

COURTS TO SETTLE REGISTER PROBLEM

County Clerks' Association Divided as to Roll to Be Used in Coming Elections

OAKLAND, Dec. 14.—Developments at today's convention of the County Clerks' Association of California, called to discuss the direct primary law, indicate that the state courts will be called upon in the near future to decide whether the register of 1908, the new register of 1910 or the old register supplemented by the new, will be used by the clerks of the various counties in checking up the signatures on nomination petitions for next year's primary elections, filed under the direct primary law.

The convention favored the use of the old register, supplemented by such registrations as may have been made at the time the petitions are filed. San Francisco, however, was not content with this attitude and Thomas V. Chas. president of the convention and county commissioners of that city, intimated that the registrar of the city will be instructed to use the new register of 1910. Such a course would bring the matter before the courts at once, and in anticipation of this possibility the convention adopted a resolution requesting the state courts to hand down an opinion on the case as expeditiously as possible.

DISCUSS DIRECT PRIMARY The day's sessions were devoted exclusively to a discussion of the new direct primary law, and numerous resolutions intended to simplify the execution of its provisions were adopted. These resolutions will be compiled by the secretary of the convention and forwarded in the shape of suggestions to the clerks of the various counties of the state, with a recommendation that they be followed as closely as possible in the coming year's elections. These resolutions are designed to establish a uniform method of procedure throughout the state in handling the first general election under the new law.

The morning session convened at 10:30 o'clock with County Clerk William B. Hamilton of Sacramento in the chair. County Clerk John P. Cook of Alameda county acted as secretary, with Deputy County Clerk Andrew Johnston as his assistant, and County Clerk H. A. Pfister of Santa Clara as treasurer. The delegates present were County Clerks John P. Cook of Alameda county, J. H. Wells of Contra Costa county, W. O. Mills of Fresno county, George W. Cousins of Humboldt, Robert E. Graham of Marin, Hale McGowan of Mendocino, P. J. O'Connor of Monterey, J. Z. Lowell of Placer, Arthur B. Plich of Riverside, W. B. Hamilton of Sacramento, Eugene B. Graham of San Joaquin, Joseph N. Nash of San Mateo, H. A. Pfister of Santa Clara, H. B. McCreary of San Francisco; Secretary of State Charles P. Curry; J. H. Zepansky, registrar of voters, San Francisco, and C. W. Haak, registrar of voters, Sacramento.

ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT Attorney General Webb attended the afternoon session and was in accordance with his opinion in the request of the chairman, that the convention indorse the use of the old register, supplemented by names on the new, in the coming up of nomination petitions next year.

PROVIDES FOR NEW REGISTER The present law provides that a new register shall be commenced January 1, and up to that time it is certain that there shall be no cancellation of the old register. But I have not been able to arrive at a decision as to whether the old register is void until the new one is complete. There will be no way of determining how many of the qualified voters of any district have registered until the registration is closed in September, and it is a well known fact that the heaviest registration is always near closing time. So, if the new register only be used it is a sure thing that all the qualified voters of the state will not vote at the primaries. It is my opinion, after a careful study of the provisions of the new law, that the present register, with supplemental registrations made in 1910 up to the time of the filing of petitions, will constitute the register upon which you will be required to work.

WOMAN THINKS DEAD MAN IS HER HUSBAND Photograph Sent to Identify Body in San Jose

SAN JOSE, Dec. 14.—A letter was received today by Chief of Police Edward Haley from Mrs. A. M. Niver of 1216 Cypress street, Oakland, asking him whether or not the body of the man who committed suicide which has been at the morgue since Saturday is that of her husband, who disappeared mysteriously a short time ago.

INDIAN ARRESTED FOR SHOOTING MAN TO DEATH

TREKA, Dec. 14.—Albert Hansen, a tall blooded Indian, is in the county jail charged with the murder of John Ovi three years ago. Hansen was arrested in Earle, where he has been living. He admits the murder and says he shot in self-defense.

Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys

MINE SALTED WITH FILINGS OF BRASS

Dreams of Fabulous Wealth Are Rudely Shattered When "Gold" Is Tested

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, Dec. 14.—Dreams of fabulous wealth to result from the discovery of a bonanza in Sierra county mines were sadly exploded in the city jail today when H. Brochert, a miner, was arrested for selling brass filings for gold dust. Brochert asserts his innocence of any wrongdoing, stating that he had every confidence in the metal he took out of his Sierra mine and sold two ounces of the stuff to Emil Steinhilber, a jeweler, for \$29 in good faith. Brochert now concludes that the mine was salted. A report from the Selby smelting company that the sample of dust sent for experting was but baser metals doctored to look like gold has convinced him.

BANQUET IS HELD AT SANTA CLARA COLLEGE

Dramatic Society Presents Skit, "A Close Shave"

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SANTA CLARA, Dec. 14.—The seventeenth annual banquet of the Junior dramatic society of Santa Clara college was held in J. D. S. hall here tonight. Preceding the banquet a one act skit entitled "A Close Shave" was presented before an appreciative audience.

MUST SERVE AS JUROR, DESPITE HIS 89 YEARS

Los Angeles Man Drawn for Grand Jury

STATE'S PUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS TOTAL 349,145

State Superintendent Hyatt Files Fiscal Report

RESCUE PARTIES SEEK IN VAIN FOR LOST MAN

Believed to Have Frozen to Death in Snow

SAN FRANCISCAN SHOT WHILE GUEST AT CLUB

Accidental Discharge of Gun Wounds His Arm

WILL ANNEX HOLLYWOOD—Los Angeles, Dec. 14.—Monday, January 24, 1910, was fixed by the city council today as the date for the election on the annexation of Hollywood. No opposition has developed it is the expectation that the vote will be most unanimously affirmative. Hollywood has 6,000 population.

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"The World's Best Table Water"

FATALLY INJURED SAVING HIMSELF

Man Escapes Drowning Only to Succumb to Hurts Received in Fight for Life

[Special Dispatch to The Call] OROVILLE, Dec. 14.—Saved from death by drowning only to succumb to injuries received in his fight against the fate of John Hargral, dredger employe. He was thrown from the bucket of a dredge at the lava beds Sunday night when a chain broke. He managed to hold on to the chain and save himself after a long effort, but he sustained injuries which proved fatal at the hospital.

SACRAMENTO ORANGES BRING HIGHEST PRICE

Valley Citrus Crop Preferred in Chicago Market

FINED FOR VIOLATING STATE GAME LAWS

Fish Corporation Found Guilty of Exceeding Duck Limit

WESTERN PACIFIC MAY BE BEHIND NEW ROAD

Believed to Be Backing Proposed Line

CHINESE DOCTOR GETS THREE YEARS IN PRISON

T. Wah Hing Given Term for Malpractice

ILLITERATE VOTERS ARE ELIMINATED IN TUCSON

CHINESE LEAVES SNUG SUM FOR RELATIVES

GALT BURGLAR GETS FIVE YEARS IN PRISON

LAMP CAUSES COSTLY BLAZE—Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 14.—Through the upsetting of a lamp in the cabin of one of the smelters at Cassiar cannery on Skeena river, midway between Prince Rupert and Port Essington, 18 houses were burned yesterday morning. Several of the houses were finally dynamited to save from total destruction the cannery building and the company's store.

DISTRICT MAY BUY IRRIGATION RIGHTS

South San Joaquin Directors Accept Oakdale's Offer of Half Tullock System

STOCKTON, Dec. 14.—The board of directors of the South San Joaquin irrigation district, comprising 60,000 acres, recently organized, adopted a resolution today accepting the offer of the Oakdale district directors for the right to purchase a half interest in the Tullock water rights and system of ditches, for which the seller asks \$650,000.

COUNTY BRIDGE FALLS UNDER WEIGHT OF SNOW

Structure Across Pitt River Was Condemned in August

CENSUS SUPERVISOR PREPARES FOR TASK

May Create Districts to Facilitate Work of Bureau

NEPHEW CONTESTS WILL OF GEORGE FOX PACKER

Quarter Million Dollars Involved in Suit

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S RATES VIA SOUTHERN PACIFIC

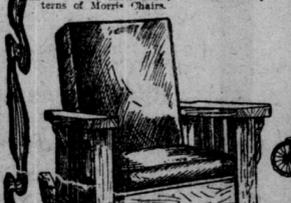
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Reed Rocker \$2.95



Go Cart for Dolly \$2.50



Massive Rocker \$7.95

BROKAW SAYS WIFE WAS NOT FAITHFUL

Millionaire in Reply to Suit Says He First Threatened to Bring Action

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—It developed today in the trial of the divorce suit of Mrs. Gould Brokaw that it was her husband who first threatened to sue. A telegram from him to Mrs. Blair, his mother in law, was the medium of this information and it also contained his version of the incident that assumed the greatest importance in today's session of the trial. The telegram follows:

"I have closed my house and am sorry to say I must see Mary for a separation. Her act, culminating in a house party last Sunday night, forced me to this step. She entertained three ladies and three men that day. Two of the ladies I do not approve of and the third I do not know at all. I do not know the men. She allowed one man to occupy my bedroom overnight, after putting my nurse and one lady in bachelor's quarters. She refused to give me the names of the men, in spite of my request."

John F. McIntyre, Brokaw's lawyer, began drilling into all the attendant circumstances of this "culminating house party" with great circumstantiality. Mrs. Brokaw parried his questions as skillfully as ever, but showed some agitation over the insistence laid on the personality of "Bunnie" Wells.

Mrs. Brokaw testified that she had first met Wells in Baltimore five years before his visit to her husband's home in company with Miss Nan Dennison of Syracuse, N. Y. Mrs. Frank Gould and another man whom Mrs. Brokaw only remembered as "a Mr. Thompson."

Mrs. Brokaw was excused from the stand after five days of testimony. Her counsel intimated that he would soon produce nurses, maids and other witnesses to corroborate Mrs. Brokaw's stories of broken doors and uproarious nights.

Nothing encourages a merchant in any line of business quite as much as substantial appreciation. Last Friday we began the advertising of our annual December clean-up of new pianos of discontinued styles and designs, of used pianos taken in exchange for the wonderful Knabe and Emerson-Angelus player-pianos, and our favorite Inner-Players, also a very large stock of pianos returned from rent, and pianos which have been sold and returned and upon some of which we have had payments sufficiently large to enable us to offer them at unusually low prices.

Appreciation has been shown both in our city and Oakland stores by many buyers, who know a real piano bargain, and who know also that every advertising statement made by our house is backed by facts; that every piano offered is just exactly as represented, and that every buyer at our house enjoys the protection of a policy and a business method that insures the fullest possible measure of satisfaction.

This season's December Clearance is remarkable in three things: First, because of the unusually large assortment of fine pianos offered; second, because of extremely low prices at which they are being sold, and third, because of the simplicity and justice of our selling plan, and the ease with which, under that plan, a really good piano or player-piano may be purchased and paid for.

Here are several of the world's greatest pianos—Knabe—that have been slightly used and are remarkable bargains. Then there are Hardmans and Harringtons, that have been used just enough to bring out their true quality; a fine mahogany cased Steinway, originally \$800, at about half price; a superb Mason & Hamlin grand, Ivers & Pond, Kohler & Chase, and a number of the most popular medium priced piano in the world, the Ludwig, besides a varied and extensive assortment of cheaper instruments of all styles and makes. Here also are new pianos at \$167 that are especially timely for Christmas; others in fancy mahogany and walnut cases at \$180 and up to \$200. For \$195 on very easy payments a beautiful new instrument—the best possible at the price, awaits the Christmas shopper. Guaranteed, every one, and back of that guarantee is the Allen reputation, and our insistence that your satisfaction is of more importance than the sale of any piano.

Some player-piano bargains in new players at \$450 are snaps, \$25 in music rolls with each. Others are slightly used \$750 styles at very small prices. The Emerson-Angelus, Hardman Autotone, Milton and others are among them. MAKE THIS A PIANO CHRISTMAS. Today you should make your selection.

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MISER LEAVES BIG COLLECTION OF ART

George Salting Dies After Assembling Priceless Treasures of Old World

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Some of the finest art treasures in existence may come into the market through the death of George Salting in this city yesterday, and art circles are greatly stirred over the prospect.

Salting was a Dane and inherited a great Australian fortune. His whole life and income were devoted to the examination and purchase of works of art, and he became one of the best known collectors in Europe. Apart from this passion, Salting was miserly. He lived frugally in two rooms, which were crowded with priceless treasures. Popular report credited him with having never given a cent to charity, and with never spending money unnecessarily on his personal needs.

Salting's collection of porcelains in the Kensington museum is the finest perhaps in the world. Many paintings owned by him now hang in the National gallery. Museum directors made it a practice to refrain from bidding against the eccentric man at sales, because they believed that his collections would be bequeathed to the nation. However, one of the connoisseurs' eccentricities was a reluctance to make a will, and it is not known whether he ever made one. Accordingly, museum officials are somewhat disturbed lest the precious collection be disposed of through the auction rooms.

TWO AMERICAN BISHOPS APPOINTED BY THE POPE

ROME, Dec. 14.—Approving the recommendation of the consistorial congregation as presented by the secretary, Cardinal de Lai, the pope today appointed Rev. James O'Reilly, now rector of St. Anthony of Padua, Minneapolis, Minn., to the bishopric of Fargo, N. D., and Rev. M. F. Fallon of the Provincial Oblates of Buffalo, N. Y., to the bishopric of London, Can.

TOLSTOI'S PUBLISHER GETS YEAR IN PRISON

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 14.—The publisher of Tolstoy's book, "The Kingdom of God Within Us," was sentenced today to a year's imprisonment in a fortress.

VICEROY A VICTIM OF WOMEN'S FIGHT

Tuan Fang Dismissed on Charge of Permitting Photographs of Funeral

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 14.—Political turmoil is following the dismissal of Viceroy Tuan Fang of Chili, a Manchurian regarded as a favorite of the regent, on charges of having given permission to photographers to make pictures of the catafalque of the empress dowager during the recent obsequies, according to Peking advices received on the steamer Montague.

The deposed viceroy, who was one of the Chinese commissioners sent to America and Europe a few years ago, was impeached for less majestic by a son of the late Li Hung Chang. The dismissal, which was most abrupt, is said to have been the result of the advocacy of a regency by the new empress dowager, the consort of the late emperor, whose action in taking precedence at the recent funeral ceremony has created a storm at Peking.

Owing to the child emperor being a successor to both the emperors, Tung Chih and Kuang Hsi, the widows of both claim the position of empress dowager, and Tuan Fang is said to have been trapped by enemies into admission of his support of the late emperor's consort as empress dowager and regent, whereupon Lady Yu, relict of Emperor Tung Chih, demanded his dismissal.

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