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EXCITING DAY ON THE TURF.

Greatest Pacing Race in History on the Independence Track.

ROBERT J. DEFEATS JOE PATCHEN IN THREE STRAIGHT HEATS

Fastest Time Ever Trotted or Paced in a Race, Being 2:03 3-4, 2:02 1-2 and 2:04 3-4—Alix Trots a Mile Against Time in 2:04 3-4—Great Race Between Domino and Clifford at Sheepshead Bay, the Former Winning, the Time for the Mile Being 1:39 2-5.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 6.—To-night the flag of honor floats over the track of the Indianapolis Driving Club, and the son of Terre Haute and Fort Wayne has been eclipsed. Robert J., the great son of Hartford, reigns supreme as the king of the turf, and the pennant waves above his stall at the State Fair grounds.

The match race for a purse of $5,000 between Robert J. and Joe Patchen was expected to bring forth some phenomenal speed, but not one of the 10,000 people was prepared for the terrible slashing of records that began with the word "Go," thundered from the stand by Starter Walker at 3:50 o'clock.

The day was all that could have been desired, and the track was perfect. All the necessary elements were present which enter into the production of great speed. The light rains of the thirty hours previous had been absorbed by the yielding earth, and the forces of men under the direction of the superintendent had been at work constantly since. Nothing had been omitted, and when the final moment came not a member of the association present but who was confident, with the condition of the track, that no blame could be attached to them if no records were made.

The heats of the previous races were passed over in haste, and the crowd had become somewhat impatient, when Starter Walker advanced to the front of the stand and announced that the race would be the next feature on the programme. Looking out on the track he said to Secretary Graves of the club: "Look out for records here. Both of these horses are in the best possible condition, and Jack Curry has promised to give the little horse the race of his life." At the stables of the flyers all was confusion as the final touches were put on the preparation of the horses for the great contest for blood. Geers had heard of the open boast of Curry and had replied in his peculiar way: "Is that so; well, old boy, we'll have to go some, won't we?" and he patted the little wonder on the neck in an affectionate manner.

At the same moment that Starter Walker had made the announcement to the crowd the masses of humanity at the gates were parted and from the breach appeared upon the track the two horses. A mighty cheer went up as Geers and Curry drove quietly down in front of the amphitheater and jogged to the turn. The crowd became breathless as the horses came together and pulled out for a little warming up down the stretch. Five minutes later they halted a moment before the stand, the last touches were administered to both horses, every strap and buckle was closely inspected, and the two swept down the track for the word. Both drivers settled themselves firmly in their seats, and neither looked at the other. They were in no humor for jesting.

There was a determined and set expression upon the face of each. Curry was determined to give the brown horse the greatest and hottest race of his life, but Geers was quiet and confident that he would pull out just enough to keep ahead. He knew the humor of his horse, and his heart never trembled.

Scarcely had the two horses turned for the start when the brown and black gave great leaps forward and shot down to the stand at a terrific pace. Both drivers held back, and Patchen was rendered unsteady by the lines. Walker saw the situation and called them back. The second start was a success. Both horses were at their stride and less than a neck apart. Down the track they came at a terrible pace, with perfect motion and even stride.

"Go," yelled Walker, leaning far over the railing of the stand, and the crowd arose as one man. Around the turn the two rivals shot, and at the quarter 0:31¼ was announced. It was as though the two great horses were being impelled by some unseen force, as the movement of the legs on the backstretch could not be seen. At the half 1:02½ was called out, and the crowd cheered. Still the two horses remained together, Curry hanging stubbornly at Geers' wheel. The latter turned his head slightly and seemed to be studying his chances. He saw the situation at a glance. He was in the race of his life, with an opponent that was worthy of his steel. He forged ahead a nose as the two swept into the turn, and there was a slight check noticeable as the last curve was being cut down. Both drivers gathered their reins for the stretch, and 1:34 at the three-quarters was yelled from the stand.

Then began the race for home. Curry spoke to the handsome black and Patchen responded by straining every muscle. The great horse seemed to recognize that this was the moment when he could revenge himself for former defeats. He came up to even terms and with distended neck and flaming nostrils thundered along at the little brown's side. It was a surprise to the little wonder himself, who was unaccustomed to having a horse at his side on that part of the track. He shook his head angrily and attempted to draw away, but Geers held him with a steady hand. It was not yet the moment for the last great effort. He allowed the black to retain his place and the two rushed down the track at a mad pace. Someone in the crowd yelled in triumph as he saw the world's record in danger, and Starter Walker called out for silence until after the horses had passed the wire. Up they came like a whirlwind and left the crowd in uncertainty as to the victor. Geers spoke to Robert J., and Curry made a low exclamation of encouragement to the black. Both understood and responded. The little brown seemed to be surprised at the audacity of his big rival and as he dashed under the wire stuck out his neck and with a mighty stride gained a nose. It was a grand finish to the grand race and the crowd yelled itself hoarse.

A moment later, when 2:03¾ was hung up, a great wave of extravagant delight dashed across the amphitheater, and the air trembled as the great roar of triumph went up. Terra Haute, the rival, had been surpassed, and Fort Wayne was excelled.

But before the second heat, it was confidently said the great heat had passed, and some left for home. It was the general impression that both horses had done their best, and slow time was looked for. Regret was freely expressed that the heat had not been a quarter of a second faster.

Forty-five minutes later the track was again cleared, and the two horses came out. It was now realized that the track was faster, and both horses in the very pink of condition. Not only this, but Curry was proving that his boast was not an idle one. He was giving Geers his greatest race. The latter seemed to be somewhat surprised, and he and Hamlin, the owner of the wonder, held a close consultation on the track.

Again the two horses faced each other for the word, and again the word was given. Like twin rockets they shot from under the wire and started the trip around the turn that was to bring them glory and fame. Robert J. went right to the front, moving like a piece of mechanism. At the quarter he led the big fellow by two lengths. Joe Patchen closed up the gap going down the backstretch, and was hanging to the little brown's wheel at the half, which was reached in 1:02½. Patchen moved out a little more, and was well alongside Robert J. at the three-quarters. This was reached in 1:30½, and it was realized that without a break even the fast mark of the previous heat was to be placed in insignificance.

On came the gladiators smoothly and moving to perfection. Curry was urging the big fellow, and Geers, with faith in the little Robert J., let him out, and he moved away from the black at the distance stand with a mighty burst of speed, and passed under the wire two open lengths in front of his determined competitor in 2:02½. Patchen was marked at 2:02¾.

The crowd could not contain its pent up enthusiasm longer than to see the nose of King Robert pushed under the wire. One long cheer burst forth, and continued until Starter Walker announced the time, and the time had been posted.

Secretary Graves proposed three cheers for Mr. Hamlin, which was given with a will, and the famous turfman responded gracefully to the compliment. Geers was also similarly complimented, as were Curry, the driver, and Taylor, the owner of Patchen.

It was close to 5:30 o'clock when the third heat was called. Joe Patchen was ready for the last bout, which was to settle whether or not he was to score a mark after showing such wonderful speed. Both horses and drivers were cheered as they took positions for the word. Patchen was acting a little badly, and two attempts were made to get away before both animals were well on their gait. It was a great start, but Patchen was moving a gait that sent Robert J. into the air. This was going to the quarter, and the break was a bad one. Geers brought him to his feet very quickly, and it was not a second before he was chasing the big black.

Patchen passed the quarter in 30¼ second, three open lengths in front, but Robert J. was moving with great precision, slowly creeping upon his antagonist, and by the time the three-quarters was reached had recovered two lengths of his lost ground. Patchen was going at a clip that looked as though he would carry the heat, but was seen to waver half way down the stretch, though he did not leave his feet. Robert J. moved up slowly but surely, and took advantage of the swerve made by the black. Geers let him move out as much as he would, and at the distance-stand he had overhauled and was on even terms with Joe, Curry helped his favorite all he could, but Robert was not to be conquered, and he finished the third heat in 2:04¾, half a length to the good. Patchen was marked at 2:05.

Everybody was glad Robert had won, but still there was general sorrow that Patchen, in his brilliant performance, had not secured a recognized mark.

The average time for the three heats was 2:03 3-5.

Alix was brought out to go against Nancy Hanks' record, but failed to equal it, trotting the mile in 2:04¾.

Flying Jib will go against the record Saturday. McDowell, his driver, says he is in the pink of perfection, and great time is looked for from him.

Two-forty trot (unfinished yesterday), stake $1,000. Dolly Wilkes won the third, sixth and seventh heats and race in 2:14¼, 2:17½ and 2:24. Brown Dick won the first and fifth heats in 2:13¼ and 2:13¾. Miss Nelson won the second, and fourth heats in 2:13¾ and 2:13¾. Baron Moore and four others also started.

Two-twenty-two pace, purse $600. Tommy Brown won the fourth, fifth and sixth heats and the race in 2:16¼, 2:14¼ and 2:17¼. Lamel won the first and second in 2:10¾ and 2:14. Syrena won the third in 2:14¼. Julia B., Hustler and seven others also started.

Two-thirty-five pace, three-year-olds, stake $1,000. Ethel A. won the race in three straight heats. Time—2:10¼, 2:12¼, 2:13¼. Sidmont, Antidote, Bennenn, Brookfield, Sallie Bronson, Harry B. and Quiz also started.

Match pacing, purse $5,000. Robert J. won in three straight heats, Joe Patchen second. Time—2:03¾, 2:02½, 2:04¾. Time by quarters: First heat—0:31¼, 1:02½, 1:34, 2:03¾; second heat—0:30½, 1:02½, 1:30¼, 2:02½; third heat—0:30½, 1:01¼, 1:33½, 2:04¾.

Alix against the world's trotting record of 2:04. Time of Alix by quarters, 0:30½, 1:02, 1:33, 2:04¾.

DOMINO DEFEATS CLIFFORD.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—The racing for the year at Sheepshead Bay track ended to-day in a blaze of glory. The attendance was large, owing to the contest between Domino and Clifford, in which the latter was favorite in the betting, and the former was the public's choice. In the start down into the chute there was little delay, and the flag fell with the two in line. Domino made a terrific bound, and in the first sixteenth had carried Clifford at such a pace that the four-year-old was begging for mercy, as that part of the race was run in better than six seconds, and it was there that Taral took the measure of his rival. On to the first eighth they flew, locked together like a team, and their noses struck the pole in 12 2-5 seconds from the fall of the flag.

Still locked together they ran to the quarter, and the pole was reached in 24 2-5 seconds, a cracking pace. At the three-eighths, which was reached in 36 3-5 seconds, Domino had a shade the better of it, and Clifford was breathing hard. Taral saw that he was safe, and took Domino back a trifle, and the next eighth was run in 12 4-5 seconds. Then another eighth was passed in 13 1-6 seconds, and Clifford came up a bit. Taral let out a link, and away the black three-year-old flew, covering the next eighth in 11 3-5 seconds, making the three-quarters in 1:16 1-5, and taking all the heart out of Clifford.

Then they rounded the turn into the stretch, with Domino going easy and Clifford laboring a length away. Simms went to the whip in the vain hope of catching his flying antagonist, but the Western horse was done, and could do no more.

"Domino wins," the crowd shouted, and they were right, for Taral eased his mount and came in a winner under an easy pull in the fast time of 1:39 2-5.

Never before in the history of the track was there such a wild shout of joy, and as Domino passed the wire a length ahead, and in fact all during the last furlong, the shouts were deafening. Clifford looked as if he had had a very hard race, while Domino was as full of spirit as ever and looked able to repeat the victory immediately.

Futurity course, Jack of Spades won, Maid Marian second, Beldemere third. Time, 1:28 2-5.

Mile and a sixteenth, Victorious won, Peacemaker second, Soundmore third. Time, 1:48 1-5.

One mile, Hung Penny won, Tom Skidmore second, Marshal third. Time, 1:41.

Mile and three-eighths, Dorian won, Joe Cooper second, Peter the Great third. Tim, 2:21 2-5.

One mile, Domino (even) beat Clifford (9 to 11) by a length. Time, 1:39 2-5.

Futurity course, Gutta Percha won, Dolabra second, Silvie third. Time, 1:10.

Mile and a quarter on the turf, The Pepper won, Gloaming second, Hyderbad third. Time, 2:08¼.

AT LATONIA.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 6.—It was a day of big fields at the Latonia track to-day, the first five races on the card having sixty-six entries. The fourth race had the largest number of entries for a stake race in the history of the track, numbering thirty-one in all. Scratches reduced the actual number to eighteen. Hessie, who was entered to-day, won the $2,085 purse in the Maiden Stake with ease.

Seven furlongs, Shiloh won, King Star second, Miss Perkins third. Time, 1:31¾.

Mile and twenty yards, Clementine won, Rhett Goode second, Eli third. Time, 1:54 4-5.

Seven furlongs, Wightman won, Red John second, Dilton J. third. Time, 1:30¾.

Five furlongs, Hessie won, Royal Spirit second, Repeater third. Time, 1:02½.

Six furlongs, Adam won, Leonard B. second, Simon W. third. Time, 1:16¼.

AT MADISON PARK.

EAST ST. LOUIS (Ill.), Sept. 6.—Madison Park races: Six furlongs, Bessie Lee won, Pestilence second, Paradise third. Time, 1:21.

Four and a half furlongs, Mollie King won, Daddy Reid second, Flakewood third. Time, 0:59½.

Four and a half furlongs, The Midget won, Minnie S. second, La Price third. Time, 1:00¼.

Thirteen-sixteenths of a mile, Vevay won, Frank C. second, San Blas third. Time, 1:27.

Six furlongs, Paulette won, Hart Wallace second, Alopathy third. Time, 1:19½.

AT HAWTHORNE.

HAWTHORNE (Ill.), Sept. 6.—Seven furlongs, Maryland won, Teeta May second, Full Measure third. Time, 1:35.

One mile, Gascon won, Enthusiast second, Joe Murphy third. Time, 1:48¼.

Nine-sixteenths of a mile, Monterey won, Diggs second, Loretta third. Time, :58¾.

Mile and a sixteenth, Sull Ross won, Mulberry second, Billy Sunderland third. Time, 1:58.

Six furlongs, Monrovia won, Spendoline second, Gold Dust third. Time, 1:20½.

Nine-sixteenths of a mile, Vigor won, Joe Mack second, Caleb third. Time, 1:00.

Six furlongs, Leo won, Oligo second, Welcome third. Time, 1:30.

AT BALTIMORE.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 6.—The annual meeting of the Trotting Horse Breeders' Association of Maryland and the District of Columbia was inaugurated at Pimlico Park this afternoon. The track was fast and the attendance fair.

Three-year-olds, Mechanicsville won in three straight heats. Time, 2:55—2:34—2:28 1-5. Curio and Dan M. also started.

In the 2:30 class, Louis Victor won the second, third and fourth heats in 2:25¼—2:25¼—2:26¼. Antonio won the first heat in 2:26¾. Princess Orloff and Josie S. also started.

In the 2:23 class, Cruiti won the first, third and fourth heats in the race in 2:26½—2:25—2:24¼. Myrtle Twig won the second in 2:25½. These were the only starters.

AT DETROIT.

DETROIT (Mich.), Sept. 6.—Summary: In the 2:16 class, pacing, unfinished, purse $500. Babette won the first, fourth and fifth heats. Time, 2:21—2:16¼—2:16¼. Gertie D. won the second and third heats in 2:17¼ and 2:18. Maud B. and four others also started.

In the 2:24 trot, unfinished Wednesday, purse $500, Fannie Gold Dust won in straight heats. Time, 2:22—2:15¾—2:20¼. Wilkes Chief, George L. and eight others also started.

Yearlings, trotting, stake $200, Aberdeen Clay won the second and third heats. Time, 2:17½—2:17½. Dorothy won the first heat in 2:30. Mollie H. and Gold Cure also started.

Two-year-old trotting, purse $250, May Hunter went the mile in 2:25, the others being withdrawn.

In the 2:24 class, pacing, purse $500, Cheerful Allie won in straight heats. Time, 2:17½—2:15¼—2:16. Trixy Hal, Quaker K. and six others also started.

In the 2:19 class, trotting, purse $500, unfinished, Forest Boy won the first heat in 2:17¼. The second heat was declared a dead heat between Huron Boy and Forest Boy. Time, 2:16¼. Vrewiski won the third heat in 2:19. Chloe and Bassora also started.

AT FLEETWOOD.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—Results at Fleetwood Park: Two eleven class, trotting, Alar won the first, third and fifth heats in 2:11¼, 2:11¼, 2:13. Phœbe Wilkes won the second and fourth heats in 2:13, 2:11¼. J. D. M. and Sobwebs also started.

Two twenty class, King Hardy won in three straight heats in 2:22, 2:23, 2:22. Belle Grand, Sydney Smith and four others olso started.

Three-minute class, 3-year-olds, trotting, Miss Kate won, Whalebone second, Sable Nut third. Time, 2:26¼—2:26—2:26¼—2:25. Director's Son and Upland also started.

Free-for-all pacing, Mascot won in three straight heats. Time, 2:09—2:07¼—2:07¼. Guy and Will Kerr also started.

Free-for-all trot, under saddle, Tony Medium won in two straight heats, Vernon second, Frank third. Time, 2:21¼—2:29¼.

SALVADORAN REFUGEES.

Judge Morrow Release One of the Defendants.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6.—When the Ezeta extradition proceedings were resumed this morning Judge Morrow took up the motion made yesterday by the defense for the discharge of Colonel Colocho on the ground that the evidence did not warrant his being held. In this opinion Judge Morrow concurred. He ordered that Colonel Colocho be liberated.

The testimony on behalf of the defense was then resumed, the prisoners testifying in their own behalf. The purport of all their testimony was to show that all the transactions complained of were of a political character, and that the alleged crimes charged against the fugitives were acts committed by them as officers and soldiers of the Government army while fighting a revolutionary force, and that, therefore, it was the fate of war for which individuals ought not to be held responsible.

Fresno Raisin Crop.

FRESNO, Sept. 6.—The general report received throughout the raisin vineyards is that the first crop, while of good quality, is falling far short of expectations in the matter of amount. One of the leading vineyards, which had 166 tons of first crop raisins last year, has the crop now on the trains and finds it will amount to about 85 tons. The second crop in this instance is also far short of that of last year. It is plain now that even with the most favorable weather for drying and handling the first and second crops, the output will be less than for the past three years, and there will be no glut of the market.

Woman's Suffrage.

SAN BERNARDINO, Sept. 6.—The ladies favorable to woman's suffrage propose to hold an election in this county on the 6th of November next, when ballot boxes will be especially provided at each polling place in the county in which all women of voting age will be required to cast a ballot for county and State officers. The movement is under the auspices of prominent members of the W. C. T. U., and the object is to demonstrate the practicability of woman in politics and show to the sterner sex that she will vote if given an opportunity.

Incendiary Fire at Blacks.

WOODLAND, Sept. 6.—An incendiary fire at Blacks this morning destroyed three buildings—Sandrock's blacksmith shop, Frank's saloon and residence and a vacant building. The total loss is $5,000; covered by insurance to the amount of $2,100.

A Murderer Commits Suicide.

PORTLAND (Or.), Sept. 6.—News has been received from Condon, Or., that John Barnard, who shot and killed Byron Hamilton last Monday, committed suicide.

MATTERS POLITICAL.

Wisconsin Democrats Renominate Peck for Governor.

VILAS DELIVERS AN ADDRESS BEFORE THE CONVENTION.

The Inside of Municipal Politics in San Francisco to be Made Public—Max Popper Summoned Before the Grand Jury to Testify as to the Charges That Money Was Paid for Street-Sweeping Contracts.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 6.—The State Democratic Convention was called to order promptly at noon to-day by Chairman Waller, who announced Senator W. F. Vilas as temporary Chairman.

Mr. Vilas delivered a long address, in which he attempted to show that the panic was the result of Republican misrule. Tariff reform, he said, was delayed but not defeated.

Mr. Vilas reviewed the financial history of the country from the beginning of President Cleveland's first term. He made special mention of the efforts during Arthur's Presidency to avert disaster to the Treasury, and related that Hugh McCulloch was induced to take charge of the Treasury, and that Mr. McCulloch stated that the most he could do was to postpone disaster until after the close of the Arthur Administration. Then followed a statement of how Mr. McCulloch's successor, Daniel Manning, had sacrificed his health in a successful effort to straighten out the finances, and handed to the Harrison Administration a large cash balance, and how the Republicans then returned to power and dissipated the wealth.

The evils that had fallen upon the country Senator Vilas attributed to three causes, namely: The Fifty-first, or so-called "billion-dollar" Congress, with all its misdeeds, its silver-purchasing laws, its McKinley protection Act and its unexampled extravagance, not only in direct appropriations, but entailing future obligations yet to be discharged.

The Sherman law was next taken up. The National Democratic Convention of 1892 had accepted the designation given it by the Democrats of Wisconsin, and declared it a cowardly makeshift to ward off the loss of the electoral votes of the Western silver States. The latter had first made a demand for free coinage of silver at the rate of sixteen grains of silver to equal one of gold, while excessive production and other causes had continually decreased the value of the white metal, until in 1889 it required twenty-two grains of silver to buy one of gold, with a further fall in prospect. The proposition that the Government should coin dollars at 16 to 1, and give them to the mine owner who furnished the bullion, implied that the value of the dollar should fall to the value of the silver in it, or, if the Government's credit was to support it, that the Government should give the silver producers the gains of coining 35 per cent. or more. The Fifty-First Congress, equally fearing to grant or refuse this demand, devised a compromise, equally pernicious, by which the Government was compelled to purchase fifteen tons of silver bullion a month which it had no use for, thus forcing the issue of Federal promissory notes at the rate of $4,000,000 a month. By this means the Western Republican silver States were furnished a customer at the expense of the people of the whole country.

The inevitable consequences followed. The Government was set to work inflating and impairing the currency of the country. Distrust crept into the channels of business, capitalists abroad quietly pushed their American securities upon the market, and the gold began making its way to foreign lands. It was, in another form, the triumphs of greenbackism. The silver dollar was made a legal tender, yet silver continued to decline in the market. A thousand million dollars of silver certificates had been issued, which the Government practically bound itself to redeem in gold, because if it redeemed them in silver it dropped the currency at once to a basis of silver monometallism, while their redemption in gold would not only impose a ruinous loss, but it was practically impossible.

Mr. Cleveland, on his return to the Presidency, was confronted with a treasury with $60,000,000 less money in it; with deferred and accumulated demands to be met, and appropriations to be paid during the ensuing sixteen months $75,000,000 greater in all than there was revenue to meet them, in place of the fair prosperity and universal confidence he had left behind him; a rising distrust, a disordered currency with a law commanding a monthly increase of its risks; gold disappearing from the country; financiers taking alarm, and the storm already gathered and ready to burst. The President and the Democratic party entering their trusts under such circumstances should have had the support of all patriotic citizens.

Senator Vilas then reviewed at length the difficulties that have been placed in the way of repealing the pernicious causes of the disasters by the Republican minority in Congress, beginning with the Sherman Act down to the McKinley law. The Wilson bill would have required but moderate amendment to have made it an efficient measure of reform. There was much in it, however, to give rejoicing that it has become a law, notwithstanding the successful assaults that had been made upon it by the protectionists.

On the third ballot Governor George Peck was renominated, receiving 186 votes to 55 for John Hunner and 119 for John Winans. Treasurer Hunner and Secretary Cunningham and Attorney-General O'Connor were also renominated. H. J. Schmidtz of Manitowoc was nominated for Lieutenant-Governor, William H. Schultz for Superintendent of Instruction, and George I. Prescott for Railroad Commissioner.

The platform reaffirms the principles of the Democratic National platform of 1892, attributes the financial distress to the Republican legislation; says the new tariff law affords substantial reduction and is a step in the direction of accomplishing results so contemplated; for by the repeal of the Sherman law, the money of the country is restored to a sound basis and no proposed legislation should be entertained that does not provide that every dollar issued by the Government should be of equal intrinsic and interchangeable value; denounces the American Protective Association and kindred societies; approves the income tax of the tariff bill and commends Cleveland's administration.

MONTANA REPUBLICANS.

HELENA, Sept. 6.—The Republican State Convention met here to-day. It was largely attended and very harmonious throughout. There was no opposition to the renomination of Congressman Hartman, and his selection was greeted with great applause. For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge W. H. Hunt of Helena was nominated on the first ballot.

The platform declared for the free coinage of silver, 16 to 1, independent of the action of other nations. Protection and reciprocity are indorsed, and the new tariff law denounced as destructive in particular to the wool-growing industry of Montana; liberal pensions and arbitration are indorsed.

The resolutions recommended the further elimination of Indian reservations from the map of the State, and believe the time is now at hand when every Indian should have and be required to live upon his allotted farm, and that all other lands, with their vast mineral, agricultural and pastoral wealth should be opened to the occupation and uses of civilized man.

A large and enthusiastic ratification meeting was held to-night at which leading Republican orators of the State spoke.

LOS ANGELES REPUBLICANS.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 6.—The meeting of the Republican County Convention today resulted in the following nominations: For County Clerk, T. E. Newlin; County Treasurer, T. J. Flemming; County Assessor, Theodore Summerland; County Auditor, Charles F. Bicknell. The convention then adjourned until 8 o'clock to-night.

At the night session the only nomination made was for County Recorder, E. C. Hodgman being selected as the nominee. An adjournment was then taken until to-morrow morning.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEMOCRATS.

CONCORD (N. H.), Sept. 6.—Colonel Henry O. Kent was unanimously nominated for Governor by the Democratic Convention to-day. The platform indorses Cleveland.

BREAK IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 6.—The sugar planters' convention in this city was the most remarkable gathering in many years, and the first serious break in the Democratic party in thirty years is now threatened. The convention declared in favor of an alliance with the Republican party on the national issues, and two and possibly three Congressional Districts, comprising the sugar region, are endangered to the Democrats. There were probably three hundred representative men present at the convention, and nearly all of them men of wealth and with power to control a considerable following. The action they have taken can not be underestimated. The meeting was called to order by Richard McCall, one of the leading planters of the sugar district, and E. M. Pugh was made Chairman. Among those who participated in the discussion were E. Howell, a prominent Democrat; H. P. Kernochen, who was a naval officer under Cleveland; C. P. Anderson, a wealthy planter, and J. A. Ware. Democratic Representative in the Legislature.

VERMONT ELECTION RETURNS.

BURLINGTON (Vt.), Sept. 6.—Additional returns from all the towns in the State except one, show the majority for Woodbury for Governor will be nearly if not quite 20,000. This will be a gain over the Republican majority of 1890, the last official election. The returns indicate that the next House of Representatives will contain 242 members, and all of these will be Republicans except nine.

POLITICS IN SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6.—There is a probability that the inside of municipal politics as conducted in San Francisco will be soon made public. The Grand Jury has summoned Max Popper, the leader of the local Democracy, to appear before it and testify as to the charges he has made that money was paid to Supervisors to influence their action in letting contracts for sweeping the streets of San Francisco. The investigation is based on the communication of Joseph P. Kelly, the Democratic nominee for Congress from the Fifth District, whom Popper alleges was the go-between and the man who actually paid the money. Popper declares that A. J. Clunie, the man who is trying to have him ousted from the Chairmanship of the Democratic State Central Committee, is a Buckley man, and that Buckley is getting control of San Francisco politics again. The investigation will commence to-morrow.

NAPA REPUBLICANS.

NAPA, Sept. 6.—The Napa County Republican Convention which convened at St. Helena to-day nominated the following county ticket: Assemblyman, Owen Wade; Sheriff, George S. McKenzie; Clerk, N. W. Collins; Assessor, H. M. Meacham; District Attorney, C. F. Harker; Treasurer, L. T. Hayman; Recorder and Auditor, Robert Corlett; Superintendent of Schools, Miss Kate Ames; Surveyor, J. A. Graham; Coroner and Public Administrator, R. M. Kyser.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

But One Language to be Used in the Ritual.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—The much-mooted German question was settled by the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, to-day by a decisive vote against permitting the use of the ritual in other than the English language. Two votes were taken. The first, on substituting the minority report to give German lodges five years' grace in which to adopt the English ritual, resulted 74 to 41 against the minority report. Then the majority report was adopted by a vote of 79 to 31.

The gist of the majority report is in the following recommendation: "That the Supreme Lodge reannounces and affirms the declaration made at the Kansas City session, and that henceforth and forevermore the ritual used in this and all other English-speaking nations be printed in the English language only, and that when the standard of our order shall be planted in any country speaking other than the English language the ritual therein used shall be printed, and all concerns over which the body has control shall be conducted only in the language of such Government, to the end that it may be known to all men and all nations that surround our altars Pythian Knights are taught as one of the cardinal principles of our order undying loyalty and devotion to the Government to which they owe their allegiance, whether it be the land of their birth or the country of their adoption."

It also commended the Supreme Chancellor for his action in upholding the law in this matter, and was signed by four members of the committee, Stanton L. Carter, Thomas D. Mears, L. P. Hunt and Aaron Myers.

John H. Pusse of Indiana was the author of the minority report, which recommended that the lodges which have remained loyal to the Supreme Lodge, and were working with rituals in other language when the last ritual was promulgated, be furnished with rituals in the language they were previously using for a period of five years, after which they would surrender them and use only the English.

Three hours' debate was had. The principal speech for the minority was made by Representative Featherstone of Wisconsin, and for the majority by Representative Carter of California. It was argued against the minority proposition that if five years were granted the German lodges they would apply for another extension of time at the end of that period, and the whole question would have to be fought over.

Sitting in Committee of the Whole, the lodge has approved the unanimous report of the Committee on the State of the Order recommending that saloon-keepers, bartenders and professional gamblers be declared ineligible to membership, but not affecting those who have already become members. The question has not been acted upon by the Supreme Lodge proper.

The same committee recommends that the Supreme Lodge proclaim against the use of the name of Pythianism in connection with side ranks.

A request has been telegraphed to the Supreme Lodge to institute a search for B. F. Ranks of Belle Plain, Iowa, who came to Washington to attend the encampment, and has not returned to his home. His friends wire that one of his children is at the point of death.

Important Seizure at New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—A quantity of meerschaum, diamonds and other precious stones were seized from George Nicolay, a Californian and cabin passenger on the North German steamer Lahn on the arrival of that steamer from Bremen. He had twenty-one meerschaum pipes, eleven diamonds, five opals and four pearls.

THE MINNESOTA FIRES.

The Worst Told of the Holocaust at Hinckley and Vicinity.

PINE CITY (Minn.), Sept. 6.—The worst has been told at Hinckley. There has been but one party of dead discovered since last night's report. They were in a cellar west of Hinckley, and it cannot be told whether there are three or four bodies, so badly are they burned. The work of draining the mill pond is progressing slowly, but the opinion is that little will be revealed. A huge building for offices and shelter is almost inclosed. The survivors have authorized their village organizations to prepare an expression of their deep gratitude to the people all over the United States who have come so generously to the aid of this stricken people. Supplies are coming into Pine City rapidly, and there is no lack in any department of the relief work.

REFUGEES SHELTERED.

DULUTH (Minn.), Sept. 6.—Hospitals have been established all over the city, and every public building and hundreds of private residences are sheltering refugees. Nearly $15[illegible] in actual cash has been paid into the relief funds here, and the subscriptions, including lumber and all supplies, will aggregate $20,000.

FIRE IN MANITOBA.

RAT PORTAGE (Man.), Sept. 6.—Fires along the Salt Rapids River are raging on both sides of the river. Millions of feet of lumber were destroyed. All crops, horses and cattle are gone. No loss of life has occurred on the American side, but the fire is still raging.

LABOR MATTERS.

Trial of President Debs and Other A. R. U. Officials.

CHICAGO, Sept. 6.—The trial of President Debs and other American Railway Union officials was resumed to-day, with E. M. Mulford of the Western Union Telegraph Company on the stand. Mulford read a large number of messages sent and received by the American Railway Union people. They were principally of a routine nature, urging the men to "stand pat" and asserting that the General Managers were beaten. One telegram received especial attention from the Government attorneys. It was addressed to C. B. Harmon of Denver, instructing him "to pay no attention to court injunctions." Mulford attempted to identify Debs' signature, but the effort was not satisfactory.

WORKMEN DISCHARGED.

HOUGHTON (Mich.), Sept. 6.—Professor Bidwell, in charge of the repair work at the State Mining School in the absence of Director Wadsworth, discharged seven workmen Tuesday, because they failed to work on Labor Day.

COULD NOT AGREE ON THE WAGE SCALE.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 6.—The conferences between the committees representing the American Flint Glass-Workers' Union and the Western Flint Bottle Manufacturers' Association ended without an agreement on the wage scale.

CLOAK STRIKERS TO GO TO WORK.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—The cloak manufacturing contractors had a meeting this afternoon with a committee from the strikers and agreed to take back the strikers without conditions, which the contractors yesterday demanded.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

Work Soon to be Commenced Upon the Colossal Project.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—After a suspension of nearly five years, work is to be resumed in the colossal Panama Canal project some time next month. French and American capitalists have been quietly preparing the way during the last few months, and now are nearly ready to begin operations. One of the first necessities was the passage of a law exempting the property of the canal from seizure by its creditors. This being effected, as soon as the assets of the old concern are transferred to a new corporation, all will be smooth sailing so far as the management is concerned.

The limit that stockholders and bondholders of the defunct concern have to protest against the creation of a new company and the completion of the work will expire in a few days. Steps will then be taken for incorporation of the company, the full details of which have already been decided upon. Estimates recently made place the cost of completion at 500,000,000 francs, instead of 900,000,000 francs, as estimated by the French Commissioners. The proposed new company will be organized on this basis, if it is carried out as planned, the capital stock being 65,000,000 francs, and the issue of bonds 440,000,000 francs. Of this amount Xavier Boyard, who represents the canal company in this country, says that 60,000,000 francs has already been provided. A considerable part of the ready money consists of restitutions forced from those who came by the company's funds unlawfully.

Deep Plowing.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—The Agricultural Department is giving attention to the success of deep plowing. Professor Whitney, Chief of the Division of Agricultural Soils, is now in Nebraska on a special mission to investigate the effect on the soil of deep plowing on the one hand and of irrigation on the other. Recently Secretary Morton received from the Governor of Nebraska samples of corn of the 1894 crop planted deep. Notwithstanding the drought the corn is in excellent condition. The samples sent are all Dent corns and of them give 60½ pounds net corn to 9¾ pounds of cob. They all mature early out of harm's way from frost inside of ninety days of planting.

Safe Blowers in Illinois.

MASCOUNAH (Ill.), Sept. 6.—Safe blowers broke into the store of William Peters at New Memphis last night and moved a heavy safe into the street, where they were prepared to blow it open. Louis Krause, a young farmer coming to town for a physician, ran upon the criminals, who opened fire on him without warning, shooting him in several places, but not fatally. The firing aroused the citizens, who are in pursuit of the gang. The leader was recognized.

STOPPED BY THE SHERIFF.

Green Gets the Purse in His Fight With "Spider" Kelly.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6.—A large crowd of sporting men drove to Colma, just across the San Mateo line, this evening to witness the fight for the light-weight championship of the Pacific Coast between "Spider" Kelly, the present champion, and George Green. Before the fight the betting was even. Kelly had never been defeated, and had achieved a long succession of victories, while Green had lost only one fight, that to Paddy Smith, when Green's coach, James J. Corbett, threw up the sponge in the 28th round. Green had the best of to-night's fight all the way through, inflicting severe punishment on Kelly and escaping with comparatively light chastisement himself. In the fourteenth round the Sheriff interfered, stating that Kelly had been punished sufficiently and was clearly worsted. At this, although Kelly was not knocked out, the referee awarded the fight to Green.

COAST CHRONICLES.

A Deputy Constable Stabbed to Death at a Tracy Hotel.

MARIN COUNTY HOTEL DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Discouraging Reports From Hopyards in the Willamette Valley, Oregon—A Spokane Woman Charged With Poisoning Her Husband—A Glove Fight in San Mateo County.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

STOCKTON, Sept. 6.—Fred E. Wacksmuth, a Deputy Constable, was stabbed and killed in the Arlington Hotel at Tracy this morning by A. J. Duffy, formerly proprietor of the hotel. Duffy came to Stockton and surrendered himself. Duffy had been ordered from the barroom at the hotel by Madame Nowlin, the present proprietor, and charged his expulsion to Wacksmuth, between whom and himself there had long been hard feeling. He went into the back yard, where he waited for Wacksmuth to come out, and then stabbed him when he appeared.

OREGON HOP CROP.

Reports From the Willamette Valley Not Very Encouraging.

PORTLAND, Sept. 6.—Reports from the hopyards in the Willamette Valley are of a very discouraging nature. With low prices for hops, the ravages of the louse, the rain and consequent black mold, the raisers have a sorry time of it. The rains which have fallen since Sunday, it is claimed, have done great damage to the ripe and ripening crops. Wherever the vines are infested by the parasite mold immediately set in after being thoroughly saturated with water. This has been the case, it is feared, with a great many yards. To-day a prominent hop dealer received a dispatch from Woodburn, Marion County, which stated: "Nearly half of the hopyards in this section have been abandoned on account of the lice and mold."

A merchant from Gervais, in the same region, says that a great many of the yards around that part of the country will not be picked, owing to l