



ADVOCATES OF WHITE METAL.

The Silver Conference at Salt Lake Formally Opened.

ALL OF THE FAR WESTERN STATES REPRESENTED.

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Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SALT LAKE, May 15.—The people of Salt Lake were up early to-day to witness the opening of the silver conference, about which so much has been said during the past month. From the head of East Temple street to its foot, on all the business districts, and on all the cross-streets in the section, buildings were gaily decorated with the national colors, while from every flagstaff waved the stars and stripes, in honor of the great event, inscriptions, mottoes and diverse other devices emblematic of the sentiments of silver champions were also in evidence.

REAR-ADMIRAL MEADE.

His Leave of Absence Revoked by the Secretary of the Navy. WASHINGTON, May 15.—The Secretary of the Navy has issued an order revoking the leave of absence granted to Rear-Admiral Meade several days ago. When Admiral Meade became dissatisfied with his command and asked to be detached from the command of the North Atlantic squadron, he also asked for a leave of absence of a year, with permission to go abroad, saying at the same time that he would ask in a day or two to be relieved. His request to be detached was immediately granted, as was the request for a year's leave of absence. Then came the request to be retired, but before any action could be taken the interview was published which has caused so much difficulty.

No action has been taken upon the request for retirement, but the action revoking the leave of absence also indicates that the request for retirement will not be complied with. The effect will be to place Admiral Meade on waiting orders, subject to any duty at any time which the department may desire to assign him.

It was understood that the leave of absence granted Admiral Meade contained permission to go abroad, and he intended to spend the summer in Europe. He could not go abroad while on waiting orders without violating the naval regulations. If he were not ready to respond to any order of the department when issued, he would also be subject to discipline for not obeying orders.

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LAW AGAINST A BRITISH SHIP WHEN THE BRITISH LAW RECOGNIZES NO SUCH OFFENSE.

There is reason to believe that the British policy hereafter will be to allow United States ships to apprehend British ships under the British law, but not under the United States law.

At the request of the British embassy, Earl Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada, has been directed to furnish the list of ships for patrol of the Behring Sea. He will forward it as soon as it is received by the commander of the British fleet at Vancouver.

In view of these facts, it is declared by the representatives of Great Britain in Washington that there will be a full and sincere co-operation in the patrolling of Behring Sea against poachers. It is insisted that the serious apprehensions of the officers of the United States Government are not justified, these officers having grave fears that the result of Great Britain's modification with respect to firearms will be the extermination of the seals.

The treasury officials have practically decided upon the number of skins which the North American Commercial Company may take during the coming season. The company will be allowed to take 7,500 skins, and this number may be increased to any number not exceeding 15,000, if in the judgment of the department's agent at the Friboloff Islands the increase would not be injurious to the herds. The department has telegraphed to the commander of the Grant at Port Townsend, instructing him to proceed to join the other cutters of the Behring Sea fleet as soon as her repairs are completed.

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FLAG FELT QUICKLY TO A GOOD START, AND FLORETTA JUMPED AT ONCE IN THE LEAD.

In a few yards she was four lengths to the good, with Axion and Montezuma following. They kept their respective places to the end, Floretta winning handsily. Summaries:

Six furlongs, Domino won, Weinberg second, Patricia third. Time—1:17. Horripe (20 to 1) won, Lazzone (30 to 1) second, Sir Walter (8 to 1) third. Time—1:21. Conter Tenor, Rey El Santa Anita, Declare, Dr. Rice, Rubicon, Assigne, Bassettlaw, Ramapo, and Ed Kearney finished as named.

Half a mile, Hazlet won, Sagamore second, Cassette third. Time—0:51. Mile and a sixteenth, selling, Sandowne won, Elroy second, Charade third. Time—1:51.

AT HARLEM.

HARLEM, May 15.—The weather was cloudy and cold. The attendance was large.

Five furlongs, Flying Dutchman won, Friar second, Cassette third. Time—1:02. Half a mile, Bryden won, Miss Rose second, Angle third. Time—0:50. Mile and a sixteenth, Pepper won, Elroy second, Midstar third. Time—1:49.

Thirteen-sixteenths of a mile, Blue and Gray won, Silver second, Spitfire third. Time—1:23. One mile and twenty yards, Oakley won, Burrell's Billet second, Pat Malloy third. Time—1:45.

AT LOUISVILLE.

LOUISVILLE, May 15.—The event of the day was the Cadet stakes, worth about \$2,500 to the winner.

Six and a half furlongs, Orinda won, Port Scout second, Elva third. Time—1:20. Half a mile, May Pinkerton won, Merry Nell second, Sir Dilke third. Time—0:50.

Five furlongs, Major Tom won, Interior second, Glad third. Time—1:48. Cadet stakes, four and a half furlongs, Ben Brush won, Del Coronado second, Ben Elder third. Time—0:58.

Five furlongs, Ed Garland won, Marble Rock second, Danton third. Time—1:05. One mile, Josephine won, Mariot second, Signora third. Time—1:43.

AT BALTIMORE.

BALTIMORE, May 15.—The weather was a little more favorable to-day, and the racing and the attendance at the Gentlemen's Driving Park was better than yesterday, the opening day of the New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia circuit.

The 224 class, trotting, postponed from yesterday, purse \$500, Clodia won, Hayline second, Nannie third. Best time—2:28.

The 221 class, trotting, purse \$500, National won, Handley second, Maud E. third. Best time—2:21.

The 225 class, pacing, unfinished, purse \$500, Allen J. won, Simon Bolivar second, Clan Alpine third. Best time—2:25.

AT SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—There was a delightful change to-day at the Bay district track. For the first time in many days the talent was able to pick favorites, and landed four out of five. Joe Cotton was the only one to fail. In the mile race Reserve No. 1, ran away for five miles.

Five furlongs, two-year-olds, Her Majesty won, Miss Grummel second, Nerva filly third. Time—1:02.

One mile, selling, Dora won, Huntsman second, Alexis third. Time—1:49. Mile and a sixteenth, handicap, Malo Diablo won, Normandie second, Claudius third. Time—1:43.

Five and a half furlongs, selling, Jim Murphy won, Banjo second, Tiltie S. third. Time—1:38. Five and a half furlongs, selling, inside track, Robin Hood I. won, Kathleen second, Inkerman third. Time—1:11.

AT SAN ANDREAS.

SAN ANDREAS, May 15.—The spring meeting of the Thirty-ninth Agricultural District took place to-day on the San Andreas track. The weather was perfect, the track in good condition, and a large crowd of attendance.

There were two events to-day, the first, three-eighths and repeat, running race, with Lark, Valador, Pineas and Claude at the starting post. Lark won both heats in 2:37, 2:39.

The second race was trotting, mile and repeat, with Marie P., Dixie and Lady Elector. Marie P. won in two heats in 2:45, 2:52. Dixie was distanced in the first heat.

KLAMATH WON EASILY.

SANTA ANA, May 15.—The special half-mile race for a purse of \$400 this afternoon, between Klamath, free-for-all trotter, and Jack Prince, champion bicycle rider, was won easily by the horse in \$27 for the first heat and \$170 for the second. A runner pulling a screen for the trotter could not keep pace with the trotter.

STATE UNIVERSITY.

Students Receive Diplomas at Yesterday's Commencement. BERKELEY, May 15.—The commencement exercises of the University of California were held this afternoon, and so great was the crowd that every available bit of space both up and down stairs was occupied and a large number of people were unable to enter. One hundred and twelve graduates of the academic department received their diplomas, as did thirty-five graduates of the Hastings Law College. It was the first time in the history of the university that one of the classes of the professional colleges was graduated with the Berkeley students.

President Kellogg sketched briefly the record of the University for the past year, showing that it had grown so fast that its own property had been its most serious misfortune. The number of students in the entire University is 1,800, but there are not enough accommodations for all. He urged the wealthy people of California to endow scholarships and fellowships in their University.

Miss Katherine Felton, to whom the medal for distinguished scholarship had been awarded, declined to accept the honor, on account of conscientious objections. This is the third time the winner has refused to accept the medal.

Imprisonment for Life.

MARIPOSA, May 15.—The second trial of John Barbeau for the murder of Bernard Marki of Coulterville last July, was finished to-day. The jury was out twenty-five minutes, and brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree, with the penalty of imprisonment for life. Barbeau at his first trial was adjudged insane and sent to Stockton, but was returned here for trial.

The Lick Bequests.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—The distribution of the gifts of James Lick is nearly ended. Within a few days the special administrators of the estate of James Lick will, by order of Judge Slack, pay over to the Lick trust \$100,000. A few weeks later the Lick trust will pay over to the University the same amount, and the trust will terminate after having directed nearly twenty years the distribution of James Lick's bequests.

OUTLOOK FOR FRUIT.

Higher Prices Expected for California's Product in the East,

ON ACCOUNT OF DAMAGE BY FROSTS IN THE LAKE REGION.

All Varieties of Fruits North of the Tehachapi Suffer From the March Frosts Except Peaches and Grapes, the Yield of the Former Being Reported as Enormous All Over the State.

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SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—Higher prices for fruit are expected this year. The frosts in the great lake region destroying the fruit crop in that part of the country will increase the demand from here, and the product of this State will not be as great as was expected. In consequence of the blighting influence of the cold weather in March, according to information given out at the State Board of Horticulture, the yield will not be above the average, and some varieties of fruit will fall below the average.

All of California north of Tehachapi suffered from the March frosts, particularly in the Napa, Yacaville and Suisun districts. The first report was that great damage had been done, then it was said it would be slight. But the secondary effects, arising from the chilling of the sap in the trees, caused the greatest damage, and now apricots, prunes, Bartlett pears and some cherries are dropping.

Apricots are in the worst condition. In the Sacramento Valley, where they were the least affected, there will be half a crop, and in other sections one-third of a crop. In some places the apricots are a total loss.

Cherries have dropped some from the trees in Alameda, Napa, Sonoma and Santa Clara Counties. There will be, however, a fair crop of this fruit.

Peaches are dropping badly, especially north of San Francisco. Probably there will be a two-thirds crop in the entire State.

Trunes are also dropping in Sonoma and Napa Counties, and to some extent in Santa Clara, but, taking the new bearing orchards into account, the crop will still be large, unless the dropping process should grow more serious this time on the trees as in previous years all over the State, and the crop will be enormous.

Grapes were not much injured either by the March frost or the hot winds of last week. There will be a full crop, and the wine varieties are in good condition.

GRAND LARCENY CHARGED.

Men Who Stole the Star of Freedom Indicted by the U. S. Grand Jury.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—Captain Bartels, First Mate Lundisef and seaman George Newbert of the schooner Star of Freedom were all indicted on a charge of grand larceny by the United States Grand Jury to-day. They took the vessel in question out of Oakland Creek, and reached La Paz, Mexico, with her before they were discovered. The United States Criminal Code does not provide for such an offense as battery, so the lower charge had to be made.

The schooner Star of Freedom was owned by Captain Johnson, and when he was in command of an American bark the little schooner was tied up in Oakland Creek. Bartels returned from a sealing cruise, and tried on several occasions to charter the Star of Freedom from Mrs. Johnson. Falling in this, he seized the vessel and ran away with her. At La Paz they were caught, and all three are now in jail awaiting extradition.

Captain Johnson is also there trying to recover his schooner, but he will not succeed until the necessary warrants are sent from here to Mexico.

'CYCLE RACING.

First Meet of the State Circuit Held at Santa Barbara.

SANTA BARBARA, May 15.—The first meet of the State circuit cycle racing was held here this afternoon. The track was poor and there was a heavy wind. Many crack riders are here. The attendance was poor. Summaries:

One mile, Class A, L. N. Norway of Santa Barbara first, C. Blake of Carpinteria second, Walter Pratt of Ventura third. Time—3:25.

Two miles, handicap, Class B, Castleman first, Burke second, A. N. Jones of San Jose (fifty yards) third. Time—6:40. Mile, championship, Santa Barbara first, Ventura second, Hobbin of Santa Paula first, Eckhardt second. Time—2:40.

White Committed for Contempt.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—Judge Hubbard to-day committed George E. White, the Mendocino cattle king, to jail for five days, and fined him \$500 for contempt in disobeying judicial orders in relation to a decree in the long-pending divorce case. White placed mortgages on his property contrary to orders, and when cited to appear, ignored the citation.

Professor Greene to Go East.

BERKELEY, May 15.—With the close of the present term the University of California loses one of its most distinguished Professors, Edward Lee Greene. Professor Greene is at the head of the Department of Botany, and has resigned to accept a similar position in the Catholic University at Washington.

Valley Railroad.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—At a meeting of the Valley Road Directors this afternoon, Second Vice-President Robert Watt was elected First Vice-President, and W. F. Whittier, resigned. Captain Payson was elected Second Vice-President. President Claus Spreckels was granted three months leave of absence.

'Kid' Thompson to be Hanged.

LOS ANGELES, May 15.—Judge Smith this morning sentenced "Kid" Thompson, convicted of the Roscoe train robbery, to be hanged. The "Kid" took the sentence calmly, and even smiled faintly.