

NEWS OF THE PACIFIC COAST.

LOS ANGELES HIGHBINDERS ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE COLONY THE PRINCIPALS.

THE SLAYERS' BAD RECORD.

IMPORTANT SALE OF PLACER MINES NEAR YREKA, IN SISKIYOU.

LOS ANGELES, March 2.—The case of the People vs. Wong Chee, Wong Wing and Wong Chuey came up for examination in the Police Court this morning.

LOS ANGELES, March 2.—The case of the Chinamen here and is at the head of a powerful faction. Luey Sney, a member of an opposing society, was brutally murdered about a week ago, and Chee and his two companions were arrested and charged with the crime.

Witnesses on the stand to-day testified that the murdered man almost with his last breath said, "Chee told other men to shoot," and it seems that the law has strong hold on all three of the accused.

A YREKA MINE SOLD.

The Sale Shows the Development of Placer Mining in Siskiyou.

YREKA, March 2.—An important mining sale took place to-day by which a Washington and Oregon capitalist deposited \$25,000 in cash in the Siskiyou County Bank in favor of Quinne and Simmons for the George Simmons placer mine near Yreka.

A LOS ANGELES MYSTERY.

Workmen Clearing Away Rubbish Find the Leg of a Woman.

LOS ANGELES, March 2.—Workmen engaged in clearing away a quantity of rubbish in the rear of the house 929 South Broadway, this morning, discovered in the center of a pile of debris a woman's leg. The limb had been severed at the knee joint and was decomposed.

STOCKTON AND THE VALLEY ROAD.

Senator Boggs Thinks the Line Will Go to the South City.

STOCKTON, March 2.—Senator John Boggs of Colusa, who owns valuable water-front property in this city, was in Stockton to-day looking after his interests. The Senator said there was no doubt in his mind that the new railroad would come to Stockton and he stated that he stood ready to deal liberally with the projectors of the road in the matter of rights of way, yard facilities, etc.

METEOR EXPLODES NEAR RENO.

A Magnificent Sight Witnessed by Early Risers in Nevada.

RENO, Nev., March 2.—At 5:48 o'clock this morning an immense aerolite shot out of the northern heavens and seemingly passed over the town. It exploded with terrific force, shaking the buildings and waking the people. Those who saw it describe it as a magnificent sight, lighting up the heavens and earth in all directions.

GOLD STRIKE IN MONTANA.

A Bonanza Ledge Uncovered by a Miner in Madison County.

HELENA, Mont., March 2.—One of the biggest gold discoveries ever made in the State was reported to-day by Thomas Carmichael of Pony, Madison County. Years ago he located the White Pine ledge, near that place, but did very little work upon it until recently, when he began to develop it.

Er-Ballplayer Steals at Sacramento.

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THE ASSEMBLY BARS LADIES.

ENFORCEMENT OF A NEW RULE ANGERS THE FAIR THIRD HOUSE.

THEY PLEAD IN VAIN WITH THE STALWART SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

AN EXPEDITIOUS SESSION.

AFFILIATED COLLEGES BUILDING APPROPRIATION MEETS WITH DEFEAT.

SACRAMENTO, March 2.—Many wrathful women left the Capitol this afternoon. They came dressed in their Sunday best, only to find the gate-keepers obdurate. The resolution of Laugenour of Yolo was being enforced, and only the wives of the Assemblymen were allowed on the floor.

Sergeant-at-Arms Lamphrey good-naturedly tried to explain the rules. He had his hands full, and many pretty pleaders sought in vain to move him. The men received very scant courtesy indeed, and, as a result, the House was enabled to continue its business uninterrupted by the annoyances of the third house.

The improvement in the order was marked. The effect was increased by the fact that nearly a third of the House left on the 3 o'clock train for San Francisco.

There were sixty-one members of the Assembly present when roll was called this morning. But the number dwindled till there were only forty-seven when the last roll was called. Nevertheless a large amount of business was transacted.

The bill allowing the State to purchase lands sold for delinquent taxes having become a law, two extra officials were made necessary for the Controller's office. These officials are to be known as revenue clerks. The House took the bills up out of their regular order, as they were not even on the files, and read them the second time. They will be passed Monday afternoon.

The bill to make contracts definite, and prevent further confusion in the printing of the constitutional amendments by the newspapers of the State, was reported back by Wade to-day. It bore several changes, the chief of which was that the proposed amendments were to be advertised in not to exceed two newspapers in each county and city and county. The amendments are to be printed once a week for the four consecutive weeks immediately preceding the election. The rate charged is in no case to exceed that fixed by the Supervisors of the various counties for the county printing. The bill also provides that when the amendments are printed in two papers in one county these papers shall be of different political faiths.

Bulla introduced the joint resolution to allow the people to vote on the question of the advisability of holding a convention to make a new constitution. The fact that forty proposed amendments had been introduced before his committee showed, he thought, that such action was necessary. Wade of Napa thought there was but one way to reach real retrenchment. That was through changing the constitution. Waymire, Dinkelspiel and Powers spoke in favor of the proposition, but as it would require two-thirds of the members of the House, or fifty-four votes, to obtain favorable action and as there was not that number present, the resolution was laid over to be made the special order for Monday afternoon.

It was evident from the way in which the remarks of the speakers were received and the expressions of the various legislators that the Assembly warmly favored the proposition. There will not probably be a dissenting vote.

The Committee on Asylums reported in favor of removing the Home for the Adult Blind now situated at Oakland to Santa Clara, at the property formerly occupied by the Home for Feeble-minded Children, renewing their severe criticism of the present management of the former institution.

Bettman's bill fixing the age of consent at 18 was passed with only one dissenting vote—that of Peter Bennett of Ventura—after several attempts to lower the age had failed.

The Senate resolution approving the charter of the town of Berkeley was adopted unanimously.

A resolution by Thomas of Nevada to authorize the employment of a second assistant engineer at \$6 a day and a fireman at \$5 a day while the Assembly was holding its evening sessions was referred to the Committee on Attachés.

Laugenour of Yolo called up his resolution to exclude all outsiders but the lady visitors of the members from the floor of the House.

Dixon of San Francisco declared that he thought the resolution was merely introduced for buncombe; but it went through just the same, after a motion to put it on the table had been lost.

Laugenour occupied the chair through the entire afternoon. His rulings were given with such fairness and precision, and he assisted so materially in forwarding the work, that not only the special file but a large portion of the urgency file was disposed of.

The bill appropriating \$250,000 for the building for the affiliated colleges to be erected in San Francisco was killed at its second reading this afternoon by a vote of 24 to 23. An attempt will be made to resuscitate it. This may be successful, as some of the strongest supporters of the bill were among the absentees.

When the bill had been read the second time North moved to amend by making half the appropriation available in the forty-seventh year and half in the forty-eighth. This was carried.

Reid of Trinity then asked if the Toland Medical College was not to be brought in with the new building. He understood that a lot of outside colleges were to participate in the benefits of the State's expenditure, and he was opposed to that.

North of Alameda and Powers of San Francisco, both of whom are university

men, pleaded for the appropriation. They argued that the rents now paid by the State for college buildings would far exceed the interest on the money the State would have to expend. The necessity of the building was strongly urged, and as the House had gone into committee of the whole, Powers moved that they report the bill back with the recommendation that it do pass.

Reid of Trinity moved to amend by recommending that it do not pass, and the House adopted the amendment by a rising vote, 24 being in the affirmative and 23 in the negative.

The teachers' pension bill, which was put on the urgency file by Ewing of San Francisco, was the last measure considered.

Spencer of Lassen made a long speech, in which he argued about the duty that lay in the State to care for teachers who had spent their lives in the teaching of the children of the land. He stated that the bill had been so altered that absolutely nothing was asked from the State and no compulsion was put on any teachers to make them join in supporting the fund.

North called attention to the fact that when teachers absented themselves the difference between the salaries they would have received and that paid the substitute went to the fund and not to the treasury. In time, he urged, the teachers would consider that as this was a quasi official organization it should be helped by the State.

"It is an iniquitous bill," continued North. "As my colleagues said of other bills yesterday, 'It has bugs in it.' I have talked with many of the most prominent teachers of my district and they do not want it. If the teachers want a relief fund why do they not organize as other citizens do and establish such a fund?"

Bachman of Fresno said the teachers of his county had authorized and directed him to fight the bill. If any were to be given pensions he thought the worthy parties were the good women who raised the children going to the schools, and not the teachers who received high salaries and did not save their money.

"We are just simply asking that this be made a law," said Ewing. "That is all. We don't ask any money and nobody is forced to join."

"Then why don't the teachers organize like the Odd Fellows or Masons?" asked Bachman.

"Because they want the County Treasurer to take charge of the money," was the response. "They want a place to put their money where they know it will be safe."

Belshaw saw no necessity for the bill except to make the State do the work for the teachers without the latter paying for it. The County Treasurer, he said, would soon be demanding extra deputies to do the extra work. This the friends of the bill seemed to overlook.

A rising vote was taken to decide whether the bill should be read a second time. This was carried by a vote of 21 to 17.

A number of committee amendments, striking out obnoxious features, were adopted.

Several amendments by Ewing were then presented. The last of these prescribed the duties of the various county officials on whom the burden of the trust was to rest. A vote showed 19 for the amendment and 19 against. Laugenour cast his vote with the negative side and the amendment was lost.

Cutter of Yuba moved a recess until 7:30 this evening. Wade of Napa seconded the motion, but the chair declared the motion lost as the result of a viva voce vote.

Then a motion to adjourn was carried, and the members pressed forward to congratulate Laugenour upon the mastery with which he had held the House to its work.

Suddenly Clerk Duckworth rapped the desk with the gavel. Duckworth is known to be more thoroughly conversant with the rules of the House than most of its members, and in consequence his announcement created no little consternation.

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A LOS ANGELES PROTEST.

Capitalists and Supervisors Object to Increasing County Expenses.

LOS ANGELES, March 2.—The Board of Supervisors of this county are much worked up over the proposed bill of fixing the salaries of deputies and regulating of the number of attaches of various offices, which is now being considered by legislators at Sacramento. The bill provides for additional deputies, and consequent increased expense for conducting the county government.

Seattle Hull Inspector's Trial.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 2.—Inspector of Hulls Bryant, who has been on trial several days before Supervising Inspector Bermingham put in the bulk of his defense to-day. The defense examined thirty-five captains and pilots who swore Bryant's reputation was first class and that he was in every way qualified to hold his position. Bryant as yet has not attempted to answer the specific charges made against him, but may do so Monday when he expects to testify in his own behalf.

Attempted Wife Murder at Santa Cruz.

SANTA CRUZ, March 2.—William Penn was arrested to-day for attempting to murder his wife by shooting at her. The bullet failed to hit her. Her refusal to give him any money, combined with jealousy, was the cause.

Santa Cruz Grand Jury Investigation.

SANTA CRUZ, March 2.—The Grand Jury has adjourned until to-morrow. City officials, ex-city officials and prominent citizens have been before them testifying as to their knowledge of the water-bonds matter.

THE LEXOW BILL NOW ON FILE.

IT MAY BE DISCUSSED BY THE ASSEMBLY BEFORE ADJOURNMENT.

A MAJORITY IN THE LOWER HOUSE OPPOSES THE MEASURE.

TALK OF RETRENCHMENT.

A PROPOSAL TO DISMISS USELESS CLERKS COMES UP AGAIN.

SACRAMENTO, March 2.—At last the Lexow bill is in the Assembly file. The Committee on Judiciary reported it back favorably this morning. A minority report, recommending that it do not pass, was also introduced, signed by Reid, Bledsoe, Cutler, Brusie and Powers.

It was expected that the bill would be assigned to the Ways and Means Committee again. This would mean its eventual death, if it were not lost entirely.

A careful canvass of the House had shown there was nothing to fear from the bill when it should come up, since at least forty-eight of the members were opposed to it. Still, it was not desirable that the measure should usurp the time that belonged to other bills. To prevent this, Laugenour of Yolo made a compact with Waymire that if no attempt would be made to make the bill a special order, he would not insist on having it returned to the Ways and Means Committee. The bill was therefore assigned a place at the foot of the file.

A substitute was reported this morning by the Committee on Attachés to Judge Waymire's resolution that all committee clerks, save those of the Judiciary and Ways and Means committees, should be discharged after to-day. The substitute provided that those chairmen who deemed the retention of their clerks unnecessary discharge the latter. The report concluded: "Your committee regards this as a proper