

"MOUNTAINS OF WATER."

Serious Condition of Affairs Along the Rio Grande.

FLOODS EXPECTED TO SWEEP DOWN THE VALLEYS.

Fifteen Two-story Buildings in Chicago Burned, and a Dozen Families Rendered Homeless—The World's Fair Directory Decide to Have No More Negotiations on the Subject of Laborers' Wages.

Special to the Record-Union.

SANTA FE (N. M.), May 8.—"Mountains of water" is the way the court officers, who have just returned from Terra Amerillas, put it in speaking of what they saw on the way. They say that half has not been told of the flood that will soon sweep down the Rio Grande.

ALBUQUERQUE (N. M.), May 8.—The river here is steadily rising, and has broken out in places above the city, but without doing much damage of any account, a substantial dike being put at all dangerous spots. The bridge across the Rio Grande at Isleta has been rendered impassable by the washing away of the west end. The lowlands below the city and at Isleta are submerged, but no lives are reported, and the damage is comparatively small.

SITUATION AT EL PASO. EL PASO (Tex.), May 8.—The only change in the condition of the flood at this point today was a rise of about six inches, which does not increase the damage already done.

DISASTROUS FIRES.

Fifteen Two-story Buildings Burned in Chicago. CHICAGO, May 8.—The boys played with matches in a shed in the southwestern portion of the city this evening, and started a fire which rendered a dozen families homeless and destroyed fifteen two-story buildings. The tenants were all poor people, and lost all their possessions.

FOREST FIRES. ASHLAND (Wis.), May 8.—The city is enveloped in dense smoke from surrounding forest fires. The Fire Department has been busy all day in the outskirts of the city fighting the flames. At Washburn a large force of men is at work trying to save the town, which is in great danger.

Several lives were reported lost at Marengo. The woods along the Omaha river are a mass of flames. The Northwestern fire department has been busy all day in the outskirts of the city fighting the flames. At Washburn a large force of men is at work trying to save the town, which is in great danger.

GRAND HURTS (Ontario), May 8.—A fire broke out today in the coal mine of Keith, Perry & Co. Two hundred men were in the mine at the time, but all escaped, with one possible exception. The loss is large.

SIX BLOCKS BURNED. ALLISTON (Ontario), May 8.—Six blocks of buildings were burned here this afternoon. They contained six hotels, forty-five stores, twenty-five residences, the post-office, market buildings and the fire hall. The loss will run into the hundreds of thousands.

DEEPWATER (Mo.), May 8.—A fire broke out today in the coal mine of Keith, Perry & Co. Two hundred men were in the mine at the time, but all escaped, with one possible exception. The loss is large.

WORLD'S FAIR. The Directory Will Have No More Negotiations on the Subject. CHICAGO, May 8.—The World's Fair Directory this afternoon took action on the question of the minimum scale of wages demanded by the labor organizations by discharging the Conference Committee and adopting a resolution to have no more negotiations on the subject.

One of the directors said this evening that the concessions of eight hours and arbitration made by the labor directory ought to satisfy men that there is no question of wages or anything else that cannot be covered by arbitration. The committee did not see why so important a departure from the established usage in fixing a minimum scale should be made.

The appointment of Professor P. C. Ives of St. Louis as Chief of the Department of Fine Arts was unanimously confirmed. The appointment of Walter S. Maxwell of California as Chief of the Horticulture Department was referred to a special committee to investigate the charges of incompetency preferred against him, to report at the next meeting. Several horticulturists, including John Pope of New York, were at the meeting ready, if allowed, to speak in opposition to Maxwell's confirmation.

CONNECTICUT'S GOVERNOR. Bulley Files an Answer to the Quo Warranto Proceedings. NEW HAVEN (Conn.), May 8.—Attorney General Merwin, acting for Governor Bulley and Lieutenant-Governor Merwin, filed an answer to the quo warranto proceedings brought by Morris and Alsop in the Superior Court this morning.

Governor Bulley claims that he and no other is the true and lawful Governor of Connecticut; that the General Assembly of Connecticut, at its January session of 1889, by a joint ballot, elected him to the office of Governor for two years, and that his successor was duly qualified. He still acts as Governor because no successor has yet been chosen.

Concluding, Bulley denies that he usurps the office, and says he uses said office by warrant and authority of law, and asks to be dismissed of and from the things charged upon him. Merwin's answer is the same.

Y. M. C. A. The Next Convention to Be Held at Indianapolis. KANSAS CITY, May 8.—The Young Men's Christian Association Convention to-day decided on Indianapolis as the place to hold the next convention. A lengthy report from the International Committee was read. Its recommendation for the observation of the second Sabbath as a day of praise and thanksgiving, for the appropriation \$7,000 yearly for international work, and other things were adopted.

Subscriptions were called for, and in a few minutes \$50,000 was subscribed for international work. March 10, 1891, made a statement that he understood the Portland test for membership had been modified in India. This brought out a lengthy discussion, and several delegates vied to denounce their Eastern brothers for making the change.

A resolution was finally adopted, however, simply stating that the test of membership in the foreign association be the same as the Portland test, under which the American associations are organized. Duty on Sugar. WASHINGTON, May 8.—The Secretary of the Treasury has issued a circular to customs officers, in which he says in view of the fact that raw sugar, not above 16° Dutch standard in color, as well as other forms of so-called refining sugars (syrups of cane juice, Melado molasses, etc.), imported on or after April 1st last, were not subject to duty, and that hereafter will be allowed hereafter on sugar used in the manufacture of confectionery or any other article imported.

Transit of Mercury. WASHINGTON, May 8.—General instructions to observers respecting the transit of Mercury Saturday have been issued from the Naval Observatory as follows: The attention of astronomical observers is invited to the transit of Mercury over the disk of the sun, which will occur May 9, 1891, and be partly visible throughout the United States. Its accurate observation is of great importance. Every effort should therefore be made to have it carefully observed by all who possess the necessary equipment. The Naval Observatory will be glad to receive observations of the transit from as many stations as possible.

The Ruins Looted. PITTSBURGH, May 8.—The ruins of Tuesday night's conflagration were looted today by a mob of Hungarian and Italian men, women and children. No police were present, and the crowd knowing that beneath the ruins were thousands of dollars' worth of goods, satibies, etc., made a raid. Hams, cans of lard, other canned goods, and everything not damaged that could be gotten at, was carried off. The mob then looted several hundred, and several fights took place between them. They were finally driven off by the police, who are still at work on the ruins.

Mrs. Osborn's Will. NEW YORK, May 8.—The will of Mrs. Miriam A. Osborn, widow of Charles Osborn, stockbroker, was filed for probate today. She places all her son Howell's share safely out of reach of any who have a professional interest or any children of such marriage; seeks to divide the Miriam A. Osborn Memorial endowment, and makes a bequest to Yale College of \$150,000 for a memorial to her husband. Other charitable bequests are made. Howell Osborn does not get one dollar absolutely.

CHILEAN STEAMER ITATA.

The Government's Policy in the Matter Yet a Secret.

QUESTION RAISED AS TO WHAT ACTION CAN BE TAKEN.

The State Department Said to Doubt the Right of the United States to Take the Vessel on the High Seas—Interview With the Two Deserters From the Itata in Relation to Her Mission to This Coast.

Special to the Record-Union.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The policy of the Government with respect to the escaped Chilean vessel Itata is still an official secret. Secretary Tracy and other officials this morning refused to discuss the matter. There can be no doubt of the fact that the Government is extremely anxious to exhibit all possible zeal in an effort to recapture the vessel, in order to avoid any unpleasant consequences that might arise through the presentation of a claim for damage in behalf of the Chilean Government, but naval officers are very skeptical of the ability of our ships to recapture the Itata under the circumstances attending her flight.

It is not possible to get a definite or authoritative answer to the question whether the Charleston will be sent after the Itata. All the information vouchsafed is that the Charleston was ordered weeks ago to coal and get ready for sea at the earliest moment. The formalities attending the President's reception at San Francisco necessarily delayed these preparations, but it is understood they are now being completed. The Charleston, under the command of the late Admiral McCall, is on the coast of California, and is expected to reach San Francisco in a few days.

The San Francisco story that the Balmaceda armed transport Imperiale is hovering off the coast of California to capture the Itata is entirely untrue. The department is without foundation. Admiral McCall's last report showed that one month ago the Imperiale was in Valparaiso, and it would be manifestly impossible for her to have reached California in a month.

The question of the right of the United States to take the Itata on the high seas is not altogether settled. The State Department people are inclined to doubt the right. The whole question arises from a dispute as to the character of the vessel. Were the ship rate or vessel of American register, engaged in acts of piracy, the United States would have a right to capture her on the high seas. The Itata is a Chilean vessel engaged in the transportation of a suspected cargo, and there is a grave risk that she is carrying arms.

Dispatches from Chile to-day throw a peculiar side light on the war, being to the effect that the Itata has been directed that payments be made to other dues to the Government must be made in silver. A naval officer to-day stated that the Itata is carrying a good deal of arms, and might indicate the amount of precaution on the part of Balmaceda, who is as likely as not preparing for a revolt in Valparaiso, and the Itata is in favor of the insurgents.

In the matter of international law involved it would seem as though the State Department is not altogether satisfied with the rest of the administration, for both Attorney-General Miller and Secretary Tracy lean to the belief that the Itata is a legitimate party.

A report has come from San Francisco to the effect that Richard Trumbull, a member of the National Revolutionary party, has been arrested by the State Department. It is stated that he was arrested on the ground that he was a member of the National Revolutionary party, and was engaged in the transportation of arms to the insurgents in Chile.

MISSION OF THE ITATA. SAN DIEGO, May 8.—An Associated Press reporter to-day secured an interview with the two deserters from the Chilean steamer Itata, who are now in the hands of the United States authorities. They are now in the hands of the United States authorities. They are now in the hands of the United States authorities.

Large Meteor. VICTORIA (Tex.), May 8.—A large meteor passed over this section last evening, causing considerable consternation. It came from the northeast and was seen or heard all along the line of the railway from Rosenberg to Goliad, a distance of about 120 miles. About the time it reached this vicinity it exploded with a tremendous report.

Railroad Accident. SAULT STE. MARIE (Mich.), May 8.—The west-bound Canadian Pacific train from Boston for Minneapolis, was derailed east of here this morning. Dining-car conductor Charles Ford was fatally injured. A Jesuit priest of Garden River had his leg broken and several passengers were badly injured.

General Butler's Property Attached. LOWELL (Mass.), May 8.—The Precourt National Bank has placed an attachment on the property of General Butler for \$12,000. A money consideration was given about four years ago on a personal note, which the bank discounted. When the note was not paid for some reason not at present explainable.

Acquitted of the Charge. PHILADELPHIA, May 8.—George G. Baker, formerly clerk in the Appraiser's stores here, has been acquitted in the United States District Court of the charge of altering records of polariscope tests of sugar consigned to Claus Spreckels, by which it was claimed the Government lost thousands of dollars.

Hanged For Criminal Assault. MARSHALL (Mo.), May 8.—William Price, colored, was hanged in the jail here at 11:40 A. M. to-day for criminal assault committed on Miss Alice Nims, which so preyed upon her mind that she committed suicide.

Silver Purchases. WASHINGTON, May 8.—Four hundred and fourteen thousand ounces of silver were purchased to-day at prices ranging from 85 to 86.

DANGERS OF THE SEA.

Narrow Escape of a Ship From Being Wrecked.

THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY JOURNEYING THROUGH IDAHO.

An Ashland Attorney Arrested for Embezzling Funds Belonging to an Aged Widow—San Francisco and San Rafael Visited by Earthquake Shocks—Evidence in the Olsen Murder Trial All In.

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SAN FRANCISCO, May 8.—There came very near being another marine disaster off the heads this morning about 2 o'clock. At that time the American ship Tam O'Shanter, laden with 2,065 tons of coal from Nagasaki, consigned to Williams, Dimond & Co., was working her way in. It is not known whether there was any pilot-boat near the vessel or not, or whether Captain Wait tried to enter without the assistance of a pilot. At any rate the vessel began to drift with the tide, and she struck on the four-fathom bank. Signals of distress were made and the tug Wizard went to the relief of the ship. She was towed into harbor, leaking very badly. She was taken to the Mission flats and stranded in the main road. She was damaged and was thirty-five days out from Nagasaki.

THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY. Governor Wiley, of Idaho, Welcomes Them to the State. BOISE CITY (Idaho), May 8.—The Presidential party entered the State of Idaho at 2 o'clock this morning and arrived here at 7. The visitors were received at the station by Governor Wiley, Mayor Finney and a general Committee, and escorted through the city to a stand opposite the Capitol. The Governor made the address of welcome on behalf of the State, and the Mayor on behalf of the city. Responses were made by President Harrison, Postmaster-General Wanamaker and Secretary Rusk. The President then held a reception in the Capitol, some fifteen hundred people shaking hands with him. Mr. Harrison and the other ladies of the party held a reception for ladies at the Sherman Hotel.

POWELL (Idaho), May 8.—The Presidential party arrived here at 7 o'clock this evening, after an uneventful trip across the country of lava beds. They were greeted by the local committee and a large crowd. A party of prominent citizens from Salt Lake and Ogden and United States officials in Utah joined the party here.

A DISHONEST LAWYER. He is Arrested on a Charge of Swindling an Aged Widow. ASHLAND (Or.), May 8.—A warrant was issued this afternoon and telegraphed to the Sheriff of Douglas County, at Roseburg, for the arrest of Luther L. Burtenburg, a lawyer, who has had his shingle set up in Ashland for a year or two. Burtenburg solicited the collection of an insurance policy for \$1,200 for Mary J. Moore, an aged widow lady, whose son died several months ago, and Wednesday collected the amount of the policy pointed out by the insurance company at Medford. Last evening he paid Mrs. Moore \$600, saying he had not collected the balance, and was going away for a few days and would collect it on his return.

Suspicion was aroused, which led to the discovery that he had collected the full amount through the Medford bank, and had taken the train for the north. It was learned by telegraph that he had left for Astoria, and the Sheriff of Douglas County was notified, who arrested him, as stated above, on a charge of embezzlement. Deputy Sheriff Taylor went to Roseburg to-night to bring him back.

SCHOONER PREMIER. The Captain of the Ill-Fated Vessel Arrives at Port Angeles. PORT ANGELES (Wash.), May 8.—The steamer St. Paul arrived to-day, with Captain P. Paulsen and wife of the fishing schooner Premier, which went ashore April 10 on a beach twenty-five miles north of Cape John. The Premier sailed from Oermoy, Alaska, bound for the Salinas River, Alaska.

While between the Shumigan Islands she encountered a heavy snow-storm and strong winds. She struck about noon, and immediately began filling. Every effort was made to save her, but the crew, but she stranded in spite of them.

She was a wooden vessel, and owned by the late Captain J. A. McCall, Cal. The vessel had a crew of twenty-five men, eighteen of whom were fishermen. No lives were lost. The vessel was valued at \$10,000, and she cargo was \$25,000, which was a total loss. Captain Paulsen sold the wreck at auction.

THE OLSEN TRIAL. Counsel Preparing for Final Argument in the Case. MERCED, May 8.—In the Ivett murder case, Dr. Sherman and J. M. Montgomery were placed on the stand this morning, and with their testimony, which was unimportant, the prosecution closed its case.

J. M. Blanchard came from Los Angeles to-day, and was placed on the stand by the defense, who after they had just discovered him. He said he was near La Grange on Sunday evening, November 9th, looking for stolen horses. He saw Olsen pass by about 8:30 o'clock. He was sure it was Olsen, as he passed quite near. Reddy asked him why he came to town Sunday, and he said he was in Los Angeles, and that lawyer Hamilton paid his fare and told him to go to Merced and testify. He said that Hamilton also gave him \$100 to go to Merced.

The attorneys on both sides show signs of weariness, but are actively preparing for the closing arguments. The prosecution will probably occupy the whole of to-morrow. W. H. Hallon states that the defense will occupy less than two days, so that the case will probably go to the jury about Wednesday.

ONLY A SMALL AFFAIR. Fight at Colusa Growing Out of the Late Election. COLUSA, May 8.—A scuffle occurred on our streets this morning between Town Marshal Scoggins and A. A. Jackson of Willows. It grew out of the county election trouble. Jackson, in Willows on election day warned Scoggins to leave the town and not interfere in the election. This Scoggins refused, saying he was not going to interfere, but wanted to watch the election. In the public experience

THE COKE REGIONS.

FOREIGNERS FLOCKING TO THE WORKS BY HUNDREDS.

Iron Operators Unable to Resume on Account of the Scarcity of Coke.

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PITTSBURGH, May 8.—Foreigners are coming into the coke region in bulk. An operator said to-day that he can turn 3,000 men into the region in twenty-four hours, but cannot shelter them. The peculiarity about this wholesale importation is that the strikers are as firm and unbroken as ever to-day. The labor officials say there will soon be a plentiful supply of money and tents for the newly, but this they have been promising for weeks. It is particularly noted that the aid pledged from the Federation of Labor has not yet made its appearance. The strikers are losing ground, though the region as a whole is making a poor showing in coke shipments.

Outside of several peaceful evictions and one occasion where a blackleg was obliged to quit work by the strikers, all was serene to-day. Leaders and men are preparing for a vigorous campaign between this and Monday, and will endeavor to talk with every worker either by mass meetings or individually, in order to induce them to stop work. The efforts of this concerted move will be known on Monday.

In addition to the inconvenience suffered by near-town furnaces owing to the coke strike, a general complaint comes from the coke regions in the valley furnaces, that are estimated to produce one-eighth of the pig iron in the country. The furnaces in these valleys shut down last January for two months, but the coke strike came upon them just as they expected to resume, and for five months many blast furnaces in the valley have had men dead. The operators would be glad to resume, but the coke supply is too weak to be depended upon, and they are waiting for the coke supply to be really the greatest losers. The lines running through the coke regions have been shut down for three months, while the roads in the Shenango and Mahoning valleys for five months have found a falling in shipments of millions of tons of coal, iron ore and finished articles. All this loss, exclusive of the wages of the men on every side, and the profits of the coke and furnace and mill operators, will present figures of loss almost beyond belief.

In the war of 1812 the United States had 676,622 men.

LONDON GOSSIP.

The British Cabinet Discusses Two Important Subjects.

GLADSTONE'S STRENGTH NOT WEAKENED BY PARNELL.

Terrible Railroad Disaster in Italy—A Train of Workmen Completely Engulfed in a Flood—Italy to Issue an Address to the European Powers Setting Forth the Action Taken by the United States in the New Orleans Matter.

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LONDON, May 8.—To-day's Cabinet council discussed Gladstone's reply to the memorial which the Newbury foundland delegates presented on Wednesday, and the more momentous question of the period of the dissolution of Parliament. Although the recent series of elections is not a contest for the regular elections, they have afforded abundant proof that the Parnell disaster has not weakened the popularity of Gladstone, or the strength of the Liberals. The ministers are determined against an early dissolution. In regard to Newfoundland, Lord Knutsford, after to-day's council, resumed communication with the Newfoundland delegates. The formalities of expulsion of Captain Verney and Mr. DeCobain from the House of Commons will be secret. The report on the scandals involve in disgrace seven members of Parliament, including several who escaped. Though their cases were widely talked about, no party capital can be made, each section contributing blackguards to the list. Talking of the recent developments with a friend, Gladstone said there was nothing exceptional in the cases of the public men exposed; that the importance of the cases lay in their being symptomatic of a social and moral decay, requiring vigorous united Christian action to amend it. Private Chile cables state that President Balmaceda is arranging to flee from Santiago, and to London via Buenos Ayres. The proposals of mediation of France, Brazil and the United States are rejected by the Balmacedas, who consider the success of such mediation impossible. Balmaceda has invested a large sum on his personal account in a London bank.

NEW ORLEANS TRAGEDY.

One of Stelly's Foremost Politicians Reviews the Situation. NEW YORK, May 8.—A Herald Palerme special says: "While I have found the common people surprisingly indifferent as to the actual dispute between the United States and Italy over the New Orleans massacre, the moment I turn to the politician the tone changes. Camporeale is probably the foremost man in Sicily politics to-day. He stands very close to the Marquis di Rudini, and has just decided a cabinet portfolio because he is President of the International Exposition at Palermo. No man can speak with more certainty for political society. He says: 'I will admit that the United States had by treaty bound itself to afford protection to Italian subjects residing on American soil. The problem of how the murder of these prisoners is to be punished by the United States to solve. We stand for our rights under the treaty, but realize, of course, that two thousand prisoners cannot be expelled. We lay claim to the right to be respected at least five or six of the leaders of Parkerson and company who directed the mob, and who afterward gloried in it, should in it, shall be brought to justice.'"

ROME, May 8.—Italy says the Italian Government is about to address a circular to the European powers, submitting a list of Italian citizens who do not know the language spoken by the emigrants. The result of this is that the Catholic emigrants come to London via Buenos Ayres. Some believe the carrying out of the plan would have dire results, and that the Italian Government is to compel United States rights under the treaty to guarantee the protection of foreign subjects.

CATHOLIC IMMIGRANTS.

The Pope Presented With a Memorial on the Subject. ROME, May 8.—A memorial recently presented the Pope in the name of the All United States Emigration Committee, who recently had a meeting in Lucerne, begs the Pope's protection for 400,000 to 500,000 Catholics who annually emigrate. One point urged is that national bishops should be appointed for America to look after emigrants from different nationalities, as the petitioners assert that the Irish bishops in the United States only nominate Irish priests, who do not know the languages spoken by the emigrants. The result of this is that the Catholic emigrants come to London via Buenos Ayres. Some believe the carrying out of the plan would have dire results, and that the Italian Government is to compel United States rights under the treaty to guarantee the protection of foreign subjects.

Terrible Railroad Disaster in Italy.

ROME, May 8.—A terrible disaster occurred to-day at Allorona, in the province of Umbria. While a quarry-train, on which were many workmen, was at Allorona, a sudden flood occurred in the river, and the rushing water sweeping over its banks, engulfed the train and all its occupants.

Death of Mme. Blavatsky.

LONDON, May 8.—Mme. Blavatsky, the noted co-founder of the Theosophical Society, died three weeks ago. The fact has only now become public knowledge. The cause of death was influenza, aggravated by kidney trouble. The body was cremated at Worthing according to Mme. Blavatsky's desire.

ABLE SEAMEN.

The Navy Department Cannot Find Enough to Man the Ships. WASHINGTON, May 8.—The Navy Department is still in sore straits to find able seamen enough to man our ships. Nearly all the recruits the law allows have been taken on, and yet there are not enough to go around. The United States steamer Lancaster, in California, is ready to go to China, but she is short of her complement of men by at least eight. The monitor Miantonomah, at New York, is ready to go into commission, but there are no sailors to man her. It is said at the Navy Department that there must be a pro rata scaling down of the complements on all our ships, at least until Congress meets and enlarges the force. The White-Saudron, now at Norfolk, will be the first to feel the reduction, and it is understood the Chicago is to lose seventy and the Boston and Atlanta sixty men each.

NEW RAILWAY.

Articles of Incorporation Filed at Salt Lake for a New Road.

SALT LAKE (Utah), May 8.—Articles of incorporation of the Salt Lake, Hailey and Puget Sound Railroad have been filed. The capital stock is \$3,750,000. The line will run along the south shore, via Grantsville, Skull Valley, Cedar Mountains to Lucen, on the Central Pacific, thence to the Idaho State boundary, 150 miles.

The Sevier Railway Company has also filed articles and proposes to construct a line from the terminus of the Rio Grande Western at Mantu, San Pete County, through the Sevier and Circle Valleys and via Fremont Pass to Parowan, Iron County. The line is to be 100 miles long, five miles in length. The total mileage will be 600 miles, and capital stock \$8,000,000.

Convicted of Horse-stealing.

SUSANVILLE, May 8.—Ellory Dixon, an editor of this place, was to-day found guilty of horse-stealing. The jury was out six hours. He will be sentenced on Saturday.

It was shown in the testimony that Dixon was the leader of a gang of thieves who stole many head of horses in this locality and in the surrounding country. He was arrested, and drove them out of the country to sell.

The arrest created quite a sensation, and the trial has been a long and tedious one, which has been out on bail and did not have an idea he would be convicted. In fact, he has been sneering at the whole proceedings.

Earthquake Shock.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 8.—A shock of earthquake was felt in this city a few minutes after six o'clock this evening. Buildings were shaken quite severely, but no damage is reported.

SAN RAFAEL, May 8.—This evening at eight minutes past six a heavy earthquake, which has been out on bail and did not have an idea he would be convicted. In fact, he has been sneering at the whole proceedings.

Horse and Cart Stolen.

NAPA, May 8.—A horse and cart owned by A. K. Brown, of Vallejo, was stolen here last night. Mr. Brown had hitched his horse in front of the court-house and was gone from the rig only a few minutes, when he returned and found it gone. A young man who was to ride with him stood near enough to see the horse driven away, but presumed it was by consent of Mr. Brown, so made no protest. No trace of the rig or thief has been obtained yet.

Stockton's City Election.

STOCKTON, May 8.—Stockton has an election for city officers on the 19th inst., and the principal fight is for Mayor, as that office has the distribution of many offices. The Republicans held a convention this evening, and elected S. J. Clark, present Councilman, was nominated for Mayor without opposition. The Democratic convention will be held next Tuesday.

Shipment of Apricots.

WINTERS, (Cal.), May 8.—G. W. Hiney of the Skyhigh fruit farm to-day shipped by Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, a 10-pound box of Royal apricots to the Porter Brothers Company, Chicago. He gave a shipment just one year ago to-day, which sold for 60 cents a pound. This is the first shipment this year.

Ex-Minister Taft's Condition.

SAN DIEGO, May 8.—This evening Dr. Edwards, ex-Minister Taft's physician, reported that no hemorrhage of the bladder had occurred during the last twenty-four hours. The patient is very weak, but more prostrated and somewhat delirious. There is little, if any, hope for permanent improvement.

Welcomed Rain.

SONOMA (Cal.), May 8.—Sixty-one hundredths of an inch of rain fell during the last storm, making a total of 21.24 inches for the season. These refreshing showers will certainly be most grateful to cultivate their orchards, vineyards and deciduous fruit.

A Physician Arrested.

YUBA CITY, May 8.—Dr. Gustav Schlessinger, a prominent physician of Schlessinger City, of this county, was arrested to-day on a complaint charging him with perjury.

Snowing in Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Snow fell generally throughout the District this morning, there being an inch and a half here. The snow will be of great benefit to crops.

EASTERN TURF.

An Accident Mars the Afternoon's Pleasure at Lexington. LEXINGTON, May 8.—The afternoon's pleasure at the race track was sadly marred by an unfortunate accident. In attempting to cross the tracks after the second race and place a horse at the judges' stand, J. T. McFadden was knocked down and kicked in the head by the Kaiser, who was exercising for the third race. He was carried from the track in an unconscious condition, his skull having been fractured, and he will probably die.

First race, three-year-olds and upward, seven furlongs, Ed Leonard won, 57m 2nd second, Phantom third. Time, 1:29. Three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs, Blue Maid won, Corinne Kinney second, J. P. Bird third. Time, 1:27. Three-year-olds and upward, one mile, Trust won, Miss Hawkins second, Rorka third. Time, 1:42. Two-year-old colts and fillies, five furlongs, Faraday won, Gorman second, Chaperone third. Time, 1:02. Two-year-old maidens, nine-sixteenths of a mile, Round Rustic won, Keeney second, Iris Chief third. Time, 1:04.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The first race, three-year-olds of a mile, Intrigue won, Fearless second, Costa Rica third. Time, 1:15. One mile, King Solomon won, Aspen second, Young J. B. third. Time, 1:26. Five-eighths of a mile, Keeney won, Kingwood second, Theresa third. Time, 1:03. Heats, five-eighths of a mile, Fitz Lee won the first heat, Van Buren second, Gyda third. Time, 1:02. The second heat Fitz Lee won, Gyda second, Round Rustic third. Time, 1:02. Steeplechase, two miles, Repeater won, Delaware second, Evangeline third. Time, 3:40.

AT NASHVILLE. NASHVILLE, May 8.—Three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs, Governor Ross won, Linnithgow second, Comely third. Time, 1:16. Three-year-olds, seven furlongs, Too Sweet won, Bob L second, Maud B third. Time, 1:29. Three-year-olds and upward, one mile and seventy yards, Milt Young won, Blue Veil second, Bankrupt third. Time, 1:47. Two-year-olds, five furlongs, Huron won, Tom Paxton second, Boston D third. Time, 1:03. Two-year-olds, five furlongs, Zanippa won, Maggie Lebus second, Henry Jenkins third. Time, 1:03.