

HANDSOME PROFIT.

Big Dividends Paid by Los Angeles and Pacific Boulevard and Investment Company.

The Los Angeles and Pacific Boulevard and Investment Company has just declared another dividend of 20 per cent. This corporation has had marvelous financial success, besides contributing vastly to the development of the country. Organized two years ago last May, it has already paid to the stockholders dividends aggregating 160 per cent. and has virtually created a town. It has expended large sums in improvements and has made very liberal donations to public enterprises like the Hollywood boulevard. Its management has been strictly high grade, and President H. J. Whitney has taken the lead in fostering the welfare of the valley. It is surprising that after these large disbursements by this public-spirited company it should have been able to pay such handsome dividends. Probably there is not another suburban land company in Southern California with such a record.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

RAIN ONLY IN TOWN.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE TIMES.]
SAN DIEGO, Dec. 7.—The rainfall last night was confined to the city, where the precipitation was .22 of an inch. In most places in the back country only a sprinkle fell. Along the line of the San Diego Flume Company no rain fell. At Campo the wind has blown so hard from the east since last Wednesday that men have been unable to work on the new stretch of road. No serious damage is reported.

NEVER RETURNED.

Peter Cosstado, a fisherman living on the water front, at No. 230 Ash street, has been missing since a week ago Saturday. He and C. J. Thayer lived in a hotel together. Thayer says that Cosstado left the house, saying that he was going up town to get wine, and that he never came back. He thinks the man is dead.

FIRE DAMAGE GREAT.

The damage from the fire at Escondido is much greater than at first reported. The estimated expense of replacing the flume is between \$30,000 and \$40,000, and is a severe loss to the Escondido Irrigation Company. If a ditch is put in to take the place of the flume the expense will be about \$60,000.

W. H. Ogden, for many years a prominent citizen of this county, formerly of El Cajon, died this morning, aged 73. He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

CORONADO BEACH.

HOTEL PERSONALS.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE TIMES.]

HOTEL DEL CORONADO, Dec. 7.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hart and Miss Henriette De Marr and other members of the Foxy Grandpa Company passed most of yesterday at the hotel. They are delighted with Southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Benton and family party of East Orange, N. J., are at the hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hart left today for the East. After remaining in Washington, D. C., a month, they will return to their home in Lynn, Mass.

T. J. Harrison and the Misses Harrison, en route to New York after a stay in Cuba, are guests at the hotel.

Mr. Painter and friend, William Ferris, left today for San Francisco, spending a day en route at Los Angeles.

Arthur Ward Fox of New Haven, Ct., is the guest of his friend, Rev. Luther Davis of Coronado.

Lightning Railway Speed.

The speed of nearly 126 miles per hour attained by an electric car on an experimental line, as narrated in a cable dispatch from Berlin this morning, opens up a wonderful vista of possible changes in railway travel.

While the engineers do not believe this high speed is practicable at present on the State railways, they are prepared to recommend a speed of ninety-three miles an hour between Berlin and Hamburg, which would mean the traversing of the intervening 178 miles in about 1½ hours.

Setting aside the opinion of the engineers that they will be able to attain far higher speeds, a sustained rate of ninety-three miles an hour would be revolutionary. It would mean that a man could leave New York at 10 in the evening and arrive in Chicago in time for an early breakfast. The trip from here to Philadelphia would consume less than an hour, and a run from the City Hall to One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street would take less than ten minutes.

Enthusiasm over this prospect is checked by the reflection that results obtained in experiments under special conditions are not always secured in every-day practice, but it is certain that there is in electric traction the potentiality of a speed undreamed of in connection with steam.—[New York Herald.]

Why He Laughed.

"You must excuse my ignorance," he softly began at the window of the gas office, "but I want to settle a doubt in my own mind. Is your gas the same as laughing gas?"

"I never heard any one laugh over it very much," replied the clerk. "In fact, it is generally the other way."

"But I—I—ha, ha, ha!"

"You are laughing over it, it seems?"

"Yes; can't help it, you know. My June bill was \$2.25. We go away for July and shut the house up, and yet my July bill is much larger than the June."

"Perhaps that's where the laugh comes in?"

"I know it Joes—ha, ha, ha!"

"Yes, we are always hearing of those things, and it is unnecessary to say that they make us tired. The bill seems to be \$4.80."

"Yes."

"And you—you—?"

"I'm going to laugh. It's a good joke—capital joke—ha, ha, ha!"

"And you'll pay and not kick?"

queried the astonished clerk.

"That's it. I'll even—ha, ha, ha!"

The clerk handed him back the change from a \$5 bill and looked at him in such a way that the customer felt called upon to explain:

"Yes, house all shut up for July, but we left six burners blazing away, and I thought you had me for a cool \$100. Only \$4.80—ha, ha, ha!"—[Chicago Inter Ocean.]