

FLOWERS AND FAVORS. DELIGHT PRESIDENT.

Receptions in California Surpass All Others in Point of Beauty and Picturesqueness.

FIRST STOP AT REDLANDS.

From There the Presidential Party Went Direct to Los Angeles, Where Amazing Color Effects Were Seen.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 8.—To-day the President and his party had their first taste of the hospitality of California. The introduction into the land of sunshine, fruit and flowers was like a dream of Paradise after the dreary days spent in the alkali deserts of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

It was like passing into fairyland. No words can picture the beauty of the rich, sun-drenched valleys between snow-capped peaks, the orange groves of the Santa Ana and the trees and the flowers, which the President saw to-day. Nature seemed to have adorned herself for the occasion in her brightest colors.

Governor Gage and the California congressional delegation met the President at Redlands, in the San Bernardino Valley at 9 o'clock this morning, and welcomed him to the State. It was here that the President got his first idea of the wonderful welcome that awaited him. Through an avenue lined with palms and venetian masks, he drove over beds of roses, beneath a triumphal arch of flowers and fruit to the Casa Loma Hotel, on the balcony of which the exercises took place.

In the rotunda of the hotel, the Mayor of Los Angeles formally greeted the chief executive and extended to him the freedom of the city. Responding to the Governor's address, Mr. Gage said: "I receive with emotions of pleasure and gratitude the California greeting by the chief executive of your great commonwealth, and I thank you for the honor which you have conferred upon me by your presence at this important moment in the history of our country."

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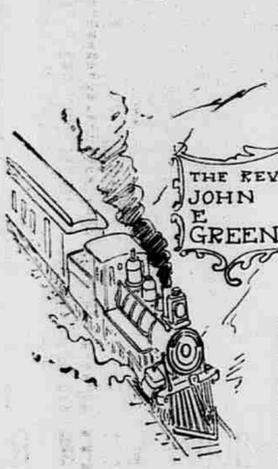
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Missile Fired at Thomas Brown Flattens on His Skull—Now Serves as a Charm.

Thomas Brown, an East St. Louis negro, possesses a bullet-proof skull. He was shot in the forehead Tuesday evening by a fellow-workman named George Calhoun, but went to work yesterday morning at the Chicago and Alton roundhouse in Venice, Ill., wearing the bullet, which had flattened on his skull, as a charm, about his neck. He will have it made up into a locket.

Policeman Gallagher called at the roundhouse at 10:30 o'clock yesterday to inquire why he had not appeared in court on a charge of assault to kill. "Prosecute" exclaimed Brown, "why dat man done me a favor, he did 'em 'nuff 'nuff to prove to dese Vowey niggers dat my head was bullet-proof. Now dey knows it, I ain't 'nuff to prosecute dat man. He's my friend."

Brown and Calhoun quarreled Tuesday evening at 10:30 o'clock. Brown's head fell to the floor between them. At this point he so frightened that he ran away into the dark, and has not been seen since. Doctor Case was called to attend to the wound, which was a bad powder burn on the forehead, surrounding the spot where the bullet had struck, and protected the skin.

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Testimony of Experts. Colonel C. A. R. Dimon, Mayor of Lowell, was called as a fire arms expert. He said that on the bullet, which was shown him by Inspector Murray last fall, he had placed a private mark with a pin, and that recent examination of the bullet failed to disclose that mark. He admitted, however, that the shape of the bullet in evidence and the other markings corresponded so far as he could remember with the bullet which he marked. Moreover he admitted that the bullet he marked was a center-fire bullet.

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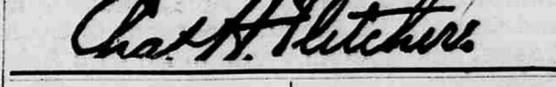
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REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Wichita, Kas., May 8.—Last night at a secret meeting of W. C. T. U. of Wichita it was decided that Mrs. Carrie Nation was suffering from the effects of undue excitement, and it was decided to ask the District Court to send her to an asylum for treatment. She has been quiet since her outbreak yesterday.

Recovered Full Damages. The seizure under a suit and sale of a wagon and team, valued at \$400, resulted in a judgment for \$400 against the Morrison Express Company. The Morrison Express Company in Judge Douglas's court, in favor of the plaintiff, recovered full damages.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Holden, Mo., May 8.—The City Council has granted a franchise for twenty years to McMillan & Simpson, allowing them to lay pipe lines for oil or gas and operate a heating or lighting plant. This firm has secured a contract for all mineral rights to 16,000 acres of land near here and will sink wells at various points on the same.

At New York Hotels. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, May 8.—Among the arrivals at the hotels here today are the following: St. Louis—Miss E. F. Peabody, Park Avenue; Mrs. G. W. Brown, Mrs. W. Gregg, E. R. Hoyt, A. Hillman, G. J. Mackinnon, J. T. Langhorne, Waldorf; Mrs. M. Martin, Fifth Avenue; N. O. Nelson, Murray Hill; E. Gentile, Normandie; Mrs. E. Waldorf, Kensington; A. Block, G. R. Plummer, St. Denis; A. Goerts, Imperial.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Thirty-nine New York merchants and business men, consisting of delegations from the New York Mercantile