

GOVERNOR'S LETTER

Scathing Letter Practically Demands the Resignation of Trustees

Says Decision Means Normal Girls Must Submit to Indignities

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 2.—Governor Gillett today forwarded to Francis J. O'Brien, acting secretary of the board of trustees of the Chico state normal school, a reply to O'Brien's notice of action taken by the trustees in the investigation of the charges against the president of the school, Van Liew after the recent hearing.

The governor recites the history of the case, declares that the good name of the school has been damaged by the failure to oust Van Liew and intimates that it is up to the trustees who voted to exonerate him into step down and out.

The governor denies insinuations that he has been actuated in this matter by political motives and declares emphatically that his only desire has been to see that the personnel of the teaching force of the state schools shall remain above reproach morally. He asserts that he has no interest in this case is a declaration to girl students at all state schools that "no matter what advances are made to them or proposals offered, they are to remain pure and make no compromise, for if they do they will be ridiculed by boys and disbelieved by the trustees."

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The governor's letter was as follows: To Florence J. O'Brien, Acting Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Chico Normal School.

Dear Sir: Your letter of July 29, 1910, advising me of the decision of the majority of the board of trustees dismissing the charges recently preferred against C. C. Van Liew, president of the said normal school, has been duly received.

I desire herein to express to the members of the board my views regarding the investigation just closed and my opinion as to what is best for the future welfare of the school.

I must confess that I was quite surprised at the conclusion reached by a majority of the board, and I am firmly of the opinion that the decision rendered by it will injure the standing of the school and seriously affect its future.

For several years I understand there had been ugly rumors concerning Doctor Van Liew's conduct in the school, and today those rumors are state-wide. My attention was attracted to them first by Miss Clark had first made her charges against him. After that many complaints were made to me concerning his conduct.

PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION
In May, 1903, a private investigation was made into Doctor Van Liew's reputation for society and morals, and the result was as follows: "I have known him for a long time and he has been in the office of the secretary of the state board of examiners. This report is very damaging to Doctor Van Liew."

PAST REPUTATION
I called the board's attention to these two reports to show that in the past Van Liew's reputation for immorality was being discussed sufficiently to cause the same to be investigated.

OTHER COMPLAINTS
This is pretty strong language, coming from one of the great educators of the state, and the special-education reports concerning Dr. Van Liew that were current prior to the Clark charges, having been made in reports are in my possession of young ladies, other than Miss Clark, to whom it is claimed Van Liew had offered to marry, but it is difficult to make them appear in public and make a statement after Miss Clark's experience. Many complaints have reached me since the decision of the board, and I give you one as an example. A prominent citizen of Santa Rosa, at one time a resident of Chico, sent me a telegram in which he said: "I am a resident of Santa Rosa, and I am in a position to know of Van Liew's unquestionable bad moral reputation and influence, and I am in a position to testify against the reported action of the normal trustees in exonerating him."

In the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys

SKULL FOUND FAR UNDER RIVER BED

Railroad Track and Indian Implements Discovered Beneath the Sacramento

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
SACRAMENTO, Aug. 2.—Digging in the bed of the Sacramento river 18 feet below the present surface of the stream, 5 feet below the lowest place in the bottom and 12½ feet below sea level, workmen today uncovered a railroad track, found a human skull, bones and claws of animals, queer Indian implements and other curiosities.

The excavations are being made in airtight compartments for the purpose of sinking the first concrete pier for the new Southern Pacific railroad bridge at this city.

Pioneers who were in this city in early days declare that the first pier on the Sacramento side of the river will be sunk at the spot where the prison ship, The Brig, sank more than 50 years ago. It is estimated that the bottom of the river has risen 35 feet in 50 years.

RAILWAY COMPANIES AT WAR OVER CROSSING
Key Route and Santa Fe Again at "Ours"

OAKLAND, Aug. 2.—A feud of long standing between the Santa Fe and Key Route companies as to which has the right of way where the Santa Fe tracks running toward the company's new yards at Twentieth and Adeline streets cross the Key Route tracks running toward Poplar junction has been intensified by the placing for a second time of two old cars by the Key Route company directly in the path of the Santa Fe road.

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The trouble began some time ago, when the Santa Fe purchased the property at Twentieth and Adeline streets for a yard and ran a spur track to the place from Emeryville, placing a "jump frog," or temporary crossing, at the intersection of the two companies' tracks, so that rock could be dumped near the yard.

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TAXPAYERS TO SUE FOR \$20,000

City and District Attorneys Disagree as to Law in the Case

FRESNO, Aug. 2.—Failure on the part of the local board of supervisors to order the refunding to city property owners of the additional 20 per cent in taxes imposed last year upon the instructions of the state board of equalization will probably result in the municipality being made defendant in a suit which will involve more than \$20,000.

Many of the property owners interested have already retained attorneys to represent them, and these attorneys are now waiting the final decision of the supervisors before starting proceedings.

City Attorney Frank Kauke has advised the city trustees not to refund the money, while the district attorney has advised the supervisors to do so. The money collected on the additional assessment is still in the municipal treasury.

AGED BRIDGE TENDER IS ACCUSED OF ASSAULT

Hits Man With Pistol, but Pleads Self-Defense

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
OROVILLE, Aug. 2.—Thomas Moore, aged 70 years, bridge tender for the place from Dr. J. E. Robley in the Goldstein building last night, getting \$290 in money and checks and other valuable worth more than \$200. The robbery was not discovered until Doctor Robley went to his office this morning. The office door had been locked again and the safe was closed, so there were no outward signs of the theft.

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FISHERMEN WIN TRUCKEE FIGHT

Lumber Company Tears Down Its Trespass Signs and Sport Is Open

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TRUCKEE, Aug. 2.—The Truckee lumber company has given up its fight to keep the general public from fishing along the banks of the Truckee river from land owned by the company.

The company has contended for months that this land is private property and has sought to make a private game preserve of the Truckee river, which was stocked by the state fish and game commission at state expense.

Signs have been posted warning fishermen to keep out, but a fight was made by sportsmen and others at Truckee and elsewhere who contended that the river is public property inasmuch as the state stocked it. The company has finally torn down the trespass signs and will let the fishing go on.

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THREE INJURED IN SERIES OF MISHAPS

East Oakland Merchant Falls Unconscious in Street From Stroke of Paralysis

John Roche, an East Oakland merchant, while crossing Sansome street near Clay yesterday morning, found that his right arm and hand were paralyzed. Walking toward the harbor emergency hospital, he stumbled and was rendered unconscious by his head striking the curbstone.

Several bystanders saw the merchant stumble and called for an ambulance, in which he was conveyed to the harbor emergency hospital. Roche had sustained a slight scalp wound and the paralysis stroke was but of a temporary nature.

An eight seated automobile belonging to J. H. Newbauer, who lives at Buchanan and Sacramento streets, struck Mrs. James Shakespeare, the wife of a Sausalito train dispatcher, yesterday afternoon while she was crossing Sutter street near Stockton. The woman sustained a badly wrenched back and severe contusions about the head.

Thomas Nunan, a laborer living at 114 Walsh street, walked into the central emergency hospital yesterday morning with blood flowing from a number of cuts and bruises about the head. He said he had been held up and robbed by two men in Mission street near Sixth.

Mrs. G. R. Higer, 1001 Wisconsin street, fell from a Folsom street car last night near Twenty-sixth street and was severely injured. She was first taken to the Mission emergency hospital, where Doctor Jacob found that she had sustained a sprained ankle and shoulder, and many contusions about the body.

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LAN TO BE OPEN TO SETTLEMENT

Homesteaders May Take Up Thousands of Acres Once in National Forests

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Thousands of acres of unappropriated lands, which were eliminated from national forests and restored to the public domain by recent proclamation of President Taft, will be thrown open to homestead settlement and entry this fall. The lands are located in Colorado, New Mexico, Washington, Oregon, Utah, Idaho and Wyoming.

The president also had restored to settlement on October 22 and to entry on November 21, about 9,230 acres in the Great Falls, Mont., land district, formerly withdrawn.

The dates of opening of some of the former forest lands, together with the extent of the area, are as follows: WASHINGTON

Subject to settlement October 18 and to entry November 17:
Rialter national forest, 5,910 acres in Kittitas county, very little of which is unappropriated.
Kaibab national forest, 8,584 acres in Stevens county, 43,066 acres in Okanogan and Ferry counties, about one-third of which is unappropriated.

OREGON
Subject to settlement October 22 and to entry November 21:
Deschutes, 16,102 acres; Wallowa, 20,623 acres. The eliminated areas are largely unappropriated and consist of scattered tracts in the southeastern part of the state in Wheeler, Crook, Grant, Umatilla, Wallowa and Baker counties.

UTAH
Subject to settlement October 22 and to entry November 21:
Mudlake national forest, 25,176 acres, in Box Elder county, all of which is chiefly unappropriated.

IDAHO
Subject to settlement October 22 and to entry November 21:
Mudlake, 22,152 acres; Caribou, 33,372 acres; Woodbury, 22,226 acres. The eliminated areas are largely unappropriated and consist of scattered tracts in the southeastern part of the state in Blaine, Bannock, Bear Lake, Cassia, Twin Falls and Oneida counties.

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Subject to settlement October 22 and to entry November 21:
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MISS CLARK BELIEVED
Of course, it was left to the board to pass upon the veracity of Ada Clark and Doctor Van Liew; but notwithstanding its decision, I believe the people of the state, and the great majority of them, will accept Miss Clark's statement of what took place. She had nothing to gain by doing what she did. She had never had any trouble with Dr. Van Liew, and she had no desire to leave school; she was anxious to get an education, so that she might herself become a teacher in our public schools. Her past life had always been pure and good; she had always lived in a country surrounded by Christian influences and she could have had no other motive whatever in making the complaint she made against the president of the institution where she was being educated. When she came from Van Liew's office she was pale, nervous and excited. She had the testimony of Miss Lindley, a student of the school, who met her in the hall; she told Miss Lindley of what had just happened and requested her to go into the school and get her books, as she would never enter it again.

SHAME INCONCEIVABLE
Now, it is inconceivable to imagine that this young girl should