

BANKERS HEAR ABLE PAPERS

Annual Convention Is Well
Attended and Live Topics
Are Freely Discussed

PLEHN ON TAX REFORM

University Professor Favors
Modification of State's
Plan of Raising Revenue

OAKLAND, May 18.—The twelfth annual convention of the California Bankers' Association, with the largest attendance in the history of the organization, was called to order this morning at the Chippis Hall of the Athenian Club by A. H. Schmidt, president of the association, who faced one of the most representative bodies ever assembled in the State. Welcome to the visiting several hundred bankers and their ladies was extended by Mayor Frank K. Mott. The members of the local committee on arrangements were active in receiving the guests, who came from all sections of the State.

Business of the convention, naming of committees and the delivery of important addresses were interspersed by social functions on an elaborate scale. The place of meeting was a bower of floral wealth, mural decorations being heightened in color by many beautifully draped American flags.

After the convention had been formally opened President Schmidt introduced Mayor Mott, who gave welcome to the association.

H. S. Fletcher of the Bank of Watsonville made response on behalf of the association.

PRESIDENT SPEAKS.

President Schmidt, who is of the German Savings and Loan Society of San Francisco, in his annual address emphasized the benefits to be derived from the sessions of the convention, congratulated the association on the elimination of free silver as a political issue, referred to state legislation favorable to stability in banking operations, and gave the following figures touching banking in California:

January, 1904—Number banks, 350; deposits, \$421,386,723.96; assets, \$558,749,886.02. January, 1905—Number banks, 448; deposits, \$661,938,256.96; assets, \$634,402,587.09. Increase—Number banks, 98; deposits, \$330,050,532.80; assets, \$445,652,700.17.

Since then twenty-eight new banks have been licensed for business. Such a record of general prosperity and cause for rejoicing.

He declared there must be harmony among all sections of the State to encourage enterprise, and insisted that if benefits were to accrue there must be a union of interests north and south.

Secretary R. W. Welch reported 255 banks as members of the association, a net gain of sixteen for the year. Irving F. Moulton, chairman of the executive council, made an exhaustive report, mainly upon measures adopted for protection of bankers against operations by criminals. He urged a larger revenue to be used in protective work.

President Schmidt named the following committees:

Nominations—C. W. Bush, Woodland; D. Edward Collins, Oakland; H. P. Goodman, Napa; Resolutions—K. Lynch, San Francisco; J. E. Baker, Alameda; George S. Meredith, Oakland; Auditing—F. B. Kings, San Francisco; T. S. Hawkins, Hollister; S. J. Knight, Vallejo.

REPORT IS READ.

J. D. Radford of the First National Bank of San Jose read a report of the delegates to the American Bankers' Association. George W. Peltier of the California State Bank of Sacramento delivered an address on "Stability in Banking." D. Edward Collins of Oakland read a paper on "Banking."

At the close of the morning session luncheon was served to the delegates, adjournment being taken until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when the most important paper of the session was read by Professor Carl C. Plehn of the University of California on "The Plan for Tax Reform in California." Professor Plehn is a member of the State Tax Reform Commission, appointed by Governor Pardee. He opened his address by saying that the people of this State have desired to revise their revenue laws by separating State from local taxation, in the line of reform movements elsewhere. He said in part:

"The burden of the support of the Government falls most unequally upon those who should bear it. It falls with special severity upon the poor and with the greatest severity upon the honest. The present system is highly conducive to political immorality and is a veritable cause for perjury. It falls altogether to reach the new forms of property which have developed during the past fifty years or to reach the new kinds of ability that should contribute to the public needs. Personal property notoriously escapes taxation, and about 85 per cent of the entire burden of maintaining government is borne by the owners of real estate alone."

SOME DEDUCTIONS.

In concluding his long address the professor said: "The lessons to be learned from the experience of our sister States are: That the first step in the direction of tax reform lies in the separation of State from local taxation. This clears the way for the second step, which is the adaptation of our taxes to the peculiar characteristics, which each subject of taxation has. Then we may aim to secure a greater diversity of taxes so that taxation shall be more universal and the burden lighter because carried upon more shoulders."

William Mead of the Central Bank of Los Angeles urged, in a paper, the legalizing of clearing-house certificates on a par with national bank notes to meet panics or temporary stringencies in the money market. Gordon Jones, secretary of the Colorado Bankers' Association, read a paper on protective methods against criminals.

This evening an elaborate reception to the visitors was given at the Home Club by the Associated Banks of Oakland, the committee of which is as follows:

Edson F. Adams, chairman Farmers' and Merchants' Savings Bank; W. G. Palmer, Central Bank; W. W. Garthwaite, Oakland Bank of Savings; L. G. Burpee, First National Bank; D. Edward Collins, California Bank; H. C. Capwell, Security Bank and Trust Company; Charles T. Rodolph, Union Savings Bank; George S. Meredith, secretary.

The convention will hold a business session to-morrow morning. Luncheon will be served at the Claremont Country Club and trips about the city will occupy the afternoon. Saturday a bay excursion will be held. The association officers are:

A. H. Schmidt, president of German Savings and Loan Society, San Francisco; Frank Miller, vice president Colusa County Bank; G. W. Kline, treasurer Crocker-Woolworth National Bank, San Francisco; R. M. Welch, secretary San Francisco Savings Union; executive council—J. F. Moulton, chairman Bank of California, San Francisco; W. A. Hale, Bank of Martinez; T. P. Foster, Bank of Ventura; H. S. Fletcher, Bank of Watsonville; L. P. Behrens, First National Bank of San Mateo County, Redwood City; J. M. Elliott, First National Bank, Los Angeles; G. W. Peltier, California State Bank, Sacramento; C. H. Toll, Southern California Savings Bank, Los Angeles.



PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF CALIFORNIA BANKERS' ASSOCIATION, NOW IN SESSION.

EDITOR OF SPANISH PAPER USES A DIRK

Stabs Woman Who Had Left
Him Because of His
Cruelty.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LOS ANGELES, May 18.—F. B. P. Gutierrez, for years editor of La Gaceta, a Spanish newspaper, is in jail charged with assault with intent to murder the woman who for fourteen years passed as his wife, but who to-night admitted they were not married. She is in a hospital, suffering from three serious wounds which he inflicted with a dirk. The woman, whose name, she says, is Mrs. Ayala, had left Gutierrez because of his drunken brutality. He tried to induce her to return, and stabbed her when she refused.

NEW OFFICERS ARE NAMED BY IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

Santa Cruz Club Prepares to Extend Its
Work to the Recently An-
nexed Districts.

SANTA CRUZ, May 18.—Following are the recently elected officers of the Santa Cruz Improvement Society: President, Mrs. H. M. Blackburn; first vice president, Mrs. J. O. Wagner; second vice president, Mrs. J. W. Linscott; secretary, Miss Bert Miles; treasurer, Mrs. Louisa Drennan. The city is to be redistricted so as to include the newly annexed territory.

Special Parties for Yosemite Valley.

Several special parties for Yosemite Valley and the city to-day, with all expenses paid, are being organized. Those contemplating a trip will find it to their advantage to communicate with Box 4797, Call office.

ROME, May 1.—King Victor Emmanuel today received in private and most cordial audience Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, showing great interest in and knowledge of American affairs.

GIVES LEGACY AS SECURITY

Niece of Mrs. Stanford As-
signs Interest in Estate
of Woman Philanthropist

DOCUMENTS ARE FILED

Ariel Lathrop's Daughter
Transfers to a New Yorker
Claim Against Big Bequest

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN JOSE, May 18.—Amy Lathrop Hanson, a niece of Mrs. Jane L. Stanford and one of her heirs, has assigned all her interest in one-sixth of \$1,000,000 given to her father, Ariel Lathrop, in trust and which at his death goes to his children, to Francis L. McLean of Ballston Spa, Saratoga County, N. Y. A notice to this effect was filed with County Clerk Pfister this morning.

The executors of Mrs. Stanford's will are authorized to pay over to Francis L. McLean the interest of Amy Lathrop Hanson whenever she shall be entitled to the same. Amy Lathrop Hanson also transfers to Francis L. McLean the net income of one-third of the \$1,000,000 which under the will of Mrs. Stanford was to be paid to her during her life. This latter assignment is made as collateral security for the payment of two promissory notes of \$300 each made to McLean. The notes, which bear 6 per cent interest, were made by Amy Lathrop Hanson and Walter H. Hanson. When the notes and interest are paid, together with all costs, these assignments shall be void.

ARRIVAL OF FRIEND SAVES GIRL'S LIFE

Leak in Gas Fixture Almost
Causes Death of Pretty
Milliner.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., May 18.—To the unexpected arrival of her friend Miss Lock from Tacoma, Miss Clara Dumas, a beautiful young milliner of this city, owes her life. Last night the electric lights went out at the family hotel where she lives and the clerk turned on the gas. The fixtures had not been in use for some time and a leak in Miss Dumas' room was unnoticed. When Miss Lock could get no response from Miss Dumas' room this morning when she called at the hotel she reported the matter. The door was forced and Miss Dumas was found in bed unconscious. Prompt treatment saved her life.

FATHER TESTIFIES AGAINST YOUNG SON

San Jose Physician Tells
Court Offspring Forged
His Name.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN JOSE, May 18.—Walter Barth, son of Dr. George A. Barth of this city, was to-day held to answer in the Superior Court on a charge of forging his father's name to a check for \$48 on the San Jose Safe Deposit Bank. Dr. Barth refused to shield his son, and in court testified that the signature to the check was not his.

SAILORS OF NORTHERN PORTS IN CONVENTION

Mariners Meet to Devise Plans to
Fight New Longshore-
men's Union.

SEATTLE, May 18.—The convention of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific and the Longshoremen began its three days' session in this city to-day, with representatives present from Bureka, Cal., Portland, Or., and all the cities around Puget Sound. The object of the convention is the consolidation in order to immediately be in a position to successfully combat the efforts of the International Longshoremen's Association to prevent the sailors from handling cargoes while their vessels are in port.

BOLD BURGLAR ROBS SALOON

These are downright good suits for boys 6 to 14 years of age and in the style that boys of that age like best. They are cut on the same patterns as our best Norfolks, and the fit is perfect. Lined with strong Italian and all seams sewed with silk, trousers full lined, which makes them very durable—neat mixtures or plaids, in medium and dark shades, \$4.00 worth, to-day and Satur-
day, for \$3.00

After lining the men up the masked man stepped behind the bar and, opening the cash register, took all the coin he could find, amounting to over \$100. He then stepped to the door and, bidding his victims good-night, started to leave the room. Just at this moment a number of men entered at another door and a gambler drew a gun, firing two shots at the bandit before he could make his escape. The daring man immediately made his way from the town, followed by a posse, but managed to elude his pursuers in the darkness.

MINISTERS GATHER
IN TOWN OF NAPA
State Conference of German
Evangelical Church of Cal-
ifornia Is in Session.

NAPA, May 18.—The State conference of the German Evangelical Church of California began its sessions in the German church of Napa this afternoon.

Delegates were present from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Santa Ana, Fresno and Sacramento. The afternoon was devoted to the work of the State board of missions. The meeting was presided over by Rev. A. H. Cordes of Los Angeles. Bishop Breckford of Reading, Pa., is presiding over the general sessions of the convention.

On Friday addresses will be delivered by prominent ministers, including Rev. A. Lamb of Cleveland, Ohio, and Rev. Mr. Luckensmeyer of Napa. Matters of State interest will be discussed and acted on.

WORTHINGTON SAYS HE HAS RESIGNED

May Take Place as General
Manager of the West-
ern Pacific.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

PORTLAND, May 18.—B. A. Worthington, general manager of the northwest division of the Harriman system, to-night confirmed the report that he has resigned. It is believed that he has been offered and has accepted the position of general manager of the Western Pacific, the Gould road. Worthington is on his way home from Chicago. To-night, in response to an inquiry, he telegraphed the following message:

"PLEASANT VALLEY, Or., May 18.—Many thanks for considerate inquiries of my friends. The only answer I can make is I have tendered my resignation, to take effect on 1st proximo."
"B. A. WORTHINGTON."

FOR THIRD TIME OCCUPIES CELL OF THE CONDEMNED

Chinese Murderer Who Has Been Twice
Repleved Once More in the
Shadow of Gallows.

SAN QUENTIN, May 18.—Lee Look will pay the death penalty Friday morning unless his execution is stayed for a third time. He was taken to the death chamber yesterday afternoon and will be carefully watched until the hour of execution. Lee Look was convicted of the murder of Lew Wing in San Jose in March, 1904.

JURORS UNABLE TO AGREE.

LAS VEGAS, N. M., May 18.—The jury in the case of Job Bishop, alias John Black, his brother James, and John Murphy, charged with having robbed a Rock Island train at Logan, N. M., on July 20, 1904, to-night announced that it was unable to agree and was discharged.

ATHENS, May 18.—Finance Minister Gouranakis presented the budget in the Chamber of Deputies to-day. The estimated revenue is \$23,800,000 and the expenditures \$25,500,000.

Norfolk Suits for \$3

They Look Like "Five Dollar" Suits,
and Are Fully Worth Four Dollars

These are downright good suits for boys 6 to 14 years of age and in the style that boys of that age like best. They are cut on the same patterns as our best Norfolks, and the fit is perfect. Lined with strong Italian and all seams sewed with silk, trousers full lined, which makes them very durable—neat mixtures or plaids, in medium and dark shades, \$4.00 worth, to-day and Satur-
day, for \$3.00

Boys' Serge Norfolk Suits at \$5.00—They are worth \$6.50, and had we placed our orders in the regular way we would have to ask you \$6.50 for them. The serge is absolutely pure worsted and fast color blue. Choice of either medium or heavy weight and single or the new double-breasted Norfolk; trousers are full lined, all seams are stayed and double stitched; sizes 7 to 15 years, worth \$6.50, for \$5.00

\$5.00 Spring Reefers for \$3.50—Less than 200 of these in sizes 3 to 9 years. Made in the Peter Thompson style, except they are cut longer and a little more boxy. Just the coat to wear over blouse or Russian suit or any suit for that matter. Serge or chevion in navy blue, also plaids in light gray and brown shades. Same coat \$5.00 anywhere, Friday and Saturday \$3.50

Boys' Khaki Norfolk Suits \$1.35—Just what the boys want for the country—Norfolk jacket and long trousers, best quality khaki, nicely made, sizes 4 to 14 years \$1.35

Khaki Knickerbockers—For boys 4 to 14 years, pair 75c

50c Golf Shirts 29c—About 30 dozen of them, and they should go quickly at this price. 29c. All have detachable cuffs and are made extra well from good quality madras in pretty stripes, mostly dark colors. Just the shirts for country wear. Also in this lot some white shirts, unaltered, good muslin, linen bosom and cuffs, sizes 12 to 14, all at 29c



Boys' Hats 50c

Broad brim sailors or sailor caps, of wash materials or straws, white and colored to match suits, and extra good value at 50c

Hackett, Carhart & Co.'s Men's Suits for \$12.50

Nobby Hand-Tailored Summer Suits—
Newest Style Broad Shoulder Sack Coats

DO NOT con-
found these
\$12.50 suits
with the
ordinary ready-
made suits sold
around town for
\$12.50. They are
totally different in
the tailoring, the
style and the fit.
They will give the
service of two ordi-
nary \$12.50 suits
and always hold
their shape. They
are the same styles
that Hackett, Car-
hart & Co. are sell-
ing for \$15 in their
three Broadway
(New York) stores.
We don't ask you
New York prices.
Every suit has the
Hackett, Carhart &
Co. label in the coat
pocket. Choice of
chevion or cassimere,
in the wanted shades
of brown or gray—the
very best suit in Cal-
ifornia at the price—
\$12.50



Men's Khaki Suits, all sizes . \$3.00
Men's Khaki Norfolk Suits . \$3.50
Men's \$1.25 Duck Trousers . 90c

Look for the Hackett,
Carhart & Co. label
in the pocket of your
coat

The Emporium
CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST—
AMERICA'S GRANDEST STORE.

Special Sale Wash Dresses

For Misses and Children

We have secured the entire office line of misses' and children's Wash Dresses, made by one of the foremost manufacturers in New York City—a concern noted for the style, fit and excellent material of its garments. There are dresses for school, for dress, for play or for country wear—made in every style that is being shown this season.

The assortment includes sailor suits, Russian, long or short waisted effect, Buster Brown and many others. Sizes for all ages 4 to 14 years. Not all sizes in every style, but the size you want will surely be found in many pretty styles. The materials are lawns, ginghams, percales, dimities, linens, crashes—in short wash materials of every description. We have divided them for this special sale into four lots:

Values up to \$4.00 for . . . \$2.19
Values up to \$5.00 for . . . \$2.98
Values up to \$6.50 for . . . \$3.25
Values up to \$8.50 for . . . \$3.98
Juvenile Department, Second Floor.

Oxfords \$2.00

Black vic kid, with patent tips, hand-turned soles, Cuban heels, made on newest lasts, in Blucherette and straight lace styles, also in the "nut brown" shades, style and big value at \$2.00

Ladies' Gray Canvas Oxfords—With hand-turned soles, medium toes and heels, regularly \$1.00 the pair, until closing time Saturday night, special at 89c

Satin Taffeta Ribbon 17c

Beginning this morning we offer 3000 yards high luster, 3 1/2-inch soft satin finish taffeta ribbons, suitable for millinery, neck and belt bows, etc.; colors black, cream, light blue, pink, cardinal and brown; while quantity lasts, yard 17c

Combination \$1.50 Water Bottle and Syringe for 89c

Best quality pure Para rubber, with three hard rubber screw pipes and hard rubber connections, 250 only; beginning to-day, at 89c

Creamery Butter To-Day 32c

The best creamery as usual, regular size squares, to-day and Saturday 32c

Nabisco Wafers 25c
Milchner Herring—Large, fat fish, 7 for 25c
Sardines—Imported in oil, doz. \$1.10
Swiss Cheese—Imported, lb. 25c
Soap—Queen Lily or Ivory, 2 bars 19c
Hire's Root Beer Extract—Package 15c
Deviled Ham—For picnics, 6 tins 25c
Outter Whisky 70c
Champion Whisky—Our old reliable, gal. \$2.40
Rye Whisky—Congress Hall, regularly \$4.00 gal, special \$3.05
Olympia Beer—Doz. pints 85c
doz. qts. \$1.20
Sweet Cider—Gallon 35c
Custer Reserve Whisky—Bottle 85c
Claret—Sonoma Co. wine, gal. 40c

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Our Special Sale-2100 Yards

Twenty-one hundred yards of the finest woollens ever put on the market. Suits you pay \$40 to \$50 for we are making to order for

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No More—No Less

With an extra pair of pants free of charge, or ladies' all-wool skirt pattern. Remember, you get either one free with any suit made to order for \$15. No more, no less. We have only one price, \$15.

Two pair of pants with every suit. This sale is for FRIDAY, SATURDAY and MONDAY ONLY—3 days, May 19, 20 and 22. We guarantee fit and workmanship the very best.

SCOTCH PLAID TAILORS

1009 MARKET STREET.

This is our first and last sale. This season all new and up-to-date goods. Worsteds in fancy or black tweeds, all the latest shades. Remember, 3 DAYS ONLY. OPEN SATURDAY EVENINGS UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK.



MEXICAN PEONS WANT TO GO BACK HOME

Diaz Asked to Look Out for
Cholos Starving in Los
Angeles.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LOS ANGELES, May 18.—More than one thousand homesick Cholos are anxiously awaiting a summons to their native land and are expecting that it will come direct from President Diaz and that he will find a way of providing them transportation. Two years ago, when there was much railroad construction in Southern California, these peons were brought into the country by the railroad. For a time they prospered, but now the construction work is not what it was on railroads, they find it impossible to keep pace with American push and enterprise and as a result scores of families have become public charges.

General Andres B. Mexican Consul in Los Angeles, has taken up the matter directly with President Diaz, with the result that he has been summoned to the Mexican capital to fully report upon the positions of the poor Mexicans here.

Announced by Similarity of Names.
CHICAGO, May 18.—A similarity in names that has caused much annoyance to John Harrison Dalton, a well-known capitalist interested in Texas oil fields, has been called to the attention of the press. There is no connection between John Harrison Dalton and the John H. Dalton recently on trial before the United States courts in connection with a land lottery scheme in Louisiana.

TIENTSIN CONSUL WILL NOT BE MOVED

Senator Perkins Declares
Ragsdale Will Retain
Present Office.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SANTA ROSA, May 18.—Senator Perkins to-day said that Consul General Ragsdale would remain in his office at Tientsin for the present. The Senator said also that when he first heard that it was the intention of the Department of State to transfer Ragsdale to an inferior consular office in Alaska he immediately made the wires hot between

San Francisco and Washington and that Acting Secretary McAdoo cabled Ragsdale to remain where he was.

MOVEMENT TO ESTABLISH COFFEE CLUB IS STARTED

Prominent Citizens of Santa Cruz Plan
Organization to Benefit Cause
of Temperance.

SANTA CRUZ, May 18.—A movement is on foot to establish a coffee club, similar to those organized in many towns in the State. The several prominent citizens at the head of the movement will be supported by the churches and various organizations.

CANTON, Ohio, May 18.—Within two weeks the actual work of construction of the McKinley monument, for which the people of the nation have given about \$500,000, will be commenced.

Married Women

Every woman covets a shapely, pretty figure, and many of them deplore the loss of their girlish forms after marriage. The bearing of children is often destructive to the mother's shapeliness. All of this can be avoided, however, by the use of Mother's Friend before baby comes, as this great liniment always prepares the body for the strain upon it, and preserves the symmetry of her form. Mother's Friend overcomes all the danger of child-birth, and carries the expectant mother safely through this critical period without pain. It is woman's greatest blessing. Thousands gratefully tell of the benefit and relief derived from the use of this wonderful remedy. Sold by all druggists at \$1.00 per bottle. Our little book, telling all about this liniment, will be sent free.

The Bradford Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga.

Mother's Friend