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The Pension Office Investigation Takes a Political Cast.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS RELATING TO APPOINTMENTS.

Negotiations for a Renewal of the Modus Vivendi in Relation to the Behring Sea Controversy Progressing Favorably, with Every Indication of a Speedy Settlement—Canadian Sealers Notified that in Clearing for Behring Sea They Do So at Their Own Risk.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The Pension Office investigation took a decidedly political cast this afternoon, Enloe pursuing the inquiry for a long time. He inquired if the bureau was not used for political purposes. The Commissioner said he never wrote a letter to the Medical Board of Examiners requesting the performance of any political act, but if he found the Examiners using their places to aid the Democratic party he would call them in. In assigning men to the field he makes it a point to know their politics. He denied that more appointments were made in doubtful districts just before the elections than at other times, or more pensions granted in districts where votes were needed than where not so much needed.

Enloe asked if the office did not adjudicate claims most rapidly in close Congressional Districts.

Raum denied this emphatically.

Enloe wanted to know how it was that in States where the Democrats had a majority it was exceedingly difficult to get a call for status answered, let alone get the case adjudicated.

The Commissioner replied that calls averaged about a thousand a day this session, and latterly had been increasing so that not more than twenty-five per cent. could be answered without stopping the deciding of claims. Had he not stopped the practice he would probably have issued 75,000 less certificates than last year.

Enloe asked if the real reason the Commissioners turned over a million dollars to the Treasury last summer was not because the Treasury was reduced to financial straits.

Raum said he had the balances reported at the close of the fiscal year, and as he could not use them next year he called on the Secretary of the Treasury and informed him that he could transfer five millions. The Secretary said he would be glad if it were done, and the Commissioner gave the necessary directions.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Yesterday's Proceedings in the Senate and House.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—In the Senate this morning, replying to a direct question proposed to the Committee on Foreign Relations touching the Nicaragua Canal, Sherman, Chairman of the committee, stated that the work was progressing favorably under private corporation; that Congress had done nothing whatever to aid it; that a bill now under consideration by a sub-committee, which is now taking testimony in relation to the present condition and future prospects of the canal, is expected to be reported as soon as possible. If the committee were hopeful that Congress would respond to its recommendations, its members would be much more willing to serve, as they were now doing taking testimony. He hoped, however, before long to make a report to the Senate on the subject.

Morgan presented resolutions directing the Finance Committee to inquire into the causes for the depression of agriculture and business and the effect of the Silver Act of 1850. He announced he would call them up for discussion tomorrow, regardless of the feelings of the President or the Democratic Presidential nominee. Morgan's object is to present his views on silver, which he could not do under the rules when Stewart calls up the silver bill on Monday.

The Senate rejected—29 to 34—the amendment to strike out of the Indian appropriation bill the provision to assign army officers to duty as Indian Agents. This votes leaves the provision incorporated in the bill providing for the assignment of army officers to Indian Agents' duties.

The Senate then adjourned.

THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—After routine business the House went into Committee of the Whole on the free wool bill.

Brosius of Pennsylvania spoke against the bill. Wheeler of Alabama denounced the McKinley Act, and favored the pending measure. Johnson of Ohio, Stockdale of Mississippi, Norton of Missouri and Stout of Michigan spoke in favor of the measure. Herman of Oregon opposed it.

The debate was without incident except for a demonstration early in the afternoon, when Governor McKinley appeared on the floor and was warmly greeted by his old colleagues.

When the committee rose, the House took a recess until 8 o'clock this evening.

The People's party Representatives made attempts all this morning to call up the anti-Pinkerton resolution, introduced some time ago by Watson of Georgia, which has never been reported on by the Judiciary Committee. Watson and Simpson were unable to gain recognition, but say they will keep at it from day to day until they force action of some kind on the bill.

BEHRING SEA DISPUTE.

Negotiations for a Renewal of the Modus Vivendi Progressing.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Negotiations for the renewal of the *modus vivendi* in the Behring Sea matter are progressing favorably, with every indication of speedy agreement. The British Minister visited the White House this morning, at the invitation of the President, and had an hour's conference with the President and Mr. Blaine in regard to the subject.

SALISBURY'S INTENTIONS.

OTTAWA (Ont.), March 31.—A member of the Cabinet says: "The instructions sent to the Collector of Customs in British Columbia to refuse clearances to Behring Sea were sent out ten days ago, which gives confirmation to the statement that Salisbury was determined upon agreeing to the *modus vivendi* at that time."

Erroneous reports are in circulation respecting the issue of clearances for sealers going to Behring Sea. It is not true that the Collector at Victoria has been authorized to refuse clearances. Collector Milne has simply been told to notify sealers in clearing for Behring Sea that they will do so at their own risk, and in the event of a *modus vivendi* being agreed upon they will be required to strictly observe its provisions.

Land Case Decided.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The case of William Evans vs. Walter Ede, from which Ede appealed from the decision of the General Land Commissioner affirming the action of local officers holding for cancellation 160 acres as a desert land entry, embraced in sections 13, 14 and 24, Susanville, Cal., Assistant Secretary of the Interior Chandler reversed the judgment appealed from and ordered that the entry be allowed to stand.

Peace Almost Restored.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Venezuelan Minister Peraza to-day received orders from his Government by cable to declare the recently published statements about Venezuela unfounded; that there has been no battle fought near Caracas. Peace is almost restored. The new Cabinet of Palacio enjoys the confidence of the people, and the situation is far from being a violent one.

Contested Election Expenses Allowed.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections has decided to allow $4,000 and $1,250, respectively, to Claggett and Davidson, contestants, and $2,000 to Dubois to meet the expenses he was put to in defending the title to his seat.

Russian Anti-Jewish Laws.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The Foreign Affairs Committee to-day instructed Chipman to report favorably to the House his resolution to inquire into the effect of the anti-Jewish laws of Russia on American citizens.

Foreign Exhibits at the World's Fair.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The House to-day passed a bill to protect foreign exhibitors at the World's Fair from prosecution for exhibiting wares protected by American patents and trade-marks.

Anti-Option Bills.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The House Committee on Agriculture has agreed on a substitute for all the anti-option bills referred to it. It is said to be much milder than the Hatch bill.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—R. Stow is appointed Postmaster at Bellevue, Yamhill County, Or., vice A. Noe, resigned, and John McCarthy Postmaster at Berkeley, Cal.

BOISTEROUS ELEMENTS.

DESTRUCTIVE CYCLONE SWEEPS OVER NEBRASKA.

The Town of Nelson Badly Wrecked—Two Men Reported Killed and Other Persons Injured.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

OMAHA, March 31.—A special to the Omaha *Bee* from Nelson to-day, says: A terrible cyclone struck Nelson this evening. It came from the southwest, and could be seen at least ten minues before it struck the town. It was preceded by a terrific hail-storm lasting several minutes, after which came the storm, which proved the worst and most destructive which has ever visited this section of Nebraska. The storm struck the town with terrible force at 8:15 P. M. Many rushed to the cellars and stores for safety.

The damages have been estimated at $100,000. The First National Bank was unroofed, the Opera-house block unroofed and the southwest end torn out. The Arlington Hotel was unroofed, a new school-house costing $8,000 almost destroyed, and the Presbyterian Church badly wrecked. A large number of residences were completely wrecked, nothing being left except the cellars and foundations. One half of a house, that of Henry Pope, was carried along in the track of the storm nearly an eighth of a mile, with its contents and Mrs. Pope and two children. Fortunately, however, the family escaped uninjured. Miss Mary Brayman, assistant principal of the Nelson High School, was seriously hurt, having a leg and several ribs broken. Mrs. John Eaton was also seriously injured.

Most of the buildings were insured only against fire, and the loss is almost total. Nothing has yet been learned as to the damage done in the surrounding country.

TWO MEN KILLED.

LINCOLN (Neb.), March 31.—Unconfirmed reports have reached this city that a cyclone struck the town of Nelson, wrecking it badly. Edgar, in Clay County, is also said to be damaged. The depot was blown down and two men killed. The wires are down, and it is impossible to get anything from that section. The storm evidently traveled in a northerly direction. Specials from Wahoo and Norfolk tell of unusual severity there, a number of houses being blown down, but no serious damage resulting.

BUSY BARWICK.

A Weather Observer Who Has Been on Duty for Nineteen Years.

Observer Barwick completed his nineteenth year of service in the Weather Bureau yesterday, during which time he has performed duty for the Government at Mount Washington, N. H.; Washington City, D. C.; St. Paul, Minn.; Yankton, N. Dakota; Denver, Col.; Alpene, Mich., and Sacramento, having been on duty over eleven years in this city. During the Observer's entire service he has had no assistant, performing the arduous duties of a Weather Observer unaided and alone, with but sixty days rest, and a loss of but eight days on account of sickness.

Mr. Barwick states that he is "saving up" now, so as to be able to visit his home and old-time friends in Maryland during the World's Fair, as he has not been home since April, 1878.

DR. DANIEL DUSTIN.

An Old Californian Dies at His Home in Missouri.

Dr. Daniel Dustin, who died at Carthage, Mo., last Wednesday, will be remembered by many Californians. He represented Nevada County in the Assembly of 1856, and lived for some years at French Corral. His former home was at Sycamour, Ill. He served in the war and attained the rank of Brigadier-General, and was appointed by President Harrison to the office of Sub-Treasurer at Chicago. He had been ailing for some years, being afflicted with Bright's disease.

Daniel Dustin was greatly honored and esteemed by all who knew him, and a large number of friends learn of his demise with sorrow.

He Was Americanized.

Arthur Cordus De Costa, a native of Portugal, was admitted to citizenship by Superior Judge Van Fleet yesterday. The applicant made affidavit that he became a resident of the United States at age of 18 years. Charles E. Addington and Henry M. Nathan vouched for De Costa.

Notary Appointed.

Governor Markham appointed Robert G. Graham a Notary Public for West Oakland, Alameda County, yesterday.

In New York there are about 10,000 telephones, public and private; in London, about 6,500; in Berlin, about 17,500, and in Paris, about 10,000.

TRAGEDY AT VIRGINIA CITY.

A Store Clerk Mortally Shot by a Quarrelsome Miner.

THE BULLET EVIDENTLY INTENDED FOR ANOTHER PARTY.

Desperate and Bloody Conflict Between Two Prisoners at San Quentin—Governor Markham Inspects the Napa Insane Asylum—An Electrical Storm Hovers Over the City of Chico—Cloud-burst in Mariposa County.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

VIRGINIA CITY, March 31.—Auguste Bonhaben was shot and killed to-night by Jeremiah Barry, in A. Laigneau's store on South C street. Laigneau states that Barry entered his place of business and requested a loan of $50, which was refused. Barry then began abusing Laigneau and his clerk, Bonhaben, and announced his intention of killing Laigneau for refusing him the money. Laigneau and Bonhaben were standing close together in the front part of the store at the time when the threat was made, and Barry immediately after making the threat pulled a pistol from his pocket. Both Laigman and his clerk retreated toward a side door leading into the office on the premises, but before they reached it Barry fired a bullet, striking Bonhaben on the top of the head and penetrating the brain, the wound proving fatal shortly thereafter. The bullet that killed Bonhaben was evidently intended for Laigneau.

After firing the fatal shot Barry dropped the pistol and fled, and has not yet been found. Bonhaben was a native of France, aged 30 years, and was a quiet and industrious citizen. His murderer is employed in the Yellow Jacket mine at Gold Hill, and arrived here from Grass Valley, Cal., a few years ago. Six months ago he was arrested for drawing a pistol on a local policeman, when arrested for disturbing the peace, and has the reputation of being a "tough" when intoxicated. Telegrams describing the murderer have been sent in every direction, and the Sheriff has mounted deputies scouring the country in search of him.

STABBED IN THE SHOULDER.

WINNEMUCCA (Nev.), March 31.—Two sheep shearers named A. A. Bell and Martinez, quarreled over a game of cards at Paradise Hill to-day, when Martinez stabbed Bell in the left shoulder, inflicting an ugly but not dangerous wound.

STORM NOTES.

Hail, Thunder and Lightning at Chico—Whirlwind West of Town.

CHICO, March 31.—There was a hailstorm here yesterday, accompanied by severe thunder and lightning. Many skylights in the city were broken, and some trees completely stripped of their leaves. The lightning struck an oak tree near town, completely demolishing it. At the Rancho Chico Dairy lightning struck the new building used at night as a cowshed, and eight large timbers were torn to pieces. Two men working near were partly stunned by the flash. An enormous whirlwind passed west of town, crossing Lindo Creek, taking up water and rubbish from the bed and carrying it quite a distance across the field, tearing limbs off oak trees as it passed.

Following the storm there was a heavy frost this morning, which may increase damage already done by the hail.

Men were kept at work all night in General Bidwell's orchard burning straw to protect the fruit from frost. Early grain in many places was beaten down, and all fruit damaged to some extent. Little wind prevailed during the storm.

The weather to-day is clear and warm, with little wind.

CLOUDBURST IN MARIPOSA COUNTY.

MERCED, March 31.—A cloudburst occurred in the mountains near Coulterville yesterday. The water came down in torrents from the clouds, washing away fences, uprooting trees, overturning bowlders and creating general ruin. It lasted for half an hour, and raised the Merced River several feet.

HEAVY FROST.

SONOMA, March 31.—A heavy frost visited this valley last night, but owing to a high wind which prevailed during the early part of the evening the moisture from the ground was absorbed and deprived the frost from its terrors. Had it not been for the wind the frost would have damaged the fruit crop to an extent of thousands of dollars and desolated many young vineyards.

CROPS SAFE.

NEWCASTLE, March 31.—There was a light frost last night. The crops are reported safe. There are encouraging prospects for large fruit crops.

BEAUTIFUL SIGHT.

PACIFIC GROVE, March 31.—The people here were yesterday, during a shower, treated to one of the finest sights ever witnessed in nature—a rainbow—a perfect arch of brilliant colors, that laid upon the water, each end apparently touching the beach.

BLOODY ENCOUNTER.

Exciting Scene in the Jute Mill at San Quentin.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—Yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock there was an exciting scene in the jute mill at the San Quentin State Prison. During the morning two convicts, named James Wilkinson, alias Tug Wilson, and Martin Gleeson, were employed rolling the bales of jute into the mill. Several times Wilkinson manifested signs of displeasure at the evident desire of his fellow-laborer to shirk the duty imposed upon him, but no serious outcome of the apparent animosity between the two was anticipated by the prison officials.

After the noon meal the men resumed their work, but both were sullen and evidently desirous of picking a fight. Both men had large hooks in their hands for the purpose of rolling the bales, and when Wilkinson finally charged Gleeson with skulking his work there was an outbreak. Gleeson made several savage lunges at Wilkinson, cutting him twice in the face. Large knives were soon substituted for the hooks, and with these more effective weapons the battle was renewed. During the encounter Gleeson also received a severe gash, extending across the entire front of the throat, from which the blood spurted in a crimson torrent. Maddened by the pain of the wound and the sight of blood Gleeson struck Wilkinson a terrible blow in the mouth, knocking out several of his teeth.

By this time the guards appeared and the men separated. An examination by the prison physician showed that neither of them was seriously hurt, unless blood poisoning sets in.

POOR HARRIS.

His Gilt-Edged Team is Still in the Rut.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—The home club and Oaklands crossed bats to-day for the first time this season, and the latter won by a score of five to three. The game was virtually decided in the first inning, when Carroll drove out a ball to the left-field fence when the bases were filled. The game was fairly interesting, but the hitting, outside of that of Carroll and Denny Sweeney, was rather light. Both pitchers were steady, and received fair support.

THE DUKES DEFEATED.

LOS ANGELES, March 31.—Glenalvin's giants turned the tables to-day by beating the San Joses by a score of seven to four. Harper proved pudding for the Los Angeles boys, and he was freely batted. The heavy hitting of Los Angeles was a feature of the game, Glenalvin getting three base hits and Tredway two double baggers.

COLONEL BRADY'S WILL.

Contest Over a Three Thousand Dollar Insurance Policy.

VIRGINIA (Nev.), March 31.—The will of the late Colonel John T. Brady, who recently died here, bequeathed to his brother William an insurance policy for $3,000, issued by Unity Council, Order of Chosen Friends. Miss Jennie Brophy of San Francisco is mentioned as heir in the original policy, but on his deathbed Brady requested that a new policy be issued, naming his brother as legatee. Miss Brophy is now here, and has presented to the council her policy and demands payment to her of the $3,000 insurance on the deceased. The matter has been referred to the Supreme Lodge of the order, and in the event that a decision should be made in favor of Miss Brophy, suit will be brought by the brother of deceased to recover the amount of the insurance.

Oregon Prohibitionists.

PORTLAND, March 31.—The Prohibition Convention met to-day and made the following nominations: Congressmen—First District, W. T. Rigdon of Salem; Second District, Cornelius J. Bright of Sherman County; Supreme Judge, Benjamin F. Welch of Portland; Presidential Electors—A. W. Lucas of Monmouth, W. F. Ames of Portland, George W. Black of Ashland, and N. R. Gaylord of Eugene; Delegates to the National Convention—Mrs. N. S. Dygert, F. W. Spangler, J. H. Roorka, F. W. Miller, Mrs. F. W. Miller, W. S. Hurst, M. S. Riddel, Mrs. M. W. Kinney, Elijah Bailey and J. H. Bushnell. One thousand dollars were subscribed for campaign expenses.

Death From Alcoholism.

LOS ANGELES March 31.—Leonard Sweitzer, under arrest as a vagrant, died in the City Jail this morning. It is learned that recently he assigned his life insurance policy for $4,000 to a colored man here in consideration that the latter keep him supplied with liquor. Sweitzer kept drunk from the time the bargain was struck and died from alcoholism. He was the father of the girl Gormley brutally assaulted and for which he was sent to San Quentin for fifty years. The girl is missing.

California Midland Road.

MERCED, March 31.—Charles E. Ertz, proprietor of the California Midland, and party were here to-day looking over the route from Stockton to Bakersfield. He positively denied the report that he is backed by the Southern Pacific, or that the Southern Pacific has anything to do with his enterprise. The party left this afternoon. They drove about Merced, and then started for Visalia in a carriage.

Timothy Hopkins Resigns.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—Timothy Hopkins this afternoon resigned his position as Treasurer of the Southern Pacific Railroads. The two boards met to receive his resignation, and adjourned immediately afterward. Captain N. T. Smith, Assistant Treasurer of the two companies, and H. E. Huntington, nephew of C. P. Huntington, are mentioned as successors.

Governor Markham at Napa.

NAPA, March 31.—Governor was here to-day, inspecting the State Insane Asylum. This afternoon at the asylum the Governor and Mrs. Markham received a large number of prominent citizens. Later the Governor came to town and held an impromptu reception.

Lumber Mill Burned.

EUREKA, March 31.—John Vance's mill at Eureka was burned this morning. The loss is $20,000; no insurance. The mill caught fire at 8:30, and in twenty minutes all was aflame. It was the oldest mill on Humboldt Bay, and the loss is total. The fire is under control.

BRIEF NOTES.

Superior Judge Van Fleet gave judgment for the defendant yesterday in the suit of John W. Ashley vs. Daniel Mason.

Eureka Lodge, I. O. O. F., has chosen as representatives to the Grand Lodge J. R. Childs, F. H. Duden and B. C. Brier.

The sewer on S street, at Seventeenth, broke during the recent storm, owing to the gate at that point having been kept closed.

Schiller Lodge, I. O. O. F., has elected as representatives to the Grand Lodge George Newman, J. Lindenmayer and O. G. Hartig.

The M. J. McMannus who caused the arrest of Captain Cooke the other day is not a brother of Matt, George and John McMannus.

A little son of Michael Murphy, who resides at Thirty-first and W streets, fell and broke his left arm on Tuesday. He is being treated at the County Hospital.

The suit of Henry Niederhaus vs. Fannie K. Cross was decided in favor of Niederhaus by Superior Judge Van Fleet yesterday, on the default of the defendant.

On Tuesday evening Equity Lodge, Knights and Ladies of Honor, celebrated the fifth anniversary of its organization at Grangers' Hall with a social and literary entertainment.

Hoy Kee is the name of a Chinaman who arrived here yesterday from Carson in almost a dying condition. The sagebrush Chinamen evidently wished to avoid the annoyance and expense of having the poor creature die on their hands.

It was inadvertently published yesterday that A. T. Renwick, the insolvent, kept a saloon at Swiss Station. A. Goldberg keeps the drinking-house at that place and is in affluent circumstances. Renwick kept a place on the Freeport Road, near the Catholic Cemetery.

It is understood that the souvenir to be presented by the Printers' and Newspaper Writers' Unions to George W. Childs, on his visit here, will consist of a richly-bound and embossed volume containing an engrossed address and one or more original California engravings specially prepared for the work.

The obstruction of a gutter at Sixth and Q streets, causing the flooding of the street, has been removed by order of Commissioner Green. There is also a blockade in the gutter on the south side of P street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth, which should be removed, and the gutter opened to the sewer connection at Thirteenth.

Slater's Addition Heard From.

There was a "high old time" over on Jibboom street yesterday. John Broderick and his wife were arrested at the instance of H. Altpeter, who charged them with disturbing his peace.

Prior to the Altpeter episode Mrs. Broderick had her face decorated in a rather unartistic style by her liege lord.

DARING TRAIN ROBBERY.

Masked Men Make a Raid on Uncle Sam's Letter Pouches.

SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS' WORTH OF REGISTERED LETTERS TAKEN.

Minnesota Democrats Unanimously Indorse Cleveland for the Presidential Nomination—The Steamer Golden Rule Burned at Cincinnati and Many Lives Believed to Have Been Lost—Negro Laborers Badly Used by Contractors in the Adirondack Woods.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

BIRMINGHAM (Ala.), March 31.—The passenger train on the Pacific road was held up by robbers ten miles south from here this morning on a long trestle. As the train moved away from the station a robber boarded the engine and covered the engineer with his rifle, compelling him to stop the train a hundred feet away on a trestle. One man stood guard over the engineer and fireman, while several others opened fire on those inside the train in order to frighten the passengers. Another robber knocked on the door of the mail car, demanding entrance, which was refused. He then broke open the door, firing at the postal clerk, who was slightly wounded.

They robbed the mail car of registered letters to the amount of $6,000. The express car was unmolested.

The entire robbery was done in a few minutes, all of which time several of the gang kept up firing, and Flagman Quincy Adams was nearly killed.

The engineer says that the robber on the engine was a white man. The postal clerk says that the man who robbed him was a mulatto.

The robbers are being pursued with bloodhounds.

MINNESOTA DEMOCRATS.

Delegates to the National Convention Instructed for Cleveland.

ST. PAUL, March 31.—The Democratic State Convention held to-day was an enthusiastic Cleveland indorsement meeting. Resolutions heartily indorsing Cleveland and instructing the delegates to the National Convention to work for him, went through with a rush. The platform opposes protection and favors a gradual reform of the tariff. On the coinage it holds, in accordance with the traditional policy of the party, the use of both gold and silver, and that the sole coinage function of the Government is to examine the relative values of metals of coinage established by the commercial world, and if there has been a sufficient fluctuation in the value of either to make the existing ratios unequal, then to readjust the ratios so the number of grains of either metal in a dollar will be equivalent in value, and then permit free and unrestricted coinage of both metals. The repeal of the Sherman Silver Coinage Act is demanded.

STEAMER BURNED.

A Lady Passenger Drowned While Endeavoring to Escape.

CINCINNATI (O.), March 31.—As the steamer Golden Rule was leaving the wharf this afternoon a fire suddenly broke out under the forward hatchway, and a wild panic ensued. Only those nearest the hatchway were able to escape. The others rushed to the stern of the boat and climbed on to the upper deck of the Keystone State. Before all were rescued the flames became so fierce that the Keystone State backed into the river. The Golden Rule was then caught and swung to the wharfboat, where the rest made their escape, with the exception of Miss Nellie Maloney, who fell between the boat and barge and was drowned. The losses by fire aggregate $50,000.

LATER—At midnight it is feared that several other lives were lost. It is said that fifteen roustabout deck hands were in the hold when the fire broke out. The firemen say nobody escaped after they got there. Second Mate Riley is missing, and it is feared that he and several roustabouts were lost.

Negro Laborers Abused.

UTICA (N. Y.), March 31.—The State Commissioners on Arbitration have taken a large quantity of evidence at Lowville in regard to abuses in the Adirondack Woods among contractors. One man swore he had seen the boss put a rope around a negro's neck and drag him. Another gave testimony to the effect that one boss, while on horseback put a rope around a negro's body and chased him back to camp. Others told about a boss carrying a revolver in each hand and others in overcoat pockets when they drove the men to work.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

W. I. Orth went to San Francisco yesterday afternoon.

Supervisor Thomas Jenkins came in from Florin yesterday.

Lawyer Thomas McGowan of San Francisco is in the city.

A. J. Wetzlar, the Underwriters' agent, is at the Golden Eagle Hotel.

W. A. Durham, Assessor of Colusa County, was here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Houx of Maxwell are at the Golden Eagle Hotel.

Mrs. Gus Waltenspiel of Ione is visiting this city, the guest of Miss Hattie Douglas.

Miss Jennie Chase returned home last evening after a sojourn of ten days with friends in Lodi and Ione.

Genial Horace H. Briggs, the San Francisco journalist, who formerly resided here, is spending a few days in town.

Mrs. H. G. Moody of San Jose, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. James Hawks, for three months, has returned to her home.

General J. F. Sheehan, Register of the United States Land Office in San Francisco, was in the city yesterday and returned in the evening.

Mrs. Erskine Greer, wife of the President of the Board of Supervisors, returned yesterday from a visit to San Francisco. Last evening she departed for her home at Fruit Ridge.

Major August Heilbron of the Fourth Brigade Staff, accompanied by his family, will leave Sacramento on Monday next for an extended tour through Europe. He will apply to Governor Markham for a furlough.

At Red Bluff, on Wednesday, Dr. W. B. H. Dodson, editor and publisher of the *Daily Sentinel*, and his wife celebrated in a royal manner the fortieth anniversary of their wedding. Upward of 200 guests were present, including seventeen members of the family. The doctor and his wife were the recipients of many valuable gifts. They were married in Sacramento, March 28, 1852, by Rev. Royal B. Stratton, pastor of the M. E. Church.

Arrivals at the Golden Eagle Hotel yesterday: Geo. F. Heidet, Philadelphia; R. E. Gill, Cleveland; M. Carpenter, F. S. Carpenter, Mrs. F. S. Carpenter, E. H. Davis, D. Gamman, Chicago; W. G. Machham and wife; Fred P. Baker, A. J. Griffin, John Clete, R. Moine, New York; J. H. Colburn, Boston; T. T. Siedge, Memphis; T. A. Harney, Omaha; W. H. Wheelwright, Richmond; Walter Lindley, Whittier; E. E. Stockwell and wife, W. J. Kearney, A. J. Wetzlar, R. H. Palacter, M. Leary, A. M. Barnett, J. T. O'Brien, San Francisco; E. M. Houx and wife, Maxwell; W. T. Barnett, C. H. Wolcott, Los Angeles; A. Kroeger, Chicago; John R. Forrest, F. B. Moulton, I. J. Benjamin, Richard R. Retz, New York; A. P. Gunny, Jesse Waterman, San Francisco.

MARK FEENY.

Freeman's Victim Inquired About by a Supposed Brother in the East.

Police Captain Lee received a letter last evening from John L. Feeny, Surgeon of the Richmond County (N. Y.) Police, making inquiries regarding Mark Feeny, for whose murder Charles Freeman came so near paying the death penalty.

The writer incloses a dispatch from Sacramento which he clipped from the New York *World*, and which contains an account of the murder and the commutation of Freeman's sentence. "I had a brother named Mark Feeny," says the writer, "who left for the West in 1878. He corresponded with my family until August, 1884, for some money. * * * This money we sent him, and received the postal receipt with his signature. Since that time we have never heard from him. We advertised in the California papers our mother's death, hoping that might attract his attention, but without success. You can appreciate our situation. Can you ascertain from the Coroner if any papers were found which might lead to his identity, or if any description can be had whereby we can ascertain if this Mark Feeny was our brother?"

At police headquarters last night little light could be thrown on the matter. None of the officers knew much about Feeny, or where he came from. The matter will be placed in the hands of the Coroner to-day.

The River Well Up.

Last evening the river had reached the nineteen-foot mark, where it appeared to be at a standstill.

HIGGINS HAD THE KEYS.

A Few Moments of Excitement at the Police Station Last Night.

Chief Drew Demanded the Keys, and Finally Got Them—Rodgers Did Not Show Up.

Chief of Police-elect Rodgers did not take possession of the City Prison and police office at midnight last night, as many thought he would.

Quite a crowd of persons gathered in the jail office in the hope that there would be some excitement. Chief Drew came in at about 11:30, and made himself comfortable in his private office in company with his uncle, M. M. Drew, and Captain Lee. He remained there until 12:15, and then went away.

Only one incident occurred that promised some excitement. Officer Higgins, accompanied by Frank Daroux, came in a few minutes before midnight, and, as is his custom, relieved Night Jailer Clark, who desired to go to lunch. Clark handed him the jail keys, and immediately there was a howl from an individual who lives at the jail and who had been keeping a keen watch on what was going on. Drew ran out of his office and into the jailer's apartment, closely followed by Lee. Both demanded that Higgins surrender the keys immediately.

Higgins refused to give them to either.

Matters began to look serious. Drew looked at his watch, and buttoning up his coat in a well-we-will-see-about-it sort of way, remarked that he was still Chief of Police and the keys belonged to him. "You are under my orders yet," he added.

Captain Lee suggested to Jailer Clark that he had better take the keys back.

"Do you want them?" said Higgins, turning to Clark.

"If you give them to me I will have to give them to Drew," replied Clark.

"Well, I guess I'll keep them," said Higgins, smiling, and puffing a cloud of smoke from his cigar into the air.

"You'll have to give up those keys, I tell you," declared Drew.

"Oh, I won't give them to you," said Higgins. "When I give them up I'll give them to the man I got them from. If Clark wants them he can have them."

"All right," said Drew.

"Better give them to me, then," said Clark.

Higgins handed them to the jailer, and Drew immediately took them out of his hands and walked into his office, banging the door after him.

Higgins stated afterward to those who were about the place that he had no desire to keep the keys, and only refused to hand them over to Drew and Lee because they demanded the keys in an offensive way.

Rodgers will be on hand to take charge of the office this morning at 9 o'clock.

THE WEATHER.

Jack Frost Expected to Appear Again This Morning.

The Weather Bureau's reports yesterday show quite a frost in Central and Northern California, as might have been expected from the action of the barometer in connection with a cloudless sky.

The temperature yesterday during the day was somewhat warmer than the day before, the highest and lowest then being 52° and 42°, as against 58° and 38° yesterday. There is no doubt that frost will be reported this morning over the greater portion of California, Oregon and Washington.

The rainfall for the storm just ended was 1.20 inches, making 11.60 inches for this season, as against 13.06 inches to an equal date last year.

The highest and lowest temperatures one year ago yesterday were 71° and 48°, and one year ago to-day 70° and 46°.

The first rainfall in April of last year was on the 6th, when one-half of an inch was measured. The dates of rain last year during April were as follows: On the 6th, .50 of an inch; 7th, .20 of an inch; 10th, .42 of an inch; 11th, .22 of an inch; 13th, .30 of an inch; 14th, .08 of an inch; 16th, .18 of an inch, and 17th, .14 of an inch, making 2.04 inches for the entire month.

Harney Acquitted.

Police Captain Lee, Officers Higgins, Maley and Simmons and the other witnesses, who went to San Francisco to testify at the trial of George Harney, charged with placing Dollie Stone in a house of ill-fame, returned last night. The case did not consume much time. The evidence showed that Harney had nothing to do with the girl's disgrace, and the jury promptly acquitted him.

Will Pay the Scale.

The San Francisco *Chronicle* has submitted to the request of the Sacramento Newspaper Writers' Union, forwarding a letter to its correspondent here, Mr. Healy, informing him that hereafter it will pay him the union scale.

ANARCHIST RAVACHOL.

The Bomb-Thrower Subjected to a Rigid Examination.

A GREATER VILLAIN THAN AT FIRST SUPPOSED.

He Confesses to Having Committed Murder, Robbing Graves and Being Directly Connected With a Gang of Counterfeiters—An Effort Being Made to Stop the Flood of Undesirable Immigrants Who Gain Entrance to This Country by Way of Canada.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

PARIS, March 31.—Ravachol, the anarchist leader, was subjected to a rigid examination by the police to-day as to his past life. The inquiry lasted five hours, and the result showed him to be a greater villain than was supposed.

He confessed to the murder of the old hermit of Notre Dame de Grace. He denied the murders of an old man servant at Varizell in 1885 and of his former wife in 1888. His denial, however, was not very strong, and many discrepancies appeared in his replies in relation to them. The police believe that they will yet discover evidence showing that he killed both of these persons.

Some time ago an old man was killed with an ax. Ravachol was questioned as to this crime, and here, too, his denial was very weak. He admitted that he was a graveyard ghoul, and told of a number of graves he had robbed.

When the police searched his lodgings they found other evidences of criminal operations, a set of counterfeiters' tools. When questioned regarding the possession of these unlawful belongings he coolly acknowledged that he belonged to a gang of counterfeiters, but persistently refused to make any admission that would lead to the detection of his confederates.

It is acknowledged on all sides that the police had good reason to believe that Ravachol would make a desperate resistance against arrest, and those who condemned them for not arresting him some days ago now admit that the police were right in not attempting to effect his capture until they made sure that there was no chance of his escape.

The *Echo* states that Ravachol admitted that he was the author of the Boulevard St. Germain explosion.

The chief detective asserts that Chaumartin, the accomplice of Ravachol, who is now under arrest, betrayed his leader and told the police that Ravachol intended to blow up the house of Bulot, one of the prosecuting counsel in the recent anarchist trials.

Bulot's residence, 39 Rue Clichy, was the scene of a destructive explosion Sunday morning. Ravachol lived at St. Maude, near the wood of Vincennes, four miles southeast of Paris. He was seen going to Paris Sunday morning, carrying a small portmanteau. Ravachol is watched in prison night and day by three detectives. He is an illegitimate son of German parents, and was born in France.

The Government look upon the arrest of Ravachol as of the greatest importance, not only because he will be condemned to death for murder, but it is believed that it will put an end to the dynamite outrages. No doubt is entertained that he is a most dangerous criminal, and his incarceration has removed a great source of trouble and uneasiness. The Government intends to reward every one who was in any way connected with making the arrest.

The recent raids upon the lodgings of the anarchists have had the effect of somewhat frightening them. As a rule those who are still at liberty no longer make loud threats in public of the damage and destruction that they intend to cause. It is believed that several who expected the raids threw into the Seine large quantities of stolen dynamite and infernal machines. The authorities have hired divers, and the bottom of the river will be thoroughly searched for explosives.

Preparations are being made by workingmen for a labor demonstration on May Day, which falls on Sunday. The committee has decided to call a large preliminary meeting, to be held next week, to which all workingmen in Paris will be invited.

The police have discovered a dynamite store near Paris. All the explosives in the place were seized and the proprietor was arrested.

The police have arrested an anarchist named Delaunay on a charge of stealing dynamite. His description tallies with that of a man who was seen in the vicinity of 39 Rue Clichy Sunday morning after the explosion.

DEATH PENALTY APPROVED.

PARIS, March 31.—The Senate has approved the bill imposing the death penalty on persons convicted of using dynamite unlawfully. The anarchist prisoners assert that Ravachol was concerned in a recent murder and robbery, realizing 30,000 francs; and also assisted in stealing dynamite from the factory at Soissy.

UNDESIRABLE IMMIGRANTS.

An Effort to Shut Out Entries by Way of Canada.

OTTAWA, March 31.—Colonel Lay, Consul-General at Ottawa for the United States, has, at the request of the Department of State at Washington, lodged a complaint with the Canadian Government of the large number of undesirable emigrants which find their way into the United States by the way of Canada, and has requested that the American Government be permitted to place inspectors at the chief immigration depots of Canada for the purpose of reporting their condition, thus enabling the United States Government to make a direct and pronounced remonstrance, should it be justified by the reports of the inspectors. No reply has yet been made by the Government.

MANDALAY CONFLAGRATION.

Miles of Streets Ablaze—Immense Amount of Loss.

RANGOON, March 31.—The fire in Mandalay yesterday has burned itself out after causing immense damage. To-day there were two fresh outbreaks. The first was in the eastern part of the city and had its origin in a cluster of huts. The flames spread one mile, when the wind changed and drove them back to the law courts. Thence they extended toward the incomparable pagoda, destroying a number of large and valuable pagodas. To-night a third fire has just broken out in the British cantonment and the flames are raging furiously. It is impossible to form an estimate of the money damage, but it will be immense.

The fire raged fourteen hours, and burned over an area of two and a half miles. There was no loss of life, but many thousand people are homeless, and extensive relief will be necessary.

The Capitol Commissioners are having some of the walks in Capitol Park closed, northeast and southeast of the Capitol.