

THAT SILVER POOL.

The Investigating Committee Reports to the House.

NO EVIDENCE SHOWING THAT A POOL EXISTED.

Only One Senator and One Representative Speculated in the White Metal. But their Purchases Were Not Made While the Bill Was Pending—Owenby Alluded to in the Report as a Romancer.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The report of the Silver Pool Investigating Committee was made to the House to-night. It is unanimous. It reviews the testimony briefly. Owenby is alluded to as a romancer who is magnifying.

Senator Cameron's silver purchase is referred to as having been made and the silver sold before the bill passed. Representative Taylor bought after the bill became a law, and when no additional legislation was looked for.

The report says it is but just to say that the statement made by a Congressman in debate in the House on June 24th last, to the effect that he had been approached to join silver pools, furnished some excuse for the publication of the general allegation that a silver pool existed pending legislation, but none for the charge that certain Senators and Representatives accepted invitations to work together to do so.

The committee says the fact that exaggerated expressions are sometimes used in the new Cameron's silver purchase, and that there is no evidence that there was any pool or combination of such speculators working together to do so.

The committee has seen unable to obtain any evidence to support Owenby's charges. There were many speculators buying and selling individually, and probably in some cases in company, but there is no evidence that there was any pool or combination of such speculators working together to do so.

This commission, according to the testimony of Francis M. Landis, one of its members, had printed and distributed pamphlets and circulars, published articles in newspapers and maintained agents in the field to visit rough and tumble men, especially Farmers' Alliances, in various parts of the country, for the purpose of working up and securing an expression of public sentiment in favor of the coinage of silver at a ratio of sixteen to one of gold.

There was no evidence, and the committee has reason to believe that this commission, which Owenby describes as the head of the silver pool, was in connection with silver speculations, or expended any money otherwise than for the purposes above stated—an organization designed to influence public opinion to secure legislation.

There is no evidence that any pool, combination, syndicate or individual speculator furnished any money for the members of Congress to invest in silver, or that any Senator or Representative was interested in any silver pool or syndicate, or that any Senator or Representative was interested in any silver pool or syndicate, or that any Senator or Representative was interested in any silver pool or syndicate.

Several Interesting Papers Read at Yesterday's Session. WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—At this morning's session of the House, the National Council, "The Matrimonial, or the Mother's Age," paper, prepared by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, was read by Susan B. Anthony.

"Gains of the Last Three Years" was the subject of a paper by Mary Seymour Howell. She spoke of what was doing in the various States for the political enlightenment of the people.

"The Woman Suffrage Movement in the United States," she said in part, "I don't mean to say that the appearance of women in the political arena is going to right every wrong, but it will do much. Look at the woman's condition of things. Here are women and children, they can preach of sin and vice in the world, but cannot use the ballot to suppress the wrongs."

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SACRAMENTO, Feb. 25.—The reference committee, while the committee will agree to the Senate's amendment, it will be willing to give a subsidy of \$150,000 per year to any responsible company.

There have been telegrams received from San Francisco urging that the cable be laid over the Farallone Islands. This proposition does not meet with any favor among Congressmen, and will positively not be adopted.

REPRESENTATIVE BIGGS. He Creates Another Scene of Merriment in the House. WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—During the consideration of the agricultural bill in the House Biggs made several abortive attempts to secure recognition from the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole.

Each time he was denied the privilege of being heard, through the objection by Cannon, who was anxious to get his deficiency bill before the House.

Each time that Cannon objected Biggs grew violent, and berated the Illinois gentleman soundly. Mischievous Democrats seized upon the opportunity and persuaded him that he was a much-abused man, and goaded him on until he rose and said in a speech for the benefit of the American citizen.

After several admonitions from Chairman Dingy, Biggs broke into a torrent of invectives, which was drowned by the laughter and cheers of the Democrats.

The inter-continental railway. WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Secretary Proctor has selected the following officers for duty in connection with the survey and location of the proposed inter-continental railway, connecting North, Central and South America.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The conferees on the bill to relieve the United States Supreme Court have agreed on the measure framed by the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The amount of silver offered to-day was 1,203,000 ounces, of which 600,000 were purchased at prices ranging from 97.95 to 98.00.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Final arrangements for the funeral of Senator Wilson of Maryland were made this afternoon.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The President has signed the commission of Charles Foster as Secretary of the Treasury, and it is expected that he will assume his new duties to-morrow morning.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—It is understood that the bill to amend the amendment made by the House to the direct tax bill, so that no conference will be necessary.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The Northern Pacific Railroad Company to-day began work in the Superior Court against G. W. Hunt, President of the Oregon and Washington Territory Railroad Company.

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RICHMOND (Ind.), Feb. 25.—The rear coach of the United Panhandle train from Chicago to Cincinnati jumped the track at Hagerstown at 8:30 this evening and rolled down the embankment. Four persons were killed and several injured.

The following persons were probably fatally hurt: George McKow, Richmond, Indiana; Mrs. J. C. Busin, Sacramento, California.

A large number of others sustained injuries, but will probably recover. Among them are M. H. Hill, Cincinnati; Frank W. Eddy, Westfield, Mass.; Miss Roth, Mrs. Dudley, Dayton, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Anna Englehardt and three children, Logansport, Ind.; Henry Fox, Asa Kenley, Richmond, Ind.; T. W. Gilpin, Philadelphia; John Crocker, Chicago; Charles Richmond, G. H. Edmunds, Troy, O.; Mrs. Susan Utabaugh, Trenton, O.; O. Evans, Dora Clark, New Castle, Pa.; J. J. Stangor, Easton, O.; J. W. Kramer, Logansport; Harriet Lombard, Amberst, Wis.; James T. Hoopes, Richmond, Ind.; and J. H. Webster, Porter.

As fast as the injured were taken from the wreck they were carried to the homes near by. There were 100 persons in the train, and until arrangements could be made for their removal to the hospital at Richmond.

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AFTER THE STORM.

More Encouraging Reports From the Southern Counties.

WORK OF REPAIRS PROGRESSING RAPIDLY.

Four Persons Known to Have Been Drowned at Los Angeles and Several Others Reported Missing—The Gila and Colorado Rivers Still Rising and the Situation at Yuma Growing Very Serious.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—Reports received from the south to-day concerning the blockade of traffic on the Southern Pacific lines in California and Arizona were most encouraging. It was reported that the work of repairing the damaged portions of the line is being pushed, and unless the storm should again commence everything can be put in "ship-shape" condition within one week.

Reports from the Soledad Canyon seem to have been slightly exaggerated. Colton and the only part of the rock at the point which has given way is near Ravenna, where the road-bed for a few hundred feet is soft and one-sided.

On the Santa Barbara line the floods carried away a sand bridge at Peru, but this has now been repaired, and the working forces from this branch are heading up into the canyon to meet the crews coming south.

Division Superintendent Burkhalter, with two companions, started south on the Mojave from the work train below Mojave on Tuesday. The Atlantic Express through on an inspecting tour, reaching Saugus safely this morning, and went thence to the scene of the trouble at Tehuenga. Dispatches from Yuma give the encouragement above noted.

The Los Angeles work forces finished repairing the bridge this side of the city to-day, and pushed on up the road. Reports indicate that the dam at the bridge east of Los Angeles will be repaired to-night. The trouble at or near Los Angeles can be easily overcome by Friday morning, and the Atlantic Express will leave here to-morrow night on regular time, expecting to find a clear track.

At south-bound trains are held at Mojave, and to-night's express was booked only as far as Bakersfield. At present all through trains between Los Angeles and Los Angeles is blocked, as well as that on the Santa Ana branch.

The Santa Monica branch has yet had no trouble. The bridge at Downey and one at Downey have both been knocked out of line by the turbulent waters, and there are also one or two washes reported between Pomona and Los Angeles.

No trains have reached Los Angeles from the East since Saturday night. That due there Sunday is held at Colton, and all other west-bound overland trains hereafter over this line will leave on regular time.

The Central route is still clear, and no trouble is anticipated. The Oregon and California lines are also clear, and everything is moving on usual time.

There has been no serious trouble on the coast division, and the managers of the Donahue line are happy.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25.—Up to noon to-day reports showed at least six persons in this line, and a number of families in addition to the family of the late W. H. Watts, who is missing from near Downey and is supposed to be drowned. The Wells family, consisting of his wife and three children, were drowned at Duarte, and the bodies of two Mexicans were found in the same neighborhood. S. Lawrens was drowned at Watson, near San Pedro, while trying to rescue some cattle. The worst of the flood was probably at Downey and vicinity.

The old and new San Gabriel Rivers broke from their banks, ran together, and made a great inland sea six to ten miles wide at seven o'clock. Many houses were swept away, and a number of families occupying the territory inundated have not been heard from. Shots were heard near Downey, and a man, who is supposed to have been slain, was found in the house, which is so badly damaged as to be of no future use.

The Otay River broke its banks and swelled the Tia Juana River, until it flooded the entire country, sweeping away stores, houses, cattle and everything that came in its path. Two persons are reported drowned at Tia Juana. No other fatalities are reported.

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EFFECTS OF RECIPROCIITY WITH BRAZIL. BALTIMORE, Feb. 25.—One of the first practical results of reciprocity with Brazil is the establishment of a direct line of steamers between Baltimore and Brazilian ports. Patterson, Ramsay & Co. have launched a Brazilian line, and the steamer, the Elvacion, a British vessel of three thousand tons, sailed this afternoon with a full miscellaneous cargo for Rio de Janeiro.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL. NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—A Herald Washington special says: "Rumors are current that a contract exists for the construction of a canal between Baltimore and Baltimore and the Maritime Canal Company in which the company hopes to escape giving bonds to the Republic under the contract."

DESTRUCTIVE FIRES. MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 25.—Early this morning the brick-blocks owned by Sol Smith Russell and J. M. Roberts, and occupied by several firms, were partly burned. The losses aggregate \$175,000.

IDAHO MINE SOLD. BOISE CITY, Feb. 25.—A deed transferring the Delamar group of mines in Idaho to a London syndicate has been filed in the office of the City National Bank until the money arrives from Europe.

FATAL PRIZE FIGHT. NELSONVILLE (O.), Feb. 25.—Majesty of Toledo fought here last night. When the fight was over, the prize money was \$100,000.

THE STATEMENTS DENIED. NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—A correspondent of the Catholic News denies several statements regarding the appointments affecting the Catholic Church in the United States.

POOL TOURNAMENT. SYRACUSE, Feb. 25.—Four series were played in the National continuous pool tournament now being held here to-day.

A MURDEROUS HUSBAND. CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—This evening Joseph Hamer, a workingman, fatally shot his wife and dangerously wounded his mother-in-law.

YOUNG LADY FATALLY STRUCK. CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Miss Mary Healey went home to-night and found her brother down a knife and bleeding at his father. The girl, rushing in trying to prevent a tragedy, received a fatal stab.

WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION. CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—It is unofficially stated that World's Fair Commissioner Skiff, of Colorado, has accepted the position of Chief of the Bureau of Mines and Mining.

SECRETARY WINDOW'S WILL. WYOMING (Minn.), Feb. 25.—The late Secretary Window's will will be filed for probate to-morrow. The gross value of the estate is from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

CHILE REVOLUTION.

Government Troops Defeated in a Battle at Iquique.

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