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WOULD KILL JAY GOULD.

Inspector Byrnes Arrests a Rather Dangerous Crank.

HE WAS DEPUTIZED BY THE ORDER OF "CHRIST'S FOLLOWERS."

In the Coke Regions—The Pittsburg Machinists Bar Out Colored Men—Schaefer Easily Defeats Carter at Billiards—The National Republican League Conference is Finally Ended.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Inspector Byrnes has arrested a lunatic who expressed an intention of killing Jay Gould unless he was bought off. His name is Charles A. Dixon and he comes from Pueblo, Col.

Inspector Byrnes was sent for yesterday and informed by Dr. Munn, Gould's physician, that Dixon had come to him with a letter of introduction from a Pueblo firm. He told Munn he was a member of an organization known as "Christ's Followers," and had been made deputy by the Arch Council to kill Gould. The purpose of the organization, he said, is the equalization of money and property distribution. He was ordered to demand from Gould $1,000,000 down, $5,000,000 in ten years at the rate of half a million a year, and still another $5,000,000 in the next decade unless Gould died in the meantime, against which emergency he should provide for setting apart his entire fortune for educational and charitable purposes, except $1,000,000 for each of the members of his family.

If Gould did not consent he was to be killed. If neither happened Dixon himself would catch it.

He got the letter of introduction to Munn under the pretext that he was going to New York for medical advice. Since he had been here, he said, it had occurred to him that he might fix things for $60,000 down and $200,000 for charity. Munn arranged to have him call again last night.

Inspector Byrnes and two of his men, after listening to the interview, arrested him. He has been committed to await an examination as to his sanity.

LONG RACE.

Two Vessels Have a Run all the Way From Calcutta.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Two big sailing vessels of different models and build have just finished a race of over 12,000 miles. Both vessels dropped anchor in the lower bay Monday afternoon and came up to the docks yesterday. The Governor Robie is a Yankee clipper wooden vessel, built and owned at Bath. Captain Hale commands her, and he won the race.

The defeated craft is the Holyrood of Liverpool. She is constructed of iron and is nearly 350 tons heavier than her rival. She left Calcutta January 25th, filled to the hatches with jute and other merchandise and was followed three days later by the Robie. The Captains agreed that the Captain of the vessel which reached New York second should buy clothes and hats and such things for the winner. The Robie made the 12,000 miles in ninety-four days, an average of five miles an hour, against ninety-seven days for the English boat. The Robie arrived thirty-two minutes ahead of the Holyrood.

IN TROUBLE.

The Pacific Portrait Company in the Clutches of the Law.

ST. LOUIS, May 6.—The Pacific Portrait Company, doing business in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis, is in the clutches of the Government on a charge of fraud.

The company's mail has been seized and payment of money orders stopped. The Pacific Portrait Company caters only to people in the country, and advertises extensively in the country press.

The advertisement is to the effect that the company is desirous of introducing its work in the community, and if the reader would send a photograph it would send a crayon life-size, free. After sending the photograph the owner is informed that before the company can return it and a life-size crayon, a frame costing from $6 to $10 must be paid for.

All branches of the concern will be seized.

Leprosy in New York.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Dr. Alonzo Blauvelt believes he discovered an alarming case of leprosy in a big tenement in Oliver street. He reported the case to the Board of Health yesterday, and Dr. Edson, Chief of the Bureau of Contagious Diseases, at once took the matter in hand and started on a tour of investigation. Dr. Edson refused to reveal the exact place where the supposed leper was found, and says he will not make all the facts in the case public until he has completed his investigation. It is ascertained, however, that the patient is a Greek peddler, who came to this country from Mexico only six weeks ago.

Chicago's Big Paper.

CHICAGO, May 6.—It is announced that H. H. Kohlsaat, a well-known merchant of this city, has become proprietor of the controlling interest in the *Inter-Ocean*. The entire stock of the corporation is now owned by Mr. Kohlsaat, William Penn Nixon and his brother and other members of the *Inter-Ocean* staff. There is to be no change in the personnel of the paper or its editorial conduct. The capital stock of the corporation will be increased and all the money needed to push the paper forward to the highest success will be put into the business.

Negro Machinists Barred.

PITTSBURG, May 6.—At the National Convention of Machinists to-day the Southern element was in power, and by a vote of 89 to 29 it was decided to exclude negroes from the association. A resolution was also introduced making May 1, 1892, the date for a strike for shorter hours. The association was made international. Canada having asked admission.

Schaefer Invincible.

CHICAGO, May 6.—The challenge billiard contest between Jacob Schaeffer, the world's champion, and Eugene Carter at Central Music Hall to-night was won easily by Schaefer. The score stood: Schaefer 800, Carter 481. Though beaten, Carter had the best run, 111, Schaefer's highest being 104. About 2,500 people witnessed the contest.

National Republican League.

NEW YORK, May 6.—The protracted conference of the National Republican League, which has been in session for a week, closed to-day. T. E. Byrns, of Minnesota, has been appointed National Organizer of the League.

Coke Regions.

SCOTTDALE (Pa.), May 6.—The funeral of Mahan, the striker shot at Leisinring No. 2 Sunday night, took place this afternoon, with no disorder. The operators report a steady gain in their working forces.

Dishonorably Discharged.

TOPEKA (Kan.), May 6.—Commander-in-chief Webb of the Sons of Veterans to-day issued a general order giving the result of the court-martial of Walter S. Payne of Fostoria, Ohio. The ex-Commander-in-chief was charged with embezzlement of orders for money. The verdict was dishonorable discharge from the order, which was approved by the Commander-in-chief.

General Butler Avenged.

BOSTON, May 6.—Judge Nelson of the United States District Court has granted a writ of error to the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Clarietta Johnson, convicted of perjury in the application for a pension. General Butler came before the court and made the motion, which was at once granted by the Judge.

Boyd's Citizenship.

LINCOLN (Neb.), May 6.—Boyd, who was ousted from the Gubernatorial chair by the State Supreme Court, to-day stated positively that he will carry the case to the Federal Supreme Court. "I do not care for the office," he said, "but my citizenship I am determined to establish."

Nicaragua Canal.

TAMPA (Fla.), May 6.—Ex-Senator Miller arrived yesterday from Greytown and left for New York last evening. He is much pleased with the progress of work in the Nicaragua Canal.

NORTHERN ENTHUSIASM.

RECEPTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT ON PUGET SOUND.

A Trip on Lake Washington—Another Rain Storm Tries to Spoil the Affair.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

TACOMA (Wash.), May 6.—The President and party entered the State of Washington at an early hour this morning in a driving rainstorm. This interfered materially with the arrangements for reception at the various places along the road. It was 8 o'clock when the Presidential special reached Tacoma and the rain seemed to be coming down harder than ever. Notwithstanding this fact, the Chief Magistrate of the nation and his advisers were given a royal reception. They were met at the station by the Governor of the State, the Mayor of the city and a committee of citizens, who escorted the party to the Gross block, where formal addresses of welcome were delivered. In the course of his response to the addresses of welcome the President said:

"I would like to see the prows of some great steamship lines carrying the American flag entering the ports of Puget Sound. I believe we have come to the time in our development as a people when we must step forward with bold progress, or we will lose the advantage we have already attained. We have been content in years gone by to allow other nations to do the carrying trade of the world. We have been content to see the markets of the American Republics lying south of us controlled by European nations. I think a period of discontent with these things has now come to our people. The time is auspicious for the enlargement of our commerce with these friendly republics. The time is auspicious for reestablishment on the seas an American merchant marine that shall do its share of the carrying trade of the world."

The line of march was to the reviewing stand, which was handsomely and appropriately decorated.

AT SEATTLE.

SEATTLE, May 6.—At Tacoma the President was met by the Mayor and a committee of citizens of this place, who took him aboard the steamer City of Seattle and escorted him to this city. An informal reception was held on the steamer. The ride on the steamer from Tacoma to Seattle was devoted chiefly to an informal enjoyment of the trip and a luncheon. Elliott Bay was covered with vessels and boats of every description, whose whistling as the steamer bearing the President approached the city was deafening. A large and enthusiastic crowd filled every available place along the wharves. The streets were thronged so that it was impossible for carriages to be drawn through to the cable cars which were to take the party to Lake Washington. The weather cleared off somewhat in the afternoon. The city was gaily decorated with national colors and evergreens.

While on board the steamer Mayor White made a brief address of welcome, to which the President responded as follows:

"*Mr. Mayor:* I accept with great gratification the words of welcome on behalf of the citizens of Seattle. It will give me great pleasure to contrast my observation of your State in 1885 with what I shall see to-day. I have not lost track of the progress of Seattle, but have through friends been advised of the marvelous development which you have made, and how you have repeated in the substantial character of your edifices the story of the Chicago fire, coming out of what seemed disaster with increased magnificence, and finding in it really an advantage.

"I will defer until I am in the presence of your people further acknowledgment of your courtesies, and now only thank you, as you are repeating here what we have observed on our whole trip—the unification of our people, the absolute oneness of our sentiment in the devotion to our institutions and flag."

Amid the greatest enthusiasm the Presidential party was escorted in carriages from the steamer to the cable cars. The party was conveyed to Lake Washington on the cars, and after making a trip on the lake they returned to the University campus, where an immense throng of people were waiting. Judge Burke delivered the address of welcome.

In responding, the President said: "Six years ago I visited your city. Some substantial and promising improvements had been begun, but it was a period of expectancy rather than of realization. I am glad to come to-day and to see how fully and perfectly the large expectations then entertained by your enterprising people have been realized. It is a matter of amazement to look upon these towering substantial granite and iron structures in which the great business of your city is transacted. I fully appreciate the importance of this great body of water upon which your city is situated. This sound, this inland sea, must be in the future the entire port of a great commerce.

"I do most sincerely believe that we are entering now upon new development that will put the American flag upon the seas and bring to our ports in American bottoms a largely increased share of the commerce of the world. [Cheers.] As I have said in other places, for one I am thoroughly discontented with the present condition of things. We may differ as to the method, but I believe the great patriotic heart of our people is stirred and that they are bent upon recovering that share of the world's commerce which we once happily enjoyed."

Postmaster-General Wanamaker and Secretary Rusk then spoke briefly. As the time was limited the party were hurriedly driven to the depot and the train left for Portland amid the wildest enthusiasm.

CALIFORNIA'S CROPS.

Yesterday's Sprinkle Helped the North Wonderfully.

MAGNIFICENT OUTLOOK ALL OVER THE STATE.

The San Joaquin Valley Does Not Get in Under the Showers—San Luis Obispo's Phenomenal Yield—Some Places Where the Prospects are Not So Bright.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 6.—Considerable additions were made to the seasonal totals of rainfall in the upper part of the State during the twenty-four hours preceding this morning, but the San Joaquin Valley did not get in under the shower.

CLOVERDALE, May 6.—A bountiful harvest and bright prospects are the encouraging words heard at every hand. The winter season was most fovorable. There is hardly an acre of land in this vicinity that is not put to sonte crop. The growing grain is standing magnificently. A bunch of barley is on exhibition at the *Reveille* office five feet tall. There was never a better outlook for the grain crops. The fruit crop is also just as encouraging. Grapes are coming out in a most promising manner. A great number of orange trees are heavily in bloom about Cloverdale this season. The rainfall was for the last twenty-four hours .60 of an inch, and for the season 35.7 inches.

WINTERS, May 6.—It began raining here last night, and the fall up to 7:30 this morning was .40 of an inch and a total of 21.53 for the season. No damage is done, although some hay is cut. The rain will help vegetables and fruit.

SANTA ROSA, May 6.—Rain began falling here yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock and continued throughout the night. This is one of the heaviest storms of the season and, farmers say, is worth thousands of dollars to the county. The outlook for grain, fruit and every variety of produce is better than for years before.

AUBURN, May 6.—It commenced raining during the night, and a light rain continues. It is very welcome to all classes, but may affect the berry and cherry business.

MARYSVILLE, May 6.—Rain began falling about midnight and up to 11 o'clock .54 of an inch had fallen, making 15.77 inches for the season. The farmers and fruit-growers are greatly pleased, but it is very injurious to the strawberry crops. The indications for a big grain crop are not so good as one month ago, but the rain will greatly improve it.

NAPA, May 6.—There was a heavy rainfall during last night, which amounted to .65 of an inch. It is still cloudy and threatening.

COLUSA, May 6.—The light rain last night benefited the late-sown grain. There is some complaint of a little foul grain on the plains, but generally speaking the outlook was never better since the bonanza year of 1880, when 9,000,000 bushels was the output. The acreage is nearly as large. The crop along the river is tremendous.

CORNING, May 6.—There was a fine rain last night, .55 of an inch falling. This rain insures crops, enabling the farmers to finish plowing. The crops look fine. Vines and trees are growing well.

HOLLISTER, May 6.—The present season has been an exceptionally fine one for farmers in this county. The rains came in such a manner that an unusually large acreage was sown in all sections of the county. The outlook for an abundant yield is reported to be excellent. A large harvest is practically assured.

UKIAH, May 6.—The crop outlook in this section of the country is the very best. The late rains have started the grain to growing finely. An immense crop of cereals will be raised. The large prune orchards in this vicinity will produce the largest crop ever known, as there has been no frost here this year.

MILTON, May 6.—The high northwest winds of the past three days have damaged late-sown grain somewhat. The early grain is looking well for a good yield, and more will be harvested in this section this season than for years past. Haying has commenced with good prospects of a large yield. Deciduous fruits promise an abundant crop. The grapes are looking fine.

WILLIAMS, May 6.—The crop prospects in this vicinity are very flattering, but probably over-estimated. The rain last night damaged more rank grain while helping late-sown. The acreage is small on account of the heavy rains last winter making it impossible to summer-fallow. There will probably be an average crop.

ROHNERVILLE, May 6.—The outlook for crops of all kinds is exceedingly good for this time of the year. In Eel River Valley the extreme high price of hay has caused the early cutting of some advanced grain for feed. Alfalfa is being used green. The warm rains of the last few days caused the grass and oats to grow fine. The prospects are for large crops and good prices.

SONORA, May 6.—The grain outlook in the county is good. Much more than an average crop will be raised. In the lower foothills some apprehension is felt of damage because of the cool weather.

REDDING, May 6.—The crop prospects are excellent. Showery weather prevails. There will be an average crop of hay and grain, and a good crop of fruit, except in some localities, where hail destroyed the fruit. What is wanting in quantity will be made up in quality.

PALERMO, May 6.—The crop outlook here varies with locality. Most of the farmers report it fair. The rain to-day will help it, and warm weather following will cause a good crop. It will not equal last year's, as less rain fell this spring. The crop is free from weeds and looks better on the plains than on the low adobe.

NAPA, May 6.—The crop prospects in Napa County were never brighter at this season of the year than they are at this time. The acreage sown to grain is large, and the condition of it could not be better. The orchards and vines also promise well, and if no mishap befalls them a great crop will be reaped.

CALISTOGA, May 6.—Grain, fruit trees and vines never presented a better appearance at this time of year and there is nothing that indicates short crops, either of cereals or fruit.

SAN ANDREAS, May 6.—Grain crop outlook in Calaveras County for 1891 far exceeds that of the last two or three years. There are strong indications for rain this evening, but the farmers are all confident of a successful grain and fruit harvest.

DOWNIEVILLE, May 6.—Seeding is about two thirds done. Such of the crop as is up looks well. With average weather the crop promises to be fair, but will be late.

NICOLAUS, May 6.—The prospects are good for an average crop of wheat. The acreage seeded larger than for some years. The rain to-day of half an inch has been beneficial. The farmers generally predict a good yield and are pleased with the rain.

TEMPLETON, May 6.—We have fine crops of wheat, heading nicely, and plenty of moisture in the land yet. Fifteen thousand acres of wheat are tributary to Templeton. One hundred and eighty thousand sacks of cereals will be harvested. Ninety thousand is the lowest estimate, eight sacks to the acre being depended upon.

EUREKA, May 6.—About an inch of rain has fallen in the last two days. The weather is warm and the prospects are excellent. In the southern part of the county the outlook is especially good both for crops and fruit of all kinds. About the usual acreage is planted, and no complaint is heard from any. Feed is plentiful on the ranges and the stockmen are happy.

MENDOCINO, May 6.—The late showers to a great extent insure an abundant crop of hay and grain, which will, however, as usual, only partially supply the local demand in this lumber region.

BAKERSFIELD, May 8.—Crops of all kinds in this county, including grain, vegetables and fruits of all kinds, were never better and promise the largest possible yield. The area in grain, particularly in the Tehachapi Valley, is unusually large.

OAKDALE, May 6.—The outlook for grain crops from Farmington to Montpellier, on the line of the Oakdale extension to Merced, is flattering. Summer fallowed and early winter sown wheat are heading out. The late winter-sown needs rain, owing to the large acreage. More grain will be harvested in this section than ever before. With another shower and cool weather, the late winter-sown will yield a good crop. Fruits are doing fine. It has commenced raining, with prospects for an all-night rain.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, May 6.—The phenomenal grain yield probable in this county this year may reach three times the heaviest previous production. The acreage sown is at least double, and on account of the very favorable character of the season, full and fortunately distributed rainfall, the verdict from all sections is that crops never looked half as well. With fair prices it will be a grandly successful year for our farmers.

SAN BERNARDINO, May 6.—More acres are grown to grain this season in San Bernardino County than ever before, mostly barley and some wheat. The rainfall has been above the average and timely, and most of the barley crops will make good grain. Some will be cut for hay, a little of which will be light. The yield of the grain crop on an average will be the best ever raised in this county. The prospects are good for a very large and fine deciduous and citrus crop this coming season.

ELMIRA, May 6.—The acreage of wheat is above the average of both summer-fallow and winter-sown. The quality will probably be about an average. Hay is light.

SANTA BARBARA, May 6.—There is but little grain raised in the immediate vicinity of Santa Barbara. Barley hay is being cut in many places, and the crop is large and of good quality. The outlook for fruit, especially apricots, was never better. A large acreage in beans has been planted. In Santa Ynez Valley nearly every foot is in grain this year. It is in fine condition and will yield a heavy crop. The same is true of all the northern part of the county. Everything promises a prosperous year for the farmers.

SAN DIEGO, May 6.—The farmers of this county are well pleased at the outlook of the grain crop. The rains have been well timed, no back-set has occurred, and the acreage is largely increased this year over all the previous history of the county. Extensive irrigation systems have resulted in reclaiming large sections of mesas, and since January 1st more citrus trees have been planted than during any two years before, with the demand still greater than the nurserymen can supply. The Horticultural Inspector reports the trees healthy and free from scale or other parasites.

LOS ANGELES, May 6.—The outlook for grain was never better in this section. The late rains did a great deal of good, and unless some unforeseen trouble arises there will be an average crop at least. Barley is now in milk and presents a fine appearance.

NOT SO PROMISING.

MODESTO, May 6.—The crop outlook in Stanislaus County is not as promising as it was two weeks ago, owing to the continued dry weather and north winds. The growing grain is now in need of rain, and what promised to be the biggest yield in the history of the county will be reduced greatly if the rain does not come soon. Summer wheat is most in need of moisture. The acreage is the largest ever sown.

FRESNO, May 6.—The cereal crop will be generally light, owing to lack of rain. The fruit crop will be heavy. Grapes promise a big yield. Rain would help the grain some.

VISALIA, May 6.—The grain outlook for Tulare County is very slim. The foothill belt will produce only half a crop, south of the Tule River only hay and west of the railroad and south of Tulare City nothing. The irrigated districts have a fair crop.

MERCED, May 6.—The prospects are good for over an average crop all over Merced County. Your reporter interviewed farmers from Snelling, also from the west side to-day, and all said: "We are safe so far. Our grain is doing well, but steady north winds for several days would hurt us. Up to date the northers have been cool and have done no damage to grain, which looks splendidly."

MADERA, May 6.—There is a generally discouraged crop prospect in northern Fresno County. There has been an abundance of rain to insure crops, but it did not come at the right time. Summer-fallowed land will produce a remunerative yield of grain, while the late plowing will not average half a crop. Much grain will be cut for hay. The warm weather and high northwest winds are drying the grain fast. Rain now will do but little good.

IONE, May 6.—Most of the farmers say that crops in Jackson Valley and on Dry Creek are very short, and will not be as at first anticipated, although there is about one-quarter more acreage than in former years. The shower to-day will be of great benefit to all growing crops.

BIGGS, May 6.—The summer-fallowed adobe land is looking well. Barley looks well. Scarcely a field in the section but will be foul, and only a fair yield expected on account of the late rains, which delayed the sowing.

BETHANY, May 6.—The outlook for grain is very poor in this locality. A few small pieces of summer-fallowed ground will yield about half a crop. All winter plowing is a total failure. On an average not more than one-fourth of the ground seeded will be cut for either grain or hay.

TURLOCK, May 6.—The crop outlook in this section is not very flattering. Summer-fallowed grain is looking fine, and is far enough along to assure a good crop. But the winter sown is suffering some for want of rain. Some are cutting it for hay already, fearing it will not mature. The indications to-night are very favorable for rain.

GOSHEN, May 6.—On the heavy damp lands the wheat sown in December and January is showing a fine crop: Some of the February sowing on submerged land is good. On the dry plains the crop is mostly a failure.

STOCKTON, May 6.—Crops in San Joaquin County are looking well, but the hot days of the last week shrunk the grain in localities. The light rain to-day and cool weather will do considerable good, but the yield will probably be shorter than was expected a few weeks ago. Some experts say the shortage will be 15,000 tons, while others say the shortage will not be half that amount. Roberts Island was expected to yield very large crops, but late reports say the grain shows considerable shrinkage. Summer-fallowed wheat looks fine everywhere, but the winter-sown is light.

YOUTHFUL INCENDIARY.

A Hollister Youngster Makes a Startling Confession.

HE SAYS HE WAS TOLD BY HIS FATHER TO DO IT.

The Business Portion of San Jacinto Destroyed by Fire—Return of an Alaskan Explorer—Freak of an Escaped Lunatic at Santa Rosa—Shooting at Hanford.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

HOLLISTER, May 6.—The house of Wm. Kelly was burned last month, and to-day Charles Mankins, 13 years old, was examined upon a charge of arson for having set fire to it.

He had heretofore said that on the day of the fire he saw a Mexican near the place, and public opinion fixed on this imaginary Mexican as the guilty party. The finding of a pistol which was believed to have been destroyed in the house in young Mankins' possession, however, caused his arrest, and upon being questioned he admitted his guilt.

To-day he testified that he set fire to the building because commanded to do so by his father, George Mankins, and he seems to think that in obeying his father he did nothing wrong. He was held to answer, and his father was arrested. The father denies that he was connected with the burning or knew anything about it.

PERCHED IN A TREE.

Freak of an Escaped Lunatic at Santa Rosa.

SANTA ROSA, May 6.—Great excitement prevailed here yesterday afternoon and all last night over the presence of a lunatic on top of a tall poplar tree.

The man's name is Zlézzi, a Swiss, from the coast, who was brought here to be examined and sent to Napa. He escaped from his friends at 12:30 P. M., shinned up the tree like a squirrel and took a position on the end of a small limb, fifty feet from the ground. Every effort was made to get the demented man down from his elevated perch, and thousands of people were attracted to the spot. Ladders were obtained from the Fire Department and raised to the tree, but no one could get near enough to throw a rope around his body.

As night approached the rain began falling heavily and the poor fellow kept his perch until 4 o'clock this morning, when he fell to the ground fifty feet below, having been in the tree fourteen hours. A canvas had been stretched below and that was all that saved his life. He bounded off to the ground. His arm and shoulder were fractured beside receiving internal injuries.

DISASTROUS CONFLAGRATION.

Business Portion of San Jacinto Destroyed by Fire.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 6.—A *Chronicle* special from San Diego says: A dispatch from San Jacinto, in the northern part of this county, states that about half of the business portion of that town is in ashes. Only meager particulars are given. The loss will reach $60,000, which is nearly covered by insurance.

It is thought that the fire started in McBrath's hotel, and as the town has no adequate fire apparatus the flames spread quickly, and consumed the two-story brick buildings adjoining, occupied by Reinhardt & Co., Poole's drug store, McCormick's shoe store, Brestin's hardware store, Siefke's jewelry store, Dr. Toland's office, and several other places which were not reported.

Christian Church Convention.

HEALDSBURG, May 6.—The Sonoma District Convention of the Christian Church, including all the counties north of San Francisco to the Oregon line, convened here yesterday, with H. Wallace as President. The opening sermon was delivered by Secretary R. L. McChatton, of Santa Rosa. G. R. Berry, of Eureka, and N. B. McGhee, of Napa, addressed the Convention to-day. F. C. Clark read a paper on "Endeavor Work." Hansen Price delivered an address on church finances. H. Wallace was elected President, H. C. Widdell, Secretary, and R. L. McChatton, a member of the State Board of Missions. Plans were inaugurated to place an evangelist in the district. In the evening an address on "The Lost Gospel" was delivered by H. C. Wadell.

Eureka's Improvements.

EUREKA, May 6.—Work was commenced yesterday on the breakwater at the entrance to Humboldt Bay, and the appropriation will be expended before the winter. There is a general good feeling over the prospects of an improvement to the bay. A citizens' meeting was held last night to take steps to extend the corporate limits of the city. If the proposed change is made it will put Eureka from the eighth to the third class. It will be submitted at the next meeting of the City Council.

Unprovoked Shooting.

HANFORD, May 6.—Frank Sharples, contractor and builder here, was shot through the neck this morning by George Turner, who has been a sub-contractor in plastering and cementing works. There has been bad feeling between the men for several weeks, arising out of unsettled business affairs. The shooting was unprovoked, Turner walking up and shooting Sharples as he sat on a cart. Only one shot was fired, the bystanders interfering. The wound is bad, but not considered fatal.

Alaskan Exploration.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 6.—A. B. Schanz, a member of the Wells Price Alaska exploring expedition, arrived here to-day. He was taken sick at Camp Davidson and left behind. He descended the Yukon River in a boat. He made his winter quarters at an Esquimaux village, and in company with John Clark, a trader, made a forty-days' trip north on sleds. On this trip Clark Lake and Noghelin River were discovered.

Indians With Leprosy.

SONORA, May 6.—A startling discovery was made to-day near Montezuma by A. R. Stratton, at Chinese Camp. An Indian boy in an advanced stage of leprosy was found. He stated that two Indians in Sonora were afflicted with the same disease. The Supervisors are investigating.

For Murder.

NAPA, May 6.—John Murphy, who was convicted of murder in the second degree Saturday last, was to-day sentenced to twenty-five years' imprisonment at San Quentin.

DISASTROUS FIRES.

Heavy Loss at Pittsburg—A County Infirmary Burned.

PITTSBURG, May 6.—A fire broke out about 11 o'clock last night in the lower floor of the great Arbuckle building on Seventh street, near Duquesne. It was occupied by the Grocers' Supply and Storage Company, and the seven-story edifice was soon a mass of flames from roof to cellar. A high wind swept the fire across to the Pittsburg Female College building, which was soon destroyed. Then the high walls of the Arbuckle building fell and the fire caught the steeple of Christ Methodist-Episcopal Church, on Pennsylvania avenue, and that was soon a mass of flames.

The fire communicated to other buildings in the vicinity, but the exertions of the department checked it.

The loss will reach $750,000.

The fire is still burning, but the flames are under control and no further damage is apprehended.

COUNTY INFIRMARY BURNED.

MUNCIE (Ind.), May 6.—The County Infirmary, five miles east of this city, was totally burned to-day. It is reported that four of the helpless inmates perished in the flames.

Further particulars of the infirmary fire show no lives were lost. The loss was only $8,000.

SIDNEY'S LOSS.

SIDNEY (Ohio), May 6.—Early this morning the shops of the American Wheel Company were completely burned. Loss, $100,000; insurance, less than $60,000.

Fatal Explosion.

BERLIN, May 6.—A dispatch from Saarbrucken, Rhenish Prussia, says an explosion took place at the Serlo pit in that vicinity, in which eight persons were killed and seven injured.

CHILEAN REBELLION.

MARSHAL GARD GOES AGAIN AFTER THE ROBERT AND MINNIE.

No Doubt that Arms and Ammunition Are Being Supplied to the Insurgents.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 6.—A *Chronicle* special from San Diego says: United States Marshal Gard, who returned from a trip in a tug beyond the heads this morning, discovered that the mysterious schooner which had been lying off the harbor was the Robert and Minnie of San Francisco, which was supposed to have on board arms and ammunition for the Chilean insurgents. Marshal Gard went to the telegraph office upon his return here, and filed a dispatch detailing the result of his investigation.

It is supposed that he received further instructions in reply, as this afternoon he chartered the tug again, and this time took on board with him a company of United States soldiers from the barracks here, in addition to his deputies, and started for the open sea, with the avowed intention of capturing the schooner and her cargo of rifles and cartridges, and bringing her into port, no matter whether she be overhauled within the limit of three miles or not.

It is generally considered here that Marshal Gard is acting under direct orders from Washington. The tug will probably not return with the schooner until late this evening or early in the morning.

WHERE IT COMES FROM.

NEW YORK, May 6.—From stories now current in this city it appears that two prominent commercial houses, both having very large interests in Chile, are furnishing arms, ammunition and money to the two factions, Balmaceda's forces and the revolutionists. The houses mentioned are opposed to each other commercially and each is doing its utmost to have the faction it supports win. News was received by one of the firms yesterday from Buenos Ayres that its competitor had sent a lot of rifles and ammunition to aid Balmaceda's forces. Commercial house No. 2 has been charged by the other with sending arms and ammunition to the insurgents. The prize for which both houses are struggling is valuable concessions promised by the factions in the event of victory. It is stated here the war is being kept going by the efforts of these two New York houses.

THE PROPOSED SEIZURE.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Last Saturday, as the result of an inquiry by telegraph, the Collector of Customs at Wilmington, Cal., was instructed by the Treasury Department that there appeared no reason for his interference in the prospective transfer of a lot of arms and ammunition from the American schooner Robert and Minnie, then at Catalina Islands, to a transport for shipment to South America. Pending this removal it appears that the Chilean Minister here received some advices from California regarding these munitions of war, with which he called on Secretary Foster on Sunday. On the strength of the Minister's representations, the Secretary sent another telegram to the Collector, the substance of which, it is said at the department, was to detain the Robert and Minnie.

Secretary Foster to-day refused to give out for publication the telegrams that have passed between the department and the Collector with reference to the matter or to say anything on the subject, further than that it had been referred to the Attorney-General for his opinion. The opinion asked for, it is said, is whether it would be a violation of the neutrality laws to allow the transfer of arms, etc., as proposed.

BALMACEDA ASKED TO RESIGN.

PARIS, May 6.—Advices from Chile state that four Congressional delegates have had an interview with President Balmaceda. They asked him to resign, dismiss his army, appear in court and justify his conduct, and allow Congress to prepare for a new Presidential election. There is small hope of a settlement.

WORK OF THE TORPEDO.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Dispatches from Lima assert that 180 of the crew of the Blanco Encalada were drowned when she sank.

THE ITATA.

SAN DIEGO, May 6.—The Chilean steamer Itata this evening put to sea, carrying with her a deputy United States Marshal, who was on board. Her departure was not unexpected, thought it was not thought she would go so soon. Marshal Gard was not aware that the Captain of the Itata had any intention of defying his authority, for the Marshal had gone an hour before the Itata sailed in search of the schooner Robert and Minnie.

The new high license law went into effect in New Mexico yesterday. A special dispatch printed in yesterday's *News* from Albuquerque says the result will be the closing up of more than half the saloons in the Territory. It is well. If our Prohibition friends would turn their attention to this phase of the temperance question they would accomplish something. Through high license the low dives must disappear. That is progress in the right direction.—*Rocky Mountain News.*

Preparations are being made for the regular running of trains between Manitou and Pike's Peak as soon as the snow is melted. During the season an enterprising newspaper man will publish a paper at the summit of the peak, to be called the *Pike's Peak News*. The projector of this enterprise seeks fame at a lofty altitude.

BEECHAM'S pills act like magic on a weak stomach.

TREATY WITH SPAIN.

A Proposed Exchange of Free-List Commodities.

COLLISION BETWEEN ANARCHISTS AND POLICE IN ROME.

The Revolution in Costa Rica—Russian Poles Agitated—Report That the French Terra del Fuego Expedition Was Massacred by Indians—An American Mobbed at Florence.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

MADRID, May 6.—A draft of the new treaty between Spain and the United States was sent to the Spanish Minister at Washington last week with instructions to sign it immediately.

It is expected that the necessary signatures will be appended by the end of this week.

Although the Spanish Government maintains the utmost reserve, information from a reliable source confirms the report that coal, petroleum, machinery and fats will be admitted free into Cuba and Porto Rico, and the present duty on flour will be reduced one-half, in exchange for the free admission into the United States of sugar, coffee and cocoa.

DIDN'T WORK.

A Game Played in America Not Successful in England.

LONDON, May 6.—In the Marlboro Police Court, Edward Pinter, aged fifty-six, who represented himself as an American, was charged with attempting to obtain $40,000 from Edwin Streeter, a large Bond-street jeweler.

Pinter claimed to have a secret method of tripling a given quantity of gold. Streeter went to his room as invited, and there found elaborate paraphernalia, among which a crucible figured largely.

In order to test the thing he handed Pinter a sovereign, which was put in the crucible, crushed and came out equal to three sovereigns in mass. This was handed over to Streeter and he put it in his pocket. Pinter then suggested that Streeter should furnish 40,000 sovereigns which he would immediately transmute into 120,000. Streeter appeared willing to consider this, but asked as a further test that Pinter come to his (Streeter's) works and there do what he said he was able.

While at work there Pinter was arrested. In court Streeter explained that he learned that Pinter had played the same sort of a game in America, and had taken from a man there some $18,000. He was held to answer.

VERNEY'S GUILT.

Sentenced to One Year's Imprisonment Without Labor.

LONDON, May 6. — Captain Verney, member of Parliament, to-day pleaded not guilty to the charge of procuring the governess, Miss Beckett, for immoral purposes, but pleaded guilty to a conspiracy to procure her. Captain Verney was then sentenced to one year's imprisonment without hard labor. During the trial the court was packed with people eager to witness the sensations of the case.

Captain Verney, though downcast in appearance, pleaded in a firm voice. Counsel for the defense, in his plea for the prisoner, alluded to the prisoner's distinguished services in the Crimea and in Parliament, and undoubtedly won sympathy for the disgraced ex-naval officer.

The Recorder, in sentencing Captain Verney, said that he had come to the conclusion, through the evidence given, that the case of Miss Nellie Beckett was not the only case of procuration in which the Captain had been implicated, and, therefore, could not lean toward the side of mercy so much as he could have done had it been an isolated case.

European Finances.

LONDON, May 6.—An increase of the Bank of England rate is likely in view of the probable withdrawal of gold. Russia is angry over the Rothschilds' action in calling in the balances in the European capitals. The bourses are much disturbed, remembering the result of such recalls in the cases of the Comptoir d'Escompe and during the Barings' crisis. Leading bankers are less apprehensive, knowing that such vindictive action will endanger any future Russian loan, while Russia knows that stocks are too heavily held in Europe, and that the Rothschilds' action will cause permanent depreciation.

Russian Poles Agitated.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 6.—The authorities have suddenly suspended the expulsion of Jews from Moscow. It is reported that there were disorders at Warsaw on Sunday. The agitation among the Russian Poles is spreading. Official circles here put the blame on the conciliatory policy adopted by the Government in Prussian Poland and believe Germany's object is to arouse envy and discontent among Russian Poles.

Belligerent Italians.

FLORENCE, May 6.—William Jacques, an American from Newton, Mass., was out driving with his daughter yesterday when a mob of people pursued his carriage, pelted him with stones and severely injured his daughter, who interfered in his defense.

Grain Duties in France.

PARIS, May 6.—The Customs Committee of the Chamber of Deputies has decided that the duty on wheat shall be reduced to 3f, the reduction to hold good for one year. The same committee has decided the duty on corn shall not be reduced.

Another Gladstone Victory.

LONDON, May 6.—The result of the election held yesterday for a successor in Parliament to the late Edward Greene, who represented the northwest division of Suffolk, shows the Gladstonians have won another victory. Baron Stern (Gladstonian) was elected.

Massacred by Indians.

PARIS, May 6.—Advices have been received that the French scientific expedition in Terra Del Fuego, was attacked by Indians, and it is reported that only two members, Rousson and Aullens, escaped.

Conflict With Anarchists.

ROME, May 6.—A conflict between Anarchists and the police to-night in a back street resulted in the wounding of several persons. Some of the Anarchists arrested confessed that the May-day riot was incited by Landi.

Revolution in Costa Rica.

PANAMA, May 6.—Reports have just been received that the revolutionary movement is in progress and Costa Rica has declared a state of seige and suspended personal guarantees on the 1st of May.