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densely and the development of the agricultural possibilities of the country is so remarkable—new towns in great numbers are bound to spring up and flourish. Those who are far-seeing and judicious in their town selections, and invest in them with judgment, will reap the lion's share of the benefits to be derived from these future country centers of trade and business and homes. No one hesitates to say that the city of Los Angeles will have one hundred thousand inhabitants when the next decennial census is taken. Heretofore when Los Angeles was a big-ranch country, the proportion of population in the city to the country was about 50 per cent. But now that the ranches have been cut up into small farms, and that the tendency is to twenty and forty-acre holdings, planted in vines or orchards, which are demonstrated to be the most profitable to individual cultivators, the population is about one-third in the city to two-thirds in the country. The disparity will be greater as the small holdings increase, and perhaps by the time we shall have 100,000 inhabitants in the city there will be 300,000 in the country. This is a fair forecast of the proportions of population that the census of 1890 will show. If we are right, then it is easy to demonstrate that wherever three thousand people are grouped together there will be a thriving market town at some central accessible point. That would make it probable that the number of flourishing towns in the country in 1890 will be increased by one hundred. No such number has been laid out so far, and yet this is the very time to take advantage of the promise of the future. Those who are now fortunate in their selections will realize immense benefits from securing interests at first hands in the towns that are to become thriving business centers. It only requires ordinary prudence to make such selections. If they are made judiciously, and with a view to their location, their surroundings, and their adjacent productive conditions, no risk is taken by the investor. In 1890 some of these towns will be where Pasadena and Pomona and Santa Ana are today, and their wealthy men will be found principally amongst those who were foresighted enough to buy when the towns were first laid out. Of course, we expect that some towns will prove total failures. But it will be found that the reason in each case of failure was due to the lack of ordinary prudence and a fair knowledge of the country on the part of those selecting the location. If the founders of new towns are blind to the imperative conditions of success, the public, who are the buyers, will not be found equally lacking in judgment and shrewdness.

Notice to Mail Subscribers.
The papers of all delinquent mail subscribers to the Los Angeles DAILY HERALD will be promptly discontinued hereafter. No papers will be sent to subscribers by mail unless the same have been paid for in advance. This rule is inflexible.

We have received another large installment of the ILLUSTRATED HERALD, and orders for this matchless presentation of the resources and attractions of our section will be now filled as soon as sent in.

The nomination of Mr. I. H. Polk to the office of Receiver of the Los Angeles Land Office has given us a good Democrat in place of Mr. Havestick, the Republican incumbent, who has tried hard and long to be relieved from office. It was Mr. Havestick's boast that he was "an offensive partisan" in the broadest sense.

The bold railroad robbery committed at Papago station shows that trains are not safe from highwaymen even when in the vicinity of large cities. This robbery was consummated almost within hailing distance of the most populous city in Arizona. It was deliberately planned and executed with determined coolness. So neatly was the job performed that the passengers knew nothing of it until it was all over. There is but one way to stop these high-handed robberies, and that is, whenever they occur to hunt the robbers down and bring them to grief at whatever cost. The express and railroad companies realize this, and their prompt action in offering large rewards for the apprehension of the robbers will doubtless secure their early arrest.

DRY SPARKLING.

Beginning of the Examination of Dr. Hamilton Griffin.

The examination of Dr. Hamilton Griffin, who was charged with obtaining money by false pretenses by W. J. Church, was commenced yesterday afternoon before Justice Austin. The first witness called was the complainant, who testified that on the 15th day of March Dr. Griffin told him the Dry Sparkling Champagne Company wanted an engineer, and said that if he wanted the position he could give him the application and he would put it before the Board of Directors. Church made out the application and gave it to Dr. Griffin. A few days afterward he was told by Dr. Griffin that a friend of Mr. J. F. Chadwick had put in an application for the place and was willing to take \$300 in stock but he would put up \$300 he would get the position. Church then deposited to the account of the Dry Sparkling Champagne Company \$300 in the Los Angeles County Bank. A few days passed and Church became anxious to go to work and told Dr. Griffin, but was put off from time to time. Dr. Griffin stated that the engine had not come. Then Dr. Griffin told witness that \$20,000 worth of shares had been subscribed, and showed him names of prominent men, who witness knew by reputation to be solid business men. Griffin also told him that he had bought a lot to do business on, but witness could not find the place of business. Two days ago witness told Dr. Griffin that he would pull out, and wanted his money, but was told that the Board of Directors would meet in two weeks, and then he would get his money. So far, he had never got anything for his money, nor any stock nor wages.

J. F. Chadwick testified that he was formerly the Treasurer of the Dry Sparkling Champagne Company, but he had withdrawn, because his ideas on business matters did not coincide with those of Dr. Griffin. He was only Treasurer for one week, but had never received any money for the Company during that time. He had paid \$100 of his own money toward the debts of the concern.

Dr. J. E. Cohn testified that he had been appointed analyst for the Company, and was to be paid \$50 per month, \$25 in cash and \$25 in stock, but as he had not done anything to earn the money he did not consider himself entitled to anything. He had never been a shareholder nor had he owned any stock.

Calvin Edgerton testified that his connection with the company ceased on the 1st of April. He was to receive \$50 per month as attorney for the company, \$25 in money and \$25 in stock. He had received \$25 for one month's work, which was paid to him by Dr. Griffin. He had withdrawn from the company because it was not being conducted in a legal manner. Dr. Griffin seemed to be the soul of the concern. His salary had been paid by Dr. Griffin and he had not put in a bill and it audited. There had never been a meeting of the Board of Directors. He knew of no fraudulent act of Dr. Griffin, but the company was not being conducted as it should have been legally.

Samuel White testified that he gave Dr. Griffin his check for \$100, for which he took a receipt only. Dr. Griffin told him that he was to be the treasurer of the company at a salary of \$70 per month. So far he had done nothing. Dr. Griffin told him he could draw out in fifteen days and get his money back, but he had not seen his money yet. He asked Dr. Griffin for his money but he said he could do nothing about it as he would have to call a meeting of

the Board of Directors. Since then he had not asked Dr. Griffin for the money. Continued until this morning at 10 o'clock.

People's Store.

We will sell to-day a special line of parsonage, plain and fancy figured, silk and satin, and fine lace, all new, ranging from 17 inches to 22 inches, new style fancy handles, at 45c. They are a line reserved for special sale, and worth only 75c.

We have received two pieces more of that elegant "Hamann & Strell" brand of gros grain silk, that we were selling only at \$1 and \$1.10 per yard. They are 19 inches wide and beautifully finished, and would sell easily for \$1.25 and \$1.50.

In our Domestic Department we will sell a splendid line of 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 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