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INTRODUCTORY GREETING.

To all the patrons of the AMADOR LEDGER and the Amador Republican, Greeting: With last week's issue the LEDGER passed into the hands of the Amador County Publishing Company...

As publishers of the Republican we have received many most cheering proofs of the confidence and good will of the best and most influential citizens of this county...

This support and encouragement, taken in connection with the present circumstances and prospects of the county, have formed the basis of the present action in taking this important step in advance.

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The Amador County Publishing Company has great confidence in the future of this county, the natural wealth of which is unsurpassed if not unrivaled.

Here, then, is a most attractive field for journalism. To act as "Advance Agent of Prosperity," to help produce it and then, perhaps, share its rewards are the objects and hopes which have induced the publishers to increase so largely their investment and also their circle of acquaintance.

THE SENATORIAL PROBLEM.

The great and momentous question whether the sovereign State of California shall count for a half or a whole State in the Senate of the United States, remains, apparently, undecided.

Under the circumstances all citizens, who sincerely desire the good of the State, can have but one wish in the matter, and that is to see the Legislature convened and a Senator legally chosen.

as well as the good of the party, is directly opposed to such a half-hearted and timid course. It is possible that Governor Gage may have been waiting to see what the Senate Committee would report on the claims of M. S. Quay to a seat as the appointee of Governor William A. Stone of Pennsylvania.

But such action is not desirable. In the first place the people will not accept executive action in the place of legislative duty. It will not place the Republican party in a favorable position before the people.

Let the Governor call them together according to law and then, laying aside all personal motives, attachments, prejudices and animosities, and keeping in view only their duty to the State and the party which is now the trustee of the public good, let them make the choice of a Senator to serve for the remainder of the term, about five and one-half years.

ADVENT OF THE RAILROAD.

The division of sentiment in Amador county, along the Mother Lode, relative to the advisability or non-advisability of having a line of railroad running from the Southern Pacific terminus to Sutter Creek or Jackson, or to both, must have been—during the past few weeks—crystallized into a firm belief that such a road would be of incalculable benefit to all of the material interests of Amador county.

The change in the condition of general business affairs which will be wrought by a railroad will not be so great as many people think. It is true that the men who are operating stages and freight-hauling outfits from the railroad at Ione to the various towns along the Mother Lode will be forced to find other employment for their men and teams, but, as the advent of the road will open up new avenues of industry and new enterprises, so it will provide new employment for all these and many more and thus make more than adequate compensation for the loss of labor in the transportation of freight and passengers from the Southern Pacific lines to the populous towns of the mining section of the county.

The railroad will change many conditions in our towns. With it will be infused into our business circles new blood and new capital; and while some of those now in business may be compelled to move farther back, where the army making the march of progress will not reach for twenty years to come, this will be no detriment to the general welfare of our communities, nor to the material interests of those progressive citizens who in the battle for business supremacy will once more illustrate the infallibility of the law of "survival of the fittest."

STORMS ON THE MOTHER LODGE.

W. H. Storms, who has a record of successful research on the Mother Lode in connection with the State Mining Bureau with which he was associated in the performance of field work from 1892 to 1896, inclusive, has been selected by Governor Gage as "expert in the field" to give especial attention to the Mother Lode section from Mariposa to Nevada.

Mr. Storms has the outlining of his work in his own hands, and has decided to devote his time to the securing of data which will give more details than have ever before been given in the field work of the State Mining Bureau, his theory being that the cost of mining and milling operations depend so much on conditions, which may vary in each mine, that to be of value the conditions must be stated.

Suicide at the Gwin. A man named Hayton, aged about thirty-five years, committed suicide at the compressor plant of the Gwin mine Wednesday or Thursday morning. He was on night shift at the plant and shut it down at about 10:30 p. m. After trying to ring him up the head office sent a man down to see what was the matter, at about 2 a. m. He found the place open but shut down, so he went out to get assistance and returned, finding the door locked. When an entrance was effected they found Payton hanging to a beam, dead and his neck broken.

"Scotty" and Wife Serenaded. Last Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. M. Scatena were serenaded by several members of the original Jackson Band. The host and hostess accorded the visiting musicians a royal welcome and served refreshments consisting of roast turkey, candy, nuts and champagne, to which all did ample justice.

"Dining-Room 'Up in Heaps'." Miss Lucy Hinkson was compelled to suspend her labors in the New National dining room last Saturday, owing to an attack of the mumps. She left for her home in Amador City on the 2:30 stage. Shortly after Miss Hinkson departed Miss Jessie Mitchell was called to the telephone by her father, who informed her of the death of her uncle, Richard Rogers, at the Keystone mine.

Likes His Job. Lloyd Brubaker, well known among miners and others of this camp, arrived from Bear River Monday evening, the work there having been closed down for the winter. He will continue with the company, working on the new electric plant until spring, and then returning to Bear River.

A Feline Retriever. A gentleman who is stopping at the New National Hotel has a cat that will give the best dog in the land cards and spades and then beat him retrieving. The owner of the cat took no particular pains to teach it the trick. It just picked up the science along with other famous accomplishments of which it is possessed.

Has Careful Drivers. If the Raggio stage and baggage line between Jackson and Ione was not provided with very careful drivers and the best of stock and vehicles accidents would certainly occur as the road in some parts is simply abominable. The stage line, however, being well equipped, passengers fell perfectly safe and hence travel is very good.

Information Wanted. A letter addressed to the Mayor of Jackson, in which inquiry is made for a man named Lewis Albin, supposed to have been a resident of Jackson in 1897, was delivered to Thomas Greenhalgh, and now Mr. Greenhalgh is busy trying to ascertain something about the lost man. He is supposed to have died near here about a year ago.

Fine Oranges. N. H. Baughman of Ione was in town Tuesday. He brought with him some very large oranges, several of which he gave to Senator John F. Davis and Judge R. C. Rust. He has a tree that is a prolific producer of robust and gigantic oranges.

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