

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

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Broken Levees on the San Joaquin and Kings Rivers Have Caused Much Damage.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., May 16.—Emilio Garcia, the condemned murderer, who is to be executed June 5 at San Quentin, has appealed to the Consul of Mexico to save him.

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The meeting to-day resulted in the appointment of W. D. Reynolds, T. P. Keegan, F. A. Brush and B. M. Spencer to confer with Petaluma men and investigate the matter and report on to people here some time in the near future.

CLERGYMEN IN SESSION.

Delegates Are Elected and Women Given the Right to Vote.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., May 16.—A convention of the Protestant Episcopal Missionary Association in the jurisdiction of Northern California was held to-day in this city.

The Women May Vote.

LOS ANGELES, May 16.—At the morning session of the California Episcopal Diocesan Synod it was decided to give women the right to vote for trustees and vestrymen.

KILLED BY A RUNAWAY TEAM.

James Smith, a Mexican War Veteran, Met a Very Sudden Death.

YREKA, CAL., May 16.—James Smith, a wealthy rancher of Little Shasta Valley and father of School Superintendent Clarence Smith, was killed by a runaway team last evening while on his way home from Yreka.

BROKEN LEVEES CAUSE DAMAGE.

Land Inundated and Wheat Crops Ruined.

FRESNO, CAL., May 16.—It is reported that Kings River has overflowed its banks on the Laguna de Tache ranch, twenty-five miles southwest from here, and that about 110 acres of fine grain have been destroyed.

Later—Word from Hanford is to the effect that the break in Kings River levee has been mended and that no further damage is now anticipated.

A Bad Break at Stockton.

STOCKTON, CAL., May 16.—This forenoon the levee broke near Paradise out and the water of the San Joaquin is running over the country from Banks to Moores Landing, a distance of about forty miles.

Passing Bogus Checks.

FRESNO, CAL., May 16.—A Cook has been arrested here on a charge of forgery. He presented a check for \$80 to the proprietor of the Ogle House and received a few dollars, leaving the check as security.

For Illegal Fishing.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., May 16.—To-day Seth Blanchard, Bert Blanchard and H. Wetzelberg were sent to jail for twenty-five days for illegal fishing, to which they pleaded guilty.

The Caravan Murder Case.

CARSON, NEV., May 16.—Tramp No. 3, arrested for the murder of Mrs. Sarman, was released to-day. A witness saw him thirty miles from the scene of the tragedy when it occurred.

Arrested the Wrong Man.

UKIAH, CAL., May 16.—This morning Sheriff Johnson captured one of the parties suspected of having been concerned in the

robbery of the Cloverdale postoffice. The individual was more than anxious to return to Cloverdale, but his statement regarding his whereabouts and action since the burglary convinced the Sheriff of his innocence, so he was discharged from custody.

The Electric Road Gets a Setback. SANTA BARBARA, CAL., May 16.—To-day's session of the City Council promised to be one of considerable interest to citizens on account of its being the date set for opening bids upon the franchise recently granted to a new electric road. The clerk reported, however, that no bids had been received.

Wholesale Arrest of Bicyclists. SACRAMENTO, CAL., May 16.—The police made wholesale arrests to-night of bicyclists who failed to carry headlights on their wheels, as required by a city ordinance.

Killed by the Railroad Cars. SACRAMENTO, CAL., May 16.—To-day a railroad sectionhand named Isaac Pastal fell under a car at Newcastle and was killed.

WASHINGTON'S JURY LAW.

It Has Been Lost and the State Will Lose Thousands of Dollars.

Men Who Will Contend for the Long-Distance Walking Championship.

TACOMA, WASH., May 16.—Remonstrance in this State against the expense of the jury law then in force culminated in the Legislature last winter in the passage of a law reducing the pay of jurors from \$4 to \$2 per day.

There is no minute of its passage in the records, and all trace of the bill is lost. The State will lose thousands of dollars by this omission, whether intentional or otherwise.

FOREST FIRES IN WASHINGTON.

Considerable Damage Done Along the Northern Pacific Railroad Tracks.

TACOMA, WASH., May 16.—Large forest fires are raging along both sides of the Northern Pacific tracks from South Prairie to the summit of the Cascade Mountains, a distance of fifty-five miles.

A LONG-DISTANCE WALK.

From San Francisco to New York for the Championship.

TACOMA, WASH., May 16.—Vanderbilt H. Sutton, who claims to be champion long-distance walker of America, now living at American Lake, near here, will leave here for San Francisco in a few days to meet W. C. Thompson and walk a match with him from that City to New York for \$2500 a side and the championship of America.

An Acrobat Seriously Injured.

TACOMA, WASH., May 16.—Chauncey Harmon, the well-known trapeze and horizontal bar performer, while exercising on the bars in the pavilion at Washington Park, near Seattle, to-day, fell, breaking his left arm in two places and sustaining internal injuries.

CARRIED CASES OF COAL OIL.

Seizure of a Steamer for Violating Navigation Laws.

PORTLAND, ORE., May 16.—The steamer Dallas City, plying between this city and the Cascades, was seized to-night by Collector of Customs Black for violating the navigation laws.

The offense was carrying 168 cases of coal oil from this city to the Cascades. The statute makes it unlawful for a steamer to carry coal oil or other explosives when there is other means of conveyance.

The Oregon Railway and Navigation Company's road follows the Columbia River from this city, thus furnishing rail transportation to the Cascades and other points.

The steamer Regulator, which runs between the Cascade and the Dalles, will also be seized to-morrow for the same offense, as the shipment of coal oil was for the Dalles. The penalty is a fine of \$500.

Released From Custody.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., May 16.—Charles Lyne, who was arrested yesterday on a charge of threatening to take life, on Independent, and held in \$1000 bonds, was to-day released from custody, the charge having been withdrawn.

The A. F. A. Still Organizing.

CARSON, NEV., May 16.—A special train with 265 members of the American Protective Association from Virginia City and two extra cars attacked here near Reno to-night to organize the order here.

The Horses Perished.

PENDLETON, ORE., May 16.—A number of frame buildings were burned to-day, among them a livery stable containing six horses. The loss is about \$10,000.

USE OF COUNTY FUNDS.

Banks Must Return the Identical Money Deposited.

A HARD LAW ON BANKERS.

The Southern Pacific Company Has the Best of the Water-Front Case.

COSTS ARE TO BE RETAXED.

Judson C. Brusie to Be Paid for Defending the State in a Big Damage Suit.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., May 16.—At the meeting of the Board of Examiners held to-night in the Capitol building, the claim of Judson C. Brusie, for legal services rendered in defending the State in sundry suits for damages alleged to have been sustained by individuals at the collapsing of the grand stand at the State Agricultural Park, during the session of the State fair several years past, was allowed and ordered paid.

The claim of W. H. Laysen, who at the time was acting as Deputy Attorney-General in the same cases, was rejected.

Attorney-General Fitzgerald gave it as his opinion that it was the duty of every employe of the State to defend it against legal attacks and that therefore Mr. Laysen was not entitled to any compensation other than the salary paid him by the State.

In referring to an opinion he rendered a few days since to the effect that County Treasurers could not deposit county funds in banks to be used by said banks, Attorney-General Fitzgerald said the opinion would probably "raise Cain" with him, as far as the banks were concerned.

He declared that when banks used public funds deposited with them they were guilty of embezzlement.

"More thousands are expended in the election of county than in the election of State treasurers," he declared. "And the banks are the ones which spend it. The reason is that they want the money to loan out, and they get it; one county treasurer with whom I was talking opened his safe and showed me instead of county money a number of certificates of deposit with the words special deposit written across their face. I explained to him that it was breaking the law, and that it was being done all over the State."

The attorney-General also informed the board that he had received notice from the railroad company that they would move to retax the costs in the Oakland water-front cases. These costs, he said, amounted to \$8000, and would necessitate his going to Washington or else sending a deputy.

The case had been dismissed by the Supreme Court of the United States, he said, for want of jurisdiction, and the State would have to pay the costs, as it was plaintiff, but these costs might be cut down somewhat.

In regard to a rehearing of the case, he was decidedly opposed to it and declared that the State could not win. "The railroad has had the best of the matter from the start," he said. "The State has stood by and seen the Oakland mole built and thousands of dollars of improvements made around the water front and said nothing. In my opinion, we are disbarred from any action in the matter."

THE BRIGADIER-GENERAL.

M. W. Muller of Fresno Has Been Called to Sacramento on That Account.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., May 16.—It is generally conceded that M. W. Muller of Fresno will be the brigadier-general appointed by Governor Budd to-morrow, providing that brigade headquarters be retained at Sacramento.

There is not the slightest doubt but that General Sheehan would prove far preferable for the position if he could be prevailed upon to serve; but he states that his long service has entitled him to a well-earned rest, and if brigade headquarters be retained at Sacramento, which is in the center of the brigade section, he will willingly step down.

It is argued that Fresno, being at the extreme end of the immense section allotted to the brigade, it would be very inconvenient as headquarters. On the other hand, it is pointed out that Sacramento, being in the center and where the Governor could have immediate verbal communication with the brigade commander at any moment, it should be the place.

It is conceded by many that the unfortunate occurrences of last Fourth of July at the Sacramento depot injured General Sheehan with those members of the National Guard from all sections who did not know the circumstances, and Governor Budd is anxious to appoint a man who will prove most congenial to the majority of the militia.

Personally General Sheehan does not desire the position, and it was only upon extreme pressure and the argument that his refusal would take the brigade headquarters away from Sacramento that he was induced to consent to any reappointment.

Governor Budd has sent a telegram to General Muller asking him to be in Sacramento to-morrow, and it is more than likely he will be handed his commission then.

HE MAY BE A CANDIDATE.

If Allison and McKinley Split the Vote Cullom May Be Nominated.

Scarlet Fever Is Epidemic in Seattle and the Schools Are to Be Closed.

SEATTLE, WASH., May 16.—United States Senator Cullom of Illinois arrived in this city this morning and this evening he was about to depart, United States Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire arrived.

and not the money question would be the leading issue of the National election. He left to-night for Spokane.

Senator Gallinger was interviewed on Presidential possibilities. He favors Reed, but thinks that McKinley or Allison will be nominated. If the Allison and McKinley forces are so evenly divided as to prevent the nomination of either, a dark horse, probably Senator Cullom, will be nominated.

The Christian Endeavor Convention.

SEATTLE, WASH., May 16.—The Washington State Young People's Christian Endeavor Union convened here to-day in the First Presbyterian Church in its sixth annual convention. All parts of the State are represented and about five hundred out-of-town delegates are in the city.

This evening the session was in every way successful and all of the delegates have been provided for. To-morrow will be a business session, with devotional exercises in the morning, and on Sunday endeavor meetings will be held at all the churches. So many out of town and local delegates contemplate attending the session that to-morrow evening an overflow meeting will be held at the Fourth Congregational Church.

Scarlet Fever Is Epidemic.

SEATTLE, WASH., May 16.—The Board of Health to-day issued an order that to avoid danger from scarlet fever the South and Rainier schools should close at 9 o'clock this morning, despite the opinion of counsel for the School Board that the Board of Health had no power to enforce the order. The aid of the police will be called in if necessary. The School Board is accused of bad faith in resisting this order after it had practically agreed to close, and one member is said to have taken his own children from school to avoid infection.

Physical Culture at Stockton.

STOCKTON, CAL., May 16.—Walter E. Mapee, physical instructor of the State University, lectured this forenoon before the members of the athletic club on physical culture. At 7 o'clock he judged a barcourse between the professional and an amateur crew of the club. The distance was three-quarters of a mile to the stakeboat and return. The regular crew won easily in 10 min. 49 sec.

Hazing Has Been Prohibited.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., May 16.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the University of Southern California resolutions were adopted condemning the practice of hazing, and the faculty was instructed to expressly prohibit any such practices and to strictly enforce such prohibition whether the offenses result in harm or otherwise.

A Barn and Dairy Burned.

NAPA, CAL., May 16.—A barn and dairy-house in Wooden Valley belonging to Gardner Bros. were burned Tuesday night. Loss from \$2000 to \$2500; insurance \$650. The cause of the fire is not known.

Docter Has Been Acquitted.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., May 16.—Alex Docter, charged with embezzling \$3500 which had been entrusted to him by M. L. Polaski for payment to M. A. Gunst of San Francisco, was acquitted to-day.

SHUT OUT THE BRITISH.

Americans Preparing to Start a Big Bank Down in Venezuela.

An Enterprise of Minnesota Men That Is Backed by the Republic.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., May 16.—It is said that President Crespo of Venezuela has evolved a scheme for the establishment of a Bank of Venezuela in which American capital is to be heavily interested and to which is to be entrusted the collection of taxes and duties. General Grant, the Fairbank mine contractor, told the story to a Journal man before his recent departure for Caracas, under injunction of secrecy, which is now removed by a hint of the matter in yesterday's dispatches.

The bank is to have a paid-up capital of \$5,000,000, half of which is to be furnished by the Venezuelan Government, and the rest by the Minnesota men and their Eastern backers in New York. The bank will have a complete monopoly of the collection of the taxes and duties for the entire country. In return it will have a contract under which it will be impossible for the Government to draw out the sums paid in duties and in taxes, except in small portions, and to keep the money in the bank for at least a year.

It will have certain rights in the matter of State money and other concessions will be granted. Among these will be the control of Government bond issues, something which the English have heretofore taken charge of.

The Venezuelan Congress will adjourn June 15 and the charter for the bank will be granted before that time. It is expected that the bank will be running in a very short time, and that it will enter upon the collection of duties at the earliest possible date. This has been made necessary in part by the action of Great Britain in levying upon the revenues of Nicaragua.

The officials of Venezuela desire to be protected from any similar move in so far as the bank, with an American interest, can protect them. President Crespo and his advisers were very anxious for Americans to take hold of the institution, and they wanted above all that the British should have no interest in the affair.

SERIOUS TROUBLE FEARED.

General Suspension of Work in the Pittsburg District.

PITTSBURG, PA., May 16.—A resolution ordering a general suspension of work in all the mines in the Pittsburg district was adopted at the miners' convention here to-day. It was also decided to establish camps at all the pits working below the rate. The convention was one of the largest ever held here, and the sentiment was for calling out all miners working for the 69-cent rate or for the 60-cent rate, and it was finally decided to demand the old wages. The delegates went home to-night to ascertain the sentiment among the miners, and will report to the convention to-morrow. The operators, it is said, will now bring new men into their mines. If they do there will likely be serious trouble.

Wilkinson to Be Ousted.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., May 16.—A local paper asserts that there is likely to be a change in the grand mastership of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. Grand Master Wilkinson, it says, is in a fair way of being ousted, and James Morrison of New York elected in his stead. There will also be a general reduction in the salaries of the board officers.

ARE NOT ON THE MAP.

Cowell's Big Trades in Mythical Texas Lands.

HUNDREDS ARE FLEECE.

Victims Found by Wholesale and Swindled by a Daring Device.

ONE OF THE LEADERS CAUGHT.

But There Still Remains in Chicago a Ring of Expert Manipulators.

CHICAGO, ILL., May 16.—The arrest of Walter Marshall Cowell of Kenosha in the Texas swindling case was the result of an investigation begun by Governor Culbertson of Texas, his Land Commissioner, Andrew J. Baker, and Governor Altgeld of Illinois. So far as known to the authorities here there are now six victims of the swindle, whose aggregate losses are nearly \$50,000.

From reports received from the Texas Land Commissioner it is believed that these are but the beginning of the losses, as he says that there have been individual cases where sums as high as \$40,000 have been involved.

About the middle of April William Briggs of 6019 Green street, Chicago, was in the Washington-street real estate office of Jackson Taylor. They were discussing a real estate deal whereby Mr. Briggs had traded property in Chicago for land in Texas.

Mr. Taylor said that his client had more of the land and desired to obtain more Chicago property. The next day Mr. Briggs introduced Colonel Stough of 6008 Halsted street, and as a result of the introduction Colonel Stough traded property at 6001 Morgan street and at 6831 Elizabeth street for Texas land. The amount involved was \$12,000. Mr. Briggs received an abstract and a warranty deed. The name in the deed was "Thomas M. Bell" of Denver, Colo. The papers were certified by Attorney Cowell of Kenosha, who claimed to have power of attorney from Bell, and Cowell's seal as a notary public was affixed.

Colonel Stough wished to inform himself regarding the taxes on his newly acquired property and wrote to the authorities of the county where the land was located—Pecos, Presidio and Tom Green counties. In reply he learned not only that he had no title to the described property, but that Thomas M. Bell never had a title to it.

Colonel Stough applied to Governor Culbertson of Texas. Governor Culbertson placed the matter in the hands of Land Commissioner Baker for investigation. Mr. Baker then looked up the records and found on the hundreds of letters complaining of the swindle that Stough had discovered. He wrote Governor Culbertson a long letter in which he explained that the land traded purported to be in the counties named by virtue of survey certificates issued to the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad Company and was mythical. The town of Dunton, near which the alleged farms were located, was not on the map, he said, and James Slater, the patentee, as well as James Ruffner of Austin, whose name as Notary Public had been affixed to some of the abstracts of conveyance, were mythical persons.

Commissioner Baker located the headquarters of the swindlers in Chicago, but the victims, he said, came from every State in the Union.

Governor Culbertson forwarded Baker's letter to Governor Altgeld, and the latter, after personal investigation, forwarded it with a number of the names of victims to Chief of Police Badenoch of Chicago. All the papers were given to Detectives Elliott and Alexander to make a thorough investigation. Meanwhile Stough had seen Mr. Briggs, who introduced him to Jackson Taylor, through whom the transfer was made of his property. Briggs had made a second deal and acquired, as he thought, more Texas property. "I have now looked up the title," asked Stough. Briggs replied that he had not. Mr. Briggs then discovered that he had been swindled twice, and that he was out on property in Chicago, Kansas City and La Grange, Wyo., \$15,000. Jackson Taylor was found, and he paved the way for the arrest of Cowell, who the police say is the mythical Thomas M. Bell of Denver.

An inquiry for further Chicago victims, who it is believed exist in hundreds, will be prosecuted until the time for Cowell's second arraignment.

"Topeka, Kans.," said Detective Alexander, "will furnish a \$15,000 victim and a man on West Washington street, Chicago, will swell the aggregate at least \$10,000 more."

In connection with the land swindles it is believed Cowell had to do with but a small portion of them. The police assert that the big swindlers live and maintain richly furnished offices in Chicago, and while the Cowell continuance is pending an effort will be made to locate them.

"Jackson Taylor is entirely innocent of any violation of the law for the part he had in the transaction by which Stough and Briggs were swindled," said Detective Alexander. "He was taken in by Cowell with his references and official documents the same as were Stough and Briggs and several others to whom I submitted the abstracts and deeds of title furnished by Cowell. As soon as he learned that a fraud had been committed he was foremost in assisting us to discover the man for whom we were searching."

Kidnaped in Chicago.

CHICAGO, ILL., May 16.—Reginald Scott, the nine-year-old son of James Scott, a stonecutter, who lives at 6516 Drexel avenue, was kidnaped last evening while playing in front of his home by a man who was thought to be Henry Manning, the man who kidnaped two children in South Chicago a short time ago. The boy was induced to go with the man, and the two were seen to board a cable car in Englewood. The police have found no trace of the boy. Manning was committed to the Detention Hospital by Justice Robbins when arrested for kidnaping the South Chicago children, but was released from that place after an examination.

G. A. R. Men Will Not Participate.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., May 16.—The State G. A. R. Encampment to-day referred the pension matter to the National Encampment. The dedication of the Confederate monument at Chicago on Memorial day was discussed at length. A resolution was adopted which deprecates such a disposition of Decoration day, and while the G. A. R. cannot presume to deny the right

of individuals to participate in the ceremonies the G. A. R. organization, as such, will have nothing to do with it, adding that had any other day than the Nation's Memorial day been chosen for the dedication no notice of the affair would have been taken.

HILL IN THE DEAL.

There Is a Movement to Secure Northern Pacific Bonds.

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 16.—The Wall-street News Agency says: There is good authority for the statement that James J. Hill has succeeded in closing some kind of a deal involving his connection in some way with Northern Pacific affairs. The nature of the deal cannot be exactly learned, but we understand the purchase or control of the Northern Pacific second-mortgage bonds, other than those held by the Adams committee interests, in concert with whom Hill is understood to be acting, plays an important part therein.

Hill is expected to arrive from London to-morrow night. Samuel Hill is coming East to meet him. The recent decline in junior bonds and the stocks of the company is thought to be due to the belief on the part of some holders that the reorganization of the property is likely to be severe. It is pointed out that the control of the second and third mortgages would be unnecessary unless a drastic reorganization was intended. The recent improvement in the company's business, it is thought, may interfere with a drastic plan.

Lynched by a Mob.

LOUISVILLE, KY., May 16.—A special to the Times from Marion, Ky., says: John Howerton (white) was lynched here about 1 o'clock this morning. On April 25 Howerton assaulted Anna Pierce, a 16-year-old daughter of a prominent farmer. The girl now lies in a critical condition. Howerton was captured yesterday. A mob was formed, the jailor was made to give up the keys and the prisoner was seized. He was taken to the slaughter-house near Marion, a rope was placed around his neck and he was pulled from the ground.

WOULD NOT WITHDRAW.

Why the Trunk Lines Placed a Boycott on the Canadian Pacific.

Now There Will Be a Hot Fight for Trade in the New York Territory.

CHICAGO, ILL., May 16.—More definite information regarding the Canadian Pacific boycott by the trunk lines was received to-day by the Western Transcontinental lines, and it in no way tends to relieve the situation. The direct cause of the boycott was the refusal of the Canadian Pacific to withdraw all its orders from the New York market.

About two weeks ago the trunk lines held a meeting at which an agreement was reached which would, it was supposed, put an end to the fight between the Canadian Pacific and the Grand Trunk. Under this agreement the Canadian Pacific differential rates were to be shown in the trunk-line sheets, on the condition that the Canadian Pacific would withdraw all its orders from the territory of the trunk lines and leave to them the distribution of business arising in their territory.

The Canadian Pacific refused the conditions and its tickets were promptly turned toward the wall. Now the real trouble will begin, for the Canadian Pacific will, without doubt, increase the number of its orders in New York, pay large commissions on freight business and make a hot fight generally for its share of the business.

RAISING THE WAGES.

Nearly Four Thousand Men Benefited by the Increase.

PITTSBURG, PA., May 16.—Jones & McLaughlin, proprietors of the American Iron Works, have granted their employes a 10 per cent increase in wages. The firm employs about 4000 men and are the greatest rivals of the Carnegie Steel Company in the manufacture of structural iron. The advance will apply to all skilled men and to all others except common laborers, who are now receiving \$1.20 per day, the recognized rate for such work.

No reason is assigned for the action of the firm, but it is thought that the example will be followed by many other large firms.

The Republic Iron Works will resume work Monday, paying the Amalgamated Association rate of \$4 for puddling. This will give employment to 400 men who have been idle for several months. The works are a branch of the National Tube Works and manufacture material for pipe.

Shot the Foreman.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., May 16.—This morning Stevedore Gerdes sent Foreman Smithers, with a gang of colored men, to begin loading the steamship Orton, now lying at the Morgan wharf, in Gretna. He met a number of whites on the levee and three shots were fired at him, one of which struck him in the leg. The negroes then quit work and made their way back to this side of the river. No arrests have been made. Smithers' injuries were painful, but not dangerous.

Presbyterian Home Missions.

CANONSBURG, PA., May 16.—The United Presbyterian Board of Home Missions is in session here, with fifty-nine of sixty-three members present. Rev. W. A. Spaulding of Spokane, Wash., is chairman. Dr. W. S. Owens, the general secretary, presented the needs of the fold. Applications for aid aggregate \$82,800. The board will endeavor to limit the appropriations to \$70,000.

Burglars Raid a Bank.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., May 16.—A report from Anderson, Monroe County, states that last night burglars entered the bank, blew open the safe and carried off \$5000, practically all it contained, as most of the funds were deposited at Reconvite, thirty miles distant. This bank has no vault. The robbers escaped, leaving no clue.

Hill Has Not Written.

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 16.—Regarding the statement that Senator David D. Hill had written a letter to be read before the Illinois Democratic State Convention next month advocating the free coinage of silver, Senator Hill said to-day: "I have not written a letter on the silver question within three years."

Mr. Milnes' Resignation.

LANSING, MICH., May 16.—Lieutenant-Governor Alfred Milnes sent his resignation to Governor Hill to-day to take effect May 31, the date fixed for the adjournment of the Legislature. Mr. Milnes has succeeded Julius C. Burrows as Congressman.

Police and Strikers Collide.

SHEBOYGAN, WIS., May 16.—A collision occurred to-day between the police and the strikers at the Crocker factory, in which clubs were used. Several arrests were made.