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THE DAILY RECORD-UNION.

THURSDAY.....AUGUST 26, 1880.

**Signal Corps Report—August 25, 1880.**

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| 7 A. M..... | 29.83 | 60 | 78 | S. 1 | .... | Clear |
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| 2 P. M..... | 29.78 | 81 | 29 | N. W. 4 | .... | Clear |
| 8:02 P. M..... | 29.72 | 70 | 48 | S. W. 8 | .... | Clear |

Max. ther., 83 degrees. Min. ther., 56 degrees.

**Weather Probabilities.**

WASHINGTON, August 25th.—For central Pacific coast region: Clear or partly cloudy weather.

**ADVERTISEMENT MENTION.**

Washington Lodge, F. and A. M.—Meeting tonight.

Knights of Honor, Unity Lodge, this evening.

Notice concerning Chock Chan or Quan Yip.

Lost—Silver-plated dog-collar and lock.

Democratic Committee—Second Congressional District.

State Fair proposals, till September 6, 1880.

Building and Loan stock, new series.

Proposals for work on the Yuba river.

Annual meeting—Sacramento Society of Pioneers.

**Business Advertisements.**

Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills.

Sozodont, for the teeth and breath.

C. H. Krebs & Co.—Paints, oils, glass, etc.

Wm. Guttenberger—Iron and brass founder.

Baker & Hamilton—Agents for Eureka Gang-plows.

# LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

## MEETING OF DRAINAGE COMMISSIONERS.

The Board of Directors of Drainage District No. 1 met yesterday at their headquarters at the Capitol, President W. H. Parks and Director Knox present.

This being the day for receiving and opening bids for works on the Yuba and Bear rivers, bids were received as follows:

Repairing Brown's valley grade, Yuba river—For earthwork, per cubic yard: Patrick Ney, 18 cents; Elliott & McGuire, 35 cents. For brush revetment and spur work: Patrick Ney, 60 cents per square yard; Elliott & McGuire, 35 cents. For work on citizens' levee—Bids the same.

Upper south-side levee—For earthwork, per cubic yard: John Welch, 15¾ cents; William Turton, 28 cents; P. Nye, 15 cents. For brush revetment, per square yard: John Welch, 50 cents; Turton, 22 cents; Ney, 40 cents. Spur work: Welch, 30 cents; Turton, 24 cents; Ney, 40 cents.

Lower south-side levee—For earthwork, per cubic yard: Howell Davis, 17 cents; Toom & Dufficy, 17¾ cents; Turton, 18 cents; Ney, 15 cents; Elliott & McGuire, 16 cents. For brush revetment—Davis, 40 cents; Toom & Dufficy, 45 cents; Turton, 22 cents; Ney, 40 cents; Elliott & McGuire, 35 cents. Spur work—Davis, 60 cents; Toom & Dufficy, 70 cents; Turton, 24 cents; Ney, 40 cents; Elliott & McGuire, 35 cents.

South side from dam up—Earthwork, per cubic yard: Rideout & Binney, 19 cents; John Welch, 15¾ cents; Turton, 20 cents; Brush revetment—Rideout & Binney, 20 cents; Turton, 21 cents. Spur work—Turton, 24 cents.

BEAR RIVER.

For all work on both sides of Bear River—Earthwork per cubic yard: Terrell & Slavin, 25 cents; E. R. Thomason, 24¼ cents; Wood & Jasper, 24 cents; Ney, 15 cents; M. Doane, 23 cents. Brush revetment, per square yard—Terrell & Slaven, 48 cents; E. R. Thomason, 50 cents; Wood & Jasper, 45 cents; Ney, 40 cents; Doane, 40 cents. Spur work—Terrell & Slaven, 160 cents; Thomason, 66 cents; Wood & Jasper, 65 cents; Ney, 60 cents.

For upper north-side levee, part 2—Earthwork, per cubic yard: D. P. Durst, 24 cents; Doane, 23 cents. Brush revetment—Durst, 45 cents; Doane, 40 cents. Spur work—Durst, 65 cents; Doane, 60 cents.

Part 3, earthwork—Steinman & Hall, 20 cents; Doane, 22 cents. Revetment—Steinman & Hall, 40 cents; Doane, 40 cents. Spur work—Steinman & Hall, 50 cents; Doane, 60 cents.

Upper south-side levee—Earthwork: Doane, 20 cents; revetment, 30 cents; spur work, 60 cents.

Lower south-side levee—Earthwork, P. A. Miller, 24 cents; Doane, 24 cents. Revetment—Miller, 35 cents; Doane, 40 cents. Spur work—Miller, 45 cents; Doane, 60 cents. Clearing brush, per acre—Terrill, $4; Slaven, $62; E. R. Thomason, $61; P. A. Miller, $45; Patrick Ney, $45; Doane, $59.

On motion, the contract for levee on upper south side Yuba river, was awarded to John Welch. The bids of Patrick Ney upon the part of the works upon south side of Bear river were taken under advisement.

All bids for brushwork were deemed too high by the Board and rejected, and the time for receiving new bids continued till September 9th.

The bids upon Brown's valley grade, citizens' levee, lower south side of Yuba river, and all on north side of Bear river, were also deemed too high and time extended till above date.

Mayor Turner appeared before the Board in connection with matters concerning city levees, the consideration of which was postponed till to-day.

The Board then adjourned till 9 A. M. today.

FORGOT HIS BOARD BILL.—On Monday last J. W. Stoddard, who has been employed in the railroad repair shops in this city, quietly slipped out of town on the Eastern overland emigrant train with a ticket for Boston, and leaving behind in a very careless manner an unpaid board bill of $40, at the Crescent City Hotel. To add interest to the situation, as soon as he had passed the State line into Nevada, he sent a letter back to the proprietor of the hotel, indicating that he was now out of his reach, and insultingly advising him what to do with the bill. Upon receipt of the letter yesterday morning the proprietor at once took up the impudent challenge, and went to the Chief of Police to procure his being overhauled and returned upon charge of fleeing the State to defraud creditors. Officer Atwood was detailed to look up the facts and, if he could properly do so, take steps for his "right-about-face" and return to Sacramento. By applying for information at the depot, it was soon ascertained from the ticket stub book that his ticket was for Boston, and that he left on the Monday train, as before stated. This, by referring to the time-table, would leave him still in Nevada, this side of Wells. A telegram was accordingly sent at once to Deputy Sheriff Conger, at Wells, giving name and description of the jubilant fugitive, and requesting his arrest upon arrival, and to report the fact by telegraph, when a requisition from the Governor would be forwarded for him. Upon his arrival at Wells he was immediately arrested and taken from the train, and all of a sudden came to a realizing sense that although he was in the State of Nevada, Sacramento and his board bill through the telegraph and arm of the law still had an unpleasant and embarrassing nearness. Finding there was no alternative but to be brought back and face the music he had kicked up by his letter, which would also cancel his limited time railroad ticket, an honest streak at once struck him and he was immediately anxious to pay his bill. A notice of that fact was sent by telegraph to police headquarters here and a reply returned that if the prisoner would pay the $40 and the arresting officer's fees, to release him from arrest. Stoddard at once came down with the funds, and resuming his seat in the car left for the land of "steady habits," with top sails reefed, and a much reduced estimation of his independence.

THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT.—It now appears that President Hayes and General Sherman, with a party of distinguished guests, comprising about fifteen persons, will reach Sacramento about the 10th of September. The suggestion comes from many citizens that a meeting should be called to determine all questions relating to an appropriate reception of the chief Executive of the nation. As the President's visit is to the State, it has further been suggested that his Excellency, the Governor, take the lead in calling a meeting of citizens, to consult upon the questions involved. There is a decided and prevalent feeling that the first ovation of welcome should be extended by the State to the head of the nation here at the capital. This brief presentation is made at the urgent solicitation of many leading citizens.

WHEN making your bets for hats on the coming Presidential election, always say, "I will bet the best hat to be found in the Mechanics' Store." Some people are under the impression that they don't carry fine hats in that house. There never was a greater mistake made in the world, for you can always procure the finest quality of goods there at more favorable figures than elsewhere. *

FOR REAL BARGAINS in groceries, the place to go to is Paulk's cash grocery, 814 K street. You can get 10½ pounds nice yellow sugar for $1; 12 pounds Carolina rice for $1; 15 candles for 25 cents. *

HOSIERY, gloves and fancy goods at the Red House. *

## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The city Board of Education met last evening. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The various committees made formal reports of minor routine duties performed. The Superintendent reported the schools at Sixteenth and N and Twenty-seventh and J streets overcrowded, and recommended dividing them to the extent of forming a new ungraded class, but that a new teacher would not be needed, as at Seventh and G there are two small classes that can be consolidated. A new school-room for the new class would be needed.

The Finance Committee reported, and the Board allowed the following bills: W. B. Miller, 90 cents; B. F. Pike, $32 74; J. G. Davis, $14; Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Company, $57; Imperial, London, Northern and Queen Insurance Company, $42; Phœnix and Hartford Insurance Company, $50; Freeman's Fund Insurance Company, $18; Commercial Insurance Company, $12 50; Hartford Insurance Company, $28; Union Insurance Company, $25; California Insurance Company, $48; L. C. Chandler, $36; London Insurance Company, $12 50; Western Insurance Company, $12 50; H. S. Crocker, $335 90; W. A. & C. S. Houghton, $385 86; Scott & Muir, $6 80; F. L. Landes, $2; Geo. Greiner, $1; RECORD-UNION, $10; H. A. Weaver, $7; Charles Schmitt & Co., $12; J. Batquier, $225; Peter Curran, $19; pay-roll of salaries, etc., $6,045 50. Total, $7,437 90.

Mr. Hornblower made a minority report from the Finance Committee against allowing the bills specified as for the High School, on the ground that the Board of Trustees of the city has not yet by order established the High School as required by the new Constitution. Mr. Tracy contended the city is a school district, and the Board the authority therein, capable of setting up a lawful High School. The minority report was not adopted. Ayes, Hornblower, Weimyer; nays, Butler, McClatchy, Lord, Tracy, Griffitts. The ayes entered their protest against the bills.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations reported progress, and was authorized to have the school laws relative to the city compiled and ready for publication, at an expense not to exceed $25.

Mr. Bier, from the special committee on course of study and instructions for teachers, submitted a lengthy report. Concerning a portion of the report the committee disagreed. The report was very long and involved explicit instructions for teachers, a large number of rules and regulations for conducting monthly and other examinations, the methods of such examinations and the manner of instruction. The Board agreed that the reports were excellent and embodied many of the principles of the Quincy system. The report was finally adopted, the Board deciding upon the whole of the majority report. The report was sent to print and may be yet somewhat amended.

The Board discussed the question, and by general consent agreed that bookkeeping need not be taught to such children as the parents desire not to pursue that study.

Mr. Rowell, of the Sacramento Grammar School, astonished the Board by an oral report, in which he stated that he found a rule in existence by which pupils who have been two years in any given grade shall be advanced to the next higher grade. Under this rule he found ten scholars in his school who are in grades for which they are unfitted and in which they cannot keep place. One of these, a boy, in the first grade, has not had a solitary lesson. In some cases this is the result of want of capacity; in others, want of information. Out of his 521 scholars there are 41 that ought to go into lower grades than those in which they now are, and 104 that cannot, he thinks, possibly pass and should remain over in the grades where they now are. The presence of the two-year scholars that are unable to go on with the grade demoralizes the other scholars and retards their progress. Such scholars, knowing of the rule, have no incentive to advance, as they know that they will be advanced in grades any how. He asked for a rule by which, under examinations, such scholars may be placed in the proper grade.

Mr. Hornblower opposed the proposition because under the law the children of the people are entitled to be instructed. The Board can not furnish them brains. It is no fault of Board, system or teachers that the kind of children mentioned cannot do the work required of other children. The proposed rule, also, will incline teachers to drop dull scholars, in order to make good records for their classes. He called attention to the fact that teachers had lately been blamed for failure of scholars to pass, and held responsible for failure, and some such had been advanced thereafter under the rule.

Mr. Tracy held that the greatest good to the greatest number should be the rule; that the mass of the children do the work of the grades and ought not to be hindered by those lacking ability to go on.

Mr. Griffitts thought it might be a good idea to get all such scholars into classes by themselves, where the competition will be equal.

Mr. Landes thought an ungraded school would meet such cases. He addressed the Board at length, taking much the same ground as did Mr. Hornblower.

Mr. Rowell said some of the pupils mentioned had been two years in the fifth grade, and couldn't divide 169 by 16. It was a cruelty to such a child to put it in a higher grade with still more difficult work.

After further debate this rule was adopted: *Resolved*, That any scholar two years in the grade below the one he or she is now in, and fails to reach 50 per cent. in arithmetic, grammar and orthography in any monthly written examination be, in the discretion of the Principal and with the consent of the Superintendent, dropped a grade.

Owing to the recent adoption of a new arithmetic, some modification of rule was found necessary to adapt the work this year to the new system, and therefore the following was adopted: *Resolved*, That during this school year, the Principals of the Sacramento and Capital Grammar schools shall be permitted by this Board to use their discretion concerning the work in arithmetic prescribed in the course of study for their several grades. Miss M. A. Way having changed her residence to another locality resigned her position, and the Board accepted it and ordered a certificate forwarded to her, indorsing her as a competent teacher, and one who gave entire satisfaction to the Sacramento department. The Superintendent filed his regular report reviewing the condition of the schools and school property, with recommendations as to necessary improvements and repairs of property.

The Board resolved that the rule be enforced requiring tuition for pupils of non-resident families to be paid in advance, and those pupils whose parents do not pay or show cause to the Board shall be suspended from the schools. It was stated that over $100 is now due the city from parents of children perfectly able to pay, and that the Board never refuses to admit non-resident children of those parents who are too poor to pay tuition.

The Board ordered advertisements for bids for 125 cords of wood.

All matters of repairs were referred to the Committee on Repairs.

Ordered, that the Board issue certificates and renew certificates for all teachers recommended by the city Board of Examiners.

The Board then adjourned.

MERCHANDISE REPORT.—The following freight for Sacramento passed Ogden on the 23d: For Huntington, Hopkins & Co., 5 drums iron pipe fittings, 36 plates iron; Weinstock & Lubin, 2 boxes dry goods; S. Lipman & Co., 1 box dry goods; J. F. Davis & Son, 33 top and 18 open buggies, 21 poles, 38 shafts, 51 sets wheels, 10 spring wagons; Billingsley & Co., 1 case scrubbing brushes, 1 case mop handles; Holman, Stanton & Co., 4 kegs nails; J. I. Felter & Co., 40 boxes flasks; J. G. Davis & Co., 3 boxes extension tables, 18 bundles fillings; John Breuner, 1 box extension tables, 4 bundles fillings; D. W. Earl, 15 steel dies, 15 steel shoes.

NEW TO-DAY.—Thirty-five pieces whalebone fringe. The finest value ever shown in the city. Splendid quality, 50 cents per yard; other qualities, 60 cents to $1 20 per yard, at the Red House. *

AT HALE'S CRITERION they are now making every effort possible to close out their spring and summer dress goods. It will pay you well to call and get their prices before purchasing elsewhere. *

SWIMMERS should attend the Natatorium. Water constantly changed every night now. Gaslight in the building. Open till 10 P. M. Ladies—Tuesdays, 9 to 12 A. M., and Fridays, 2 to 6 P. M. *

THE best clowns in the world travel with Cole's circus. The comical "Pico," and McIntyre, the humorist, wit and scholar, are the leading sons of Momus. You will see them when Cole comes. *

ALL-WOOL CASHMERES, only 50 cents a yard, 40 inch wide, at L. Bien's, Eighth and J streets. *

THE best 10, 15 and 20 cent dress goods at L. Bien's, Eighth and J streets. *

PIANO and table spreads, fine silk embroidered, at a saving of 50 per cent. Go to the Red House. *

UNLAUNDRIED SHIRTS, with linen cuffs and fronts, for 75 cents, at Mechanics' Store. *

BOOK STRAPS, 5 cents each, at Mechanics' Store. *

## A. M. E. CONFERENCE.

The session of the sixth and last day of the A. M. E. Conference convened yesterday at 10 o'clock, Bishop Ward in the chair.

The religious exercises preceding the business session of the Conference were conducted by Rev. Jenkins Williams. After their conclusion, Rev. G. D. Jimmerson submitted a report upon the state of the country, which was adopted. The committee on missions, circuits and stations submitted its report, which was also adopted.

On motion, a District Conference and Sabbath School Convention was appointed to be held at Stockton in April, 1881. The Conference is to be composed of all the ministers, traveling and local, of the district. The Convention to be composed of the Superintendents and teachers of Sabbath-schools within the district.

The Bishop addressed the Conference upon the necessity of greater courtesy of ministers toward their people, as tending to increase their influence and add to their success.

The Finance Committee made its report, showing the state of the financial receipts and disbursements of the Conference, as follows: Total receipts, $196 95, and disbursements the same.

The following ministerial appointments for the ensuing year were announced by the Bishop: San Francisco, to be supplied; Sacramento, Rev. J. R. Dorsey; Oakland, Rev. I. N. Triplett; Stockton, Rev. P. R. Green; Marysville, Rev. I. H. West; Red Bluff, Rev. J. F. Anderson. Rev. Geo. D. Jimmerson was transferred to the North Carolina Conference; Rev. W. H. Offer was transferred to Kansas Conference; Rev. Jenkins Williams to the Illinois Conference—all to take effect from the 1st of November.

The Conference joined in singing:

And let our bodies part,
To different climes repair,
Inseparably joined in heart,
The friends of Jesus are.

Resolutions were passed thanking the people for the courteous manner in which they had sustained the Conference; thanking the ministers of the several churches for their friendly visits and expression of encouragement and sympathy; and of the RECORD-UNION for its full and accurate reports published of the proceedings of the Conference.

The Doxology was then sung and benediction pronounced by the Bishop, when he pronounced the Conference closed.

PLEA AND SENTENCE.—Matt McCabe, charged with the crime of attempting to commit rape upon the little 8-year-old girl recently, and who was in jail awaiting trial, was yesterday allowed to come into Court before Judge Denson, who held a special session for that purpose, and plead upon the information filed in his case. He was accompanied by his attorney, Mr. Hinkson, who stated that under the evidence he had advised him to plead guilty. Thereupon McCabe arose and pleaded guilty to the charge, and asked that sentence be at once given. Judge Denson immediately proceeded to pronounce sentence, commenting at length upon the depravity which the act betrayed and the heinousness of the crime. In conclusion, he stated that fourteen years was the limitation fixed by statute for this crime, but owing to the advanced age of the prisoner—he being 45—the sentence of the Court would be that he be confined in the State Prison at Folsom for a term of eleven years. Upon announcing the term of imprisonment McCabe seemed much surprised and angered, and while being conveyed back to jail spoke quite bitterly of the treatment of his case by the Court. Sheriff Heilbron will take him this morning to Folsom Prison, and McCabe will enjoy the distinction of being the first inmate ever sentenced to that institution from this county.

SAILOR BOYS' MEETING.—The Republican Sailor Boys' Club met at Howe's Hall last night, at which meeting there was a marked increase in the attendance. Thirty new names were added to the roll, and the utmost enthusiasm prevailed. Speeches were made by J. N. Young and several of the members. It was decided to proceed at once to raise means to purchase handsome uniforms, and enter upon a vigorous campaign, striving to reach as good success as it did during the last Presidential canvass. It was agreed also to establish itself while on parade into a fleet of three companies, which will add much to their display on such occasions. After attending to other matters pertaining to drill, etc., the Club adjourned with three cheers for Garfield and Arthur.

POLICE COURT.—In the Police Court yesterday, J. Shepherd, for exposure of person in the Plaza, was sentenced to ten days in the County Jail; the disproportionate appearance of the sentence to the offense committed was occasioned by the weak mental condition of the defendant. Bob Scheimer and Wm. Limeback, disturbing the peace, fined each $5 and costs; Robert McClure, embezzlement, tried and taken under advisement; Geo. D. Allmond, misdemeanor, dismissed by consent of prosecution; Dolly Graham, battery, dismissed on motion of City Attorney; C. N. Herring, burglary, tried, found not guilty and discharged; C. Herring, disturbing the peace, tried, found guilty and fined $1 and costs.

HANCOCK AND ENGLISH MEETING.—The Third Ward Hancock and English Club held its regular meeting last evening at Jacobs Hall, Vice President Fitzsimmons in the chair, and J. W. Bromigan Secretary. After conclusion of routine business, Mr. Dandrid presented the club with a picture of Hancock, 20x30 in size. W. A. G. H., Jr. also presented a large chart picture of Hancock and English. They were accepted on behalf of the club by the President with appropriate remarks. The club was addressed by Mr. Collins, A. C. Hinkson, P. J. Harney and J. Lansing. Six new names were added to the roll, and the meeting adjourned, with cheers for the ticket.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.—At 1:30 this morning an individual posted himself upon the corner of Third and K streets and bawled lustily for the police. Officer Rider and special officers May and Cafferty were quickly on the spot, when it was found that the man was heavily loaded with beer, and had been fired out of the coffee stand near at hand by the proprietor. The noisy individual was not injured in the least, but was evidently apprehensive that he would be if he did not secure the protection of the guardians of the night.

FREIGHT MOVEMENTS.—The following carloads were received in this city yesterday: One of steel rails, 1 of ice, 15 of coal, 3 of wood, 6 of lumber, 2 of barley, 5 of cattle, 1 of doors and sash, 1 of plate iron, 1 of wheat, 1 of nails, 1 of canned fruit, 1 of horses. Through carloads were forwarded East as follows: One of wool, 5 of salmon, 1 of honey, 2 of wine, 5 of canned fruit, 1 of onions, 2 of fruit, 1 of coffee, 1 of pickles and tea, 1 of merchandise, and 1 car of green fruit by express.

CREEDMOOR RIFLE TEAM.—The military Creedmoor rifle team of this Division leave for New York to-day, and will arrive here from San Francisco on the afternoon overland train. The team is in charge of General J. C. Kelton, U. S. A., as Captain. They go to participate at Creedmoor in the next international contest. Lieutenant Henry P. Kiegsbury, U. S. A., well known for his long-range shooting, will accompany the party.

NEW ENGINES.—Two more new engines for the Southern Pacific Railroad, received last week, have been put into running order at the shops in this city, and will be sent forward to Arizona to-day. There are twenty-five more still to be received from the East for the Southern road, twenty of which will be of 10 wheels and of very heavy construction, for purpose of securing unusual power.

QUARTET OF CRIPPLES.—With the coincidence of misfortune and circumstances there are at present confined in the County Jail four men who in the aggregate have but two legs, or an average of half a leg each. Two of them have lost both legs, and the other two have each lost one. They are serving out Police Court sentences. They are not promising subjects for taking leg bail.

SEASHORE SACRAMENTANS.—T. H. Berkey returned from Santa Cruz yesterday, and reports that on the day previous a party of seventy-nine Sacramentans now stopping at Santa Cruz made an excursion to the big trees, where they held a picnic and enjoyed a gala day.

THE SNAGGING PARTY.—Captain Foster received a dispatch from the Superintendent of the snag boat, dated at Colusa, saying that they had completed the snagging work for the present, and were on the way to this city. They are expected to arrive this morning.

THE man found frozen to death yesterday down by the river bank had on one of those 25 cent gauze undershirts from the Red House. They are too cool for this country. *

THOSE Centemetri kid gloves, just received at Hale's Criterion, the most perfect-fitting glove now known to the trade. Try a pair. *

BUNTINGS reduced to 15 cents per yard at Hale's Criterion. Call early. *

THE best 50 cent corset at L. Bien's, Eighth and J streets. *

# COAST DISPATCHES.

[SPECIAL TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

## REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE.

**Work of Reorganization Complete—Perfect Harmony Existing.**

**PASSENGERS FROM THE EAST BY RAIL.**

**Excitement in Merced Over the Action of the Grand Jury.**

**TROUBLE ON THE MEXICAN BORDER.**

**How Sprague Received the News of His Escape from the Gallows.**

### CALIFORNIA.

**Meeting of the Republican State Central Committee—Perfect Harmony Prevalent.**

SAN FRANCISCO, August 25th.—The State Central Committee of the Republican party met this afternoon, pursuant to call, at the party headquarters. Sixty-two members were present out of seventy-nine, and every county in the State was represented, either by its members or by proxy. On account of the number present the committee adjourned to the spacious hall of the Republican League, on California street. The resignation of W. W. Morrow was declined unanimously, and he was retained as Chairman. P. B. Cornwall was chosen Vice Chairman. The acts of the Executive Committee, in the matter of the reorganization of that committee, was ratified and affirmed. The committee, as finally reorganized, is as follows: W. W. Morrow (Chairman), D. B. Jackson, C. F. Bassett, David Bush, Jacob S. Taber, Richard Chute, John A. Bauer, F. B. Reynolds, W. W. Traylor, P. B. Cornwall, And. McF. Davis and A. P. Williams—all of San Francisco; J. R. Hardenberg, Alameda; W. H. Lawrence, San Mateo, and F. C. Frank, Santa Clara. A resolution was adopted thanking the retiring members; also complimenting the late Secretary, Borluck, for his official record. Mr. Morrow rose to an explanation in behalf of Frank Pixley, to the effect that everything was satisfactorily settled; that there would be no more back-talk, and that the work for the ticket should be vigorously prosecuted. The best of feeling was manifested at the meeting, and an active campaign will be at once commenced. A meeting will be held this evening to consult upon campaign measures. With regard to the San Francisco correspondence of the New York *Herald*, previously mentioned in these dispatches, to the effect that the Republicans in California were neglecting the Electoral ticket with a view of laying out their strength on the Senatorial fight, the State Central Committee passed a resolution contradicting the statement as untrue, and not representing the opinion or actions of any leading Republicans, and claiming that California will cast its six votes for Garfield and Arthur, and elect a majority of the Legislature and four members of Congress.

**Address to the Republicans of California.**

SAN FRANCISCO, August 25th.—The Republican State Central Committee, at its meeting this evening, adopted the following address:

To the Republicans of California: The Republican party now enters upon its seventh Presidential campaign, and is organizing for its sixth victory over its persistent and often defeated adversary, who appears ready and resolved to make one more (perhaps the last) desperate attempt to gain control of the National Government. The time has come for united, intelligent and decisive action. We congratulate you upon the fact that the Republican party in this State has never entered upon a campaign better united, more harmonious, or better able to successfully cope with its ancient and reckless opponent than it is now. Its standard is raised, its principles and policy announced, its candidates for Electors and for Congress nominated by appropriate Conventions, and it stands ready to engage in the pending conflict. Proud of its record and character, honest in its purpose, devoted to the principles of free government, national unity, equal rights and purity in public affairs, it appeals to the better judgment of all good citizens, and confidently expects their patriotic support. It remains now for the Republicans of California to continue and perfect the great work of organization which has been so well begun. Thorough organization is a condition of success in all great undertakings. Without it the most sacred cause may be lost in a conflict with our antagonist, who knows the power and practices the art of organization. To the end that an effective organization may be obtained, we recommend the formation of Republican clubs in every precinct throughout the State. The duty of carrying forward this great work devolves upon the County Committees of the several counties. The registration of Republican voters is a matter of vital importance, and demands immediate, energetic attention. This requires the individual efforts of the voters themselves. It is not a time for delay. Let every Republican do his whole duty, and the Republican party is invincible.

**Greenback Nominee for Congress.**

SAN FRANCISCO, August 25th.—The Greenback wing of the Workingmen this evening nominated Assemblyman Stephen G. Maybell for Congressman from this District.

**One Man Killed and Two Fatally Injured.**

SAN RAFAEL, August 25th.—A cave of rocks at Jordan's quarry this afternoon killed Patrick Traner and fatally injured two other men.

**The Commutation of Sprague's Sentence—How He Received the News.**

SAN BUENAVENTURA, August 25th.—About 5 o'clock this evening Sheriff De Troy received the following dispatch:

SACRAMENTO, August 25, 1880.

The sentence of F. A. Sprague, under sentence of death, has been commuted to imprisonment for life. You will therefore stay the execution of said Sprague. The commutation will be sent you to-morrow. Answer immediately on receipt.

GEO. C. PERKINS, Governor.

The intelligence was communicated to Sprague by Superior Judge Hines, who had been of counsel in the case. Your reporter visited the prisoner about ten minutes later, when he broke out in a torrent of invective against the land-grabbers and railroad cormorants, who, he said, were running the county and all the public men in it. He adverted with extreme bitterness to the fact that he had fought More for eight years for his land, and finally secured a decision in his favor, only to find, by a decision made a few months ago, that the land belonged to neither of them, but to the Southern Pacific Railroad. Having exhausted himself on this theme, he manifested great anxiety to have his friends intercede with Governor Perkins to have his place of imprisonment fixed at San Quentin, and not at Folsom, to which latter locality he manifests a decided aversion. Nothing in his conversation indicated the least gratitude to the Governor or the friends who had saved him from the gallows, which the Sheriff had intended to commence erecting this evening. The action of the Governor is what was expected by the majority of the people here.

**The Merced County Grand Jury and the Ex-Count Officials—Divorce Granted.**

MERCED, August 25th.—The finding of ten indictments by the Grand Jury yesterday against ex-County Auditor E. J. Hamilton has created intense excitement among the people, and they meet in crowds of five, ten and upwards upon the street-corners and other convenient places and discuss the probabilities of indictments being found against all the old county officers, including two or three left out in the cold by the ballots of the people at the last election. The jury has been busy all day examining witnesses, and outsiders are in constant expectation of another batch of indictments being reported, and other county officers being arrested and placed under bonds. Hamilton gave bonds for his appearance last night in the sum of $5,000.

In addition to the interest centered upon the action of the Grand Jury, the divorce case of Farnell vs. Farnell has been upon trial in the Superior Court, before Judge Marks, for the past three days, terminating late this afternoon in a divorce being granted the plaintiff, Mrs. Farnell.

**Boiler Explosion.**

WATSONVILLE, August 25th.—The boiler of a steam thrashing engine exploded this morning while engaged in thrashing the crop of Samuel Marcus, in Monterey county, about five miles from here. Mark Devins, the fireman, was thrown several yards from the engine, and seriously if not fatally injured. McGregor, the engineer, is badly scalded, but his injuries are not considered fatal. The cause of the explosion is not known at present. The engine and boiler are a complete wreck.

**Death of Hon. James H. Keyes.**

WHEATLAND, August 25th.—News has been telegraphed to this place from Cloverdale of the death of Hon. James H. Keyes, to which place he had gone some time since to regain his health. Mr. Keyes, it will be remembered, was plaintiff in the debris suit some time since. His funeral will take place from here under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge on Friday at 11 o'clock.

**Jury Discharged—Personal—Walking Match.**

LOS ANGELES, August 25th.—The jury in the Ames arson case, failing to agree, was discharged to-night. It is understood that it stood five for conviction and seven for acquittal.

Major E. B. Grimes, Quartermaster-in-Chief for the United States Army in Arizona, arrived from that Territory to-day. He leaves for San Francisco to-morrow.

The highest score in the amateur walking match at the Pavilion to day was 148 miles in forty-eight hours.

**The Castaways—Letter from the Commander of the Freda.**

VALLEJO, August 25th.—The Freda's log has not arrived at the Navy Yard or on board of the Pensacola. The only letter received was a private one written by Lieutenant Yates, Captain of the Freda, to Lieutenant R. R. Ingersoll, of the Pensacola, and is as follows:

U. S. S. FREDA, MAZATLAN, MEX., August 18, 1880.

My Dear Ingersoll: I have been to Socorro Island, and have made a thorough examination of the place. I have found no one, and I cannot see how any one could live there. Though there was rain falling on the summit of the island peaks, still I doubt if any water could be found for drinking. I never have seen a more forbidding-looking piece of land in my life. As regards the schooner Freda, I am very much pleased with her sailing qualities. She sails along in the lightest breeze, and in the event of bad weather I have no doubt would ride like a duck. I am also very much pleased with my shipmates. They have done everything in their power to aid me. I hope to leave to-day and get away from this hot and squally coast, such as it is in this season. Yours,

J. J. YATES.

### ARIZONA.

**The Mexican Bandits—Statement of One of Their Number.**

TUCSON, August 25th.—Deputy United States Marshal Evans returned on Tuesday night from Arivica, where he went to arrest the Mexican followers of Reyes, there held in custody by a Deputy Sheriff. He commanded two men to bring the nine prisoners to Tucson. They arrived this evening at 5 o'clock, and were at once escorted to jail, where they remained until half-past 6, when eight of them were sent to Fort Lowell for safe-keeping, Captain Tadeo Gresetogena remaining in the custody of Marshal Evans. On the arrival of the prisoners a *Star* reporter called at the jail and interviewed Captain Gresetogena, and found him well educated, speaking French and English quite fluently, and a gentleman who seems to have been entirely carried away by his political convictions. The Captain said:

Reyes and about thirty men, myself included, left Tucson on the 5th inst., for Sonora. The first place we arrived at was Agua Sarca, where Reyes got twenty horses which he had engaged. We there met L. W. Towne, of Boston. At San Ignacio we made Pancho Rivera a prisoner, and captured all the arms in the town; thence went to Magdalena, where Colonel Reyes levied a tax of $4,500. Pancho Rivera was here liberated, and all his property returned to him. He should not have been so well treated, as he killed one of our men, who had been left behind sick on a ranch, by bringing him out of bed and shooting him. From Magdalena we went to Altar. There I believe Reyes raised some more money, though we have no evidence of it, as he never accounted to us or gave us a cent. We then started to Piliquito, and heard that there were one hundred and fifty National troops in the vicinity, which we went out to meet at night, but failed to find them. We returned at daybreak. Reyes then wanted to await the Government troops, but as we were discouraged by his failure in fulfilling his promises, having engaged his word to get us arms, ammunition and provisions, and only twenty out of the sixty of us had arms, we refused to fight, and agreed to return to Arizona. We left for Tombstone in the forenoon, and at 3 P. M. were told that the enemy was coming, so we were ordered to march to Sassaba, just on the Sonora line. As we got down there the enemy fired upon us. Ten of our armed men took possession of the hill and fought a few minutes, when Reyes ordered a retreat. The Nationals followed us for over nine miles. The next day we crossed the line and saw about thirty men on a hill about 100 yards distant. They did not shoot but hallooed at us. Two miles further, while taking a rest, we concluded to scatter in parties of two and three. When about nine miles in United States territory these same men overtook us again and opened fire. Just then we met an American and Portuguese in a wagon, who said we were on American soil. One man got on the wagon and handed his arms to the owner, who drove off with him. The Nationals fired upon the wagon, which stopped. They claimed the man, but the American refused to give him up, so they contented themselves by taking the Mexican's arms and property. When we at last reached Dr. Wilbur's place we told the ladies that we were compelled to enter the house to protect ourselves, which we did, and after a while I sent a messenger to Sheriff Elliott at Arivaca, and when he came we gave ourselves up. The Nationals made three of our men prisoners on American territory, about ten miles from the Sonora border. They are Arnada Ojeda, Carlos Calderon and Felipe Salsado. We claim that we never went to Sonora with any filibustering views, and killed no peaceable citizens. We went to support General Kautrez's plan for the overthrow of the Diaz Government, intended no robbery or levying of contributions. We collected nothing from anyone, though Reyes got money. He paid us but one month's pay, and disappointed us in his promises of arms and provisions. I can't tell what I think of Reyes. He was probably raising the money he levied the tax for to buy weapons, but he disappointed us.

The prisoners, though sent to Lowell, are not placed in charge of the military, but remain in the custody of United States Marshal Evans. It is probable that they will be examined by the U. S. Commissioner, Lieut. W. H. Carter, of the Sixth Cavalry, who had been put at the disposal of the U. S. Marshal. He missed them coming. Reyes' horse was killed in the encounter on the San Xavier road. He escaped on a saddleless horse, and made for the Santa Rita mountains. He is being pursued by six men.

**Passengers Passing Mojave.**

MOJAVE, August 25th.—The following list of Southern overland passengers passed Mojave August 24th, to arrive in San Francisco August 26th: Isaac Lyons, Yuma; Mrs. E. Moore, Waverly, N. Y.; L. Lowengrund, San Francisco; Miss Cora Phillips, Los Angeles; John Smith, Tucson; W. R. Stone, Waverly, N. Y.; K. Choff, George E. Morser, Oakland.

### NEVADA.

**Passengers Passing Carlin.**

CARLIN, August 25th.—The following passengers passed Carlin to-day, to arrive in Sacramento to-morrow: W. Talbot, San Francisco; Morris Gray, Boston; N. E. Miller, Salt Lake City; G. A. Radtky, New York; Miss Harding, Miss M. F. Failing, Miss H. E. Failing, Miss M. C. Failing, Portland, Or.; F. H. Wittington, Northumberland, Penn.; Miss Winter, Galesburg, Ills.; Miss Shipman, Sandwich Islands; T. Lakeman, Sydney, Australia; Henry Failing, Portland, Or.; Wm. Burges, St. Louis; Wm. Clair, St. Paul, Minn.; F. Tillinghast, Miss Owens, San Francisco; Mrs. E. W. Sizer and daughter, Miss S. Sizer, Leadville, Col.; A. L. Gray and wife, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Paul Demarais, San Francisco; H. J. Case, New York; Judge Campbell and wife, Manchester; George Milan and family, Hamburg, Germany; Mrs. Dr. Jaiques, Dr. C. W. Jaiques, Manchester, Mass.; A. Baillie, Liverpool; O. P. Morris, Oakland; C. T. Maude, T. W. Jeffcock, C. E. Jeffcock, England; J. Bodenheim, New York; Wm. McMahan, Columbus; Dr. Pate, wife and child, Napa City; W. Seizer, Michigan; Mrs. S. Kingsley, Stockton; Mrs. Ledrer and three children, Miss A. Ledrer, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Malzu Yarna, Japan; 77 emigrants, including 66 males, to arrive in Sacramento August 27th.

### OREGON.

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