

A VALUABLE CONVENTION

MANY Y. M. C. A. DELEGATES AT RIVERSIDE

F. M. Porter of Los Angeles Elected President—The Value of Young Men to Society

RIVERSIDE, Feb. 24.—The first regular business session of the state annual convention of the Y. M. C. A. was called to order today by H. J. McCoy of San Francisco. The chair appointed C. M. Campbell of Sacramento, J. P. Smith of San Diego and W. D. Hall of Los Angeles a nominating committee, who shortly made the following report: President, F. M. Porter, Los Angeles; vice presidents, Maj. J. H. Hardie, Birmingham, Ala.; E. P. Clarke, Riverside; F. A. Jackson, Oakland; D. E. Collins, Oakland; secretaries, J. J. Pennington, Santa Barbara; F. A. Jackson, Oakland; G. F. Ekins, Sacramento; W. O. Black, San Diego.

The first paper presented was on "The Financial Side of Our Work." Mr. Chamberlain handled his subject with ability. He spoke of the need for correct methods in all work of organizations, as upon the supply of money to carry forward the work depended its success. He urged his hearers to make it a point to assist the weaker associations. This was necessary to good results. In closing the speaker gave some very good hints on financial management.

Secretary McCoy presented the next subject in the shape of "Accounts and Book-keeping." This subject caused very general discussion in which all of the delegates participated. When the convention adjourned at noon it was to accept a banquet provided by the ladies of the local churches.

Upon reassembling at 1 p. m. the first paper was presented by Rev. A. J. Frost of San Bernardino, whose subject was "The Bible." The Rev. Frost's address was one of the best things presented during the day. He took the ground that the Bible was the only safe guide, which young men should take up and follow in life. He had done so and was happy to state that the good influence of the book was everything to him. He earnestly urged his hearers to not only take the Bible for their guide but to work constantly for spreading the word it teaches.

C. B. Willis, the general secretary of the association at Milwaukee, was the next speaker. His subject was "The Religious Life of the Association." Mr. Willis pointed out the necessity for the ever-present guidance of true religion in the work of the association. It would not avail for one to attempt to lead others who himself was not true to the teachings of true religion, which was the foundation stone upon which the society was founded.

At the evening session Rev. Charles E. Locke of San Francisco addressed the immense crowd. His subject was "Young Men and Their Value in Society." He advanced the idea that it was the young men who had the fate of the world in their hands, and if they were the right kind of young men all was well. The Y. M. C. A. was an organization which made the right kind of men and he was glad to see the good work of the society pushing ahead.

BURGLARS AND BLOODHOUNDS

A Lively Hunt and a Very Satisfactory Capture

RIVERSIDE, Feb. 24.—The police, with the aid of the bloodhounds belonging to the sheriff's office, succeeded in capturing a couple of men late yesterday evening who the officers think are connected with the range of burglars which has been raiding the houses of the city with such success for some time past. The officers were out with the dogs, giving the animals a little training, when they came upon the two burglars. The latter ran away, but the dogs soon overhauled them and the fugitives who were found to be loaded down with stolen property.

One of the Prophets

SAN BERNARDINO, Feb. 24.—John Brown, sr., a pioneer of pioneers, the living commissioner who established San Bernardino county, resides at Bunker Hill castle, between the city and Colton. He reads word: "Say to the farmers that they will have plenty of rain between now and the full of the moon. They can depend upon this with perfect safety, else science has made a failure." The prophet of Feb. 22, 1886. There is now due 4.32 inches of rain this season, taking the average of twenty-seven years' observation, and the fulfillment of such a prophecy it still within the bounds of reasonable expectation.

Unfortunate Mr. Shufelt

ORANGE, Feb. 24.—About noon today, while George A. Shufelt was unloading merchandise in front of a store, his horse became restive and started off. It seems that Mr. Shufelt caught him and in endeavoring to control the vicious brute was thrown to the ground and had a depression made in the left side of his skull and had his left collar bone broken. Mr. Shufelt is particularly unfortunate, as last December he was thrown from his wagon and had his right shoulder blade broken.

Almost a Conflagration

SAN BERNARDINO, Feb. 24.—The alarm of fire from the Commercial lodging house Wednesday revealed a fire working through the interior, that with a trifle of encouragement proved as disastrous as the fire of a few weeks ago, when the mill and several dwellings were burned. The Commercial stands on Third street, in the business center of the city, and on the first floor are four large business establishments. Fortunately, by active work, the flames were subdued and the block saved at a loss of about \$1000.

Santa Ana Klondikers

SANTA ANA, Feb. 24.—J. R. Bruner is another adventurer who left Santa Ana today to seek his fortune in the Alaskan gold fields. Messrs. A. C. Mosher and R. H. Skiles will start next week.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NOTES

The new church at Olive is completed and will be opened next Sunday.

Santa Ana has one case of scarlet fever and all precautions have been taken to prevent its spread. Measles are prevalent.

Miss Grace Dennen of Los Angeles will give a lecture on "Modern Scotch Writers" at the regular monthly meeting of the Shell society in G. A. R. hall, Santa Ana, Saturday.

Municipal politics agitate Santa Barbara just now, and will continue to be the main topic until after the election, which is to be held early in April. Since the efforts of certain young Republicans to nominate a regular ticket failed, the race for nominations has been a free-for-all affair, with many entries.

The long delay occasioned at Santa Barbara in the building of the new municipal water system by the absconding of one of the main contractors will be of short duration, as the common council will on Saturday ratify the contracts with Long Deane, who is the contractor for the receiving reservoir to the water tunnel in the Santa Ynez mountains, up Cold Spring canyon, and the digging of the trench between the same points.

Fifty Santa Barbara county men will be in Alaska by the time spring opens, and if the present rush continues the number will be nearer 100. This week two parties leave that city for the far north, one including six Scandinavians, who expect to go right into the heart of the new minin-

region. The latter being used in their native land to the rigors of an Arctic winter, they are better fitted, physically, for their undertaking than are many Californians who have crowded northward. The other party is made up of four residents of Carpinteria, and they will prospect on Copper river.

Friendship vs. Politics

RIVERSIDE, Feb. 24.—J. E. Cook of Corona seems to have the inside track for the place as superintendent of the county hospital, laid vacant by the resignation of Superintendent Harris. Although Mr. Cook is a Republican and the majority of the supervisors are Democrats, it is said that Cook has as good as secured the plum, all through the fact that he is a particular friend of Supervisor Compton of the First district.

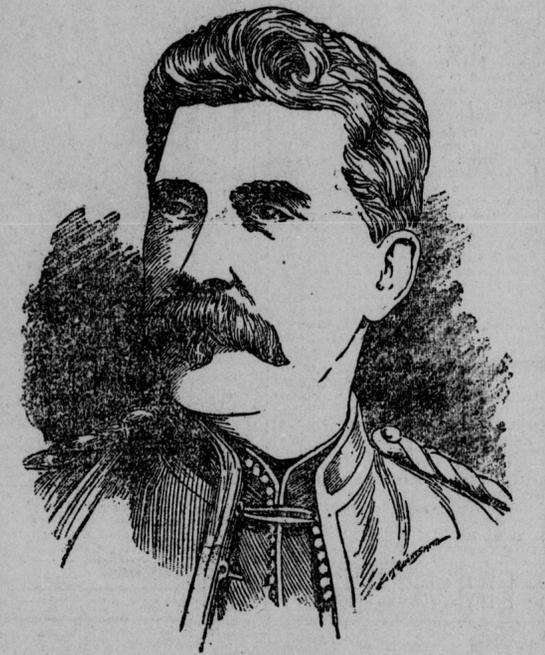
Captain Wagner Dead

VENTURA, Feb. 24.—Capt. William Wagner, a G. A. R. veteran, who for twenty-five years has been a resident of Ventura, died today aged 81. The immediate cause of death was due to exposure. Last Tuesday morning last—San Francisco Bulletin.

MAJOR WALSH, YUKON COMMISSIONER

SPEAKS OF THE ADVANTAGES OF THE VARIOUS ROUTES TO THE KLONDIKE

The Stikkeen-Teslin Route Could Be Used Five Months in the Year. How He Will Police the Territory—A Year's Provisions Imperative



MAJOR WALSH Commissioner of the Yukon Territory

BIG SALMON RIVER, JUNCTION WITH LEWIS, 63 deg. N. January 2, 1898.—Your correspondent has secured the first and only interview with Major Walsh, the commissioner of the Yukon territory, since he has had opportunity to study the situation. The commissioner was disappointed at not having been able to reach Dawson City, but said: "I was very anxious to get to Selkirk, at least, will all my party and with part of it to Dawson. However, as things turned out, I think perhaps we have been able to do better work at this place than we could have done at Dawson. We have been able to assist many people coming out over the trail on route for the coast. We appear to be located just where the people coming out need assistance most. Situated about midway between Dawson and the coast, we have been able to offer much assistance to worn out and tired travelers, and in some cases had it not been for our assistance and our posts from here out, there there would have been many cases of severe distress, if not of death.

"I have gained a great deal of information, both as to the present condition of the country and as to its condition in previous years, and on the transportation and food supply questions.

"The provision question is the most important of all questions pertaining to the country. Of course, that carries with it transportation. Unless the people are made perfectly safe in their food supply, the development of this country cannot be carried on to the extent which its resources appear to merit.

"A new route must be opened. I would recommend—and it is the only route that can be recommended for a permanent route, and one capable of carrying out the requirements of the country—the route by the Stikkeen river overland to the Teslin lakes and down the Hootalinqua. That route can be used five months in the year.

"The present routes have great barriers to overcome, and are too expensive. The rivers and lakes, until the Hootalinqua is reached, are too shallow for boats of paying capacity to navigate them. They are all right for flat-bottom boats. The Yukon river can be depended upon only for about six weeks. Steamers are sure of one-trip a year from St. Michael. If they make two, it is something unusual. The plan of operations is to make one through trip, attempt the second, and lay over somewhere along the river until the following spring.

"Why cannot they put on a sufficient number of boats during the short season to supply the population?

"Because for that one trip they will have to make a charge so high for provisions that the country cannot be developed under it. What is needed is cheap food. The Yukon river, besides, can only supply this country to something like from 100 to 150 miles into the interior, while we have 600 miles of country to supply.

"The Teslin route can supply the country from the southern to the northern boundary line, in fact, the whole mineral belt. It is the natural entrance to this country. Freight can be carried with the current and not against it, as on the Yukon from St. Michael. Then, by the Teslin route we will have five months to operate, as against six weeks on the Yukon.

"We have a British port already at Telegraph creek. While the ocean steamers cannot come up the river, there is nothing to prevent river boats anchoring alongside the ocean steamers and getting their cargoes. The ocean steamers can come close enough in to permit this.

"We will make a winter route along this line of settlement. Along this line the country would be thoroughly policed, with posts set out at every thirty miles, settlement would take place around them and a winter route would be perfectly safe. Another route, of which frequent mention is made, is the Dalton route. I do not think, however, it is a winter trail. I have been informed the snow is too deep to make traveling safe.

"But the Teslin route has a portage of 140 miles.

"That is very easily overcome. There are no obstructions and a horse and wagon or railway route could quite easily be made over it. You could commence with a pack train. There is good feeding ground all along the trail and plenty of timber. What I would recommend is that a railway be built across the stretch and steamboats be put on Teslin lake, and from there boats be put on to run to Dawson. The route is thoroughly safe for boats of paying capacity to navigate.

WHERE ARE THE GOULDS?

THEIR CASTLE AT LA CRESCENTA STRANGELY DESERTED

The Jerusalem Palace Knows Its Owners No More—Foul Play or Ransburg Mines?

PASADENA, Feb. 24.—(Office of The Herald 38 East Colorado street.) A peculiar story is circulating through the little foothill town of La Crescenta, some twelve miles northwest of Pasadena. It is to the effect that Mr. and Mrs. Gould's handsome place, costing \$65,000, has been abandoned with the handsome furniture, silverware, etc., in it. The whereabouts of Mr. and Mrs. Gould is unknown. A neighbor passing the place ten days ago found that the Goulds had left. A careful investigation was made and no sign of life was found about the place. The doors were open. Neighbors will watch the place so that thieves cannot steal the contents of the house. The castle was built by R. Gould and was known as the Jerusalem palace from its style of architecture. The history of the place is unique. Some years ago Dr. Briggs of Northern California settled in that vicinity on account of ill health. He was wealthy and when he died he left his fortune to his niece, Miss Briggs married a young clerk who had some romantic ideas, as a result of which the castle was built. Gould is said to have squandered most or all of the fortune in Ransburg mines. Some talk of a disappearance of Mr. and Mrs. Gould is a mystery.

A Fair Question

"Every person who deliberately aids, or advises, or encourages another to commit a crime is guilty of a felony."—Section 400 of the penal code. Does this law apply to the case which was brought to the attention of the public by the San Francisco Call on Saturday morning last?—San Francisco Bulletin.

Stormed by the Ladies

PASADENA, Feb. 24.—A number of the members of the Ladies' Aid Society and Sons of Veterans surprised the G. A. R. men this evening in G. A. R. hall. The ladies and sons rang the bell, disarmed the members, carrying him inside the lodge room while the G. A. R.'s were in session, laid him on the altar. Commander Pennell was then treated in the same fashion. After the G. A. R. men had recovered from the shock, they were treated to an address of welcome and refreshments of sandwiches, coffee, etc., were served. Remarks were also made by Captain Gay and other sons of the G. A. R. Miss Lulu Bristol of the Ladies' Aid Society.

Notes

Mrs. John Showalter entertained the current topics ten days ago for that at her home on South Pasadena avenue.

Mrs. H. G. Bennet entertained the Monday afternoon club Wednesday evening at her home on South Orange Grove avenue. The evening was devoted to the study of India, and talk was given upon that subject by Mrs. Merrill. Miss Helen Carter rendered two vocal solos.

The Episcopal church yesterday Mr. Boone, son of Bishop Boone, a pioneer missionary to China, addressed the congregation upon the subject of China. The church will hold services each day during the forty days of Lent.

The brick-venered building of Snyder's, which W. O. Basore moved on Union street, was the electric trolley at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. The company wished Mr. Basore to make a large deposit with them before they would cut the wires to the building. The matter was finally adjusted by the wires being lifted over without cutting, and the company charged \$250. Mr. Basore resented the imposition that the job would not permit financially of his leaving the company for letting him through.

In accordance with the law, the city tax collector yesterday began the sale of property upon which taxes are delinquent. This sale will continue from day to day for six days unless all property is disposed of in the meantime.

Thomas Reed of Adelia avenue, who left six months ago for Africa, has returned to Pasadena. Mr. Reed reports that two days after his arrival in Bullaway he was struck at a day at his trade of builder and contractor. He returned to Pasadena with more money than he had upon leaving here.

Doane of South Pasadena is recovering from the effects of a cold. Dr. and Mrs. Fenyes of Orange Grove avenue expect to move into their handsome new home next week.

George B. Cranch at the Metropole. Miss Ethel Ayers has returned from a visit with a friend in Glendora.

WHITE HOUSE BLACKLIST

Names of Uninvited Persons Who Crowd Into Receptions Procured

The White House has a blacklist. It is an interesting story of the season's receptions. It goes to prove that there are persons who own fine clothes and who are not so thin-skinned as to remain away from the place to which they are not invited. The invitations given this year to the White House receptions were prepared with unusual care. Lists of the invited were kept and cards were issued to individuals by the name of the hostess, and indiscriminate "and ladies" was not employed. That there might be no misunderstandings, the secretary to the president, Mr. Porter, and the gentleman associated with him in the management of details let it be known through the newspapers that steps would be taken to detect any one who came without invitations. But the method to be employed was not explained.

The trap was set and it did its duty. At one reception 215 persons who had not been invited came to the White House and participated. At another affair the number of uninvited present was 150. The manner in which the intruders were detected is interesting. As usual, each guest on advancing to the officer introducing the receiving room was told by an official to "give your name to the officers, who will present you."

The name of each guest was called out twice, first by the officer introducing to the president and again by the officer who made the presentation to Mrs. McKinley. The announcing was done with distinctness. But this year an attaché of the White House stood in a secluded nook and took down every name that was called out. Comparison with the roster of the invited was made subsequently, and in this way the names of the uninvited were singled out and the blacklist was created.

This was not all. Doorkeepers from the senate and house were present to add their knowledge of faces to that of the White House ushers. Alphabetical lists of the invited were in possession of the officials. When there was doubt about any one the lists were consulted. Some of the uninvited were asked for their addresses. Subsequently letters were addressed to several of those who had come without invitations, asking explanations of the breach. Most of the letters were ignored. Some replied, giving the blame on congressmen from whom they claimed to have received verbal invitations. Half a dozen department people were caught and their cases were referred to superior officials.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

DIAMOND AS A FETTER

Many Splendid Stones Hoarded by African Chiefs

The South African native, it seems, is not always decorated with the mere trumpery of the trader's wallet or of his own purveyance. It has become an attested fact that excellent diamonds and diamonds better than that, are possessed by chiefs and hoarded by them, not so much in intelligence of their value as in a firm fetishism. They should be here now any hands by the good, old-fashioned method of stealing them from the Kimberley mines years ago, before the present minute watch against gem thieving was systematized. Diamond stealing at present is practically impossible under the peculiar methods of

its prevention. Before the rigid examinations of workmen and visitors began to be enforced, native laborers were often under secret compact with their tribal rulers not to come back from the mines without a good-sized stolen diamond from the chief's use; hence a great many super-gems are in the dark, unfathomed caves of a Kafir headman's establishment.

Within a few years enterprising traders have made special expeditions and palavers for diamonds so hidden, with the result of successfully bartering for them. Liquor and guns have been found useful. In some instances the superstition of the chiefs stood in the way of traders' recovery of valuable stones, but, on the other hand, a small company working on this line of acquisition is credited with having obtained within four months not less than \$500,000 worth of diamonds. One agent succeeded in buying of a chief six stones of more than 200 carats each.—Harper's Weekly.

TAMMANY IN FAVOR OF SILVER

Croker Looking to Re-adoption of the Chicago Platform

New York. The story is current in New York political circles that the Hon. Croker favors the re-adoption of the Chicago platform by the New York state Democratic convention this year.

Croker's talk with up-state Democrats who have called on him are said to lead him to believe that a combination on platform, candidates and all can be effected if Tammany will go into the deal.

Not long ago Mr. Croker favored a campaign solely on state issues and the relegation of the financial question to the congressional district convention, but since Senator Hill seized upon the plan of way out of political troubles, Mr. Croker has been lukewarm. He does not like to trail along behind Mr. Hill.

Senator Murphy's vote for the Teller silver resolution was cast after a conference with Mr. Croker, who urged the senator to maintain his party regularity, and Tammany Hall, to a man, will formally approve Mr. Murphy's course.

A Pen Picture

The Hon. Paul Neumann, now 60 years old, was attorney general in the cabinet of Queen Liliuokalani. He is, taken by and large, the most attractive, disolute, roiling, laughing, engaging old adventurer that ever sailed the southern seas or swallowed a poi cocktail. A man of many climes and many people, a learned, polished, brave, scheming man, he has been faithful always to the interests of his former mistress and devoted to the fortunes of her cause. It was Neumann who came to the country immediately after the revolution, and, recognizing instantly that the cause of the queen was lost, set himself to retrieve as much of her wealth as possible from the wreck. Liliuokalani owes it to him that she lives in luxury today. His purpose was compromise, and he effected it without showing his face once above the surface. There are few more skilful diplomats than Neumann, once a prince of good fellows in the Bohemian club of San Francisco, a bon vivant, a gourmand of the first water, a warrior who lost a leg in some long-ago-forgotten comp d'etat in San Salvador, a singer of a good song and teller of a good story, a wandering, fighting, adventurous citizen of the world, a prime favorite with President Dole, who has conferred on him a fobman worthy of his steel.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Badly Needed Rain

SANTA BARBARA, Feb. 24.—The wind has been blowing from the southeast for the past 48 hours, and this afternoon rain began falling at about 1:30 o'clock. Up to this time less than three inches of rain had fallen this winter, but if the rain continues, the thousands of acres seeded to grain will yield big crops and the exorbitant quotations for hay and other feed will take a tumble.

Funeral Baked Meats

RIVERSIDE, Feb. 24.—J. M. Edminston, supervisor for the Second district of this county, died today after a long illness of consumption. Mr. Edminston was a popular man in the community, was a good officer and his loss will be keenly felt. In politics he was a Democrat. At this early day, even before the funeral, a number of the men, the politicians are at work selecting his successor.

Firearms Are Not Toys

Two more deaths have lately resulted from "didn't know it was loaded" accidents—a mother killing her babe, and a boy almost having his head blown off. Revolvers and guns are dangerous under all circumstances. Firearms are not toys. It is unsafe to trifle with what are termed minor ailments. Insignificant though they seem at first, they are likely, if precautions against their further development are neglected, or they are unwisely treated, to develop into maladies of dangerous and complex magnitude. The best way is to treat their progress at the start with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which checks constipation, liver complaint and rheumatism, malaria, kidney trouble and nervousness. A decline in health is something we cannot afford to disregard. Bitters ways exacts a severe penalty for continuous heedlessness of her warnings. Independently of its sterling efficacy as a specific for chronic maladies, the Bitters is a superb tonic and promoter of appetite and sleep.

Freshest Eggs in the London Market

come all the way from Australia.

All prices of wall paper greatly reduced. A. A. Eckstrom, 234 South Spring street.

Top Coats

At \$9.65

A lot of English Box Spring weight Topcoats are this morning priced with the Suits at \$9.65. We have also added a line of black Clay Worsted Suits that sold at \$12.00 to the \$9.65 assortment. If you don't care to go quite so high, there are the \$7.65 Suits that you'd pay \$3 to \$5 more for elsewhere.

We are selling Hats cheaper than any in town—that's what they say.

London Clothing Co. 117 to 125 North Spring St. Harris and Frank, Props.

Another Whack

I am going to get out on March 1. I've worked for the landlord all winter, and am now going to see what I can do for myself in Alaska. Anybody who wants anything I've got in the store can have it at his own price.

Men's Suits at . . . \$6.45

Choice of any suit in the house, in the finest worsteds, tweeds and cassimeres. Many of them worth as much as \$18.00.

Boys' Suits at . . . \$1.85

All suits sold at \$6.00 or less you can have at \$1.85. There's not a prettier lot of knee pants suits in this town.

Men's and Boys' Hats 49c

About 200 left in odd sizes and different shapes.

CALEB M. CUSHMAN 415 South Spring St. Between Fourth and Fifth Sts.

Ville Paris 221 and 223 A. FUSENOT St. Broadway

For Summer Dresses . . .

Waists, Lingerie and House Gowns

WHITE GOODS

In all the old and many new weaves and effects are offered at Popular Prices.

White Victoria Lawn, 8 1/2c, 10c, 12 1/2c up White India Linen, 8 1/2c, 12 1/2c 15c up White Checked Nainsook, 10c, 15c, 17 1/2c up White Mulls and Cambrics, 25c, 30c, 35c up White French Batiste, 25c, 35c, 40c up White Dotted Swiss, 15c, 25c, 35c up White French Organdie, 90c, \$1.25 up White Piques, 15c, 25c, 40c up

GOURIAN'S PRIVATE COLLECTION OF . . . GENUINE RARE . . . Oriental RUGS Imported by him direct from Constantinople

On Exhibition Today at 245 S. Broadway Near the Boston Store

At Peremptory AUCTION

Today and Tomorrow, Feb. 24, 25 . . . AT 2 P. M. . .

Sale Only Two Days

Mr. Courian, a renowned Rug expert of Constantinople, has made this collection in his three years' travels in the Orient, and will be present personally at the exhibition and the sale to describe the goods. His collection stands without a parallel in variety, rarity and genuineness.

BEN O. RHOADES, Auctioneer

H. JEVNE Fresh-Made Confections . . . Every pound of candy that leaves our store is fresh. We have the best candy maker on the coast in our employ, and every day witnesses an entire change in our stock of fine confections. None but the very best of material is used. The confectionery department has been moved up near the front entrance. More convenient for the public.