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EASTERN.

Blaine Delivers Himself of a Letter.

REVISED BASE BALL RULES.

The Scheme to Conquer Three Mexican States Taking Shape. The Turf Congress.

[Special to the Herald by the Associated Press.]

AUGUSTA, Me., November 16.—The following letter will be published here to-morrow:

Augusta, Maine: To the Editor of the Kennebec Journal: I thank you for calling my attention to a circular issued by the so-called Independent Committee, during the recent canvass in Massachusetts, touching my position on the question of civil service reform. Absence from home for several weeks has prevented my seeing it sooner. The circular embodies a singular perversion of what I said, and a still more singular perversion of what I quoted in my speech on the 19th of October at Huntingtod, Pennsylvania. I send you herewith the speech of October 19th, as it appeared in the press and respectfully ask you to publish it in your columns side by side with the circular issued by the Massachusetts Independent Committee. I thank you further for submitting to me a public letter of October 26th from Mr. Martin Brimmer, of Boston, in which I am accused of repudiating reform of the civil service with a sneer. Perhaps Mr. Brimmer inconsiderately based his remarks upon the circular of the Independent Committee, and has thus been led into publishing a statement which does me great injustice. If my supposition be correct, Mr. Brimmer will, as a gentleman, withdraw his language. It is scarcely necessary to say that I have never repudiated reform in the civil service, nor abated my interest therein, nor have I ever regarded the sneer as a forcible mode of argument. Were I tempted to resort to it, I should direct it not against reform of the civil service, but against the hypocrisy of those who wish the conditions of that service to be enforced against their political opponents, but not against their political friends. My argument implied, and was intended to imply, that the Republican party had been wise in not adopting the English system with its life tenure and its large pension list and all the attendant evils. In short though I did not say so in words, I meant to convey my belief that the very worst leaders and guides for a republic are those who persist in seeing the perfection of humane government in an insular monarchy whose conditions are in all respects radically different from those of our own land. The Massachusetts Independents should learn that American inspiration ends where imitation of England begins. Very respectfully,

JAMES G. BLAINE.

BASEBALL.

Revision of the Rules of the Diamond Field.

CHICAGO, November 16.—The Baseball Rules committee made the following changes in the rules of the game to-day: The high and low ball system of delivery has been abolished, any ball now being considered fair that passes the player between his shoulder and knee and that passes over the plate. Bunting in future will not be allowed, any obvious attempt to make a foul will be scored a strike. Clubs will not toss for choice for position in the future, the right of choice resting invariably with the home club. Five balls and four strikes will be allowed instead of six balls and three strikes as heretofore. When a batsman takes base on balls, he shall be credited with a base hit. Batsmen shall take nothing when struck by pitcher's ball. Any motions whatever on the part of the pitcher, made to deceive the batsman, shall be considered a balk. If in running to base the runner touches and detaches the bag without being touched by the baseman, he will be safe. Captains of clubs only can ask a question the umpire's decision. The old rule requiring a runner to return to his base on a run when a foul hit is made was rescinded. Hereafter the runner can walk to his base. A runner can have a substitute run for him in case of injury, but must retire from the game. A batter is out on the fourth strike under the new rule, whether the ball is dropped or passed by the catcher. The question of having two umpires and a referee was dropped. The pitcher's box was shortened to five and a half feet, and the pitcher will be required to keep his forward foot firmly on the ground when about to deliver a ball. His rear foot must be on the back line of the box and he will be allowed to take but one step when delivering the ball. The ball must be held in plain view of the umpire. The pitcher cannot deliver the ball to the batter after making a feint to throw to first base base, but must resume position in the box. Only two coachers will be permitted and they shall have the right to talk to the base runner only. In scoring, when the batter is given a base on called balls, a hit is credited to the batter after making a feint to throw to first base base, but must resume position in the box. Only two coachers will be permitted and they shall have the right to talk to the base runner only. In scoring, when the batter is given a base on called balls, a hit is credited to the batter and an error given to the pitcher in the summary only. All batting errors are charged in the summary, as are earned runs, home runs, two and three base hits, double plays, base on balls, hit by pitcher, passed balls, wild pitches, time of game and umpire. The pitcher will be given no credit for a strike-out in place of a total base. A record of stolen bases will be kept, and any attempt made by the player to steal a base must be credited, whether an error is made or not, if the runner is successful in reaching a base. The committee also passed a rule requiring each association to appoint a joint rule committee at each annual meeting, they to act for one year.

A NEW REPUBLIC.

The Scheme to Conquer Mexico Takes Shape.

ST. LOUIS, November 16.—A party of gentlemen, consisting of Col. Watts Sanford, of Tom Green county, Texas, Maj. Wm. Davis, of Marfa, Texas, Rood Hume, of Deming, and Chris O'Connor, of San Simon, Arizona, accompanied by two other gentlemen who are somewhat noted in Texas politics but who do not wish their names mentioned, arrived here to-day and are heavily laden with a scheme to organize a new republic. They are commissioners from the socialistic Republic of Rio Grande, about which there has been so much comment in the newspapers of late. They state their object to be to take advantage of the excitement produced on the Mexican border by the Cutting incident and to invade three northwestern States of Mexico and Lower California, conquer them and establish what they call a "Socialistic Republic." They will leave for Chicago to morrow to submit their scheme to prominent and leading cattlemen in attendance on the convention there. It does not seem that the subject will be brought directly before the convention, but one of the commissioners said some strong lobbying would be done. Col. Sanford is a wealthy cattleman, Maj. Davis is a sheep raiser, Mr. Hume is a freighter and stage owner. Mr. O'Connor has been prominent in mining enterprises in Arizona and the two Texas men are, respectively, an ex State Senator and ex-District Judge. All of them declare that they are in dead earnest and seem to have great faith in their project.

Light Her Up.

WASHINGTON, November 16.—The question of lighting the Bartholdi statue of liberty was officially brought to the attention of the President to-day by the Secretary of the Treasury. The President and Secretary examined the laws bearing on the case and as a result the President directed that the matter be placed in the hands of the Light-house Board, with a view to determining the utility of the statue as a beacon. Mr. Goff, President of the American system of electric lighting, subsequently waited on the Secretary of the Light House Board and made a proposition to light the statue free of expense to the government. He was told to put his offer in writing and it would be considered.

A Useless Recount.

BRIDGETON, N. J. November 16.—A recount of the votes of the Second Assembly district in this county, in which Madden (Dem.) contests the plurality of Hawkins (Rep.), was concluded this evening and resulted in the election of Hawkins by seven majority.

CATTLEMEN.

The Meeting of the National Cattle Growers.

CHICAGO, November 16.—Two or three hundred substantial looking men assembled in the call board room of the Board of Trade to-day. They were delegates to the National Cattle Growers' Association. The gathering was the formal opening of the convention preliminary to organizing. A consolidation of the St. Louis National Association and the Chicago National Association was effected under one head of the National Cattle Growers' Association. On roll call, delegates representing thirty States and Territories, Canada and Mexico, responded, while delegates from nearly all of the missing States dropped in later. The committees on organization and on resolutions were appointed and then a paper on "pleuro pneumonia" was read by Dr Godsen, of New York. At its conclusion Mr. Elmer Washburn, President of the Union Stock Yards' National Bank, read a lengthy paper entitled, Legislation on Contagious Diseases, which was exhaustively treated. The discussion of Mr. Washburn's paper was made a special order for to-morrow. The Committee on Permanent Organization reported the following gentlemen as officers for the ensuing year: D. W. Smith, of Illinois, President; R. Mitchell, of Indiana, R. Loring, of Massachusetts, A. W. Bowman, of Virginia, J. M. Carey, of Washington Territory, and Mr. Jennings, of Texas, Vice-Presidents, and A. Sanders and R. B. Harrison Secretaries.

FRATERNAL SOCIETIES.

They Organize for Mutual Benefit and Protection.

WASHINGTON, November 16.—Delegates representing seventeen fraternal societies, with a membership of 530,000, met at the Riggs House in this city to-day and organized a National Congress of Fraternal Beneficiary Societies. A permanent organization was effected by the the election of the following officers: Leroy Andrus, of New York, President; W. H. Barnes, of California, President Pacific Coast Press Association, First Vice Prefident; J. H. Butler, Massachusetts, Second Vice President; R. C. Hill, editor Buffalo Sunday Truth, Recording Secretary; O. M. Shedd, New York, Corresponding secretary; and Bolivar Nelson, Washington, Treasurer. A Constitution was adopted, of which the principal provision is that none but legitimate fraternal beneficiary societies working under the ritual and lodge systems, shall be eligible to membership in the National Congress. The main object of the Congress is to organize among the various beneficiary orders a system of mutual information, benefit and protection. It is said that a number of business and speculative companies are organized under titles which would lead many persons to believe them fraternal beneficiary societies. Protection is desired against these companies.

THE PACKERS' STRIKE.

The Laborers Seem Determined Not to Yield.

CHICAGO, November 16.—The contract which the packers are requiring the ex-strikers to sign is leading already to complications and possibly to another general strike. Many men yet unemployed say they will never sign such an agreement, and at a meeting of the cattle butchers' assembly to-night resolutions were adopted denouncing the action of the packers and pledging members of the Assembly not to sign the business contract. The vote was unanimous. Delegate Barry was present. After the meeting he said: "The packers think they have the men by the throats and propose to tighten their grip." He claimed that the men would act as a unit regarding the contract exacting a money forfeit from them, and if a new strike occurred it would mean disobedience to Powderly's orders. "That contract," said Barry, "is an infamous piece of business. The men are virtually asked to contribute $250,000 to the packers to be used in their business. They could start first-class co-operative packing houses with that sum. If the packers do not recede from their present position, I am inclined to believe that District 57 will order a new strike as it has a perfect right to do. In case of such a strike the district would get no support from the general order, but would receive aid from local assemblies all over the country."

New Attorney-General.

SCRANTON, Pa., November 16.—It is publicly announced here to-day that Hon. Charles Buckalew, member of Congress elect from the Eleventh district, has been tendered the office of Attorney-General by President Cleveland. A reporter interviewed several of Mr. Buckalew's friends, one of them a member of the Congressional Conference that nominated him, and all confirmed the rumor. The member of the conference referred to stated that Mr. Buckalew himself had expected that the office would be tendered him before the recent election.

A DENIAL.

WASHINGTON, November 16.—The press item from Scrantou, Pa., stating that it was publicly announced in that city to-day that the office of Attorney-General had been tendered to Hon. Charles Buckalew, of Pennsylvania, was shown to Colonel Lamon, the President's private secretary, by an Associated Press reporter to-night. In reference to it Colonel Lamon said: "There is nothing at all in that; there is no vacancy in that office," and he added, with a smile, "I don't think there is likely to be one; there is no basis for any such story whatever."

Buried by a Snow-Slide.

DENVER, November 16.—Late this evening the stage, containing nine passengers, that left Leadville this morning for Aspen, was caught in a snow-slide on the top of a mountain, fifteen miles east of Aspen. The entire outfit was carried over a precipice 200 feet high. A relief party from Horne stage station succeeded in digging the passengers and driver out of the avalanche. Four were unhurt, but Robert Dwyer, Chris Cox, Duncan C. Robertson, F. A. Bardwell and Lillie McPherson are expected to die. As the telegraph wires at Aspen are down on account of the storm last night, further particulars cannot be had.

Railway Matters.

CHICAGO, November 16.—The arbitrators appointed by the triplicate roads to consider the demand for re-arbitration of percentages met to-day and listened to arguments of the interested roads. At present, the Wabash, Rock Island and St. Paul each receive thirty-three and one-half per cent. of a certain amount of freight delivered them by the Union Pacific and the effect is to reduce the percentage of the Wabash. In the arguments to-day that line claimed to have carried thirty-six per cent. and resisted any attempt to lower its share. The matter was taken under advisement by the arbitrators.

A Celebration.

NEW YORK, November 16.—The following intelligence has been received by the Hayti an representative in the United States: On the 23rd ultimo President Solomon completed his first term of seven years. The occasion was commemmorated by fetes throughout the republic and President Solomon issued "to the people and to the army," an address in which he expressed his appreciation of the confidence and esteem shown by his re-election for a second term of seven years, to date from May, 1877, and briefly recapitulates some of the results obtained during his first term.

A Cleveland Failure.

CLEVELAND November 16.—Cohen, Sampliner & Co., one of the largest men's furnishing goods manufacturers in the city, and who have been doing business here for the past twenty-five years, made an assignment to-day for the benefit of creditors. The assets are $175,000; liabilities $200,000. Inability to collect debts due the firm, and the importunity of creditors, is stated as the cause of the failure.

A Tie.

TRENTON, November 16.—The recount of the Second Assembly District of Mercer county finished this evening shows that Walker and Jones each received 2284 votes. The Democrats will contest any attempt of the Republicans to have a new election.

A Southern Town Burned.

RALEIGH, November 16.—A fire orignatey at Durham at 3 A. M. to-day in a grocery store and burned a large part of the business portion of the town. The loss will amount to half a million dollars.

THE COAST.

Interesting Case at San Luis Obispo.

THE BLOOD HORSE RACES.

Burke and Dempsey to Fight in San Francisco—Contest Over a Prisoner.

[Special to the Herald by the Associated Press.]

SAN LUIS OBISPO, November 16.—The will of Philip Biddle, a wealthy land owner who died in November of last year, has been presented for probate in the Superior Court of this county by John Biddle, one of his sons, who is named as executor in the document. A contest is being made by George W. Biddle and Mary K. Plummer, son and daughter of the deceased, who allege that their father was mentally unsound at the time the will was written, and that undue influence was then used by their brother, John Biddle, in his own behalf. The estate in question is valued at nearly $500,000, of which Mary and George are allowed $10 each in the will. The case promises to be an interesting one.

BLOOD HORSE RACES.

The Exciting Events of the Second Day.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 16.—The second day of the Blood Horse Association meeting brought out a large attendance. Track and weather fine. Betting was very heavy on all events.

The first race, purse, mile, all ages, brought out six starters, Estrella being a big favorite. To a straggling start they were sent off, Estrella and Echo in the lead. These two maintained the lead until the head of the stretch, where they were all nearly even. After an exciting finish, Adeline won by a length, Estrella second, Argo third. Time, 1:42¼.

Second race, Equity Stakes, two-year-olds, three quarters of a mile. They all got a good start except Adeline Cotton, who was three lengths behind. At the last quarter they were nearly on even terms. A desperate finish down the stretch resulted in Miss Ford, the favorite, winning by a head, Cotton second, Safe Ban second. Time, 1:15¼.

Third race, Park Stakes, all ages, mile and a quarter, was the event of the day, and resulted in the defeat the great Volante. After a delay at the post they got off to a fair start. Mollie McCarthy's Last led past the stand, Todd second, who went to the front at the turn. He kept the lead till the eighth pole was reached, when he fell back beaten. Lizzie Dunbar, who had been waiting, came through and won the race by two lengths in the fast time of 2:08¼. Volante second, McCarthy's Last third. Odds against Dunbar were 50 to 1.

Fourth Race—Purse for three-year-olds, mile and one-eighth. Valido led all the way till the stretch was reached, when Monte Cristo went to the front and won by a length, Guenu (the favorite) second, Cleveland third. Time, 1:58.

Extra Race — Three-quarters, all ages. Jou Jou and Fred Collier got the best of the start and led most of the distance. Coming down the stretch Jou-Jou was several lengths in the van, when Dynamite, coming with a fearful burst of speed, succeeded in winning by a nose, Jou-Jou second, Collier third, rest beaten off; time, 1:14¾.

Burke and Dempsey to Fight.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 16.—Mayor Burtlett to-day granted a license to "Parson" Davies of Chicago, at present in this city, for a glove contest, to take place between Jack Burke of Chicago and Jack Dempsey of San Francisco. The match will take place at the Pavilion, Monday the 22nd inst. They will fight ten rounds, Marquis of Queensbury rules, the winner taking seventy and the loser thirty per cent. of the gate money. Burke will fight at a hundred and sixty-three pounds and Dempsey at 157 pounds. Opinions are divided as to the merits of the two men. The betting is heavy both here and at Los Angeles and is about even.

Contest Over a Prisoner.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 16.—James Hope, the noted cracksman, was released from the States' prison at San Quentin today. He was immediately taken in charge by New York officers to be taken to Auburn, New York, where he is wanted for jail-breaking and also for alleged complicity in the million-dollar Manhattan bank robbery. His attorneys attempted to prevent the New York officers from obtaining the custody of him by a writ of habeas corpus, but when they arrived at the prison their client was ready in the hands of the Eastern officers and on the way to catch the train for the East. Telegraphic messages have been sent along the railroad lines in this State to stop the Eastern officers.

Officers who were taking James Hope, the notorious cracksman to New York after his release from San Quentin, were overtaken at Suisun by the sheriff, who served the writ of habeas corpus and then proceeded with the prisoner to this city, whence they will leave for San Francisco to-morrow to have his case heard.

The Viticultural Commission.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 16.—The Board of State Viticultural Commissioners held its regular semi-annual meeting to-day. The chief business of the meeting was the discussion of the needs and pressing demands of California wine interests at the approaching session of Congress. The election of officers resulted in the re-election of all as follows: President, Arpad Haraszthy; vice president, C. A. Wetmore; treasurer, Charles Krug; secretary, John H. Wheeler; chief executive viticultural officer, C. A. Wetmore. L. J. Rose offered a resolution that the commission is not in favor of the passege in Congress of any measure admitting the use of free corn spirits in the fortifying of wines; also that all available funds should be applied in presenting the claims of vine-growers to Congress. After the adoption of these resolutions another thanking the members of Congress for their successful efforts in behalf of viticultural measures at the last session of Congress was adopted and the meeting then adjourned.

An Eloping Couple Headed for Los Angeles.

FRESNO, November 16.—A report was in circulation here yesterday that Professor Birch had skipped the country with his assistant, Miss Bucklie, formerly of Martinez. Birch and Miss Bucklie were in town Saturday, when he mortgaged his property for $800. That night he bought two tickets for Los Angeles and the couple departed on the mid-night train. Birch leaves a sick wife and two children at Salem. He was a prominent church member, a prohibitionist and a good man generally. He ran for Superintendent of Public Instruction on the Workingmen's ticket some years ago. He was generally respected as was also Miss Bucklie.

Murder Trial Begun.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 16.—The impanneling of a jury for the the third trial of Joshua Hamblin, who killed John Massey, in 1882, began to-day. Citizens who were examined as to their qualifications to serve as jurors were questioned minutely, relative to their possible participation in the disturbance in front of the county jail Friday night, and as to their opinion concerning the need of an example of capital punishment just at this time.

Ice at Gonzales.

GONZALES, Cal., November 16.—The coldest weather of the season was experienced this morning. The mercury stood two degrees below the freezing point, and ice was formed on small pools of water one-fourth of an inch thick.

Hellman and White.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 16.—Among the candidates mentioned for United States Senator from this State, to be elected at the next session of the Legislature are I. W. Hellman and Stephen M. White, both of Los Angeles.

A Threatened Libel Suit.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 16.—The Chronicle's Prescott, Arizona, special says: Secretary Bayard, of this Territory, who is a son of Thomas F. Bayard, Secretary of State at Washington, published a card in this morning's paper demanding an immediate retraction from J. C. Martin, editor of the Journal Miner, of certain remarks published in that paper alleged to have been made by Bayard in regard to the Apache Indians, under threats of immediate criminal prosecution for libel if retraction is not made in this evening's issue of the Journal. This evening's issue of the Journal-Miner refuses to make the retraction in terms very defiant to the Secretary.

A Schooner Ashore.

HUENEME, Cal., November 16.—A large three-masted schooner appears to be ashore about eight miles below here. The wind has been blowing heavily from the northeast.

The schooner ashore below here proves to be the Volante. The captain has just arrived on foot. She went ashore during last night's gale. He reports the vessel in a rather bad position. Efforts are made to induce the steamer Santa Cruz, now at San Pedro to tow her off.

The Madera Hotel Burned.

MADERA, Cal., November 19.—The Madera Hotel, of this place, was burned to the ground at 2 o'clock this morning, together with the adjoining residence. The contents of both were entirely destroyed. The hotel was full of guests, who barely escaped. One old man named Williams was frightfully burned and will die. Another man, name unknown, was also badly burned. The loss is about $7000; partly insured. The origin of the fire was a lamp explosion.

Failed to Agree.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 16.—The jury in the case of John Grant, charged with smuggling opium, disagreed to-day, standing eight for conviction and four for acquittal. Grant, together with Mrs. Splicer, a custom house inspector and two others, were arrested for opium smuggling, and Grant was charged with the additional offense of endeavoring to bribe a customs officer to allow him to escape.

Weather Indications.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 16.—Indications for the twenty-four hours commencing at 4 A. M., November 17th: For California, continued clear and fair weather, followed in the extreme northern portions by rain on Wednesday night.

Additional Returns.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 16.—The following additional official returns of the vote for Governor have been received: Alpine county, Swift 59, Bartlett 25; Del Norte, Swift 244, Bartlett 290; Humboldt, Swift 1877, Bartlett 1478; Trinity, Swift 463, Bartlett 469.

The First District.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 16.—Full official returns of the First Congressional District give Garter (Republican) 14 499, Thompson (Democrat) 15,447. Thompson's plurality 998.

A Suicide.

SANTA CRUZ, November 16.—Henry Miller, an elderly man, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself through the head with a pistol in the waiting room of the S. P. R. R. at Beach Station. He had recently come from Fresno, where he kept a saloon. Despondency is supposed to have been the cause.

Death of a Pioneer.

UKIAH, November 16.—Tompkins Bradley, an old resident of this State and a pioneer of Sonoma county, died here last night. The funeral was largely attended to-day.

Ice at Merced.

MERCED, November 16.—There was a heavy frost here this morning. Ice formed on the ponds one-fourth of an inch thick.

A SHEEP-EATING SERPENT.

Discovered in a West Virginia Cavern and Not Yet Killed.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Oct. 23.—The Republican publishes the following startling letter from Milton: "There is a place on Big Two Mile creek, about three and a half miles east of this place, known as the 'Buzzard's Den.' It is a large cave in the point of a ridge which extends down between two branches to the rock gorge which incases the creek for nearly the whole length. The cave is entered by a small doorway which extends down an inclined plane for about twenty feet, there opening into a large rugged room, which has not been explored. On last Sunday morning as Melsear Braley, a young man of about 20 years, was passing that place en route to his brother's, about a mile below on the creek, he heard a sheep bleating piteously as if in great distress. Upon going nearer he found the bleating proceeded from the mouth of the cavern. He approached nearer the place, when, upon suddenly turning the corner of a huge boulder, he beheld a sight which sent his blood in an arctic flood up his back and stood his hair on end. He beheld the head of a huge serpent protruding from the entrance of the cavern with the hind quarters of a sheep in its mouth, swallowing it gradually, while the sheep was emitting a mournful sound. Braley being a brave lad thought to relieve the sheep, so hurrying up the hill above the cavern he rolled a huge boulder down upon the monster. This maddened him so that he let the sheep go, with a terrific snort which could be heard half a mile, and rushed from the cave like a huge tree. It was about forty feet long, with large black and yellow stripes running lengthwise of its body. The head and neck were black and sleek, and the tail for several feet from the end was of a dull brown color. The sudden appearance of the monster so frightened the lad that he rushed for home at a 2:40 gait, where he soon arrived out of breath, and told his experience, whereupon his father, elder brother and brother-in-law, together with two or three neighbors who had been summoned, armed with all the firearms that could be had, started for the cavern prepared to make an invasion of the enemy's country.

"Upon arriving at the place nothing could be seen of the snake or the sheep, but upon approaching the mouth of the cavern a sickening stench met them, such as that coming from a maddened snake, and its fierce blowings and hissings could be heard. They could do nothing with him, so had to return to their homes. A search will be organized to hunt up the monster. No one knows where he came from, as this is his first appearance. The country for several miles round is heavily wooded, and he may have been around for some time. It is to be hoped he will soon be killed."

Water Development.

On Tuesday last we accepted Col. Rhorer's invitation to visit his place at the foothills, the Stein place, the scene of his operations in water development. The visit served to confirm the opinion which we have long held and frequently expressed, that the expenditure of a little capital would develop an abundance of water all along the base of the foothills and mountains. Tuesday of last week, at a distance of about 120 feet from the point of beginning the tunnel, a magnificent stream of water was struck and has continued to flow uninterruptedly since. In fact, now at 128 feet the flow has been considerably increased, so that taking what we consider a low estimate there is a stream of four inches flowing from the mouth of the tunnel. Work is still being prosecuted with almost a positive assurance of at least doubling the flow. In addition to the water now being developed there are two or three more localities on the Colonel's place where he intends to drive tunnels. There are two or three springs which if properly developed will yield from three to ten inches of water. After completing the work of tunneling, a large reservoir will be built for storing water. It is not necessary to say that Col. Rhorer is elated over his fortunate find. So far as he has gone, he has, at an expense of less than $400, obtained an amount of water which, at the usually estimated value in Southern California, is worth $4000. He is now making all things ready to plant out on his place twenty acres of olives, and possibly twenty of figs and guavas. The soil is eminently adapted to almost any variety of fruit and it is only a question of a little time when "Nebo" will be one of the beautiful and productive homes of our foothill section.—Pomona Progress.

The Baptist Revival.

Yesterday afternoon Dr. Graves gave a Bible Reading of thrilling interest, on "Walking with God." At the close of the evening many asked for prayers. There are new cases of inquiry every day. To-night the Evangelist preaches on the subject of the "Unpardonable Sin."

HORSEMEN.

Meeting of the American Turf Congress.

THE SECRETARY IN TROUBLE.

Evidence that he Conducted His Office in an Extravagant and Careless Manner.

[Special to the Herald by the Associated Press.]

CLEVELAND, O., November 16.—The adjourned meeting of the American Turf Congress called to pass upon the charges against Secretary Vail was called to order at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Kennard House by President James Grant. Two hundred and twenty-five delegates were present and A. S. Edwards, Wm. S. Tilton and R. D. Bonner, the committee appointed at the Chicago meeting to investigate the affairs of the Secretary made their report, which, together with the report of the expert accountant and an appendix consisting of complaints from different associations, made a pamphlet of over forty pages. In their report the committee say: From observation it is apparent to the committee that much useless expense and waste of labor is incurred in the conduct of the office. A repetition of the work of the work of ten occurs, and the wretched system adopted to record the finances of the association has necessarily created much confusion, where a proper and well organized system would have produced better results at much less cost; that there was studied neglect of the first demands and obstinate refusal on the part of the Secretary to furnish inquiring members with information that were entitled to it at the hands of the servant of the association, as is plain from the tenor of the accompanying communications. Such conduct on the part of a member of a commercial firm would result in its bankruptcy from loss of confidence, and such conduct continued would have caused the entire disintegration of the National Trotting Association. The report of Yoldet, of New York, shows that Mr. Vail paid over to the Treasurer all the moneys had by him for the Association, but the last payment having been made but a short time since. The report of the committee was received and filed and the statement of the expert accountant referred to the board of review.

New York was chosen as the next place of meeting, after which the Congress adjourned. There was considerable excitement at the adjournment. T. J. Wade, of St Louis, wanted to offer a resolution thanking the investigation committee, but was prevented from doing so. Several Western members then explained the votes against adjournment, saying they didn't like to be be sat down upon. Adjournment was carried by a vote of 134 to 92. The western delegates then met and fled. Edwards made a heat speech denying the charges made by the Turf, Field and Farm, that he had offered to sell reports of the committee to newspapers in advance. A resolution offered by S. A. Browne, of Kalamazoo, exonerating Col. Edwards, was then adopted, thanking the investigating committee, and asking the Board of Review to remove Vail from the office of Secretary, and appoint another man in his place.

A Calamity.

BUTTE, Mon., November 16.—To-night upwards of one thousand Knights of Labor met here and refused to accept the proposition of the Anaconda Company for a reduction of wages. Manager Daly has given an order to close the mine and smelter for the winter. This will throw over 1500 men out of employment and stop the production of eighty tons of copper per day.

Postal Delivery in 1986.

On this an enthusiastic New Yorker guesses over about as follows:

"There will be no letter-carrier in 1986. Everything will be reduced to a fine system and a letter will be delivered in three seconds after its arrivrl at the postoffice. Each house in a big city will be connected with the general postoffice or branch station, as the case may be, with a pneumatic tube large enough to carry a good sized package. At present such a delivery would be too expensive. The tube from Twenty-third street to the Western Union building shows how nicely it works. A letter or telegraph message takes just two seconds to go the two and a half miles. The quickest means of transit are sure to be adopted in the long run. It is simply the evolution of progress, and nothing can stop it short of the universe. Not only will private houses have these tubes, but all of the large cities will be pneumatically connected. Chicago will be perhaps ten seconds by letter from New York, and San Francisco a minute, more or less. It will also change a great many things, and do away with the steam cars as a mail carrier. The system is yet in its infancy. The postage on letters will not be one-twentieth what it is, and the expense to the Government will be less. Of course, the delivery will have to be regulated to so many during the day—say five or ten in the morning and that number in the afternoon and evening. And yet human nature is so constructed that even with such improved facilities I believe many kickers could be found who would protest against the limited number of deliveries of mail and the slow time made."

Singing Sands.

There are a few beaches in the world on which are found "singing sands;" so called because of a prolonged musical sound heard when walking through the sand or stirring it with a stick. One of the best known beaches where this phenomenon occurs is at Manchester, about twenty-five miles from Boston. Another place is on one of the Hebrides Islands. Some of the sands from there were sent to an American scientist last year for examination. One portion was sealed in bottles and another sent in bags. The latter lost their peculiar properties, but the former sang sweetly on being stirred. No satisfactory cause for the curious sound has yet been discovered. One peculiarity of these musical beaches is that they occur in comparatively small patches, and the sound is not always of uniform loudness. It is said that along the shores of the Caribbean Sea there is a place where the disturbance of the sands makes a noise like the barking of a dog.—Interior.

A Bold Theft.

Yesterday afternoon a tramp passing the New York clothing store on Main street, deliberately stopped, unbuttoned a coat which hung on a dummy by the door, and walked off with the coat. Unfortunately for him he was seen, watched, tracked to his lair and taken with the coat in his possession. He now languishes behind hard prison bars and to-day will face stern justice and answer for the offence.

A Cold Spell.

On Monday night there was quite a severe frost along the lower parts of the city. In some cases ice was formed on standing water. Last night was probably as cold as was Monday night. The effect of this light frost will be to highly color the oranges and at the same time to render their flavor more piquant. Another effect of the frost will probably be to produce a rain at no distant day.

Baggage Attached.

The Jeffreys-Lewis company played at Pomona on Monday night. The troupe stopped at the Palomares Hotel, and Mr. Brown, of the hotel, claiming that the agent had contracted with him for quartering a portion of the troupe, attached the artists' baggage. Bond was given and the baggage released, and Miss Lewis has sued Brown for $100 damages. The house was light.

Miss Jeffreys-Lewis.

Play-goers have a rare treat in store for them in the appearance of Miss Jeffreys Lewis, supported by an excellent company in "Clotilde" to-morrow night. "Clotilde" is a new play here, and it will be given in fine style. It may be expected that all first nighters will be out in force.

From the sight of the ancient city of Susa, Frenchmen have just carted away forty tons of relics—fragments of frieze, bronze coins, and statuettes in bronze, ivory, terra cotta, and marble. It is the biggest archeological haul made for a long time. At first the expedition encountered much opposition from the natives, owing to a report that the Frenchmen wanted to carry away the body of the prophet Daniel, which is supposed to be buried in a cave in the neighborhood, a great object of pilgrimages.

Personal Mention.

S. Peck, of San Jose, is at the Pico House.

P. Myett, of Canada, is at the Grand Central.

Wm. Smith, of Monrovia, is at the Grand Central.

C. A. Bogart, Deming, N. M., is at the Nadeau.

C. E. Banks, of Waverly, Ia., is at the Pico House.

T. P. Lukens, of Pasadena, is at the St. Elmo.

C. C. Painter, of Washington, D. C., is at the St. Elmo.

W. P. Thomas, Dallas, Texas, is at the St Elmo.

Frank Roder leaves to-day for Clyde, Ohio, on a visit.

Thos. Rhodes, Esq., went up to San Francisco by the train yesterday.

H. Ralston and wife, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, are at the Grand Central.

Mr. R. J. Mather, of Westminster, departed by train yesterday for San Francisco.

Mr. O. T. Dyer, the Riverside banker, passed through here yesterday on his way to San Francisco.

T. W. Stackpole, the genial railroad restaurant manager for 2000 miles of railway, is stopping at the Nadeau.

Rev. Wm. Vivian and family, late of Del Rapids, Dakota, have arrived and are to make California their future home.

B. A. Stephens has left the reportorial staff of the Times and gone to Pomona, where he has bought an interest in the Courier.

Mr. W. H. Street arrived here yesterday from San Francisco, and will at once assume control of the circulation of the Sunday Social World.

Mr. H. A. Clauson, formerly of the Depot Hotel, and now Superintendent of Eating Houses on the S. P. Co's lines, spent yesterday in the city, and went north by the train en route to Ogden.

R. J. Northam, of Anaheim, was in the city yesterday en route for San Francisco. It is quite likely that on his return he will place the famous Stearns Rancho on the market and fill up the country about Anaheim with settlers.

Mrs. H. M. Caystile and Mrs. Dr. W. N. Davis, who went to San Diego, to witness the Coronado sale, returned last night from their trip. They express themselves very much pleased with the city of San Diego and her people.

Local News Notes.

Colton was afflicted with a terrible wind storm yesterday and Monday.

The Chinese section house at Mammoth Tanks, on the S. P. Co. track, was burned down on Monday night.

A great work is being done in piping the Zanja Madre from the toma, across Downey avenue and along to Chavez street.

The illuminated hat in front of Desmond's new store on Spring street, is the metropolitan thing in signs in this city.

One hundred Chinamen arrived at Newhall from San Francisco yesterday to work on the Ventura division of the S. P. Co.

A full new single-breast harness and lines with overdraw checks, was stolen from A. K. Crawford, at 242 S. Bunker Hill yesterday.

Thomas Anderson was yesterday fined $15 by Justice Austin for disturbing the peace. The sentence was suspended for twelve hours.

The driving of piles has commenced at the Buena Vista street crossing for the foundation of the bridge. Concrete will be built on the top of it.

The Rogers' Water Company are laying their pipe along Downey avenue, in East Los Angeles. The corporation hope to have water laid on in a short time.

Mr. O H. Bliss reports Monday night last the coldest of the year thus far. The thermometer fell to 32 degrees and thick ice formed at his place on Alameda street.

Yesterday was a good day for the poundmaster, one gray horse, eight yearling cows, one iron-gray horse and wagon, and a yearling colt, being impounded by the police.

There are large numbers of tramps in the city, who tackle people with a persistency for the "orice of a meal," that is exceedingly annoying. The police ignore these fellows entirely.

The two-horse car line has been taken up from San Fernando street and relaid on Downey avenue, from the junction to the bridge over the river. This makes the route much more direct.

Large shipments of live stock from Arizona pass through daily at the depot, for points in the San Joaquin valley, where they are fattened previous to being placed on the San Francisco market.

Robert Rennert, who was arrested about a week ago back of the Congress Hall saloon at 2 o'clock in the morning for submitting to an infamous crime was held yesterday by Justice Austin to appear for trial in the Superior Court. In default of $1000 bonds he was jailed.

The tar used by some of the workmen at the iron pipe factory, corner of Walters and Alameda streets, took fire at midnight, causing an alarm. The engines turned out, but the fire had been put out by the employes of the factory, before the arrival of the steamers, by means of large flat shovels which they placed over the burning tar.

A great bulkhead has been built along the east bank of the river for the Mission street railroad bridge northward, about half way up to the Downey avenue bridge. To make the work secure it should be continued. A large force of men is at work driving the piles for the great Buena Vista street bridge, where the river is to be crossed by this viaduct.

A. Hart, of the Pacific Coast Land Bureau of San Diego, arrived yesterday from San Diego in company with J. L. Vignes. The latter has been making large purchases in real estate in San Diego. During their visit they were handsomely entertained by Bob Pennell, the Pacific Coast Land Bureau agent at San Diego. Bob is a genial fellow and always makes friends with all whom he is thrown in contact with.

The Riverside, Santa Ana and Los Angeles Railroad Company has made an offer to construct a levee along the west bank of the river from Aliso street to a point 5000 feet distant in consideration of having the city grant the company all the city lands between Mission street and the south line of the city and the appropriation already made and unexpended for constructing a levee between Macy and First streets.

Mr. C. Bellue called at the HERALD office yesterday and stated that he was the man elected Constable in San Antonio township. The Supervisors state on the authority of the Great Register of Los Angeles county, page 94, that the Constable's name is J. G. Belieu, and have certified to the fact that he is the Constable-elect, and the HERALD so published. The matter is now for the Supervisors to determine who is Constable. It lies between C. Bellue, J. G. Belieu and the Supervisors. Probably nobody is elected; but who blundered?

Ramona.

There has been a controversy about the location of Ramona, the spot so earnestly portrayed by Helen Hunt Jackson. Some assert that the place described was in San Diego county, others declare that it was the Camulos ranch, while others state that Ramona was certainly located in San Luis Obispo county. To settle the question definitely, Mr J. DeBarth Shorb has invented and established the genuine RAMONA in the San Gabriel Valley on the S. P. R. R., about seven miles from Los Angeles, at Shorb Station, where the local agent, Mr. J. N. Tiernan, will show those who des re to purchase the choice lands advertised in another column. Mr. L. W. Dennis, in the Baker Block, is the city agent for this magnificent property, which is one of the best ever offered in the country.

The land is unsurpassed in richness and fertility, is charmingly situated in a genuine Garden of Eden, well supplied with pure spring water, and will be sold in lots to suit, with a permanent water right.