

TEACHERS TO HOLD STATE CONVENTION

Women's School Club and the Women's School Clubs and the Also to Meet

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, Dec. 21.—The California Teachers' association, the country life committee and Federation of School Women's clubs will convene here December 26 to 29, inclusive.

The Teachers' association will hold a number of general sessions in Masonic auditorium. Among the speakers will be Miss Agnes E. Howe, president of the association; Dr. Sarah Louise Arnold, dean of Simmons college, Boston; Dr. Guy Potter Benton, president of the University of Vermont; Edward Hyatt, superintendent of public instruction; Rev. A. W. Palmer of Oakland; and Rev. William Rader of San Francisco.

Among the topics to be taken up by the country life commission will be conservation. Dr. George C. Pardee will speak on "What is Conservation?"

Dr. Charles B. Lipman, assistant professor of soils in the University of California, will speak on "Conservation for the Farmer." Frank R. Cornish has been assigned the topic, "City's Interest in Conservation."

The Federation of School Women's clubs will hold its opening session Tuesday afternoon. Miss Effie B. McFadden of San Francisco, president of the federation, will deliver the opening address. Allison Ware, president of the state normal school at Chico, will speak on "Supervision of Rural Schools."

A reception will be held Wednesday. A banquet complimentary to Miss Agnes E. Howe, Dr. Sarah Louise Arnold and Miss McFadden will be given at Hotel Stockton Wednesday evening.

Among the features of entertainment for the visitors will be an automobile trip through northern San Joaquin.

MODESTO CONSIDERED AS TERMINAL FOR NEW LINE

Proposed Route to Coast Runs Through Rich Territory

[Special Dispatch to The Call] MODESTO, Dec. 21.—According to word received from Fresno and Monterey, the promoters of the proposed railway from the San Joaquin valley direct to the coast are now considering Modesto instead of Fresno as the valley terminal of the road.

The reason given is the failure of Fresno capital to back the project. It has been understood for some time that local men interested in interurban railway projects have been negotiating with the Monterey people.

The route proposed from Modesto to Monterey via Newman and the Pacheco pass is many miles shorter than the proposed route from Fresno via the Pacheco pass, and with the exception of the section through the pass is through an irrigated and well populated region.

It is understood that if the road is built from Modesto the portion of the line in this county will be an extension of the Modesto-Empire traction line, now operating on a road between Modesto and Empire on the Santa Fe. It is known that the directors of this line are planning to extend west to Newman.

Sierra foothill country during the next year. The Tidewater & Southern and the San Joaquin Valley electric, the two roads proposed to operate between Modesto and Stockton, claim they will be in operation before July 1, 1912.

TOUGH TIMES AHEAD FOR TURKEY FAMILY

State Institutions Will Be Supplied for Christmas

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, Dec. 21.—The inmates of those state institutions which were not favored with turkey Thanksgiving day will have an opportunity to taste this high priced Christmas day, says the board of control. Three hundred pounds of turkey have been ordered for the deaf and blind home at Berkeley and the industrial home for the adult blind at Oakland. Other institutions are furnished with live turkeys but these two will receive dressed birds.

BRANCH OF ANDERSON'S BANK OPENS IN KENNETT

Parent Institution in Redding Increases Capital

[Special Dispatch to The Call] KENNETT, Dec. 21.—A branch of the First Savings Bank of Shasta County, a Redding institution, controlled by Alden Anderson, was opened here this morning. H. D. Matthews, former mayor of San Jose, is in charge as cashier. Kenneth has an opportunity to since the branch bank of the Bank of Shasta County closed its doors in March, following the failure of the parent institution. The First Savings Bank of Redding this week increased its capital stock from \$25,000 to \$50,000, so it could open a branch in Kennett.

ENGINEER IS MANGLED IN LAUNDRY SHAFTING

Torn Body Is Discovered Later by Employes

STOCKTON, Dec. 21.—William Dale, an engineer employed in a laundry at Lodi, was killed instantly shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, when his clothing became entangled in a shafting which he was trying to adjust. He was alone in the laundry when the accident occurred. His badly mangled body was discovered by an employe of the plant. He is survived by a wife.

FREIGHT TRAIN STARTS WITH MAN UNDERNEATH

Right Leg and Left Foot Cut Off by Wheels

[Special Dispatch to The Call] DUNSMITH, Dec. 21.—William Annett, a plowman, was crushed under a freight train last night and the freight train started up. His right leg was cut off at the knee and most of his left foot amputated. He was sent to the county hospital in Yreka. He is 24 years old.

SHEEP HERDER KILLED BY KICK OF HORSE

[Special Dispatch to The Call] BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 21.—Philip Nola, 35, employed as a sheep herder by Miller & Lux in the Lost Hills range, was injured by a kick from his horse and died soon afterward. He leaves a widow and child in Spain.

Beautiful satchet box with each hat or umbrella order. Tom Dillon, 720 Market street.

FLEMING TRIAL IS APPROACHING END

4,097 Typewritten Pages of Evidence Taken; County Out \$40,000

REDDING, Dec. 21.—The Fleming murder trial, which has engrossed the attention of a jury in the superior court here since November 1, approached its final stages today. Court adjourned today until Wednesday, when arguments will be commenced. Attorneys for both state and defense have agreed to complete their arguments within three days, so that the case may be submitted to the jury not later than December 30.

J. J. Carroll of San Jose, the last witness for the defense, was placed on the stand today in rebuttal. In rebuttal the state attempted to prove that he was not, as he had testified, in the town of Montague on August 25, and on which date he said he boarded the train on which George Vallier was killed. The evidence transcribed covers 4,097 typewritten pages. Proceedings actually commenced October 2, when the first venire of jurors appeared in court.

FARMER SHOTS MAN WHO MOVED SLOWLY

Section Hand Killed for Not Getting Out of Way

[Special Dispatch to The Call] REDDING, Dec. 21.—Matt A. Trask, a farmer living near Kennett, is alleged to have killed Gus Kellaris, section hand, at 4:15 o'clock this afternoon. Details received here are that Trask shot at Kellaris six times and five of the bullets hit.

Trask, according to report, was returning home up the track. His farm is a mile north of Kennett and on the opposite side of the river. A mile north of Kennett a crew of section hands was at work on the railroad. Trask ordered Kellaris to get out of his road and to emphasize his order called him a vile name and gave him a push. Kellaris resented the insult and both men grappled. Trask disengaged himself and, stepping back a few paces, drew his revolver and fired. Kellaris' companions carried him to the Mammoth Copper company's hospital in Kennett, where he died.

The crew, armed with picks and shovels, then pursued Trask and overtook him before the fugitive arrived at the ferry to his home. Sieros, one of the men, felled Trask with a pick and held him senseless until the Kennett officers arrived and took him into custody. Trask was also taken to the hospital, but as soon as his wounds were dressed he was taken to the town jail. He was brought to the county jail here at midnight.

Trask is 45 years old and has a wife and five children. Kellaris, the dead man, was 24 years old and single.

JOB HUNTERS BESEIGE NEW STATE PRINTER

Walter Thorpe Applies for Position of Foreman

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, Dec. 21.—The popularity of political jobs is attested by the many applications for positions in the new printing office that State Printer Friend Richardson has received. For the 150 jobs at the plant he has a book containing 125 applications besides the requests of the present holders of the jobs. No efficient employe, he says, need fear for his position. The biggest plum within Richardson's gift is the job of foreman at a salary of \$225, now held by Andrew F. Smith. There are six applications for this job, among them being Walter Thorpe, purchasing agent of the San Francisco harbor board.

LIEUT. RUFUS ZOGBAUM LEAVES FOR THE EAST

[Special Dispatch to The Call] MARE ISLAND, Dec. 21.—Lieutenant Rufus Zogbaum, who has been in command of the Pacific flotilla for some time, left for the east today under orders to report to Rear Admiral Winslow. In the absence of Lieutenant Commander Richardson Lieutenant Ross S. Culp assumes command temporarily.

GAMBLING ORDINANCE BEING ASSEMBLED

[Special Dispatch to The Call] VALLEJO, Dec. 21.—Commissioner of Public Health and Safety William P. Blake, to whom was referred the gambling ordinance prepared by former Mayor Tormey, is preparing a gambling ordinance which will be submitted to the city council for adoption just as soon as its details are assembled.

TWO ARE HURT WHEN AUTO TURNS TURTLE

[Special Dispatch to The Call] BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 21.—John Lacey, a plowman, and James O'Neil, a rancher, were seriously injured here today when their automobile turned turtle. The machine was almost totally wrecked.

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JURY HEARS BOAST OF NECK BREAKER

Court Admits Evidence Against Arthur Lewis in Murder Trial

OROVILLE, Dec. 21.—The boasts made by Arthur Lewis as to his ability to break necks were admitted as evidence today in his trial for the murder of Helen Rumball. Through Judge Gray's decision on this point the state was able to conclude its case with some of the most damaging testimony given against the defendant.

Albert Moreland and C. H. Lucas each took the stand to tell of Lewis' boasts made a month before the girl died of a broken neck. Lewis, said Lucas, was a Gridley butcher, was asked to rope a steer, and after a dozen attempts, failed.

Angered at the laughter of the others, when the steer was finally roped by a ranch hand, Lewis walked up to the animal and, placing one hand between the horns and other beneath the nose, gave a downward jerk and twist, saying he could twist the steer's head off.

Lewis was told to desist, upon which he boasted of breaking the necks of small animals by that method. Throughout the examination the defense interposed continual objections without effect. The cross examination of the witnesses tended to strengthen their direct testimony.

WARSHIPS BEING BUILT CHEAPER

Report of Chief Naval Constructor Shows Time Limit Is Also Reduced

[Special Dispatch to The Call] VALLEJO, Dec. 21.—That the time limit for the building of warships is being reduced from six to three years, according to the report of Chief Constructor Capps, U. S. N., of the head of the bureau of construction and repair. The head of the bureau states that the warships are being built at a cheaper price by private concerns than in the past and that the time limit has been reduced from six to three years.

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George Weniger, county treasurer, left here today for Sacramento with \$23,907.68. This is Solano's portion of the state tax.

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MAN BURNED TO DEATH—San Diego, Dec. 21. Fire in the Shiloh lodging house, a three story frame structure at 548 Twelfth street, late last night, resulted in the death of one man and the injury of three others. The lodging house was badly damaged.

TAX FIGURES FOR THE STATISTICIAN

Nine Millionaires Die During Year in This State; Aggregate Taxes \$1,506,993

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, Dec. 21.—Sixteen estates in California paid more inheritance taxes than the remaining 1,083 for the year ending last June, according to data prepared by State Controller Nye. This condition was due mainly to the fact that nine millionaires died in the state during the year.

Nye's figures show that 992 estates valued at less than \$100,000 paid a total tax of \$355,763.54 and an average tax of \$358.63.

One hundred and six estates valued at from \$100,000 to \$500,000, paid a total of \$382,946.94, or an average of \$3,612.70 an estate.

Seven estates valued at from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 paid \$112,222.53, or an average of \$16,032.38. The estates of nine millionaires paid \$656,058.30 inheritance taxes or an average of \$72,895.14. The aggregate taxes were \$1,506,993.33.

SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL GIVE OPERETTA

Youngsters to Help Provide Funds for School

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SAUSALITO, Dec. 21.—One hundred and twenty-seven school children from the primary and grammar grades will appear behind the footlights in Tamalpais hall tomorrow night in a Christmas operetta. Under the direction of the school teachers the little tots have been rehearsing daily for the performance which will help provide funds for improvements on the public school grounds in Sausalito.

Following is the program prepared: "Santa Claus Junior" operetta—Santa Claus, Frank Mansab; Little Claus, Alden Rayburn; Uncle Sam, George Walker; A. D. T., Stanley Taylor; schoolman, Vera, Nancy; Bailey Brothers, Fred and Maudie Perry; Samuel Slick, George Adams; Jack Tarr, Leonard Phillips; Elizabeth Toes, Jessica Sparner; Little Willie, Albert Paunt; Michael Hadley, Jack Creed; Dolar policeman, Charles McMillan; W. Kilborn, Wilson Bent and Milton Garcia.

MEMBER OF SENATE IN SIXTIES IS DEAD

Doctor Shurtleff Resident of State 62 Years

[Special Dispatch to The Call] NAPA, Dec. 21.—Dr. Benjamin Shurtleff, pioneer, died today. He was 90 years old and had lived in California 62 years, for the last 37 years in Napa. He represented Shasta and Trinity counties in the state senate in 1861-62.

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HELD SMILES IN CHARITY'S CAUSE

Men Dig Deeply in Pockets for Privilege of Buying Seals From Her

[Continued From Page 1] address by Thomas E. Hayden, after which she began at once to auction the jade chain and pendant presented by Shreve & Co.

She introduced it with an airy wave of her arms, holding the open box aloft for the crowd to see.

"Look, ees it not pretty?" she inquired. "You can wear zis any time in zee day time. Come on, now, say some more money."

She coaxed and coaxed the bidding up to \$70, and there it remained. Her assistant called to some one in the crowd. "You look like 100 to me, are you?"

"Maybe he ees, maybe—" she soliloquized, "but," with a long drawn Anna Held gaze in the direction indicated, "he looks like just about 30 to me. So youe see, friend, zee Sierra will give me \$100? It is not for me, it is for zee poor, sick people."

But he was too old to be coaxed and the pendant went to Charles F. Hanlon for \$70.

Then came the auctioning of three autographed copies of a weekly paper, the first of which went to Charles de Young for \$7, the second to Mrs. James Raphael Weil for \$5.

The first bunch of seals, valued at 50 cents, was purchased for \$7 by Sing Fat.

After that the sales went on merrily, the little auctioneer descending into the crowd and selling here and there.

About \$250 was realized during the afternoon. Mrs. Payot, Mrs. Carroll Buck and Mrs. James F. Jordan of the executive committee were seated on the platform.

Among those who acted as assistants during the afternoon were Mrs. James King Steele, Mrs. Campbell Forrell, Mrs. Willis Peace, Miss Kathleen Farrell and Miss Suzette Newton.

SIERRA POWER COMPANY WOULD GRIDIRON STREETS

United Railroads Concern Seeks Municipal Permit

[Special Dispatch to The Call] An interesting aftermath of the recent attempt to consolidate several of the larger electric power companies was the application of the Sierra and San Francisco Light and Power company yesterday for a permit to spread a distribution system over the greater part of the business section of the city.

The application indicated that the Sierra company affiliated with the United Railroads intends to trench light and power to private concerns.

The application was made to the board of works. President Casey stated it would be returned to the company for the time being, as the lines of proposed distribution were laid down without defining where poles would be erected. But the whole question will be put up to the city attorney before the board of works acts upon any revised application.

Formerly, power companies under the state constitution could open city streets and lay mains and erect poles just as they could in county roads. The recent revision of the constitution gave municipalities the power of regulating the use of its thoroughfares for the transmission of power.

OPIMUM SMUGGLERS TO ANSWER GRAND JURY

Bonds of Men Captured in Oakland Are Fixed

Amil Fiedler and David Power, who were captured in Oakland last week with opium worth \$9,000, which they confessed they had received from the liner Siberia, were arraigned before United States Commissioner Krull yesterday, and their bonds fixed at \$2,500 each. Assistant United States Attorney Benjamin McKinley at first asked that the bonds be made \$5,000 each, but Fiedler said that he could not raise that amount.

Krull was told by Joseph Head, customs inspector, that the youths were new in the opium traffic. On this showing, Krull granted the plea for lower bonds.

Both were held to answer before the federal grand jury.

RAILROADS MAKE TRADE AS PLANS

California, Arizona and Santa Fe Files Articles of Incorporation for \$50,000,000

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 21.—Articles of incorporation for a \$50,000,000 railroad corporation, a branch or extension of the Santa Fe, were filed in the office of Secretary of State Jordan today. The articles are for the California, Arizona & Santa Fe, running from Needles to Mojave, 242 miles.

Of the \$50,000,000 capital stock, \$242,500 has been paid in, the directors paying \$100 each and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe paying the balance.

The company is incorporated for a period of 50 years. The incorporators are: A. G. Wells, president; I. L. Hubbard, J. J. Byrne, E. W. Camp and G. Holterhoff, all from Los Angeles.

Agreement Is Ratified

The organization of the California, Arizona and Santa Fe railroad is merely a formal proceeding to ratify an agreement already consummated. As stated by The Call some time ago, an exchange of railway properties was effected between the Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific. The Southern Pacific owns the line from Needles to Mojave. The Santa Fe has been operating it under lease. The Santa Fe owns the line from Nogales, Ariz., to Guaymas, Mex. The Southern Pacific has been operating it under lease.

Recently the two companies decided to trade. The Santa Fe was to give its line in Mexico for the line from Needles to Mojave. The deal could not be consummated at once. It awaited the restoration order in Mexico.

Now the agreement is being carried out. To handle the new road it is acquiring the Santa Fe has organized the new company, which filed its articles yesterday in Sacramento.

TRAMP TURNS TABLES ON TOWN CONSTABLE

Officer Marches at Pisto's Point Until He Is Rescued

[Special Dispatch to The Call] VALLEJO, Dec. 21.—Officer Jack Leary experienced the unique sensation this afternoon of being held up and marched toward the city limits at the point of a pistol in the hands of the man whom he intended to arrest.

The man, who gave the name of P. King, was reported to be begging from house to house and Leary was sent out to bring him in. As the officer approached he was covered and ordered to hold up his hands. He promptly complied, and it was not until citizens, witnessing the unusual spectacle, rescued him from the predicament after a brief tussle.

Chief Stanford believes the man is a former convict.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

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