

WITNESSES ADMIT COMBINE ON FISH

Attorney for Wholesalers Denounces Suit of Independents as Blackmail

Fertilizer Makers Testify of Good Food Being Sold to Make Glue

That A. Paladini and the Western fish company are the dominating members of a combination of wholesale fish merchants was established by the testimony of unwilling witnesses yesterday before the committee appointed by the state senate to investigate the high cost of living.

The admissions were not secured without a hard struggle. Senator E. J. Wolfe was forced to fire question after question at the witnesses before he could secure the information sought by the committee.

Paladini went on with a rambling statement to the effect that Manager of the Portola company had never gone to him to buy fish and that the suit of the Portola company was the first one brought against him in his 40 years as a merchant here.

Paladini's blackmail, interjected Madden. "That's a contemptible and unbecomingly asserted Devoto. You'll find it is something else."

"I did not mean you. I referred to your client," said Madden. "I'll defend my client. You'll find out what kind of blackmail it is when we get through," retorted Devoto.

Emil Borzone of the New San Francisco fish company, which is friendly to the combination, became badly tangled in his testimony, but did make some damaging admissions notwithstanding his reluctance.

Complaints of Persecution "This looks to me more like a persecution than an investigation," said Madden. "It looks more like taking testimony in the case of the Portola company against my clients. If you continue these tactics I may instruct my clients not to answer."

Attorney General Webb observed that the lawyers were present by surferance and should abide by the ruling of the committee. Devoto added that Madden was not the attorney for Borzone.

Borzone joined with other witnesses in asserting that Paladini and the Western fish company controlled the catch of the outside fish. He also said that while the independent company was in operation the price for sole went as low as 50 cents a box, but it was promptly raised as soon as the competition was removed.

GOOD FISH MADE INTO GLUE Henry Beckley of the American fish and oyster company denied that his company was allied with the trust. He attributed the increased cost of some fish to the high cost of twine for nets, which is sold only by one firm.

A. J. W. Born, superintendent of the XLO grease company, testified that fish good enough to eat had been converted into fertilizer at the plant. He estimated that 100 tons of fresh fish were used at the plant last year in the manufacture of glue. The price paid was \$5 a ton.

In the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys

TRAIN CUTS OFF SUICIDE'S HEAD

Man Writes Brief Note to Coroner and Lies Down on Track

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, March 3.—Writing a brief note to the coroner asking that his true name be kept from the people, George Blakely of Placerville last night threw himself in front of a rapidly approaching freight train and was beheaded.

Blakely stated in his note that he had wronged his own people and did not want them to discover his act. The engineer of the train says Blakely calmly walked up to the track and lay down with his head over the rail.

CHARGED WITH THEFT OF GIRL'S EARRINGS

Governor Issues Requisition for Prisoner in Salt Lake

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, March 3.—Governor Gillett has granted an application for a requisition for the return to this state of O. H. Scott, who is under arrest at Salt Lake City on a charge of embezzlement preferred against him by Miss Anna B. Marean of San Bernardino.

Miss Marean says that she gave Scott a set of diamond earrings to take to Los Angeles and have reset. She alleges that Scott converted them into money and fled from the state. The earrings are said to be worth \$2,000.

MUZZLING ORDINANCE FOR DOGS IS PASSED

Los Angeles Takes Action to Guard Against Rabies

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, March 3.—Dr. W. F. Snow has returned from southern California with the information that Los Angeles has passed a muzzling ordinance for dogs in that city as a safeguard against rabies.

The Riverside police have been instructed to shoot loose dogs on sight, and Highland has also passed a muzzling ordinance. Doctor Snow has recommended that Sacramento and Stockton pass a similar ordinance.

AVIATOR WILL SEEK TO ESTABLISH NEW RECORDS

Record Breaking Crowd Expected at Stockton Meet

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, March 3.—C. E. Ellis, who has charge of Colonel Johnson's interests in the aviation meet here Saturday and Sunday, states that the aviator will attempt to break the world's records for the quick start, short start, accuracy and endurance. Paulhan holds the record for the quick start, which is 8.2-5 seconds, and for endurance.

INSURANCE COMPANY IS ORDERED TO PAY

Court of Appeal Sustains Santa Rosa Decision

SACRAMENTO, March 3.—In the case of O. Fountain versus the Connecticut fire insurance company the third district court of appeal this morning affirmed the decision of the superior court of Sonoma county, ordering the insurance company to pay Fountain and his losses on merchandise in Santa Rosa, caused by the earthquake and fire of 1906.

LABOR TEMPLE CONTRACT IS LET IN SACRAMENTO

CARL BROWNE IS SUED FOR DIVORCE

Eccentric Political Agitator and Cartoonist Charged With Cruelty by Wife

[Special Dispatch to The Call] VALLEJO, March 3.—In the superior court of Napa county a few days ago Carl Browne, the eccentric, itinerant political agitator and cartoonist, who for years past has been a familiar figure at the different sessions of the state legislature, was sued for a divorce by his wife, a daughter of General Coxe, who, during the hard times some years ago, led the famous Coxe's army to Washington. Browne, who was one of Coxe's right hand men, was the originator of the "Grass Man," he having been arrested for walking on the lawn in front of the capitol.

Soon after the army disbanded Miss Coxe was married to Browne. In her divorce complaint the wife charges cruelty and alleges that on a number of occasions lately her husband has threatened to kill her and their little son, William Randolph Hearst Browne, and burn their mountainside home, Commonwealth Castle, situated near Calistoga.

The wife further asserts that her husband earns \$200 a month from his curbside speeches on political affairs and from his crud drawings. An effort is being made to keep the divorce proceedings from the public.

STOCKTON SPORTSMEN PLAN COUNTRY CLUB

Secure Option of Shippee Property of Sixty-two Acres

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, March 3.—A number of local enthusiasts are endeavoring to start a country club. An option has been taken on 62 acres of land on the old Shippee place, which adjoins the Kozdra tract.

Some of those back of the enterprise are: Dr. Albert E. Hodgkins, Dr. Barton J. Powell, M. F. Branch, E. F. Porter, James H. F. Armsburger, P. B. Fraser, James H. Lough, Don H. Porter and Carson C. Cook.

It is planned to erect a clubhouse with all the accommodations afforded by the best country clubs, including golf links with provision for all outdoor sports.

BREAKING CABLE DROPS TWO MEN INTO RIVER

Workers Have Narrow Escape When Rope Gives Way

[Special Dispatch to The Call] LEWISTON, March 3.—A. H. Utley and Charles Eastman were crossing Trinity river in a bucket attached to a cable when the cable broke and both fell into the river. Utley managed to hold to the cable while friends on the bank pulled him in.

A few minutes before a gasoline engine had been taken across and it is presumed that the strain on the cable caused it to part.

STRANGE VISION SEEN HOVERING OVER SHASTA

Stunts Performed in Sky Indicate an Airship

[Special Dispatch to The Call] EDGEWOOD, March 3.—Persons in the vicinity of Mount Shasta are wondering over the maneuvers of a dark object seen several evenings this week. It is the general belief that an airship inventor is trying out his machine. The craft has been seen by scores of persons. It rises and falls and does stunts in the sky. No one has been near enough to it to tell what it is.

If it is not an airship no one here can imagine what it is.

STOCKTON PRISONER WANTED IN SOUTH

Negro Broke Jail in Louisiana While Serving Thirty-four Year Sentence

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, March 3.—Chief of Police Briars has received word from the Louisiana prison authorities to the effect that the negro, Joe Johnson, alias Jackson, Buckeye, Buck and known in New Orleans as Willie Wilson, is wanted for jail breaking.

Johnson was recently arrested at Seattle on information from the local office charging him with having participated with William Cooper and Joe Williams in robbing Cooper's former wife of her diamonds last October.

The communication from New Orleans states that he held up a doctor and attempted to kill him. He was arrested and sentenced to serve 34 years in the Louisiana penitentiary. That was in November, 1903. Last year he made his escape.

VALLEJO CAR COMPANY GIVEN STREET PERMIT

New Concern Incorporated by Prominent Napa Men

[Special Dispatch to The Call] VALLEJO, March 3.—At the meeting of the board of city trustees last night the recently organized Vallejo traction company was granted a permit for the use of a large number of the streets of this city for the construction and operation of its proposed suburban electric line. The new concern, which was incorporated a few weeks ago by half a dozen prominent Napa citizens, has H. M. Meacham, president of the James H. Goodman & Co. Bank of Napa as president and Theodore A. Bell as secretary.

The company has purchased the White Sulphur Springs, four miles east of this city and the new road will extend from the resort to deep water in the Mare Island channel, the company having been granted the right to land on two of the water front wharves. In this city there will be a branch which will extend to the cemeteries and Vallejo heights, thus giving some 1,500 persons in the northern suburbs, now isolated, easy access to the business section of the city.

The traction company has also secured options on some 200 acres of land near the orphan's home, just north of town, and this will be subdivided and laid out in a new town site.

VALLEJO AUTHORITIES DEADLOCKED ON HOSE

Trustees Refuse to Accept the Choice of Works Board

[Special Dispatch to The Call] VALLEJO, March 3.—After being deadlocked for more than a year over the purchase of 1,000 feet of hose for the local fire department, the board of public works and the city trustees locked horns again last night, and present indications are that the department will be compelled to go without the fire fighting material so badly needed, until after the change of administration, which will take place next month. A year ago the works board selected one brand of hose, but the trustees refused to purchase it. Last night the works commissioners by a vote of 2 to 1 decided upon another brand, but the trustees by a vote of 3 to 2 refused to concur in the choice of the other body.

HIGH SCHOOL WILL HAVE ONE SESSION

Stockton Board of Education Dispenses With Noon Recess

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, March 3.—Dr. D. E. Ray of the board of education at last night's session presented a resolution providing for the "single session" plan. The resolution, which calls for the opening of the high school at 9 a. m. and its closing at 2:30 p. m. without any recess at noon, was unanimously adopted.

At present the school opens at 9 in the morning and closes for three-quarters of an hour at noon and for the day at 3:45 p. m. The board is considering a plan to have the high school students addressed by physicians once every week upon topics concerning the health and care of the body.

ODD FELLOWS WILL OBSERVE MEMORIAL

[Special Dispatch to The Call] VALLEJO, March 3.—The local Odd Fellows are arranging for the observance of the order's annual Memorial day services in the Presbyterian church in this city Sunday, March 27. On that occasion the Rev. Wicher of San Anselmo will deliver the memorial address and the services will be attended by the following local branches of the order: San Pablo lodge No. 43, Golden State lodge No. 216, Mount Moriah encampment No. 38, Myrtle Rebekah lodge No. 15 and Canton Vallejo No. 16, P. M.

ASPARAGUS GROWER SHIPS TO CHICAGO

First Consignment of State Product Sent From Capital by Fruit Company

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, March 3.—The first crate of asparagus to be shipped from the state of California was sent from this city yesterday by the Pioneer fruit company to Chicago. This crate contained a dozen packages.

The second shipment went eastward today. This time the shipment doubled, two cases being sent to Chicago. Asparagus shippers, packers, canners and growers are looking forward to the biggest season in the history of the industry in the Sacramento district this year.

While the crop has been later than usual on account of the protracted cold weather, the crop has indications of being of exceptional quality and not lacking in quantity.

DESERTS HIS FAMILY—Samuel Aton was arrested here by Detectives Burke and Cavanaugh on a warrant from Los Angeles charging him with deserting his wife and two children.

DEATH AND INJURY IN WRECK OF TRAIN

Oriental Limited Plunges Over Fifty Foot Embankment With Five Burning Cars

SPOKANE, Wash., March 3.—Crashing into two tons of rock bowlders, the Oriental limited No. 2 of the Great Northern railroad today plunged down a 50 foot embankment 22 miles east of Spokane, carrying with it five burning cars, killing the fireman, Ed Miller of Hillyard, Wash., seriously injuring the engineer and several passengers.

The accident occurred as the train was turning a curve. Only by the heroic effort of Engineer Alonzo Carle of Spokane, who threw on the emergency brake 25 feet before the rocks were reached, was the entire trainload saved from probable death.

Explosions of gas tanks on the burning cars added to the catastrophe. The injured are: Alonzo E. Carle, engineer, Spokane. E. E. Swanberg, Mount Vernon, Wash. Albert H. Fortin, Mount Vernon. William Oliver Eldridge, a 17 year old tramp, no home.

J. E. Fahy, Seattle, news agent. J. H. Ashley, Seattle, news agent. C. M. Coffinberry, Seattle. H. C. Nelson, baggage clerk, Seattle. P. Van Lippeloy, mail clerk. John Nelson, mail weigher. Est. Benjamin Winget, 1122 Washington building, Chicago, and wife, bruised.

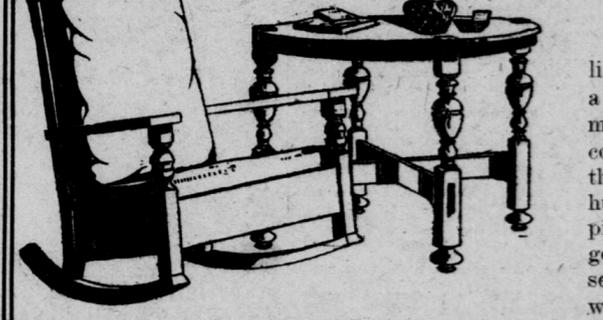
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GRAND OFFICER VISITS NATIVES OF PETALUMA

[Special Dispatch to The Call] PETALUMA, March 3.—Petaluma parlor, Native Sons of the Golden West, received an official visit from Grand Second Vice President H. L. Letcher-burger of Los Angeles last night. The parlor has been in existence only a year, but the grand officer found it in a flourishing condition.

BISHOP O'CONNELL TO DEDICATE NEW CHURCH

[Special Dispatch to The Call] HEALDSBURG, March 3.—The Right Rev. Bishop O'Connell will dedicate the handsome new Roman Catholic church of St. John's parish in this city Sunday, March 13. The new church is one of the finest in this part of the state.

ART DEALER AND LUMBER CLERK FIGHT IN STREET

Will Be Sentenced Today for Disturbing Peace

Frank Dittmar, an art dealer in Mission street near Twenty-first, and William E. Rampe, clerk for a lumber dealer in the Mission, engaged in a fist fight near Dittmar's store Wednesday night.

They refused to tell the police what they were fighting about and were equally reticent when asked by Police Judge Shortall yesterday. They were each charged with disturbing the peace and Rampe with carrying a concealed weapon, a loaded revolver. They were convicted and will be sentenced today.

NEW FEDERAL BUILDING SOON TO BE OCCUPIED

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SANTA ROSA, March 3.—The new federal building, which will contain the postoffice, is now completed and furnished with the exception of the lighting fixtures, which are being put in position this week. The structure will probably be occupied before the end of the month.

LABOR TEMPLE CONTRACT IS LET IN SACRAMENTO

Five Story Building to Cost \$62,104 Planned

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, March 3.—The contract for the construction of a five story reinforced concrete building to be erected by the labor temple association of this city was last night awarded to the Matthews construction company upon its bid of \$62,104. The building is to be completed within six months. The contract specifies that all subcontracts be awarded to Sacramento firms.

FORMER BRAKEMAN ENDS HIS LIFE WITH BULLET

Commits Suicide by Shooting Himself in Head

Fred Dexter Fisher of the Hotel Irwin, Fourth and Mission streets, committed suicide yesterday in his room by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. He was 30 years old and at one time worked as a brakeman for the Southern Pacific company.

John Becker, rooming at the Olympia hotel, Twentieth and Illinois streets, 45 years old, was found dead in the bay at the foot of Sixteenth street yesterday. He had told his brother Peter that he intended killing himself. C. Hueber of 2543 Bryant street, 50 years old, a brick layer, cut his throat at his home yesterday morning. He used two razors in his attempt to kill himself. He was found by his wife. He will probably recover.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS TO HONOR LUTHER BURBANK

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, March 3.—The local parlor of Native Daughters will hold Arbor day exercises next Monday afternoon in honor of Luther Burbank, when they will plant a palm tree in the center of Constitution park. A palm was planted last year, but it failed to grow.

TRADES HIS RESIDENCE FOR BUSINESS BLOCK

SAN MATEO, March 3.—Alfred B. Ford, secretary of the Burlingame club, has traded his residence in Baldwin avenue, San Mateo, for the Brown block, business property in B street. The Brown block was owned by J. P. Brown, clerk of the United States district court, San Francisco. It is improved property with 110 feet frontage. Ford has been making his home in San Francisco.

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