

In the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys

DROVERS APPROVE A STANDARD PACK

Stockton Convention Goes on Record for Honest Measurement and Superior Fruit

Resolutions Adopted in Opposition to Alien Ownership of Land in California

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, Dec. 9.—The thirty-eighth convention of state fruit growers completed its work this afternoon after a four day session.

The adoption of resolutions favoring the standard pack and lower freight rates, indorsing the work of the anti-mosquito league, advocating legislation to protect the fruit growers against infected nursery stock and advocating the revival of the district fair, were the last acts of the convention.

One of the most important acts of the convention was the adoption of resolutions for a uniform system of standards for both fresh and dried fruits.

The question of standardization was one of the leading topics considered at the convention. The members did not pass on the proposition of indorsing a movement for a state law for standardization of pack, as the majority of delegates considered the matter a little too far in advance of present conditions.

The question of a standard pack is not limited to fresh fruit. The resolutions adopted having included the dried variety. The dried fruit question was brought up by Charles B. Weeks of Red Bluff and opinions were expressed by President Jeffrey, most of the committee of Corn and others. President Jeffrey read letters from the consul of The Netherlands at San Francisco, stating that the Netherlands importers of American dried fruits claim they have sustained all the losses they care to submit to because of a lack of standard, and through The Netherlands association for the commerce of dried fruits propose to protect themselves.

RESOLUTIONS

The standardization resolutions follow:

Resolved, By this thirty-eighth session of the California fruit growers convention, that we hereby endorse and indorse all our state officers, during the past year in holding county conventions of the state, standardizing and assisting in the standardizing of our fruit for the market.

Placer, Shasta, Tehama, El Dorado, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Sonoma and other counties of the state have in the past year shouldered and followed this leadership, and all report a marked progress over former years, and that they are ready to stand by the standardization of the fruit to the interstate market.

This is a fact, we need a better concert of action, getting our standards uniform and as near perfection as possible.

Resolved, That we stand unalterably for a uniform system of standards for both fresh and dried fruit, and that we hereby endorse all sections of the state, standardizing and assisting in the standardizing of our fruit for the market.

Resolved, That we hereby endorse and commend the vital importance of the recommendations so ably made in our president's address along the line of standardization of the fruit of California, to the end that inferior and defective fruits shall be excluded from our markets.

Resolved, That we hereby endorse and commend the health officer in the advanced stand he has taken in holding that the tariff protection afforded the growers places him under obligations to the consumer to furnish nothing but an honest pack of superior fruit.

Resolved, That we hereby endorse and commend the health officer in his commendation of honest, stable land development as opposed to bogus schemes stimulated by fraud.

FARM SANITATION

Dr. W. F. Snow, secretary of the state board of health, presented the subject of farm sanitation at the opening of this morning's session in a manner that threw an entirely new light on the question. The keynote of the proposition as presented by the doctor was the necessity that no-operation on the part of the farmers in stamping out the five germ diseases that afflict mankind.

The health officer said that every death from one of the five diseases, according to the standard of the year 1909, cost the state the loss of \$1,700. Arguing from the grovers' standpoint, the loss of life, which is a loss to the business interests generally, can be reduced greatly by co-operation in stamping out the diseases.

"There are no less than 400,000 acres for sale in the Sacramento valley in farm units of from 10 to 18 acres. Statistics show that the average amount of land purchased by the new settler is 25 acres. On this basis there is room in our valley for 16,000 additional families, which would undoubtedly represent an increased rural population of 100,000 persons, which does not include a like number for cities, as our experience shows that for every person placed on a farm, one person will go to a city."

The above declaration was made by C. H. Miller, secretary of the Sacramento Valley development association, in a paper on "Colonizing of Northern California," read at this morning's session.

Miller said that when the Sacramento Valley development association was organized, 11 years ago, conditions were vastly different from what they are now. Many counties were losing population and the assessed valuations showed a decrease. Something was needed to stir things up. Meetings and talkfests were held, the people were aroused to the necessity of action and the opportunities which awaited, and a vast change was wrought.

The speaker said that next spring the government would turn water through the Orland unit, which is the only government project entirely within the state.

JOKE RESULTS IN SUIT FOR \$5,000 DAMAGES

Stockton Man Fled From Supposed Maniac

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, Dec. 9.—A jury in Judge C. W. Norton's court is hearing an action brought by Noah E. Cresson against O. H. Hunt, T. D. Lisenbeck, Early Morrill, Chester Bacigalupi, Sergeant Halter and Chester Halter for damages in the sum of \$5,000 as the result of an alleged joke. Cresson charges that one night last August the defendants told him that an insane man was at large in an orchard. They asked him to join the searchers. Cresson alleges he did so and that one of the party left him and imperiled the insane man and that he ran for several hours to escape the supposed crazy man. As a result he was taken ill.

Alien Ownership of State Lands Opposed

The following resolutions were adopted yesterday by the fruit growers in convention at Stockton:

Whereas, the occupancy of the land of this state by citizens who are freeholders and some holders in the ideal condition of rural life greatly to be desired; and whereas, land and its products are being into possession of alien persons incapable of citizenship and incapable of assimilation; therefore be it

Resolved by this thirty-eighth fruit growers' convention, that we request our legislature to enact effective laws to prevent the alien ownership of land; and be it further

Resolved, the the chairman appoint a committee of five on maintaining to whom all matters pertaining to its legislation shall be referred.

YOLO COUNTY LAND BRINGS \$450,000

4,000 Acres Will Be Reclaimed and Subdivided Into Small Farms

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STOCKTON PLANS FETE FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

Street Concerts by Miners' Chorus and Bands Promised

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, Dec. 9.—The Stockton merchants' association is arranging a big celebration for New Year's eve. One of the attractions will be the miners' chorus of 60 voices from Grass Valley, which will sing in the streets and give a concert in one of the churches.

The Stockton Union band and the Oakland band have been engaged, and the streets will be festooned with hundreds of incandescent lights.

The following committee has charge of arrangements: W. C. Wall, Bert Lewis, Mike Conway, John Harris, S. H. Dyott, F. A. Gummer, Joe Cuneo, Joe Campodonico, Henry Glick, James E. Morgan, Joe Dunne, William Gross and P. J. Lynch.

The merchants have also appointed S. H. Dyott, F. A. Gummer and Carl Steinhart a committee to make plans for running trade excursions to Stockton from nearby towns.

The association's committee on new quarters, consisting of Carl Steinhart, D. B. Morrill and A. B. Lang, has secured rooms in the Hansel building at Hunter and Bridge streets.

The Central California traction company has invited the merchants to travel over the interurban line January 5 to Sacramento and return. A band will be taken along and a quantity of literature hoisting Stockton. S. H. Dyott, W. C. Wall, J. A. Sanford and J. K. Wagner have charge of arrangements for the merchants.

SHOULD INSTITUTIONS TAKE TAINTED MONEY?

Students Will Wrestle Tonight With Knotty Problem

BERKELEY, Dec. 9.—Two juniors and two seniors will mount the rostrum at Hearst hall tomorrow night to discuss the right of public institutions to take money which is known to have been obtained dishonestly. The speakers of the evening will be Charles Kasch and A. C. Madden, seniors, and T. B. Kittredge and H. C. Kelley, juniors.

The students qualified for the discussion by submitting essays which met with the approval of the committee in charge of the contest. Each student received \$15 and the winner of the discussion tomorrow night will receive an additional \$100.

Prof. David P. Barrows will preside at the meeting and the judges will be Prof. W. S. Bade and Warren Gregory.

LABOR QUESTION ENDED BY COMPANY UNIONIZING

Bridge Company Declared Fair by Council

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, Dec. 9.—The differences between the Missouri Valley bridge and iron company and the local labor council were amicably settled last night by a resolution from the labor council declaring the bridge company fair upon a promise that union engineers and pile drivers would be used on the bridges the company is erecting across the Sacramento river.

TIMBER COMPANY AFFAIRS TANGLED

British Barrister in Sacramento to Look After Interests of Millionaire

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, Dec. 9.—Ervin de Montpeller, a British barrister and representative of W. C. Bonnell of New York, a millionaire investor in the North American hardwood timber company, of which former State Forester Lull has been field agent, has come to Sacramento to straighten out the affairs of the timber company which controls about 6,000 acres of eucalyptus land in Solano county. Prior to his arrival reports of overpaid prospectuses on eucalyptus were current here and in Solano county.

De Montpeller asserts that the frenzied financing of E. R. Temple, promoter of the company in this state, had greatly crippled the concern. One of Temple's alleged schemes was to increase his own salary from \$5,000 a year to \$24,000 by the formation of subsidiary companies, from which he drew liberal salaries.

Field Agent Lull, it is reported, has received no salary since July and has been maintaining a local office out of his own pocket. Both Lull and De Montpeller deny this report, but De Montpeller declares Lull resigned last Saturday and then withdrew his resignation. This assertion Lull denies, saying he never had any intention of resigning. The local offices of the company have been closed, however.

IMMEDIATE WORK ON HARBOR URGED

Oakland Chamber of Commerce Wants Bay Channels Deepened by Government

OAKLAND, Dec. 9.—Two resolutions, both urging the representatives in congress to devote their efforts toward securing immediate use of federal appropriations in developing San Francisco bay harbors, were adopted by the chamber of commerce today.

One resolution favors dredging for the naval station at the north end of the bay. The other advocates rapid work on the deepening of Oakland harbor from the bay to the tidal canal.

A telegram from Congressman J. R. Knowland prompted the resolution calling for completion of the Oakland harbor dredging project. Knowland had informed the members of the chamber that the engineers of the war department had recommended an additional appropriation of \$150,000 for Oakland harbor. The sum of \$262,000 remains from previous appropriations, and Knowland advised the committee that both sums were available for use.

The committee urged that the dredging of Oakland harbor should be completed as nearly as possible at the same time as the improvement of the harbor by the city, which has voted bonds for wharves and is now undertaking the construction of docks.

The chamber suggested that the deepening of the channel at Point San Pablo would not only be serviceable for naval purposes, but would be beneficial to commerce and encourage the location of a supplemental naval station at that point.

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DRINK CAUSED RUIN, AUDITOR CONVICTED BY STOCKTON JURY

Former Schoolmate of Pardee and Budd Sentenced to 7 Years at Folsom

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, Dec. 9.—Boasting an education secured at St. Mary's and Santa Clara colleges and the state university as classmate of two former governors, John Smith pleaded guilty to forgery today before Superior Judge Hughes and was sentenced to seven years in Folsom prison.

Drink, confessed Smith, led him to pass a check upon W. A. Vogel with intent to defraud and without having funds in the bank on which the check was drawn. He spoke in the court as follows:

"I was born in Oakland 57 years ago. I attended St. Mary's college and Santa Clara college and the state university and in 1871 my father left me between \$40,000 and \$50,000 and I got hold of that when I became of age. Everybody knows me in Oakland. I went to school with two former governors, Pardee and Budd, and I have schoolmates all over the state."

"I was a little wild and then I got into business and lost my money in the grocery business in 1878. Since that time I was employed by General Williams for five years at Emeryville, and then I worked for J. B. Haggin for two years."

Smith has three children living in Oakland.

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, Dec. 9.—A jury in Judge J. A. Plummer's court this afternoon found County Auditor and Recorder James H. Kroh guilty of the accusation of misconduct in office. The jury was out 45 minutes.

Kroh was accused of having hypothecated his salary warrant before it was due. The action will result in his removal from office.

Whether it will have the same result so far as his next term is concerned, he having been re-elected, is a question not decided by local authorities.

PROHIBITION DISRUPTS THE COLUSA BAND

Several Musicians Decline to Play for Temperance Meetings

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STUDENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL GET DIPLOMAS

Fifty-four Graduate With Class of '10

OAKLAND, Dec. 9.—Fifty-four students, members of the class of December, 1910, of the Oakland high school, received their diplomas at the Common School assembly hall in Grove street tonight.

Rev. Albert W. Palmer, pastor of Oakland Congregational church, delivered the address of the evening. His subject was "The Making of a Man." The exercises were opened with an invocation by Rev. Miles B. Fisher. Miss Rita Damosoff read an essay on "California in the Light of Romance."

Miss Dorothy McCargan rendered a vocal selection, Milton Sapiro was the valedictorian.

The diplomas were presented to the students by Dr. A. S. Kelly, chairman of the high school committee of the board of education.

G. A. R. AUXILIARY WILL ORGANIZE IN ALAMEDA

ALAMEDA, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Flora Jacobs, president of Lyon auxiliary of the Grany Army of the Republic of Oakland, will install an Alameda auxiliary at the city hall in this city Monday afternoon next at 1:45 o'clock.

Among the charter members of the new auxiliary will be Mrs. Mary Cameron Benjamin, Miss Lucille Knowland, Mrs. E. K. Taylor, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. F. B. Graves, Mrs. Cutler, Mrs. Bones, Miss Edith Harris and Miss Emma Decker.

WOMAN REFUSES TO LIE TO HELP MRS. MARTIN

OAKLAND, Dec. 8.—"No, I won't lie for you and I don't want to talk to you," exclaimed Mrs. Mary Hanna of Weaverville to Mrs. Isabella J. Martin in Judge Wells' courtroom this afternoon when Mrs. Martin finally cornered her after chasing her about the room to whisper to her.

Mrs. Hanna had been subpoenaed by Mrs. Martin's orders as a witness in her defense. After Mrs. Hanna had answered less than half a dozen questions Mrs. Martin said:

"I'm through with you. You are a disappointment to me as a witness." District Attorney Givens of Trinity county was put on the stand, but he stated that he knew nothing about the case and was excused.

POLICEMAN IS SUED FOR FALSE ARREST

OAKLAND, Dec. 9.—Martin J. Slatery has filed suit against Policeman James Pullman for \$1,000, claiming that he was falsely arrested last September. He asks the damages as well as a new suit of clothes and a dental bill of \$75. Slatery was arrested on a charge of drunkenness. He charges that the arrest was brutal and that the policeman struck him in the mouth and dragged him in the street. The surety company on Pullman's bond is made codefendant in the suit.

CHARLES M. CADMAN INJURED BY AN AUTO

OAKLAND, Dec. 9.—Charles M. Cadman, superintendent of the De Framery wharves, living at 1405 Central avenue, Alameda, was thrown from a buggy at Fourteenth street and Broadway this afternoon, when he collided with an automobile driven by H. B. Lyons. Cadman was taken to the receiving hospital by Lyons, where it was discovered that he has sustained slight but painful injuries to his spine. He was taken to his home.

DOG'S INTELLIGENCE RESTORES LOST PURSE

NEVADA CITY, Dec. 9.—To the intelligence of a dog Mrs. M. B. Kerr of the Pittsburg mine owes the return of her purse, containing a gold watch, some money and other valuables. The dog is owned by Mr. Pierce of Grass Valley. It picked up the purse where it had been lost in the road and carried it to Pierce. He read Mrs. Kerr's advertisement and returned the purse.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN IS KILLED BY W. P. TRAIN

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STOLEN JEWELS ARE RETURNED BY DRIVER

OAKLAND, Dec. 9.—J. H. Burdick, a driver for the F. Snow cleaning works at 1014 Twenty-eighth street, was arrested and confessed to the police the theft of jewels valued at \$1,300 from a coat sent to be cleaned by H. A. Mosher, cashier of the Central national bank, living at 325 Staten avenue. Burdick told the police he found the jewels in the pocket, took them to his home at 84 1/2 Athens avenue and concealed them. Having taken the police to his room and delivered the valuables, he was released this afternoon,