

MINERS IN CONFERENCE.

Opening of the Annual Convention of the State Association.

A LARGE NUMBER OF DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE.

Only Preliminary Business Transacted Yesterday—Addresses Delivered by Hugh Craig, Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce, and President Neff of the State Miners' Association—Warm Fight for the Secretaryship.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.—The first session of the fourth annual convention of the California Miners' Association was held this morning.

The proceedings began at 11 o'clock, by which time Pioneer Hall, which had been secured for the purposes of the convention, was completely filled with delegates from the various counties.

Pending the calling of the assemblage to order, those present passed the time exchanging greetings and admiring the decorations of the hall.

Very promptly at the hour previously fixed upon President Jacob Neff of the association called the assemblage to order, declining to make a speech, but bidding every one present hearty welcome, and congratulating them upon the present condition of the organization and the good work which it had done, and was still doing.

President Neff closed by introducing Hugh Craig, Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce, who, on behalf of that organization, bade the mining men welcome to the city.

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representatives of the association to Washington.

The convention will meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock. Jacob C. Neff is likely to be re-elected President, as there is no opposition to him. The contest for the Secretaryship has narrowed down to W. C. Ralston and Julian Sontag, as E. P. Thomas has withdrawn from the fight.

EVENTS ON THE TURF.

The Double Team Record for Pacers Broken at Lexington.

LEXINGTON (Ky.), Oct. 14.—When the two pacing mares, Miss Rita and Josie B., went a mile this afternoon double in 2:12; they made a new world's record. Another world's record was broken in the 2:6 pace, there developing a result of the only instance when five horses earned money out of a race where only four moneys were given, as Rachel, Vera Capel and Direction divided third and fourth moneys. Quintette won the second quite handily, by finishing three times around to Star Pointer.

Geets drove the three winners in today's events, and with Boreal in the Kentucky stake his mastery hand had much to do with the victory. On form Boreal was hardly regarded in the contest, but developed high rating in the state test. Oakland Baron and Fred Kohl fought a battle to the half in two heats. Kohl won two heats and Killona one, and Geets, who had been circling the track well being showed up next time and out-posted Oakland Baron home in 2:10. Though defeated, by no means was he disgraced, as every inch of the five heats was an active contestant, figuring in the fray as long as he remained on the track, forcing Fred Kohl to earn his best record of 2:12, and it was the fight of Fred Kohl and Oakland Baron that gave Boreal the race.

The day was perfect, the track fast, and the attendance large. Summaries:

First race, the Kentucky stake for three-year-old trotters, value \$2,000, Boreal won, Fred Kohl second, Killona third. Best time—2:12.

Free-for-all trotters, purse \$1,000, Nightingale won, Lockhart second. Best time—2:09.

Double team pacing to beat 2:12, Miss Rita and Josie B. won. Time—2:12.

Third race, 2:06 pace, purse \$1,000, Star Pointer won, Quintette second, Rachel, Vera Capel and Direction divided third and fourth moneys. Best time—2:06.

AT SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.—Weather warm, attendance good and track fast.

Four and a half furlongs, selling, Claude Hill won, Engine second, East third. Time—1:05.

Six furlongs, selling, Elmer F. won, Miss Fletcher second, Leonatus third. Time—1:15.

Five furlongs, selling, Model won, Lady Jane second, Mary S. third. Time—1:27.

One mile, selling, Arnette won, Oakley second, Remus third. Time—1:49.

Five furlongs, selling, Tim Murphy won, Major Cook second, Venus third. Time—1:09.

A SHOCKING TRAGEDY LAST NIGHT.

Mrs. William Crist Shot and Killed Instantly.

Her Husband Says He Dropped His Pistol and It Was Accidentally Discharged.

Mrs. William Crist was shot and instantly killed in her home on L street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth, between 9 and 10 o'clock last night as the result of what appears to have been an accident.

Crist is a well-known barber, at present employed in the Capital Hotel barber shop. According to his story, he and his wife had just partaken of a light repast in the kitchen of their comfortable little cottage, and he was about to make preparations for retiring.

As has been his custom, he took his pistol, a .38-caliber Colt's revolver, from his pocket and laid it on the edge of a small desk in the dining-room close by his bedroom door. His wife had followed him into the room and was about three feet from him as he laid the pistol down. He says it slipped from the leather holster, struck a chair or a door, or the floor, and was discharged.

Mrs. Crist dropped to the floor with the blood spurting from a wound in her right temple, and died without being able to say a word. The bullet had entered her brain, inflicting a terrible wound.

Mrs. Crist's mother, an elderly woman, who lived with them, was in her own bedroom at the time, and ran out to the dining-room, only to find her daughter breathing her last.

The report of the pistol attracted several neighbors to the spot, and someone telephoned for the coroner and police. Coroner Clark, District Attorney Ryan and a Record-Union reporter hastened to the house and found Mrs. Crist lying where she had fallen in a pool of blood. Her brother and several neighbors were present.

Crist told over and over again how the shooting had occurred. He said the pistol had several times partially fallen from the holster, but he had always managed to catch it and prevent its accidental discharge.

The District Attorney, Coroner and others held a consultation, and as a matter of precaution it was decided to take Crist into custody pending an investigation of the shooting. He was taken to the police station by Officer Fisher.

He declared that his wife and himself had lived happily together, and inquiries made of the neighbors failed to show that they had been in the habit of quarreling, still the officers wished to be on the safe side, and deemed it best to hold Crist at least until the nature of the wound in his wife's head could be determined. It seemed a little odd that the bullet from a pistol exploding near her feet should take effect in her temple.

The Crists had been married about eight years, and Mrs. Crist was a niece of Valtier, who once kept a drug store at Second and K streets. She was quite a prepossessing young woman. The parties have no children.

LATER—LOOKS SUSPICIOUS.

After the above was written and about midnight Dr. White made an examination of the wound in Mrs. Crist's head, and the result was such as to warrant the belief that the shooting did not occur as stated by her husband.

The bullet entered about an inch above and back of the right eye. It ranged backward and downward, lodging at the base of the skull behind and below the ear.

This would indicate that when the shot was fired the pistol was on a level with her head, or that the head was bent forward. The deceased's head was found as follows:—The hand was in close proximity to the eye, and the powder marks, some of the powder entering the eye itself. The skull about the temple was pulverized, and the bullet when extracted was found to be badly splintered.

Gone to the Grand Chapter.

The delegates from Naomi and Columbus Chapters, Order of the Eastern Star, started for Los Angeles on Sunday, to attend the Grand Chapter, which convenes there to-day.

POLITICS HOT IN UTAH.

Bitter Fight Between the Mormon Church and the Democrats.

MAY RESULT IN STATEHOOD BEING DEFEATED.

A Collision Between a Steamer and a French Bark Results in the Sinking of the Latter and the Drowning of Twelve of Her Crew—Six Men Terribly Burned By Hot, Molten Metal at Frankstown, Pennsylvania.

SALT LAKE (Utah), Oct. 14.—Counselors George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith of the Mormon Church last week denounced Moses Thatcher and B. H. Roberts (Democrats) for entering political contests without first consulting the church. President Wilford Woodruff to-day upheld his two subordinates, stating that they were but following the rules of the church, which prohibit its dignitaries from engaging in other than ecclesiastical work.

The Democratic press condemns the action of the counselors, while the Republican press applauds the course adopted by the church, which they claim is opposed to the Democratic party. The reprimanded candidates declare that while subservient to the church in all other matters, they will fight for political liberty.

The opinion is general that if Thatcher and Roberts can hold out against the Mormon Church that powerful body will be disrupted, and Utah can then enter the Union free and untrammelled. On the other hand, should the church triumph, it is claimed that the Democratic ticket would be withdrawn, many of the prominent Mormon members of the party would secede and Statehood would probably be defeated.

A meeting of the State Democrats was held to-night to consider the question of reassembling the State convention. The committee later announced that but one of the alleged interferences of the high officials of the Mormon Church in political affairs, and that that that heroic measures must be taken, and the question of political parties have reported upon them, irrespective of party, be settled once and for all. It was decided to recall the State convention at an early date to consider the proposition of withdrawing the Democratic ticket and substituting therefor an anti-Statehood ticket, or taking some other decisive step to stop church interference in politics.

President Woodruff of the Mormon Church and Joseph Smith, one of his chief counselors, who, with George Q. Cannon, his other counselor, made the remarks which have caused all the trouble, are out with manifestoes. Woodruff says there was not, according to his recollection, one word said about Democrats, Republicans or Populists. President Woodruff says: "I concede the right of every man, woman and child on earth to enjoy their religion, let that religion be what it may, for that is between themselves and their Creator. So I say with regard to politics."

Smith says: "My remarks made at the priesthood meeting are not susceptible of the meaning which individuals in both political parties have reported upon them. I was speaking upon church discipline, not upon politics at all."

Neither of these proclamations have had the effect of allaying public alarm. The feeling is more bitter to-night than ever.

HAWAIIAN ADVICES.

Cholera Believed to Be Entirely Suppressed at Honolulu.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.—Following are latest advices from Honolulu, under date of October 7th, per steamship China, which arrived to-day:

Cholera is believed to be entirely suppressed. A second case appeared at the Insane Asylum on the evening of the 2d. This was the third case in eighteen days. The victim, an elderly white man named Wheeler, had drunk water from a taro patch four days previous.

The steamer companies upon freight and passengers to the other islands have been removed. The public schools have been opened and evening services are again being held in the churches. The bennington has returned to Lahaina. The Olympia is expected here this week to coal up for her passage to Japan.

On the morning of the 4th there was an active fire-bomb riot. A boat with armed men was definitely reported at 1 A. M. as having landed two miles west of the city. There was great activity of the police, and at 11 A. M. the tug Ellen was in pursuit of that reported as seen in the offing. It is considered probable that there was a landing made by opium smugglers. Prevailing opinion decries the idea that any filibusters intend to make an attempt here. Colonel McLean expelled himself from the steamer to arrive an impromptu rally of the volunteer companies for a moonlight drill. About 300 turned out in good order and maneuvered all over the city.

The steamer China this morning positively refused to carry our mails. She had 509 Chinese to land here. As she is from cholera ports the Board of Health refused to permit them to land unless the China would take the mails. This brought Captain Seabury to terms.

MURDER OF COREA'S QUEEN.

Story of the Tragedy Which Occurred in the Palace at Seoul.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—A special dispatch to the Herald from Seoul, Corea, says: The palace was broken into on Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock by a body of troops and a band of Japanese Sechi in civilian dress. The Colonel in command of the troops on refusing to enter the palace was killed and a number of the palace guards slain. The Japanese entered the Queen's room, killed the Queen, the Minister of the Household and three women. The bodies were taken outside and burned. The Japanese troops at the palace took no part in the proceedings.

Lai Won Zan, the King's father, reached the palace soon after the assault, and assumed chief authority. He is now dictator, and is known to be in the plot. The pro-Japanese party is in control.

Many of the Queen's party have been arrested and many more have fled. It is believed that the Queen Dowager was killed last night and that the King will be forced to abdicate. Guards from the United States warship Yorktown and the Russian cruiser were ordered up. It is thought that the Japanese will hasten action on the part of the Russians. The Japanese Sechi have been arrested for the murder of the Queen.

THE BIG FIGHT.

Governor Clarke Determined That It Shall Not Take Place in Arkansas.

LITTLE ROCK, Oct. 14.—No visible change has taken place here since Saturday on the question of the proposed Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight at Hot Springs. When seen this afternoon Governor Clarke authorized the statement that he

has now full charge of the opposition to the State law which makes prize-fighting a misdemeanor, and that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and therefore he, as Governor, was going to administer the prevention before the cure was needed, or else resign his office and turn the State over to the thugs and their cohorts. "I am going to prevent this fight with peaceful means if possible," said he, "and in case this fails, I shall resort to a force that will compel respect. The fight will not take place at Hot Springs or at any other place in the State on the 20th of October, or at any other date while I am Governor."

Although the dispatch states that Corbett and Fitzsimmons will be in Hot Springs within the next day or so, the Governor says he will cause their arrest immediately after they enter Arkansas. All parties at Hot Springs are still hopeful that the fight will take place, and preparations for the mill are being pushed rapidly. Public sentiment at Hot Springs is decidedly in favor of the fight, and it is a fact among sporting circles all over the State. Corbett is expected to arrive at Hot Springs to-morrow. Governor Clarke says Corbett will not give the glove exhibition at Hot Springs Wednesday night.

TRICHINOSIS.

Seven Deaths Result From Eating Ham Not Properly Cooked.

CHICAGO, Oct. 14.—It is now determined that seven of the victims of the Sabula, Iowa, poisoning horror died and some are still suffering from the deadly trichine infection. Dr. Ryder Le Count of Rush Medical College has prepared specimens from the portions of the walls of the intestines sent to Professor Haines for examination, and has made a careful diagnosis of the tissues which led to the deaths of the guests at the wedding of John W. Laipin and Anna Gage, September 11th. Nearly eighty people have been suffering since the wedding feast. Dr. Le Count's decision in the matter as to the cause of the deaths and injection settles beyond a doubt that the ham hastily cooked for the wedding supper caused all the suffering. A great number of people believed that it was a case of malicious poisoning.

CUBAN INSURRECTION.

The Rebellion Reported to Be Spreading Westward.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Passengers arriving by the steamer Yumuri from Havana to-day say that the rebellion is spreading westward. Three bands of insurgents have appeared in districts which have hitherto been quiet. One party of 200 men, half of whom were said to be Spaniards, rose in the vicinity of Batafeno, twenty-five miles from Havana, and the southern terminus of the railroad. The other two bands were said to be in the vicinity of Ybarra, the place where the rebellion first broke out, and where quietude has since been restored. The news of these risings has caused some excitement in Havana. It is also reported that Maximo Gomez has left 2,500 men in Camaguey, and with 2,000 men is marching toward Los Yias.

GUNNY HOTEL DISASTER.

More Missing Victims May Be Added to the List of Dead.

DENVER (Col.), Oct. 14.—More missing victims of the Gunny Hotel horror may be added to the list of dead. A Sixteenth-street jeweler has a lady's watch left for repairs on the day preceding the explosion, and the address given was "Mrs. A. Graydon, Gunny Hotel." The watch has remained uncalled for. The hotel register gives the name of Alex. Graydon, Indianapolis, under the date of August 12th, six days before the fire. The lady who left the watch also stated that she was to leave the city in a few days. Inquiries have been sent to Indianapolis to clear up this matter. There has always remained a doubt if all the victims of that disaster were correctly accounted for.

THEY WERE ALL BOYS.

An Ohio Farmer's Wife Gives Birth to Five Children.

TOLEDO (O.), Oct. 14.—A special from Delta, Ohio, says: Mrs. Joseph Langdon, the wife of a farmer living near here, gave birth to-day within a space of three hours to five children, all of them males. News of the unique affair reached here this evening, and was for a time given no credence. Investigation, however, confirmed the report. The five children are apparently fully developed, though frail specimens of humanity, and the attending physician believes that they will all live. Mrs. Langdon has experienced no serious results from the extraordinary occurrence. She is past 35 years of age, has three other children. She weighs 140 pounds, and her husband 165.

SIX MEN TERRIBLY BURNED.

One of the Injured Dies and Another in a Serious Condition.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 14.—Early this morning the converter in the Frankstown Steel Works burst, throwing liquid metal in all directions. Sixteen tons of molten metal poured into the pit below, where a score or more men were working. Six of them were terribly burned, two fatally. One of the latter died at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and another lies in a very serious condition.

Fatal Marine Disaster.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—A collision resulting in the loss of twelve lives has occurred off Dudgeon. The steamer Emma, bound from Rotterdam for Boness, ran into and sank the French bark Pacificque, from Shields for Valparaiso. The bark foundered so quickly after being struck that she took down with her her captain, pilot, and ten of the crew. The Emma rescued the others and landed them at Hull.

RATES ON GRAIN.

Action to Enjoin the Commission From Enforcing Their Settlement.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.—This afternoon the Southern Pacific Company began its legal battle with the Railroad Commissioners by filing in the United States Circuit Court a complaint asking that the Commission be enjoined from putting into effect its 8 per cent. reduction in grain rates, from adopting its proposed 25 per cent. reduction in commodity rates, and from proceeding to make any reduction in passenger rates.

Stampede of Cattle.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 14.—There was an exciting scene on Daly street this morning when 300 cattle being driven to the stock yards stampeded and rushed madly down the street. Several horses were killed and trampled and their riders narrowly escaped. A number of the mad steers had to be shot before order was restored.

Run Over and Killed.

REDDING, Oct. 14.—George Ruppert of Shingletown, while hauling shales from Shingletown to his home on Saturday afternoon, fell from his wagon and was run over and killed. His wife discovered him on Sunday morning. Coroner Earnest went up to-day to hold an inquest.

ANDREW J. MOULDER DEAD.

Passed Away at His Home in San Francisco Yesterday.

PNEUMONIA AND HEART FAILURE THE CAUSE.

Life-and-Death Struggle Between a Policeman and a Desperado at Seattle. During Which the Officer Was Almost Cut to Pieces, and the Latter Shot Through the Lungs and Mortally Wounded.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.—A. J. Moulder, Superintendent of the San Francisco Public Schools, died at 1:30 o'clock this morning at the family residence, 812 Bush street. The immediate cause of his death was pleuro-pneumonia, but Mr. Moulder had been sick about ten days. He had an attack of heart failure last May, from which he had never fully recovered. Three weeks ago he contracted a severe cold which settled on his lungs and developed a case of pleuro-pneumonia. Drs. McNitt and Kerr attended him and succeeded in conquering the lung trouble, but the patient was left in a very feeble condition. Three days ago he began to sink and his life slowly ebbed away until this morning, when the final summons came.

Andrew Jackson Moulder was born in Washington, D. C., March 7, 1825, and was, therefore, 70 years of age. He was graduated from Columbia College in that city, and his first work as an educator was as tutor in the family of Robert L. Randolph—the Randolphs of Virginia.

In the spring of 1850 he came to San Francisco and was employed in various parts of the State. During the days of the Vigilance committee he was one of the editorial writers of the San Francisco Herald, which was killed by the Vigilantes. In 1851 he was elected City Controller, and in 1852 he was elected State Superintendent of Schools. He was re-elected to that position and held the office until 1857. While he was at the head of the State school system he was a strong advocate of the establishment of the University. He was therefore made one of the first Regents and was Secretary of the board for several years.

Upon his resignation from this post he went into the San Francisco Stock Exchange, and afterward was instrumental in helping to start the Pacific Stock Exchange. He continued as a stockbroker until 1881, when he was elected City Superintendent of Schools, which position he held until 1888. Then he became Secretary to Mayor Pond, and continued in that position for eight years. In November last he was elected again to the office of City School Superintendent and began his familiar duties on January 1st.

True to his namesake, Mr. Moulder was a firm Jacksonian Democrat, and his personal popularity was so great a factor that a glance at one of his old scrapbooks shows that in nearly every election in which he figured he ran ahead of his ticket, and was frequently one of few candidates elected.

The deceased leaves a wife and five children—two daughters and three sons.

LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE.

Between a Policeman and a Desperado at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Oct. 14.—Policeman John Corbett this morning, while trying to place the man under arrest, shot and mortally wounded William O'Connor, an ex-convict and highwayman, and was himself dangerously injured. It was a life-and-death struggle. Corbett was almost cut to pieces with a knife in the hands of the crook, sustaining injuries from which he may die. O'Connor, who is dying, was shot through the lungs.

During the tragedy Dan McNamara, proprietor of the Wanderer Saloon, who was in the saloon, was struck, was shot through the left arm.

Corbett is one of the oldest and most trusted men on the force. He wears a medal for bravery in connection with the capture, with Detectives Oudhall, of the notorious Tom Blank. O'Connor is known to criminal officers throughout the coast.

POLLUTION OF THE SACRAMENTO.

The State Board of Health Declares Against It.

Letter From the Health Officer of Colusa—Other Business by the Board.

The State Board of Health met in Secretary J. H. Laine's office last evening in regular quarterly session. There were present Dr. C. A. Huggles of Stockton, Dr. W. F. Ward of this city, Dr. C. W. Nutting of Etna Mills, Siskiyou County, Dr. W. A. Anderson of San Francisco, and Dr. J. R. Laine, the Secretary. Dr. Anderson, the Vice-President, presided.

The first question brought up was the contract for the construction of a spur track and water-pipe line to and through the site for the quarantine station at Cabazon Station, San Bernardino county, from the Southern Pacific Company's siding at that place. The total cost for the projected work, as stated in the contract, would be \$2,600. The doctors thought that the contract should state more explicitly that a pipe line would be laid from the siding to the quarantine station. The Secretary was instructed to attend to this matter.

On motion of Dr. Ward Dr. Laine was appointed a committee of one to have the contract rewritten and changed in its properly incorporated.

POLLUTION OF THE RIVER.

The Secretary read the following letter, which was listened to attentively:

J. R. Laine, M. D., Secretary California State Board of Health—DEAR SIR: Yours of the 9th inst. in answer to my communication of the 1st inst. relative to the pollution of the Sacramento River by the towns above us, was received.

I am sorry that you give us so little hope of relief through the State Board of Health. I am sorry also to differ with you in your conclusions as to the powers of said board. My reading of the duties and powers of the board as set forth in the Political Code gives me the idea that the State Board of Health stands between the people of the State of California and danger, with full power to do what is necessary, in its judgment, to ward off what may threaten the health of the commonwealth. It acts as an advisory board in hygienic and medical matters, as far as concerns the location, construction, management and administration of prisons, hospitals, asylums and other public institutions; but if we are in danger of an epidemic of cholera coming in from Honolulu, I think the people of California would have a right to expect that the State Board of Health would do more than give advice if in its judgment it became necessary to act.