

BIG WATER PROBLEM NEAR SAN DIEGO.

NATIONAL CITY MAY ANNEX AN IMMENSE TERRITORY.

Election Results from Coronado and Other Places—Valuable Violin Collection Sold—Club Women for Mrs. Burdette—Passenger Men Gathering.

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SAN DIEGO, April 14.—The National City and Chula Vista orchardists are wondering where their water supply is coming from. The Sweetwater reservoir is empty, although it is claimed that enough water has gone to waste above to have more than filled it twice. The Land and Town Company is charged with criminal negligence in not piping it down to the dam, and the Chula Vistas have organized themselves into a cooperative association to see what can be done. The orchardists propose to buy the complete irrigation system and run it economically. To do this it would probably be necessary for National City to annex all the land tributary to the Sweetwater system, which would give her an immense territory. The incorporated city would then purchase the irrigation system and operate it for the good of the whole people. A fifth-class charter would be secured.

FOUR TOWN ELECTIONS.

The city elections for the towns of Coronado, National City, Oceanside and Escondido today resulted as follows: At Coronado a full vote of 169 was cast. There was a sharp contest between W. T. Clark and J. L. Cameron for Clerk, the former receiving a majority of 11 votes. The other successful candidates were: Marshal, J. L. Cameron, elected by a majority of 16 over J. H. Barturpee; Trustees, Graham E. Babcock, George Holmes, Albert Mathews; Library Trustees, C. S. Robinson, Mrs. A. P. Stephens, Rev. C. L. Shaulding, Capt. C. T. Hinde.

National City polls a full vote of 198. The successful candidates are: Trustees for four years, John A. Fleming, Herman School, Frank Hall; two years, E. F. Osborne; City Clerk, George W. Grant; Marshal, William Eggleston, Jr.; Treasurer, Warren B. Vaukhann, W. L. Smith and William Fraunk were defeated in the Trustee race. August B. Kimball and Eulie T. Toile were defeated in the race for

City Clerk. There were no other contests.

In Oceanside 81 votes were polled, the following being elected: Trustees, four-year term, C. J. Goetz, C. B. Howard, the pro-saloon candidates; unexpired term of two years, O. W. Cranz, elected by a majority of 5 over J. H. Carter; Trustees, unexpired term of two years, O. W. Cranz; Clerk, H. D. Brodie; Treasurer, E. S. Payne; Marshal, W. H. Trotter, elected by a majority of 40 over G. N. Rooker.

The Escondido election was very quiet, there being only enough nominees to fill the required positions, as follows: City Trustees, S. Steiner, F. H. Chapin and R. C. Miller; Clerk, S. L. Shotwell; Treasurer, S. A. Reed; Marshal, B. Hinman; Library Trustees, N. T. Edwards, Charles K. Holmberg, A. S. Bridges, Mrs. Fannie Baldrige and Mrs. E. W. Taber.

PASSENGER CONVENTION.

Word was received this afternoon from George T. Nicholson of the Santa Fé that he will arrive here by special train tomorrow noon to attend the meeting of the Transcontinental Passenger Agents' Association. His party numbers twenty-six, eleven of them railroad men. He wires that it is his wish that the opening session of the convention, scheduled for Hotel del Coronado tomorrow forenoon, be postponed until Wednesday, and that the afternoon be devoted to accepting the proffered hospitality of the Chamber of Commerce for a sail down the bay on the steamer Spokane, and other events. As Nicholson is one of the largest of the magnates it is thought that the railroad men will adopt his proposition. Twelve of the roads in the organization have their representatives already here. The majority of arrivals will be on the noon train tomorrow. They will be met at the railroad station by a committee of members of the Chamber of Commerce and the railroad magnates. Lunch will be served on board the steamer.

VALUABLE FIDDLES SOLD.

Ralph Granger, a wealthy musician, has sold his collection of rare violins, said to be one of the finest in the country, to Lyon & Healy of Chicago, for more than \$20,000. Among the instruments are a King Joseph, 1737; Guadagnini, 1780; Stradavari, 1711; Joseph Guarnerius, 1741; Stradavari, 1722; Ruggeris, 1701; Nicholas Amatus, 1662; Carlo Bergenzi; Jacobus Stainer, 1659; Maggini, no date; Guarnerius (son of Andrea), 1600, and a Lupot, 1809.

LARGE HOME IN ASHES.

Fire, originating from a gasoline stove used by painters, destroyed the large home of R. V. and J. M. Dodge, Ash and State streets, late this afternoon. The house was a landmark of

hospitality in San Diego. The contents were burned. The loss is about \$3000.

DEATH OF J. E. SHAFFER.

Josiah Elmer Shaffer, a brother of the County Auditor and a deputy in his office, died last evening of pneumonia. His brother, George B. Shaffer of the Los Angeles National Bank, came yesterday. Mr. Shaffer was born in Contra Costa county in 1861, and had resided in San Diego county since 1870. He was connected with the surveying party, which fixed the line of the Southern California Railroad between Los Angeles and this city. He was in the mining business in Lower California for two years and was a member of the company which tried to develop salt at the head of the bay. He leaves a widow and five children.

FOR MRS. BURDETTE.

The local club women have decided to support Mrs. Robert J. Burdette of Pasadena for election to the presidency of the National Federation of Women's Clubs in Los Angeles. During the recent county convention Mrs. Burdette's name was mentioned and all the women expressed themselves as pleased with her candidacy. She is well known here and popular.