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One specific case is cited, that of Milley A. Brown of Detroit, Mich., an alleged beneficiary of one John Smith, a soldier in a white regiment of the Union army. Upon investigation the latter woman proved to be a negro, although the papers filed in the case stated that she was a niece of the deceased. She declared upon examination that she knew nothing of the merits of the case in which her affidavit had been used, and that she had never seen the money. The proceeds with the people securing her the money. The letters of administration were revoked, and the money subsequently returned to the home.

The authorities of the institution, it is asserted, are satisfied that a further investigation will show improper conversions of the home funds in similar cases.

VERY PLAIN TALK.

The Saloon Called Commander-in-Chief in American Politics. LINDENBAUM, Aug. 22.—The ninth annual convention of the Y. P. S. C. of U. passed into history to-day. The place of meeting next year will not be decided until the general committee meets in October, but Albany, N. Y., has the call.

Two consecrating meetings were held this morning, one for men, led by the Rev. E. A. Torrey, and one for women, led by Mrs. Edith Livingstone Peake. Both were largely attended. The pulpits of the city and suburbs were filled with visiting pastors this afternoon and forenoon and praise meetings were conducted. This afternoon John G. Woolley addressed an audience that crowded the hall and galleries to the doors. His speech was characterized by radical temperance utterances and it created a sensation. "After about fifty years of education, evangelization and preaching in the saloon commander-in-chief of American politics," was one of his utterances.

"There are two reasons why the church falls in the combat," he also said, "one because her gunners fear that the recoil will shake the foundations of the steeple, and interrupt the offertory. By gunners I mean the managing officers. If they would stand together at the pews to sustain the par value of her political declaration, they could throw the old parties upon their heads and make a new party, or make a new party, or leave the church dishonored and disabled. I say that every man of you who would follow Jesus Christ must leave the two other parties. You cannot keep that company and have him with you at the polls."

EXCITEMENT IN PARIS.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—The greatest 2-year-old event of the year, the Futurity, is to be run on Tuesday at Sheepshead Bay. Howland, the son of Hindoo and Imp, Ricochet, will likely be the favorite. The horse, however, who has been named to be unquestionably the best 2-year-old of the year, Hamburg, is not entered.

"If Hamburg were only entered," said his trainer, Charles Patterson, to-day, "I would not have any fears as to the result. He is the better colt of the two, and is in condition to run the race of his life. He is the best race horse I ever saw, and I own Ornamant."

"Howland performed well at Memphis, and those who saw him became so enthusiastic that they declared him unbeatable. The unusually large attendance at the meet today is a demonstration of people of Sunday racing and the C. A. C. C., of which the local association is a branch, is now thought to have received a permanent foothold in this part of the Northwest. Summaries: One-third mile, professional, A. Jones (San Francisco) won, Allen (Spokane) second, Sherrick (Tacoma) third. Time—0:44.4.

One mile open, amateur, Wing (San Francisco) won, Mott (Oakland) second, Shipp (Salem) third. Time—2:30. One mile, professional, Vaughan, San Diego) won, Sherrick second, Zeigler (Idaho) third. Time—2:18. Two mile amateur, handicap, Wing (Scratch) won, Coulter (60 yards) second, Shipp (60 yards) third. Time—5:23.3.

One and a half miles, professional handicap, Vaughan (65 yards) won, Zeigler (Scratch) second, Allen (65 yards) third. Time—3:15.4.

POSSIBILITY OF A HITCH. O'Rourke Makes Demands That May Break Up the Fight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—It was learned late to-night that there is a possibility of a serious hitch in the arrangements for the Green-Wolcott fight. In fact it is said in sporting circles that the contest may be declared off altogether if the National Athletic Club refuses to agree to the demands of O'Rourke, manager for Wolcott.

O'Rourke declares that his man shall not enter the ring until the managers of the club have deposited with a responsible party a certified check for an amount equal to the estimated percentage of the receipts which will accrue to the pugilists. He has not yet made this demand officially on the club, but it is generally believed that the proposition when made will be rejected.

THE TALENT HARD HIT. Moonshine II Won the All-Ages Stake at Ingleside.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—Four thousand people saw the coursing at Ingleside to-day. The talent was hard hit all round and the backers of Sir Walter, Vigilant and John Gray were pulled down big money. John Gray was in the saddle and James Grace slipped the leashes.

The run down in the all ages stake resulted in a pretty win by Moonshine II, with Royal Buck a close runner up. Mercy May, the speediest representative of the Miramonte kennels, won the consolation stakes, with Princess Marie second.

SHOT IN THE CHEEK. He and His Companions Throw Stones at a Watchman.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—Florentino Tototti, a 14-year-old boy, living at 1115 Montgomery street, was shot in the cheek this evening by Jos. Dobson, a watchman.

A Large Collection. CLEVELAND, Aug. 22.—At the close of the Christian Alliance Convention this evening a collection for missions was taken. Eleven thousand dollars was contributed within a few minutes, making \$14,000 in all. Several ladies threw their diamond rings into the collection boxes, and many men did the same with their watches and jewelry.

Sigma Chi Fraternity. Nashville (Tenn.), Aug. 22.—Next Tuesday the Sigma Chi Fraternity will meet in this city and continue in session four days. Seventy-five delegates from the various chapters are expected, and with a large number not delegated.

Rich Strike in Cripple Creek. COLORADO SPRINGS (Col.), Aug. 22.—A remarkable strike was made last week in the Littlefield mine on Cripple Creek. Five carloads of ninety tons were shipped from the sixth level, 300 feet below the surface, mine samples on which were seventeen ounces, or \$34 to the ton. The ore body is four feet in width.

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Two large plants will be put in operation very shortly, one at Crockett, as announced a few days ago, and the other company that will operate these plants with a capital of \$2,500,000. A. W. Starr, A. D. Starr, N. D. Ridout, Alfred Bannister, Justice B. Greeley and Albert Miller, Senator Perkins and George W. McNear are interested in the company.

The Rodeo plant of the Union Stock Yards Company was never used for the purpose originally intended. The magnificent equipment, costing \$1,000,000, has been standing idle for about five years. The second is Starr & Co.'s flouring mill at Crockett. The four machinery will be taken out and replaced by sugar refining apparatus. The machinery for this mill has already been ordered.

The company has already had agents in the field interviewing farmers and ranchers in Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, Napa and neighboring counties with relation to the raising of sugar beets. They have offered \$350 a ton.

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On Saturday night a band of 120 masked whitecaps went to a house about four miles below Camden, in Beulah section, took out three Mormon elders, stripped them, and administered a whipping. It is supposed that the whitecaps come mostly from Fairfield, and that the Mormon elders who were whipped were the ones that escaped the whitecaps on a previous occasion at the house of a man named Sharp.

AZCARRAGA'S ABILITY. General Dominguez Doubts if He Can Fill Canovas' Place.

PARIS, Aug. 22.—General Lopez Dominguez, who was Spanish Minister of War in the last cabinet of Senor Sagasta, is now in Paris. In the course of an interview he deeply deplored the death of Senor Canovas del Castillo. He regards General De Azcarraga, the new Premier, as a clever and tactful man, but