

HOUSE THAT BE BOOSTED TO A HIGHER OFFICE

San Francisco Delegates to Native Sons' Convention Caucus on Candidacy

State Senator Davis Urged to Run for Third Grand Vice President

[Special Dispatch to The Call] LAKE TAHOE, June 5.—Who are left at home to direct the government of the counties of California while the Native Sons of the Golden West are in session by the side of this beautiful blue lake? That question is not put idly, but in a spirit of scientific curiosity, aroused by glancing along the veranda of Tahoe tavern. It seems as if most of the county officers of the state are mobilized by the shores of this body of blue water and under the scrutiny of the lofty snow peaks to the south and east.

NOTABLE SHOWING OF JUDGES There is a notable showing of superior judges, including Barber of Shasta, Conley of Madera, Dooling of San Benito, Dunne and Van Nostrand of San Francisco, Lennon of Marin, Seawell of Sonoma, Price of Alpine, State Printer Shannon represents the commonwealth.

present the Children's agency committee consists of the junior past grand president, the grand president and the first grand vice president. As it has been difficult for these officers to attend meetings regularly Belshaw proposes to empower the grand president to name a committee of members who can readily attend meetings held in San Francisco. The first year of the Children's agency work has been successful enough to demand a continuance of the charity.

TRAIN KILLS SLEEPER Among the guests drawn to Tahoe by the grand parlor is Mrs. Emma W. Lillie, grand president Native Daughters of the Golden West. A large number of delegates came in tonight on the special that left San Francisco at 7:20 o'clock. The trip was made safely for the delegates, but their train killed an unidentified man who was sleeping on the track near Colfax.

HOMESEEKERS RUSH TO NORTH PACIFIC STATES Thousands of Citizens Return From Canada WASHINGTON, June 5.—An unusually heavy movement of home seekers this spring into various parts of the arid west is indicated by reports that have come to the reclamation service.

CONTEST FOR TRUSTEESHIPS As usual, there are a number of candidates for the seven grand trusteeships. Of the incumbents who will seek re-election are: Elmer B. Beck, St. Helena, and Nathan P. Bundy, Los Angeles, and Louis H. Mooser, if he does not seek advancement.

REWARDS FOR SERVICE The long service of Grand Treasurer John E. McDougald will be rewarded with an unopposed election, and the success of Grand Secretary Fred H. Jung's first year's work will bring him an equally unanimous re-election.

STREAM OF GOLD DUST STARTS FOR DAWSON Dawson, Y. T., June 5.—The steamer Schwatka arrived from Fairbanks yesterday, the first boat of the year from the lower Yukon. The Schwatka brought \$900,000 of Tanana gold for Seattle. The gold is being shipped this year by express.

JAPANESE PRINCE TO INSPECT GUN FACTORY Mikado's Cousin Will Visit Washington This Week WASHINGTON, June 5.—Semi-official and political in character will be the visit to Washington this week of Prince Fushimi No Miya, cousin of the emperor of Japan, and his wife. Ostensibly their visit has no significance and is merely part of a world tour that the distinguished couple are taking.

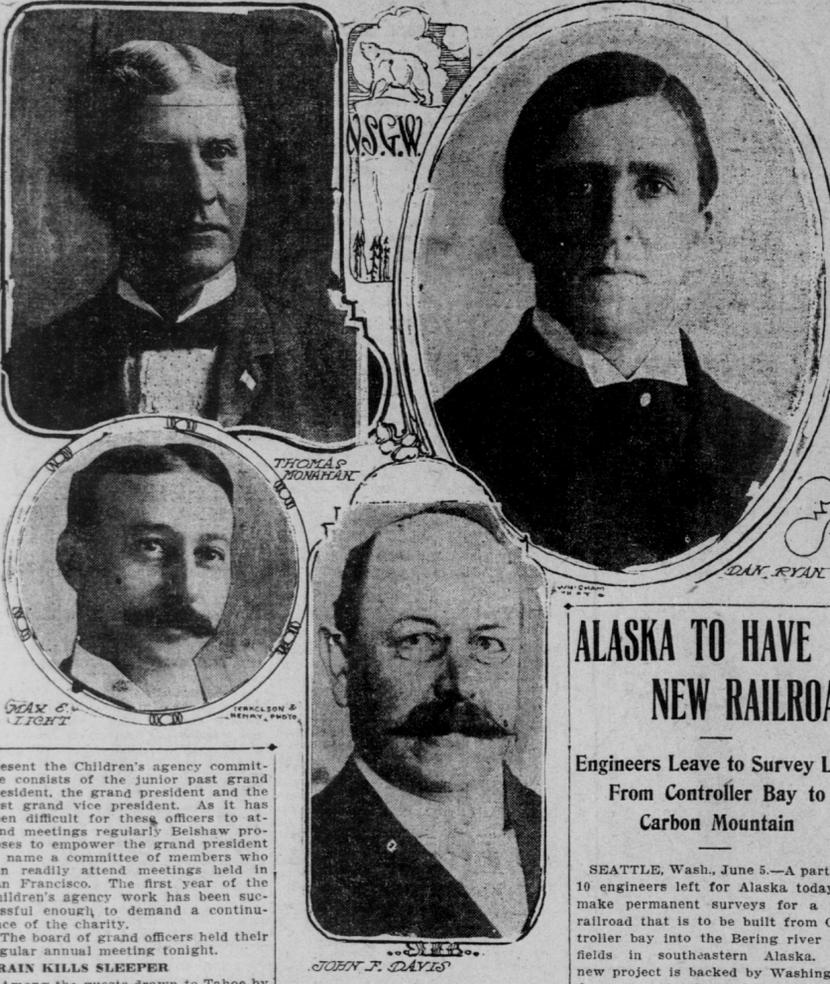
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Native Sons' Grand Parlor Like A County Officers' Gathering

Some of the prominent members of the grand parlor, Native Sons of the Golden West.



RAILROADMEN ARE AT THE CAPITAL

Star Chamber Session Gathers Preparatory to Conference With President WASHINGTON, June 5.—A secret conference of railroad officials throughout the country, it was learned tonight, was held in the national capital today.

LEGAL LIGHTS TO GATHER CHICAGO, June 5.—The legal corps of 25 western railroads will meet here tomorrow to devise a defense to the government's injunction suit against an increase in freight rates.

AEROPLANE CAPSIZES, SPILLING BIRDMEN Maurice Farman Falls From Car at Versailles VERSAILLES, France, June 5.—An aeroplane, carrying Maurice Farman, brother of Henry Farman, and Georges Besnon, secretary of the Aero Club of France, capsized here today.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., June 5.—A spectacular test of the utility of the aeroplane in warfare is to be made at the joint encampment of federal troops and Chickamauga park this summer.

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TRADERS PROFIT BY CROP PROSPECTS

Alarm in Wall Street Caused by Railway Injunctions Followed by Confidence Approach of Harvest Points to Necessity of Credit Contraction in East

NEW YORK, June 5.—The injunction obtained by the attorney general against the proposed increase in western trunk line freight rates last week threw the stock market into consternation.

The complaints of high cost of living from all quarters have been as clamorous from the railroads as from any others, and the recent advances in wages have been used as a text on which to base claims for increased compensation.

Speculation in stocks has been based on expected benefits of rate advances ever since notice of the intended increases were filed with the interstate commerce commission in April. It is also said that the sales of railroad bonds abroad were due to the prospect of those higher freight charges and that other sales will be prevented.

Rumors of cancellation of orders for railway equipment and of laying off of railroad employes show the direction in which other disadvantages were expected.

The sensation caused by the late injunction proceedings obscured for a time the supreme court decisions in the Missouri river and the Denver rate cases, but railroad men say that the power thus affirmed for the commerce commission to fix the rates affected threatens a revolution in present methods of apportioning charges.

The approach of the harvest centered attention on the money situation and pointed to the necessity of credit contraction to prepare for the coming demands to move the crops.

Liquidation, not only in stocks, but in grain and cotton was prompted by these prospective requirements as much as by apprehension of a fall in intrinsic values.

Liquidation in commodities found an incentive as well in the improving promise of crops. Backwardness of spring wheat and corn has not impaired confidence in the ultimate abundant yield.

The basic importance of the good crop prospect helped to give the stock market some resisting power at the lower stages of the price movement. The abrupt decline carried prices headlong to the lowest level of the year for the leading railroad stocks, and this fact also was held to be significant of the extent to which unfavorable factors in the outlook had been already discounted.

ONE OF MAYBRAY GANG ESCAPES FROM CUSTODY

Left Alone With Sick Child and Disappears SEATTLE, June 5.—R. N. Thielman, alias "Darby" Thielman, arrested here three weeks ago on an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Omaha charging complicity with the Maybray gang of fake prize fight promoters, escaped from Deputy United States Marshal F. M. Lathe this afternoon. He has not been captured.

BISHOP WARREN DRAWS LARGE CONGREGATION

Sermon at University Attended by 60 Classmen CHICAGO, June 5.—Rev. Henry White Warren, the oldest American born bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, came here today from Denver to deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the graduates of Northwestern university at Evanston.

Five thousand persons heard the sermon. Bishop Warren is 79 years old. Homer A. Plimpton of Riverside, Cal., and William A. Lord of Seattle, members of the class of '60, were present.

FRANCE WATCHES BELGIUM ELECTIONS

European Republic May Adopt System of Party Representation by Proportion

Does Away With Absolute Dominance of Majority; Gives Minorities Some Power

PARIS, June 5.—In France, where electorate reform is now the issue of the hour, the recent elections in Belgium were watched with special interest because their "representation proportionnelle," or R. P., as it is familiarly called here, is in full operation.

R. P. is an elaborately worked out system to give all political parties representation according to the number of votes polled. In other words, the abandonment of the absolute domination of majority rule now in vogue in France and most other continental countries.

FRENCH SYSTEM CRITICIZED In France, especially, the existing system of electing members to the chamber of deputies, in whose hands the political power of the state is concentrated, is severely criticized, not only on the grounds that majorities in small local districts make local considerations outweigh the national interests, but on the broader ground that the minorities, oftentimes only a few votes behind the majorities, have no representation at all.

The remedy proposed is for larger districts, electing from 8 to 15 deputies upon a general platform, with proportional representation for the minorities when they are of sufficient size to cast votes of respectable dimensions.

The electoral experts sent to Belgium generally commend the system there, but take exceptions to the plural voting enjoyed by large taxpayers and persons with advanced educational attainments.

EXAMPLE OF METHOD A sample of how the system works in Belgium disregarding the question of plural voting, can be gathered from the results at Antwerp, where 13 seats were to be filled. The Catholic ticket polled 82,878 votes, the liberals 65,541 and the socialists 16,723. Under the system of majority rule the Catholics would have captured the entire 13 seats. Under the R. P. system each of the total votes received by a ticket was divided by 1, 2, 3 and 4 up to 13, and the quotients of these divisions became in the order of numerical precedence the order of dividing the seats between the parties.

In this particular case it resulted in giving the first seat to the first Catholic, the second to a liberal, the third to a Catholic, fourth liberal, fifth Catholic, sixth liberal, seventh Catholic, eighth liberal, ninth socialist, tenth Catholic, eleventh Catholic, twelfth liberal and thirteenth Catholic.

In other words the Catholics upon their total vote secured seven seats, the liberals five and the socialists one, which works out almost mathematically according to the proportion of the votes cast.

BOARD PREPARES FOR IRRIGATION CONGRESS

Reform, Homeseeking and Reclamation on Program PUEBLO, Colo., June 5.—The boards of control and governors of the fifth national irrigation congress, to be held in Pueblo September 26-30, began a two days' session here today to prepare for the congress.

Features of the program will be five minute discussions on general reform and homeseeking, reclamation and kindred topics.

Among the congress officials in attendance are: President B. A. Fowler, Arizona; First Vice President R. E. Twitchell, New Mexico; Fourth Vice President F. W. Fleming, Kansas City. Members of the board of governors and control: Dr. E. McQueen Gray, New Mexico; Judge Harper S. Cunningham, Oklahoma; Dr. J. W. McClellan, Washington; Major R. W. Young, Salt Lake; R. Insinger, Spokane.

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STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE Insurance Company OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, on the 31st day of December, 1909, and for the year ending on that day, as required by the Commissioner of the State of California. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 613 of the Political Code, said state.

ASSETS Net value of real estate owned by the company \$3,248,948.58 Amount of loans secured by mortgage on real estate 60,328,308.50 Amount of loans secured by pledge of securities and other marketable securities assigned as collateral 2,351,100.00 Premium notes and other contracts 3,580,205.74 Loans to policy holders on company policies assigned as collateral 16,812,371.22 Cash market value of stocks and bonds owned by company 35,978,141.20 Amount of cash in company 4,732.57 Reserve for unearned premium 1,378,252.48 Interest due and accrued 2,332,520.00 Net amount of premiums in process of collection and of deferred premiums 1,482,618.81 Agents' balances 24,944.79 Total \$128,727,713.95 Deduct agents' debit balances 20,265.09 Total admitted assets \$128,698,448.87

LIABILITIES Claims for matured endowments due and unpaid \$48,985.00 Claims for death losses reported, but not received 300,000.00 Claims for death losses in process of settlement 383,964.70 Claims for death losses resisted by the company 37,234.90 Net reserves for unearned premium, including policy loans computed according to the actuarial table of mortality, plus 4 per cent interest, and American table with 3 per cent interest 1,281,888.95 Dividends or other profits due or payable during the year 3,876,371.60 Unearned interest and reus paid in advance 14,544.00 Premiums on contracts not yet issued 108,114.92 Taxes due or accrued 442,800.00 Reserve for unexpired mortality 1,883,520.00 All other liabilities 127,299.62 Total liabilities \$124,063,864.75

INCOME Cash received for premiums on endowments during the year \$2,990,455.44 Cash received for renewal premiums 185,014.71 Cash received for surrendered policies 2,386,450.99 Cash received for interest 5,654,548.10 Cash received for interest on ledger 127,299.62 Consideration for supplementary contracts not involving life contingencies 846,323.35 Profit on sale or maturity of ledger 84,965.96 Gross increase in book value of ledger 14,955.51 Income from all other sources 100.00 Total income \$84,524,010.20

EXPENDITURES Cash paid for losses and matured endowments during the year \$7,328,381.92 Cash paid to annuitants 185,014.71 Cash paid for surrendered policies 2,386,450.99 Cash paid for interest 5,654,548.10 Cash paid for repairs and expenses on real estate 43,424.84 Cash paid for rents 29,085.71 Paid for claims on supplementary contracts not involving life contingencies 127,299.62 Gross decrease in book value of ledger 38,601.25 Commission paid to agents 1,801,294.00 All other expenditures 806,269.75 Total expenditures \$16,173,986.47

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ALASKA TO HAVE NEW RAILROAD

Engineers Leave to Survey Line From Controller Bay to Carbon Mountain

SEATTLE, Wash., June 5.—A party of 10 engineers left for Alaska today to make permanent surveys for a new railroad that is to be built from Controller bay into the Bering river coal fields in southeastern Alaska. The new project is backed by Washington, Oregon and California capitalists, among them being Governor Gillett of California, C. Alisky of Portland and Harry White of Los Angeles, a former mayor of Seattle.

White, who is president of the road, said that permanent wharves will be built at once at Controller bay and everything will be in readiness for construction operations on the new line by February.

The main line will start from Controller bay, follow the Bering river, past Stillwater and into Carbon mountain, a distance of about 22 miles," said White. "Branches will run off the main line 10 miles to Bering lake coal fields, where McDonald's mine is located, and to other mines."

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