

COMMERCIAL CONGRESS.

Exciting Scenes Witnessed During Yesterday's Session.

THE DISCUSSION TAKES A POLITICAL TURN.

The Minority Members of the Committee on Resolutions Charge the Congress With Being Nothing But a Democratic Convention--The St. Paul Business Union Delegates Withdraw.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

KANSAS CITY, April 19.--At the Commercial Congress to-day the unfinished program of yesterday was taken up, the subject being "Transportation and Improvement of Water-ways, Lakes, Gulfs and Pacific Ports."

S. A. Thompson, Secretary of the Commercial Club of Duluth, Minn., advocated the improvement of water-ways as affording the cheapest transportation.

Colonel Catchings of Mississippi argued that an increase in water traffic, however great, would not decrease the railroad business, but would rather increase it.

J. M. Murphy of Iowa spoke on the Hennepin Canal.

Colonel A. C. Fisk of Denver delivered an address upon irrigation. It was estimated that there are 1,000,000 square miles of arid lands in the Western country that could be made productive by irrigation.

At the minimum price of public lands, \$1.25 per acre, and a value of \$8,000,000. At \$30 per acre, a moderate estimate of value when irrigated, it would be worth \$19,200,000,000. If these lands were properly provided for, one could scarcely contemplate what an empire of population and wealth it would contain. It was said that the people of the regions that desired irrigation should provide it themselves. Without agriculture the lands would never be settled, and there would be no people to provide irrigation. The Government should start the work.

Mr. Wickliffe, of New Orleans, spoke upon immigration and the settlement of vacant lands from the text, "American and Americans." He had been told, he said, that this land is broad enough for all, but he submitted that the Old World has made it the dumping ground for paupers and the criminal classes, and he believed that he spoke for the whole American people when he said the time has come that it must stop receiving the refuse of all who want to come here to be one of us--but not a foot of ground for one of those paupers and criminals of the Old World.

"I may feel deeply upon the subject," added Wickliffe, "but I have lately come to a terrible conclusion, which clearly indicates the need of a change of our immigration laws."

He argued for vigorous action by the national Congress.

The majority report of the Committee on Resolutions, made to-day, favors the free coinage of silver and the issuance of a national legal tender, redeemable in both gold and silver, to restore the equilibrium between money and all their products; tariff for revenue only; that the interests of the country should be controlled by the General Government; favors the improvement of the Mississippi River; the construction of the Hennepin Canal; equalization of taxation, national bankruptcy law; suppression of trusts and combines; amendment of the immigration laws; the improvement of railroad land grants to the public domain and the opening of the surplus lands to settlement; the reclamation of arid lands in the future, and commends the Secretary of Agriculture for his efforts toward removing the restrictions on our foreign trade; indorses the desirability of a harbor at Galveston; favors the construction of a ship canal connecting the Northern lakes with the Gulf of Mexico; the Ohio to the Mississippi, and from Lake Superior to the Mississippi; the construction of the Nicaragua Canal as a distinctly American work, under American control; the prohibition of non-resident alien ownership of land; recommends the admission of New Mexico and Arizona to the union of States.

In conclusion, the report lauds with delight the spirit of fraternity displayed by the delegates in attendance.

The minority report was identical, except in regard to the tariff.

The minority report favors the free and unlimited coinage of American gold and silver on a ratio established by an international conference of the nations, which shall make silver and gold an equal purchasing power; favors tariff for revenue, with incidental protection.

The free coinage and tariff resolutions of both reports were received with applause, as was also that relative to the immigration law.

F. V. Smalley spoke for the minority silver resolution, General Warner of Ohio, replying. The silver clause of the minority report was then voted down.

The minority tariff resolutions were then taken up, and Smalley presented the minority's case. He said there had been too much politics in the committee. When he accepted the Chairmanship he did not expect that the Democrats would crowd their party platform down his throat. He claimed, by inference, that the convention had been packed in the interest of the Democratic party, and that the congress was really being held for the purpose of welding together the Democrats and Farmers' Alliance.

Speaker Niblock of the Indiana Legislature denied that there had been a partisan discussion in the committee, and Congressmen-elect Bryan of Nebraska, wanted the congress to have the courage of its convictions.

The debate was participated in by many others, and became very acrimonious. Finally General Warner of Ohio submitted the following as a substitute for tariff resolutions of both reports:

"We favor neither free trade nor the exclusion of tariff, but favor tariff for revenue in the actual needs of the Government, economically administered, but so levied as to cover the difference in the industrial conditions between this and other countries, but not to create and foster monopolies."

After a long debate President Francis ruled the resolution out of order.

Gradley of Minnesota then offered a substitute for the minority report as a whole, and the discussion again assumed a violent form.

The minority member of the committee charged the Congress with being nothing but a Democratic convention.

The charges caused a great tumult. Finally the representatives of the Business Union of St. Paul withdrew from the convention.

The minority report was then voted down.

The minority report by the California delegate also failed. It was: "We object to the free coinage of silver on the

ground that the taxpayers of the United States are now buying all of the silver output at about ninety-seven cents per ounce, whereas it is claimed that free coinage will raise the price to \$1.29 per ounce. We see no use in taxpayers advancing silver. We recommend the purchase of the silver output of the United States for money used at the lowest bidder's price, just as the Government now buys any other article it needs.

The consideration of the majority report was proceeded with, and the debate again became intensely partisan and heated.

Finally a vote was taken by a call of the States on the adoption of the majority report, and it was adopted--66 to 55--all of the State delegations being divided upon this question.

The resolutions as a whole were then adopted.

Smalley, of Minnesota, then said as the congress had degenerated into a Democratic pow-wow, he now desired, as a non-partisan delegate, to resign as Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions.

Then a great disturbance arose, the air being rent with hisses and groans, mingled with cheers and applause. Smalley's opponents attempted to howl him down, but he held his ground until he had finished his say.

A resolution, which was hailed with delight, for the burial of all animosities between the North and South received the unanimous approval of the delegates, and Major Warner, of Missouri, was given three hearty cheers.

The Congress then, at 9:15, adjourned to meet the call of the Executive Committee.

THE RAILWAYS.

OBJECT OF THE VANDERBILT PARTY'S TRIP WEST.

The Northwestern to Parallel the Union Pacific Road Through to Ogden.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

CHICAGO, April 17.--A story is told here to-day which throws new light upon the trip of Cornelius Vanderbilt and party to the West. It had been reported that the party had been to meet Jay Gould in Denver for a conference, the object being to arrange a harmonious combination of interests in working out the western railroad problem.

This is denied by parties in position to obtain the inside facts. It is said that the movement of the Vanderbilts is for the purpose of heading off Gould. If Gould had attended the meeting of the Advisory Board of the Western Traffic Association this week it was the intention of President Hughton of the Northwestern to have had an understanding on the question of divisions of through rates between that road and the Union Pacific.

It has been asserted that the ten-year traffic contract with the Northwestern has been ignored by the Union Pacific. Mr. Gould obtained control, through business being largely diverted to the Missouri Pacific. The Northwestern people have been growing indignant, and the Union Pacific is being urged to take a special train. It is said their object was to reach Denver in advance of Gould, and to be first in the field in making preliminary arrangements for carrying out their plans. These plans, it is alleged, involved the ultimate extension of the Northwestern system to Ogden.

The Fremont, Big Horn and the Missouri Valley division already reaches Fort Casner, and the laying of two or three miles of track in a southerly westerly direction will connect the Central Pacific at Ogden. When this is done, the Northwestern will parallel the Union Pacific, and the latter will possess an immense advantage in having a Chicago terminus.

It is said this step was contemplated for a long time by the Vanderbilts, but the scheme was abandoned when the traffic contract between the Northern and the Union Pacific was perfected. Now that the contract is a dead letter, the Northwestern will delay no longer in establishing itself on an independent footing.

Should the plan be carried out, it can hardly fail to work considerable injury to the Union Pacific. Furthermore it would limit the effect of the proposed combination in the Northwest, and the Northwest would be diverted to the other routes.

THE MANITOBA WANTS A BEHAVING.

New York, April 17.--The announcement yesterday that the Manitoba would ask a rehearing in the land case was looked upon with surprise, not only by Northern Pacific people, but the operators of the Canadian Pacific. Pacific people answer it by saying it could not be done; that the limit of time in this point the commission has passed.

"We understand the Supreme Court will allow the application for a rehearing any time before the expiration of the term. An application will be made."

THE ALTON BOYCOTT.

BOSTON, April 17.--The Boston and Albany Railroad has been boycotted by the New York Central to take Alton tickets off sale. The Boston and Albany contents that it is not legal nor right to refuse to sell tickets on connections, and it takes the tickets of under protest, simply to protect its passengers from possible discomforts on the New York Central. The officials of both the Boston and Albany and the New York and New England roads think it is only a matter of a few days before the Alton boycott will collapse.

Y. M. C. A.

Annual District Convention in Session at Santa Barbara.

SANTA BARBARA, April 17.--The eighth annual District Convention of the Y. M. C. A. is in session in this city. About ninety delegates arrived to-day from Los Angeles, San Diego, Pasadena, Riverside, Ventura, Claremont, Valle Vista and other places in Southern California.

At the opening meeting this afternoon the following officers were elected: President, E. S. Fields, of Los Angeles; Vice-Presidents, J. L. Truslow, of Santa Barbara, E. A. Church, of San Diego, and N. P. Hammond; Secretary, F. M. McLean, of Pasadena; Assistant, A. G. Shively.

A banquet was given in the evening. Addresses of welcome were made by several prominent citizens. President Fields responded.

An Indian Agent Requested to Resign.

PENDLETON (Or.), April 17.--Agent Morehouse of the Umatilla Reservation is in receipt of a letter from the department, requesting his resignation, which has been forwarded, to take effect May 31st. The charge against him is that the Indians are retreating under Morehouse's management.

OLSEN MURDER TRIAL.

Some Damaging Evidence Against the Defendant.

AN ATTEMPT MADE TO BRIBE A WITNESS.

Deeds Recorded at Stockton Granting a Right of Way to the Government to Cut a New Channel for a Portion of the San Joaquin River--A Tacoma Merchant Drops Dead in Front of His Residence.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

MERCED, April 17.--Mrs. Ivett was placed on the stand in the Olsen case this morning. She said that the reason her wedding was delayed was that her brothers were after flowers for the wedding.

Joe Hall, detective for the defense, said he was employed by Hutton, Olsen's attorney, to find out facts, either for or against Olsen. He had talked with Bob McFarland February 6th. Bob made a proposition to him that he, McFarland, be arrested for the murder of Ivett and let Olsen be cleared. Then he was to prove an alibi.

Robert McFarland then took the stand and contradicted Hall. He said: "I met Hall several times. He told me I was to be arrested for murder; that Olsen had a hard case, and that he was employed to get evidence proving an alibi. Hall further said: 'They have lots of money now, Mc. Suppose you allow yourself to be arrested, and let Olsen be cleared and plead self-defense. Olsen will say he was there and Ivett made a rush at you and you don't get out.' I said: 'If Olsen is guilty he ought to be punished. I will not go into the job.'"

McFarland was still on the stand at noon when the witness for the prosecution, McFarland, was cross-examined in the afternoon. He said that when Hall was talking to him about helping Olsen out of the scrape he told him that it would take \$10,000 if he got mixed up in it. He said he told the purport of all conversations to detective Lawson, and Lawson said: "Get the money if you can, and we will use it as evidence." Hall came to witness soon afterward, and told him they made different arrangements; that if the alibi didn't work they would have to get to the jury.

WEATHER NOTES.

Only Two Fair Days at Sisson the Past Three Weeks.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.--In California the following precipitation has been reported from the Signal Service: Red Bluff, .06; Sacramento, .14; San Francisco, .10; Fresno, .28; Keeler, .06; Los Angeles, .84; San Diego, .44.

Sisson, April 17.--The weather is unsettled, with occasional showers. There have been but two fair days in the past three weeks. Crops in the valley are looking well, but the wheat and lumbermen anticipate a big season.

SANTA MARIA, April 17.--A light rain fell yesterday and a heavy downpour last night. The morning and evening showers, continuing all day. Over an inch of rain fell up to noon to-day. It will be of great benefit to the growing crops. The total for the season is 1.16 inches, against 2.14 inches for last year to date.

CAYUCOS, April 17.--The showery weather of the past few days culminated in a brisk shower this morning, commencing at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and lasting about twelve hours and yielding .48 of an inch. The season's rainfall to date is 1.64 inches, which is well above for all kinds of vegetation, but rather late. Much more rain now would lay the early sown grain.

VALLEJO, April 17.--The weather is continuously rainy. Crops are making slowly, particularly vegetables. Fruits will be late. Nothing is harmed as yet. Everything is doing wonderfully, with apricots alone falling to come up to general average. Apricots will be a good crop but scattering. With a few sunny days during the season the crop will be good.

PASADENA, April 17.--Nearly an inch of rain fell from early last evening up to noon to-day. Some damage was done to grain fields, but orchards are much benefited. There was heavy rain on the mountains. The signs are for more rain.

ONTARIO, April 17.--The storm's rainfall of .66 inches for the season totals 15.80 inches. The snow is low on the mountains as at any time this winter. Clearing is probable. There is no danger of frost.

ANAHEIM, April 17.--Rain fell heavily last night and this morning until noon. The precipitation for the storm was 1.08 inches. The rain is beneficial to young trees, potatoes, etc.

SAN BERNARDINO, April 17.--Last night rain commenced falling, and during the latter part of the night .31 of an inch fell. It cleared up this morning, but soon after commenced raining again, and a long hard nearly all day. About an inch, all told, fell during the storm. The rainfall for the season is 1.16 inches, which is not more than the average season's rainfall for over twenty years. Crops are good, and in most places no more rain is needed. In some places where the mountains the rainfall has not been so abundant, and the barley and hay crop is light. Snow is quite low on the mountains. The late storm is the coldest for this season of the year.

SUDDEN DEATHS.

A Tacoma Merchant Found Dead in the Street.

SEATTLE, April 17.--Chester Cleary, a prominent merchant of this city and Tacoma, was found dead in the street early this morning about seventy yards distant from the door of his residence, overlooking Lake Union. When going home late last night he complained to the electric car conductor of being unwell, and he collapsed on the street near the foot of the hill to the house. Cleary only walked a few steps from where the conductor left him, when he fell, with his head down hill, and was found there dead this morning. Cleary was the proprietor of two of the largest dry goods houses on Puget Sound. He was 38 years of age and unmarried.

DEATH OF AN EX-COUNTY JUDGE.

MERCED, April 17.--Hon. J. W. Robertson, for a number of years County Judge of this county, and Justice of the Peace the past few years, was found dead in his office at 9:30 o'clock this morning. When found he had on his glasses and was holding a paper as if he had been reading. He was a native of Mississippi, aged 57, and leaves a widow. Robertson was among the first settlers of Merced County.

OLIVE OIL PRODUCERS.

Plans Adopted by the Committee on Organization.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.--The committee appointed at the meeting of olive oil producers yesterday, consisting of

Ellwood Cooper of Santa Barbara, C. A. Wetmore of Livermore, and the Goodrichs of Santa Clara, Frank Kimball of National City and B. M. Leong of San Francisco, met this morning and adopted a plan of organization, which will be submitted to the producers at a meeting in July.

The plan provides for the formation of an association for the purpose of securing the olive oil market. The membership in the association shall be confined to those having olive orchards and producing oil for market. Further membership shall be confined to those in the oil business and the oil business in law against the adulteration of olive oil.

The vote for the association was a three-fourths vote of all members.

The producers of olive oil in California are organized into a committee of five members to confer with the State Analyst, State Board of Health and State Board of Trade with regard to securing the olive oil market and the oil business in law against the adulteration of olive oil.

BRILLIANT ASSEMBLAGE.

Governor and Mrs. Markham Tendered a Reception.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.--The Union League Club tendered Governor and Mrs. Markham a reception this evening at their headquarters in the old Drifgo building, on Geary street. The reception was to have been given last Tuesday evening, but owing to the death of ex-Governor Waterman, was postponed.

The rooms were tastefully decorated with ferns and smilax, an abundance of roses, crystal chandeliers and brilliant lights. The music for the occasion was furnished by the Second Regiment Band.

About 8 o'clock the guests began to arrive, but it was fully 9 o'clock before the majority were present. The guests were a prominent citizens of this city and its suburbs.

At 9:30 o'clock Governor and Mrs. Markham entered by special committee of the Union League and the Governor's staff, were driven from the Palace to the hotel. As they entered, the band struck up "Hail to the Chief." Governor and Mrs. Markham and other guests present. The procession filed through the parlors and reception room to the ballroom, where a medley of national airs. There Mr. Easton made a brief address, welcoming Governor and Mrs. Markham to the club.

The Governor was introduced and made a brief response, thanking the club for the courtesy extended.

The procession then filed past the Governor, and half an hour was spent in a general conversation. A few numbers were danced, and at 11 o'clock refreshments were served in a large tent in the rear of the building. For the purpose, and dancing was then resumed until a late hour.

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER.

The Right of Way Granted for a New Channel to be Cut.

STOCKTON, April 17.--Deeds have been recorded granting to the Government the right of way for cutting a channel for the San Joaquin river through what is known to stockboat-men as the head ranch of the long bend in the river, twenty-five miles below this city. The cut will be 2,800 feet long, 300 feet wide and 12 feet deep. The work will be done by contract, the Government furnishing the machinery, and will be completed by the first of September. This cut-off will remove the worst bend in the river, and will give the stream better drainage, which will improve navigation by scouring out the channel. These rights of way were purchased by the Government and the island farmers who are interested in navigation.

Will be Tried in Sacramento.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.--On defendant's motion, change of venue to Sacramento County has been granted in the case of Charles J. Stillwell, the *Economist* editor, charged with the murder of Edward Bruner, to receive \$400 paid to one Jones. The case grew out of the recent sensation at the State Capitol.

Water Pipe Line Completed.

SAN BERNARDINO, April 17.--The silver river completing the Bear Valley and Alexander Pipe Line was driven home this afternoon, and water has been turned in the pipe line, and by the first of next week will give the stream better drainage, and the island farmers who are interested in navigation.

STARTLING DISCLOSURE.

A WOMAN PLOTS TO HAVE HER HUSBAND MURDERED.

The Crime Hired to Commit the Police.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SPOKANE (Wash.), April 17.--The startling disclosure was made to-day that the wife of F. A. Bettis, a prominent citizen of this city, had been plotting to have her husband murdered. It was learned that she had been in contact with a man who had offered her \$5,000 to have her husband killed. She had accepted the offer, and had arranged for the murder to take place in the city of Spokane. The police were notified of the plot, and the man who had offered the money was arrested. He confessed to the plot, and the woman was also arrested. She is now in custody of the police.

ON THE TURF.

Results of Yesterday's Racing Events at Memphis.

MEMPHIS, April 17.--The track was fast. Half mile, for two-year-olds, Sam Farmer won, Nihantid second, Minnie Lee third. Time, 52 seconds.

Three-quarters of a mile, Lintilgow won, Laura Duxey second, Hocksey third. Time, 1:24.

One mile, Redsign won, Hildreth second, Sunrise third. Time, 1:46.

One and a half miles, Jim McCord won, T. J. Rusk third. Time, 1:49.

THE COKE REGIONS.

Small Riots of Nightly Occurrence--More Funds for the Strikers.

SCOTTSDALE (Pa.), April 17.--The exodus of all but two companies of the State troops, coupled with a large consignment of relief money, has braced the backbones of the 14,000 strikers still out. As the soldiers boarded the train in squads they litter epithets were hurled after them. The operators are growing nervous, and have doubled the guards at several points. Small-sized riots are now of nightly occurrence, generally led by women, who inflict no great damage.

AT MOUNT PLEASANT.

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INVITATION TO VISIT MEXICO.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 17.--Colonel Vellan Erya has left for El Paso to meet President Harrison on his arrival there, and will invite him, in the name of the Mexican Government, to visit this country. President Diaz would like it impossible to leave Mexico owing to the press of official business and because Congress is in session. The Governor of the State of Chihuahua and the military commandant of this place will also accompany President Harrison at El Paso and tender him the hospitality of Mexico.

Pasadena Will Honor the President.

PASADENA, April 17.--Elaborate preparations are being made for President Harrison's reception next week. The party will arrive here on Thursday evening. There will be a public reception from eight to nine, and banquet afterwards at the Hotel Green. Governor Markham and staff will be present. Senators Stanford and Felton are invited. Friday morning the party will be driven about the city, during which there will be a lavish presentation of flowers by the school children.

Presbytery of Benicia.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.--The Presbytery of Benicia is in session here, with some twenty-five members in attendance. Rev. Dunman Munro of Point Arena has been elected Moderator and William H. Darden, of Petaluma, Clerk and Treasurer. Their business session will be finished to-morrow.

Porter Not to Leave Rome.

ROME, April 17.--It is officially denied that there is any truth in the report sent from Rome to the *Daily Chronicle* of London that Porter, United States Minister to Italy, is on the point of departing from Rome on a three months' leave of absence.

The Portugal Cabinet.

LISBON, April 17.--The troubles which resulted in the resignation of members of the Cabinet have been satisfactorily settled.

THE NORTH POLE.

Another Expedition to Set Out for the North.

ROBERT PEAVY OF THE NAVY WILL LEAD THE PARTY.

The Bolivian Consul-General Says the Machecha who was Shot at New Orleans was Not an Accredited Representative of His Government--The Official Canvass of the Chicago Election Shows a Majority for Hempstead Washburne for Mayor.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

NEW YORK, April 17.--The *Herald's* Philadelphia special says: Robert Peavy, of the navy, will soon make an expedition to the northern edge of Greenland. Peavy proposes to merely discover what is the northern extremity of Greenland, something that geographers and scientists have long wanted to know. But as a matter of fact, this discovery will probably include a journey farther northward than has ever been reached before--a new record in high latitudes, in fact, and very possibly a visit to the pole itself.

He will leave Philadelphia May 12th. To get as far north as possible by ship, he will take passage on one of the Arctic whaling vessels. The vessel will be hired to land Peavy and his party on the shore near the coast of Greenland. The whalers at Whale Sound, which is somewhat farther north than the whalers usually go, and on the western coast of Greenland. The landing at Whale Sound should be reached by the last of June and the first of July. For eleven months or so the party will stay about where they land, preparing supplies for the journey, laying in game and getting acquainted with the people. The beginning of the following spring they will start north over the inland ice.

The Bolivian Government, you know, sometimes is deceived about its representatives. Some man in some city is recommended as the proper Consul, and the home Government thinks it would be a good thing to have a man there, so they send him. He is not what he is, and he is into his history. That probably is the way in this case. We have been having trouble in San Francisco with a Consul who was not such an appointment. What ever Machecha, the Consul, may have been to the Bolivian Government, I am certain the Machecha who was accused of murder of this morning had no recognized standing. He may have been a trouble us or stir up any ill feeling between Bolivia and the United States."

CHICAGO ELECTION.

Hempstead Washburne Secures the Mayoralty Prize.

CHICAGO, April 17.--The official canvass of the returned the recent municipal election was completed this afternoon. It practically settles the matter, although several precincts are subject to a revision, it is possible there may be some changes. Hempstead Washburne (Republican) is elected Mayor by a plurality of 380. The unexpected surprise of the day was the heavy gain made by Kern, Democratic candidate for Mayor. In the last few wards canvassed the gain was so great that it elected him by a plurality of 1,100 over Nicholson (Rep.), whose election had been expected. He was questioned. Klobbas, Democratic candidate for City Treasurer, was successful in securing a plurality of 4,238, his triumph being due to a strong combination of Irish and Polish and dissensions among the Germans. Van Cleave (Rep.), for City Clerk, leads his ticket, with a plurality of over 5,000.

Major Cregier, in an interesting interview with a local Democratic paper this evening, was asked to give his opinion of the result, and said: "I am going to be first and above all things a Democrat. For the next two years I am going to saw wood to help save the State for the Democracy. The great and only difficulty is the work of traitors to the party."

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