special Dispatch to The Call] MARYSVILLE, Aug. 7.—After a desperate attempt to extinguish a forest fire that raged all night and all day today in the vicinity of the Lime Kiln ranch between this city and Nevada City, 100 fire fighters rested this evening, almost exhausted after the usual, though successful, efforts to save the homes of many settlers. The fire burned over an area of 1,300 acres of fine timber land and considerable cut wood and fences were destroyed. The homes of George Still, 85, and the buildings on the Wren ranch were in imminent danger, the outbuildings catching fire several times. The heroic work of the fighters saved the buildings.

DISCOURAGE PRACTICE OF SHAVING AT HOME

Marysville Barbers Double the Price of Honing Razors

[Special Dispatch to The Call] MARYSVILLE, Aug. 7.—The barbers of Marysville threw a bomb into the camp of the men who shave themselves today. They held a meeting and decided to raise the price of honing razors from 25 to 50 cents. This is done in an attempt to prevent home shaving. Another move was to close the places of business an hour earlier Saturday nights. The barbers have a strong organization and do not intend to let anything slip past their doors.

FOREST FIRE SWEEPS OVER LARGE TERRITORY

Destroys Ranch Buildings, Wood and Valuable Timber

GRASS VALLEY, Aug. 7.—The forest fire which has been raging in this county since last Thursday was reported under control this evening 10 miles below this city. The flames have swept over miles of territory and destroyed a number of ranches and burned hundreds of cords of wood piled in the forest together with much valuable standing timber. The damage done by the fire has been heavy.

HOT WATER PROVES FATAL WHEN USED AS WEAPON

Chinese Dies as Result of Scalding During Fight

[Special Dispatch to The Call] MARYSVILLE, Aug. 7.—Ah Joe, an Oroville Chinese, died this morning from the results of being scalded during a hot water fight engaged in the week before. A countryman of his threw a pot of scalding water over him. The injured man brought suit a day or two before he died for damages against his assailant.

San Joaquin Valley Notes

WILL STOP AUTO SPEEDING

Stockton, Aug. 7.—The authorities recently began a crusade against automobilists who violate the ordinance fixing the speed limit in the city. Dr. J. W. Cravetto, who was one of the first violators, has again been held before the police court magistrate. His case has been set for Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

BRIDGE CONTRACTS LET

Stockton, Aug. 7.—The board of supervisors today let two large bridge contracts, both awards being made to the Clark & Henry construction company. The total sum awarded for the construction of the Benson ferry bridge, on its proposed \$25,000. The other contract was for the North Calaveras bridge, the bid being \$4,400.

ENJOINS HUSBY FROM SELLING PROPERTY

Stockton, Aug. 7.—The court today enjoined her husband from disposing of any of his real estate pending the settlement of her action for divorce. Mrs. Fred H. Lee has requested injunction proceedings. Mrs. Lee is stopping with Stockton friends, while her husband, who returned from the Hawaiian Islands to contest the divorce suit, is at their home in Lodi.

NAGGING WEARS OUT HUSBAND'S PATIENCE

Thirty-eight Years of Unpleasant Married Life Ended by Divorce Decree

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, Aug. 7.—After enduring 38 years of unpleasant married life, Oscar Cassidy, now living near Elk Grove, decided that he could stand the nagging and scolding of a cranky wife no longer and left home. Today he obtained a divorce in Judge Post's court, where he told his story of marital woe. He was married to Maria Cassidy in New York in August, 1871, and had four children. They are grown and living away from home. The couple moved to Fruitvale, Alameda county, several years ago, where the troubles grew faster and hotter. "I could not put up with it any longer," explained Cassidy to the court, "so one day I just got up and left, telling her that I must find a more pleasant home."

STEAMBOAT COMPANY WANTS VENUE CHANGED

Bleakmore Suit to Be Attacked in Oakland

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, Aug. 7.—The California navigation and improvement company of this city will make an effort to secure a change of venue for the suit recently instituted in Oakland by L. Bleakmore. Attorneys Gary and Loutch, the steamboat company's counsel, will argue the point before the Oakland superior court August 20.

Bleakmore is the stock holder who recently left Stockton after engaging in a number of suits against the company in order to examine the books and papers. His reason for doing so is as much a mystery today as when he first began his series of suits. He was granted permission to inspect the books, but it is said to have demanded privileges from the company that it would not grant. After leaving this city he began similar suits in Oakland.

LAD SAVES DREDGING MASTER FROM DEATH

Extricates Victim From Grinding Machinery at Marigold

[Special Dispatch to The Call] MARYSVILLE, Aug. 7.—The efforts of a young 16 year old lad saved John Morris, dredger master at Marigold, from a frightful death today. Morris, who has charge of the No. 2 dredger, was oiling some machinery. His foot slipped and he was caught in the machine and he was being dragged into the midst of the iron monster. He cried for help and the boy, who was standing near, ran to his aid and succeeded in stopping the machinery. Morris was pulled away from the machine, but not until his foot and ankle had been frightfully mangled. The boy has been made a hero of the hour by the dredger employees.

PIONEER DIES IN ODD FELLOWS' HOME

Cornelius Gray Passes Away at Thermalito After Reading His Own Obituary

[Special Dispatch to The Call] MARYSVILLE, Aug. 7.—Cornelius Gray, one of the oldest pioneers in California, died this afternoon at the Odd Fellows' home at Thermalito. Gray had the privilege allotted to very few men of reading his own death and gazing upon his own obituary notice. He was reported dead last Thursday and the local papers gave a glowing description of him and his history. He was the oldest man in Yuba county and arrived in Marysville in 1849, following the occupation of carpenter. He built scores of homes that are still standing. He will be taken to San Francisco for interment, and the Odd Fellows will especially honor the memory of the pioneer.

TO TALK ON GOOD ROADS—Stockton, Aug. 7.—J. M. Eddy, secretary of the Stockton chapter of codifiers and one of the pioneers of the good roads movement, went to Concordia, Contra Costa county, today, to deliver an address on good roads. San Joaquin county having recently voted bonds for the improvement of its highways in the sum of \$2,000,000, the Contra Costa county boosters sought the advice of Eddy as to how to carry on a successful campaign.

PROHIBITIONISTS WIN PLUMAS COUNTY

Anti-Saloon Forces Have Carried the Election Held Yesterday, They Declare

[Special Dispatch to The Call] MARYSVILLE, Aug. 7.—After one of the most exciting elections ever held in Plumas county the prohibitionists claim a victory in today's contest over the saloon forces by a vote of something less than 100. The election was a warm one and several fights were engaged in. This morning a man named Morris voted, giving the name of John Sweeney. It was believed Sweeney had left the county. Shortly after Sweeney showed up and wanted to vote. He was challenged and when the truth of the matter became known the prohibition lookouts had Morris arrested. He is now in jail. Both sides have been waging a heated campaign and there was much bad blood between the two opposing factions. The vote cast was the heaviest ever polled in the county, even at a presidential election.

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