

POLITICAL WORLD.

Both the Old Parties Preparing for the Fall Campaign.

STATE CONVENTIONS IN NEW YORK AND MASSACHUSETTS.

Roswell P. Flower Nominated for Governor by the Empire State Democracy, and Charles H. Allen Chosen as the Head of the Ticket by the Republicans of the Bay State.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SARATOGA (N. Y.), Sept. 16.—Promptly at 10 o'clock this morning the Democratic State Convention was called to order. A decision in regard to County Democracy was presented, the Committee on Resolutions reported. The platform pledges fidelity to the Democratic faith as regards national issues, and the doctrine of the national platforms of 1884 and 1888 is reaffirmed.

The platform pronounces against the coinage of any dollar not of the intrinsic value of every other dollar of the United States; denounces the new Sherman silver bill as a false pretense and a hindrance to free bimetallic coinage, and as tending only to produce a change from one kind of monometallism to another. This bill is declared to be a fit appendix to the subsidy and bounty swindle; the McKinley tariff is worse than a war tariff; Blaine's reciprocity is a humbug; the squandered surplus, falsified representation and the revolutionary procedure of the billion-dollar Congress were all justly condemned by the people's great uprising last November. The people of the State are congratulated upon the beneficial results which followed the election of the Democratic Assembly last year. The Republican party is scored for defeating the Assembly and passing the Democratic bill.

Continuing, the platform reads: "Thus has the Republican party continued to betray the people's interests. It defies the Constitution, it violates the rights of non-inhabitants of the State by refusing to pass the enumeration bill. It inflicted a blow upon the best welfare and prosperity of the State by depriving New York of the World's Fair because the Republican leaders could not control its Board of Directors. It has deprived New York of the benefit of the expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars within the State, and the most conspicuous agent in this partisan crime is now the candidate of his party for Governor."

The platform favors home rule for counties and municipalities, low taxes and an economical administration; denounces the enactment of a just, equitable and comprehensive excise liquor law, framed in accordance with the existing public sentiment as repeatedly manifested by the voters, and the exhibition from the State at the World's Columbian Exposition is advocated.

The oppression and expropriation upon its Jewish citizens is condemned, and the Government at Washington is called upon to bring about the cessation of these cruel persecutions.

In closing, the administration of Governor Hill is indorsed, and his faithful discharge of the duties of his office is justly the continuance of the trust imposed in him by the Democratic party.

The preamble and resolutions of the Committee on Resolutions, and the irregular action of the County Democracy, and declare the right of Tammany Hall to nominate its own candidates for election, poll clerks and ballot clerks, which the Democratic party may be entitled in the city of New York.

The resolutions also demand to all summary legislation that interferes with personal liberty for the individual citizen; demand the extension of electoral reform with a view to a more profuse expenditure of money by candidates; favor a revision of the tax laws whereby personal and corporate property will be made to bear a full and just burden. They also declare that the labor interests should be fostered. The following was also approved:

Resolved, That the Convention views with gratification the growing friendly feeling towards the Democratic party of our colored citizens, and that it pledges its support to our ranks with the assurance that within our party discrimination on account of race or color is discontinued.

NOMINATIONS MADE. Then a motion was made to proceed with the nominations, and Mayor Porter nominated Roswell P. Flower for Governor. The nomination was seconded on behalf of Tammany by Colonel Fellows. Bourke Cockran also seconded the nomination of Flower.

Thomas De Witt of Kings placed Alfred O. Chapin in nomination for Governor. Flower was nominated on the first ballot: Flower, 334; Chapin, 33.

Charles V. Adams of Kings, Chairman of the delegation to the State Convention, announced the wildest scenes. The following additional nominations were then made: Lieutenant-Governor, William F. Sheehan; Secretary of State, Frank Rice; Comptroller, Frank Campbell; Treasurer, Ellis F. Danforth; Attorney-General, Simon Rosenblatt; Surveyor and Engineer, Martin Schenck.

The nominations of all the candidates on the ticket, and the election were made by acclamation, amid wild enthusiasm. After calling the roll by Congressional Districts for members of the Executive Committee, the convention's work was done. The committee to conduct Flower to the hall arrived at this point, and amid great cheers and applause that lasted some minutes, Flower advanced to the platform. He addressed the convention briefly, saying that he was willing to have "light turned on" his record, and promised to lead the party to victory.

Sheehan being called upon, he advanced to the platform, and after shaking hands with Flower, who advanced with outstretched hands to meet him, he made a short address, after which the convention adjourned.

The new State Committee convened after the adjournment of the convention. Edward Murphy, Jr., of Troy was re-elected permanent secretary. Flower to-night forwarded to the Secretary of State his resignation as a member of Congress. His successor will be elected in November.

dressed the convention. The speaker reviewed at great length the history and traditions of the Republican party, its principles and its record in Congress. The Republican party, he said, stands as a bulwark against the movement for the free coinage of silver without the previous international agreement. Every honest man believes in honest money, and who is opposed to inflated currency must vote with the Republican party. If he does not he is giving direct support for the inflationists, and he is helping to bring down the Republic. The Republican party has kept its pledge about the tariff.

The speaker then referred to reciprocity and protection, coupled with subsidies to American steamships, and in this, he declared, the party had kept its promise to develop commerce. Touching upon the expenditures of the last Congress, he said: "If the Democratic party is opposed to an increase in expenditures for the efficiency and extension of the postal service of this great Government, a service which touches the convenience, happiness, business and the people of the United States, let them say so."

Reviewing the administration of President Harrison, the speaker drew a favorable picture of his administration, and that of the one preceding. He spoke of the work of the State Department under Blaine in glowing terms.

"We welcome honest immigrants, but the time has come to exclude the vicious and ignorant. To that work, now rising to the place of public duty, the Republican party is ready to address itself. As a national party we present to the voters our works of the last two years as a pledge for the work of the coming time, and on this ground we ask support."

In the conclusion of the speech the Credentials Committee reported. W. G. Craper's name in nomination for Governor was seconded by General Longwell that of Charles H. Allen.

The Committee on Resolutions reported a platform. It was unanimously adopted. The platform is a fair representation of the sentiment of the people. At 2:25 the balloting was completed, and a recess was taken until 3 o'clock to allow time for counting votes.

The following nominations were then made: Win. H. Hale, Lieutenant-Governor; John W. Allen, Secretary of State; George A. Madsen, Treasurer; and Reuben C. Allen, Attorney-General. The last two were re-elected.

The convention then adjourned sine die.

CRACK MARKSMEN. Presentation of Prizes Won at the National Shooting Contest. CHICAGO, Sept. 16.—The closing scenes of the national shooting contest was witnessed at Fort Sherman to-day, when General Miles, accompanied by his brilliantly uniformed staff, presented the winners of the medals, prizes, etc., with trophies in the presence of the full Fifteenth Regiment and a large number of civilians from the city. General Miles made a brief speech congratulating the winners, and the medals were pinned on their breasts by the adjutant-general of the United States army for their gallantry. Each man then came forward separately and the medal was pinned on his breast by the adjutant-general.

The first awarded were the army rifle team, four gold medals, Sergeant J. F. Rose, Sergeant F. O. Howell, Corporal J. O. Hoken and Sergeant N. Ray. Six gold medals were awarded to the team of Ransley, Sergeant J. W. May, Lieutenant M. J. O'Brien, Lieutenant G. Gerhard, Sergeant J. Quinn and Corporal J. M. St. John.

Then came the presentation of medals offered by newspapers and business firms. Lieutenant M. J. O'Brien took the Chicago Herald gold medal for the best total score, and the Shurley medal for the best individual score. The other three gold medals went to Corporal L. F. Mitchell, Sergeant J. J. Jackson and Sergeant J. H. Hughes. The Tribune gold medal for the greatest number of bull's-eyes at two, three and five hundred yards among officers went to Sergeant J. H. Hughes.

The officers making the highest score at all ranges went to Lieutenant F. G. Ramsey. Lieutenant Colonel Hotchkiss of the 15th Infantry received the Spaulding medal for the best total at all ranges; also the shotgun of Montgomery Ward & Co. Sergeant F. Rose secured the highest score at the highest target, the Tribune purse of \$100 for the best total in the Inter-Ocean. An Austin gets \$100 from the Inter-Ocean for the greatest number of bull's-eyes at all ranges, and Sergeant Merwin \$50 for the best single bull's-eye.

There were a number of other prizes offered by business men distributed.

Slavin Willing to Meet Sullivan. New York, Sept. 16.—A letter was today received from Frank P. Slavin stating that he was ready to fight John L. Sullivan for \$5,000, bare knuckles or with gloves, the battle-ground, whether in the United States or in any other place. He says he will put up a forfeit as soon as he receives a business-like reply from Sullivan.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Secretary Noble to-day issued an order establishing county lines and county seats in the Indian country about to be opened to settlement. In Sonora he also directed that cavalry be stationed on every county seat of the reservation to warn off intruders.

Checker Tournament. CHICAGO, Sept. 16.—On the third day of the Barker-Reld checker match two games were played, each player taking the black side of Keeler's Barker's first move. Barker won the white side of Kelso. The score now stands: Barker 1, Reld 0, drawn 5.

Breadstuff Exports. WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Following is the value of breadstuffs exported from Pacific Coast districts during the month of August: August, \$2,700,000; July, \$2,777,000; June, \$2,700,000; May, \$2,433,000.

WAGNER'S "LOHENGRIIN."

A Large Audience Witnesses Its Production in Paris.

MEETS WITH FAVOR BY THOSE WHO HEAR IT.

Noisy Demonstration Outside the Theater During the Performance, Necessitating Several Raids by the Police—Hundreds Placed Under Arrest, and the Cavalry Called Upon to Clear the Streets and Preserve Peace.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

PARIS, Sept. 15.—The performance of "Lohengrin" commenced at 8 o'clock this evening. The precincts of the opera-house were crowded, but up to that time only a slight attempt had been made to create disorder, which the police easily suppressed. The police had strict orders to take energetic action whenever "claque" seats were occupied by detectives. All approaches to the corridors were occupied by police, and the inspector stood by each check taken to scrutinize the incomes. Mounted regimental guards kept the streets clear.

The house was crowded, there being no special difficulty in obtaining admission. The overture was listened to in profound silence, the audience breaking into rapturous applause at its conclusion. The opera was admirably mounted and finely rendered. Van Dyke and other artists were recalled several times and applauded to the echo.

There was a noisy demonstration outside the opera-house during the performance. On the outside bank students sang the "Marseillaise," the crowd responding with cries of "Vive la France," "A bas Wagner." Portions of the mob continually made rushes against the police cordons, and the police were roughly handled, assumed the offensive and charged the mob, which did not take to flight in hot haste. Then the singing and shouting would soon be renewed, and the rushes and charges repeated. In some cases the zeal of the respectable onlookers were roughly handled, arrested on the slightest provocation and then cuffed if they ventured to make the slightest remark.

Altogether about 1,000 persons were arrested during the night, but all will probably be liberated before morning. The bulletin will be stored in the Bank of England, pending a settlement of the legal questions involved.

Syndrome to Control Imports of Pork. HAMBURG, Sept. 16.—A syndicate has been formed to construct slaughterhouses in Chicago in order that the Germans may control the imports of American pork into Germany.

Ocean Vessel Wrecked. LONDON, Sept. 16.—The California has been wrecked at Cuzco. No lives were lost.

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MEXICAN CONGRESS. PRESIDENT DIAZ OPENS THE SESSION WITH A SPEECH. The Country Progressing and Developing Its Resources Without Convulsions of Any Kind.

Special to the RECORD-UNION. CITY OF MEXICO, Sept. 16.—President Diaz opened the Congress last night. In his speech he said: "Our foreign relations are excellent. I have named a Commission to the Monetary Convention at Washington, also a Commission to arrange a treaty of reciprocity with the United States. The convention with Guatemala for arranging the frontier limits has been extended two years. Treaties of peace, friendship, commerce and navigation have been signed with Santo Domingo, Chile and Peru."

"The Mexican Government refused coal to the Chilean vessel Esmeralda, but has since been supplied with a small quantity, which was absolutely necessary for sailing the ship. The Chilean Junta asks for recognition, but we have demanded time for investigation, as we wish to be neutral."

"Diplomatic relations have been commenced with Japan, the Argentine Republic and the United States."

"Mexico sent a Commissioner to the Geographical Congress recently held in London. The Ministry, that of Communications and Public Works, has been established. A new sanitary code has been promulgated. The penal code is being revised. The judicial system has been improved. Mining is progressing. Public land is being rapidly taken up. Agriculture is flourishing."

"The Mexican Government has ratified the United States to attend the Chicago Exposition, and I expect that Congress will grant the amount of money necessary for the purpose. The Government of the place we occupy among civilized nations."

"Our postal relations with foreign countries are in the interior we are extending the postal facilities and routes. Seven new steamship lines have been contracted to carry mails without subsidy."

"The Government telegraph lines are being extended, the same as the railroads. There are now 10,000 kilometers of railroads in operation. The works at the ports of Vera Cruz and Tampico are progressing. The Tehuantepec route will soon be open from the Pacific to the Atlantic."

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TERRIBLE STATE OF AFFAIRS. Brigands Committing All Manner of Crimes in Southern Russia.

Addresses Before the Irrigation Congress at Salt Lake.

VIENNA, Sept. 15.—Alarming accounts of brigands, growing out of the famine, come from south Russia. Bands of starving peasants haunt the roads and forests in Caucasia, lying in wait for travelers and resorting to pillage and murder. In many villages a state of complete anarchy prevails. At Elizabeth fifty brigands recently surprised two houses at midnight and murdered twenty-two occupants.

A week ago a diligence was attacked in broad daylight. All the passengers were killed, and the driver was murdered. The brigands murdered the former and outraged the latter.

The Queen of Roumania. VENICE, Sept. 16.—It was well known last night that the Queen of Roumania would be removed from the hotel in Duvilla to-day. At an early hour this morning the Grand Canal was crowded with gondolas all the way from the hotel to the railway station. Shortly after 9 o'clock a passage in front of the hotel was cleared, and the Queen was carried into a large gondola and ran to the entrance of the hotel and taken rapidly to the station, accompanied by the King.

She wore no veil, and tried to look as placid as possible. The crowd of people to the few who were able to catch a glance of her drawn and emaciated features, and the poor Carmen Sylvia had suffered terribly and was now only the wreck of a once beautiful woman.

Catholic Socialists. LONDON, Sept. 16.—What gives special interest to the various Catholic Socialist pilgrimages to Rome, which are about to take place, is that they will be escorted and presented to the Pope by three of the most eminent persons in the Catholic Socialist party—Monsignor Langenieux, Archbishop of Rheims; Count Albert Demun, deputy, and M. Harmel, a working man, and organizer of the party.

It is expected that the Pope will make a speech in which he will clearly outline the policy of the Vatican with regard to Catholic socialism.

Emperor William at Mulhausen. MUNICH, Sept. 16.—The Emperor of Germany to-day started from Erfurt for Mulhausen. The road to the railroad station was lined with children, who cheered the imperial visitor and threw flowers across his path. After inspecting the troops the Emperor entered Mulhausen on horseback, riding at the head of his staff. The Emperor will remain at Mulhausen until Saturday, when he will probably return to Berlin.

Balmaceda's Silver. SOUTHAMPTON, Sept. 16.—The British steamship Moselle arrived to-day from Montevideo, having on board \$800,000 in silver shipped by ex-President Balmaceda of Chile to Europe in order to pay for war materials. This is the silver conveyed to Montevideo by the Espiegle. The bulletin will be stored in the Bank of England, pending a settlement of the legal questions involved.

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SHOCKS OF EARTHQUAKE FELT AT PORTLAND AND SALEM.

The Southern Pacific Repair Shops Near Portland Destroyed by Fire—A Freight Train Plunges Into the Rear End of a Passenger Train Near Tehachapi, Resulting in the Death of Colonel William Harney of San Francisco.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SALT LAKE (Utah), Sept. 16.—In the Irrigation Congress to-day, Francis D. Newlands of Nevada argued that the field of individual effort in the matter of irrigation was now exhausted, and the time was ripe for the action of the Government and the United States. The United States should make grants in the arid regions with a view to developing the school interests. The Government should also enforce the preservation of the forests.

A resolution was introduced and referred, calling for the issue of bonds to the amount of \$150,000,000 for irrigation, the bonds to be redeemable in treasury notes issued against them.

In the afternoon, Judge Goodwin of Salt Lake, Senator Warren of Wyoming, and W. H. Mills and John P. Irish of California were the chief orators. Irish did not favor the ceding of lands to the States and Territories by the National Government, but thought that the States Government should assume the relation of trustee and trustee, on a plan similar to that of Illinois in the days of Stephen A. Douglas. The question of irrigation he considered largely of population. Congress should be asked to deed arid lands to the respective States and Territories in trust.

FATAL RAILWAY COLLISION. A Freight Train Runs Into the Rear of the Express. BAKERSFIELD, Sept. 16.—The north-bound passenger train here last night at 11 o'clock and in San Francisco at 11 o'clock this morning, was wrecked in the mountain between Girard and Tehachapi last night. The train had been stopped for the men to remove a rock, which was caused by the fall of a landslide, and while at work down came a freight train of about thirty cars, some filled with passengers, and some with freight.

Colonel William Harney, President of the San Francisco Woolen Mills, and a member of the California Commandery, No. 1, who was standing with the train, was killed outright, and his body was brought to Bakersfield this morning. A. B. Balleman, a traveling man, was completely killed, and was lying at the Southern Hotel. Several others were hurt, including Mrs. F. A. Healy of Los Angeles and Mrs. Emma Shering of Lafayette, Ind.

The train left here this morning at 6 o'clock with all the wounded on board. The south-bound train here last night, waiting for the track to be cleared.

LATER—Tunnel No. 17, near the train wreck, has caved in, and another wrecking train has gone to work on it. Heavy timbers, but it is thought that no trains will get through for two or three days.

The train from the south, due here at 8 o'clock this morning, arrived after 3 this afternoon, the mail, express and passenger trains having been transferred at Girard. An accommodation train was immediately made up and left for San Francisco.

The jury at the Coroner's inquest found that the cause of the collision was the failure of the engineer of the freight train to see the passenger train in the distance. The engineer of the freight train was fined \$100 for neglect of the duties of his office.

FOREIGN CORPORATIONS. Suits to Prevent Them Operating in This State. LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16.—Attorney General Hart to-day commenced suit against the Pacific Railway Company of California to prevent it from operating railroads and doing business in this State, upon the ground that foreign corporations organized in other States for the purpose of escaping the personal liability of stockholders imposed by the Constitution of this State are forbidden by the Constitution from doing business in this State. The Pacific Railway Company is a Chicago corporation, which owns a cable system in this city.

The effect of this suit will be to declare the transfer from the Los Angeles company to the Chicago company void, and reinvest the California company with the property. This, the cable people claim, will do the property no more than immediately made up and left for San Francisco.

The suit will, however, injure the Consolidated Electric Railway Company, which was incorporated under the laws of Arizona to escape personal liability. It is understood that the Attorney-General intends to proceed against all foreign corporations operating in this State whose incorporation has been effected in other States to escape personal liability.

COAST BLAZES. Southern Pacific Car Shops Near Portland Burned. PORTLAND, Sept. 16.—This morning a fire broke out in the Southern Pacific car shops, several miles south of this city, and destroyed the repair shops and several outbuildings. The machine shop was saved after a hard fight. Several passenger coaches were consumed. The estimated loss is between \$10,000 and \$50,000. It is believed that the fire was communicated from one of the furnaces.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY BURNED. SALEM, Sept. 16.—This morning the upper stories of the Willamette University, one of the oldest educational institutions in the West, were destroyed by fire. Loss, \$10,000, fully insured.

HAY WAREHOUSE BURNED. SUSIS, Sept. 16.—E. J. Hilborn's hay warehouse was discovered to be on fire this morning. The flames destroyed over 1,000 tons of hay belonging to E. P. Hilborn and Scott & McCord of San Francisco. About 200 sacks of grain have been burned, but the firemen will save the remainder. The loss will be taken back to \$20,000.

Street Fight at Merced.

Merced, Sept. 16.—J. W. Breckinridge, ex-District Attorney, and J. A. Nowell, editor of the Express, engaged in a street fight here last night. Nowell a few weeks ago published an editorial detrimental to Breckinridge in regard to his family troubles with Lloyd Tevis, whose son-in-law he formerly was. They met last evening on Front Street, when after a few words Breckinridge broke his cane over Nowell's head, cutting his face in two places. Friends separated them. No arrests.

Failed to Agree. MODESTO, Sept. 16.—The inquest in the case of H. T. Fuller, charged with murder, were discharged this afternoon. They were unable to agree, standing six to six. Previous to this the jury brought in a verdict of "guilty of manslaughter committed by self-defense," had been recommended for mercy. The Judge instructed them that the verdict was improper and contradictory. They then retired and failed to agree.

Albertson Held to Answer. TACOMA (Wash.), Sept. 16.—The testimony in the Albertson case to-day was unimportant, the witness simply corroborating the evidence which had been previously given. At the conclusion of the arguments Justice Sharp bound the defendant, R. B. Albertson, over to the Superior Court in the sum of \$8,000. W. E. Haily, Captain R. S. DeWolf and Herman Chapin of Seattle as sureties.

Arraigned on a Charge of Murder. SAN JOSE, Sept. 16.—The inquest in the Holman murder case was concluded to-day, and the verdict of the jury was that Holman came to his death by a wound from a pistol in the hands of Frank Williams. The case was set for trial in Justice King and arraigned on a charge of murder. The examination is set for next Monday.

THE POLICE INTERFERED. President Polk of the Farmers' Alliance Escapes a Coat of Tar. WICHITA (Kans.), Sept. 16.—Colonel L. L. Polk, President of the National Farmers' Alliance, makes a point in his addresses of denying the stories of his inhumanity to Union soldiers, and denies that he ever held a rifle above Third Street in the city of Wichita. He has been in authority at any post. Mr. McAlister, a veteran of this city, who was in Salisbury Prison, North Carolina, when Polk was Governor, holds a sick parole signed by L. L. Polk, Brigadier-General commanding the 10th Army Corps, the Alliance leader the blackest reputation for his conduct to Union prisoners.

A soldier who was with Polk together to-day and perfected plans to take the Alliance leader to Polk before he should leave town to-night, but somehow news of their plan leaked out, and the police took steps to prevent the projected assault.

Fractional Currency. WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Owing to numerous inquiries coming from different parts of the country for fractional silver coin, the United States Treasurer has prepared a circular stating in substance that the Treasury will furnish in sums of \$20 or more by express free of charges, or by registered mail in sums or multiples of \$50, the fractional charges paid, to any point in the United States.

Suicide by Asphyxiation. CHICAGO, Sept. 16.—The dead body of J. H. Stethamer was found this morning at the Stafford House. He had closed his room and turned on two gas jets, thus suiciding. He came here from San Francisco two months ago with plenty of money and had determined to enjoy himself. For the last week he had been constantly under the influence of liquor. Nothing is known of him except his name and that his residence is in San Francisco.

Miss Ava to Appear in a Dime Museum. CINCINNATI, Sept. 16.—Miss Vera Ava has found her recreation. Just this afternoon she closed her engagement with a dime museum to appear on exhibition at their halls and tell visitors about her abduction. She will receive \$300 per week. Her appearance commences here to-morrow afternoon and will continue until the end of the week, when she will go to Chicago for a two weeks' engagement.

Church of Unity Conference. CHICAGO, Sept. 16.—The Church of Unity Conference met here to-day. Rev. C. E. Halbert of Detroit presiding. The object of the conference is to discourage the intense sectarian spirit at present dominant in the churches and encourage the banding together of all Christian people in the neighborhood, under one common church organization. A number of interesting addresses were made to-day.

Silver Purchases. WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—The Treasury Department to-day completed the purchase of silver for the current month. No further purchases will be made until October 21. The amount of silver offered to-day for sale was 800,000 ounces, and the amount purchased was 400,000 ounces, ranging in price from 0.97 to 0.9720.

Railroad Combine. DENVER, Sept. 16.—The Republican this morning states, from information in its possession, that the proposed combination of a doubt that the Santa Fe and Denver and Rio Grande have entered into a combine which is virtually the consolidation of the two systems, and that no President of the General Managers will be appointed to the Rio Grande without first receiving the indorsement of the Santa Fe.

Suit Against Newspapers. HARRISBURG (Pa.), Sept. 16.—The Attorney-General began suit to-day against the publishers of the Philadelphia Press, Inquirer, News, German Democrat, North American and Evening Bulletin, to recover sums of money alleged to have been paid as rebates to persons who procured for them the advertisement of the mercantile appraisers' list.

Pension Awards. WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—California pensions: Original—J. H. Murray, Horace Bigelow, James O. Burton, Charles Weyneke, Thomas Costello, John McMaster, Wm. Josiah Russell, Joseph H. Hogue, Wm. Van Orman, Francis W. Shaw, Deceased—Dennis McCoy, James Hadcock, John C. Willet. Original widows—Charlotte A. Shaw, Sarah Brannan.

Postal Matters. WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—The daily exchange of through registered mail pouches is to be established on the 27th inst. between Portland and Astoria, Or., leaving each place at 6 A. M. A new Postoffice has been established at Grove, Mason County, Washington, with Henry W. Martin as Postmaster.

Charged With Embezzlement. MORRISTOWN (Pa.), Sept. 16.—W. F. Stirling, ex-Treasurer of the Montgomery Trust Company, has been arrested charged with altering the books of that firm and appropriating to his own use \$250,000 of its funds.

FROM SORROW TO JOY.

Happiness Again Reigns in a Portland Millionaire's Household.

HIS KIDNAPED SON FOUND IN A PENNSYLVANIA TOWN.

A Former Resident of San Francisco Suicides by Asphyxiation in a Chicago Hotel—Miss Vera Ava, Over Whom Such a Strife Was Created in Chicago, Signs a Contract to Appear in a Dime Museum.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 16.—After a six years' search the son of George W. Whitebeck, a millionaire of Portland, Or., was found at Homestead yesterday. Detective Nelson, who traced the boy, tells the following story: "George W. Whitebeck was one of the most successful dealers on the Oregon coast. He retired from business ten years ago and married Lydia Robinson, the daughter of one of the wealthiest California forty-niners. She was Mr. Robinson's only child, and he gave her a fortune of \$500,000. The happy young couple built a fine residence on the outskirts of Portland."

"One afternoon, when the child was fourteen months old, he was spirited away. Diligent search was prosecuted, but no trace of him could be found. The parents were almost frantic, and offered fabulous amounts of money for the return of the child. About a month afterward the family received a communication from San Diego, Cal., purporting to be from the kidnapers, stating that if \$100,000 were forthcoming the child would be returned. Mr. Whitebeck advertised that double the sum would be gladly paid and no questions asked of the anonymous writer would bring the boy back, but the miscreants, evidently fearing a trap, did not turn up."

"I have been anxiously for two years in search of the boy, and in that time have visited almost every city in the United States. I finally came across my first clue at Omaha. Not about six months ago, where I learned that a woman having a strange child being peddled in the city. I knew belonged to Harry, had left there two years previously for Pittsburg. I came here and located the boy near Homestead. The man gave me no more by way without any trouble. We will return to Oregon as fast as possible."

Fractional Currency. WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Owing to numerous inquiries coming from different parts of the country for fractional silver coin, the United States Treasurer has prepared a circular stating in substance that the Treasury will furnish in sums of \$20 or more by express free of charges, or by registered mail in sums or multiples of \$50, the fractional charges paid, to any point in the United States.

Suicide by Asphyxiation. CHICAGO, Sept. 16.—The dead body of J. H. Stethamer was found this morning at the Stafford House. He had closed his room and turned on two gas jets, thus suiciding. He came here from San Francisco two months ago with plenty of money and had determined to enjoy himself. For the last week he had been constantly under the influence of liquor. Nothing is known of him except his name and that his residence is in San Francisco.

Miss Ava to Appear in a Dime Museum. CINCINNATI, Sept. 16.—Miss Vera Ava has found her recreation. Just this afternoon she closed her engagement with a dime museum to appear on exhibition at their halls and tell visitors about her abduction. She will receive \$300 per week. Her appearance commences here to-morrow afternoon and will continue until the end of the week, when she will go to Chicago for a two weeks' engagement.

Church of Unity Conference. CHICAGO, Sept. 16.—The Church of Unity Conference met here to-day. Rev. C. E. Halbert of Detroit presiding. The object of the conference is to discourage the intense sectarian spirit at present dominant in the churches and encourage the banding together of all Christian people in the neighborhood, under one common church organization. A number of interesting addresses were made to-day.