

A CABINET OFFICER VISITING THE COAST.

Secretary of Agriculture Morton Arrives at San Francisco.

He Talks of Crops, Tariff and the Money Question.

A Woman Residing Near Gridley Commits Suicide by Taking a Dose of Poison—The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows Meets at San Francisco and the High Court of Foresters a Ukiah.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—Secretary J. Sterling Morton of the Department of Agriculture arrived here today, and is at the Palace Hotel. In an interview with a representative of the United Press this evening Mr. Morton talked of the tariff, the possibility of Cleveland running again, and gave out his object in coming West.

"I had never been further West before than Salt Lake," he said, "nor further South than Deming. I had a curiosity to see California. I came as the guest of my son, Paul Morton, who is Third Vice-President and General Traffic Manager of the Santa Fe Railroad. Of course I want to see what I can of the agricultural and horticultural industries. I have been greatly impressed with the agricultural resources.

"I think the prospects are good in the United States for the 1896 crop. Winter wheat may be a little short, but spring wheat promises well. I suppose that agriculture will fully maintain its former position. An average of more than 70 per cent. of the entire exports for the last five years has come from the West.

"As to whether Mr. Cleveland will run for a third term or not I cannot tell. I do not think he has any desire for it. I think the Democratic National Convention will infuse Mr. Cleveland's financial policy with the repealing by Congress of the Sherman Act, compelling the purchase of \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 a month of silver for free coinage. That ought to be endorsed. The Government cannot create values any more than it can create souls. As an instance of that, recall how worthless was the Confederate paper money at the close of the war, whereas, when the Confederacy stole the dies from the Mint at New Orleans and from one in Georgia and made gold coins, they were, according to law, counterfeit, still they were good in the circulation of the country, and are to this day.

"I oppose the coinage of silver on the basis of 16 to 1, because it would put an artificial price on silver. The Democratic party cannot straddle. It must either be for sound money or silver. For the same reason that I oppose silver on an artificial basis I oppose protection. I oppose protection because it puts an artificial price on things I want to buy."

Secretary Morton is accompanied on his trip by a large party, including several relatives. He will be in the city and vicinity about a week. At 1 o'clock to-morrow afternoon he and his friends will be taken on a cruise on the bay.

To-morrow the State Board of Trade will hold its formal opening. Secretary Morton and Governor Budd will be present and address the assembly. At noon the guests will be invited to partake of a repeat of California products.

SUICIDE NEAR GRIDLEY.

A Woman Ends Her Life by Taking a Dose of Poison.

GRIDLEY, May 12.—Miss May Sarah Haugh, aged about 35 years, oldest daughter of John Haugh, a wealthy Sutter County farmer, took her own life to-day under sad and mysterious circumstances. No known reason appears for the rash act, and the community is mystified.

The Haugh farm is situated four miles from Gridley, and at noon to-day the whole family of five were at home. A cup of liquid cobalt had been prepared for poisoning flies, and without giving warning of her intention she took the cup, walked a few feet from the porch where her brother was seated and deliberately drank the liquid; then turning the cup toward her brother, who thought she had taken a drink of water, said: "See, Matt, I have taken poison."

Dr. Thompson was at once summoned from Gridley, and arrived an hour later. To his query why she had taken the poison she replied that she did not know. All effort on the part of the physician was fruitless, and the unfortunate woman died at 5 o'clock.

Other than the fact that she had been slightly indisposed for some days, no reason is known for the deed, and the sad affair is shrouded in mystery.

The coroner has been summoned, and arrived at the scene to-night.

A RUNAWAY HORSE

Dashes Through a Plate-Glass Window of a Stockton Bank.

STOCKTON, May 12.—A horse took flight on El Dorado street, two blocks from the principal street of this city, this afternoon, and started west at his best speed. He turned into Weber street, and thence into the Plaza. Sam Smith, a farm laborer, had hold of the reins, but could do nothing with the animal. After narrowly missing several vehicles, the horse ran headlong toward the San Joaquin Valley Bank, on Main street. He did not stop on reaching the sidewalk, but dashed into the plate-glass window of the bank. Through this he went and into the bank before he could be checked. The startled bank officials sprang from their desks as they saw the horse coming through the window, but the animal did not

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reach the counter of the institution before he fell bleeding. He was pulled up out of the place with some difficulty. No one was injured, not even the man who was driving, as he had slipped out of the light wagon before it reached the bank window.

SUPERVISORS' CONVENTION.

Question of Employment of Convict Labor Discussed.

SAN JOSE, May 12.—The Supervisors' convention this morning occupied its time in exchanging views on the employment of prison labor on highways. The general opinion prevailed that in building mountain roads, where it is convenient to the house prisoners in the branch falls, and where there are enough prisoners to warrant the expense of guards, they could be profitably employed, but in valley roads and other places where they antagonize free labor their employment is to be deprecated.

The Legislature will be petitioned to enact laws favoring convict labor on road work if not injurious to free labor. It was voted to give moral support to the jubilee festival at Monterey July 7th, and that every county contribute one stone for the Sloat monument.

In discussing the feeding of prisoners, it was developed that the minimum cost is, at Sacramento, 10 cents, and the maximum of 50 cents at San Mateo.

After recess resolutions were adopted in favor of petitioning the Legislature and requesting it to accept the grant of 1,000,000 acres of arid land of the public domain made by the last United States Congress to California, and that the money derived from its sale be used in the betterment of the State highways; that the Legislature be asked to enact a law regulating the width of all tires of wheeled vehicles based upon their carrying capacity; thanking the Board of Public Highways for their manifest interest in the convention, and favoring the continuance of convict labor in preparation of road material at Folsom prison.

A resolution was adopted favoring the appointment of a committee to present the resolutions passed by the convention to the next Legislature, and Chairman Greeninger named Supervisors Ayer, Field, Holbrook, Henderson and Church.

The following resolution introduced by Woodward of Los Angeles was adopted: Whereas, Under the existing statute there is no remedy for the property holder along the line of any road or adjacent thereto to make necessary improvements to said roads as they in their judgment may deem requisite for the advancement of their interests; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention of Supervisors of the various counties of the State assembled in the city of San Jose on May 12, 1896, that the Legislature be petitioned to enact a law providing that when a majority of the property owners by petition in due form requesting that they be set aside into a special district, the Board of Supervisors may, in their judgment, form such a district, consisting of all property abutting or contiguous to or along the proposed line of road to be opened, constructed or improved, and said district shall include all property as may be directly benefited by such improvement. The Board of Supervisors shall proceed to levy a tax not to exceed \$1 on the \$100 of assessed valuation of all property in said district, in addition to all other taxes levied, and said tax shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as other taxes until said improvement is completed.

R. C. Irvine of the State Bureau of Highways introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend to the Legislature the passage of such laws as will enable the various Boards of Supervisors to classify the roads into three classes, State highways, county thoroughfares and district roads. State roads to be built and maintained by the State at large, county thoroughfares to be built and maintained by a tax on all property in each county, and district roads to be built and maintained by tax on property in said districts. Los Angeles was chosen as the place for holding the next annual convention. The convention will adjourn sine die at noon to-morrow, and the afternoon will be devoted to a drive of inspection to the various county buildings and over the roads in various directions.

ODD FELLOWSHIP.

Meeting of the Grand Lodge at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—The forty-fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows convened this morning in Odd Fellows' Hall at 9 o'clock. After a prayer by the chaplain, Deputy Grand Master Warboep formally opened the convention. A full quorum of officers and men were present.

The convention adjourned until 11 o'clock to prepare the committee reports. On coming together again the report of the Committee on Credentials was read. Two hundred and seventy-five new members received the degree of Past Grand, and 147 Past Grands received the Grand Lodge degree. The Grand Master read his annual report, and the convention adjourned until 2 o'clock.

This afternoon the reports of the other grand officers were read and received.

The reports of the other grand officers were then given in succession. The Grand Secretary's report, the first of the afternoon session, showed that the assets of the order had increased during the year by \$52,000, though there was a decrease of fifty-six in membership. Out of the relief fund the sum of \$278,000 had been paid.

The Grand Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$15,521.58. All reports were referred to the proper committees.

The Committee on Appeals took up the remainder of the afternoon session. There was no evening session, owing to the "Veterans" banquet at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

The Rebekah Lodge, convened in Memorial Hall of the Odd Fellows' building at 9 o'clock this morning with 274 women, the largest attendance ever had. One hundred and seventy-three lodges were represented. The first business of the morning was the appointment of the Committee on Credentials, consisting of Mrs. Gower, No. 30; Mrs.

Thomas, No. 39, and Mrs. Roblin, No. 135. The committee on selling tickets for the benefit of the I. O. O. F. Orphans' Home at the Columbia Theater on Thursday night was appointed as follows: Mrs. Antoinette Shaw, No. 161; Mrs. Leise, No. 12; Mrs. Knight, No. 167; Mrs. Van Olsen, No. 130; and Mrs. Horey, No. 19.

A committee was appointed to receive the visiting sisters, who are: Emma Rushfeldt, Past Grand President of North Dakota, Elizabeth Howe of Virginia City, Mrs. L. A. Pemberton of Kushville, Ill., and Mrs. Fox of Utah.

Past Grand Master Loubereck made an opening address to the Lodge.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock the Assembly Degree was conferred for the first time in the history of the Rebekah Lodge by Brother Past Grand Master Thompson of Eureka.

UNIVERSITY REGENTS.

Interesting Session Held at the Mark Hopkins Institute.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—The Board of Regents of the State University held an interesting session this afternoon at the Mark Hopkins Institute of Art.

A proposition to tax a student of the university \$10 a year to keep up the high pressure of education met with determined resistance, and was deferred. Mayor Suto's extension of time on his desire of land for affiliated colleges was considered and practically accepted.

Plans for the affiliated colleges buildings will be sent to Sacramento at once for submission to the Governor, Secretary of State and Treasurer.

Regent Phelps, President Kellogg and Governor Budd were authorized to prepare a list of standing committees for the ensuing year.

Next Tuesday the Wilmerding School case will be taken up again.

FORESTERS.

The High Court Now in Session at Ukiah.

UKIAH, May 12.—The Subsidiary High Court, A. O. F., opened its annual session here this morning with about 250 delegates present from all parts of the State and visiting delegates from other States. The High Court met and organized at 9:30 a. m. and appointed the Committee on Credentials. At 11:30 the committee made a partial report, and the court adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

Two very strong candidates for the field for High Chief Ranger, Dr. Case, Ukiah and Mr. Moscor of San Francisco, and the contest promises to be a very close one, as both sides are working hard. A concert was given last evening by the Ukiah and Cloverdale bands, which was attended by nearly all the delegates.

LAVERONE AND ROBERTS.

The Madera Jail Escapes Still at Large.

MADERA, May 12.—Outlaws Laverone and Roberts are still at large, and nothing definite as to their whereabouts has been ascertained. C. Saxe returned from the vicinity of Coarse Gold Gulch to-day, and reports that a sheep camp belonging to Jonathan Danlton was looted yesterday morning near that place, all of the provisions being taken. Messengers were sent immediately to the officers, and the bloodhounds have been taken to the vicinity, in the hopes that it may yet be possible to trail the outlaws. If this effort with the hounds fails, the officers will cease active hunting and wait the appearance of the bandits to secure prisoners.

Beaten Nearly to Death.

SPOKANE (Wash.), May 12.—Thomas Griffin, a prominent farmer residing in the town of Oakesdale, this county, criminally assaulted Bessie, the fourteen-year-old daughter of J. W. Gunn, a merchant of that place. Gunn, armed with a rifle, went to Griffin's house to demand satisfaction. Mrs. Griffin met him at the door, and upon hearing of her husband's crime, she looked the door, and taking a club, nearly beat Griffin to death. He was placed under arrest, and a strong guard put over him, as Gunn says he will kill Griffin.

Commander and Mrs. Booth-Tucker.

SEATTLE (Wash.), May 12.—Accompanied by their party and Dr. Gifford of the local army, Commander and Consul Booth-Tucker left to-day for Tacoma, from which city they will depart to-morrow for the Central States, arriving at Topeka, Kas., on Sunday. Just before his departure the commander said it might be found advisable to move the Salvation Army headquarters of the United States from New York City to the west. He would not indicate when nor admit that a course had been definitely decided upon.

Seattle and Lake Shore Road.

SEATTLE (Wash.), May 12.—Unless otherwise decided in the meantime by the United States District Court, the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern Railway, now in the hands of Federal receivers J. H. Bryant and T. R. Brown, and comprising about 250 miles of road in the State of Washington, will be sold under foreclosure proceedings in this city on Saturday, May 16th. There is an indebtedness of about \$6,000,000 against the property.

Hohart-Williams Wedding.

SAN RAFAEL, May 12.—The wedding of Miss Hannah Nell Williams of this city to Walter Scott Hohart of San Francisco was solemnized at the beautiful residence of the bride at 12 o'clock to-day, Bishop Nichols of the Episcopal Church, assisted by the Rev. E. Hartmann, rector of the Episcopal Church of this city, performing the ceremony.

Minister to China Dun.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—The steamship China arrived this morning from China and Japan. Among her passengers is United States Minister Dun, who is returning from his station in China, and Captain John Isbestir and several of the crew of the bark Centaur, burned off Hilo a couple a weeks ago.

San Joaquin Valley Road.

STOCKTON, May 12.—Work on the roundhouse of the Valley road will be commenced on Thursday. It will not be long before the big engines that have been running on the road will be properly housed. The bridge across the Merced River will be completed next Saturday, and then track laying will be resumed again in earnest.

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THE OPENING DAY AT MORRIS PARK.

Counter Tenor Wins the Metropolitan Handicap in Fast Time.

Henry of Navarre Not Starting Causes Disappointment.

Six Selling Events Attracts a Good Attendance at the Ingleside Track—Races at St. Louis and Louisville—Results of the National League Baseball Games.

MORRIS PARK RACE TRACK (N. Y.), May 12.—The Metropolitan Handicap was the attraction on this, the opening day, and the fact that Henry of Navarre did not start was something of a disappointment. The start in the big event was not an exceptionally good one. Hornpipe took command, closely followed by Sir Walter, with the rest bunched. They ran in this order to the hip, where Sir Walter showed a bit in front of Hornpipe. The rest were about two lengths away. Rounding for home Hornpipe showed signs of distress and Sir Walter turned for home with a good lead, soon killing off Rubicon. He was challenged a sixteenth from the judges' stand, however, by Counter Tenor and St. Maxim, and a fighting finish resulted, Counter Tenor winning by a head from the fast coming St. Maxim, who was only a head in advance of Sir Walter. Summaries: Five furlongs, Hastings won, Belvedere second, Gotham third. Time—1:59.

One mile, Lehman won, Brisk second, Copyright third. Time—1:41.

Juvenile stakes, five furlongs, Casseopia won, Bastian second, Caldron third. Time—1:40.

The Metropolitan handicap, mile and one eighth, Counter Tenor won, St. Maxim second, Sir Walter third. Time—1:53. Hornpipe, Rubicon and Dorian also ran.

Half mile, Challenger won, Fireside second, Royal Rose third. Time—0:49.

Mile and a sixteenth, Shakespear II won, Sherlock second. Time—1:47. Two starters.

AT INGLESIDE.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—The races at Ingleside this afternoon comprised six selling events, at distances ranging from half a mile to one mile and a sixteenth, and brought out a fairly good class of horses. The track was in better condition than yesterday, the attendance was good, and the betting brisk.

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An Entente Established Between Japan and Russia With Reference to Korean Affairs.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—Advices from Peking, under date of April 28th, were received to-day per steamship China, as follows:

An entente has been established between Japan and Russia with reference to Korean affairs. The details of the arrangement have not yet been definitely settled, but its general outlines are that the two Powers will henceforward co-operate to preserve good order in Corea. There is not to be anything in the form of a treaty or convention, and it goes without saying that no idea of an offensive and defensive alliance is entertained. An exchange of diplomatic notes will represent the whole procedure. Of course Russian and Japanese troops will be stationed in the peninsula, but in what numbers or proportions remains still uncertain.

The Viceroy of the Liangkang has contracted with the Shanghai firm of Burichert & Co. for the erection of a mint at Nanking, inside the city, for silver and copper coinage. According to accounts published in Shanghai, the mint will be capable of turning out 100,000 silver coins and 1,000,000 copper cash per day. The silver coins will be dollars exactly equivalent to Mexican and fractional currency, and the dollars will not have on them the statement that they represent .717 of a tael; and this fact points to the dollar gradually superseding the tael as the unit of Chinese currency. At the present price of silver or copper and spelter, 1,000 cash of the ordinary size cost considerably more than \$1, and the size of the new cash will be accordingly reduced. It is stipulated that a foreign assayer is to be permanently employed, so that there may be no doubt of the purity of the silver coinage.

The members of the American Commission sent from Tientsin to Szechuan last year have now returned from their long and tedious excursion. They speak in the highest terms of the courtesy and kindness shown toward them by all the Chinese officials along their route.

There is a strong probability that Hotsui Toru, a prominent politician, will be sent as Japanese representative to Washington to reply to Mr. Kurino, who will be transferred to Rome.

The great English firm of Jardine, Matheson & Co. have secured the first contract in connection with Chinese railway construction, 10,000 casks of Portland and 2,200 tons of steel rails and fastenings. Japan ought to be able to undersell Europe in the matter of cement, but probably the Chinese railway contractors did not give her a chance.

Prohibitionists. STOCKTON, May 12.—A large number of delegates have arrived to participate in the State Prohibition Convention which meets here to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The State Central Committee will convene at 10 o'clock in the morning. Rev. John A. B. Wilson of Los Angeles will deliver an address in the evening. The work of the convention has not been laid out as yet, and their actions cannot be forecast.

Governor Budd's Choice. SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—Governor Budd has expressed his preference for a Democratic candidate for President. When interviewed to-night he said: "My preference is ex-Governor Pattison of Pennsylvania. He gained election to the highest office in a State largely Republican. He has shown strength of character and sound judgment."

Shoe Manufacturers Assign. AMESBURG (Mass.), May 12.—Adams & Pettinill, shoe manufacturers, have assigned. Liabilities, about \$125,000; assets not known.

Porter Brothers' Failure. All Their Property Put in Charge of Trustees. SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—Porter Bros., the well-known dried fruit dealers who failed in January, and were then granted an extension of time by their creditors, have given up the struggle, and have put all their property in charge of Wilson and Biddell as trustees to liquidate for the benefit of those to whom the firm was indebted.

"If our orchard property turns out as well as we expect," said D. H. Porter to-night, "everything we owe will be paid dollar for dollar. It is impossible by reason of the present condition of affairs to ascertain just what the liabilities or the assets now amount to."

Hotel Arrivals. Arrivals at the Golden Eagle Hotel yesterday: W. C. McFarland, Salt Lake City; George C. Hunter, J. T. Hall, J. I. Temple, S. V. Armstrong, H. Markin, J. A. Allen, L. H. Howe, George Strachon, New York; W. H. Sims, St. Louis; W. J. Andrews, Amos Burr, Harrison Fisher, L. Goodfriend, H. C. Morrill, San Francisco.