



THE GRAND JURY TO MEET AGAIN JAN 14

The grand jurymen assembled in the court room Monday morning Hon. T. J. Lennon presiding. The following gentlemen were selected to serve on that body: Frank C. Albertson, foreman; A O Carpenter, secretary, Luther Redemeyer, E J W Dillingham, O M Curley, H J Burwash, Gordon Baechtel, H D Rowe, P I Lancaster, J C Bledsoe, George Fee, August Fee, A N Rawles, J O McSpadden, J H Barker, D M Gibson, W H Chessall, T J Fine and Louis Fiane. After organizing the grand jury attended to the usual routine work and adjourned to January 14 when they will meet to conclude their labors. Attorneys A J Thatcher and J C Ruddock were appointed experts to examine the books and records of the supervisors and will make their report at that time.

Victim of Double Taxation

S E Gettis was down from his home north of Covelo this week. He was one of the grand jurymen summoned but was fortunate enough to escape. He reports the grass growing fine in his section and that the stockmen are naturally very pleased. Mr Gettis is one of the land owners in the northern part of this county who for years was assessed in both this and Trinity county. He cast his lot with Mendocino county and the result is that he now owes seven years back taxes in Trinity county. A number of other property owners in the northern part of the county are in the same fix as Mr Gettis.

Holiday Dinners at the Cecille.

Simpson's orchestra will discourse sweet strains at the Cecille during the dinner hour on Christmas and New Years. The orchestra is composed of six pieces and is a well and favorably known musical organization. Of course there will also be an elegant spread prepared for the occasion. Parties desiring to take dinner at the Cecille on these dates should speak for tables as early as possible.

Engineer Builds Headlight.

Engineer Bradley is now the proud possessor of an acetylene searchlight on his locomotive. This is the first one to be installed on this road and the mechanism was constructed entirely by Engineer Bradley. It is much more powerful than the oil lights which have heretofore been used and will throw a bright light for a hundred yards. It is said to be an improvement on those commonly used on the S. P. locomotives.

A Peculiar Coincidence.

Word was received this week of the death of James Sweeney of Placerville last Sunday week. The deceased was a brother of the late Owen Sweeney of Potter and his death occurred on the same day as the latter's funeral.

Hit the Wrong Payne.

Ed Gambrel took a shot at Jack Payne Monday night but missed him. A pane in one of H. Marks' and Co's display windows, however got in the way of the bullet and was badly ruptured.

Principals Illness Closes School.

On account of the illness of Principal Campbell of the Mendocino high school that institution has been closed until January 6.

Mrs M A Thomas Injured.

Mrs M A Thomas had the misfortune to break her thigh last week. The lady is an invalid and her friends are deeply pained to hear of her misfortune.

W. H. Miller went to Berkeley this week to bring his son Valentine home. Valentine was one of the pupils prominently mentioned in the entertainment given this week by the students.

PROCEEDINGS OF SUPERIOR COURT

The people v W S Halsey et al—Decree vacating and setting aside judgment heretofore entered.

Estate of Lillie Mills, deceased—Decree that due and legal notice to creditors had been given and distribution ordered in accordance with prayer of petition.

Estate of E J Donohoe deceased—Continued for one week by request.

Estate of Adolph W Henkle deceased—final account of administrator allowed, approved and settled.

E N Fisher v Justice of the peace—Continued for one week.

Estate of Dillon L Whipple, deceased—Whipple appointed administrator.

Prisoners Aiding Town Improvements

The prisoners in charge of Patrolman Miller are doing the town good service. At present they are excavating for the concrete foundations for the new bridge across Gibson creek on Main street. The concrete walls will be run up to within a few inches of the level of the street and the wooden flooring will be placed on them. A wooden wing will be put in to protect the bridge. The prisoners are getting an extra meal a day for their labors and are doing as much work as the ordinary laborer. In this way they are helping bear the expense caused the community by their misdeeds.

Former Pastor Burglarized

From a recent issue of a Tulare paper it is noticed that a burglar entered the residence of Rev Houston formerly of this city, and appropriated a number of valuables. Among them were a watch and ring which belonged to the eldest daughter who died in this city.

MRS J E CANNON IS CALLED TO REST

Word was received Wednesday by Mr and Mrs J W Eversole of the death of Mrs J E Cannon in San Francisco that afternoon. The deceased had been in her usual health and her death was entirely unexpected. The deceased was the mother of Mrs Eversole and Mrs T A Templeton and had made her home in this city up to a few years ago. The deceased was seventy-four years old. Mr and Mrs Eversole left for San Francisco yesterday morning and will bring the remains to this city for interment. The funeral services will be held at St. John's M E church this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Good Meat For Ukiahites

C P Smith secured twenty five head of fine beef cattle this week from J. J. Burris and Ed Bucknell brought over another fine lot from Scotts valley. They will be slaughtered for the home market. The Buech boys also brought down a fine bunch of hogs from Potter which was sold to Mr Smith for the home market. J B Goodrich brought in some that were raised in this valley and they run 225 pounds.

Supervisor Accidentally Injured.

Supervisor Saxon of Willits has recovered from an injury received last week while he was assisting his son repair some fence. The maul in the hands of the young gentleman flew off the handle and struck the supervisor on the head. The supervisor was unconscious for a few minutes and it was at first feared that the injury was serious.

Death Of Former Resident

Word has been received in this city that Mrs W T Kirkwood died at the Napa state hospital some three or four months ago.

Interesting Letter Regarding Congress

(Continued from Last Week)

Expenditures of all kinds by these great interests were in consequence curtailed, which came to be developed a pretty general loss of confidence impairing the general loss of confidence impairing the general credit.

The mass of the people were in this state of uncertainty and tension when the failure of a week concern precipitated a panic, which would not have occurred during what was one of the most prosperous years of our history had not the credit of nearly all enterprises been weakened.

The loss of public confidence has led to that hoarding of money which still further aggravated the difficulty.

Without the prompt and vigorous action of J P Morgan and his associates, to whom later the secretary of the treasury loaned his aid, the disaster would have been appalling. As it is, the people have had time to see that they themselves, through a withdrawal of confidence in fundamentally sound institutions and enterprises, are for the most part to blame for the present situation, and that a renewal of the old confidence is all that is needed to bring about the old condition of prosperity.

The crisis is now well passed, and time will bring further relief.

By many members of congress it is held that some kind of legislation is necessary to give us a more flexible currency, and it is certain that such legislation will be discussed in both houses.

But the ideas as to what is needed are so varied and are held with such tenacity that it will be a difficult matter to agree upon any plan. But there can be no doubt that the discussion will be servicable to the country at large. It is almost too much to expect that a bill of the character indicated will be speedily passed.

The other great question—the nomination of a candidate for president—is being debated very earnestly in all quarters, and everywhere is heard the question, "Is Roosevelt a candidate?" thus apparently justifying Justice Brewer's famed reference to a game of hide and seek in which the President takes a part.

There are aspirants enough, but the problem is to pick the winner. It is regarded as certain that the bold action of Senator Foraker will weaken the chance of Secretary Taft, who it is now thought, may not get the unanimous support of his own state.

Senator Foraker may be relied upon to wage as vigorous a war as even a strenuous opponent may desire, and as there depends on the outcome far more than his nomination as president or his return to the senate, the contest in Ohio will be intently watched by all who realize what has been the drift of affairs.

The booms of Vice President Fairbanks and Speaker Cannon are extremely healthy, though how they will develop is what the most experienced politician can not tell. That there will be other booms launched is very likely and it is regarded as quite certain that Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou will be put forward at some stage of the game. But the mention of the names of cabinet officers for the high position is hardly taken seriously by those who consider themselves wise on politics, for they simply believe that any cabinet name means only the president.

However, the situation may perhaps clear up as time elapses, so that there may be a clearer idea of "who's who" in the somewhat exclusive society composed of presidential candidates.

The president's message at the assembling of Congress contained nothing very startling outside of the very re-

markable recommendation that congress shall make appropriations for the campaign expenses of the great political parties during presidential years. This is looked upon as an entirely new departure in the art of self government.

The excellence of the work of the department of agriculture is being more and more appreciated, particularly in California, and those of our people who are interested in the productions of the state are realizing more and more fully its importance. The bureau of soils has been actively engaged in its particular line of work on the Pacific coast, and the facts discovered and suggestions based thereon have been of very great value to all producers. Commercial and agricultural organizations are alive to the bearing of these investigations on the prosperity of California, and are on the watch for new directions in which the energy of the bureau of soils may be directed.

The Stockton chamber of commerce has been specially impressed with the promptness and efficiency of the work of the bureau in that part of the San Joaquin valley, and has thought itself more than justified in suggesting that the appropriations for this service be increased so the scope of the work may be enlarged. It has therefore prepared and sent to Washington a memorial to congress asking that a more liberal allowance be granted to the department of agriculture, and, particularly, to the bureau of soils. This will be presented to the senate by Senator Perkins, who will ask that it be referred to the committee on agriculture, and will endeavor to secure an increase in the appropriation for the purposes mentioned.

The pinch of the existing money stringency is felt in the most unexpected places. Apparently no class of people is exempt. Communication to members of the delegation from different parts of California show that the holders of mining claims are not exempt, and they are now asking for relief. The Los Angeles chamber of mines has forwarded to Senator Perkins resolutions suggesting congressional action, waiving during the year 1907 and 1908 the provisions of the mining laws requiring the performance of assessment work on all mining claims.

This seems to be necessary, as the impossibility of raising money to prosecute the prescribed work will in many instances lay claims open to "jumpers" who would thus steal the results of the labor of the original locators.

During previous periods of stringency action of this kind was taken, and there is little doubt that congress will now take similar action. A well-known firm of lawyers in San Francisco, thoroughly conversant with the needs of our mining population, has prepared a bill covering this point, and has submitted it to Senator Perkins, who has introduced it in the Senate, and will work for its passage.

The growing coastwise commerce of California, particularly of the ports north of San Francisco, demands many improvements to navigation, which the California delegation will urge during the present session. The Ferndale chamber of commerce is early in the field with a request that a canal be constructed to connect the Eel river valley with Humboldt bay. It would apparently cost comparatively little to cut a canal from the Eel river across the marsh land to Humboldt bay, and the chamber asks that an appropriation for a survey be made by congress. Congressman Englbright has the matter in hand,

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M'CLOUD ENTERS WINNING FOWLS

Supervisor L C McCloud of the Mendocino state hospital returned Wednesday night from Petaluma where he had a pen of Rhode Island Reds, entered against about thirty competitors.

Louis succeeded in bringing home five prizes. He received first, second and third prizes for hens and first and second for pullets. The apple of his eye however, his cockerel, threw him down and failed to take a prize but received honorable mention. He had a splendid red comb and all of the other earmarks of a thoroughbred but fell down on size. Louis promises to have one for the next show that will shut out all competitors.

Christmas Turkeys At Smiths

Jim and Tay Howard brought in 125 head of fine corn fed turkeys this week which they disposed at C P Smiths for the holiday trade. They were certainly beauties in fact the regular Howard make which has always commanded the highest price in the market. If you want one of the finest turkeys you ever saw you had better hike around to Smiths and place your order now as there will not be any of them left in a few days. As the patent medicine man says "Delays are dangerous."

K P's Entertain Officers

Ukiah Lodge Knights of Pythias had a blowout Wednesday night in honor of Grand Chancellor Short who paid the lodge a fraternal visit. A goodly number of members were present and a fine banquet was one of the principal events of the evening. The lodge is one of the most prosperous in the city and has made a remarkable increase in membership in the past year. It is also well fixed financially.

SMALL PRICES FOR HOPS NOW PREVAIL

The hop market is loosening up and the people who have old hops on hand are selling although at very low figures. 500 bales of the McGarvey hops, of the 1906 crop were sold to L D. Jacks this week for two cents. Mrs. John Cunningham sold her this year's crop to Holts, Jewell & Peterson for six and an eight cents. Mrs. Ed Gambrel sold her 1907 crop of 188 bales to H. R. Clubb for E. Clemens Horst for six and an eighth.

Weger-Brown Nuptials

Miss Maud Weger and Donald Brown were married at the residence of the brides parents at Talmage Saturday evening, Rev Govette of the M E church south performing the ceremony. After a wedding supper the bride and groom were escorted to their cottage. Both have been employees of the Mendocino state hospital for several years past. They were serenaded by the band Sunday evening.

Ungewitter Gets His License.

The board of town trustees met Monday night to investigate the case of the application for a saloon license by Ungewitter. The board decided that there was no case against him and the license was granted.

Grading Cross Streets

The street committee is grading the cross streets in the western part of town. Their intention is to make the water drain off without cutting up the road. If the street committee will guarantee to leave these streets in as good condition as they found them the residents will be satisfied.

Creamery Machinery Arrives

The machinery for the Ukiah Creamery has arrived at the depot and the work of installing it will commence immediately.

APPORTIONMENT OF THE SCHOOL MONEYS

School Superintendent Babcock has apportioned \$70 from the county school fund to the salary fund for each teacher in the county. This will give the teachers who have warrants on the county fund a chance to get at least one month's salary. The following apportionments from the county fund have also been made to the high schools: Fort Bragg, \$1250; Point Arena, \$450; Round Valley, \$500; Willits, \$1000; Mendocino, \$974 43; Ukiah, \$1188.59.

The state apportionment to high schools which is made in July of each year was held up this year to get a decision as to whether the evening high schools were entitled to state aid. The case was decided against the evening schools and the money has now been apportioned. The following amounts were received for this county: Fort Bragg, \$261 91; Mendocino, \$229 29; Round Valley, \$196.07; Ukiah, \$394.72; Willits, \$199. The Point Arena high school falls short of the required average attendance and so is not entitled to state aid.

A A Burke Reno's Chief

A A Burke, formerly a resident of this city and for a number of years nightwatchman, was selected last week as the new chief of police of Reno, Nevada. For a number of years past Alex had been a shot-gun messenger in the employ of Wells Fargo and made an enviable record. The former chief of police was removed and Burke was considered the most capable man in Reno for the position, although there were a number of other applicants.

Services at Presbyterian Church

Rev F L Fraser of Los Gatos will occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian church on Sunday the 22nd morning and evening. Mr Fraser comes highly recommended as an interesting speaker and no doubt a great many will avail themselves of this opportunity of hearing him. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

Chinaman Murdered in Lakeport

Wo Sfung, the proprietor of the Chinese laundry at Lakeport, was found dead in his laundry Monday. The murderer had pounded his head to a pulp with a flat iron and then wrapped the head of the dead man in an old sheet. The coroner's jury found that deceased came to his death at the hands of unknown parties. So far no clue has been found to the murderer.

Willits Wants More Saloons.

It is reported that the board of city trustees of the town of Willits has under consideration the repeal of the license ordinance which limits the number of saloons within the incorporation to eight. The new ordinance will allow twelve at a license rate of \$275 a year.

An Expensive Celebration

George Hixon and Ben Boyd who were arrested recently in connection with the assault on Tom Smith in Ungewitter's saloon were fined \$150 each or seventy-five days in jail. Hixon served one day and paid \$148 and Boyd is still making \$2 a day.

Superior Judge's Wife Ill.

Owing to the illness of Mrs. J. Q. White, Judge was called away Sunday to her bedside at St. Helena. Superior Judge Lennon of Marin county presided at the superior court Monday in his stead.

As a result of two weeks work by Deputy Calvert of the Fraternal Brotherhood, Ukiah Lodge will initiate about twenty candidates on Saturday evening, Dec 21st. On Sunday Mr Calvert goes for a return visit to the lodge at Willits.