

THE BRAZILIAN REVOLUTION.

Peixoto Wins an Important Victory.

Government Troops Recapture Governor's Island.

Mello Preparing to Fight the Nietheroy and American Armies and German Warships Raise the Blockade.

By the Associated Press. LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Brazilian legation received a telegram from Rio today, dated December 16th, saying government troops recaptured Governor's Island from the insurgents. This is considered an important victory for President Peixoto, owing to the strategic position the island occupies. The legation makes the announcement that the commanders of the American and German warships have declared they will protect foreign interests, and will not recognize any blockade of Rio established by the insurgents. It is believed that the determined stand taken by the American and German commanders at Rio, American and German ships may be sent to Santos to practically raise the blockade of that port.

New York, Dec. 16.—The Herald's Montevideo special says: It is now known that Mello is preparing to fight the America and Nietheroy with the Aquidaban and other ships. The situation is daily becoming more serious for Peixoto. The governor of the state of Minas Geraes has issued a manifesto, declaring to support the government. He says not a single member of the Braganza family is fit to rule.

HOYT AND HOWLERS.

San Diego Once More Does Its Noted Scolding Act.

San Diego Union: In the Chicago Sun of December 4th, appears a letter from the decidedly erratic genius, Ralph E. Hoyt, erstwhile of Los Angeles, but who wrote ostensibly from San Pedro in this state, under date of November 26th. Anania and Sapphira met a worse fate for their falsehoods than any yet announced as having befallen this scribbler, but that their perversions of fact were any more malignant in their nature than those appearing over his signature is extremely doubtful. As a sample of his unmitigated gall this paragraph is a jewel: "This place is not noted for the amenity of its population or the great volume of business done by the merchants and others who live here. But it is quite famous for its harbor facilities and its picturesque surroundings. It has the only natural harbor on the Pacific coast between San Francisco and the Mexican line. All other alleged harbors and bays are simply roadsteads, where all facilities for the handling of vessels are necessarily made. If the government had not appropriated for this harbor it would long since have been made equal to the requirements of the country tributary to it." Such outrageous misrepresentation could do no harm in Southern California, where the respective merits of San Pedro and the Mexican port of San Diego are fully understood. The publication of this letter by a presumably inoffensive and disinterested newspaper is calculated, however, to do grave injury to the landlocked harbor of San Diego among those who do not understand the actual situation, and shows to what lengths the able-bodied liars of Los Angeles can go in the hope of securing an appropriation by congress for the improvement of the tiny indentation of the coast line known as San Pedro. Mr. Hoyt refers to the exhilarating effects of a "brief but vigorous tussle with the briny waves" that morning in November, and writes: "Just as this writing I think I could whip my weight in water. If opportunity were offered, but nobody here proposes to furnish the cats." Never mind, Ralph. If you are suffering for such a chance to display your strength, come down to San Diego and the people here will supply the cats.

Mr. Hoyt's Explanation.

EDITORS HERALD: My attention has been called to an article in the San Diego Union of the 15th inst, criticising me severely for a statement made in my letter to the Chicago Daily Sun, written at San Pedro recently. The objectionable statement is to the effect that San Pedro has the only natural harbor "between San Francisco and the Mexican line."

In explanation, I would simply say that though such is the language of my letter as it appears in print, I never intended to state the case in that way. What I meant to say was that San Pedro had the only natural harbor between San Francisco and the Mexican line, except San Diego. Whether those last three words were omitted by myself or by the compositor who set up the letter, I do not know. But I do know that I never intentionally wrote a line or spoke a word in disparagement of San Diego's beautiful harbor. To the contrary, I have written letters to that same Chicago Sun, and to other papers, speaking in the highest terms of San Diego's bay and harbor facilities. One of these letters appeared no longer ago than last month. Others two or three years ago. Printed copies of them are now in my possession. If the Union would like to publish one or two of them I will cheerfully furnish the copy. I have no prejudice against San Diego, nor with any in particular. So the Union's severe strictures on my letter are not justified by the facts.

I hope to visit San Diego ere long, and while there I shall doubtless enjoy myself and be protected from the attacks of "wildcats" by the amiable editor of the Union.

RALPH E. HOYT. Los Angeles, December 16. P. S.—San Diego Union please copy. R. E. H.

The Big Raft at Sea.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 16.—The cigar-shaped pile raft which has been hefted by so much ill-luck, in Coon bay, was successfully towed over the bar this afternoon and started for San Francisco. The raft contains 3345 piles of an average length of 70 feet. The raft is 620 feet long.

The W. C. Farrey Company

Sell the beautiful Glenwood ranges and cook stoves. Far ahead of anything in the market. Nos. 160 to 165 North Spring street.

GIER WINS.

And Is \$5000 Richer by the Verdict.

After about five hours' deliberation the jury in the case of W. H. Gier vs. Los Angeles Consolidated Electric railway, an action for personal damages sustained by plaintiff while in the employ of the defendant company, returned a verdict last night in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$5000.

The special findings are as follows: Did the defendant exercise ordinary care in the selection of and employment of Dufrain as motorman?

No. Did Dufrain, the motorman, have a good reputation as a careful and competent motorman from the time he was employed in that capacity by the defendant company up to the day on which plaintiff was injured?

No. Did plaintiff Gier, after he had thrown the switch and his car began to move, make any effort to have the car stopped or to get on the car, or to reach a place of safety?

No. Did car 105, of which plaintiff was conductor, move on the switch at the time when plaintiff was hurt at more than the ordinary speed of cars when taking the switch at that place?

Did plaintiff ever, knowing that there was a car just back of him, retain his position while his car moved on to the switch, from absentmindedness or from carelessness, or because he supposed there would be room enough for his car to pass without crushing him?

No.

A stay of ten days was granted.

Personal

The Lake View hotel at Elinore, Cal., will be opened on Thursday evening by a banquet and ball.

Mr. J. L. Edmundson, editor of the Banning Herald, and Mrs. Edmundson are registered at the Hollenbeck.

Rev. W. W. Tinker, superintendent of Baptist missions in Southern California, is in town and will preach at the East Los Angeles Baptist church today at 11 o'clock.

C. H. Gray, one of the founders of Phoenix, Ariz., and C. H. Miller, also of Phoenix, are in the city. They are en route to their mines out on the Atlantic and Pacific road, near Danbe station.

Arthur J. E. Surlish, after a long and painful illness, entered into rest at his home in Oakland, December 1st. Mr. Surlish resided in this city a number of years and had many friends here. He was ever interested in literary and artistic work, was one of the organizers of the Oxydial club and was its first president. He was at one time a member of the First Baptist church of Los Angeles and was an earnest Christian Endeavorer and an Odd Fellow.

A CASE FOR THE CHARITABLE.

A Furniture Dealer's Treatment of a Destitute Family.

A case deserving attention was brought to the attention of Humane Officer Wright yesterday, who gives the following statement of the affair:

Some months ago a gentleman and wife residing in a squalid, poorly-lighted room in the rear of 513 1/2 South Spring, purchased \$38 worth of furniture from A. J. Brent, a second-hand dealer near the corner of Spring and Fourth streets. The husband promised to pay most of the bill in installments, and has paid \$21 on the account. He failed to pay on several occasions, however, owing to a lack of work and his wife's serious illness of eight weeks.

The lady was confined to her bed for eight long weeks and at best had few of the comforts of a home.

Yesterday Brent removed by force the plain furniture he had sold the family, even taking the bed. It is said that the lady was compelled to get up from her illness to comply with the furniture dealer's demands. Nothing was left except a small stove and a few old chairs.

When the husband saw that Brent was determined to take his goods back again, although partly paid for, he borrowed \$5 of a friend and offered it to the dealer to let him keep the bed. This, it is claimed, the dealer refused to do.

Here is another case that should be investigated by the charitable people of the city.

THE LOYAL LEGION.

The Old Companions in Arms Meet to Exchange Salutations.

There are a large number of veterans of the great civil war residing in and about Los Angeles, many of them engaged actively in business, while others have retired for repose in which to dream over the days that have dawned and recall the smoke of the battle field.

The members of the Loyal legion met last night at the Hollenbeck hotel where they had a monthly meeting in a sociable way. Captain Seaman presided and Major Lee reported a series of resolutions upon the death of General Vandever and Major Hosak. General Vandever read a lengthy review of General Buck's article on the Battle of Shiloh. There was punch and an ample collation, followed with a smoke that recalled that some of the stormy fields through which they fought.

Following is a list of the gentlemen present: Gen. E. Bouton, Maj. H. T. Lee, Dr. H. M. Bishop, Maj. W. G. Wedemeyer, Capt. W. H. Seaman, Maj. L. S. Butler, Gen. A. L. Chettain, Capt. J. P. Moore, guests: Capt. T. F. Laycock, Capt. B. G. Giddings, Lieut. J. C. Oliver, Col. C. C. Fulton, Col. E. W. Jones, Capt. W. H. Newman, Capt. C. S. Gier, Col. Geo. H. Kimball, Capt. J. A. Osgood, Capt. E. E. Edwards.

NEVER WENT BACK.

William Curry charged with the Crime of Embarrassment.

W. H. Goddard has about lost all faith in mankind. This state of his mind was brought about by a deliberate scheme to beat him out of a \$20 gold piece.

It is the same old story. Goddard sent William Curry, an employee, to change the double eagle. He never came back.

Last evening while Officer McLain was sauntering down Main street he saw Curry, who began running. The officer caught the fleeing man after a chase of two or three blocks. He was locked up on a charge of embarrassment.

THE ORANGE MEN'S UNION.

The Work of Organization in Various Counties.

A Report of the Progress Made in Ontario.

The Middlemen Have Practically Abandoned the Field for This Season and Perhaps Permanently.

Santa Ana Blade: At the present juncture there is no matter of higher business importance to the horticulturists of Orange county than the growth of the organization among the orange growers of the southern counties to market their fruit independently of the middlemen. In order that our readers may judge of the progress making outside of Orange county in the direction indicated, we quote some recent utterances of the press of neighboring counties. The Ontario Observer says:

"What the orange growers now need above all other things is self-confidence. The lack of self-confidence is now the only menace to the success of their scheme to market the orange crop independently of the middlemen. The dread of E. T. Earl and of others of this kind is a baseless superstition. If the growers stand together as one man their union will be impregnable. The machinations of the middlemen cannot prevail against it. They will be forced to retire from business or buy oranges f. o. b. and pay for them. Of course they will not be forced to adopt the new methods without resistance. They will do all in their power to destroy the union, but if the growers manifest a reasonable amount of courage and coherence, the empirical commission system is doomed. As the few non-union growers in the country will not consign their fruit, the commission men must enter the field this season as buyers.

"As they will have to fight the union with their own fruit instead of with consigned fruit, they are not likely to continue the sacrificial struggle very long. As the Observer has previously explained, they rely upon routing the union orange growers and spreading discontent and dissatisfaction among them by offering dealers to whom the union has just made shipments, oranges at less prices. They will endeavor to force the union to sell the first oranges marketed at a loss to the city, hoping thereby to discourage the growers and cause them to withdraw from the union. Now, this is a game at which two can play. As the union already has the fruit, it should be willing to sacrifice a few carloads in order to get a fair price for the balance of the crop. Indeed, it could well afford to sacrifice a thousand carloads in order to establish itself, or if it goes to pieces the entire crop will be sacrificed as it was last year. The enemies of the union would soon become very weary of selling oranges at a loss, and as soon as convinced that the union cannot be stamped out and broken in this way, they will take their medicine and look as pleasantly as humility will permit. They can easily be brought into submission if our growers but have the self-confidence and courage to subjugate them."

A CLEAR FIELD.

The Riverside Press calls attention to the fact that the middlemen have already practically abandoned the field for this season, and it may be hoped, permanently. The press says:

Orange growers who are in great need of ready cash, and are therefore tempted to listen to the plea of those who like them to break their contract with the dealers have been forced into a position where they are compelled to follow methods which can do harm only at a great loss to themselves, but nobody believes that they would be able to take their present course if the co-operative movement had not made impossible the speculative methods of the past few years. Nothing more clearly shows the value of the organization than the present amiable attitude of the ex-commission men, but we cannot afford to risk our interests by again surrendering to the go-as-you-please plan of disposing of our crops.

Marble Made With Electricity.

The latest achievement of science is the artificial production of marble from pure calcium carbonate.

M. H. Le Chatelier, French chemist, takes the calcium in the form of an impalpable powder and compresses it in a steel cylinder between two pistons with a pressure of 2,000 pounds to the square inch. While in this condition a platinum spiral, previously imbedded in the powder, is heated by an electric current, with the result that the powder in the neighborhood of the wire is rendered crystalline and translucent.

\$15 Reward.

Off & Vaughn, druggists, corner Fourth and Spring streets, are authorized to reward the above in any case that a single bottle of Smith's Dandruff Pomade fails to cure. Never known to fail. Try it.

Flood at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 16.—The flood in South Buffalo surrounds 500 houses three to five feet deep, and 2500 people have been driven from their homes.

An Illinois Cyclone.

St. Louis, Dec. 16.—Harrisburg, Ill., was visited by a cyclone last night. No lives were lost, but much property was destroyed.

Satell Not Recalled.

ROME, Dec. 16.—The Vatican authorizes the Associated Press to contradict that Satell has been recalled to Rome.

Depeu Coming Home.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Chauncey M. Depeu sailed on the Umbria for New York.

Catalina Island.

Avalon Home open for guests at low rates for the winter.

Howry & Brees, Broadway undertakers.

"Independent of the trust."

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FOLLOWING our usual custom, we again offer as

A Christmas Gift to All Our Patrons Making of Us a \$10 Purchase or More a Fine Live Turkey.

See them in our middle show window.

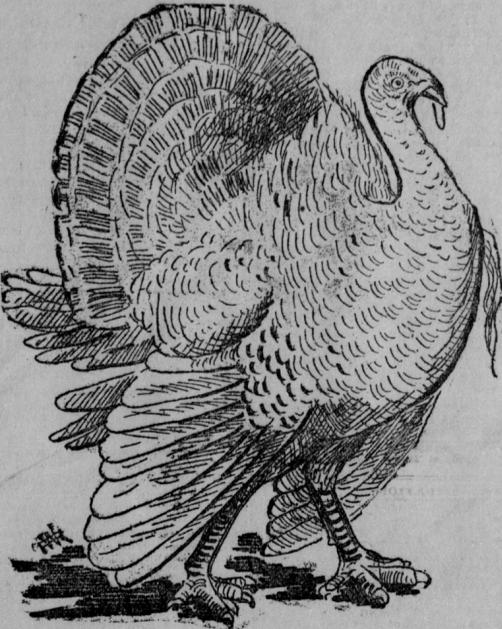
We Will Start the Ball Rolling Monday, and Continue till Saturday Evening, the 23d.

Don't fail to get a turkey. Have a drumstick with us.

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IT HAS always pleased our patrons to receive

A Turkey For a Christmas Gift

And we feel sure you will again be pleased.

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It is not a question of profit now. We want to dispose of quantities of goods, and in addition to low prices and square treatment, we offer this special inducement of a Turkey for Christmas.

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PARK COMMISSIONERS.

THEY REPORT A FAVORABLE CONDITION OF THE PARKS.

Receipts and Disbursements of the Public Moneys in the Past Years for a City's Parks.

The board of park commissioners held an adjourned meeting yesterday morning. Present, Commissioners Pinney and Cross and Mayor Rowan.

Applications were received from Matthew Byrne, asking for a position as a shrubbery gardener; and from Fremont, giving an estimate of days' work on a survey of roads and avenues in the Riverside park. These were ordered to be filed.

The secretary then read his annual report, showing the financial condition of the several parks and the funds relating thereto:

Table with columns for Park Name, Receipts, Disbursements, and Balance. Includes General Park Fund, East Los Angeles Park Fund, Hollenbeck Park Fund, Echo Park Fund, Elysian Park Fund, Westlake Park Fund, and Nursery Fund.

After reading the report of the secretary, the same was approved and the board then adjourned.

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THE SMITH TRIAL.

J. Marion Brooks Makes a Personal Statement.

EDITORS HERALD: I had thought we would say nothing with reference to the late trial of Capt. Samuel C. Smith in our United States circuit court, but after seeing such comments on the facts in the local press, in defense of the 12 jurors who so conscientiously tried the case, I make this statement.

There is no question that Smith, when insane, caused by the chafing of two boys, killed one of them and threw him overboard. The boy, Silberry, who was on the boat with Smith, knew nothing of the matter. His testimony was completely broken down by establishing beyond doubt by four reputable witnesses that his character for truth, honesty and integrity was bad in the community in which he lived. The government was unable to find a single witness who would swear Silberry's character was good. Captain Smith was shown to be a sober, honest and industrious man, kind and gentle as a child. His character was placed in issue and no man was able to assail it. The charge that he ever used liquor in any form is a fabrication without foundation. Insanity was shown to have been in the family, his mother dying when insane, Smith being only six months old at the time. The court gave the instruction asked for by the defendant, that the fact that insanity was in the family of defendant, should be taken into consideration in determining the question of defendant's sanity at the time of the homicide. Every witness who testified for the government or the defendant invariably admitted that Smith had not been right for many years. Captains Polhemus, McDonald, Hunt, Chase and Poesy, who had been intimately acquainted with defendant for 25 years, said Smith was "a little off," and in the last two years was not competent to attend to his own business. Captain Poesy told and begged of the Neale boy not to go on the trip with Smith; he told him Smith could not stand him. He knew the boy had seen them around the water front at San Diego and knew their characters, and knew in Smith's condition of mind, he could not stand their annoyance. But their parents, for the money that was in it, let them go, and even though the Neale boy is dead, his parents collected his wages from the effects of Smith, so we are informed. Three eminent physicians, Drs. Wise, Still and Bryant, testified as to Smith's sanity, all answering the hypothetical question asked them by me, and supplementing the hypothetical question by personally examining the defendant. They said at the time of committing the horrible act defendant was insane. The testimony of these eminent physicians was not contradicted; not a single physician testified for the government that Smith was sane, though there are 750 doctors in this city and county of San Diego. With this evidence before the jury we submitted the case on the part of defendant without argument, and in our opinion if the jury had convicted the defendant there is no court upon earth that would have permitted a jury, by their verdict, to have thus murdered an insane man. Never in the history of the proceedings in our courts was the side of the government more ably presented, and never was a verdict more approvingly received than the verdict in this case by those who heard the evidence.

The Proceedings in the case were efficiently reported by Mr. Longley, and we appeal to his shorthand notes for the truth of this statement.

Very respectfully, J. MARION BROOKS.

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A BURGLAR CAPTURED.

JAMES GRANT ATTEMPTED TO SHOOT AN OFFICER.

The Fellow Caught While Making Away With Stolen Goods—A Clear Case Against Him.

A bold burglar was captured at 4 o'clock yesterday morning by Officer J. W. Bell. The man was captured on Broadway, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, with stolen goods in his possession.

Officer Bell was patrolling his beat along Broadway, near the junction of Main. He saw a man acting suspiciously on Broadway, and went up to him and asked him what he was doing. The fellow gave the officer a short answer, and attempted to bluff the cop out.

At the emphatic solicitation of the officer, the man walked out under the electric light. As the policeman was about to examine the bundles the man was carrying, the fellow made a move to get his revolver. Bell showed his gun into the burglar's face, and took the weapon from him.

It was soon learned that property found upon him had been taken from the residence of W. T. Hammond of the First National bank, at 1858 Estralla avenue, and T. E. Verge of 144 West Eighteenth street. He went through Hammond's house about 1 o'clock.

On the way to the police station Officer Bell caught the burglar attempting to throw away a watch chain belonging to Mr. Hammond.

The burglar gave his name as James Grant.

Officer Bell is one of the new police officers, but who retires from the force on the 1st of January on account of not being upon the regular register. An officer who can catch burglars like that should be kept on the force.

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