



LITIGATION CAUSED BY A MISSING CHECK

The suit of the California National Bank of Sacramento against T. J. Weldon occupied the superior court several days last week and was tried before a jury. The suit was for \$2000 and interest and the jury returned a verdict for the full amount asked and for interest at 7 per cent which amounted to about \$250.

The suit was the outgrowth of a lost check on the Commercial Bank which was sent by T. J. Weldon to J. B. Melton at Klamath Falls some time in September, 1907. Melton cashed the check at the Klamath County bank and it was sent by them to the California National Bank of Sacramento and, with a couple of other checks, one belonging to Attorney C. M. Mannon and another to Major W. W. Cunningham, both on the Savings Bank, were sent by the Sacramento bank to the Bank of Ukiah for collection.

In some way the checks were lost in the mail between this city and Sacramento. The two other checks were for small amounts and duplicates were issued for them immediately. The Sacramento bank, however, had made an error in its record of the checks and the Weldon check appeared as having been drawn by F. H. Sheldon. It took a couple of months before the Sacramento bank traced the check down and found that it was T. J. Weldon's instead of F. H. Sheldon's. They then asked for a duplicate check or the money and tendered an indemnity bond for the amount of the check.

Weldon refused to issue a duplicate or pay over the money on the ground that the check might turn up some day and he might have to pay it again. The matter was finally brought to suit with the result as above stated. Mr. Weldon will appeal it is understood.

Mannon & Mannon represented the Sacramento Bank and W. D. L. Held appeared for T. J. Weldon.

NEW SCHEDULE FOR PASSENGER TRAINS

The winter schedule on the Northwestern Pacific railroad went into effect Monday, November 15th and, as a result, several persons who expected to leave for San Francisco in the morning missed the train and were compelled to wait until noon. The morning south-bound train leaves at 5:50 now, and the north-bound train arrives at Ukiah at 12:30. The afternoon train arrives from Willits at 1:30 and departs for San Francisco at 1:35 and the evening train from San Francisco arrives at Ukiah at 7:55. The north-bound train arrives at Willits at 1:55 and departs for Sherwood at 2:30, arriving at that place at 3:45. The stages of the Overland Stage company connect with the trains at Sherwood and passengers and mail are taken on north. This is the regular schedule that has been used by this road for several years and has proven to be most convenient for the passengers as well as the railroad company during the winter months.

SEA GULLS VISIT UKIAH

Picking must be pretty scarce on the coast or else it is rumored there town, that the tame season is on here. Last Wednesday morning when Night Watchman Beatty was making his usual rounds he espied a fine flock of gulls on the lawn in front of the court house. They spent several hours in town, finally winging their way toward Mendocino. Some of the boys suggested that the birds might have been thirsty and come to the interior for a drink. However they concluded to go back to the dry town.

ICE TWO INCHES THICK

Ice two inches thick this early in November is rather unusual, but it remained in the street all day Tuesday in front of the Ocellite. Of course, it fell out of Ice Man Apple's wagon, but it was there just the same.

A Good Cigar

Is made of long-leaf Havana filler, carefully selected for mildness and pleasing aroma, and wrapped in a superior grade of Sumatra. This is what you will find when you buy The Fisher for 10 cents, or a King Fisher for 12 1/2 cents. We could write about them all day but you could not appreciate their excellent qualities until you had smoked one. They are made in Ukiah and are smoked by the leading men of our city. Try one and you will always call for a Fisher. Manufactured by The Ukiah Cigar Factory, George Fisher, proprietor. Phone Main 1383. Residence and factory, 531 11th State street.

THE GRAND JURY CONCLUDES LABORS

We, the grand jury empaneled Dec. 21, 1908, submit the following report to which is attached the report of the expert appointed by this body to examine the official acts and records of the county officers and board of supervisors.

We have met at different times during the year and have examined conditions of the county officers and county farm.

We find that the board of supervisors, acting on our recommendation embodied in our report filed with the court June 23d, have let the contract, and have the lumber on the ground for the erection of a building 80 x 40 to contain a new kitchen and dining room and will also at once make all necessary repairs on the building. The patients seem to be well satisfied with the quantity of feed, and have no complaints, and we find the management is much improved at this time.

We also find that the grounds surrounding the court house are well kept, new electric lights and poles have been installed, adding greatly to the good appearance of the court house square.

We also recommend that the appointment of an expert to examine the county books each year, be done by the grand jury in order to save the expense of the books being experted twice in one year.

We find that it is the custom of all the county officers with the exception of the superintendent of schools, to cash warrants for other parties. We recommend that this system be discontinued, as it is in violation of law.

We also recommend that the board of supervisors instruct the district attorney to take steps to prevent the sale of liquor in precincts that have been declared dry.

We have investigated the charges against the supervisor of the second district, of using county money for clearing his land of rock and stones, when the same could have been procured at much cheaper expense at other places on the public highway. Upon investigation we find that Mr. C. P. Smith not only donated his team free of charge to the district but paid moneys out of his own pocket for a portion of the work, which, in the aggregate, amounted to nearly \$200, and as this work of testing crushed rock on our roads is in its experimental stage we consider the district fortunate in having such a public spirited supervisor and commend the work that he has done.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BARKER, Foreman,
R. L. HUTCHISON, Secretary.

The report of Expert Dougherty who experted the county's books for the jury consists of 73 typewritten pages. His report shows that the county has a very efficient set of officials and keep their books free from mistakes.

BILLION FEET OF REDWOOD BOUGHT

One of the largest purchases of redwood ever made in Mendocino county, has recently been consummated. The Standish-Hickey Timber company has just purchased the entire holdings of the Consolidated Redwood company, being over one billion feet of redwood.

The timber is situated in Mendocino county and mixed through the present holdings of the Standish-Hickey Timber company. It was owned by local and outside capital. It is not known just what disposition they will make of it. They and their associates were at one time owners of the Albion Lumber company, a very large operating plant in the redwood belt, and they have been buying very heavily through the redwood section both in Humboldt and Mendocino counties. It is reported that they are contemplating a system of logging roads through their holdings to manufacture the material. All parties seem pleased with the sale.

LIKES MENDOCINO COUNTY

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hildreth returned Saturday from a months visit in San Francisco, Los Angeles and the southern portion of the state. They report a fine trip and Bill, who is in the real estate business and somewhat of a judge of farm land from actual experience, reports that he would not trade Mendocino county for all the rest of the state that he has seen. He says that Mendocino county has better land, and a better climate and that the land is vastly cheaper in proportion not having been boosted to fabulous prices by booms.

News Notes From Press Correspondents

WILLITS, Nov. 17.—Last week was observed as penny-week by the Methodist Aid Society, which tried to see how many yards of pennies they could collect. They also held an apron bazaar Saturday afternoon in Odd Fellows' hall and gave an interesting entertainment in the evening to a large audience. The affair was for the purpose of raising money to help in the financial part of the new Methodist church which is fast nearing completion. They netted about sixty dollars, this is considered very good, considering the number of entertainments which are given here.

On Friday evening the Baptist Young Peoples' Society gave an entertainment and play: "The Parson's Donation Party," which was very amusing. The entertainment was well attended and the characters were well acted.

Duane Bittenbender of Northwestern and Miss Pomeroy of Newcastle, Nebraska were united in marriage last Sunday by Rev. B. B. Conner. Duane's many friends wish him a long and a happy life on his matrimonial voyage, and hope his only cares may be "little ones."

A local committee has secured the Midland Lyceum course of entertainments to be given here again this winter. This will make the third season these entertainments have been given here. Those, which have been given, were of a high-class of entertainments, consisting of lectures, readings and musical numbers. The local committee, of which Con. H. Goldberg is business manager, is to be congratulated for their enterprise in securing this course. It seems that people now-a-days, must have some diversion; then let it be of a high and pure kind instead of patronizing every cheap show that comes to town. The first number of the Lyceum course, will be given next Monday night when "The Midland Jubilee Singers" will appear with their Southern melodies and plantation songs.

Since the clearing up of the rain storm, which we reported last week, there has been cold frosty nights but warm during the day. Chas. Wade has moved his family from Muir's mill to his home in town. He expects to go to Sacramento plains to find work for his teams during the winter. Mrs. Orr of Calpella was a Willits visitor last Sunday.

POINT ARENA, Nov. 18.—Several heavy earthquakes have been felt in this vicinity during the last week. One last Monday night was quite severe, while one today at 2:30 was hard enough for almost anybody.

The community in general was shocked last Wednesday to hear of the death of Willie Harlan which occurred in Eureka. Willie had lived in Point Arena for over two years and moved to Eureka with his mother in July. He was a member of the Sunshine Club and was a general favorite with all. Deepest sympathies are felt for the bereaved family, especially the father who has been separated from his son and who was not able to reach Eureka before the burial.

A son was born to the wife of Clifton Peters last Monday. Mother and son are doing well, and the opinion of the local physicians are that Peters will survive the shock.

Hans Christiansen has returned from a trip to the city.

Jack, Clark and wife are home from an extended trip to relatives and friends in the valleys.

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The steamer Phoenix is at the wharf loading ties and posts.

Mrs. Geo. Burke of Manchester was a visitor in town today. Mr. and Mrs. Burke have moved from the Stuart place into the Umphray property at Manchester.

Mrs. John Thurman is reported to be quite ill at her home.

Superintendent Babcock is in town; an event which sets the hearts of the younger generation all aflutter. Every scholar wants to make a good showing when the superintendent is visiting school.

Mrs. Walter White and sister, Miss Elza, were incoming passengers on the boat last Thursday.

Mrs. Joe Antrim is in Point Arena. Joe will follow suit and they will reside here permanently.

Mrs. Walter Storer who has been visiting in town returned to her home at the Garcia Flat this evening.

Work has begun on the erection of the new creamery. The dairy men are certainly glad to know that they will not have to haul their milk so far. XXX

WENDLING, Nov. 11. — Just a word from the city between the two pinacles. Rain has been falling for the past week or so and has put the farms behind with their work, although it has done considerable good for the stock men by starting the grass on their ranges.

Sunday was a fine day and seems to have made everyone think of spring, as our little city was crowded and it was one of the busiest days we have had for some time.

Alex Johnson of Mendocino gave a moving picture show here Saturday night which was well attended. After the performance a social dance was given and about twenty couple stayed to the dance. There was such a crowd and everyone seemed to enjoy the entertainment so much that Mr. Johnson has decided to give a show here every Saturday and Sunday nights in the future. Undoubtedly he will have a large and attentive audience at each performance.

Extensive improvements are to be made here next spring and Wendling will come to the front with a fine base ball diamond and a tennis and basket ball ground. We are also to have a good park at North Fork, which will probably be appropriately called "Lovers' Lane."

We are pleased to report that D. Ralph has recovered from his severe sick spell and will be able to go to work again in a short time.

Chester Estell left Sunday for his home in Boonville where he will visit for a few days when he will go to San Francisco to attend school. John Suisse took Estell's place in the butcher shop.

Nick Nickander took Chester Estell to Boonville Sunday and got lost on his way home, but later was found at the moving picture show with several of the fair sex.

Bert Bates visited friends in Boonville Sunday.

Dr. Kilburn, the popular Wendling dentist, left the first of the week for home at Monterey where he will spend to holidays with relatives.

Jack Bothwell met with a painful accident Sunday. While carrying a stove he fell and dislocated his shoulder, but is under the care of Dr. Schroeder who has hope for his speedy recovery. W

JUDGE CROCKETT'S FOUR SCORE YEARS

Last Friday was the eightieth birthday of David C. Crockett and on Sunday the event was observed by a birthday dinner at the residence of his daughter Mrs. C. P. Smith. All of the members of the family living in the vicinity of Ukiah were present and four generations were represented at the dinner. D. C. Crockett was born in Tennessee November 12, 1829, and lived there until he was about eight years of age, when he moved with his parents to Missouri where he received his education. In 1850 he crossed the plains and came to California where he at once engaged in mining.

On September 15th, 1852, he left San Francisco for Missouri where he was married to Miss Ester M. Snyder on Christmas day 1853. In 1857 he and his family returned to California and came immediately to Ukiah, then a part of Sonoma county. He engaged in farming and stock raising several miles below town for two years, and then moved to Ukiah and engaged in the hotel business which he followed for four years. In 1867 he was elected sheriff of this county and was re-elected at the next election, serving four years in all. He has been justice of the peace in the Ukiah township for seven years, during which time he has lived on his place in the western part of town.

Judge Crockett has been a resident of Ukiah since 1865 and has always been one of the first to assist in any plan for the improvement of the town or the good of the community. There are only a few of the old citizens left that were here to share the hardships of 52 years ago, and it is through their hard work and skillful management that the people of today are enabled to enjoy these peaceable and quiet times. Judge Crockett has the distinction of being a nephew of the famous Davy Crockett, but his popularity comes not from his ancestry, but on account of his own admirable traits. It is the hope of his many friends that he may safely pass the century mark.

TO AID ORPHAN BOYS

An entertainment for the benefit of the Albertinum will be given by the boys of the Institution on Saturday, Nov. 27, at 2 p. m. at Cleland's hall. In connection with the entertainment there will be a Fancy Bazaar, where the friends of orphan boys will be afforded a good opportunity of purchasing their Christmas presents. The members of the Ladies' League who are interested in the charitable work done by the sisters, will conduct an "Exchange" and hope to be patronized by the people of Ukiah. There will be a concert in the evening, and refreshments served. All are kindly invited to attend. 22-2t

LOCAL TALENT PLAY IS WELL RECEIVED

The production of Charlie's Aunt by local talent under the direction of Auditor and Mrs. C. W. Mathews at Cleland's hall last Friday night was a very agreeable surprise to theatre goers. The play was popular from the start and when the curtain rose at 8:30 sharp, one of the largest audiences that ever filled the hall greeted the players. Everyone was good natured and applause and flowers were showered on the players liberally.

The play was given for the benefit of the Presbyterian church and it is reported that a very tidy sum was netted which will be used to pay off the debt on the church. After the performance all who took part were invited to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John L. McNab where a bounteous supper was served, and those who helped make the occasion a success by the donation of their talent were warmly thanked in behalf of the congregation.

The music was rendered by Simpson's orchestra and was greatly appreciated. The specialties were particularly good and each one was enquired again and again. Those who took part in the play performed their parts so well that it would be impossible to single them out for personal mention. It can be said however that Mr. Willcox as Charlie's Aunt was simply great. The scenery which had been remodeled under the direction of Auditor Mathews also received much favorable comment and added greatly to the effect of the production.

POPULAR OFFICER WILL RETIRE SOON

Col. Abe Marks, at his own request, is soon to be placed on the retired list of the Uniform Rank K. of P. The Col. has been an active member, and for the past eleven years has been prominent in the official circles of the order. He was the second captain chosen for Schaffner company and seven years ago when the Fifth Regiment was formed was appointed to its colonelcy, which position he has since held. While the Col. is still an enthusiastic Knight, his growing business is demanding so much of his attention that he feels that he will not be able to spare the time that he should to the order, and considering his years of faithful service has decided to allow someone else to take up the active work.

Colonel Marks has made an efficient and popular officer and his retirement will be regretted in the lodge circles. The military training which he received in the militia made him an ideal commander and he is popular with the rank and file alike. During his command the fifth has held two successful encampments and has grown in strength both numerically and financially. His announcement came as quite a surprise to the boys and caused regret but they all recognize that he has earned the right to rest.

ACCIDENT TO ASYLUM BRIDGE

One of the stirrups broke near the center of the Asylum bridge last week and let one of the needle beams down. The bridge was laid up for a few days as unsafe for travel but Sam Orr and a crew of men have now got it in as good shape as ever. If the accident had happened during the high water of the winter season the bridge would have probably been seriously damaged.

CUPID INVADES PHILO ONCE MORE

Miss Goldie Gowan and F. H. Ward of Philo were married Sunday at 11 a. m. at the residence of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gowan, by Rev. Schilling of Boonville. Only the immediate friends and neighbors and relatives were present. The parlor of the Gowan residence had been tastefully decorated for the occasion and a bounteous wedding dinner was served after the ceremony.

One of the features of the occasion was the kissing of the groom which was insisted on when the ladies saw their husbands saluting the charming bride. That night the happy couple was properly charivariated, Ralph Brown acting as leader of the tin can orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward will make their home on their ranch near Philo. They were the recipients of numerous handsome and useful presents which testify to their popularity.

Miss Annie Crump and Miss Perle Pemberton and Ernest Gowan of this city went over to attend the wedding.

THE FISTIC CONTEST

Walter Coffey of Santa Rosa and Grover Binkley of this city meet in the roped arena tomorrow night to settle a dispute as to which is the best man in the art of self defense. Both have trained hard and a good contest can be looked forward to by those who journey from far and near to see them meet for the third time. Each having a well earned victory by the knockout route, the sports may expect a hard and grueling battle. Word comes from Santa Rosa that about fifty of Coffey's admirers will be here to see him go to victory or defeat, while several will be here from Petaluma. A good preliminary between Young Donohoe and a Willits lad will start the ball rolling for a good evening's entertainment.

BULLING THE DOG MARKET

Con Gschwend returned to Christine last week leading a fine string of dogs. Con says that there is a scarcity of dogs in that section and that sausage is an unknown quantity. It seems that sheep men have been after the dogs strong of late. Con said that he was commissioned to get all of the dogs he could and succeeded in getting eight from Walter Ackerman, the sausage man at Smith's butcher shop. He expects to return this week for another consignment and is paying a dollar a head in job lots. The result is that dogs have advanced and that sausage will probably be taken off the hotel bill of fare and there will be no more chicken neck in the tomatoes.