

FRUIT INDUSTRY.

Large Attendance at the Convention at Fresno.

A STATE CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION TO BE FORMED.

Miner Shot and Seriously Wounded Near Mokelumne Hill by a Man Whom He Had Accused of Robbing Him--Revenue Officers Raid the Chinese Shops of Boise City, Idaho, and Unearth a Quantity of Contraband Optum.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

MOJESTO, Feb. 18.--The Fruit-Growers' Convention met this morning. The attendance was large. All the important fruit-growing districts of the State were well represented. After a short address by Temporary Chairman Buck, explaining the purpose of the convention, the election of officers was proceeded with.

Lamarie Acquitted.

Oil in San Luis Obispo County.

Charged With Attempted Murder.

Fifteen Years at San Quentin.

Robbed His Friend.

Guns for the Presidio.

Electric Lights for Pomona.

Moist Weather.

HEAVY RAINFALL IN THE NORTHERN PORTION.

The Farmers and Fruit-Growers are Greatly Pleased at the Present Outlook.

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MAJESTO, Feb. 18.--It commenced raining last night and has continued since, over two inches having fallen up to the present time, with prospects of continuing all night. Farmers and orchardists are jubilant, all saying it is just what they wanted. A large acreage has been sown and a large crop of grain is assured. The outlook for fruit is also excellent, and a large yield is confidently expected.

MONSTER PICNIC.

Chicoles to Hold a Grand Fair at Bidwell's Grove.

CHICO, Feb. 18.--For several weeks a movement has been on foot among the farmers, citizens and business men to hold a big parade and picnic in Bidwell's Grove, here, on May 6, 1892, and invitations have been sent out to all civic and military societies, citizens, etc., in Northern California. A parade of all the societies will take place through the principal streets; then to the grove, where orations by the most noted men of the State will be given.

CHICO, Feb. 18.--A nice warm rain commenced to fall last evening, continuing throughout the night. Up to 7 A. M. today .32 of an inch had fallen.

CHICO, Feb. 18.--A nice warm rain has been falling here for the past twenty-four hours, .65 of an inch having fallen. The total for the season is 8.46 inches, against 7.15 inches last season at the same date. Prospects for crops are good.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO, Feb. 18.--It is raining heavily with very appearance of a continuation. So far, the season is most favorable, and the present storm comes as it was made to order.

STOCKTON, Feb. 18.--Rain fell here today. It registered half an inch, and more is falling to-night, with promise of a steady storm. The rain came at a good time for crops, and the farmers are happy.

CARNOT HAS NO CABINET.

All of the Ministers Tender Their Resignations.

THE DEPUTIES DEFEAT ONE OF THEIR PET MEASURES.

Balfour Introduces in the House of Commons the Long-Talked-of Irish Local Government Bill--The Opposition Characterize it as the Most Studied Insult Ever Levelled at the Irish People.

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PARIS, Feb. 18.--All the members of the French Ministry have tendered their resignations to President Carnot. The cause of the resignation of the ministry was the action of the Chamber of Deputies in connection with the bill dealing with associations.

France and the Vatican.

Combating Contagious Diseases.

The Storm in Europe.

WAR AMONG INDIANS.

Smallpox at Bombay.

Received by President Diaz.

System of Nominating Candidates.

SAMOAN AFFAIRS.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

None of the Powers Would Back Them, Ask for Peace.

[Correspondence Associated Press.]

APIA (Samoa), Feb. 18.--Some important changes have taken place in the political situation here. A Matafa's followers have at last broken out from their seclusion, and are now openly active.

Balfour explained the workings of the bill as proposed, and said the system of franchise suggested would give the minority a vote in the House of Commons. The House might use its power to oppress a small minority, and might be guilty of unjust and persistent corruption.

Replying to Healy, Balfour said the bill would not touch the system of Ireland, and the incident of taxation would remain as at present. In conclusion, Balfour said he did not pretend that the bill would remove the cause of the agitation to further the views of any political party.

John Morley characterized the bill the House would not pass, and he therefore recommended the bill to the favorable attention of the House.

Chief Justice Cederstrom still refuses to pay duty on his imports. He has framed a number of laws for use of native magistrates, but they come too late, as in the present state of the country there is no way of reforming them. There have been no cases in his court since.

A large meeting of rate-payers was held here February 22 to elect a committee to draw up a list of suggestions for alterations in the Bill, in conformity with the views of the rate-payers.

Confidence of Colored Men.

Prospects of a Duel.

Typhus Fever.

WHEAT MARKET.

Three Millionaires Said to be in Absolute Control of It.

JOHN W. MACKAY MENTIONED AS ONE OF THEM.

Four Men Killed and Another Injured in a Fight Which Occurred Between Two Men in a New Mexico Town--Two More of Typhus Fever--Discoveries in New York--Steamships Not in Quarantine.

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CHICAGO, Feb. 18.--The Tribune says there are strong indications that the wheat market is being manipulated, and indicated that J. D. Rockefeller, the Standard Oil Company, James T. North, the nitrate king, and John W. Mackay, the bonanza millionaire, are at the back of it. The paper asserts that the sales of wheat on the Chicago Board of Trade alone aggregate 70,000,000 or 80,000,000 bushels, whereas there are less than 40,000,000 bushels of actual wheat in the West, leaving about 40,000,000 bushels which are really "wind" sales, and must be covered at whatever prices the market touches.

The paper says that similar short sales were made by the combine in all the principal wheat dealing cities of the country and at Liverpool; that last fall trusted agents were sent to Europe to secure the actual shortage of wheat there, and that the buying commenced last December, and has been carried on ever since by dealers accustomed to the demand for wheat, and they have, without attracting attention, have secured absolute control of the market.

Other report of the affair says Deacon had gone up to Paris, but returned suddenly and went straight to his wife's bedroom. Mr. Deacon had been told that he did not know his wife's whereabouts, but he had been told that she had been in the city for some time.

When Deacon burst into the bedroom he found the story as it is, his wife in bed and Mr. Deacon standing by the bedside, evidently having sprung out of bed with the intention of escaping. After having reproached his wife, who moaned with grief, he turned to the bed and fell on her knees and piteously implored him to forgive her, the American said to have turned his wrath upon Anabelle, who had professed the most friendly feelings for the coming husband, and after upbraiding him fired three shots. The Frenchman screamed with agony, and fell back on a mat in front of the bed and died.

Deacon then turned to his wife and said: "Killing is too good for you; you shall be executed for a worse crime than shall live to have the finger of scorn pointed at you during the rest of your life. Never let me see your deceitful face again."

Deacon at these words gave a shriek, and fell flat on her face in a swoon.

The Deacons, or at least Mr. Deacon, came from Boston. They have lived abroad for about fifteen years. Mrs. Deacon is the daughter of the late Admiral Baldwin, U. S. N., and a wealthy woman in her own right. In Europe and America they moved in the very best circles. They have not, it is said, been happily for some time.

DISASTER AT SEA.

WHALING BARK WRECKED OFF THE COAST OF HAWAII.

The Captain and Seventeen of the Crew Drowned While Endeavoring to Reach the Shore.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.--The steamer Mariposa arrived from Sydney and Honolulu to-day, bringing news of the wreck of the whaler Tamerlane at the Bluffs of the Puna, about sixteen miles from Hilo, Hawaii, February 1st, with the loss of eighteen men out of the ship's company of thirty-seven. The Captain and the first and second officers were among the number lost. According to the stories told by the survivors, those who stuck to the vessel were saved, and only those who tried to escape were lost. It is claimed that the vessel was wrecked where he was, though he was sure that the islands were near that he gave orders for a sharp lookout to be kept. The night was rainy and squally, and the darkness was intense. But there was no thought of danger until the boom of the surf was heard, and before any order could be done to extricate the vessel from her precarious position, she struck.

Those of the crew below were summoned to deck, but were seen that there was nothing to be done except to endeavor to save their lives. Two boats were lowered, and the Captain and first officer, with others of the ship's crew entered them. They were swamped, however, and all were lost. The men who were left on the wreck clung to her until they perceived that she was breaking up and sinking away under them. Some leaped to the land as soon as they were able, and others held on and were swept away by the waves. The vessel was wrecked until returning light showed some way to the shore, but the violence of the waves warned them that delay must mean death. The third mate was during these hours the mainstay of the men, and when finally a narrow plank was discovered which they could climb to the land he was the last to leave the ship.

The list of the lost is as follows: Captain Howland, New Bedford, Mass.; Charles Tucker, New Bedford, first mate; William A. Freeman, San Francisco, boat-steerer; Allen Wilber, New Bedford, second mate; John Allen, Guaymas, boat-steerer; Harry Solon, Minnema, carpenter; Fred Bridgman, cook; Moses, a Hawaiian, boat-steerer; Henry Johnson, American, boat-steerer; Michael Sullivan, American, steward; Frank Hewitt, Toronto; Frederick Muesen, Swiss; Dietrich Kaiser, Scandinavian; John Anderson, German; Olive Anderson, Scandinavian; and John Jonnett, Boston, all able seamen, and George Knowles, San Francisco, and John Smith, American, green hands.

The Tamerlane was an old-timer, having been built in Maine in 1838. It was Captain Howland's first voyage in the Pacific, although he had made many voyages in other waters. The bark cleared from this port January 12th last, with thirty-eight men aboard, all told. The Mariposa brought up Third Mate James W. Fardee and eight seamen.

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When Bland was through with his personal tirade against Harter there were cries of "Fair play" throughout the house, and Harter arose by Bland's side to reply, as visibly agitated as Bland was himself. The members immediately crowded around Harter to hear his rejoinder to the charges against him. The latter began by saying that he was not a millionaire, and not a national banker, but was as much of a farmer as any member of the House, not excepting the Chairman of the Agricultural Committee. Mr. Harter went on to state his views on the silver question, until he had almost finished his speech when Bland again gained additional time to reply to some of Harter's statements, and sent to the Clerk's desk the Congressional Directory giving the names of the members who had signed the circular, stating that he was a banker and manufacturer and a Democrat. Bland asserted stoutly that Harter was not a Democrat, and that he was a Democrat, that Bland was, and said he would not read Bland's record, which may have been in the Congressional Directory. Harter then arose and said he was more of a Democrat than Bland was, and said he would not read Bland's record, which may have been in the Congressional Directory. Harter then arose and said he was more of a Democrat than Bland was, and said he would not read Bland's record, which may have been in the Congressional Directory.

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