

CONCRETE WORK ON BIG DAMS BEGINS

Stanislaus River Structure Will Be 80 Feet High and 400 Feet Long

[Special Dispatch to The Call] OAKDALE, Dec. 11.—Concrete was put into the forms of the new diverting dam on the Stanislaus river four miles above Knights Ferry Saturday.

MINORITY CHANGED STATE CONSTITUTION

Less Than Half of the Registered Voters Used Ballot

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, Dec. 11.—Election statistics showing that the minority of the registered voters of California changed the state constitution at the last amendment election and that half of the electors did not vote on any amendment have been prepared by Secretary of State Jordan.

RESTRICTED DISTRICTS SUBJECT OF INQUIRY

Judge Mahon Instructs Kern Grand Jury

[Special Dispatch to The Call] BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 11.—The elimination of the restricted districts throughout the county, and especially in Bakersfield, Maricopa and Taft, formed the main topic of the instructions given to the grand jury by Judge Mahon this morning.

MAN ATTENDS FUNERAL; OWN DEATH FOLLOWS

Exposure of Petaluma Pioneer Causes Pneumonia

[Special Dispatch to The Call] PETALUMA, Dec. 11.—David Rankin Risk, a prominent rancher, died this morning. Risk left his sick bed to attend the funeral of John O'Hara a few days ago. Pneumonia followed.

STOCKTON PREPARING TO BLOW IN THE NEW YEAR

Confetti Battle Will Be Feature of Celebration

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, Dec. 11.—The New Year's celebration committee held a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce headquarters tonight and outlined plans for the big jubilee.

PHYSICIAN IS SUED FOR HEAVY DAMAGES

J. T. Beene Wants \$10,000 From Dr. N. T. Enloe

[Special Dispatch to The Call] CHICO, Dec. 11.—Dr. N. T. Enloe was named as the defendant in a suit for \$10,000 damages filed Saturday in the superior court by J. T. Beene. Beene alleges the negligence of the physician in setting the bones of a fractured arm has handicapped him in his work.

MARINE IS TRIED FOR SCANDALOUS CONDUCT

MARE ISLAND, Dec. 11.—Marine Private Mox M. Letts will be court-martialed at Mare Island next Thursday morning on a charge of scandalous conduct and absence from duty without leave. Letts is the marine that so cleverly hypnotized M. K. Grant, a local jeweler, into selling him a diamond ring in exchange for a check supposed to have been signed by Civil Engineer Samuel Gordon, U. S. N., of Mare Island.

FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER IN JAIL FOR THIS SANTA

Black Lining for Nick's Mask

At the corner of Market and Fourth streets yesterday noon Santa Claus stood, in a bright red frock, with his face concealed by a mask, presumably because he did not wish to be recognized when off duty.

Free Christmas Dinner for the Spanish People—Spanish Mission, 641 Vallejo Street.

"Poor Spanish people," murmured the sympathetic as they passed. "Surely they should have a Christmas dinner. Here's a five-cent piece, and with that a cent piece would be dropped into the little box and the sympathetic would continue on their way, glowing in the thought that the monotony of the frijoll and tomato would be blithely interrupted by turkey and cranberry sauce.

No one raised the question—that is to broad a question. One man did. That man was Detective Frank Esola. Esola stepped up to Santa Claus and touched him on the arm. "Come hither, Santa Claus," he said, familiarly. "Why?" asked the "saint" in accents that were never heard in Madrid. "This is a good corner."

"Never mind," replied Esola, cryptically. "You are wanted by el capitan. Sabe?"

"El capitan?" "What's that?" urged the Santa Claus.

Esola did not parley longer with the washed "saint." He grabbed him by the arm and hustled him toward the hall of justice. A crowd saw that Santa Claus was "pinched." It was blasphemy for the police to do that. Little boys on Christmas shopping expeditions with their mothers wanted to form a mob and rescue the saint. Vigilance committees were rapidly formed by leading citizens between the ages of 3 and 5. A throng followed in the wake of Santa Claus and his captor.

Into the office of the capitan or detectives at the hall of justice in Eddy



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street Esola and the masked Santa Claus went. In the office of El Capitan a strange disclosure was made. Esola adroitly tore the mask off the face of the Santa Claus, the long white whiskers came, too. At first it seemed as if this Santa Claus hadn't washed his face since he went down last year's Christmas chimneys. Closer inspection disclosed the fact that it wasn't soot that gave this Santa Claus his complexion—it was nature. For it was a specimen of ebony that had been masquerading as Santa Claus, in a mask, a false beard and a red smock.

The negro said that his name was Luciene Dreyer, and he admitted that he wasn't Santa Claus at all. It was all a joke. Also that he wasn't collecting for any Spanish mission. The only mission he had in mind was the mission to get himself a good Christmas dinner, and he had been succeeding wonderfully, collecting on an average \$5 a day for the last five or six days.

The sign "Free Christmas Dinner for the Spanish People" will be displayed in the police court this morning. It will be marked exhibit A in the case of the people of the state of California vs. Luciene Dreyer, alias Santa Claus, vagrancy.

Before "Alias Santa Claus" was looked up he had one question to ask Esola: "Say, boss," said he, "what dat lingo you all was trying to talk to me with?"

'BUNK' FIGHT HERO REALLY IS HURT

[Special Dispatch to The Call] PETALUMA, Dec. 11.—In a realistic battle today depicting a bank robbery managed by a moving picture company, in which the Sonoma County National bank was supposed to be robbed, real blood was shed. Martin Poehlmann, bank accountant, was the hero defending the bank, and in getting under cover lost his footing and received the full discharge from a blank cartridge in his face, which bled profusely. He is now the butt at which his jocular friends are firing.

BANK ASSIGNEE FILES 75 SUITS

[Special Dispatch to The Call] PETALUMA, Dec. 11.—J. W. Horn, assignee of the Sonoma County National bank, today brought suit against about 75 stock holders of the former Petaluma egg exchange to recover nearly \$35,000 advanced by the bank in the last three years.

ROADS CONVENTION DELEGATES CHOSEN

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 11.—Twenty-four delegates to the Southwestern Interstate Good Roads convention to be held in Phoenix, Ariz., December 20, were named by Governor Johnson today. The men who will represent California are:

DEMONSTRATION TRAIN IN HILLS

GRASS VALLEY, Dec. 11.—The first state demonstration train to penetrate the high foothills reached Colfax today. Lectures and exhibits relative to fruit raising in the mountainous sections were given for the benefit of a large gathering of fruit growers of Nevada and Placer counties. A special train carried fruit growers from this section.

RESTAURANT KEEPER FINED—Police Judge Shortall yesterday fined Peter Prevolas, a restaurant keeper \$25 for having substituted milk in his place of business.

Advertisement for D.N. & E. Walter & Co. Oriental Rug Importers. Features a large illustration of a woman in traditional dress and a rug. Text includes: 'GREAT SALE OF ORIENTAL RUGS', 'SUPERB BELUCHISTANS FROM \$8.50', 'RICH KERMANSHAHS FROM \$14', 'ANTIQUE MOSULS FROM \$16', 'SAMARKANDS FROM \$16.50', 'KHIVAS FROM \$27.50', 'KELIMS FROM \$22.50', 'SAROUKS FROM \$67.50'. Also lists various rug types like Ispahans, Beshires, Tabriz, Mahals, Soumaks, Kimans, and Shah Abbas.

Advertisement for a 'Wonderful New Talking Machine'. Features an illustration of a Columbia Gramophone. Text includes: 'A New Machine That Produces All Tonal Results Hitherto Only Obtainable in \$150 and \$200 Types—Now \$59! Including 24 Choice Selections of Music Records.', 'A new Talking Machine of latest hornless type, which produces in every way the results obtained heretofore only in instruments that cost \$150 or \$200, has now been developed.', 'This wonderful new talking machine may be purchased on terms of \$7 cash and \$4 a month until \$59 all told has been paid. No extra.', 'An unconditional guarantee as to material and workmanship accompanies each instrument sold, the guarantee being signed by the manufacturer.', 'The instrument is furnished in very choice mahogany case, and also in quarter-sawn oak or fumed oak.', 'The finest selected woods are used in the construction of the cases and the finish is as perfect as found upon the most expensive pianos.', 'Needless to reiterate, this hornless talking machine is simply perfect in tone and quality.', 'The instrument is equipped with largest size turntable and the very best thoroughly noiseless triple-spring motor. It will play six records with one winding and has a new regulating device whereby the music can be rendered at exact tempo—positively true to pitch.', 'The machine has a new concert sound reproducer which eliminates the heretofore objectionable rasping noise of needles. A clear, thoroughly natural tone is produced such as has never heretofore been obtained in any instrument costing less than \$150 or \$200.', 'In this machine the concealed horn is built separately from the motor, which permits the tone to come forth without any interference. The soundboards in this machine are carefully selected and so placed as to reproduce a tone absolutely lifelike. Modulating doors have been provided whereby the tone volume can be definitely regulated and reduced or augmented at will.', 'The price is as stated, \$59; cash, or payments of \$7 cash and \$4 a month. No extras.', 'The instruments now on sale.'

Advertisement for 'Stomach Blood and Liver Troubles'. Text includes: 'Much sickness starts with weak stomach, and consequent poor, impoverished blood. Nervous and pale-people lack good, rich, red blood. Their stomachs need invigorating for, after all, a man can be no stronger than his stomach.', 'A remedy that makes the stomach strong and the liver active, makes rich red blood and overcomes and drives out disease-producing bacteria and cures a whole multitude of diseases.', 'Get rid of your Stomach Weakness and Liver Laziness by taking a course of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery—the great Stomach Restorative, Liver Invigorator and Blood Cleanser.', 'You can't afford to accept any medicine of unknown composition as a substitute for "Golden Medical Discovery," which is a medicine of known composition, having a complete list of ingredients in plain English on its bottle-wrapper, same being attested as correct under oath.', 'Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate Stomach, Liver and Bowels.'