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## ADJOURNED SINE DIE.

### The Democratic State Convention Completes its Labors.

CLEVELAND RECEIVES THE INDORSEMENT OF THE DELEGATES.

Stephen M. White, James V. Coleman, A. F. Butler and W. W. Foote Selected as Delegates-at-Large to the Chicago Convention, all of Whom Pledge Themselves to Support the Ex-President so Long as He Has a Chance of Being Nominated.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

FRESNO, May 18.—Although the Democratic State Convention convened at 9 o'clock this morning, and was supposed to be in session all day, the only actual business transacted before supper was the adoption of the committee reports and naming a State Central Committee. The session was replete with recesses, windy speeches on side issues and other delaying interruptions. If it had not been for the anticipated squabble over the resolutions the convention would have finished up all business remaining before it by this afternoon. As it was, it had to run into a night session.

The Committee on Platform and Resolutions was, despite the fact that it was appointed for the purpose of reporting back the sentiments of the anti-Cleveland faction, which beat out the Clevelandites on the Chairmanship race, not a unit, and it was not till late in the evening that it presented a report. When the report did come in it was accompanied by three minority reports. These latter opposed the majority's railroad howl, the indorsement of the tricky Traffic Association and the proposition to abolish the Railroad Commission. The minority reports were rejected after a couple of hours of speeches.

The debate gave numerous individuals who had been hoodwinked by the Traffic Association an opportunity to exercise their lungs. These people took the best of care every time they got a chance to declare their fealty to Cleveland, but at the same time the majority committee report did not recommend pledging the delegates to the National Convention to vote for Cleveland.

The Committee on Permanent Organization in its report reversed the usual convention programme by recommending that after the temporary officers had been duly declared permanent officers the election of a State Central Committee be taken up. W. R. Burke of Los Angeles, Chairman of the committee, explained that this recommendation was made because the committee considered the election of a State Central Committee one of the most important matters to come before the convention, a matter that the entire convention should act upon.

Heretofore the custom has been to select the committee last, and as a rule half of the delegates started for home before it was reached, and the matter was improperly attended to.

Burke thought that by taking the matter up first every delegate in the convention would know the personnel of the committee, and in selecting it would be careful to name men who had the ability to lead the party to victory in November, so far as California is concerned.

The convention agreed that the idea was a good one, and voted down an amendment which contemplated delaying the selection of the State Central Committee. The report was adopted by an overwhelming vote.

The people of Fresno naturally want to keep the delegates in town as long as they can, and lose no opportunities to delay the convention. They declared yesterday that the theater could not be secured for night work except on the last night of the convention, and to-day the Organization Committee's report bore evidence that the committee had been operated upon by the enterprising citizens' committee. It recommended another recess immediately after the adoption of the report. The delegates growled about this, but as the report had been adopted, it could not be helped. They fixed it, however, that the recess should only be for one hour, and felt much relieved.

MORE ORATORY.

But they rejoiced too soon. In the most innocent manner W. D. English suggested that inasmuch as the Committee on Resolutions would not be ready to report within an hour, the delegates might pass a little time listening to some oratory before taking the recess. He then called upon Olin Welborn of San Diego, who is a candidate for the Congressional nomination in his district, to address the convention.

Mr. Welborn wears long hair and a smooth-shaven, Websterian countenance. He is a good talker and "stayer." After he had talked for nearly an hour on the tariff and the iniquities of the Republican party, the delegates began to guy him by cheering him repeatedly, and shouting "Go on" when he exhibited premonitions of winding up his speech. He kept up half an hour longer, and then stopped through sheer exhaustion.

It appears that Mr. Welborn has a rival for the Congressional nomination in the person of General W. D. Kittrell, a tall, dignified and venerable military gentleman of Stanislaus. General Kittrell and his friends came to the conclusion that Welborn's appearance before the convention was a dark and deep-laid plot for him to steal a march on his opponent, and they determined to throttle the scheme right there. Of course they had to wait until Welborn got through talking, and then one of the General's supporters took the floor, and demanded in the name of Stanislaus that the General be invited to address the convention.

The General started immediately for the stage. There came near being a riot over this, but Chairman Murphy ruled that the General should be listened to.

The latter got to the point right off. He gave the convention to understand that he was "onto Welborn's work." The latter only wanted to parade himself before the convention to help along his Congressional fight.

This convention has the distinction of massing together more would-be orators that any gathering of the kind in many a year. On the slightest provocation a dozen will try to get the floor at once, and each insist upon making speeches, and, more than that, every one mounted the stage to speak his little piece. No doubt there are a score of delegates who go away sadly disappointed at not getting in their oar. Chairman Murphy, whenever he got a chance, sat down on the orators.

OSTROM ELECTED VICE-CHAIRMAN.

The convention smoothed Senator Ostrom's rumpled feelings by electing him Vice-Chairman under the permanent organization. But as the Senator was busy with the Committee on Resolutions all day he did not get an opportunity to sit on the stage.

Chairman Murphy made a speech when elected permanent Chairman, in which he dazed the Cleveland supporters by declaring himself to be for Cleveland. This struck them as being queer, when it was known that Murphy was elected to the chair by the Foote-English-Moffitt faction of anti-Clevelandites.

The Second Congressional District, which includes Sacramento County, held another caucus this afternoon during one of the recesses, and finished up its business by electing Fred Cox of Sacramento and J. A. Filcher of Placer to the State Central Committee. The Sacramento County Assembly Districts then got together and elected Central Committeemen as follows: Twentieth District, J. M. Sullivan, Twenty-first District, Robert Barnett; Twenty-second District, J. P. Cox of Folsom.

WALLACE WAS NOT INDORSED.

The delegates reassembled to-night with a determination to wind up business. A resolution was offered limiting all nominating speeches and others to five minutes, but immediately afterward another resolution was offered which upset the programme badly. This was a little proposition of Andrew Clunie's, lauding Judge Wallace of San Francisco and indorsing him for Vice-President of the United States.

Thomas H. Williams of San Joaquin offered a sarcastic substitute to the effect that every man in the convention be declared a good fellow.

Editor Price of Oroville went Williams one better by moving that the author of the resolution be laid upon the table.

Clunie made a speech and on a vote the resolution was overwhelmingly defeated.

Several other resolutions were offered, but they caused no trouble.

DELEGATES-AT-LARGE.

The nominating of delegates-at-large to the Chicago Convention was reached and gone through with rapidly. Chairman Murphy assisted by barring out seconding speeches. The nominees were W. W. Foote of Alameda, A. B. Butler of Fresno, James V. Coleman of San Francisco and Stephen M. White of Los Angeles. They were called upon to define their positions and each declared voluntarily that he would vote for Cleveland, that being the evident desire of the Democracy.

### CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS.

**Action Taken on the Various Committee Reports.**

FRESNO, May 18.—The second day's session of the Democratic State Convention was called to order at 9:30 o'clock.

After the announcements of meetings for the several district conventions the report of the Committee on Credentials was presented.

On motion the reading of the corrected roll, except in regard to proxies, was dispensed with.

After minor corrections the report of the committee was adopted. The Chairman then announced the Committees on Platform and Resolutions and on Order of Business and Organization.

Following is the Committee on Platform and Resolutions: At large—R. F. Del Valle, Chairman; First District, Henry Hogan, John Markey; Second, George E. Williams, D. A. Ostrom; Third, M. F. Tarpey, R. A. Long; Fourth, J. F. Sullivan, Samuel Braunhard; Fifth, Jackson Hatch, Berry Baldwin; Sixth, Stephen M. White, J. Downey Harvey; Seventh, Oscar A. Trippet, M. F. Dooling.

Following is the Committee on Order of Business and Organization: Sixth District, W. R. Benke, Chairman; At large, James E. Murphy; First District, James H. Wilkins, E. J. Emmons; Second, E. B. Price, William Cleary; Third, Raleigh Barcar, W. J. Dufly. Fourth, F. F. Strother, J. J. Dwyer; Fifth, Max Popper, P. J. Carr; Sixth, George E. Faw; Seventh, J. O. Lovejoy, L. L. Boone.

Jackson of San Francisco offered a resolution, requesting that it be read and acted upon without debate.

The resolution was then read, as follows:

That no person in any manner employed by the Southern Pacific Company be eligible to any position on the State Central Committee.

It was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Struhr of San Francisco offered a resolution that it be the duty of the Railroad Commission to examine into the question of fares and freight and to fix the same without waiting for complaints and without doing injustice to any one.

McGee of Contra Costa offered a resolution pledging the delegates to Chicago not to support in any way David B. Hill for President.

E. J. Rogers of Alameda offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The gross receipts of the Southern Pacific Company have been greater for the past year than in any other in the history of the State; and whereas, despite the present business depression, the rates have not been reduced; and whereas, the Railroad Commission have failed to afford relief, and said commission is controlled by the railroad monopoly,

*Resolved*, That the Democratic party demands a reduction in rates and fares and declares in favor of the abolition of the Railroad Commission.

At this point Judge Armstrong of Sacramento moved that no more resolutions be read at present, and after an excited debate this was carried.

Tom Williams of San Joaquin moved that the convention adjourn till 1 o'clock to give the committees time to prepare their reports.

The motion was carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

When the convention reassembled, at 1 o'clock, the Committee on Permanent Organization and Order of Business reported recommending that the present officers be made permanent; that Hon. D. A. Ostrom of Yuba be made Vice-Chairman, and that the Chairman of the convention appoint one Vice-President for each Congressional district; that the State Central Committee be composed of 115 members, one from each Assembly district delegation, except when two or more counties form one Assembly district, when there shall be one from each county; two from each Congressional district, elected by the delegates of that district, and ten at large, appointed by the Chairman; that a recess be declared for one hour to make the selections, and that said recess be taken immediately on the adoption of this report.

The committee recommended that the recess be followed by the report of the Committee on Platform and Resolutions, the election of four delegates-at-large to the Chicago National Convention, the election of four alternate delegates, the election of two Presidential Electors-at-large, and two alternate electors, the reports of the several district conventions as to their nominations of Congressmen, and the election of delegates to the National Convention. The report was adopted.

Returning thanks for his election as permanent Chairman, Chairman Murphy said: "I am proud to be here and to be Chairman. It seems to me that there are times when the veil is lifted from the future; when, as the poet says, 'Coming events cast their shadows before.' We are far from the East, but looking over the plains we see towering one great figure above all others on a pedestal marked on one side 'Tariff Reform,' and on the other 'Grover Cleveland.' [Long continued applause and cheers.]

"This grand figure stands out alone. He needs no platform. He is his own platform, and when the Chicago Convention meets and puts him in the lead, and when we march under his banner in November next we will march to victory, and when the sun goes down on that day it will go down on a united, triumphant Democracy."

When the convention re-assembled the Committee on Platform not being ready to report, the various Congressional and Assembly districts were called on to report their nominees for the State Central Committee.

After this R. F. Del Valle, Chairman of the Platform Committee, read the report of his committee. Great applause greeted the references to Cleveland, to the postal subsidy bill, to the election of Senators by direct vote, to the Geary Chinese bill, to the Caminettihy draulic mining bill, to the Traffic Association, to the abolition of the Railroad Commission, to a competing road, and to the Southern Pacific interference in politics. Two minority reports were also read.

At the conclusion of the reading Jeremiah Lynch moved to adopt the majority report as a whole.

S. M. White objected to this, but consented to the adoption of the entire majority report, except in regard to matters considered in the minority report. The motion thus modified passed unanimously.

Stephen M. White then took the floor in support of the minority report on the question.

He was followed by Fleet F. Strother in a brief speech, in support of the minority report.

Reel B. Terry of Fresno took the floor in opposition to White's amendment.

He was followed by Jeremiah Lynch, who also made an appeal for the majority report.

Next came Judge J. F. Sullivan, who also supported the majority.

W. D. Grady of Fresno supported the minority.

Then came the vote on White's minority report. A viva voce vote did not decide the matter, and a roll-call was ordered, resulting in the rejection of the amendment by 355 noes.

THE VOTE BY COUNTIES.

Following is the vote on the adoption of S. M. White's minority report:

| Counties. | Yes. | No. |
|---|---|---|
| Alameda | 8 | 24 |
| Amador | 0 | 8 |
| Butte | 6 | 5 |
| Calaveras | 1 | 6 |
| Colusa | 8 | 0 |
| Contra Costa | 5 | 2 |
| Del Norte | 0 | 3 |
| El Dorado | 0 | 8 |
| Fresno | 3 | 14 |
| Glenn | 0 | 6 |
| Humboldt | 7 | 4 |
| Inyo | 0 | 2 |
| Kern | 4 | 3 |
| Lake | 0 | 5 |
| Lassen | 0 | 4 |
| Los Angeles | 42 | 1 |
| Marin | 1 | 1 |
| Mariposa | 0 | 4 |
| Mendocino | 0 | 11 |
| Merced | 0 | 6 |
| Mono | 0 | 2 |
| Monterey | 10 | 0 |
| Napa | 0 | 8 |
| Nevada | 9 | 2 |
| Orange | 0 | 7 |
| Placer | 9 | 1 |
| Sacramento | 20 | 0 |
| San Benito | 0 | 5 |
| San Bernardino | 12 | 0 |
| San Diego | 16 | 0 |
| San Francisco | 6 | 124 |
| San Joaquin | 0 | 15 |
| San Luis Obispo | 9 | 0 |
| San Mateo | 0 | 6 |
| Santa Barbara | 0 | 6 |
| Santa Clara | 3 | 19 |
| Santa Cruz | 9 | 0 |
| Shasta | 0 | 8 |
| Sierra | 0 | 4 |
| Siskiyou | 8 | 0 |
| Solano | 6 | 5 |
| Sonoma | 0 | 17 |
| Stanislaus | 8 | 0 |
| Sutter | 3 | 2 |
| Tehama | 8 | 0 |
| Trinity | 0 | 4 |
| Tulare | 11 | 4 |
| Tuolumne | 7 | 0 |
| Ventura | 6 | 0 |
| Yolo | 6 | 3 |
| Yuba | 3 | 4 |
| Total | 255 | 355 |

The railroad plank of the majority report was then adopted.

The indorsement of the Traffic Association and the demand for the abolition of the Railroad Commission therefore remain in the platform.

George E. Williams of the Platform Committee then withdrew the minority report on the silver plank, and the majority report as a whole was declared adopted.

Recess till 8 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

On reassembling at 8:30 this evening J. C. Ruddock introduced a resolution that all speeches in the nomination of candidates be limited to five minutes, and that all candidates for delegates define their position from the platform. This was carried by acclamation. A. J. Clunie introduced the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That this convention heartily indorses the course of Hon. William T. Wallace in his efforts to stamp out boodleism that has for so many years dominated the departments of State and municipal governments, and regrets the decision of the Supreme Court, which prevented the indictment by a fearless and honest Grand Jury and the subsequent confinement in the penitentiary of our State of persons high in social and financial positions, who have been for years engaged in the nefarious business of purchasing and debauching the Legislature, thereby preventing the passage of Acts designed to make them pay their taxes and public dues, corrupting other departments in order to satisfy their inordinate greed for public plundering; and, be it further

*Resolved*, That this convention recommends Hon. W. T. Wallace to the National Convention as worthy to be nominated for the office of Vice-President of the United States, and believe his nomination would place California in the Democratic column.

A heated debate followed, and the resolution was finally defeated.

I. Gutte introduced the following:

*Resolved*, That, whereas the prosperity of the State of California is in a great measure dependent upon increased population, and we recommend such measures as will tend to encourage immigration of orderly and decent people, to the exclusion of members of criminal and pauper classes and the refuse of other nations, and that in heartily favoring the immigration of decent and orderly members of the Caucasian races, it should always be remembered that American citizenship is a boon to be conferred only upon such persons as are in accord with our system of constitutional government.

This was adopted by acclamation.

The nominations then began.

R. F. Del Valle nominated W. W. Foote of Alameda.

George S. Patton of Los Angeles nominated Stephen M. White.

Max Popper of San Francisco nominated J. V. Coleman.

G. G. Goucher of Fresno nominated A. F. Butler of Fresno.

After a few remarks by Judge Maguire of San Francisco the nominations were declared closed, and the candidates called to the platform to explain their sentiments. Foote said he had been foully maligned. He was in favor of Grover Cleveland as long as he was a candidate, and believed if the Democrats could not win with him they could not win with anyone.

White announced that he had written the plank in the platform referring to Cleveland, and would carry it out.

Coleman was surprised that it was necessary to vouch for his friendship for Cleveland.

Butler announced that he favored Cleveland with all his might.

On motion of Russ D. Stephens the four nominees were declared delegates to the convention at Chicago by acclamation.

The nominations for alternates to Chicago was taken up. Lawrence Archer of Santa Clara, John Bryson, Sr., of Los Angeles, Louis Metzger of San Francisco and R. H. Beamer of Yolo were nominated by acclamation.

Next came the nominations for two Presidential electors-at-large. W. W. Foote nominated J. F. Thompson of Humboldt, while Stephen M. White nominated Joseph D. Lynch of Los Angeles. The nominees were called to the platform and declared their devotion to Cleveland and tariff reform. They were then nominated by acclamation.

For alternate electors E. V. Brice of Butte and P. J. Griffin of Stanislaus were elected by acclamation.

On motion of W. W. Foote the convention tendered its thanks to the ladies and citizens of Fresno for their hospitality.

On motion of Sam Braunhart of San Francisco a vote of thanks was extended Chairman Murphy, and three cheers given for him with a will.

After three cheers for Cleveland the convention adjourned *sine die*.

### PLATFORM.

**The Committee Hands in Several Reports.**

FRESNO, May 18.—Following is the majority report on the platform:

We pledge anew our fealty to the principles first declared by the illustrious men who founded our free institutions and established

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## FELTON AND DE YOUNG.

### Arrangement Entered Into Regarding the U. S. Senatorship.

FOUR COPIES OF THE AGREEMENT IN EXISTENCE.

A Moonlight Picnic Near Marysville Ends in a Shooting Scrape, in Which One Man Was Killed and Two Others Seriously Wounded, One Perhaps Fatally—Serious Fire at Monrovia.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

LOS ANGELES, May 18.—The statement heretofore made of the stipulations entered into between Hon. Charles N. Felton, United States Senator, and M. H. De Young of the San Francisco *Chronicle*, just prior to the election of Mr. Felton to the United States Senatorship, whereby Felton agreed to support the candidacy of De Young for this year, proves to be entirely true.

Just prior to the final vote for United States Senator in the Joint Convention of the Legislature, M. H. De Young and Harrison Gray Otis, as the De Young party, and Charles N. Felton and Colonel J. P. Jackson, as the Felton party, met by prearrangement for the purpose of reaching an agreement and the consolidation of their strength and influence.

The conclusions of the arrangement were first stated by Felton. He declared that as he understood it, he was to support the candidacy of De Young for the place which would become vacant by the expiration of his time. He also agreed that should Senator Stanford die or resign before the expiration of the term to which he would be elected, he would assist M. H. De Young in securing the appointment, if made by the Governor, or the election, if the choice fell to the Legislature.

The agreement was written out by Harrison Gray Otis of the Los Angeles *Times*, and each of the parties hold a copy of it.

The agreement, which has been signed and may hereafter be seen by any one, states that M. H. De Young will use all of his influence to turn the votes which had supported his candidacy for United States Senator over to Felton, in consideration of which Felton was to support his election to the United States Senate in the campaign of 1892.

Mr. Felton accepted a written statement of this whole matter, and the statement was made in quadruple form, each of the parties carrying a copy. There is, therefore, no longer any doubt that Felton and De Young entered into an alliance whereby Felton was to be made Senator for the short term, and for that service was to transfer his influence and secure the election of De Young to succeed him.

The additional fact that he was to be the successor of Senator Stanford in the event of death or resignation has not before been stated.

### BLOODSHED NEAR MARYSVILLE.

**A Moonlight Picnic Terminates in a Fatal Shooting Affray.**

MARYSVILLE, May 18.—Last night, after 11 o'clock, a fatal shooting scrape occurred at the moonlight picnic given by the colored people in a grove two miles south of this city, a number of whites being present. The tragedy was caused by the whites, though the colored man who interfered is the only one dead thus far. Two principals are, however, dying.

Last evening Jesse Foulk, a youth about 19 years old, went out to the picnic and there met May Lane, the 16-year-old daughter of William Lane, a rancher. Shortly after his departure he was followed by Lane and Lucien Danley, a young waiter. While on the picnic grounds and on the dancing platform the Lane girl was most of the time in the company of young Foulk. As near as can be learned she danced with Danley once and on leaving him went over to Foulk. A few minutes before the shooting she left the waiter and joined Foulk.

The latter and the girl had hardly sat down to eat ice-cream when Danley put in an appearance, pistol in hand, and told young Foulk that he would have to give the girl up to her father.

The father then appeared, and grasped the girl by the head and threatened to shoot her if she did not go with him.

Young Foulk said that she should not go, and as he said this was struck by a pistol over the forehead and knocked down.

Thereupon Henry Flowers, a colored man, jumped in and grasped Danley, who was holding his pistol at Foulk and fired before the latter had risen.

At this instant Lane discharged his pistol several times at whom he thought was Foulk, only one bullet taking effect. Foulk in the meantime drew his pistol and fired twice at Lane, both shots taking effect.

Flowers was shot in the stomach and bled to death in a very short time.

Both Lane and young Foulk were brought to this city and surgeons were called in. One bullet was extracted from Lane, but the other cannot be located, and is one which the doctors say will prove fatal.

During the night some hope was expressed for young Foulk, who was shot in the abdomen, but this afternoon he is worse, and there is very little hope for him.

Danley is under arrest, and from all indications he is the one who planned the shooting and fired the first shot.

He has been attentive to the girl and objected to young Foulk's attention. Danley was favored by Lane, against whom some very sensational charges are now mooted on the street.

### EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION.

**Enjoy Themselves Seeing the Sights in Los Angeles.**

LOS ANGELES, May 18.—The National Editorial party are enjoying themselves to-day seeing the sights at Los Angeles. Pasadena entertained them with lunch on the grounds of Judge Silent's place on Adams street. The visitors were given flowers and all the oranges, bananas, raisins and nuts they could eat or carry away. At the Union Club reception delegations from the upper counties met many of the visitors. The street-cars are free to all badge-wearers to-day, and hundreds of private carriages are at the services of the guests. All the party start north to-night, making Fresno for breakfast to-morrow. The party goes in three sections, and nineteen Pullman cars are required to carry them.

Knight, Morrow, Louck and Knowlton, of the Southern Pacific Passenger Department, in charge, and J. M. Page, Secretary of the association, says nothing like the entertainment was ever had before. All are delighted. In the party, now numbering nearly 600, having been reenforced here by the Texas, Louisiana and California delegations, are about 350 editors or owners. Over fifty represent daily papers. Columns of correspondence are going back daily. It is predicted that the correspondence to be published about the California trip will foot up at least 200,000 inches of printed matter.

From the Yellowstone trip of the association last year over 61,000 inches of printed clippings from all publications are to be sent to the Secretary of the association for official reference. Over 11,000 papers are now in the National Editorial Association. Of these 200 are daily.

**Bakersfield Murder Trial.**

BAKERSFIELD, May 18.—The prosecution in the case of J. S. Gularte, charged with the murder of M. Hyne, and afterward pickling his remains and feeding it to employes, closed this afternoon. The defense, in cross-examination, proved that Hyne was a very large man, while the human bones produced were of a small man; also that the clothing purporting to be Hyne's were of a small man. Pieces of flesh were produced that had been pickled, chemically tested, etc., and medical men all believe it to be human. The testimony seems to be all circumstantial, and it looks as though Martin Hyne is the only one missing, and may turn up yet. The defense will open to-morrow, but it is thought that it will rest the case as it stands. All the lawyers think they have proved Gularte innocent on cross-examination.

**Driving Accidents.**

SAN BERNARDINO, May 18.—A team of horses ran away last evening, colliding with a street-car, breaking the wrist of Rev. Mr. Armstrong of Fresno and injuring the knee of Mrs. Tiney of this city. One of the runaway horses was killed, and the car mule was injured and had to be shot.

John Stenz, proprietor of the City Bakery, while out riding last night was thrown from the wagon to the ground, breaking an arm in three places and being injured internally. He is still unconscious and will probably die.

**Serious Fire at Monrovia.**

MONROVIA, May 18.—The Cronewett building, containing the Cronewett jewelry store, the Western Union Telegraph Office and the Santa Fe city ticket offices and the Southern California Colonization and Improvement Company's real estate office, and the Faunce machine and wagon shops, were totally destroyed by fire last night. The losses are heavy. A lamp explosion in the telegraph office was the cause of the fire. Captain Pearsons of the fire company was badly burned. No loss of life.

**Viticultural Convention.**

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—At the Viticultural Convention to-day the following committee was appointed to prepare a plan for the viticultural exhibit at the World's Fair and outlined a general scheme: S. P. Connor of Napa, D. D. Davison of Sonoma, A. G. Chanche of Alameda, William Webner of Santa Clara, E. C. Bichvasky of Los Angeles, Charles Bundschu of San Francisco, H. M. La Rue of Sacramento and John Swett of Contra Costa.

**Believed to be a Murder.**

SANTA ROSA, May 18.—The jury in the case of V. Guglieminetti, who was supposed to have committed suicide at his home on the laguna, west of here, returned a verdict this evening to the effect that deceased came to his death by a gunshot wound inflicted by parties unknown. The jury was satisfied that deceased could not have fired the gun himself. No arrest has been made, and the officers are unsettled in their suspicions.

**Sonoma County Stage Robbers.**

SANTA ROSA, May 18.—The robbers of the Cazadero stage were seen above Fort Ross late Tuesday evening, inquiring the nearest road to Healdsburg. Deputy Sheriff Gould of Fort Ross is on their trail, Deputies Tombs and Fine have gone out from Healdsburg, while Doc Stanley of Ukiah will come down the coast. The robbers seemed pinned, and there is little chance of their getting away.

**A Painter's Terrible Fall.**

YUBA CITY, May 18.—This morning a painter in the employ of M. Robinson fell from the roof of C. M. Thursing's barn twenty-four feet to the ground, alighting on his head. He is still alive, but his recovery is impossible. He has been here but two days and his name cannot now be ascertained, but it is supposed to be Harry Mason. He lately worked at Chico.

**Roslyn Mine Explosion.**

ROSLYN (Wash.), May 18.—The Coroner's jury investigating the cause of the explosion in the coal mine last Tuesday, by which forty-five miners were killed, this evening returned a verdict that the explosion was caused by deficient ventilation. The verdict will probably result in a large number of damage suits against the company by relatives of deceased.

**The Friscos Won.**

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—The Friscos and Oaklands played on the Oakland grounds this afternoon and Harris' men won by a score of 9 to 5. The Oaklands could not do much with Fanning's delivery. The Colonels made errors just when the Friscos hit hard, and runs resulted.

AT LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES, May 18.—The home team did some terrific batting and beat the San Joses 18 to 4.

**Fired Upon From Ambush.**

PHŒNIX (Ariz.), May 18.—A miner named Walker and a Mexican were fired upon from ambush near Miller's ranch, and the Mexican wounded in the shoulder. The men escaped, but found their cabin had been looted by Indians. It is supposed to be the work of the renegade Kid.

**Greenwood Murder Case.**

NAPA, May 18.—This morning, in the Schmidt murder case, three jurors—Frank Ashton, John Head and J. C. Potter—were sworn to try the case. This makes eight jurors secured. The venire is almost exhausted and a special panel will probably be necessary.

**Suicide of a Pioneer.**

DOWNIEVILLE, May 18.—Alex. Sharpe, a pioneer of Brandy City, committed suicide Tuesday by exploding a giant-powder cartridge on his stomach. He was badly mutilated. He has a widow in Oakland.

**Two Boys Drowned.**

DUNSMUIR, May 18.—W. N. Rial attempted to ford the river with a wagon containing several boys. The wagon overturned and Tommy Murphy and Willie Hanson were drowned.

NEW YORK, May 17.—A match for $5,000 will be played at Berlin between the renowned chess experts, Dr. Tarrasch and Tschigorin.

## TERRIBLE RUSH OF WATER.

### Enormous Destruction to Life and Property in Iowa.

SIOUX CITY ALMOST COMPLETELY INUNDATED.

Eight Thousand People Forced to Leave Their Homes to Seek Safety on Higher Grounds – Sixty-Three People Reported to Have Been Drowned, and a Million and a Half of Property Destroyed.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

OMAHA, May 18.—An Omaha *Bee* special from Sioux City, Ia., says: Early this morning a great wave came down the Floyd River, which flows through the center of the city. The water spread over the banks to a depth of three feet, and in a few moments had risen above the first floors, and several thousand people fled in terror to higher grounds. Warning was given but a short time before the flood came, and only a few of those in the lowlands received intimation. The water rose four feet in an hour and a half, and continued to rise rapidly. Probably one thousand people live on the lowlands which are overflowed. The rise was so rapid that a number were unable to escape, and the work of rescue was busily carried on.

At 12 o'clock eleven persons were reported drowned, and there must be many others. The only names obtainable so far are Nellie West, Mrs. Louise Bomer and two children.

All the boats from the boathouses on the Sioux River are being used to save life and property. The stockyards and packing-houses are situated at the confluence of the Mission and Floyd Rivers, and they were inundated. About 2,000 head of livestock were drowned. Many carcasses are also floating down the Floyd. The railroad yards and switching track district is under water. The roundhouse and railroad property is considerably damaged. The roundhouse of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha is damaged to an extent of $40,000. Trains left Sioux City to-day. The Hotel Fowle and Boston Investment Company's building are surrounded by water. The union depot was cut off at 9 o'clock.

It is estimated 8,000 people were driven from their homes. All business is suspended. The Chamber of Commerce organized relief work this morning, and by noon the ladies had soup and lunch-houses open for the sufferers. The loss is large, but as yet it is impossible to estimate it.

A later dispatch says the damage will reach a million and a half. The loss to the Sioux City and Northern is $200,000.

The scenes along the edge of the water was pitiful. The loss of life will be very large, although it is difficult in the confusion to learn the names.

At Springdale a woman stood in the second story of her house, 900 yards out, holding a baby up over the waters, and she was still there at 9 o'clock to-night. Two men have already been drowned in attempting to rescue her.

A gale of wind added greatly to the misfortunes of the city, houses being broken up all the time, and there is neither gaslight nor electric light, both plants being under water.

ST. LOUIS, May 18.—The river is still rising, and the danger and damage is augmenting, though to-day no marked accidents were noticed. From above and below come stories of addition to the area overflowed. Two unknown men were drowned at Alton by the capsizing of a skiff to-day. The Alton Water Works will soon have to shut down, as will practically all manufacturing establishments there. The town is also cut off from railroad connection with St. Louis, and mails are sent by boat.

The damage in the American bottoms is almost inconceivable. In Monroe County alone not less than 65,000 acres of cultivated lands are ruined for the season at least, entailing a loss of not less than a million dollars. Many residences are in danger. Water surrounds the homes and the people are dependent upon such help as is sent them. Nearly all the homes are abandoned, however, and thieves are taking advantage of the opportunities.

In East St. Louis the water is higher and still rising.

It was reported to-day that R. R. Chamberlain, wife and two children were drowned near Canokia, Ill. The lumber companies in North St. Louis have been compelled to cease business, with a few exceptions. The Farmers' Elevator Company's building is in thirteen feet of water, and operations are suspended. The river is encroaching upon the banks, washing away large sections, and necessitating hard work to prevent serious consequences. In this vicinity hundreds of poor people living in the low lands were compelled to move. Along the levee in front of the city the Mississippi is working its way higher into the first floors of buildings, and all business is transacted by boats to the second floors. Boats are still able to take in cargoes, but if the raise continues business will be suspended pending the fall.

In South St. Louis frame houses and other light material were tossed about by the rising water. The Missouri Pacific's southern yards are in serious danger, and all manufactories at the south end are shut down.

SIXTY-THREE LIVES LOST.

FORT DODGE (Ia.), May 18.—The rain last night caused heavy damage in this vicinity. Word just received from Sioux City reports the loss of sixty-three lives by the bursting of a reservoir there. The dispatch also said the damage to property in the Floyd and Little Sioux Valleys is immense, besides the prospect of loss of life being great.

The damage done here will reach into the thousands. The Illinois Central, Minneapolis and St. Louis, and Mason City and Fort Dodge roads lost heavily by washouts and slides. The water works were threatened, and with the coal mines flooded a famine of the two commodities is feared. The weather is clearing to-night, but the river is still on the rise. If it continues great distress and destruction will follow.

### METHODIST CONFERENCE.

**Result of the Balloting for Several Offices.**

OMAHA, May 18.—Bishop Foster presided at the morning session of the Methodist Conference. The Bishops presented a report expressing gratification at the liberal contributions for the relief of Russian sufferers, and hoped it would be continued.

J. L. Hurlbut, the present incumbent, was re-elected Secretary of the Sunday-school and Tract Society.

The tellers reported the result of the last ballot for second agent in the Cincinnati Book Concern, taken Tuesday, showing the election of Louis Curtis of Chicago.

The election of officers was resumed. A. W. Mendenhall was re-elected editor of the Methodist *Review*, and Dr. J. M. Bucklew re-elected editor of the New York *Christian Advocate*.

The conference then took up the question of abolishing the five-year limit on pastorates.

The election of the editor of the *Western Christian Advocate* of Cincinnati was considered, and Dr. H. M. Moore nominated, and the nomination was heartily seconded by a score of delegates. After the ballot was taken the tellers retired, and the report of the Committee on Itinerancy, regarding the time limit, was taken up. After some speeches, the minority report from the committee was presented, opposing the abolishment of the present limit (five years). Dr. Caswell of Southern California favored the majority report.

The result of the ballot for editor of the New York *Christian Advocate* was as follows: Dr. J. M. Buckley 363, Dr. J. H. Potts 31, Frances E. Willard 15, rest scattering. Dr. Buckley was declared elected.

The election of editor for the *Northwestern Christian Advocate* came next. The nominees were Dr. Arthur Edwards and Dr. E. D. Whitlock. After the ballot the tellers retired, and the Chairman announced the result of the ballot for editor of the *Western Christan Advocate* of Cincinnati, Dr. H. M. Moore received 335, P. B. Neeley 10, J. F. Gotcher 4, and the rest scattering. Dr. H. M. Moore was declared elected.

The announcement was then made for the committee meetings, and the conference adjourned.

It is generally conceded that Dr. Arthur Edwards will be elected editor of the *Northwestern Advocate*, although the official announcement will not be made until to-morrow morning.

Some of the ablest speakers in the conference took part in the mass meeting to-night in the interest of evangelical work.

The Committee on Episcopacy decided to recommend that Europe be added to the list of locations for episcopal residences.

The alumni of Garrett's Biblical Institute gave a banquet to-night.

The contest over the editorship of the Central *Christian Advocate* is growing warm, but indications point to the election of Dr. Bowman Young of Kansas City.

### WOOL INDUSTRY.

**Growers to Meet in Convention at Albuquerque.**

SANTA FE (N. M.), May 18.—In response to numerous petitions, Governor Prince has issued a proclamation calling an Interstate Wool Convention to assemble at Albuquerque, July 5th to 7th. The object is to discuss the sheep and wool interests in the States and Territories west of the Mississippi River. Delegates are invited to be sent as follows, from each State and Territory, to be appointed by the Governor; ten delegates from each county, to be appointed by commissioners or Supervisors, five from each city of over 25,000 inhabitants, to be appointed by the Mayor or municipal authorities, five from each city or town with a population not exceeding 25,000, to be appointed as above, or through or from an agricultural college, the Wool Growers' Association, Board of Trade or commercial club.

### COLONIAL WARS.

**French Forces in Tonquin Capture a Pirate Stronghold.**

PARIS, May 18.—It is reported the French forces in Tonquin have captured a pirate stronghold, killing 125 pirates. The French lost five officers and fifty-three soldiers.

BRITISH VICTORY.

LONDON, May 18.—A dispatch from Lagos, Africa, says: The British, under Colonel Scott, routed the Jenen and Elba tribes at Epennepe and burned the town. There was sharp fighting and eight of the British allies were killed. The enemy's loss is unknown.

**Missouri, Kansas and Texas.**

PARSONS (Kas.), May 18.—The annual meeting of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway took place to-day. A Board of Directors was elected, including Messrs. Rockefeller, Bond, Dowd, Hoyt, Poor, Sterne, Freeman, Sloan, Rouse and Purdy. They will meet in New York on the 24th inst. to elect officers. The meeting was thoroughly harmonious, and resolutions commending the wise administration of the retiring President and General Manager Cross were passed. B. P. McDonald, Local Treasurer, resigned. He will be succeeded by E. W. McGuire.

**Duelling in Mexico.**

CHIHUAHUA (Mex.), May 18.—Last week's duel, in which one of Mexico's brightest editors fell, has engendered bitter feeling between the factions represented, and numerous challenges have been accepted. The authorities are doing their best to prevent more bloodshed. The proposed duel between Luis Terrazas, Jr., son of the ex-Governor, and Mertucio Candano, a crippled soldier with a duelling record, was stopped by officers. Enrique Creel has also challenged Candance. Louis Carillo has been challenged, and other meetings are rumored, all growing out of the Ochoa-Condice meeting.

**Severe Earthquakes.**

LONDON, May 18.—A rather severe earthquake was felt early this morning in Cornwall. Houses rocked, crockery was broken and chimneys were overturned. The movement lasted several seconds.

A SHAKE IN INDIA.

SINGAPORE, May 18.—Earthquakes were felt in Penang and Sumatra to-day.

**Internal Revenue Collections.**

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The total collections of internal revenue during the first ten months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, were $125,548,061, an increase of $5,609,841 compared with the collections during the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year.

**Bank Teller Indicted.**

CHICAGO, May 17.—Richard Kyle, teller of the defunct Western Trust and Savings Bank, was indicted to-day on the charge of the embezzlement