DOWER AND McPARTLAND DENY DALTON'S CHARGES

Allege He Was Lying on the Sidewalk Stupidly Drunk When Arrested.

Policeman J. R. Dower and P. D. McPartland, who were accused by Frank Dalton, a laborer from San Gregorio, San Mateo County, with having taken from his pocket Wednesday night a handkerchief in which two $10 gold pieces were tied and substituting an old silk handkerchief, give an emphatic denial to Dalton's assertions and say there is not a word of truth in them.

"We found Dalton lying on the sidewalk at Clay and East streets Wednesday night, stupidly drunk," said Dower yesterday. "How long he had been lying there I do not know. We had to lead him to the station and when we searched him all we found was a watch and $3 10 in silver. There was an old torn handkerchief in his pocket, it is true, but neither I nor McPartland put it there. He never made any complaint in our presence about having $20 in a handkerchief nor did he make any such complaint to the desk sergeant, as he alleges. His whole story is a fabrication. I have been twenty-one years on the force and no charge has been brought against me before."

Change of Location.

The Fisher Advertising Agency will be located at 425 Montgomery street, between California and Sacramento, during the reconstruction of the new Merchants' Exchange building. Advertisements received for all Pacific Coast, Eastern and foreign newspapers and magazines.

The woman who reads the editorial page of the newspaper, before she looks at the marriage and death notices, is always considered by her friends to have very literary tastes.

EDITOR OF ITALIAN PAPER IS CHARGED WITH LIBEL

Dr. S. Cipelli Secures a Warrant for the Arrest of G. M. Castroni.

Dr. S. Cipelli, 1694 Stockton street, secured a warrant from Police Judge Cabaniss yesterday for the arrest of G. M. Castroni, manager and publisher of La Lega Italiana, a monthly paper, on the charge of criminal libel.

Attorney J. A. Spinetti, who represents Dr. Cipelli, says that Castroni wanted Dr. Cipelli to countenance some society he was organizing, but the doctor refused, which is the reason for the alleged libel. Castroni, it is alleged, has threatened to again publish the attack in this month's issue of his journal, hence the warrant.

Mr. W. W. Gillespie,

For a number of years manager of the Pacific Coast Department of the Welsbach Co., and for several years previously engaged in the sale of Welsbach lights at 134 Ellis and 1028 Market streets, has resigned to engage in the same line, both wholesale and retail, at 322 Post street, opposite Union Square on his own account, where he will be pleased to meet his old customers, friends and the public in general. Owing to special arrangements he is in a position to offer the most advantageous prices, terms, etc. W. W. Gillespie, 322 Post street, San Francisco. Phone James 3431 (new phone not yet in directory).

Appeals for New Trial.

James P. Mullen, who was convicted on January 13 in the United States District Court upon the charge of forging money orders, appeared before Judge de Haven yesterday with an appeal for a new trial. The consideration of the motion was postponed until next week.

FARMERS WATCH WITH INTEREST THE PLAN FOR A PUBLIC MARKET

Committees in the Legislature Busy With a Large Number of Important Measures Affecting the Conditions in the Various Sections of the State

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 17.—Fruit growers and farmers in this State are taking more than ordinary interest in the fate of Dunbar's Assembly bill No. 62, establishing a free public market upon the San Francisco water front.

The bill is before the Committee on Commerce and Navigation. It provides that within one year from its passage the Board of State Harbor Commissioners shall set apart a sufficient number of blocks contiguous to the docks and piers in San Francisco for a free market for the greater portion of all the perishable products of the State, including fruit, vegetables, eggs, poultry, grain, dairy products and fish.

The land so set apart for the free public market must be contiguous to such piers and docks as are accessible to all water craft ordinarily employed in carrying such products and the vessel so loaded shall have the preference at all times in docking at such wharves and piers over vessels not so loaded.

It is provided further that the market shall be connected with the wharves by car tracks and the belt railroad. For the payment of expenses the Commissioners may impose a toll upon the products entering the market, and only sufficient for the payment of those expenses. The superintendent, assistant superintendent and other employes shall be appointed by the State Board of Harbor Commissioners and shall be paid out of the general fund of the Harbor Commission.

Assembly bill 172 by Wright designates the blocks of State property bounded by Pacific, Davis and East streets as the site for a free public market from and after July 1, 1903.

EDUCATION OF CHILDREN.

Foster's Assembly bill No. 27, now before the Committee on Education, proposes to enforce the educational rights of children, and requires parents and others in charge of any child between 8 and 14 years to send such child to a public school for at least five months in each year of the time during which a public school shall be in session in the district, of which attendance at least eighteen weeks shall be consecutive.

Ill health, infirmity or the fact that the child is being taught in a private school or by any capable person, or that it has completed the prescribed grammar course, shall be deemed a sufficient excuse for not attending a public school as required. Upon affidavit by the parent or other person that he is unable to compel the child to attend school the child shall be deemed a truant and subject to assignment to the parental school. Violations of any of the provisions of the bill are made punishable by a fine of $10 or five days' imprisonment, and for each subsequent offense to a fine of not less than $10 nor more than $50, or to imprisonment for not less than five days, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

The appointment of attendance or truant officers, at salaries of $1000 per year, is provided for at the rate of one officer for each 20,000 school census children, or fraction greater than one-half of that number. The duty of the officers shall be to arrest during school hours, without a warrant, any child between 8 and 14 years old found away from home. The child shall be immediately delivered to the parent or guardian or teacher. Habitual truants shall be kept in a separate room or school, to be known as a parental school. Two or more school districts adjoining may unite to form a joint parental school district.

CHILD LABOR OPPOSED.

Foster has supplemented this bill with Assembly bill No. 28, adding a new section to the Penal Code, making it unlawful for any person or corporation to employ any child under the age of fourteen years in any business or service whatever for any part of the term during which the public schools of the district are in session, unless the child shall have one of the excuses mentioned in Assembly bill No. 27. No child under fourteen years of age in attendance at evening school may be employed more than eight hours in the daytime and must be excused from such employment at or before 5 p. m. For violating this provision the employer must pay a fine of not less than $20 nor more than $50, or shall be imprisoned in the County Jail for not less than ten nor more than twenty-five days, or both.

Early next week the Committee on Municipal Corporations will take under consideration Dunbar's Assembly bill No. 60. The bill authorizes Supervisors, Aldermen, etc., to fix the rate for gas, electricity or other illuminant furnished to cities and towns for the inhabitants. A detailed statement shall be required from the company furnishing the light, showing the name of each consumer, his residence, the amount paid for the preceding year and all revenue and expenditure. A corporation failing to render such statement shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. It is prescribed that rates shall be uniform and without discrimination and that each company that attempts to collect in excess of the legal rates shall forfeit its franchise and plant to the municipality.

LIENS UPON PROPERTY.

The Assembly Committee on Mines has Assembly bill No. 12 before it for consideration. The bill was introduced by Duryea and amends Section 1183 of the Code of Civil Procedure relating to liens of mechanics and others upon real property. The bill provides that mechanics, material men, contractors, architects, builders, machinists, miners and laborers on any building, wharf, railroad, wagon road, tunnel or other structure shall have a lien upon the property for the value of the labor and materials that have been furnished, whether at the instance of the owner or any other person acting for him as contractor or otherwise. In case of a contract the lien shall extend to the entire contract price, and the contract shall operate as a lien in favor of all persons except the contractor, and after all the liens shall have been satisfied the remainder shall be in favor of the contractor. Contracts exceeding $1000 shall be in writing, signed by the parties thereto and filed in the office of the County Recorder, otherwise they will be invalid.

Assembly bill No. 13 by Duryea, before the same committee, makes the owner responsible for all work done in the absence of a written protest filed by him within three days after he becomes aware that the work is being done.

OPPOSITION TO JOHNSON.

Labor Union Men Unwilling to Have Him Handle Their Bill.

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 17.—Considerable unfavorable comment has been caused by the action of the Labor Council in intrusting the anti-injunction bill to Assemblyman Grove L. Johnson of Sacramento. Johnson's legal and political career has been in the environment of corporations and for that reason labor unionists are not at all pleased that their pet measure should be placed in the hands of a man who has not been in sympathy with the principles of labor unionism.

Assemblymen Finn and Copus are in San Francisco and it is reported here that they have filed or are about to file a protest with the Labor Council against the injection of too much Johnson in labor union politics.

STAFF OFFICERS NAMED.

Governor Pardee Appoints Two of His Lieutenant Colonels.

CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 17.—Governor Pardee today signed the appointments of two staff officers to the commander in chief, a title he bears as the chief executive of the State. Henry DeH. Waite, a United States army officer, detailed by the Government to instruct the cadets of the University of California, has been appointed lieutenant colonel and aide de camp, as has also William Wallace Douglas. The latter is Deputy State Controller. These appointments are to fill vacancies on the staff that have existed for some time.

FLOW OF RIVERS.

The following tables give a comparative statement for two years of the estimated flow of certain California rivers in cubic feet per second, or second feet, one second foot equaling 50 California miner's inches, or about 40 Colorado miner's inches. The figures for the last year may be revised by later measurements. The figures are by J. B. Lippincott, hydrographer, United States Geological Survey:

TUOLUMNE RIVER AT LA GRANGE.

DATE.	Second Feet.	
	1902.	1903.
January 1	300	560
January 2	250	480
January 3	750	480
January 4	850	480
January 5	560	410
January 6	410	410
January 7	350	410
January 8	300	410
January 9	350	410
January 10	480	350

SACRAMENTO RIVER AT IRON CANYON.

DATE.	Second Feet.	
	1902.	1903.
January 1	.....	14,680
January 2	.....	13,340
January 3	.....	12,390
January 4	5,590	12,080
January 5	5,590	11,780
January 6	5,590	11,480
January 7	5,380	11,185
January 8	5,380	10,890
January 9	5,380	10,600
January 10	5,380	10,310

KINGS RIVER AT RED MOUNTAIN.

DATE.	Second Feet.	
	1902.	1903.
January 4	480	400
January 5	520	400
January 6	480	400
January 7	480	360
January 8	480	360
January 9	440	400
January 10	440	400