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THE IROQUOIS CLUB.

A Great Democratic Love-Feast at Chicago.

THE SPEECHES AND TOASTS.

What Carlisle Thinks of The Tariffs and Sparks Thinks of Land Grants.

[*Special to the Herald by the Associated Press*]

CHICAGO, November 17.—The fourth annual banquet of the Iroquois Club occurred to-night at the Palmer House. Among the large number of distinguished Democrats to whom invitations had been sent the following are the most widely known who accepted and were present: Hon. John G Carlisle, Hon. J. B. Rook, Hon. Edward T Bragg and Hon. J. Sterling Martin. Among other prominent persons who sent letters of regret are President Cleveland, Abram S. Hewitt, S. S. Cox, Roswell P. Flower, Wm. C. Endicott, Perry Belmont, Gov. J. M. Hill and Fitz-John Porter.

John G. Carlisle, of Kentucky, Speaker of the House of Representatives, made the leading address of the evening. The toast to which he responded was "American industries, their growth and prosperity cannot be promoted by unnecessary or unequal taxation."

"Although the toast asserts a self-evident truth," began Mr. Carlisle, "we cannot afford to ignore the fact that even in this age of philosophical speculation and practical knowledge there are men in the front ranks of literature, politics and business, who seriously contend that the government can make its citizens rich and prosperous by taxing them. "All taxation," Carlisle declared, "no matter how it may be disguised or in what manner its payment may be enforced, is ultimately a charge upon labor." He emphatically stated that substantial equality in the adjustment of rates of taxation and uniformity in the designation of the articles upon which it shall be imposed, are not only obtainable, but essential. Under the present system of taxing for protective purposes a few have become very rich but many have become poor, and the gulf between luxury and penury is growing wider and deeper day by day; but with the power of taxation exercised only for the purpose of raising a revenue for the support of the government the principles of substantial equity and uniformity can be recognized and enforced.

Carlisle concluded in the following words: "No matter who may desert or who may falter, the great fight for reform will go on. This country does not belong to either monopoly or communists, and the people will save it from both. The people in spite of all combinations and conspiracies will ultimately see that the true principles of justice and equality prevail in the legislation of the country even to prevent a continuance of long prevailing, existing and constantly increasing evils. They will not rush from one extreme to another, but will proceed carefully, deliberately, and resolutely to correct inequalities and remove unnecessary burdens, and offer paths that lead to peace and prosperity. While free trade is impracticable, industrial and commercial emancipation can and will be accomplished by wise and moderate measures of reform, without interfering with any private enterprise or injuring any public interest. To this some of us at least are irrevocably pledged not only by traditions and declarations of the political party to which we belong, but by a sense of personal and official duty which cannot be disregarded without betraying the confidence reposed in us by the people. Whether in public or private life, I shall stand by that pledge and to the extent of my abilities and opportunities contribute in every way to the early and complete triumph of revenue reforms."

W. A. J. SPARKS,

Commissioner of the General Land Office, in speaking upon "The Public Lands, the Peoples' Heritage for Homes," gave his views upon the proper policy to be pursued by the Government in regard to each class of public lands. He held that while the obligations of the Government so far as inducurred, must be carried out, the effects of this doubtful and mistaken land grant legislation must not be so magnified that while requiring of the Government a strict compliance with its part of the contract the corporations shall be allowed unlimited license to violate theirs. It was true that it takes two parties to make a bargain, and it was equally true that the failure of one party to the contract is a release of the obligations of the other. He was prepared to say that in grants amounting 110,000,000 acres there has been no such compliance with the law by the companies as bind the Government to any legal obligation. In respect to the granted lands by the Northern Pacific railroad alone nearly forty million acres of the people's heritage for homes was being unjustly withheld. An act should be passed declaring the forfeitures of the grants, if only to the extent of the portions of the unconstructed roads at the time fixed by law for their entire completion. Such an Act, while a measure of partial justice only, would leave to the companies, at their average price of lands, more than enough to meet the legitimate cost of the entire construction of their roads. Great land grants to private individuals, Commissioner Parks said, were nearly all made for colnization purposes, and are not binding unless as the conditions involved have been complied with.

His characterization of these grants was almost equally sweeping with that of railroad lands. The manner in which existing laws operate in regard to swamp lands, pre-emption, homesteads, timber culture and desert lands, was unsparingly condemned by the speaker. Before resuming his seat Commissioner Sparks briefly reviewed his course in office and declared that his efforts had been directed solely to the prevention of the illegal control of lands, the recovery of those fraudulently held, to which title has not yet been passed, and to the protection of lands for actual settlement and the benefit of actual inhabitants.

AFTER THE BANQUET,

At which between two hundred and fifty and three hundred guests and members of the club sat down, the following toasts were made and responded to as indicated: "The Treasury Surplus and Tariff," John B. Beck; "The Public Lands and the People's Heritage for Homes," Hon. J. W. Sparks; "The Great Republic," Hon. W. W. Fuller; "The President of the United States," Hon. Edward S. Bragg; "Monopoly shall not rule," Hon. J. Sterling Martin; "Sanctity of American homes the safeguard of American liberty," Hon. Jas. R. Doolittle; "Young men in politics," Hon. F. W. Lehman; "American industries, their growth and prosperity cannot be promoted by unnecessary or unequal taxation," Hon. John G. Carlisle.

FOLLOWING IS THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER OF REGRET:

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, Nov. 12, 1886.

Edward Ferman, Esq., Corresponding Secretary:

MY DEAR SIR—I regret exceedingly that official duties, just at this time unusually exacting and important, prevent my acceptance of your invitation to attend the fourth annual banquet of the Iroquois Club on the 17th inst. I am much impressed with the present importance of a thorough and timely discussion by the people of the various questions which are related to good government and the prosperity of the country, and which, because they are so related, concern the welfare and success of the Democratic party in the work which must be undertaken of presenting these questions to the judgment of our citizens in such a manner as to remove misapprehensions and aid in a correct conclusion, I believe that the Iroquois Club will prove a most effective instrumentality. Hoping that the approaching banquet will be the occasion of pleasure as well as interest and usefulness, I am

Yours sincerely,
[Signed.] GROVER CLEVELAND.

Does the Boy at the Figures Mean $200,000,000?

NEW YORK, November 17.—The China Improvement Company was incorporated yesterday by Jos. F. Smith, Murray Carrington and James Hepenstale jr. Its object is to manufacture all articles needed by a fully equipped railroad company. It will carry on business in such countries as the directors may designate, but more especially in the Chinese Empire. The capital stock is $200,000. The directors are Chas. Vincent Smith, James H. Wilson, Samuel L. M. Barlow, John M. Forbes and Richard Suydam Grant.

SPOTHING MATTERS.

A Disgusted Turfman Finds a Manager Who Sticks Him.

NEW YORK, November 17.—The Times says William L. Scott, of Erie, Congressman, capitalist and political manager, is passing through an experience that has somewhat dampened his ardor for the turf and may much restrict the generous outlay with which he meant to continue to provide for stable of racers. Everything in the way of the management of the stable and entries was intrusted to his trainer, McClellan. It was not till near the end of the season that Scott suspected crooked management. When his suspicions were once aroused, however, he investigated, and not long ago he discharged the trainer. Whatever may have been the facts Scott was convinced that his stable had been pretty thoroughly jockeyed. His disgust on reaching this conclusion deepened when a firm of bookmakers came to him with a claim of from $15,000 to $20,000 which they said he owed them in settlements of bets made for him by McClellan. Scott protested that McClellan had no right to bet for him. But the bookmakers were so persistent that Scott said he would refer the matter to the authorities who arbitrate on turf matters.

COURSING AT MERCED.

MERCED, November 17.—The fall meet of the California Coursing Club at this place commenced to-day. Owing to the difficulty of obtaining a fitout of teams an d saddle horses, the club was late in reaching the grounds. The weather was cool and calm and the hares were plenty and ran well. Every race run was well contested, the dogs proving fleet, plucky and enduring, the hares in every case making long runs and testing the running, speed and endurance of the dogs.

The first ties for old dog stakes were as follows: D. Shannon's Gliding Maud beat John Hughes' Lady Emma; J. Franklin's Bashi Bazouk beat M. Mercedite's Pat Malloy; J. F. Carroll's Blackthorn beat M. Mercedite's Kitty from Cork; Dr. Sharkey's Butte beat T. Hall's Yankee Girl; J. Perigo's Wee Lassie beat T. Hall's Wee Nell; J. Perigo's Tullemore beat T. Hall's Muldoon; M. Mercedite's Banshee beat Dr. Shannon's Master Pippin; J. C. Murphy's Wildbrier beat J. F. Carroll's Benelow; T. Hall's Fannie beat Dr. Shannon's Solid Silver; J. F. Carroll's Claret got a bye; T. Hall's True Blue beat J. F. Carroll's Romeo; D. Shannon's Snowdrift got a bye.

Second ties—Bashi Bazouk beat Maud; Blackthorne beat Butte; Banshee beat Wee Lassie; Tullemore beat Wildbrier; Claret beat Fannie; Snowdrift beat True Blue.

This ended the day's coursing. To-morrow the contests for old dog stakes will be run to a finish, after which puppy stakes and consolation stakes for beaten dogs will be contested for.

The meeting was well attended by Merced people, many of whom were interested in the dogs drawn on the list.

ENTRIES FOR TO-DAY'S RACES AT OAKLAND.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 17.—Entries for to-morrow's races are:

First race—Mile heats, all ages; Laura Garner 80, Birdcatcher 100, Argo 92, St. Patrick 85, Marc Daly 198, Echo 99, Sir Thad 101, Belshaw 87.

Finnigan Stakes—Two-year-olds, mile, (usual receipts): Wallace, Robson, Napa, Todd, Goliah, Laredo, Grisette, Safe Ban, Jim Duffy, Voltiguer.

Winter handicap, all ages, mile and three-eighths—Neilson 116, Moonlight 100, Lizzie Dunbar 110, Monte Cristo 105.

Farne Stakes—Three-year-olds, two miles; Ed Corrigan 118, Guenn 115, May Blossom 115.

LABOR MATTERS.

The Anarchists and Dynamiters Must Pay the Penalty.

NEW YORK, November 17.—The Central Labor Union is out with a petition on behalf of the Chicago Anarchists and Socialists who are condemned to death. The petition claims that the conviction of these men was not in accordance with a just and equitable administration of the law and they are entitled to a new trial. Copies of this document have been left for signature at the headquarters of the various unions, while parties who appear to be specially interested are going around among down-town merchants, bankers and members of the Exchange, soliciting their names. In some cases they are freely given, but in a great majority of cases they are withheld. Trade unionists generally support the application. One man to whom the petition is intrusted expresses the conviction that out of 69,000 votes cast for Henry George, 59,000 of those who cast them will sign it and he thinks 25,000 more can be got with very little effort in Brooklyn.

RAILROAD NEWS.

The U. P. Leases the Oregon Lines.

BOSTON, November 17.—Messrs. Smith Hall, and others of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Directory, who were appointed a committee to consider the lease question, were in Boston yesterday and had a conference with President Adams of the Union Pacific road. The result was an agreement to lease the property to the Union Pacific Railroad through the Oregon Short Line Company. The basis of the lease is understood to be six per cent. In the annual report of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company for the year ending June 30th last shows the gross earnings were $5,556,543, an increase of $1,464,404; and net earning $2,504,689, an increase of $994,973. The percentage of operating expenses to earnings is 53.8.

A BALTIMORE BLAZE.

Several Men Killed and Others Wounded.

BALTIMORE, November 17.—The drug warehouse of Burroughs & Bros. was entirely burned out at noon to day, and the stock of Woodford F Shielberg, straw goods manufacturers in the adjoining building was damaged by smoke and water to the amount of $15,000. The insurance is ample for both losses. While the firemen were at work the truck of the Ladder Company caved and fell backwards into the street. Captain Marston, Chas. L. Grund, Frank Kerr and Henry Ryan were on it at the time. Marston caught on the edge of the house adjoining and escaped serious injury. The rest of the men fell with the ladder, which broke. Grund and Kerr were killed. No hope for Ryan's recovery is had. The fire is still burning.

ANOTHER QUEER MARRIAGE.

It is at Sacramento City This Time.

SACRAMENTO, November 17.—Quite a sensation was created in this city by the alleged enforced marriage of Dollie Thorpe with Russell Lowe at the muzzle of a revolver. Lowe was a resident of Woodland and belonged to a well-to-do family. Subsequent to the marriage Lowe was taken East by his parents, his wife remaining here. Later the father of the young man commenced suit as guardian on behalf of his son for a divorce, alleging duress. The case has been pending for some time. Yesterday the affair culminated by Dollie obtaining a decree of divorce on the ground of desertion.

THREATENING LETTER.

Mamie Kelly's Slayer Must Pay the Penalty.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 17. — Sheriff Hopkins has received a letter with a heavy black border. The letter is written in German and is in the nature of a warning to the Sheriff to the effect that unless Aleck Geldenson, the slayer of Mamie Kelly, is executed with three days, the county jail and the old city hall will be demolished, and all those who are in those buildings will have to suffer. The writer did not sign the letter, or give any clue as to his identity. The letter has been turned over to the Chief of Police.

Let Jimmy Go East.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 17.—James Hope the notorious burglar, who was taken from Eastern officers by a writ of habeas corpus yesterday, while en route East, arrived here from Sacramento to-day. Hearing of the writ had been set for to-day, but on the request of the attorney for the New York officers it was continued until Monday next.

Unknown Dead.

REDWOOD CITY, November 17.—The body of a young man, name unknown, was found on the railroad track this morning about half a mile south of the railroad depot. He was about 19 years old.

NATIONAL POLITICS.

The President on Civil Service.

THE SAN DIEGO VOTE.

California Postal Changes—New York Women in School Politics.

[*Special to the Herald by the Associated Press.*]

WASHINGTON, November 17.—The following correspondence is made public by the President to-night:

NEOSHO, Mo., November 10.

To Hon. A. H. Garland, Attorney-General, Washington:

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of the 1st instant, apprising me of the basis of my suspension from office as Attorney of the United States for the western district of Missouri is received. I desire to make a plain statement of the facts in relation to the list of appointments to make campaign speeches. The United States District Court, for the Eastern Division District, convened on the 7th day of September. I had been there with my assistant several days prior to that date, preparing cases for trial. The District business, except a few pleas of guilty, we finished on September 24th, and on the following day the court adjourned. On the night of the 25th I went to Jefferson City. I then went to Kansas City, and Rush, my assistant, and I prepared ourselves for the October term of court for the Western Division. Meanwhile I had, at the earnest solicitation of Messrs. E. Dockery, Cravens and others, candidates for Congress, and the Democratic State Central Committee, and with the knowledge of Senators Cockrell and Vest, agreed to make some campaign speeches. After so arranging them as to time, so as not to interfere with my official business, I gave the list to D. H. Shields, Chairman, and this list was published, the dates beginning with September 29th at 7 P. M., at Aurora, Mo. The appointments were made on each side of my district so I could and did reach Kansas City once each week to look after routine business of the office. My assis ant, W. Rush, was in the office all the time I was away. Two of my appointments were made at Webb City and Sarcoxo, conveniently to Joplin, where I appeared in two important cases on the 6th day of October, before Clerk Crawford, United St tes Commissioner. I filled my engagements to Saturday, October 16th. At Seneca, Monday, October 16th, the District Court for the Western Division began the term. Every indictment and information was prepared and in consequence of this the Grand Jury was dismissed at noon of the third day. I had thought I would get through with the business of this short term in one week. I had an engagement to speak during that week. One at St. Joseph I did not fill. The other at Kansas City I did fill at night after the adjournment of Court. I found on Saturday, the 23d of October that I had six important cases which I believed should be tried. On that night I came here and got my partner, Hon. Joseph Cravens, Hon. John T. Tell, of Mt. Vernon, and Dr. James Evans, of Nichols, Green county, who agreed to fill my appointments, beginning with Southwest City, on the 26th of October, and immediately I returned to Kansas City, and announced himself ready for trial. The District Court docket was called. I remained in court and attended the cases unt I received the President's letter suspending me. As to my record as a public officer, I am willing for the department reports of my success in trials, court officers of circuit and district courts and those who had business with the office to say. I relied on the following clause in the President's letter of July 19th in making engagements to speak: "Individual interest and activity in political affairs are by no means condemned. Office holders are neither disfranchised nor forbidden to exercise their political privileges but their privilege is not enlarged, nor is their duty to the party increased to pernicious activity by office-holding." If making political speeches is the cause of my suspension, I can make no defense, but if it is inferred I neglected official duties by so doing, I am not guilty, and ask for full scrutiny into the facts. I respectfully ask this communication to be referred to the President with such recommendation as you deem just. I have but to add that I had no idea that making political speeches would be taken to be a violation of the President's letter of July 19, 1886.

Very respectfully,
[Signed] M. E. BENTON.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY.

EXECUUIVE MANSION, November 16th.

HON. M. E. BENTON.

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of the 10th inst., addressed to the Attorney-General, has been submitted to me and carefully considered. Its frank tone and all I know of your character convinces me of the truth therein related, touching on matters which led to your suspension from office. When I issued the warning to office holders to which you refer as an act I expected to be much harrassed by all manner of loose and frivolous tales originated in malice or disappointment and deliberate design on the part of political enemies to annoy and embarrass me concerning the indulgence by appointees under this present administrtion in "pernicious activity" in politics against which my warning was directed. I did not intend to condemn the making of political speeches by a Federal official to his neighbors and friends, nor at any time and place where it was merely incidental. I believe in divorcing the conduct of the citizen from the use of official influence in political campaigns illustrating at all times the truth that official duty is paramount to partisan service. The statement in your letter showing you did not permit campaign engagements to interfere with the performance of official duties and a belief in the truth of your allegation that you honestly supposed you might properly do all that was actually done, have induced me to rescind the order suspending you from office and reinstate you to the same.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) GROVER CLEVELAND.

THE PRESIDENT TO GARLAND.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, Nov. 12th.

Hon. A. G. Garland, Attorney General—Sir: Having fully examined and considered the statement contained in the letter of M. E. Benton, which you submitted to me at the time of our consultation, concerning the matter therein referred to, I have determined to rescind the order suspending Benton from the office of United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri and direct that he be notified of his reinstatement to that office.

Very respectfully yours,
GROVER CLEVELAND.

WASHINGTON, November 17.—The effect of Congressional elections upon the composition of committees in the Fiftieth Congress will be very conspicuous. Carlisle, who will be the next Speaker of the House of Representatives, will in most instances promote old members upon committees where they at present serve, except in such cases as they are transferred to the chairmanship of other committees. The Ways and Means Committee of the present Congress loses Morrison (chairman), Hewitt, Harris of Georgia, and Mayberry. All its Republican members are re elected. In the regular order of promotion Mills (Texas) will get the chairmanship. The Elections Committee loses Lowry, Robertson, Boyle, Green, Croxton, Martin and Hall Democrats, and Payne and Ely, Republicans. Its chairman, Payne, of Georgia, is returned, and may again be assigned to the head of this committee. The Appropriation Committee loses Campbell, Lefevre and Adams (New York), all Democrats. If Randall lives he will probably retain the chairmanship of this committee. The Judiciary Committee loses its chairman Tucker, and also Hammond, Eden and Bennett, Democrats, and Kinne and Hepburn, Republicans. Culbertson (Texas) holds the ranking position for chairman. The Committee on Banking and Currency will have to dispense with Miller, Arnot and Findlay, Democrats, and Brady, Republican. Candler (Georgia) is first on the list, but it is said the chairmanship may go to Arlking (Ohio), who is second. The Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures loses Seymour, Democrat, and James and Little, Republicans. Its chairman, Bland, is re-elected, and will in all probability retain his place at the head of that committee, as his paternity of the standard dollar is looked upon as giving him a strong title to the position. The Commerce Committee loses Caldwell and Irion, Democrats, and Johnson, Republican. Reagan, of Texas, its chairman, is re-elected, and will again get the place if he wants it. The Committee on Rivers and Harbors has lost its head, Willis (Ky.). Blanchard (La.,) is second on the committee and stands a good chance to get the chairmanship. The Foreign Affairs Committee loses Cox, of North Carolina, Singleton, Worthington and Daniels, Democrats, and Rice and Waite, who are Republicans. It is not unlikely that there will be another warm fight over the chairmanship of the committee. Belmont will probably put in his claim, but it will be stoutly contested. The Military Affairs Committee loses Frye, its chairman Wheeler, of Alabama, is first in the line of promotion, but it has not been the policy of the Democrats to place an ex-Confederate at the head of that committee. Ermentrout, of Pennsylvania, is the only Northern Democrat among the returned members. The chances are that some Democrat not a member of the present committee will be made chairman. From the Naval Committee, Hewitt, Valentine and Lare (Dem.), and Buck (Rep.) drop out. Herbert of Alabama, who is re-elected, will probably retain the chairmanship. The Committee on Post-offices and Post-roads loses five Democrats and two Republicans. Blount, its chairman, is re-elected, and being an old member, will probably hold the chairmanship. From the Public Lands Committee three Democrats, including the chairman, and one Republican drop out. Doran of Ohio is at the head of the remaining Democrats, but it is not improbable that Landes of Illinois will be given the chairmanship.

The San Diego Vote.

SAN DIEGO, November 17.—The official vote of San Diego county is as follows, Swift 1,362, Bartlett 1,159, Russell 240, Wigginton 22, O'Donnell 43; Waterman 1,310, Tarpey, 1,006, Boren 267; Moore 1,236, Hendricks, 1,248, Kellogg 270, Wilson 17; Denny 1,390, Dunn 1,194, Fairbanks 242; Neff 1,408, Herold 1,172, Graves 244, White 12; Hart 1,405, Johnson 1,166, Babcock 236, Daggett 12; Reichert 1,427, Miller 1,158, Tolman 236; Orr 1,413, Spencer 1,178, Lions 239, Frew 12; Heitt 1,424, Moulder 1,172, Mabley 235; Patterson 1,511, McFarland 1,387, Hamilton 1,316, Sullivan 1,172, Waters 1,239, Temple 1,440, Murphy 233; Vandever 1,4 8, Lynch 1,123, Harris 245; Rae 1,351, Foote 1,248; Hamilton 1,596, Giffey 1,000, Hogue 210.

California Postal Changes.

WASAINGTON, November 17.—John S. Cain has been commissioned as Postmaster at Cherokee, Cal.

The site of the Postoffice at Little Stony, Colusa county, has been changed one-fourth of a mile northwest from its present situation.

The special service is discontinued from November 30th at Enterprise, Butte county.

The Star service is established on the Oroville route, via Enterprise to Pumpkin, thirty miles distant, and back, once a week, from December 1, 1886, to June 30, 1887.

Women in Politics and Business.

NEW YORK, November 17.—Mayor Grace has had to decide an important question in connection with the public school system, namely whether women should have representation in the Board of Education. There has been a strong pressure upon him to decide the question in the negative, but there is good reason for believing that he will disregard this and give the women at least a fair trial. It is a curious coincidence that at the time when the question of having women in the Board of Education is thus agitated at the City Hall, Wall street should be discussing the chances of a woman controlling the railway system. Mrs. Hattie Green, of this city, is understood to own $600,000 of stock which will enable her to hold the balance of power in a pending fight for the Presidency. She declines to sell proxies but will have no objection to dispose of her stock herself at her own price, $125. Brooklyn and New York bucket shops are beginning to be frequented by women, every one of whom, no doubt, expects by some lucky turn of the wheel to become a Hattie Green. It is said a majority of this class of speculators are boarding house keepers.

Our Consul at Algiers.

WASHINGTON, November 17.—The President to-day made the following appointment: Consul of the United States at Algiers, C. T. Gillet of California.

RIVAL LOVERS

Play a Game of Poker for the Lady's Hand.

SACRAMENTO, November 17.—Between 8 and 9 o'clock this evening a light farm wagon containing two young men and a lady, apparently about 19 years of age, came to a stop on K street, opposite the Clunie Opera House; and the men alighting, crossed the street and entered a saloon. They called for a pack of cards and some chips, saying that they wished to play a game of poker, the stakes to be the hand in marriage of the lady who was waiting for them across the street. The astonished barkeeper showed them to a private room, where each of the young men took fifty chips and the game commenced. Intense excitemement was depicted on the countenances of the players, who played very cautiously until after the eighth hand was dealt, when betting became reckless. On the eleventh hand all the chips were thrown into the pot and the two hands being shown it was discovered that one man held two pairs, kings and nines, while the other had three sixes. The loser sighed and said: "You've won her," while the victor seized his opponent's hand and said: "No bad feeling, Henry." "None," replied the other, and the two men after drinking together and shaking hands, cordially parted, the winner crossing the street and entering the wagon in which the lady was seated and drove off, the young lady turning and waving her hand to the loser who watched the object of his affections from the door of the saloon. The lady's name is Sadie Hammel, that of the fortunate young man, J. B. Humphrey, while the loser bears the name of Henry Mitchell. They are all farmers living about eight miles out of town. Both men have been paying attentions to Miss Hammel for two years past, and she not being able to decide which one to wed, they adopted the above novel manner of deciding the question. It was understood that the loser would act as best man at the wedding, the date of which has not been decided.

SAN FRANCISCO NEWS.

Ticket Scalpers Scalped—Arbor Day—The Lick Observatory.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 17.—Arbitrator Watts has rendered a decision against the Texas Pacific and Atlantic and Pacific railroads for selling tickets below the rates named on the rate sheet. They will forfeit fifty dollars.

A meeting of the Arbor Day Executive Committee was held to-day. It was voted that a programme of literary exercises, to be called "The Souvenir Programme" should be sent to each newspaper in the State before Arbor Day, November 27th, and that five thousand should be printed. The Committee on Preliminary Labor and Transportation reported that arrangements for digging the necessary holes and for transportation of plants to Yerba Buena Island were being made.

The Southern Pacific Compan" has made arrangements for the transportation of visitors to the Lick Observatory, and round trip tickets will be issued and can be obtained at any of the Company's ticket offices in this city, at the rate of $7.

A QUEER MARRIAGE.

Who were They and Where were They Married?

SAN FRANCISCO, November 17.—Judge Maguire rendered a decision in favor of the defendant to-day in the case of Edward Willard versus Alice Willard. Plaintiff in his complaint alleged that on the 8th of May of this year, in Los Angeles county, one Martin Stevens called upon him at his place of business and threatened to killed him unless he married defendant, at the same time exhibiting a pistol. He had no means of defending himself and believing that Stevens would carry out his threat he consented to marry defendant and did so. From the moment the ceremony was performed the parties separated and have never lived together as man and wife. Defendant's name was Alice Stevens and the court was asked to declare said marriage to be void and of no effect.

No Bull Butter for Vermont.

MONTPELIER, November 17.—The Legislature in both houses has passed a bill providing that all hotels or restaurants using oleomargarine shall put up large signs notifying the public of the fact.

EASTERN WEATHER.

A Blizzard Sweeps the Whole Country.

LIVES LOST ON THE LAKES.

Mails and Passenger Trains Delayed in all Parts of the West.

[*Special to the Herald by the Associated Press*]

DENVER, November 17.—The light snow which fell in Colorado on Monday and Tuesday proves to have been much heavier in Western Kansas and Nebraska. The west bound Kansas Pacific mail has been snowbound at Brookeville since Monday. The east bound is delayed at Hugo, but expected through to-morrow. No Burlington train has arrived since yesterday morning, but one is expected to get through to-night. The Santa Fe trains have been out since yesterday, and it is impossible to say when they will get through. All Colorado roads are open and running on time. The thermometer here is 4° below zero. Other portions of the State vary from 3° to 26° below.

THE STORM AT OMAHA.

OMAHA, November 17.—The snow storm which began yesterday morning continued all day and night and is still in progress. This afternoon about a foot of snow has fallen. It has been blowing a blizzard since early morning and every railroad is more or less blockaded. The only trains which arrived to-day were the Chicago and Rock Island and the Kansas City train. No other trains got in or out. Travel is entirely suspended. The storm is general through Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming.

SNOW-BOUND IN DAKOTA.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., November 17.—A special to the Journal from Canton, Dakota, says: A train with a hundred passengers on board is snowed in eleven miles west of there. The passengers are being fed from a small station near by. The same special also says the Milwaukee railway is lined with engines blocked in the snow-drifts.

LATER FROM ST. PAUL.

ST. PAUL, November 17.—The snow-storm which began here Sunday night has now, 9 P. M., been raging for nearly forty-five hours and shows no signs of abatement. Street-cars have not been running in St. Paul or Minneapolis to-day, and trains on all railroads are three to thirty-six hours late. While the storm is general throughout the Northwest it is most violent in Southern Dakota. A Sioux Falls special says: More snow has already fallen than during the entire season last winter. The wind is blowing hard from the north, drifting the snow very badly. Trains on nearly all roads are blockaded. The mercury is at zero, and falling. There are also strong electrical disturbances. Canton, Eagan and other places state that the storm is no less severe there. A Canton special says: The Milwaukee road is lined with dead engines, and a passenger train with 100 persons on board is snowed in near Worthington. Its occupants are being fed from that village.

AT TWO RIVERS.

CHICAGO, November 17.—An Inter-Ocean Manitowoc, Wis., special says: The schooner Nellie Redington is reported to be going to pieces at Two Rivers. She had been at anchor off the North Pier all day. She slipped one of her anchors at 5 P. M. and drifted against the north pier, and if the sea keeps on she will go to pieces before morning. Three of her crew have reached the harbor pier all right, but there are seven men more on board whose lives are in danger. The life saving crew can do nothing to help them on account of the sea, which is very large.

THE BLIZZARD.

Blockaded Trains — Delayed Mails—Shipwrecks.

ST. PAUL, November 17.—Snow began falling here early yesterday morning and continued all day, though the fall was light. After midnight last night, however, a genuine blizzard set in, and this morning people found the streets and sidewalks badly blocked, so that travel was next to impossible. Reports indicate that the blizzard began in the western part of this State, and swept east and south through Wisconsin and Iowa. Railroad travel has been greatly impeded, and street cars find it almost impossible to run. The wind is blowing hard and drifting the snow. No such storm has occurred so early in the season for years.

A Foundered Barge.

GREEN BAY, Wis., November 17.—The barge Dixon foundered off Kewanee this morning. Two seamen were drowned. Another barge is riding in the breakers and flying a signal of distress.

MILWAUKEE, November 17 —Later advices from Kewanee state that the barge Emerald foundered at noon. Five lives were lost. It is expected the third barge, which is riding in the breakers, will go to pieces.

Lost in the Storm.

ST. IGNACE, Mich., November 17.—During a terrible gale and snowstorm last night the schooner P. S. Marsh, loaded with coal, ran on the beach just inside Graham's point. The captain signalled at 10 this morning that she would go to pieces. Another schooner is ashore across the point, four miles from here.

A News Blockade.

CHICAGO, November 17—Throughout Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota show storms are prevailing. Telepraphic communication is seriously delayed in all directions.

Jeffreys-Lewis.

It is delightful to know that the sale of seats indicates a brilliant opening for this talented artiste to night. Certainly Miss Lewis has been wise in the selection of her support. Mr. Harry Mainhall is beyond doubt one of our best leading men, and Miss Esther Williams has been quite successful as a "star" in the East, and is now having a play written for her for next season. Mr. E. J. Holden and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Edmonds, Miss Trella Foltz, and many other familiar faces will appear. The repertoire is also one of the best ever presented here. An exchange speaks of her performance thus: "Miss Jeffreys-Lewis' personation of "Clothilde" is a dramatic revelation; in fact is a more exaltedly dramatic personage than the "Clothilde" of Sardou, grandly as the character was by him conceived and drawn. In a word, the "Clothilde" of Jeffreys-Lewis is instinct with exalted dramatic genius, from the slightest gesture to the most emotional episodes."

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Personal Mention.

E. L. Mayberry, of San Gabriel, has gone north.

Reese Crawford of Columbus, Ga., is at the Pico House.

John F. Swift of Minneapolis, Minn., is at the St. Elmo.

E. P. Henry, of Butler, Mo., is rooming at the Stevenson.

J. A. Bowman, of Little Rock, Ark., is at the Stevenson.

F. M. Schoenberg, of San Francisco, is at the Nadeau.

A. B. Jackson, of Salinas City, is stopping at the Nadeau.

W. L. Banning, of San Pedro, is registered at the Nadeau.

W. G. Kerckhoff went to San Francisco yesterday.

James S. Anderson of Toronto, Canada, is at the Grand Central.

J. J. Foster and wife, of Kansas City, are guests at the Stevenson.

W. J. Chappelle, wife and maid of Pittston, Pa., are at the Pico House.

William A. Mason and wife of Buffalo, N. Y., are at the Grand Central.

W. N. Hawley was a passenger on the express for the north yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin and children, of Kansas City, are at the Stevenson.

Mrs. Hibbin and children, of Kansas City, are registered at the Stevenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Yeoman, and Miss May Yeoman, of Kansas City, are at the Stevenson.

Col. T. F. Perris, Chief Engineer of the California Southern Railroad, is at the Nadeau House.

Joseph Speckart, and his sons Philip and Henry, of Highland, Ill., are stopping at the Stevenson.

Jacob Beck of Racine, Wis., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Beening. He will remain until next spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Morton, and Misses Ella and Hattie Morton, of Kansas City, are at the Stevenson House.

Mrs. Geo. M. Pullman came in from San Diego yesterday morning in her private car and left soon after for San Francisco.

Hon. J. Marion Brooks, of San Buenaventura, member-elect from Ventura and Kern counties to the State Assembly, is at the St. Elmo.

M. Welch, Passenger Agent of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, is in the city with a view of opening an office and settling in Los Angeles.

Conductor George has gone into the cattle business. He leaves here to-day with sixty head of cattle to provide the laborers at the Ventura division with beef.

Mr. Ed. T. Hare, the well known civil engineer of Ventura, is staying at the St. Elmo Hotel. Mr. Hare is an old-timer and remembers the old pioneer days of twenty-five years ago in the Angelic City.

W. G. Miller, of San Francisco, is paying Los Angeles a visit after an absence of four years. He has been engaged in the newspaper business in Modesto, Oakland and San Francisco. He was one of the staff of the Daily Times when it first started.

Local News Notes.

The San Francisco express was one hour late yesterday.

The "Uncle Tom's Cabin" troupe went north yesterday on the S. P. express.

A car of excursionists started yesterday for the East from Los Angeles, via Ogden, in charge of O. M. Violet.

John Devine was sentenced yesterday to sixty days in the county jail by Justice Ranney for petty larceny.

A car-load of Slavonians, bound from New York to San Francisco, passed through Los Angeles yesterday via the Southern Pacific Company.

Mr. E. A. Warner will leave to-day for the East to bring out the next Warner Brothers and Crosby excursion to leave Chicago on November 30th.

During the night of yesterday a single, nickel-plated harness, nearly new, was stolen from the residence of Mrs. Budlong, on Budlong avenue.

A dangerous hole was reported yesterday, at the police office, as existing in the sidewalk of the new building, at the corner of Spring and Third streets.

Two cattle trains, consisting of twenty cars each, will arrive at noon to-day from Arizona, going to the San Joaquin valley, to be fattened for the San Francisco market.

A party of about thirty persons passed through the city yesterday, on the east-bound Southern Pacific train, going to Elsinore. They intend to settle in that vicinity and come from the East.

A jury yesterday, in Justice Austin's court, found B. Mile not guilty of cruelty to animals, for which a complaint had been sworn out by the Humane Society, and the defendant was discharged.

An experimental brake, called a water brake, was put on yesterday on the locomotive called El Governor, running between Sumner and Tehachepi. It is the largest engine in the world.

H. W. Hill, who obtained $12.50 from a Mr. Parker on a bogus check and plead guilty to obtaining money under false pretenses, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Cheney to three months in the county jail and to pay a fine of one dollar.

Mr. C. A. Warner arrived yesterday with an excursion of one hundred and seventy-five passengers. Mr. Warner has within the past five weeks traveled over 15,000 miles and finds a strong tide setting in the direction of Los Angeles.

The trial of Edward W. Jones, the aged La Dow farmer, who, on the 9th of July mingled "Rough on Rats" in the flour used by his son, daughter-in-law and three other persons, with murderous intent, comes up this morning before Judge Cheney.

The father of Annie Manco, a young Italian woman of this city who was reported sick