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HILL IS FULLY IN IT

He is Deeply Interested in the Rockwell-Noyes Contest.

DIRECTOR LEECH'S REPORT

Amount of Gold and Silver Mined in the United States During the Past Year.

Special to the Standard.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Not since the silver contest has there been any measure before the house that is provoking such interest as the contest that is to be on tomorrow between the elections committee, on behalf of Noyes, republican from the Twenty-eighth New York district, and Rockwell, democrat, who is now in the seat and whom the committee says must vacate it for a republican. Senator Hill, whose district Rockwell represents, has been busy to-day in the roster of the house, trying to get supporters for Rockwell and he has devoted all of his time since he last came from Albany to securing help against the committee. There is some doubt about the result if the republicans will vote for Rockwell, and the democrats will naturally sustain the committee. Nothing but the strongest partisan appeals will defeat the committee. If Noyes is seated, Hill will have to bear the burden of another defeat. He has had hard sledding here and he looks as if he did not like it.

GOLD AND SILVER.

Report of the Production of Precious Metals During the Past Year.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Director of the Mint Leech, in his report on the production of precious metals for the calendar year 1891, says: "The gold product of the mines of the United States aggregated 1,600,540 fine ounces of the value of \$36,175,000, an increase of \$390,000 over the previous year, which is largely due to improved processes of treatment and the increased amount of gold extracted from lead and copper ores. The silver product was \$8,230,000 fine ounces, increased 383,000 ounces over previous year. Its commercial value was \$37,630,000, or a coinage value in silver dollars of \$75,260,565. The increased silver product is due to new discoveries in Colorado and Idaho and the cheapening of the process of smelting lead and copper ores bearing silver.

The total amount of paper and metallic money in circulation Jan. 1, 1892, exclusive of the amount in the treasury and its branches is \$1,592,283,629, against \$1,628,594,827 Jan. 1, 1891, an increase of \$36,309,002. The amount of paper and metallic money in actual circulation April 1, 1892, was \$1,608,641,520. The product of gold and silver in the world for the calendar year 1891 was \$124,229,000 gold and \$125,175,000 silver. The product of gold increased in 1891 over the prior year nearly \$5,000,000, the increase being principally in South America. The product of silver increased in 1891 over the prior year about \$3,000,000 excess fine. The increase in the silver product was principally in the United States, Australia and Bolivia.

READY FOR A STRUGGLE.

Senators From Western States and the Anti-Chinese Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Pacific coast senators are making ready for a bitter struggle when the Chinese restriction bill comes before the senate tomorrow. They will endeavor to have the senate adopt the bill as it came from the house, instead of the senate committee's substitute, but to do this they must overcome the scruples of a large number of senators, many of whom are inclined to believe the house bill unconstitutional and repugnant to the fundamental principles of the republic. There are some senators who believe that the business interests of the country will be very injuriously affected by the enactment of the law would be followed by the exclusion from China of all Americans, mainly representatives of American importing firms. Advocates of the house bill, however, contend it is the only measure now before congress that promises a real solution of the Chinese question, and that it must be adopted by a republican senate under the penalty of a heavy loss on the Pacific coast next November.

Senator Chandler today introduced a number of amendments to the house bill. This action is significant as an indication of the extent of the belief that the house bill will prove to be the basis of the action of the senate, rather than the committee's substitute. In substance the amendments provide that the coming of Chinese persons into the United States shall be suspended for 15 years in place of the absolute prohibition clause of the house bill. They reduce from five to two years the imprisonment prescribed as punishment for Chinese found unlawfully in the United States, and finally strike out the part of the last section of the bill abrogating all treaties in conflict with it.

THAT MODUS VIVENDI.

It is Laid Before the United States Senate in Executive Session.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The modus vivendi for the protection of the Behring sea seal fisheries during the pendency of the arbitration, which has been a subject of negotiation between Blaine and the British minister, was brought to the capitol this afternoon. It was not laid before the senate in open session. Sherman, however, was notified by the president of the nature of the communication and he moved the senate go into executive session. Accordingly the people were cleared out of the galleries, the doors closed and then the seals were broken and the modus vivendi read to the senate.

It appeared from the reading of the document that Blaine and the British minister spent the time since the British government consented to renew the modus in trying to phrase the conditions relative to damages to secure advantage for their respective governments. It appeared that Great Britain's reluctance in consenting to the renewal was seemingly for the purpose of obliging this government to accept terms which would insure Great

Britain against heavy loss in case of an adverse decision by the arbitrators and promise the assessment of such sum against the United States as would partially heal the soreness felt by British diplomats at the formidable judgment rendered against them by arbitration. Blaine endeavored to bring the statement of liabilities to the basis laid down in Wharton's notes of July 22 and 23 last. While the British government sought to escape direct responsibility for the killing of seals and for anything more than that difference between 7,500 skins which the lessees of the seal islands took, and the many thousands they might have taken had the modus of last year not been forced. The agreement is said to be fair. Unlike the first the modus will require the approval of the senate inasmuch as it proposes permanent settlement of damages and provides for means of adjusting claims. After a discussion in the same vein that characterized the preceding debates, the document was finally referred to the committee on foreign relations.

The case of late Executive Clerk Young came up again in connection with a letter written by Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, making a strong plea for Young, but no action was taken. When the doors were reopened, the vote whereby the senate passed the bill to amend the act of 1890 to establish a circuit court of appeals and define and regulate the jurisdiction of courts of the United States, was taken up and, after an amendment by a change of verbiage satisfactory to the objectors, the bill was again passed. The bill to facilitate the disposition of cases in the court of claims was taken up, and after a lengthy discussion was passed—yeas, 41; nays, 18.

Sherman, chairman of the foreign relations committee, gave notice that he would tomorrow ask the attention of the senate to the Chinese restriction bill. It is necessary, he said, that it should be passed within 10 days, as the present legislation on the subject would, under a certain construction of it, expire some time in the month of May next.

THE MINERAL LAND BILL.

Dixon Thinks the House Committee Will Report Upon It Favorably.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Congressman Dixon said today that he was now waiting upon the sub-committee of the committee on lands to report the mineral land bill. He will not make any arguments additional to those delivered last week unless he is called upon to do so. It is his opinion that the committee will make a favorable report.

The postoffice at Centennial, Madison county, has been discontinued from April 18, and the mail will go to Shambou.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The senate today passed a bill granting the state of California 5 per cent. of the net proceeds for cash sales of public lands in the state. The amount involves \$700,000.

Emancipation day was celebrated here by a parade of colored citizens, headed by troop K, Ninth cavalry, which was reviewed by the president from the portico of the executive mansion.

Postponed Its Reunion.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The Society of the Army of Cumberland has changed the date of its reunion to be held on the battlefield of Chickamauga, to Sept. 27 and 28, in order not to interfere with the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Karrick-Brewer.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Miss Henrietta Louise Brewer, a daughter of Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court, and James Lawson Karrick of Boston were married to-night in St. John's church, Dr. Douglass performing the ceremony.

On the War Path.

EAST LIVERPOOL, Ohio, April 18.—W. A. Spence, an attorney of New Lisbon, Ohio, became involved in a scandal with the wife of William Cassoso, a restaurant keeper of this place, and Cassoso armed himself and started out with the avowed intention of killing Spence. He found Spence with his brother Frank at the office and a three-cornered fight ensued. Frank Spence received two shots in the arm and one in the breast, and W. H. Spence was shot twice in the body. The former was dangerously wounded. Cassoso then left for home to kill his wife, but was arrested and is now in jail.

Racing at Memphis.

MEMPHIS, April 18.—Six furlongs—Prince Kinney won, Bagpipe second, Peddler third. Time, 1:17 1/2.

Half mile—Hayden won, Brownwood second, Encore third. Time, 5:15.

One mile and a sixteenth—Faithful won, Good Bye second, Royal Flush third. Time, 1:40 1/2.

Seven furlongs—Ray S. won, Tom Jones second, Eugenie third. Time, 1:49 1/2.

One mile—Newcastle won, Meanough second, Glendive, third. Time, 1:43 1/2.

A Verdict of Not Guilty.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 18.—The jury in the case of W. E. Woodruff, ex-state treasurer, charged with embezzling the sum of \$64,000 of state funds, this morning returned a verdict of not guilty. The shortage was made good by his bondsmen last Friday.

A Cyclone in Oklahoma.

GUTHRIE, O. T., April 18.—It is reported from the western part of the Creek nation that a cyclone passed through there, destroying a dozen houses and many barns, and killing three people and many horses and cattle.

Base Ball Yesterday.

PHILADELPHIA, April 18.—The Brooklyn club it generally their own way and played without an error of any kind. Philadelphia, 4; hits, 15; errors, 2. Brooklyn, 11; hits, 12.

Favorites—Esper and Thornton, Clements; and Foutz, Bailey.

Rain Interfered.

CHICAGO, April 18.—All Western and all but one National league game, scheduled for to-day, were postponed on account of wet grounds or rain.

BLIZZARDS IN EUROPE.

Severe Weather in Parts of Great Britain and France.

LONDON, April 18.—The severe weather which set in here last week continues. In many places the ground is covered with snow a foot deep and regular blizzards have occurred. Enormous damage has been done to fruits and vegetables. In many places rivers have overflowed, their banks, and the adjacent country is flooded and crops destroyed. In some places the situation is really serious, and snow and sleet have prostrated telegraph poles and cut off telegraphic communication. So serious was the destruction to the wires that the ordinary force of line men was unable to cope with the difficulties and soldiers were ordered to their assistance. Great damage was done to crops in the channel islands. A heavy storm is raging to-day in North Wales, and Chester advices say the cold wave is beginning to be felt in the Baltic. Dispatches from Paris and North France say hail and sleet are falling and the weather is bitterly cold.

BLAINE MAY ACCEPT.

A Statement that He Will Head the Republican Ticket if Nominated.

NEW YORK, April 18.—William B. Grace, president of the Home and Country Protective Brotherhood of Workmen, has sent a long communication to the Herald, in which he says James G. Blaine will accept the nomination from the Minneapolis convention as promptly as would President Harrison or any other candidate. In doing so he can act in perfect harmony with his letter of declination to be a candidate and in perfect honor and fidelity to his chief. Grace, when questioned as to his authority for the statement, said he had nothing whatever to add to it, but that he would be willing to put up a certified check of \$5,000 as a wager that Blaine would not deny his assertion. He says he had three interviews with the secretary of state while in Washington recently.

THE DANGER PASSED.

Dynamite to Break an Ice Blockade at Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG, April 18.—The flood crisis here is thought to have passed. Yesterday in order to relieve the pressure of the ice on the Louise bridge, the Canadian Pacific used dynamite freely. This started the ice to move and it poured past in great volumes, sweeping everything before it. Boat houses were crushed, telegraph poles snapped, switch boxes torn away, several thrown up on the banks and portions of the piers of the Broadway bridge were swept down the stream. The water began to fall rapidly. Unless the ice jams farther down the stream, as it did in 1882, which was the direct cause of the disastrous flood of that year, probably the worst has been seen. The Northern Pacific tracks along the river front are rapidly becoming visible again.

JUDGE MAYNARD'S CASE.

Reports of the Investigating Committee of the New York Legislature.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 18.—The majority and the minority reports of the Maynard investigating committee, were presented to-night. The majority report recommends the adoption of a resolution endorsing the action of Judge Maynard, and also endorses the action of the state board of canvassers in determining the four contested election cases. The minority report demands Maynard's removal from the court of appeals bench.

FELL IN TORRENTS.

HEAVY RAIN STORMS CAUSE MUCH DAMAGE IN ILLINOIS.

WHITEHALL, Ill., April 18.—The heaviest rain ever known here fell last night. The Hartwell levee, which protected several thousand acres of farming land, mostly planted in wheat, broke. The whole country is under water. All the county bridges were swept away, and all the bottom lands along the streams are submerged. Many thousands of acres of wheat are destroyed.

ONLY ON THE LIST.

Roadmaster McNamara of the Northern Pacific Gets Into Trouble.

ST. PAUL, April 18.—Roadmaster McNamara of the Northern Pacific has been arrested in Pembina, charged with falsifying accounts by turning in on the payroll names of men not working and pocketing receipts and with forgery of names. It is claimed that he has confessed.

After the Treasure.

LONDON, April 18.—The Globe correspondent says French preparations for war in Dahomey have as a real object the capture of Abomey, the capital of Dahomey, where, it is reported, successive kings for two centuries have been burying large amounts of treasure in pits under the palace. This treasure, says the correspondent, allowing for exaggeration, amounts to \$100,000,000, which the French hope to capture.

May Day Processions.

BERLIN, April 18.—It is expected the workmen will not be allowed to hold processions anywhere in Germany on May day. Perhaps the anarchists will attempt to parade in spite of the prohibition that may be issued, but the authorities are determined that there shall be no repetition of rioting in this city. It is not believed that genuine workmen will cause any trouble.

France and Her Socialists.

PARIS, April 18.—In France the socialists are preparing to hold processions everywhere on May day. It is expected 2,000,000 will be in line altogether. While disturbances are not looked for, the authorities are prepared to meet them in case they occur. The demonstrations will be chiefly in favor of an eight-hour day.

The Books Are Wrong.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., April 18.—Carl Nelson, assistant cashier of the Union National bank, is under arrest, charged with the defalcation of many thousands of dollars. Nelson claims that everything is correct. He is at work straightening out the books to prove it.

Will Banquet Huntington.

SACRAMENTO, April 18.—The board of trade of this city has decided to tender a banquet and reception to C. P. Huntington to take place at an early date.

WAITING AND WATCHING

Thousands of Homeseekers Waiting the Opening of the Reserve.

LIVELY TIMES PROMISED

Four Hundred Men in Line Before the Land Office—Excitement Increasing and Trouble Expected.

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 18.—The city is becoming rapidly depopulated, and by tomorrow business will be totally suspended, as practically everybody is leaving for the reservation. Banks and other places have decided not to open unless they can have a good guard, fearing raiders may take advantage of the situation. It is not certain that when 12 o'clock comes tomorrow 300 men who failed to get a place in the line at the land office will make a rush regardless of position and the best man will first get to the land office, which is situated in the third story of a building. The route from here to the land office is lined with people of all sorts and conditions and traveling in every conceivable manner and carrying supplies for establishing business, in fact, everything for country life is to be found. It is rumored two confidence men who succeeded in robbing a boomer were shot dead en route to the new country, but the rumor is not confirmed.

KINGFISHER, O. T., April 18.—Twenty-five thousand boomers are bivouacking to-night on the borders of the Cheyenne and Arapahoe reservation, which will be opened to settlement tomorrow. These, with others who will make the race from the various cities along the railroad lines, make a total of some 28,000 people who are seeking homes. Innumerable rumors are current to-night of steals and conspiracies in connection with locating townships, involving railroad officials, but none have been traced to a reliable source. The line before the land office numbers some 400 men who are determined to keep their position despite the rumors that an attempt will be made to dislodge them. It is not thought trouble will occur as the sheriff has ample force to keep order. It is thought the last man in the line to-night cannot possibly file before the last squatter has located his claim. Filings made later would be useless and there doubtless will be much disappointment on the part of both filer and squatter. The scene on the border to-night is an interesting one, as the crowds are drawn up in practical military line along the edge of the border. Some confusion and considerable ill feeling was created during the evening by late comers trying to get into an advantageous position, but no affrays are reported and indications are that the opening will pass off without trouble.

THE Sisseton RESERVE.

BROWNS VALLEY, Minn., April 18.—The Indian police are endeavoring to check the starting of prairie fires which the squatters are doing for the purpose of breaking the land easier, as the fires cause considerable damage to pasture lands. A number of people have straggled into town half starved and nearly crazed from thirst while there is plenty of water in the reservation. They are unfamiliar with the country and could not find it. Squatters have not delayed in getting to work. Hundreds of acres are already broken and flax sown, many putting in corn and hope to make enough this season to cover the expenses of proving up. So far there has been no claim jumping, and if any trouble occurs it will be from the efforts of the filers to do so. At Watertown a large crowd is still before the land office. As high as 11 filings have been offered for a single tract. For each tract in the southern portion, there has been from one to five claims presented. Squatters are filing by the hundreds to-day.

PREPARING FOR THE RUSH.

Along the Boundary of the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Reservations.

DARLINGTON, O. T., April 18.—Nearly every colonist who proposes to make a claim at the opening of the reservation is now on the boundary. In this case railroad trains on the Rock Island road will play an important part. It is proposed to run a special train to three unalloyed quarter sections on that road where a syndicate of capitalists of El Reno, together with a number of United States officials and railroad representatives, propose to erect a town. It is intended to land them a few minutes after noon far ahead of those who go by wagon or on horseback. Another Rock Island train will leave Kingfisher for another new town which it proposes to build on its line. If the crowd is big enough to justify it two trains will be run from this point. The largest number will strike for the county seat of county H. The number estimated to go to this point is 10,000.

THE JAM AT BROWN'S VALLEY.

Squatters and Filers Are Likely to Meet in Battle.

BROWNS VALLEY, Minn., April 18.—Trouble is brewing between the filers and squatters on the Sisseton reservation. The question at issue is whether the squatters got possession before the filings were made. One hundred and fifty filers at Watertown were among the first in line to have passed through here and entered the reservation. They claim that it was impossible for the squatters to reach the points on which filings were made from the border before their filings were completed. Therefore they propose to have the land on which they filed.

Follies in Louisiana.

NEW ORLEANS, April 18.—There is great agitation in political circles preparatory to tomorrow's election for governor and other state officers, representatives in the legislature, some judicial officers and parish and city officials are to be chosen. Tickets in the field are two democratic, headed by McEnery and Foster; two republican, headed by Leonard and Breaux; and the farmers' alliance and the people's party.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

Missoula County Bonds All Right—A New Trial Ordered.

SPECIAL TO THE STANDARD.

HELENA, April 18.—Among the decisions handed down by the supreme court to-day were the following: Henry P. Berg, plaintiff and appellant, vs. Boston & Montana Copper and Silver Mining company, defendant and respondent; suit for damages for personal injuries alleged to have occurred through defendant's negligence. The decision of the lower court in favor of the defendant was reversed and a new trial ordered. Opinion by DeWitt. T. C. Hotchkiss, appellant, vs. J. E. Marriot et al., respondent. This is a case growing out of the sale of bonds, upon the following order of the commissioners of Missoula county: "It is therefore ordered by said county commissioners that coupon bonds to the amount of \$100,000 be issued on the credit of said county for the purpose of redeeming outstanding county warrants to that amount, etc." The sale took place as per order, and E. H. Rollins & Sons were declared to be the purchasers. The plaintiff avers that the board did not submit the question of the issuance of the bonds to the qualified electors of the county, and its action is without legal authority, and void. It is further alleged that the commissioners will, unless restrained by the court, issue the bonds to the purchasers, and proceed to levy and collect taxes for the purpose of paying the interest thereon, and provide a sinking fund for the payment of the principal. Judgment of the lower court for defendant affirmed. Opinion by Blake, chief justice.

IDAHO'S CAPITAL CITY.

New Boarders at the Penitentiary—Cases in the Courts.

SPECIAL TO THE STANDARD.

BOISE, Idaho, April 18.—W. P. Jones and James F. Ryan, both deputy sheriffs of Oneida county, arrived here this morning from Malad City in charge of three prisoners, whom they immediately landed in the penitentiary. The prisoners were E. Brown Clark, horse stealing, four years; Hiram Taylor, stealing set of harness, one year; and John Oliverson, for breaking in a saloon and robbing the till of \$50. The preliminary trial of Benton, charged with robbing the post office here, has been postponed until Friday.

The STANDARD's special dated April 16, referring to the republican primary held here, instead of reading "The state house ring leading by \$80," should have read: "the state house gang leading by \$8."

AH AND AH DO.

Two Chinamen Arrested at Fort Custer on a Charge of Murder.

SPECIAL TO THE STANDARD.

BILLINGS, Mont., April 18.—Two Chinamen, Ah and Ah Do were brought here from Fort Custer last night, charged with the murder of Yum Lee at that post. Yum Lee was found dead in his laundry one morning last October, horribly mutilated with hatchet and knife, and it was found that his house was robbed of money and silk goods. Billy Key, a Helena Chinaman, at the instance of the Chinese consul, did some very choice detective work and has a strong case of circumstantial evidence. The defendants were arraigned before Commissioner Campbell to-day, and their examination continued.

POOR MRS. LEWIS.

Sent by the Lord to Bozeman and Then Sent to Warm Springs.

SPECIAL TO THE STANDARD.

BOZEMAN, April 18.—Mrs. E. M. Lewis was to-day pronounced insane and will be sent to Warm Springs. She came to Bozeman from Castle last week, riding horseback and alone the entire distance. She says the Lord sent her to Bozeman.

A special train of 14 cars of Quaker oats passed through here this morning. It is sent west by the American Cereal company of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and is bound for Portland and Puget Sound points.

His Skull Fractured.

SPECIAL TO THE STANDARD.

GREAT FALLS, April 18.—Early this morning O. K. Olsson and Ole Anderson, two Swedes, employed at the electric light and power house, had a quarrel in which Olsson struck Anderson with an axe several times in the head, fracturing the skull over the eye and producing other severe contusions. Anderson, when found, said Olsson had attacked him while lying in bed. Olsson was arrested this afternoon. He says Anderson first struck him, and was in the act of choking him when he seized the axe and struck him in self-defense. Neither of the men speak English.

Phillipsburg Notes.

SPECIAL TO THE STANDARD.

PHILLIPSBURG, April 18.—The trustees of the Phillipsburg Athletic association held a meeting to-day and elected H. F. Titus president and Fred Beley, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Titus was also elected manager of the base ball club and Charlie Hooser will be the captain.

Dr. Slight of Granite had another serious runaway yesterday, and this time one of the horses was totally disabled. The doctor was badly bruised, but no bones were broken.

In Favor of Gee Lee.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—The United States court of appeals to-day rendered a decision allowing Gee Lee, alias Lee Hay, a native of China, to remain in the United States. The court in sustaining the district court, held that a Chinese merchant domiciled in the United States on his return to the country after a temporary absence, is not required to produce the certificate provided for in the act of July, 1854, in case of Chinese first coming to the United States.

May Day at Rome.

ROME, April 18.—Much anxiety is felt throughout Italy as to the May day celebration. The socialists, of whom there are many in all the Italian cities, threaten to show their strength. The authorities, however, are fully alive to the demands of the occasion. Attempts to create disturbances will be severely repressed.

George W. Gale Dead.

YPSILANTI, Mich., April 18.—George W. Gale, a breeder of noted horses, died this morning of typhoid fever, aged 78.

BLOWN TOWARD HEAVEN

Seven Men Killed By the Explosion of a Powder Mill.

BODIES TORN INTO PIECES

Appalling Accident in New Jersey—Many Lives Lost in a Railway Station in England.

MOUNT ARLINGTON, N. J., April 18.—The works of the American Forcit Powder company on Lake Hopatcong, a mile below here, blew up about 3 o'clock this afternoon. Seven men were blown to atoms. The names of five of the killed are: J. D. Smith, superintendent; Jacob Carlson, William Pierce, James Vagh and A. Johnson. One body recognized as that of a Swede whose name is unknown has been found. Two men were injured. One of them, Benjamin Cassmore, will probably die. Five buildings were shattered by the explosion. What caused it will never be known. Fragments of flesh and bones were found scattered over several acres of ground. One hundred and fifty pounds of flesh and bones were gathered up in boxes and will be buried. This is all that remains of the five victims. The explosion shattered all windows within two miles.

MANY KILLED.

A Panic in a Railway Station in England.

LONDON, April 18.—A frightful catastrophe occurred in the Hemstead railroad station to-night, when thousands of people who were celebrating Easter Monday were hastening to return to the city. In the crush some fell at the foot of the stairs, and those behind crowded and crushed hundreds of people in heaps. Another story is that progress was barred by the closing of the door which caused those in the rear to crush forward. Two women and six children were killed and 13 other persons seriously injured. No reliable information is obtainable as to the cause of the accident.

Those at the back of the crowds were not aware of the catastrophe till the bodies were carried out and into view on the platform. Then the scene of the greatest excitement occurred, as thousands rushed frantically across the tracks in front of the trains, and another calamity was only prevented by officials stopping traffic. Dozens of people fainted owing to the extreme pressure, and some who were thought to be dead were restored by artificial respiration.

A Battle With Bandits.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 18.—United States Marshal Frick has received advices from Rio Grande City of an engagement on Sunday between officers and a band of Mexican outlaws, supposed to be a remnant of Garza's band. The fight occurred at sunrise Sunday morning 45 miles from Rio Grande City, near Javolma and Luna de Gato ranches. W. W. Shely, sheriff of Starr county, with seven men, scouting about, came upon 20 outlaws, and fighting immediately began. Sheriff Shely and Deputy Carlino were slightly wounded. The officers had to retreat, but not until after they killed two of the bandits.

Riots at Elections.

BARCELONA, April 18.—A number of serious outbreaks occurred here yesterday at the bi-elections of members of the cortes. One ballot box was smashed and the ballots scattered. Senor Salmoir, the well-known republican and ex-member of the cortes, who was defeated at the general election, in February, 1891, was elected.

They Want Diaz.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 18.—At the third session of the convention of the liberal party to-night, President Diaz was unanimously elected a candidate for reelection, representatives of 22 states, two territories and the federal district voting on the nomination. When the result was announced to President Diaz he made a brief speech.

The Rustlers' War.

DENVER, April 18.—The News has just received a bulletin from Caspar, Wyo., saying that two men, badly wounded, arrived there this afternoon and relate an exciting story of the burning of Champion and Ray by cattlemen. The bulletin is in message and every effort is being made to obtain the particulars.

To the Federal Court.

HOUSTON, April 18.—The suit brought in the district court by stockholders representing \$24,000,000 of the stock of the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio road, part of the Southern Pacific railway system placed in the hands of a receiver, to-day was transferred to the federal court.

One of Them Squealed.

OMAHA, Fla., April 18.—Five colored men and one woman are in jail charged with the murder of Stevenson and Payne. One of the negroes has turned state's evidence and implicate Jerry Williams, who is among those arrested for the crime.

In Favor of Silver.

NEW YORK, April 18.—A meeting was held to-night at Cooper union under the auspices of the people's party, where free and unlimited coinage of silver was advocated by a number of speakers—members of trade organizations.

Strangled Her Child.