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Associated Press on a Stronger Footing Than Ever.

AN OLD WARDROBE YIELDS UP A BIG FORTUNE.

What a Revenue Agent Learned on the Pacific Coast—Sharp Trick of Nebraska Bolting Democrats—A Drunkard's Brutal Murder of His Wife in St. Louis—Captain Howgate's Discovery and Arrest.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

CHICAGO, Sept. 27.—At the regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Associated Press, held here to-day, the Committee on State of the Association reported as follows:

The committee appointed by the Board of Directors to present to the board the actual present condition of the Associated Press, reports that now more than 400 newspapers are receiving direct by wire the news of the Associated Press. These newspapers are members of the Associated Press, and are supplied with the news direct by its agents. A large number of daily papers in addition get news through minor associations, procuring news through the organization.

Since the reorganization of the Associated Press, one year ago, 129 daily papers have given up the news service of the United Press and have become members of the Associated Press, and in the same period of time not a single paper having membership privileges in the Associated Press has relinquished that news service to accept service from any other news association not in close and friendly relations with the Associated Press.

The committee reports that the present actual cash receipts each week in payment of the various deliveries of its news service are in excess of the actual weekly expenses of the Associated Press, and in excess of the average weekly expenses of the organization at the last annual meeting.

The Associated Press has, for the exclusive use of its news service to-day, 18,581 miles of leased wires, extending from St. John, N. B., on the east to Portland, San Francisco, Sacramento and San Diego on the west, and from Duluth on the north to New Orleans, Galveston and San Antonio on the south. The independent agents—correspondents in the service of the Associated Press—are 1,560. The number in the Eastern Division is 528; in the Central Division, 632; in the Western Division, 400. in the Southern Division the correspondents of the Southern Associated Press cover that territory.

The number of telegraph operators in the service is 168. The average number of words transmitted over the day wires is 16,000, and over the night wires, 45,000. The approximate number of words in the telegraphic news gathered by the service throughout the country is 28,000 per day.

The committee finds that the Associated Press has maintained and improved at every point great superiority in its service over all competitors, and not only in its domestic but also in its foreign news arrangements, it stands far ahead of any previous record. It shows exclusive contracts with the London *Times*, prohibiting the legitimate use of news of that paper by any other American association, and similar exclusive contracts with the chief and most important news agencies of Europe, the Reuter of London, the Havas of France and Wolfe of Berlin—the three greatest agencies of England, France and Germany, which maintain correspondents in every important city in Europe, Africa, South America, Asia and Australia.

The examination of the books of the Associated Press shows that its members have signed and pledged themselves to a guaranty fund of $550,000 to maintain the high character of its news service, and to meet any extraordinary contingencies of expense. Of this vast sum not one single dollar has been demanded from any subscriber, and the entire sum remains in the account unused for any purpose and available any minute for service.

Signed, I. S. Carvalho, New York *World;* Frederick Driscoll, St. Paul *Pioneer Press;* C. W. Knapp, St. Louis *Republican;* Clayton McMichael, Philadelphia *North American;* Albert J. Barr, Pittsburg *Post;* J. S. Scripps, Detrit *Tribune;* E. H. Perdue, Cleveland *Leader*, and Cleveland *News* and *Herald*.

AFTER MANY YEARS.

Capture of Captain Howgate, Who Swindled the Government.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Captain Henry Howgate, formerly Chief of the Weather Bureau at Washington, was arrested in this city to-day on the charges of forgery and the embezzlement of $360,000, committed in 1878 and 1879.

After having searched nearly the whole country for Howgate, ex-Sheriff Drummond received information that the fugitive was a dealer in old books and pamphlets in New York. Every bookstore was visited by detectives without success. Finally an officer was detailed to watch the auction sales for Howgate. To-day Detective Drummond met Howgate coming out of a store on Fourth avenue and Tenth street, and said: "How are you, Captain Howgate?"

The latter started, but quickly regained his composure and asked Mr. Drummond what he wanted, and the detective told him. He answered: "All right, the jig is up. I am Captain Howgate."

Seven indictments have been pending against Howgate for years. The story of his exposure, and of his relations with a woman named Nettie Burrill, caused a great sensation at the time. For several years he had led a double domestic life in Washington. But a few squares away from the home that contained his devoted wife and the daughter who was to cling to him so determinedly in the dark hours to come, he supported a woman in luxurious style.

When first arrested, in 1882, the officers remained in the sitting room while Howgate went upstairs for his bath. It is said Miss Howgate, who possessed an exquisite voice, sang to the guardians of her father, and made the time pass so pleasantly that an hour elapsed before they awakened to a proper realization of what they were there for. They asked Miss Howgate to call her father. She was gone a long time, and then came back pale and excited. She could find her father nowhere, she said. They searched the house, and then rushed out and gave the alarm. Captain Howgate by this time had two hours the start of his pursuers. He had escaped by going out of the rear of the house when he was supposed to go to the bath, and was not found until to-day.

CACHED WEALTH.

An Old Wardrobe Crumbles and Yields $75,000.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 27.—While an old wardrobe that stood for fifty years in the house of the late David Morrison, in Allegheny, was being moved yesterday, the bottom fell out, and with it came $75,000 in bank notes and Government bonds. Morrison died five years ago. His widow refused to tell her relatives anything about his affairs. They thought he had nearly $100,000, but she disclaimed all knowledge of it. The secret of the hiding place of the money died with her last month.

John Fitzsimmons, one of the four heirs, who lives in West Philadelphia, settled up the affairs of the woman and began moving the furniture yesterday. As the men were carrying the wardrobe from the garret, where it had stood so long, it fell to pieces.

THE ATLANTIC STORM.

Increasing in Violence and Traveling Northward.

SAVANNAH, Sept. 27.—The storm is increasing in violence. The barometer is still falling and the wind here and at Tybee Island has attained a velocity of twenty-five miles an hour. Government officers have gone down to quarantine to inspect the damage. It is feared that the quarantine station will be entirely destroyed. It is believed that there has been a large loss of life at the Sea Islands.

TRAVELING NORTHWARD.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—The West Indian hurricane is making its way steadily in this direction. Early in the day it was off the coast of South Carolina. It is traveling slowly in an easterly direction with rotary motion.

GOING SEAWARD.

LATER.—In-coming steamers indicate falling barometer and indications of dry weather. The wind is traveling further to the eastward, and all indications point to a nasty night at sea.

DESTRUCTION IN THE SOUTH.

JACKSONVILLE (Fla.), Sept. 27.—Nothing has been heard from St. Augustine since Tuesday and there are rumors that the ancient city has suffered greatly. Communication with the south will be opened up by to-morrow.

The orange crop has been greatly injured, but it is hoped no lives have been lost.

A LIGHTSHIP MISSING.

CHARLESTON (S. C.), Sept. 27.—The Clyde steamship Iroquois, which arrived here from Jacksonville to-night, reports that Martin's Industry lightship off Savannah is missing.

NO LOSS OF LIFE.

SAVANNAH (Ga.), Sept. 27.—Railroad men who are just up from Tybee Island say the damage will not exceed $1,000. No loss of life has been reported.

CALIFORNIA WINES.

They Are Fast Gaining a Foothold in London.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—The Department of Agriculture has very encouraging accounts of the growth of the consumption and the increased favor of American wines abroad. A catalogue received from a prominent wine dealer in London gives a list of places in England where California wines are sold.

The list includes some of the leading hotels and clubs in London. A member of this firm was sent to the World's Fair by the British Government to report on American wine. His report has not yet been made. The firm's trade mark is a big tree, and a recent order for lithographic work designed to advertise these wares cost $12,000.

NEBRASKA BOLTERS.

They File Their Ticket First With the Secretary of State.

OMAHA, Sept. 27.—The managers of the Rump Democratic Convention nominated a full ticket in opposition to the Democratic State Convention last night, chartered a special train to-day, went to Lincoln and filed with the Secretary of State certificates of the nomination of their ticket as candidates of the Democratic party of Nebraska.

Under the Australian ballot law there can be but one "Democratic" ticket voted for, and the regular ticket will have to be filed "by permission" unless the action of to-day is overruled by the courts.

PACIFIC COAST CUSTOMS SERVICE.

Official Heads That Are Destined for the Big Basket.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Hamlin has returned from his tour of the Customs districts of the Pacific Coast and his visit to the Pribyloff Islands. He stated that the northwestern frontier was greatly in need of more comprehensive police systems.

Secretary Hamlin visited all the Pacific Coast Customs districts, and stated he had discovered no glaring frauds, but he thought the good of the service demanded several changes, and in his opinion they would be made as soon as he could prepare his report and bring the matter to the attention of the Secretary.

A DRUNKEN FIEND.

He Hurls a Lighted Lamp and Burns His Wife to Death.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 27.—John Schneider, a laborer, came home in an intoxicated condition late last night, and, finding that his wife had not kept supper waiting for him, picked up a lighted lamp and threw it at her.

It broke in pieces and the oil drenched the unfortunate woman's head and shoulders and took fire, and burned her in a horrible manner.

Mrs. Schneider died this morning at the City Hospital, where she had been taken. The husband was also burned about the face and hands, but not fatally.

Hill Is Non-Committal.

ALBANY (N. Y.), Sept. 27.—Senator Hill said to-night regarding his nomination: "I have arrived at no decision as yet as to this nomination. In fact, I have not been officially notified, and, until I am, I can not say anything in the premises. I have hardly had time to think over the sensational events of yesterday."

McKinley on the Stump.

BELLEFONTAINE (Ohio), Sept. 26.—Governor McKinley delivered an address here this afternoon at the laying of the corner-stone of the new Memorial Hall. To-morrow he will open the Ohio campaign at Findlay, and after a couple of speeches at small points will go to St. Louis, where he will speak Monday.

Getting Along in Years.

REDBANK (N. J.), Sept. 27.—Joseph Field, better known as "Uncle Josie," one of the wealthiest farmers in Middletown Township, celebrated the 102d anniversary of his birthday at his residence yesterday.

Saloons Shut Tight.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—Detectives were sent out from headquarters last night to order all saloons closed at midnight, and soon after that hour all night resorts on the Bowery and elsewhere were shut tight.

Anti-Tillman Caucus.

COLUMBIA (S. C.), Sept. 26.—The anti-Tillman caucus adjourned this morning at 4:30 without doing anything except to pass resolutions. No nominations were made.

Defined.

Teacher—What is the meaning of the word excavate?

Scholar—To hollow out.

Teacher—Give me a sentence in which the word is properly used.

Scholar—The small boy excavates when his papa licks him.—Tit-Bits.

ROBERT J. STILL THE KING.

He Paces a Mile in the Fast Time of 2:02 3-4.

DIRECTUM OUT-TROTS BOTH ARION AND NELSON.

Speedy Alix Goes a Mile in 2:04 1-2—Starr's Rose Leaf and Sallie Simmons Lower the Double-Team Record to 2:15 1-4—Flying Jib and Directly Fail to Lessen Their Time—Events On Many Tracks.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

COLUMBUS (O.), Sept. 27.—About 10,000 people witnessed the races at the Columbus Driving Park to-day. The weather was warm and clear, but not warm enough to bring out the mettle of the horses. The track was fast, but too hard.

Alix went to beat her record of 2:03¾, but the start was a little slow, and she landed under the wire in 2:04½. Time by quarters—0:31, 1:02½, 1:34¼, 2:04½. Her driver, McDowell, made a great effort to lower her record, and the crowd showed its appreciation by hearty applause.

Flying Jib was sent against his record of 2:04, and landed under the wire in 2:06¼.

Directly was also sent against his record of 2:07¾, and finished in 2:09½.

The team race between Azote and Answer, owned by Monroe Salisbury and Rose Leaf and Sallie Simmons, owned by George Starr, was close and exciting. Rose Leaf and Sallie Simmons won by about half a length. The Salisbury team led all the way round to the stretch, when one of the horses broke and the Starr team shot ahead, holding the lead to the wire. The time was 2:15¼. The time, 2:15¾, is the world's record by a trotting team in a race. The fastest time previously made by a team in a race was 2:16¾. The following are the summaries:

Two-fifty class, two-year-olds, purse $600, Axtellite won, A. P. Alert second. Time—2:36½, 2:35¼, 2:35¼.

Two-thirty pace, two-year-olds, purse $1,000, Marietta Wilkes won two straight heats and the race. Time—2:20¼, 2:16¼. Ambedator and Luella Shawhan also started.

Free-for-all trot, purse $1,000, Phœbe Wilkes won the second, third and fourth heats and the race. Time—2:10¼, 2:10¼, 2:12¼. Dandy Jim won the first heat in 2:13¼. Belvera also started.

Two-thirty class pace (unfinished), Belle J. won first heat in 2:12½, Pat D. second heat in 2:13¼ and Sable Gift third heat in 2:13¼.

Tony Wilson won the first, second and fourth heats of the 2:15 pace, Socks won the third. Time—2:15, 2:15¼, 2:15, 2:13¾. Jimmie R. Doctor H., Mountain Pink, Merry Legs and Divan also started.

Red Bud won the three-minute trot in straight heats, Val second, Phelan third. Time—2:17¼, 2:17¼, 2:18¼. Remus, Mattie S., Wilkes and Miss Herling also started.

CLIFFORD BEATS BANQUET.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—The field was small at Jerome Park to-day, but the finishes were close in many cases. Only Banquet and Clifford started in the Oakwood stakes, at a mile and an eighth, with the former at 2 to 1 and the latter at about 1 to 2. The pace was a hot one from the fall of the flag, with Banquet in the lead and Clifford trailing. At the head of the stretch, Clifford got his head and assumed the lead. Then Doggett got at Banquet, and in a hard drive for a quarter of a mile was beaten a neck, although Clifford had something left and Banquet was all out.

Six furlongs, Applause won, Havoc second, Louise Illy third. Time—1:17.

Mile and a sixteenth, Discount won, Beldemere second, Poetry third. Time—1:52.

Mile and an eighth, Oakwood stakes, Clifford won, Banquet second. Time—1:57¼.

Titan course, Lightfoot won, Flirt second, Milan third. Time—1:22¼.

Half a mile, Kallioerhoe won, Samaritan second, Mohawk third. Time—0:51.

Half a mile, Jewell won, Rama second, Expectation third. Time—0:51¼.

Titan course, Hugh Penny won, Harrington second, Copyright third. Time—1:22½.

RUNNING AT HARLEM.

HARLEM (Ill.), Sept. 27.—Six furlongs Damask won, Whitestone second, B. F Fly third. Time—1:15.

Six furlongs, Katie B. won, Linnett second, Nat third. Time—1:14¼.

Mile and a sixteenth, Eagle Bird won, Cicely second, Linda third. Time—1:47¼.

Six furlongs, Amelia May won, Elise second, Full Measure third. Time—1:14¼.

Mile and twenty yards, Buck McCann won, Abbess second, King Mac third. Time—1:43¼.

AT ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 27.—The Madison results to-day were:

Five furlongs, Picadilly won, Mamie S. second, Annie H. third. Time—1:05¾.

Five and a half furlongs, Pebble Rock won, Doubtful second, Tom Karl third. Time—1:13¼.

Four and a half furlongs, Tramp won, Palmetto Boy second, Courtney third. Time—0:58.

Five furlongs, Starlight won, Tenor second, Prince Peyton third. Time—1:06¼.

Six and a half furlongs, Arthur G. won, My Partner second, Ivanhoe third. Time—1:26.

REY EL SANTA ANITA BEATEN.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 24.—The Latonia track was fast. Only two favorites won. Fifty out of fifty-nine entries went to the post.

Seven furlongs, Little Miss won, Alibi second, Miss Perkins third. Time—1:30¾.

Seven furlongs, Yemen won, Remorse second, Elva third. Time—1:29.

One mile, Sister Mary won, St. Maxim second, Selina D. third. Time—1:41.

Latonia Autumn Prize, mile and an eighth, Lehman won, Rey El Santa Anita second, Egbert third. Time—1:54¼.

Six furlongs, Katharine won, Victorious second, Lily of the West third. Time—1:16½.

Seven furlongs, Eli won, Betty Badger second, Strathrol third. Time—1:29.

AT KANSAS CITY.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 27.—The fall running meeting opened here to-day. The conditions were favorable and the sport excellent. The horses got off well and made fast time. Three favorites won.

Six furlongs, Monk Overton won, Pat Lee second, Green Prewit third. Time—1:20.

Five furlongs, Mollie May won, Budd Brooks second, Champagne third. Time—1:06.

Five furlongs, Little Ell won, Bird Dobson second, Rey third. Time—1:05.

Seven furlongs, Dr. McAllister won, John second, Hesperia third. Time—1:32½.

Six and a half furlongs, Atless won, Joe Woolman second, Rock Hill third. Time—1:26.

ANOTHER DOUBLE-TEAM HEAT.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 27.—The half-track double-team record was broken at Canfield, O., to-day, when the gray mare Kitty Bayard and the bay stallion Count Robert trotted a mile in 2:19¾. The team, which is owned by Lyon Brothers of Canfield, was hitched to a four-wheeled road wagon and was driven by one of the owners.

ROBERT J. STILL THE KING.

DAVENPORT (Ia.), Sept. 27.—Robert J. is still the king of pacers. Before 10,000 people on the Davenport mile track he easily defeated Joe Patchen in two straight heats, and then after Joe had withdrawn by agreement paced a mile with a running mate in 2:02¾, the fastest third heat by two seconds ever paced.

In the first heat he finished in a jog, with a lead of six lengths, in 2:05¼. The second heat was won by four lengths in 2:05¾. The last quarter of the third heat was made in 0:29¾.

RALPH WILKES' GOOD MILE.

MYSTIC PARK (Mass.), Sept. 27.—Ralph Wilkes, sent to beat 2:10¾, made the mile in 2:09½.

Merry Bells won the 2:35 pace. Best time—2:24¾.

Mahlon B. won the 2:14 stallion trot in straight heats, Haley second, Benton M. third. Time—2:17¾, 2:15¼, 2:15¾. St. Croix, Eva, Much Ado, Germaine, Krowsky, Col. Osgood also started.

A SPEEDY TWO-YEAR-OLD.

SAN JOSE, Sept. 27.—Trotting, 2:24 class, Chico won, Free Coinage second, Phalmont Boy third. Time—2:20, 2:21, 2:21½.

Futurity trotting, Champion Stakes, Derby Princess won, Glubar second, Turner third. Time—2:27½, 2:25.

Trotting, 2:40 class, Julia G. won, Dan Brown second, Bessie Thorn third. Time—2:25, 2:24½, 2:27½.

Trotting, 2:27 class, Nellie W. won, Auntie Wilkes second, Lady O. third. Time—2:21¼, 2:24¾, 2:24.

The two-year-old pacer W. W. Foote went against his own record of 2:16½ and made 2:15¼.

DIRECTUM WON.

Arion and Nelson Beaten in a Very Close Race.

MEDFORD (Mass.), Sept. 27.—The biggest crowd that ever assembled on a track in New England gathered at Mystic Park yesterday to witness the stallion race between Directum, Arion and Nelson.

Directum had the pole, Arion second, and the Maine horse on the outside. The quarter-pole was reached in 0:33, with Directum a neck ahead of Arion and Nelson half a length behind. The half was made in 1:06, and three-quarters in 2:38, with the same positions.

The horses turned into the stretch, going steadily. The black finished half a length ahead of Arion, with Nelson lagging a length behind. Time—2:12.

The trio started in the second heat with Nelson slightly in the lead. At the quarter-pole he still led Directum, with Arion almost a length in the rear. At the half the Maine horse increased his lead to a length and the crowd almost went wild.

Directum, at the three-quarters, was a length in the lead, with Arion and Nelson neck and neck. In the stretch Nelson dropped behind and finished three lengths in the rear of Directum, who led Arion by a length. Time by quarters—0:31½, 1:03¾, 1:37, 2:10. This was the best time of the day.

In the third heat Directum kept behind until the half was passed. Arion was leading, with Nelson a length behind. Directum drew up and beat Arion out in the stretch, winning by a length. Time by quarters—0:33¼, 1:06, 1:29, 2:11½.

AFTER CORBETT.

Can He Longer Ignore Fitzsimmons' Claim for a Fight?

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 27.—Bob Fitzsimmons has addressed a long letter to champion Jim Corbett challenging him to either a limited-round bout or a fight to a finish. He says:

"In order to again show my sincerity, I hereby deposit the sum of $10,000 as a side bet, with the privilege of increasing it later on, if my financial standing will allow.

"I most respectfully call your attention to the fact that I have already signed articles to meet you before the Olympic Club for a $25,000 purse, the winner to take all, and I trust you will see your way clear to do likewise."

O'DONNELL READY FOR BOB.

LEWISTON, Sept. 27.—Champion James J. Corbett, who appeared here to-night in "Gentleman Jack," was made acquainted with the fact that Fitzsimmons had published a formal challenge to fight him. The champion read the letter aloud to Steve O'Donnell, and when he came to the place where the middle-weight pledged himself not to attempt to knock him out, he roared with laughter.

"Well, Steve, what do you think of that?" said Corbett, while O'Donnell smiled. After he had finished reading, Corbett said:

"Of course, I expected Fitz would do something of this sort, but he is too ambitious. I will attend to him when the proper time comes.

"I don't propose to fight him," continued the champion, "until he has defeated someone worth mentioning. What's the use of my fighting a middle-weight, when there are plenty of men who can do him easily? He wants to skip over all the heavy-weights and tackle me."

"That's right, Jim," said O'Donnell. "You just say for me," O'Donnell added, "that I will make the same proposition to spar Fitz in New York that he makes to Corbett, and if I don't prove that he is out of his class it will do for him to talk about meeting Jim."

"Will you accept this challenge for a finish fight?" he was asked.

"You bet I will!" said Steve, "and I can cover his money just as soon as he wishes. In fact, I am coming out with a challenge for him, and he can get all the fight he wants without tackling Corbett."

THREE DAYS FOR JIM TO THINK.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 27.—As Corbett wired that Fitzsimmons must defeat O'Donnell before he would meet the middle-weight, President Scholl of the Olympic Club has determined to bring the affair to an issue at once. He will wait three days for a reply, and if it does not materialize he will call a meeting of the board and a manifesto will be issued, giving Corbett a reasonable length of time to reply. Should he fail to agree to a meeting with Fitzsimmons, the club will announce the latter as heavyweight champion of the world and ready to hold the title against any and all comers. The club claims the right to do this, as the title was lost and won in its arena.

A GOOD CEMENT.

A Very Valuable Article for Every Home.

Every housekeeper, very early in her married life, realizes the necessity of a good cement that can be kept on hand to repair the innumerable articles which seem scarcely worth sending from home to be mended. The various cements usually bought for this purpose are inclined to dry quickly, and are often useless when they are most needed. But by keeping the necessary articles on hand they will be ready for mixing when required.

A good cement for mending almost anything may be made by mixing together litharge and glycerine to the consistency of thick cream or fresh putty. It is useful for mending stone jars or any coarse earthenware, stopping leaks in the seams of tin pans or wash boilers, cracks and holes in iron kettles, etc. It may also be used to fasten on lamp tops, or tighten loose nuts, to secure loose bolts whose nuts are lost, to tighten loose joints of wood or iron and in numberless ways.

In all cases the articles mended should not be used until the cement has hardened, which will require from one day to a week, according to the quantity used. This cement will resist the action of water, hot or cold, acids and almost any degree of heat, and the housewife will not realize until the materials for making it are kept convenient in how many ways it will be found useful.

Bleached sponges are the safest to use, as the bleaching process disinfects them.

AFFAIRS ON OUR OWN COAST.

The Unaccountable Disappearance of a Fresno Merchant.

BELIEF THAT JOSEPH DECKER WAS BRUTALLY MURDERED.

Non-Partisan and Democratic Nominees in San Francisco—Disagreement of the Jury in the Carlin Strikers' Case—Prospects of an Eastern Rate War Dispelled—Other Events of the Day.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—Joseph Decker, a Fresno merchant, who has been at Bartlett Springs for his health, has been reported missing by a relative who recently received a letter from Decker saying that he would be in this city last Saturday. He did not put in an appearance, and an investigation disclosed the fact that he had left Bartlett Springs, and a telegram from Fresno says that he had not arrived there.

Last Tuesday the body of a murdered man was found in a refrigerator car which came from Live Oak. His head was full of holes made by a slungshot improvised from several pieces of railroad iron which lay at his side. Relatives of Decker believe that the murdered man was Decker.

PERILS OF THE ARCTIC.

A Returned Whaler Brings News of Wrecks—Alaskan Natives.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—The whaling schooner Nicoline, Captain B. F. Tilton, has reached port from Fox Island, after a passage of twenty-six days. She brought nearly 15,000 pounds of whalebone, bearskins, foxskins and 800 pounds of ivory.

Captain Tilton confirms the report of the loss of the schooner Emily Schroeder. The vessel was wrecked in Marryat's Inlet, Point Hope, October 13, 1893. At the same time the schooner Silver Wave was ashore in the sand, but resting easily. A fearful gale was blowing at the time, and the Nicoline lost two of her anchors and considerable chain. The heavy sea washed over the point and the natives fled to the hills, fearing that they would be engulfed by the rising water.

At one of the whaling stations the water was two feet deep in the house, and boats were floating all around. It was the hardest gale that Captain Tilton ever experienced. Plenty of wreckage was picked up by the natives.

In July last at Point Hope the ice was very thick, but all vessels had passed that point by the 18th in their way north.

The Andrew Hicks is reported having three white whales.

In speaking of missionary work in Alaska, Captain Tilton says: "I think the Government should do something for the natives of Alaska, as they are a quiet and intelligent race of people, and are anxious to live like a civilized people. The missionaries should be looked after, and good men and women should go to Alaska. Men should be sent that a native would respect, not those who are filthier than the natives themselves."

SAN FRANCISCO POLITICS.

Non-Partisans Name Ellert for Mayor—Democratic Nominees.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—The Democratic Municipal Convention to-night nominated A. C. Freese for Public Administrator, Dr. Alfred E. Blake for Coroner, and A. F. Benjamin, A. E. Fritz, Kenneth Williams, E. T. Patton, Wesley Reed, John A. Carroll and E. T. O'Connor for Justices of the Peace.

The Non-Partisan Municipal Convention was held to-night. L. R. Ellert, Republican, was nominated for Mayor by acclamation, and M. C. Haley, Democrat, for County Clerk. The Committee on Judiciary reported the names of C. T. Conlan and Finley Cooke, Democrats, and H. L. Joachimson and Charles A. Low, Republicans, as nominees for Police Judges.

For Justices of the Peace, A. T. Patton, Wesley Reed and W. W. McNair, Democrats, and J. E. Barry and G. E. Stoker, Republicans.

The Republican Convention was not in session to-night.

OVERLAND TRAVEL.

The Likelihood of a Rate War has Been Dispelled.

PORTLAND, Sept. 27.—The likelihood of a transcontinental passenger rate war was removed by an agreement between the Southern Pacific and the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company governing San Francisco business. By its terms both companies recede more or less from the positions they have heretofore taken, and each makes concessions to the other.

The Oregon Railway and Navigation Company's differentials are reduced from $7 50 first class to $6, and from $5 on second class tickets to $4 under the established all-rail rates from San Francisco to the East. This concession of $1 50 in its differential on first class tickets, and $1 on second class, is offset in a measure by the Southern Pacific agreeing to accept ticket representation of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company at Portland.

MISSING HUNTERS.

Anxiety About Journalistic Nimrods Set at Rest.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 27.—A story was published a few days ago of the supposed loss of a party of three newspaper men in the San Gabriel Canyon. They were Carlton Kemp and Messrs. McEwen and McMasters.

Mrs. C. A. Naylor of this city states that on August 15th she saw two of the party in the mountains as she was on the way to Los Angeles and that they were all right and would return in October. She also says that Kemp deserted the party in June and headed north.

CONSPIRING TO MURDER.

Alice Aldersley's Father Is After the Leeks and Bowers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—The present Grand Jury will be asked to investigate charges of conspiracy to murder against J. J. Leek, the dentist in whose apartments the death of Alice Aldersley occurred on March 6th last, and against Dr. J. Milton Bowers and J. G. Leek.

William K. Aldersley, the girl's father, says he has plenty of documentary evidence to show that a conspiracy existed, and that J. G. Leek was interested in his daughter's death, because she held a lien against his property for $650, which she had loaned his brother.

The Spirits Not In It.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—Dr. Tynan, the capitalist who was found by Slater, the spiritualist, does not believe Slater was aided by spirits in finding him. Slater said that the ghost of Maria Marvin Tynan, the doctor's first wife, told him where to find the missing man. Tynan says that Maria Marvin Tynan was his mother, not his wife, and that he believes that Slater merely saw him on the streets of Boston and recognized him.

Barham at Red Bluff.

RED BLUFF, Sept. 27.—J. A. Barham, Republican candidate for Congress from the First District, addressed a large crowd here to-night. He declared himself in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver; against the Reilly funding bill, and against all foreign immigration of skilled and unskilled labor. He was not in favor of Government ownership of all the railroads, as it was impracticable.

He spoke for an hour and half, and was received with great enthusiasm. He was particularly anxious that appropriations be made for dredging the Sacramento River.

Mountain Fires in Santa Barbara.

SANTA BARBARA, Sept. 27.—Mountain fires are raging in dangerous proximity to some of the ranches situated near the foothills not far from this city. Great damage has been done to property, and a large number of cattle in pasture have been burned.

A man and his family living in a canyon found themselves surrounded by the flames, and made their escape almost by a miracle.

Mrs. Stanford's Account.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—Jane Lathrop Stanford to-day filed in the Probate Court her first annual account as executrix of the estate of the late Leland Stanford. The account covers the period from June, 1893, to September, 1894, during which time Mrs. Stanford has handled money from the estate to the amount of $1,575,000, and has disbursed during the same period $1,371,000.

The Lights Went Out.

SANTA ANA, Sept. 27.—A well-worn, dusty buckboard stood on the stage of French's Opera-house to-night facing a big audience, most of whom wore rosebuds as a token of faith in James H. Budd. The lights went out in the middle of Budd's speech, and the rest of it was delivered by the light of an old lantern.

Killed a Chinaman.

SANTA ROSA, Sept. 27.—To-day the trial of George Conniff, charged with having caused the death of a Chinese fisherman named Wong Sing in Petaluma last March, began in the Superior Court. The Chinaman was sitting on the wharf at the time and Conniff recklessly pushed him into the creek and he was drowned. Conniff is charged with manslaughter.

Labor Riot at Fresno.

FRESNO, Sept. 27.—The box-makers at Butler & Forsythe's raisin-packing establishment struck yesterday against a reduction of wages and were replaced by a fresh crew. In the evening the strikers returned and undertook to clear out the new-comers. A free fight ensued, in which sticks and stones were freely used. The new-comers held the fort.

By the Morphine Route.

PORTLAND (Or.), Sept. 27.—Paul E. McCarthy of Colfax, Wash., committed suicide at the St. Charles Hotel here. He was despondent on account of the death of his wife. He left several touching letters addressed to his father, Daniel McCarthy, Alameda, Cal., and a note saying: "I have gone by the morphine route."

New Arizona Railroad.

BENSON (Ariz.), Sept. 27.—To-day the last spike was driven in the Benson extension on the Arizona and Southeastern Railroad, joining this place with the Southern Pacific, instead of with the Santa Fe, as heretofore. The new extension parallels the Santa Fe for a distance of eighteen miles.

Mrs. Werner Convicted.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—Mrs. Ada Werner, charged with the murder of her husband, was this afternoon found guilty of murder in the second degree, the jury recommending her to the mercy of the court. Werner was shot while asleep. His wife alleged that he had been unfaithful, cruel and abusive.

McKinley and Reed May Come.

TACOMA, Sept. 27.—Governor McKinley and Congressman Tom Reed have been invited to speak in Washington during the fall campaign by the Republican State Central Committee, which has just opened new headquarters here. If they come it is expected they will make a brief tour of the Northwest.

The Carlin Strikers.

CARLIN (Nev.), Sept. 27.—The jury in the case of the Carlin strikers, held for obstructing the mails, disagreed and were discharged. It stood nine for acquittal and three for conviction.

The new trial will begin on Monday.

Bad Weather and Poor Scores.

VANCOUVER (Wash.), Sept. 27.—The rifle competition of the Departments of California and the Columbia terminated to-day, comparatively poor scores being made, owing to the unfavorable state of the weather.

Martin Heller's Will.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—The will of Martin Heller provides for the distribution of an estate valued at over a million dollars. The estate is to be divided among his children and near relatives.

A Helpless Steamer.

ASTORIA (Or.), Sept. 27.—The steam collier Mackinaw, coal-laden from Puget Sound for San Francisco, is outside the bar in a helpless condition, having lost her rudder.

The State Won't Get It.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—Judge Coffey has sustained the demurrer to the suit instituted by Governor Markham to have the Blythe estate escheat to the State.

THE CUTE CHINESE.

Warship Captains Said to Have Sold Their Guns and Ammunition.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—The *Pall Mall Gazette* this afternoon has a letter from Shanghai, dated August 17th, saying the Chinese navy cannot fight because the ships have only about twelve rounds of ammunition per ship, the supply of ammunition having been sold, according to the correspondent, by the Captains of the warships. The correspondent adds that one of these commanders actually sold one of his ship's Armstrong guns, and went to sea one gun short.

Alarm of Foreigners in Hongkong.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—A dispatch to the *Times* from Shanghai reports that the Japanese have been repulsed at both Anju and Wiju.

A dispatch from Simla says the English papers there are urging the rush of troops to Hongkong and other treaty ports from India, as letters have been received reporting a dangerous anti-foreign feeling in those places.

Shot Fired at a Hack.

About 2 o'clock this morning a hack coming from the Riverside Road and one going in the opposite direction met at Ninth and N streets. A lady jumped on the step of the hack going from the city and told the driver to stop. On his refusing to do so she fired a shot at the hack, or at somebody in the hack. As far as known nobody was injured.

POOR ALSACE AND LORRAINE.

The People There Not Reconciled to German Rule.

RELIGIOUS FANATICS IN COREA AFTER FOREIGNERS.

Congressman Wilson Banqueted in London—Shocking Cruelties Practiced By Soldiers in Buenos Ayres—Chinese Claim the Yalu River Engagement Was a Drawn Battle—Bombs in Rome.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—The *Daily News* in an editorial this morning summarizes a series of letters received from a correspondent in Alsace-Lorraine, which provinces the writer has visited after several years. "The provinces," he says, "are not reconciled to Germany, and this is especially true of Lorraine, which remains Catholic and French. There is no liberty, as we understand the term.

"The natives are permitted to observe their own religion and use their own language under certain restrictions, but these limitations include the presence of German detectives in the churches. What stifles the feeling of discontent in Reichsland is the general passionate desire for peace. The populace have a terrible object lesson before their eyes. Metz is a vast military camp, and Mulhouse an immense barrack."

The situation in Strasburg is described as truly awful. "Thirteen forts," the writer says, "have been built there since the war, and the place seems like a monster, whose iron jaws are distended in a spasmodic grin of cannon reaching for miles. The cost of food and lodging in Strasburg has more than doubled since the annexation of the province to Germany. Trade is persistently dull, the civil population loses its sense of importance and soldiers dominate the situation. The whole administration is vested in the form of martial law."

WILSON IN ENGLAND.

The Congressman Makes a Speech at a Banquet.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—The dinner given by the Chamber of Commerce of London to Congressman W. L. Wilson took place at the Hotel Metropole this evening. About seventy guests were present. After acknowledging the honor conferred upon him, and reciting the events of the long struggle to overthrow protection, Mr. Wilson said:

"All the people saw our system was generating a brood of monopolists so powerful as to defy the law, and which used part of the wealth they drew from sharing in the power of the taxation to increase their privileges, debauch elections and corrupt legislation.

"I am quite sure our protective policy has already served to promote the trade of other nations, and if continued it would still further promote such trade and pre-eminently your own. I stand before you a representative of those who are striving for a freer commercial policy for the United States."

THE TONG HAKS.

Corean Fanatics Who are the Enemies of All Foreigners.

YOKOHAMA, Sept. 27.—The Tong Haks, a powerful religious sect of Corean rebels, have attacked the Japanese troops at Taiku, in Southern Corea. Reinforcements have been sent to the Japanese from Seoul.

The Tong Haks constitute the most powerful revolutionary element in Corea. They ascribe the precarious condition of the Corean trade and commerce to the presence of foreigners. The Tong Haks early in the year undertook to rid Corea of foreigners, and threatened the Japanese as well as the people of other nations.

Last year the Tong Haks and Coreans, numbering 30,000, threatened to march on the Corean Capitsl and expel the foreigners therefrom. The movement was suppressed, but the feeling which existed led to disturb