

CALIFORNIA'S WEALTH

It Makes Men Miserable and Drives Them to Their Graves.

TRAGEDIES IN THEIR MANSIONS.

Sharon's Curse Fulfilled and His Nemesis Now a Maniac.

HOW THEY SECURED THEIR MILLIONS.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—Ever since the Argonauts flocked to California after the discovery of gold by Marshall in the mill-race at Coloma, men have been more eager to make their fortunes here than in any other part of the globe.

for he had planned everything on such royal lines that no retrenchment was possible. The great hotel, which was to cost \$3,000,000, had absorbed that amount before it had risen more than one story above the foundation, and ultimately cost \$8,000,000. He drew money from the bank to tide over his affairs, but times grew worse, the bonanza millionaires controlled the situation, and they would not give money. Finally exposure of Ralston's overdrafts came, and the Bank of California was on the verge of failure, and Ralston drowned himself in the bay.

LAW FOR PEDDLERS.

A Supreme Court Decision That Will Affect the Class.

CANVASSERS IN THE SAME BOAT.

They Must Be Citizens and Come Under License Regulations.

PEREMPTORY NOTICES ARE PLENTIFUL.

"No beggars, peddlers, or canvassers allowed here" is a notice that greets you in most doorways and elevators in public buildings nowadays. It is said that all the world loves a lover and it seems to be almost universally the case that people dread a book canvasser or, in the rural districts, a fruit-vendor, so many people who have sufficient brusqueness to get rid of a book canvasser, especially one of the tender sex, will be glad to learn that the Supreme Court of this State has decided that a canvasser of any kind who goes from house to house and does a retail business, whether in taking orders for a book or for fruit or ornamental trees, current bushes or potted plants is a peddler, and is liable to be hauled over the coals by any of his victims, if he cannot show a peddler's license in district or counties where such licenses are provided for, and it is safe to say that not one book-subscription canvasser in a thousand, and very few peddlers of any kind, except disabled soldiers, have licenses.

CHICAGO'S CROSSING WAR.

Illinois Central Tracks Torn Up by Order of the City Council.

CHICAGO, March 9.—In accordance with an order issued by the City Council Monday night, the Commissioner of Public Works to-day caused the recently-laid tracks of the Illinois Central Railroad in South Chicago, which have caused a crossing war between that company and the Baltimore and Ohio, to be torn up.

The Opinion a Pointed One.

Justice Williams wrote the opinion of the Court and it bristles with illustrations suggestive of the Judge's residence in the rural districts, where sharpers get unsuspecting agriculturists to sign agreements which subsequently prove to be worthless, which are discounted by innocent parties, thereby rendering the dupes responsible to the uttermost farthing. Justice Williams in the opinion discusses the entire range of the interstate commerce act and holds that a canvasser who goes from house to house contracting in a retail way cannot be construed to be a dealer in original packages nor a drummer, alias commercial traveler, as the latter is engaged in trade and not to private families and persons.

He Cannot Be Held to Be an Impostor, but is simply a peddler and his occupation is characterized as a "domestic invasion" with a gusto which seems to indicate that His Honor has been humorously the victim of petty and fascinating book agencies from whom few men are able to escape except by unconditional surrender and subscription for Captain Willard Crasler's book or something else of the same character, and in fact the title and pretensions of the work for sale do not relieve the canvasser from the peddler classification. His Honor holds that canvassers of all kinds come under the same regulations of the act, and just as clearly as the crimes of larceny and false pretense, and that humbugging and swindling in the past have been carried on by canvassers of all kinds to an alarming extent, that the honest industry of many thousands of dollars each year.

Held to Be a Peddler.

The canvasser is held to be a peddler, even if he does not deliver the goods, and, while enforcement of the law may work an injury to some honest people, they must submit in order to break up the industry of people's houses being invaded at all hours of the day by persons who may be legitimate canvassers, but who may also, under the guise of vendors of moral, medicinal, scientific, self-improving, and self-balding nostrums, patent churns, hay rakes, etc., be swindlers or burglars in disguise, taking observations and wax impressions of locks, or simply door-mat thieves or hall-rack plunderers. The idea held out is that there is no reason for reasonable necessity for such distributors when stores are numerous and railways and mails within reach of buyers.

In this connection it is interesting to learn, from the Clerk of Court's office, that while you can scarce travel five miles in any direction from the city without encountering from one to half a dozen pack peddlers, yet but two licenses have been taken out, aside from those granted to disabled soldiers, who are specially provided for. Soldiers who want a license to peddle must show that they have suffered injury in consequence of military service, and when they get a peddler's license they need not renew it, but all other peddlers must take out license yearly. Clerk McGunnege was under the impression that the peddling fraternity was about extinct and was astonished to learn that at least 200 fitted out their cargoes every Sunday on the hill and on Monday morning started toward all points of the compass, a considerable contingent leaving the city on the Brownsville packet every Monday morning, returning for fresh consignments on Friday or Saturday evening.

Citizenship a Necessary Qualification.

According to law a peddler must be a citizen, but it is doubtful whether a majority of these peripatetics have even a dozen words of English. One of our some pine miles from the city one day last week who said he had come from Poland and had been but seven weeks in the United States, though he had conquered the English language to make trades. It is believed that the unhealed scars of the knout might be found on the backs of some of these peddlers. They are shrewd traders, too, and the one noted was cleared from \$20 to \$10 a day. They fare plentifully, if not sumptuously, at small cost, and in some parts of the rural districts get good treatment from farmers who are afraid to refuse them entertainment as buildings belonging to them are frequented by people who have been refused lodging.

A Few weeks since one stopped at the house of a man named Bobb, some eight miles from the city and near the Steubenville pike, and he was cleared from \$20 to \$10 a day. They fare plentifully, if not sumptuously, at small cost, and in some parts of the rural districts get good treatment from farmers who are afraid to refuse them entertainment as buildings belonging to them are frequented by people who have been refused lodging.

They Don't Like the Dogs.

Most of these peddlers are more afraid of cross dogs than of anything else, but their desire for gain supports them under great fear. Many of these peddlers carry loads of cigars, heavy enough to make a Mexican burro groan and yet there is a special license costing \$36 50 a year, (which it is certain they do not pay,) required of tin peddlers. The law is probably unjust and was probably made to quiet the clamor of a class, but it is unrepented nevertheless.

The act of 1845 makes a tin peddler's license \$30, and the clerk's fee is \$6 50. A foot peddler's license costs \$14 50. Neither is allowed to sell clocks, whisky, tobacco or cigars.

In addition to county license other municipal corporations may also impose a license, as Titusville did in the case of the man who carried the case to the Supreme Court.

Justice Williams' opinion appears to give immense satisfaction to most people who have heard it, for to those who find it difficult to say no to the canvasser is a terror, and they would willingly see the guild taxed out of existence.

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WITHOUT A COUNTRY.

An American Captain Seized by Russia Appeals to the Canadian Parliament to Establish Citizenship—He is Told He is a Citizen of the United States—This Government Objects.

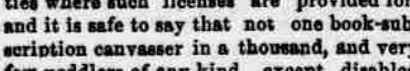
OTTAWA, Ont., March 9.—[Special.]—Last year while sailing in Bering Sea in command of the American sealing schooner, "Hamilton Fish," Captain McLean, a Nova Scotian, was seized by a Russian gun boat and taken to Siberia for having raided the Russian sealing island in Bering Sea. At the request of his friends at Nova Scotia, who, however, do not appear to have been acting in conjunction with his friends on the Pacific coast, the matter was brought up in the Canadian Parliament with a view to establishing his claim to the protection of the British flag. While his friends in British Columbia undertook redress through the intervention of the United States Government, holding that he had become a naturalized citizen of the United States, after which he sailed in American vessels.

Word reached here to-day that the British Government have thoroughly investigated his case and the evidence obtained goes clearly to establish the validity of his claim to the protection of the American flag unmistakable proof having been secured as to his having taken out naturalization papers in Boston in 1868. Advice received from British Columbia this week show that his friends there have failed to establish this fact and announce that the authorities at Washington repudiated the same as an American citizen or his right to any claim on the protection of the United States Government. He now stands in the position of one whose nationality is repudiated by both the United States and British Governments, and with a view to further investigate his claim the British Government, through the Parliament here, will be requested to again look into the matter.

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