ANOTHER POWDER EXPLOSION

MILLS EXPLODED BY A BOLT OF LIGHTNING.

One Man Killed and Two Buildings Destroyed at Clipper Gap, Placer County.

Another powder mill has exploded, but this time there is no suspicion that it was the work of a Spanish spy.

There was a severe and sharp electric storm in the mountains yesterday, and in the midst of it a bolt of lightning descended and struck one of the buildings of the Clipper Gap Powder Company, about seven miles east of Auburn, Placer County.

The powder in the building was ignited and a terrific explosion took place. Directly this was followed by an explosion in another of the buildings.

No particulars of the accident could be obtained, beyond the fact that the glazing mill and a wheel (or grinding) mill were blown up and one man was killed.

The Clipper Gap Mill manufactures only blasting powder, so that the accident will not embarrass Uncle Sam's navy. The mill had been shut down for several months and resumed operations only a few days ago.

LATER PARTICULARS.

AUBURN, April 30.—The man killed at the Clipper Gap Powder Works was Levi Hill, an old employe, who had been connected with powder-making for fifteen years.

Superintendent Garrett says the explosion was caused by lighting striking the glazing and wheel mills simultaneously. There was a full force of men, but the plant had been running only since Monday, after several months of idleness.

The loss will not exceed $600, including 250 pounds of black powder. The mills will be running again in four or five days.

The Clipper Gap Powder Works are located seven miles above Auburn, and are owned by the Giant Powder Company of San Francisco. The Superintendent wants it distinctly understood that there was no foul play connected with the explosion.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

If Bishop McIvaine was correct in saying that no man is competent to teach Christianity unless he has fairly considered all that can be said against it, these who regard themselves as set for the defense of the current interpretation of that system of religion will find in Professor Smith's "Guesses at the Riddle of Existence" a presentation of some of the more serious objections, founded on a profound intellectual insight, and a rare acumen and scholarship, by a man who is a sincere hater of shams and lover of truth. The author himself says that the spirit in which his pages are penned is not that of agnosticism, if agnosticism imparts despair of spiritual truth, but of that free and hopeful inquiry, the way for which it is necessary to clear by removing the wreck of that upon which we can found no more. Topics of vital importance are treated with candor. The author does not hesitate to place under the dry light of his scrutinous inquiry such subjects as "The Church and the Old Testament," "Is There Another Life?" "The Miraculous Element in Christianity" and "Morality and Theism"; subjects concerning which doubt or dispute would not so long ago have been regarded as iniquitous. The cultivated man with a philosophic bent cannot fail to be interested in this plain, serious and candid statement of the final conclusions of a brilliant mind, reflecting upon the experience of a lifetime as to the ultimate questions of the universe. The Macmillan Company, New York, publishers. $1 25.

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From the Whitaker & Ray Company, San Francisco, we have the complete works of Joaquin Miller, Poet of the Sierras. Mr. Miller has dedicated his book to Collis P. Huntington, with a brief tribute to his genius. The volume contains "Songs of the Sierras," "Songs of Italy," "Songs of the Sunland," "Songs of the Mexican Sea," "Songs of the Soul," "Classic Shades," etc. The introduction is a unique and masterful plea for the love of nature and the use of "baby Anglo-Saxon." The notes at the close of each of the poems are almost an autobiography of the strange, wild adventurous career of the poet in different parts of the world. For the past fifteen years he has led almost a hermit life at his home on the "Hights," where are his miles of roses, his picturesque cottages, his Greek cross of pine trees, the Bishop's gate, and on the highest mountain peak his funeral pyre. He has established a sort of social community on his estate after the plan of his "Building the City Beautiful." He lived there with his aged mother, Margaret, until of late he went to Alaska. The poems in this volume that attract the attention of the lovers of imaginative literature most are "Sappho and Phaon," "Passing of Tennyson," "Columbus," "Sunset and Dawn at San Diego," etc. We do not deem it necessary to enter here upon any criticism of Miller as a poet. His writings are so familiar to the California reading public that its estimate of them is formed and changeless. It must suffice simply to say here is a volume of the complete works of Joaquin Miller, erratic and a genius, unquestionably a poet, and yet the most notable offender against poetry; a man of wonderful imagination and more marvelous originality. A singer of strange songs, and yet in a poetic music that will not live.

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"Facts and Fakes About Cuba" is a volume by George Bronson Rea (New York "Herald" correspondent). It is a vivid account of his adventures in Cuba with the insurgent army. It boils over with denunciation of Gomez, and praise of Maceo. Despite his undeniable anger at Gomez, whom he denounces as a tempestuous, cruel, merciless and brutal man, it appears in the book that Gomez is a born leader, is held in awe by his men, and is, for one so old, of wonderful endurance and great success in handling an ill-clad, worse armed band of insurgents. There are many interesting facts set forth. Mr. Rea writes boldly, fearlessly; tells what he insists is the truth, and flays the Cubans when, as he says, they deserve it. He strips much of the romance from the Cuban cause, yet his story clearly establishes that they are devoted to their cause under conditions that would appall less patriotic people, and are conducting a war with fair measure of success against the trained, well equipped armies and skilled generals of a great nation. George Munro's Sons, publishers, New York.

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"The Cosmopolitan" magazine for May (New York), richly illustrated, has these leading features: Frontispiece, "Amorosa," from a painting by Bisson; "On the Great Lakes" (illustrated), F. W. Fitzpatrick; "The Wistaria Shrine of Kameido" (illustrated), Theodore Wores; "A Family of Engineers" (illustrated), Harold Frederic; "His Letter to His Second Wife," Brander Matthews; "The Coronation of Wilhelmina of Holland" (illustrated), Cromwell Childe; "The Wilderness We Bought from France" (illustrated), Charles F. Manderson; "Marie Duplan's Child," Imogen Clark; "Autobiography of Napoleon Bonaparte"; "The Profession of Motherhood," John Brisben Walker; "Love" (poem) by Paul Laurence Dunbar; "Regarding the Voice in Conversation," Henry Gaines Hawn; "Some Examples of Recent Art"; "The Mills of the Little Tin Gods" (illustrated), Vaughan Kester; "In the World of Art and Letters."

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"School and Home Melodies for Little Singers" is by George Cooper, songwriter, and Charles E. Prattt, composer. Published by the Maumee Valley Music Comupony, Toledo, Ohio. It is a flexible cloth covered small quarto of sixty-six pages, with songs and music of about half that number. These songs are simple, pretty and teaching. We should think the book valuable for schools of smaller children.

MONDAY, MAY 2,

9:30 A. M.

Six Great Specials In Cloak Department.

Skirts, Wrappers, Shirt Waists

LOT I.—SHIRT WAISTS, 25c.

Not last year's styles or poorly-made garments, but new Waists for the season of 1898 in good patterns of washable percales. Can be worn in either blouse waist or straight front effect. Sizes 34 to 42. These garments are such unusual value that it would be well for you to be on hand when the sale opens to avoid being disappointed.

Monday's Price, 25c.

LOT II.—FINE WRAPPERS, $1 18.

The garments offered in this lot are all fine, well-made Wrappers, marked at a price that should appeal to every woman. Included are several styles worth from $1 50 to $2 50, in percales, dimities, organdies and lawns. Some of the plaid effects, handsomely trimmed, have just reached us. We include the odd lots with the new plaid garments, to close them out rapidly.

Monday's Price, $1 18.

No narrow skirts or poorly-finished wrappers in the lot.

LOT III.—CRASH SKIRTS, 95c.

Natural tan Crash Skirts, with 5-inch hem. Just the kind to be worn this season with shirt waists, as the material is light in weight, does not easily soil and looks well.

Monday's Price, 95c.

LOT IV.—WHITE PIQUE SKIRTS, $1 25.

White pique Skirts will be in demand again for the summer season. Why not take advantage of this special skirt offering? Skirts made of good quality pique, in all sizes, are not always to be had at

Monday's Price, $1 25.

LOT V.—BLACK FIGURED SKIRTS, $1 37.

These separate Skirts are well made of black mohair, in desirable patterns, properly lined and bound and tailor finished. It's a new lot which we have just received, and there is, therefore, a complete line of sizes.

Monday's Price, $1 37.

LOT VI.—BLACK SATIN WAISTS, $4 98.

This offering consits of fine black satin Duchesse Shirt Waists, made with detachable stock collar, bayadere tucking back and front, accordeon plaited ruffle and full blouse front. Handsome, stylish garments—the usual $7 kind.

Monday's Price, $4 98.

U. S. Silk Flags.

Silk United States Flags, mounted on staffs with spear heads:

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24 inches long, 16 inches wide, 60c.

36 inches long, 24 inches wide, $1 25.

New Japanese Fans.

Our new stock of Japanese Fans is larger, and the assortment better than any shown by us in former seasons. Neat small shapes, measuring 8 to 9 inches in length, with sticks light in weight and yet strong. Colors, lavendar, light blue, green, white, pink, Nile and black. Each fan finished with tassel to match. Prices 10c to 50c each.

Children's Vests, 10c and 15c.

Children's low neck and sleeveless Vests, made of ecru cotton with neck and armholes run with a tape. Price, 10c.

White summer weight low neck and sleeveless Vests of excellent quality. Price, 15c.

Side Garters made of silk, mixed frilled edge, elastic, with fancy nickle clasps and buckle fastener. Black and bright colors. Price, 19c.

Pompadour Hair Rolls, 25c.

Pompadour Hair Rolls, in three sizes, made of real hair, 25c.

New Wash Goods.

Pretty Wash Goods still continue to arrive. Two newcomers yesterday.

Bias plaid Madras Cloths, in pretty new colorings. Width 31 inches; price, 15c yard.

Colored striped Dimities, in pink, blue, lavendar, gray, black and green. Price, 10c yard.

White Dotted Swiss.

White dotted Swiss is one of the proper thing for summer suits. Very dainty patterns for 20c and 25c yard.

SILVER KING BICYCLES

For Men and Women——$27 50.

We have handled the Silver King bicycle for years. We know its merits, its riders know its merits, and all who purpose buying bicycles will find it profitable to become acquainted with its merits, also. It is graceful in design, strong in construction and easy running—a thoroughly good wheel that has not many superiors in workmanship and finish. As a matter of fact, Silver King bearings are conceded to be the best made.

In former seasons the list price of the Silver King was $75—the special price we were able to make was $60. This year we offer the improved Silver King, 1898 model, for

$27 50.

The great reduction in the price is due partly to the new policy of the Silver King manufacturers and partly to our methods of doing business. The manufacturers have lopped off all unnecessary expenditures and confined themselves to the making of 22-inch wheels alone—we buy the wheels in large quantities and sell at little profit. The result is the offering of this thoroughly good bicycle for $27 50. If you have any intention of buying a bicycle you certainly should see it.

Swell Shoes, $5.

The cut gives you an idea of the appearance of one of our lines of men's Shoes at $5. It does not, however, give you as full an idea as you should have if you are thinking of purchasing a pair of shoes. The fineness of the materials, the thoroughness of the workmanship and the idea of comfort during the warm months that a sight of the shoe suggests will only be evident to you when you see it. Made with toe like cut, of fine chocolate vici kid, with silk vesting tops to match. It's one of the Burt & Packard shoes—the most desirable fine shoes for men. Price $5.

Do You Always Get the Suit You Want?

Naturally when you buy a suit you want the best to be had for the price you pay. Do you always get it?

Many men buy their suits here year after year because they get the suits they want—suits they regard as the best obtainable for the prices. It stands to reason that their convictions came from investigation. We want people to investigate—our clothing is the kind that sells because of its merits. It looks well, for it is made of handsome materials, stylishly cut; it wears well for the materials are reliable, and the suits are properly made—lined, stitched and finished just as good suits should be.

If you are in doubt as to whether or not you have been getting the best values in the past, let us set your doubts at rest. Our stylish blue serge suits for men, price $15, seem made for just such a purpose. Men buying these suits now cannot help being well dressed for months to come.

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PHILIPPINES CRITICAL POINT.

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the entrance of the harbor, the town itself was never in danger from any of the few shots fired by the Americans.

TORPEDO BOAT FOOTE.

Has an Exchange of Compliments With Spanish Gunboats.

NEW YORK, April 30.—The torpedo boat Foote, under command of Lieutenant Rogers, had an interesting, though not serious exchange of compliments with two small Spanish gunboats last Sunday, says the Key West correspondent of the "Herald."

Accounts brought in by the officers of the Puritan, now here coaling, say that the monitor Terror lay some miles off Cardenas on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. When the officers in the mess room heard the shots they ran on deck and saw the torpedo boat Foote lying well in toward Cardenas.

About a mile and a half nearer shore, and close to the mouth of the harbor, their glasses revealed two small Spanish gunboats sneaking along and hugging the coast Lieutenant Rodgers having seen them, as he afterwards explained to the Terror's officers, he decided to have some fun with them, though the range was rather long for serious execution.

The Foote opened fire with her one-pounder guns, and Lieutenant Qualtrough of the Terror thinks one of the Spaniards was hit by one shot, but he is not certain. Both the Spanish gunboats returned the Foote's fire without hesitation.

Lieutenant Rodgers then steamed in towards them, firing again as he advanced. The Spaniards replied with a few more shots, all of which went wide of their mark, and then, apparently not liking the Foote's rapid advance, they turned and steamed back into Cardenas harbor.

FLYING SQUADRON.

Captain Schley's Fleet Still at Hampton Roads.

OLD POINT COMFORT (Va.), April 30.—(On board the flagship Brooklyn, off Fort Monroe)—The patrol boats of the flying squadron did active work last night at the entrance to Hampton Roads, and no vessels were allowed to approach the squadron after dark. The patrol from the Texas stopped a tug with a tow trying to run in about 9 o'clock. It proved to be the lightship from Cape Charles, which broke from her anchor in the two days' storm and drifted out to sea. Permission was secured from the army officials to pass the boats through the lines of torpedoes. The lightship people reported having had a very rough time, but the vessel is not badly damaged. It is not probable that she will be anchored again near the capes, for the reason that the Government has decided that after May 1st several of the lightships shall be removed, so as not to be of use to an enemy.

The collier Merrimac arrived here last night from Newport News, and reported to Lieutenant Sears that her orders were to proceed to Key West. She was given the necessary permission, and this morning put out to sea under Commander Miller. She is very fast and will catch the collier Saturn, which left here yesterday under escort.

The Dixie and Yosemite, auxiliary cruisers, will be ready for service possibly Wednesday.

MOVEMENTS OF WARSHIPS.

The Battleship Oregon Arrives at Rio de Janeiro.

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 30.—6:30 p. m.—The United States battleship Oregon has just arrived at this port.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—There was a feeling of relief among officials to-night over the safe arrival of the Oregon at Rio de Janeiro, well to the north and out of possible reach of the Spanish torpedo cruiser Temerario, which has been lying around the vicinity of Buenos Ayres. The keenest interest is taken in her future movements, but on account of the extreme reticence of the naval authorities the nature of the instructions which have awaited her at Rio are not known. The prevalent belief, however, is that her orders are to proceed to join Admiral Sampson's fleet without delay.

PORTLAND (Me.), April 30.—The United States cruiser Minneapolis entered the harbor at 3:40 p. m.

PORTSMOUTH (N. H.), April 30.—The cruiser Columbia arrived just before noon to-day and anchored off the navy yard. Thousands of people congregated along the river front. Captain Sands, whose family is at the navy yard, came ashore. He was given a big reception.

NEW YORK, April 30.—The United States cruiser left the Brooklyn navy yard about 4:30 o'clock this afternoon and proceeded down the bay. The New Orleans will follow at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

MOVEMENT OF TROOPS.

The Ninth Cavalry and Twenty-fourth Infantry Moving South.

CHATTANOOGA, April 10.—The Ninth Cavalry and the Twenty-fourth Infantry left Chattanooga on special trains for Tampa this morning. As far as can be learned no more troops will be sent South from here for several days. General Brooke seems to think his commamnd is here for some time, as he has granted permission for a large portion of it to participate in parades in Chattanooga next week.

The Chattanooga, Rome and Southern Railroad is building a number of sidetracks at the park and accumulating rolling stock here, however, so that when the troops are ordered to move they can be rushed out without delay.

General Brooke and staff are busily engaged at headquarters to-day. Great care is being taken to prevent information gettting out. General Brooke expresses the belief that Chattanooga will be one of the mobilizing points for the volunteer army.

SAVANNAH (Ga.), April 30.—The troops are moving from Mobile to Port Tampa. Five special trains are en route via the Louisville and Nashville and Plant system and two others via the river junction and Florida Central and Peninsula.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

The Passengers on the Captured Steamer Panama.

NEW YORK, April 30.—The "Evening Post's" Key West special says: All the thirty-five passengers on the captured steamer Panama will be held as prisoners of war. They left New York with the intentions of belligerency, not of keeping the neutralities, one of the men being on the way to join the Spanish army. The United States Marshal will turn them over to the army authorities, who will lodge them in Fort Taylor.

The dispatch-boat Dolphin encountered a voluntary prize yesterday and sent one of her men with her to port this morning. She was the fishing schooner Lolla, bound for Havana, and her skipper, when warned away, asked to be seized, as, if the Spaniards caught him, they would immediately press him into service.

KEY WEST, April 30.—The passengers on the Spanish steamer Panama, which was captured by the lighthouse tender Mangrove on April 25th, were examined by United States District Attorney Stripling to-day. Twenty-four of the twenty-nine are able-bodied men, whose way was paid from New York to Havana by the Spanish Consul in New York. One man admitted that he was going to join the Spanish army, but the others declared that they were going to Cuba to secure employment.

BLANCO APPLIES THE TORCH.

Setting Fire to Interior Towns in Island of Cuba.

KEY WEST, April 30.—It is stated by Cubans to-night that Blanco is burning the interior towns of Cuba, and it is believed the truth of the statement is established by the great volumes of smoke which were noticed rising from the interior of the island yesterday. These fires were noticed between Matanzas and Havana by persons on the Associated Press dispatch boat Dauntless, and throughout the night the bright glow of fires was reflected on the sky. In places forest fires were burning.

Three hundred Cubans will leave here to-morrow to join 900 others. This united body will be equipped by the United States, and will be transported to Cuba immediately.

Beginning to-morrow night, this port will be closed to all incoming vessels from 8 o'clock in the evening until daylight.

The Cubans are greatly excited over the following telegram received from Estrada Palma of the New York Junta:

"Assemble and send to Tampa immediately all young unmarried healthy Cubans disposed to go to Cuba; also, all officers of our army. Delegation will not sustain families of enlisted."

Tampa is made the general rendezvous of the Cuban forces. To-morrow morning enlistment will begin here.

HIS FIRST OFFENSE.

Judge Hart Was Lenient to Barnstormer Moss.

Joseph Moss, who was on Wednesday last arrested by Sheriff Johnson and County Detective Fisher for stealing 450 grain bags from the barn of J. R. Coyle on the Marysville road, and who on Thursday pleaded guilty to burglary, was yesterday sentenced by Judge Hart to five years in Folsom Prison.

Assistant District Attorney J. Charles Jones asked the court to be lenient with the prisoner, as it was believed that it was Moss' first crime, and that there was every reason to believe the accused had been led to the commission thereof by another man whose identity the prisoner had revealed to the officers.

Judge Hart stated that had the building entered by Moss been an inhabited residence, instead of a barn, he would impose the full penalty, but he would, in consideration of what the District Attorney had stated, show the defendant some mercy. The judgment of the court was that Moss be committed to prison for five years.

Moss left for his new home in the afternoon in custody of Deputy Sheriff Frisbie Smith. When the prisoner was led out of his cell, and as the iron bracelets were placed on his wrists he broke down and sobbed like a child.

SEVERELY INJURED.

Farmer Kiddemore of Yolo Hurt in a Runaway Accident.

A man named Kiddemore, who lives about eight miles up the river on the Yolo side, met with an accident yesterday that may prove serious if not dangerous.

He was thrown from a wagon by his team running away. His nose was broken, his forehead badly cut and he received many other severe and painful injuries. It is by no means certain that he can recover.

The injured man was taken to the Sisters' Hospital in this city for treatment.

Little Lovers.

Wee little lovers aged six and ten,
Aping the manners of women and men,
He so ardent, and she so shy,
Only when somebody else is by—
When they're alone her shyness flies,
Cupid mounts quickly his throne in her eyes;
When they're alone this bright-haired miss
Gives her wee lover a soft, warm kiss.

Yet a sad little coquette is she—
Every attention she welcomes with glee;
Many a heart has she filled with pain,
Constant she finds it so hard to remain.
Lovers will come to her feet to woo,
What is the dear little damsel to do?
Is it her fault that they love her so?
Is it her fault that they won't take "No?"

Long be the lives of this little pair,
Sweetheart and maiden so bonny and fair!
Long may they live while their loves entwine,
Each with the other, like stems of the vine!
Or will this baby love droop and die,
Ere many years have flown hurrying by?
Then will they deem it but childish fun,
Feeling no smart, since no harm has been done. —F. P. in Tinsley's Magazine.

Notice of Appeal.

P. J. Van Loben Sels has filed in the Superior Court his notice of appeal from the judgment against him in the case of Reclamation District No. 551, against Sol Runyon and others.

Verdict of Acquittal.

The jury in the case of Ah Sam Goon and Lee Good Duck, charged with the murder of Lock Ah Wan, yesterday morning brought in a verdict of acquittal.

Impossible.

Chollie—Your eyes seem to look right through me.

Miss Sallie—But they don't, you know. You are too dense for that.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Not So Remarkable After All.

De Sappie—I believe my dog knows as much as I do.

She—I've seen smarter dogs than that.—Puck.

LOSS. Anything that you lose is misfortune. But of all the big losses that you know of, what would you regret most? The one thing that you fear most. And that is your vigor. The poor creatures that you see on the road to weakland you pity. Are you sure that you are not on the verge of going there yourself? Just stop one moment and consider the matter. Are you as vigorous as you were a year ago? Do you not see the spots before your eyes? Do you fail to recognize the fact that pleasures are not as great as they were? Heed the warnings! "Hudyan" would never have been submitted to the severe test that it has been but for the fact that weaklings like you need it. It makes man. It saves life. It brings back confidence. "Hudyan" has cured no less than 18,000 or 20,000 people on this one continent. Do you think you are the most afflicted man that ever lived? Even if you are, "Hudyan" will cure you.

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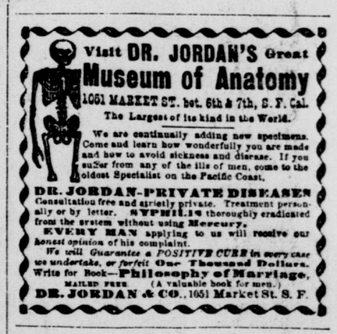

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