

DISASTROUS FIRE AT STOCKTON.

The Combined Harvester Works Go Up in Smoke.

But Little Left on the Grounds of the Big Manufacturing Plant.

The Loss Estimated at One Hundred Thousand Dollars, With Sixty Thousand Insurance—A Fire at Pendleton, Or., Which Caused a Loss of One Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars.

STOCKTON, Sept. 20.—One of the most valuable manufacturing plants in Stockton was destroyed by fire early this morning, when the Stockton Combined Harvester Works were burned.

The works were built in 1883 by a company headed by the late L. U. Shippee, and three years ago the company went into liquidation, and the valuable plant, filled with costly machinery, was sold to the present owner, a local corporation, for \$100,000.

The fire evidently started in the engine-room at about 4:30 o'clock this morning, and when the watchman was firing up for the day's run, he started, but it was a very quick blaze.

The insurance list is thus given by the officers of the company: Liverpool, London and Globe, \$6,000; Royal, \$6,000; English-American Underwriters, \$6,250; New York Underwriters, \$4,000; New Zealand, \$2,500; Franklin, \$1,500; Scottish Union, and National, \$1,200; Springfield, \$2,500; Hartford, \$4,000; Orient, \$1,000; American, Manchester, Imperial, Sun and Caledonia, \$2,000 each; Helvetia and Swiss, \$2,000; Connecticut, \$2,500; Royal Exchange, \$4,000; Magdeburg, \$2,500; Commercial Union, \$1,500, and Palatine \$2,500.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN OREGON. PENDLETON (Or.), Sept. 20.—The Pendleton Roller Mills, with a capacity of 500 barrels, owned by W. S. Byers, was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss will reach \$170,000.

The fire is supposed to have started in a small smut room on the first story at the south end of the building. It spread very rapidly, and the large building was a mass of flames before the department arrived, and nothing could be done except to save the adjoining property.

At one time the \$80,000 Courthouse on the block opposite was smoking, but the mill walls fell in, and the firemen were able to save the Courthouse.

The contents of a stone warehouse near the mill was greatly damaged and almost ruined, and a corrugated iron warehouse was totally destroyed.

In the mill elevator 60,000 bushels of wheat were burned, and in the stone warehouse 25,000 bushels of wheat and 2,000 barrels of flour.

The only insurance was \$50,000 on mill building and machinery. The stone warehouse is supposed to be fireproof, but the intense heat fired the contents. The fire is supposed to be due to spontaneous combustion.

The insurance was carried by the following companies: The Sun of London, \$7,500; Phoenix of London, \$4,000; Fireman's Fund, \$8,000; Royal of London, \$9,500; London and Lancashire, \$9,000; Liverpool, London and Globe, \$6,000; Scottish Union and National, \$3,500; Magdeburg, \$2,000.

BASEBALL CONFERENCE.

Teams Which Still Remain in the Tournament. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—The members of the committee present at the baseball conference were Mayor Phelan, who arrived a little late, George A. Newhall, Wm. B. Pringle and D. R. McNeil, but the latter did not vote. Mr. Pringle thought that the 20 per cent. wanted by the teams should be granted, but Mayor Phelan and Mr. Newhall thought that the financial sponsor of the tournament was not yet in a position to grant such terms.

The committee agreed to appropriate \$1,000 from the charity fund accumulated from the receipts of the tournament to help defray the expense of giving a free dinner to the poor on Thanksgiving day.

Assistant Secretary Allen informed the committee that over \$4,300 had been received from the baseball tournament for the charity fund.

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6 O'CLOCK CLOSING NOTICE.

Hereafter our stores will close evenings at 6 o'clock, excepting Saturdays, evenings preceding holidays, and such other evenings as we shall announce from time to time.

BOYS' CLOTHING SPECIALS ON SALE THIS WEEK.

At 50 cents a Suit. Single-breasted dark Union Cassimere Suits. Not many left. Ages 10, 11, 12 and 14 only. Former price was \$1.25, but to close them out they go at 50 cents a suit.

At \$2.00 a Suit. We offer a lot of Single and Double-Breasted Knee-Pants Suits, in brown, mixed and also solid colors. Former prices were \$3, \$3.50 and \$5. Ages 10 to 14. We've bunched them together at the uniform sale price of \$2 a suit.

All-wool, three-piece Suits, coat, vest and pants. Light, slate color, pinhead checks and one of our best sellers. Ages 3, 4, 5 and 14. Former prices were \$6, \$8, \$8.50 and \$10. We close out the lot at \$2.60 a suit.

Between 6 and 7 o'clock.

The Chas. P. Natman Co.

TAX LEVIES.

What Rate Property-Owners Will Have to Pay.

BAKERSFIELD, Sept. 20.—The Supervisors of this county have under consideration a special election to vote on the question of refunding the bonded indebtedness of the county. In 1893 Kern County issued a quarter of a million dollars of improvement bonds, bearing 6 per cent. interest. Supervisors believe that if time bonds be now issued at 5 per cent. to take up the present issue of call bonds, that the former will bring a large premium. The tax levy to-day was fixed at \$1.30.

SAN BERNARDINO, Sept. 20.—The County Supervisors to-day fixed the tax rate outside of the city at \$1.80, and inside the city at \$1.45.

STOCKTON, Sept. 20.—The San Joaquin rate of taxation fixed by the Supervisors to-day is \$1.30, and a road tax of 30 cents on outside property, which makes the outside rate \$1.60, against the city rate of \$1.30. The assessment roll foots up \$31,000,000, and the taxes to be collected foot up \$464,238.

NEVADA CITY, Sept. 20.—The Supervisors fixed the tax levy to-day for the fiscal year at \$2.50 on each \$100 worth of property outside municipalities and \$2.10 inside. This is an increase of 10 cents over last year's levy.

JACKSON, Sept. 20.—The Supervisors to-day fixed the tax levy for Amador County at \$2.35 for State and county purposes. In Jackson and Sutter Creek, with special school taxes, the rate is \$2.85, and in Pine Grove \$2.75.

WOODLAND, Sept. 20.—The Board of Supervisors of Yolo County met to-day and fixed the tax rate for county and State purposes for the present fiscal year at \$1.37 1/2.

YUBA CITY, Sept. 20.—The Board of Supervisors fixed the tax rate of this county to-day at \$1.75 on the \$100 valuation. Last year the rate was \$1.35.

ST. HELENA, Sept. 20.—The Supervisors to-day levied a tax of 23 cents on the \$100 in the districts composing the Union High School district, Lodi, Vineland and St. Helena. It is very probable that the school will be opened about October 1st.

EUREKA, Sept. 20.—The Board of Supervisors to-day fixed the county tax rate at \$1.20 on each \$100 valuation, which, added to the State rate of 51 cents, makes the tax rate for Humboldt County \$1.71.

SAN JOSE, Sept. 20.—The Board of Supervisors to-day fixed the rate for the tax levy in the county at \$1.38.

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 20.—The Supervisors to-day fixed the tax levy at \$1.57 inside the city and \$1.97 outside.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 20.—The Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County to-day fixed the tax levy for the ensuing fiscal year at \$1.25, an increase of 15 cents over last year's rate.

FRESNO, Sept. 20.—The Board of Supervisors to-day fixed the tax levy for State and county purposes at \$1.96. The rate last year was \$1.75, the increase being due to the lower assessment and to the increased State rate. It is estimated that the amount raised at this rate for county purposes will be about \$9,000 less than last year.

OUSTED SUPERVISORS.

Forcibly Ejected from the Council Chamber.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—After having maintained possession of the Council Chamber uninterruptedly for over forty-eight hours, the eight members of the ousted Board of Supervisors were forcibly ejected by a squad of police under Captain Whitman this morning, and the new board immediately took possession. During the excitement which ensued upon the arrival of the police Supervisor Biggy left his seat and fled, and ex-Supervisor Britt promptly slipped into the vacant chair, and announced his determination to occupy it. Supervisor Biggy attempted to eject him from it, and a lively tussle resulted, but the ousted member of the board was forcibly removed from the chamber by the police. The new board then proceeded to take up the tax levy as a Committee of the Whole, and as the chamber was guarded by a squad of police, no further trouble occurred during the morning session.

The members of the old board all left the chamber, and the committee rooms, but were compelled to retire discomfited.

Both Boards of Supervisors adopted tax levies to-day, the old board fixing the rate at \$1.18, and the new one at \$1.17. The estimate made by the latter reduces the city's expenditure by at least \$300,000 over last year's figures, and about \$400,000 less than the Auditor's estimate.

BYRON WATERS RESIGNS.

D. R. Sessions Appointed Claims Agent of the Southern Pacific.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—Byron G. Waters, the well-known Claims Agent of the Southern Pacific Company and 310 Broadway, has resigned. The company has tendered his resignation, which will take effect on the 1st of next month.

The only reason for the retirement of Mr. Waters is that he is desirous of resuming the practice of law, in which he was formerly very successful.

Mr. Waters was appointed to his present position on April 1, 1895, and since that time has conducted the office to the entire satisfaction of his superiors. He has made many friends

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Men, women and children were driven from their beds, and had to take refuge on the high ground with their household effects. There was not a place to shelter them, many houses in the town tumbling down in great heaps, and many more are expected to collapse any moment.

The water stands four and five feet in the houses, and the country is flooded for miles around. Carmen River has overflowed its banks.

Unless relief comes soon women and children will be in a sad plight, and it is raining hard, and another bad night seems inevitable.

METHODIST COUNCIL.

Fifth Day's Session of the California Conference.

PACIFIC GROVE, Sept. 20.—The fifth day's session of the California Conference of the Methodist Church was devoted almost entirely to the reading of committee reports and the decision of claims.

The following nominations were placed before the conference: Trustees—Robert Bentley, F. D. Bovard, T. B. Hopkins, Wesley Bennett, H. B. Heacock, J. D. Hammond, E. R. Dille, W. Case, W. S. Army. For directors of the Fred Finch Orphanage—John Kirby, C. B. Perkins, E. B. Dille, Robert Bentley, H. B. Heacock, J. J. Truett, J. F. Porter. Officers of the Army Veterans' Club—Rev. J. H. Macomber, U. S. A.; George W. Beatty, K. E. Winning, C. H. Darling. The nominees were elected.

STANFORD ESTATE.

The Widow Anxious to Have a Partial Distribution.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—All day to-day the lawyers interested in the settlement of the Stanford estate were in conference, and at the request of Mrs. Stanford's attorneys her petition for a partial distribution, which came up in Judge Coffey's court, was continued until next Wednesday. In the week intervening the attorneys for Mrs. Stanford and the New York lawyers before the conference, which will hope to reach an agreement which will obviate a lawsuit. If the dispute cannot be settled out of court, the Judge will have to pass on the construction of the clause in the will by which Mrs. Stanford is empowered to set aside different properties.

Salvation Army Colonies.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—It was decided to-day that the Salvation Army colony at Soledad will soon be established, and at least twenty families from this city placed upon farms. The result of a conference between Commander Booth-Tucker and a citizens' committee was the selection of the land offered by C. T. Romie, comprising about 500 acres in Monterey County. Commander Booth-Tucker left this evening for Ogden, where he will inspect the lands offered by the Union Pacific, and will go from there to Denver to superintend the establishment of a colony in Colorado.

County Government Act.

SANTA ROSA, Sept. 20.—The new County Government Act won a victory in Judge Dougherty's department of the Superior Court to-day. Deputy Surveyor Ricksecker brought a mandamus suit to compel Auditor Atchison to issue a warrant for his salary according to the new Act. The court held the new Act to be constitutional, and ordered that the salary be issued to the Auditor to issue the warrant asked for by the Surveyor. Under the new law the County Surveyor receives \$1,500 per annum.

Nearly Come to Blows.

OAKLAND, Sept. 20.—The Supervisors fixed the tax levy to-night at \$1.13 for the inside territory, and \$1.50 for the outside. The heated arguments over the printing investigation were continued on the street, Roeth and Church got into an altercation, and Roeth called Church a liar. The latter struck Roeth, and a fight was only prevented by the interference of Attorney Mitchell.

The Valley Road.

BAKERSFIELD, Sept. 20.—The Valley road put on record to-day forty-three deeds covering the right of way from the Tulare County line to Bakersfield. This completes the right of way, except two deeds and a few mortgages and releases that have all been contracted for.

Chinese Lepers Slowly Dying.

VICTORIA (B. C.), Sept. 20.—The City Health Inspector is just back from the leper station on D'Arcy Island. He says that of the seven Chinese patients, six cannot live much longer. They are slowly dying from the terrible disease.

Hoopa Valley Reservation.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—The Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation is to be surveyed, and the lands allotted to Indians in severalty. Surveyor George Green will open bids for the survey on September 30th.

St. Helena's Grape Crop.

ST. HELENA, Sept. 20.—The grape growers hereabouts are disposing of their crops, mostly to private parties, the corporation receiving but a small portion of the immense crop. Prices range from \$10 to \$15 a ton.

Suicide at Portland.

PORTLAND, Sept. 20.—Louis de Lean, a Frenchman, about 45 years of age, who lived alone in the outskirts of the city, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself through the head. On his person was found \$1,000 in certificates of deposit and about \$100 in cash. Blessings in disguise usually have a hard time proving their identity.

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BEHRING SEA CONTROVERSY.

New Matter Relating to the Recent Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The State Department to-day made public the correspondence in the Behring Sea negotiations, which were set free recently in London. The new matter is comprised in two letters, July 28th and 29th last from Lord Salisbury and Ambassador Hay, respectively. In Lord Salisbury's note is the definition from the British standpoint of the exact scope of the conference in this language:

"I have to state that her majesty's Government is willing to agree to a meeting of experts nominated by Great Britain and Canada and by the United States in October next, when the present season will have been completed. The object of the meeting would be to arrive, if possible, at the correct conclusions respecting the numbers, conditions and habits of the seals frequenting the Bering Sea, and to make a report, as compared with the several seasons subsequent to the Paris award."

"It seems to her majesty's Government that Washington would be the more suitable place for such a meeting."

Embassador Hay, in a reply, which is very short, and is mainly a repetition of Lord Salisbury's language, calls attention to one important point that may have been overlooked by the British side, or else was ignored purposely, namely, that the conference is to be in London, and is to be confined entirely to representatives of the United States and Great Britain. On this point, his letter, which closes with the correspondence up to this time, says:

"It may not be out of place for me to recall to your lordship that, as I have already had occasion to mention, the President expects the Governments of Russia and Japan, powers interested in the preservation of the seal herds of Behring Sea, to be represented at the conference."

NEW GUNS OF HIGH POWER.

To be Used on Merchant Ships as Auxiliary Cruisers.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—A special to the "Herald" from Washington says: Congress will be asked at its coming session to make a large appropriation for the purchase of high power guns to be installed for service on board auxiliary cruisers of the United States navy in time of war. Captain Charles O'Neil, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, proposes to make an annual report that at least \$500,000 be appropriated for this purpose. In the opinion of Captain O'Neil this sum is not too large to be authorized at one time.

It is estimated that \$3,000,000 will be required to equip with modern batteries the twenty-eight steamers now enrolled in the Government service as auxiliary cruisers, and at the rate which Congress has followed for the last two years in dribbling out appropriations, fifteen years must elapse before sufficient money shall have been obtained to supply the ships now subsidized with the guns which their tonnage and structural strength call for.

ODD FELLOWS.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge Meets at Springfield, Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD (Ill.), Sept. 20.—The city is gaily decorated to-day in honor of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Delegates from every State and from Europe, Canada, Australia and other foreign places are present. The opening session was held this morning in Representative Hall of the State House.

Governor Tanner and Mayor Wheeler delivered addresses of welcome. Addresses were also made by Hon. George C. Rankin of Monmouth, Grand Master S. I. J. Murphy, L. Burnell, Grand Patriarch Stone of Vandalla, President of the Rebekahs.

Sixty thousand visitors are expected to-morrow, and extensive preparations have been made for their entertainment.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

MACON (Mo.), Sept. 20.—In Joseph Hayward's saw mill, twelve miles northeast of here, this afternoon, a large boiler exploded, and killed three workmen, Charles Heaton, Walter Ferguson and Albert Yost. W. C. Allen, another employe, was severely and

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probably fatally injured. The mill was blown to fragments.

Victim of a Bicycle Accident. LONDON, Sept. 20.—The Hon. Barry Somerset Maxwell, the eldest son and heir of Baron Farnham, died yesterday at Castle Sanderson, as the result of a bicycling accident on Tuesday last, when the young man collided with a wall. The deceased was born in 1870.

Mrs. Norman Colman Dead. ST. LOUIS, Sept. 20.—Mrs. Norman J. Colman, wife of Norman J. Colman, ex-Secretary of Agriculture, is dead. She had been an invalid fifteen years, and for several months past she had suffered from a complication of diseases. She was the daughter of Captain Wright, a wealthy planter.

Train Held Up. MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 20.—Three tramps held up a Great Northern train at daylight this morning near Smith Lake, Minn. They robbed several cattlemen. Two of the robbers succeeded in jumping from the train, while the third was cornered and arrested. He gave his name as Fisher.

OFFICIAL CURTESY.

Rebuked by the Postoffice Department.

The Postoffice Department has had many complaints of curtness and incivility on the part of employes at stamp windows, and in consequence instructions are to be issued admonishing employes to be uniformly polite in the discharge of their duties.

The identification of persons applying at the postoffice for their mail in cities is also being looked into, with a view to doing away with unnecessary trouble and annoying precautions.

The department will advise Postmasters that requirements should not be too stringent, and that all accommodations consistent with carelessness and safety be given to strangers.

Special instructions have been issued to Postmasters to facilitate the expedition of transient mail in cities, the instructions being specially intended to benefit commercial travelers and theatrical companies. The instructions read: "Letters indorsed 'transient' should not be delivered to a resident patron of the office, although he have the same name and initials as the addressee. Letters addressed to traveling men and to members of theater companies or show troupes which are known to have departed for a particular place should be immediately forwarded to such place by the Postmaster, indorsed 'Address corrected by Postmaster as follows,' although no order to forward be on file. Letters so addressed arriving at an office after the departure of the company or troupe are fairly presumed to have been sent there 'through obvious mistake of the sender in addressing them,' and it would doubtless meet the wishes of both sender and addressee to forward them to their 'known destination,' as contemplated in Section 520 of the Postal Laws.

"Postmasters should always bear in mind that their most important duty is the delivery of mail, and that whatever discretion is conferred upon them by the regulations of the department, is to facilitate such delivery and avoid failures, which result in disappointment to the public and discredit to the postal service."—New York Herald.

Help the Yosemite Road.

(Pasadena Star).

Lots of Pasadenaians want to go to Yosemite. They want to go as easily as possible—over a free road and a good one. The Sacramento "Record-Union" has started a good work by asking the construction by the Government of a free public road over which any one may travel, and advises that for economic reasons, it be not secured by buying out either of the existing toll roads, but constructed entirely anew over the Government's own forest reserve. To this end, petitions have been prepared to be presented to Congress, and as Pasadena ought to be represented in the matter we trust that many influential names will be attached to a copy of the petition which we now have. It may help a good work, and all who visit Yosemite will share in the benefits.

Self-Evident.

"There," said the teacher as she concluded the demonstration of a mathematical problem; "do I make myself plain?" "Yuh don't have tuh, Mum," gallantly replied little Willie Bigg.—Judge.

In one year there has been an increase of 75 per cent. in the amount of mail handled in the Jacksonville (Fla.) postoffice.

"The Nonpareil"

HANDKERCHIEFS. New Tan Jackets.

This morning commences the Big Handkerchief Sale. Your pick from 3,000 fine dainty pattern Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs for women at 8c each. The price in no way represents the quality, but they are slightly mussed from being pinned to our display at the Pavilion, hence your choice at 8 cents.

A handsome winter garment at a popular price is one of our new Tan Kersey Jackets, box cut, with fly front, one-half silk lined, piped seams and velvet inlaid storm collar; a slightly and dependable garment for \$7.50.

School Days.

Play time has passed; now for study time and WHAT TO STUDY. You'll find it here in the following list:

State Series of School Books.

- Revised First Reader... \$ 16
Revised Second Reader... 28
Revised Third Reader... 25
Revised Fourth Reader... 53
Third Reader (old series)... 54
Speller... 25
Primary Number Lessons... 20
Advanced Arithmetic... 42
Lessons in Language... 44
Revised English Grammar... 47
United States History... 70
Elementary Geography... 50
Physiology... 50
Civil Government... 46
Advanced Geography... 1 02

Umbrellas.

Two hundred Ladies' Umbrellas, with fancy natural crook handles and paragon frame, covered with twilled Gloria silk, fast black, and just the size to use as a sun shade now and as a protection from the rain later. Price, \$1.

Walking Hats.

Women's Felt Walking Hats, in black, brown, gray, tan and red, with split crown, finished with three bands of narrow velvet ribbon around and full silk bow on side; brim rolls prettily on sides, and is bound with velvet ribbon. Price, 90c.

Women's Wrappers.

You can now select your winter wrappers from a most complete assortment, as the new fall stock is here in flannelette and all-wool Henriettas, in colors, prices and patterns to suit all.

Dress Goods.

At 50c yard. Over thirty different styles and hundreds of different shadings to select from at this popular price. Principally Novelty Suitings, Cheviot Mixtures in Stripe Checks, Mottled Effects, Plaids and Fancy Mixtures; Tuffed Mohair Suitings, in solid grounds of olive, brown, navy, dahlia, garnet and French blue; handsomely figured with rich black luster mohair; illuminated and English Covert Cloths, etc., etc., an incomparable variety.

New Beaver Capes.

Navy Blue or Black Beaver Capes, 22 inches long, with fancy braid trimming and velvet collar—a warm and durable raincoat winter garment, for \$4.50.

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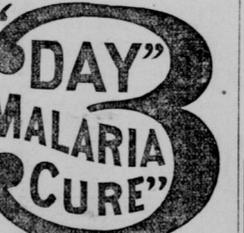
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