

INVESTIGATION OF WAR METHODS.

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JACKSONVILLE (Fla.), Oct. 19.—The War Investigation Commission today resumed its session in the City Hall to-day. One of the most outspoken witnesses of the day was Dr. Frye of the Third Division Hospital. He condemned some of the methods in vogue in the hospitals, and said that in many cases the contract physicians and members of the hospital corps were incompetent. The commission has decided that one of its members should be in the commission's office at Washington, and Colonel Denby has been selected for this service. He was selected partly for the reason that his health has not been as robust as when in Washington.

The War Commission resumed work to-day with Major Noble H. Creager, Quartermaster, on the stand. He said there never had been any serious shortage of supplies in the Seventh Corps, and he was sure there had been no suffering caused by a deficiency of supplies. In the beginning of the camp there had been some complaint as to the quality of clothing, but there had been an improvement in this respect in recent months. He had also had some difficulty in securing a proper assortment of sizes.

Major Creager was followed by Congressman J. M. McPherson, Colonel of the Ninth Illinois Volunteers, who was questioned in regard to the general treatment of the troops in the field, and asked for suggestions for the benefit of the service. He spoke in complimentary terms of the administration of the officers of the army, and said that the regulations of all kinds had been promptly filled, and that the quality of the articles supplied was generally good. There had been some complaints as to the character of the refrigerator beef, but investigation developed the fact that while the principal cause of sickness in good order, it had spoiled because of exposure in hot weather. The difficulty was overcome by exchanging beef for ham, no fresh beef being now taken by the regiment.

Colonel Campbell expressed the opinion that the principal cause of sickness in the camp was the drilling in the early morning, when the dew was on the ground. This was the mistake of his regiment, as the command had been anxious to excel, but they now had secured a revocation of the order for the drill, and had discontinued the practice. He said few of his men were now homesick. He did not believe that to exceed 5 per cent. of the soldiers would return home in preference to going to Cuba, if given an opportunity to do so.

Colonel Campbell said he had been liberal in granting furloughs, and he thought the system had had a good influence in quieting the apprehension of friends at home.

Lieutenant Moore, acting commissary of the Ninth Illinois, was questioned in regard to the quality of rations. He said there had been no difficulty except as to the fresh beef, and agreed with Colonel Campbell that there had been no trouble on account of meat since the arrangement had been made to take cured hams instead of beef.

Dr. R. D. Frye, Major and Executive Officer of the Third Division Hospital, testified as to the management of this institution, and also as to the management of the Second Division Hospital at Montauk Point, from which place he was transferred to this camp, and the Military Hospital at Fort McPherson, Ga., where he was also stationed for a time. He said the Montauk Point pa-

ITCHING SKIN DISEASES

Chronic Eczema spread all over my head. I had two doctors and tried lotions, but received little benefit. The dreadful itching became almost intolerable, and when I was healed, the Eczema became painful, and almost distracted me. Tried CUTICURA Remedies, the Eczema rapidly disappeared, and I am well with no trace of my excruciating disease. Feb. 22, '98. Box 125, Thornton, Ind.

Was afflicted with an itching rash all over my body. I could not sleep, but was compelled to lie awake and scratch all the time. My father and two brothers were afflicted with the same thing. We all suffered terribly for a year and a half. Three cures of CUTICURA Soap and three boxes of CUTICURA Ointment cured the four of us completely. Feb. 22, 1898. RICHARD ANDERSON, Geneva, Box Elder Co., Utah.

My hands were completely covered with Eczema, and between my fingers the skin was perfectly raw. I could get no ease night or day. I was in a rage of itching. My husband had to dress and undress me like a baby. The best physicians' medicines gave me no relief, and drove me almost crazy. I used the CUTICURA Ointment, and free minutes after the first application I was perfectly easy, and slept soundly all that night, and I have not had the Eczema in two years. AGNES M. HARRIS, Push, Va.

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Which Were Not Subdued Until Much Property Was in Ruins.

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Angles; Mrs. D. H. Webster, Fresno; Mrs. S. F. Leib, San Jose; Mrs. F. M. Angelotti, San Rafael; Mrs. S. A. O'Neil and Mrs. Granville Abbott, Alameda; Mrs. Warren Wilkinson, Berkeley; Mrs. Lemmon Berkeley; Mrs. W. B. Harrington, Mrs. W. R. Smberg, Mrs. Louis Weinmann, Mrs. L. L. Dunbar, Mrs. Wendell Easton and A. Mack, San Francisco.

W. C. T. UNION.

Officers Elected for the Ensuing Term.

OAKLAND, Oct. 19.—The morning session of the State Convention of the W. C. T. U. of California, now being held at Berkeley, was devoted to the election of officers for the ensuing year. For every position there were three or more candidates and the contests were spirited though not close.

Following were the successful candidates: President, Mrs. E. Starbuck; Vice President, Mrs. E. B. Green; Second Vice President, Mrs. Anna K. Bidwell; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Dora J. Spencer; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. A. Emmons; Treasurer, Mrs. Emily Hoppin; Auditor, Mrs. Hattie English.

The following delegates to the next National Convention to be held in St. Paul, Minn., November 14th, were elected: Mrs. M. E. Yates, Oakland; Mrs. Dr. Jesse Hare, Fresno; Mrs. R. M. French, San Francisco; Mrs. D. Z. Brayton, Mendocino County; Mrs. L. P. Williams, San Francisco; Mrs. N. B. Eyster, San Francisco; Mrs. M. McLean Hardy, Berkeley.

The evening session was devoted to devotional exercises and music.

WATSONVILLE EXCITED.

Alleged Attempt to Kidnap a Twelve-Year-Old Girl.

WATSONVILLE, Oct. 19.—Considerable excitement prevails in Watsonville over an alleged attempt to kidnap Postmaster Osborn's little daughter, aged 12 years.

It occurred between 2 and 3 a. m. when Mrs. Osborn was awakened by the screams of the girl. Jumping from the bed and following in the direction of the cries to the yard, they found the child on the back porch, where she had been carried. She had been chloroformed, and on reaching the open air became partly conscious. Her cries brought her parents to her aid. Traces of a horse and buggy were found at the hitching-post, and on further investigation it was found that the next-door neighbor's horse and buggy had been stolen for the occasion. This morning the horse and buggy were found across Pajaro River.

Two men were to-day arrested on suspicion.

EASTERN STAR.

Yesterday's Session of the Order Devoted to Routine Business.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—The Order of the Eastern Star to-day was devoted to routine business.

The reports of the Worthy Grand Patron, the Worthy Grand Matron, the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were read and approved, with a few unimportant amendments.

In the matter of transportation for out-of-town delegates it was decided to allow them their sleeping-car fares in addition to their mileage, which has been allowed them heretofore.

This evening the visiting officers and delegates of the Grand Chapter were given a theater party.

To-morrow the Grand Officers for the ensuing year will be elected, and on Saturday the delegates will enjoy excursions on the bay.

TOOK HIS OWN LIFE.

An Unknown Man Commits Suicide Near Chico.

CHICO, Oct. 19.—This afternoon the dead body of a man with a revolver tightly clasped in his right hand was found on the bank of Chico Creek, about three miles north of town. The man had been shot in the head, and the bullet had entered the brain. The man sat down on the ground with his back against a tree, and placing the muzzle of the revolver in his mouth sent a bullet into his brain. The coroner was notified, and the body was brought to town. Up to the present time it has not been identified, as there were no papers in his pocket. He was about 50 years old, white hair and mustache, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weight about 175 pounds, and was well dressed. An inquest will be held to-morrow.

MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

SANTA ROSA, Oct. 19.—This evening Fred Greiner, the Occidental rancher, was found guilty by a jury in the Superior Court of murder in the second degree. Greiner shot to death Louis Simon, his partner, September 17th, at Occidental. There were no witnesses to the shooting, but Greiner had had words with Simon some time previously. The prisoner claimed he shot Simon in self-defense. Judge Burnett will pass sentence Monday.

RATES FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 19.—Superintendent of Schools A. A. Foster, who has just returned from the north, says that the Southern Pacific Railroad Company has signified its willingness to give suitable rates for the National Educational Association, and he believes that the association will now decide to hold its next meeting in this city.

THE CONTROLLER SUSTAINED.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 19.—Before the closing of its session yesterday the Supreme Court handed down a decision in the suit brought by the Trustees of Whittier State School against State Controller Colgan for a writ of mandamus, the Trustees determining to erect some new buildings, and desired to use money from the maintenance fund for the purpose. The decision holds that the Trustees have no right to do this.

A BOY COMPLETELY KILLED.

CARSON (Nev.), Oct. 19.—While riding a horse attached to a wagon loaded with hay, Eddie Frantzen, aged 5 years, of Gardnerville, fell off the horse, and he wheels of the wagon passed over the little one's breast, causing instant death.

HIS HEAD COMPLETELY CRUSHED.

PLACERVILLE, Oct. 19.—Jesse Thompson was killed last night at the Larkin mine by the caving of a large rock, which completely crushed his head. Thompson leaves a wife and a child in this city.

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ODD FELLOWS.

Business Transacted by the Grand Body at San Jose.

SAN JOSE, Oct. 19.—At the meeting of the Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F., to-day the following business was transacted:

The Committee on Petitions reported recommending that charters be granted to the following: Encampment, No. 7, located at Port Bragg, Contra Costa County; Azusa Encampment, No. 54, located at Azusa, Los Angeles County; Pacheco Encampment, No. 50, located at Hollister, San Benito County, and a duplicate charter to Tracy Encampment, No. 49, located at Tracy, San Joaquin County, its charter having been destroyed by fire. Adopted.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Order that \$200 be appropriated to aid in the fiftieth anniversary celebration was referred.

This evening there was a large attendance at the Conviction to witness the competitive drill of Canton Ridley, No. 15, from Stockton, and Canton Sacramento, No. 1. The decision will be given to-morrow evening.

After the drill the decoration of Chivalry was conferred upon Majors J. E. Harris and E. P. Mowder. The Rebekah degree was conferred upon Isabel Ewing, Mrs. J. B. Church, Mrs. A. S. York, Mrs. E. H. Black, Mrs. Ida Cash, Miss Janette Whitehurst, Hattie M. Shaw, Alice M. Pera, E. Minnie Austin, Lizzie A. Wilson and Ella E. Southworth.

No Poison in Mrs. Barry's Stomach.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—Coroner Hawkins this morning held an inquest into the death of Mrs. Richard Barry at 8 Anthony street, who was found dead, and was at first supposed to have been murdered. Since Dr. Morgan, physician to the coroner, reported that there was no poison in the stomach of Mrs. Barry, except a small quantity of morphia, not sufficient to have caused death, the murder theory has been dropped. The inquest was held merely to satisfy the little remaining doubt that the woman died of natural causes.

Young Donovan, who was suspected of knowing something of the death of Mrs. Barry, has been released.

Five Persons Poisoned.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—A serious case of ptomaine poisoning has developed at the home of Mrs. R. Block, 405 Van Ness avenue. Five persons are stricken with serious illness, one of whom may die. It is supposed the poisoning was due to fresh codfish livers, of which the family had eaten.

All the victims showed marked improvement under medical treatment, excepting Fannie Block, aged 17, who may succumb to the poisoning.

Attempted Suicide.

SAN RAFAEL, Oct. 19.—Evelyn McCrasky, a pretty young woman, 20 years of age, residing with her parents at Larkspur, was at first suspected of the second time within a month by swallowing a large quantity of cantharides. Her screams attracted the neighbors, who found her writhing with pain. A physician was summoned, and soon had the young woman out of danger.

Death From Blood Poisoning.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—J. Franklin, a hypnotist, died here to-day from blood poisoning contracted several months ago when he attempted to put a cub lion under the spell of his words. The cub rebelled, and bit Brown's hand. He was confined in a hospital for some time, and was discharged as cured, but the other day a slight scratch brought a recurrence of the trouble, which ended in his death.

Murderer Clark.

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Oct. 19.—George W. Clark, the St. Helena fratricide, will pay the penalty for his crime on Friday morning. The murderer seems resigned to his fate, and contrary to opinion heretofore held, it is believed that Clark will meet death bravely. Clark spends much of his time reading the Bible.

Hotel Arrivals.

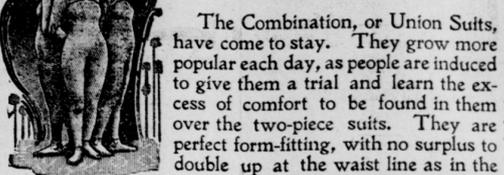
Arrivals at the Golden Eagle Hotel yesterday: W. W. Knickerbocker, Oakland; J. Hemmingway, Chicago; W. Leeper, New York; George C. P. Worthington, Tehama; R. J. Burris, Chicago; Miss Carrie L. Porter, Oakland; Mrs. H. S. Caswell, New York; W. J. Flynn, St. Louis; H. H. Hess, New York; J. M. Hamill, St. Paul; J. L. Deanti and wife, Kern; H. E. Ward, Philadelphia; George C. P. Worthington, Arthur Baxter, R. P. Grubb, L. Scott, P. Lewis, E. E. Crandall, C. A. Thurston, W. R. Southard, H. C. Chesbrough and wife, O. S. Orrick and wife, H. L. Scott, Mrs. Mary Scott, San Francisco; C. A. Burke and wife, Belvidere.

Ladies' Museum Association.

The members of the Ladies' Museum Association are called to meet to-day at half-past 2 at 525 J street. This valuable and public-spirited auxiliary of the California Museum Association is entitled to the largest share of credit for maintaining the School of Design and opening opportunities for education to many a worthy and natural gifted person. The probability is that it will

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The Combination, or Union Suits, have come to stay. They grow more popular each day, as people are induced to give them a trial and learn the excess of comfort to be found in them over the two-piece suits. They are perfect form-fitting, with no surplus to double up at the waist line as in the vest and pants style, which is a great factor in favor of better and closer fitting corsets and dresses. Here we quote four popular selling lines:

At 50c PER SUIT—Women's Heavy Cotton Jersey Ribbed Fleece-lined Union Suits, high neck, long sleeves, ankle length; color, ecru only; sizes 4 to 6. 50c the suit.

At \$1.00 PER SUIT—Women's Extra Heavy Grade Cotton Union Suits, fleece-lined, high neck, long sleeves, ankle length; color ecru only; sizes 4 to 6. \$1 the suit.

At \$1.50 PER SUIT—W. A. M. Heavy Jersey Ribbed Form-fitting Cotton and Wool Union Suits, in natural gray only; high neck, long sleeves, ankle length; sizes 4 to 6. \$1.50 the suit.

At \$2.00 PER SUIT—W. A. M. Heavy Ribbed Form-fitting Extra Quality Cotton and Wool Mixed Union Suits, high neck, long sleeves, ankle length; natural gray only; sizes 4 to 6. \$2 the suit.

Special Sale of Trunks.

For three days we will sell trunks at less than factory prices. We do this in order to make room in our basement for goods for the holiday season.

LOT 1—Contains canvas and zinc-covered trunks, the latter oak style. They are 32 and 34 inch size, well strapped with hardwood cleats, have malleable iron corners and strong substantial locks; and you'll find a marked saving in every one at the closing \$4.50 price.

LOT 2—The new patent wall trunk, in medium and large sizes—most of them sizes which sell for \$9 and \$10. This trunk is far superior to the old style, easily opened without being pulled away from the wall, and with solid locks. To close \$6.25 out at.

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or have aching eyes after reading a few minutes in the evening it is due to eye strain. Properly fitted glasses will relieve you immediately. The place to get your glasses fitted is here, because you get examined by an expert graduate optician free, and our prices more reasonable because we are the only manufacturers of optical goods in Northern California.

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Renew its activity at once, if there is generous response to to-day's call. There is a fine field for purely unselfish and beneficent effort in this direction.

Auction Sales.

D. J. Simmons, auctioneer, will sell this morning at 10 o'clock at auction the private residence of H. Marks, 410 O street, and intending purchasers may be able to secure a bargain.

D. J. Simmons & Co., auctioneers, will sell at auction to-morrow at 10 a. m., at 1517 Third street, elegant parlor, dining-room, bedroom and kitchen furniture; also, 500 volumes of books.

Suit on a Mortgage.

A. W. Foster, as sole surviving trustee for Annie A. and Hazel Montgomery, has commenced suit against Merritt C. Pike and others on a promissory note and mortgage of \$20,000 on lands on the American River. The suit is brought to settle matters pertaining to the estate.

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