

FIGHTS FOR FREEDOM

Engagements in Which the Cubans Showed Valor.

THE MEN SLAUGHTERED.

Fever and War Caused Great Havoc Among Spanish Soldiers.

FORMATION OF A REPUBLIC.

General Masseo Declared President of the New Island Government.

Special Correspondence of The United Press.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Aug. 19, via Key West, Fla., Aug. 19.—Rebels under Major-General Gomez had an encounter on the 4th inst. with Spanish troops under General Mella in Puerto Principe, between the road from Santiago and the road of Nuevitas. According to a Spanish report the rebels had three killed. The Spaniards also took three prisoners. They do not report the number of wounded. In another encounter where the insurgents attacked a convoy that the Spaniards were taking to Guayamaro on the 5th inst. the rebels had fourteen killed and forty wounded. Among the insurgents killed they mention Civil Engineer Menocal, but this has not yet been reported officially. The Spaniards do not mention their loss in either of these engagements.

Affairs in Puerto Principe seem very bad. The rebels have left the city lately and joined the rebels. A passenger who arrived here yesterday from Havana said that a few moments before the vessel sailed from there there was a rumor that General Mella, Governor of Puerto Principe, had been killed. A captain of artillery will leave this city to-day with a company for Puerto Principe. He has received orders to go immediately.

The Government has officially acknowledged the landing of two large expeditions, one of Serafin Sanchez and Roloff with 255 men, 1000 Mausers and 550,000 cartridges, and the other of Maya Rodriguez, a lame gentleman of this city who served the whole ten years of the first war. The news of the landing of these expeditions has disheartened the Spaniards very much and encouraged the Cubans.

On the night of the 8th inst. a party of insurgents under Joaquin Planas set fire to Moron station of the American railroad, completely destroying it, having a slight skirmish with the soldiers that were in the fort. On the 8th inst. an encounter took place in Zacaetec, near this city. The Cubans lost four killed and seven wounded and the Spaniards six killed and eighteen wounded, among the latter a lieutenant.

In Songo, a village on the line of the American railroad, the authorities arrested a painter yesterday who used to go around selling jewels as an excuse to find news for the rebels. They arrested him for visiting the fort and making inquiries there. General Martinez Campos has asked for more quinine from Spain, saying that it has given good results. This is laughable when one sees the number of soldiers who die daily in the island from yellow fever and other fevers. The military hospital is always crowded with soldiers sick with yellow fever, and in the city there are many cases.

The Cuban meeting that was to be held in the district of Puerto Principe to form the Provisional Government of Cuba took place on the 7th inst., with the following result: General Bartolome Masseo was proclaimed Provisional President of the republic of Cuba, the Marquis of Santa Lucia Minister of the Interior, General Maximino Gomez Vice-President of the republic of Cuba and Minister of War, General du Quesada Secretary of Foreign Relations, with residence in the United States, Grantonio Maceo, general-in-chief of the Cuban army; General Jose Maceo, commander of the Eastern army, with Pedro Perez, Capote and Angel Guerra y Rabi as generals of brigade.

According to an official report from General Antonio Maceo eighteen regiments of 800 men have been organized in the eastern district of Cuba, 3000 of which are cavalry.

General Maceo says that 7000 men are very well armed with Remingtons, Winchester and Mausers, 5000 with machetes, revolvers and short-firing weapons, and the rest with machetes only, the troops being all in very good spirits.

General Gomez has been informed that there are 4000 men in Puerto Principe and 5000 in Las Villas. It is said that Dr. Castillo will be appointed diplomatic agent of the Cuban republic at Washington and Mexico.

MANY REBELS KILLED.

Reports of Battles as Sent out by the Spanish.

HAVANA, CUBA, Aug. 19.—Advices from Santa Clara are that Colonel Palanca routed at Toma Signaney, in the Sancti Spiritus district, several rebel bands under the command of Roloff and Sanchez. Sixty rebels were killed while the Government force lost two killed and eight wounded. The two killed died in the province of Puerto Principe and were pursued by the troops. Bands of rebels under Juanz, Sayas, Merchado and Fuste are proceeding toward Campana, a town near the border line of the province of Santa Clara and Puerto Principe. Colonel Oliver reports from Remedios that the troops under his command had a battle with the rebels near Rojas and that the insurgent loss was heavy. The rebels attacked the Ramano plantation, but were repulsed by the operatives. During the fight twelve rebels and one of the operatives were killed.

GERMAN WAR FETES.

A Celebration on the Historic Field of Gravelotte.

BERLIN, GERMANY, Aug. 19.—Fifteen thousand German veterans of the Franco-Prussian war celebrated the anniversary of the battle of Gravelotte, which was fought on August 18, 1870, by a parade on the Templehof field to-day.

The ceremonies attending the celebration were begun at noon with religious services. The choral "Nun Danket Alle Gott" was sung and addresses were made by Dr. Wolfing, an Evangelical military pastor, and Dr. Vollmar, a Catholic ecclesiastic. After benedictions had been pronounced by the two clergymen, Emperor William rode along the lines of troops, stopping occasionally to speak to old soldiers, who bore visible traces of wounds received in battle, and to

the crippled veterans who were seated on wheelchairs on the field. The Emperor then ordered the troops to form in squads, and, as this command had been obeyed, His Majesty addressed the soldiers. Cheers from the assembled veterans and thousands of spectators followed the Emperor as he left the field.

MANY PERSONS WOUNDED.

Local Police Unable to Stop the Rioting at Mulheim.

BERLIN, GERMANY, Aug. 19.—The competition between two steamship companies caused a tumult in Mulheim yesterday, and the trouble continued to-day. The police were unable to suppress the disorder, and they were reinforced by police from Cologne. The combined forces of police attempted to disperse the mob that had gathered, but were met by showers of stones, bottles and fragments of iron and revolvers. Many persons were wounded, including the Vice-Burgomaster, a police commissary and twenty-one policemen. Among the wounded is a boy who is dying in a hospital. The police fired in the air, and many persons were reported. A large number of the rioters were arrested. The police have, however, not yet succeeded in restoring order, and it will probably be necessary to use troops to do so.

Indemnity From Morocco.

BERLIN, GERMANY, Aug. 19.—The warship Hagen has arrived at Wilhelmshaven from Tangier, having on board the \$50,000 indemnity which Germany, at the cannon's mouth, compelled Morocco to pay for the murder by natives of a German named Rockstroh.

READY FOR THE BATTLE.

The Defender at Anchor in the Horseshoe Inside of Sandy Hook.

Two More Races With the Vigilant to Decide Which Yacht Will Defend the Cup.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 19.—The final preparations have been made for the first of the trial races to determine what yacht shall meet the challenger for the America cup, and the Defender and Vigilant will meet off Sandy Hook for a battle royal. Both yachts are in better trim than ever before and both will be sailed to the limit of their abilities. Without question the Defender has been held back, and while probably no lock-jacking has been intended, the syndicate boat has not shown her full ability to go. The newness of her spars, sails and fittings has made her people cautious about subjecting her to the heavy strain that she must endure when pushed. Now that her sails have been stretched and rigging gradually made taut, the boat is ready for her full powers to be tested. She has her big 105-foot boom and largest Herreshoff mainsail aboard, and is now equipped as she will be for the international races, provided she is chosen to defend the cup. Her crew had a busy day to-day. They put the last finishing touches on the boat, and this afternoon she was towed from her moorings off New Rochelle to New York. The recent painting and scraping of her aluminum sides and bronze underbody and the new spars and sails, make her the most beautiful and best equipped yacht in the world. The Defender made sail and started down the bay toward the Narrows. There was a spanking breeze from the north by Mr. Iselin, and the skipper of the Defender, the Hattie Palmer, and easily passed the iron steamboat Taurus with a load of excursionists bound for Coney Island.

The Defender passed the Narrows at 4:30 o'clock, and with her white sides gleaming in the sunlight, swept down the lower bay to anchor in the Horseshoe, where the Vigilant has been since yesterday. The Horseshoe is just inside of Sandy Hook and is a safe anchorage ground near the starting point of the races and saves much work for the Defender. The Vigilant remained quietly at anchor to-day. She is in perfect condition for one more try at the Defender, and George Gould, who has spared neither money nor trouble, and E. A. Willard, who has not been idle since the time of his match credit for their sportsmanship. Although they saw fit to retire the Vigilant from further races at Newport on account of the disregard for the customary rules of yachting they have kept their word and placed the cup-defender of 1893 at the disposal of the America cup committee for the trial races. Mr. Willard has stated, however, that any further disregard of the rules of the game by the Defender will be at their risk, as he does not propose to keep on forever giving way to the new boat. Although the regatta committee decided against Mr. Willard's protest, the consensus of opinion among yachtsmen is that the Defender attempted to "hog the line." The unpleasant occurrence is not likely to be repeated, as neither Mr. Willard nor Mr. Iselin want to see the Defender in a collision.

The race to-morrow will be one of two which were set by the America cup committee to determine which is the best yacht to meet Lord Dunraven's challenger. The Defender's jubilee will not take part in the trials and the contest will be between the Defender and the Vigilant. Should one boat win to-morrow's race and the other boat the second race a third race will be sailed on Saturday. From the showing that the Defender has already made in her races with the Vigilant there is little doubt that she will be selected to meet Valkyrie III.

WILL RELINQUISH COMMAND.

The Duke of Cambridge to Retire From the British Army.

LONDON, ENGL., Aug. 19.—Lord Lansdowne, Secretary of State for War, in making a statement in the House of Lords to-day regarding the retirement of the Duke of Cambridge, said that the latter would relinquish command of the army on the 1st of November instead of on the 1st of October, as had been originally arranged. This change, his lordship added, was made in order to comply with the desire of the Duke to complete autumn inspection of the army.

On motion of Balfour, the Government leader, the House, by a vote of 271 to 87, suspended for the remainder of the session the rule which provides for the adjournment of the House. The Government will also move the whole time of the House. After rejecting several amendments to the address in reply to the Queen's speech, a Government motion to adopt closure was carried by a vote of 206 to 73. Then, by a vote of 217 to 63, the House agreed to the address.

Drowned in a Collision.

LONDON, ENGL., Aug. 19.—A dispatch from Hamburg says that the steamer Concordia ran down the motor-boat Brekman last evening, near Falkenberg on the Elbe River. Seventeen persons were drowned. Of eight members of one family named Laski, who were on board the motor-boat, only Frau Laski was saved.

An Inquiry Refused.

SHANGHAI, CHINA, Aug. 19.—The Mercury of this city states that the Chinese Government has refused to allow the British and American Consuls at Foo Chow to make any inquiry into the massacre of Christians at Ku-cheng, where they and other members of the mission of inquiry arrived a few days ago.

An Earthquake on North Island.

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Aug. 19.—A severe earthquake to-day in the Tararua district, on North Island, did much damage. At Napo the residents were panic-stricken and fled to the fields, where they are now camping for safety.

DONE BY NIHILISTS.

Terrible Explosion at a Russian Military Barracks.

THREE HUNDRED SLAIN.

Many Army Officers Among the Victims of the Disaster.

FORTS HAD BEEN UNDERMINED.

Tools the Scene of the Last Outrage by the Men Who Hate the Czar.

LONDON, ENGL., Aug. 19.—The Daily News will to-morrow publish a dispatch from Trieste saying that newspapers there report that an explosion occurred to-day at the artillery barracks at Toola, the capital of the Government of that name in Russia.

Three hundred persons are said to have been killed, including many officers. The barracks are a heap of ruins. An examination into the cause of the explosion led to the discovery that the barracks had been undermined everywhere. Many arrests have been made of persons suspected of being implicated in the outrage, which is supposed to have been the work of nihilists.

Toola is an important manufacturing town on the Oopa, 105 miles south of Moscow. The population in 1882 was 63,510. It is the "Sheffield and Birmingham" of Russia, and has a fine appearance. It is well built and has several convents, about thirty churches (one of which is a very handsome structure, adorned with marble columns), a free school and gymnasium, a trades, founding and other hospitals, a House of Correction, prison, arsenal, theater, museum and a vast manufactory of arms, which owes its origin to Peter the Great. The articles produced are of good quality, and the work people enjoy peculiar privileges and immunities.

Toola has also manufactories of mathematical and scientific instruments, jewelry, platinaware, silks, hats and leather. It is the residence of a military Governor, a Bishop's see and the seat of a Chamber of Manufactures. In its vicinity are many gardens, orchards and nursery grounds.

FRAUD IN THE TRANSFER.

Sensational Sequel to the Failure of a Dry-Goods Company.

OMAHA, NEBR., Aug. 19.—A sensational sequel to the S. P. Morse Dry-goods Company failure is the fact that the heavy creditors have consolidated and brought an action against the S. P. Morse Dry-goods Company. S. P. Morse, William V. Morse, D. M. Haverly, Frank Lehmer, O. J. Lewis and the five creditors who obtained confessions of judgment in their favor from the officers of the S. P. Morse Dry-goods Company.

The plaintiffs claim that at the time when the Morse Dry-goods Company became involved the officers of the company arranged with S. P. Morse to form a new company under his own name, and that the assets and stock of the former company were turned in as assets in the new company, which is known as the S. P. Morse Dry-goods Company. The plaintiffs assert that the transfer was made to relieve the stockholders of the former company from liability on the claim against it and to throw the liability on the new company, which had no assets except the stock on hand. They seek to set aside the confessions of judgment entered in favor of the five creditors who have possession of the stock of goods under execution, alleging fraud in transfer from the old to the new company. They also seek to render William V. Morse and O. J. Lewis, the heavy stockholders of the former company, liable for the debts of the S. P. Morse Dry-goods Company. In the meantime they ask an order restraining the sale of the property now held under execution until after their rights can be determined.

DOES NOT WANT A DIVORCE.

Ex-Mayor Magowan of Trenton Denies He Has Been Interviewed.

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 19.—Mrs. Frank A. Magowan, wife of ex-Mayor Magowan, who was reported yesterday as having admitted to a reporter in New York that he went to Oklahoma recently for the purpose of instituting divorce proceedings against his wife, came to Trenton today from Spring Lake and had a long conversation with her husband. Mr. Magowan assured her that he had not been interviewed in New York and advised her to go back to Spring Lake, saying everything would come out all right. Mrs. Magowan was satisfied with her husband's explanation and left for Spring Lake.

COLORED KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

The Old Legal Fight Yet in the Supreme Lodge.

CHICAGO, ILL., Aug. 19.—Matters looked rather mixed to the members of the Supreme Lodge of Colored Knights of Pythias of the World, when they assembled here to-day. Attorney Mack, on behalf of ex-Supreme Chancellor Williams of Louisiana, secured an order for a receiver for the Supreme Lodge, and there was little business done to-day. Late in the afternoon Supreme Chancellor Mitchell interviewed with Attorney Mack before a Master in Chancery, and the motion for a receiver was denied. The lodge then proceeded with the regular work. A public reception was given to-night. The legal fight is an old one which was begun in Cincinnati four years ago, when ex-Chancellor Williams, who was accused of dishonesty, dissolved the Supreme Lodge and attempted to found a new order.

SHOT BY A BROTHER-IN-LAW.

A Probably Fatal Affray Ended a Family Quarrel.

GALVESTON, TEX., Aug. 19.—H. H. Underwood, professor of mathematics in the Ball High School, was shot in the breast this afternoon by his brother-in-law, Everett Smith, during a family quarrel. Smith's wife had left him and gone to her brother's to live. To-day Smith went after her to induce her to return to him, but was unsuccessful. He drew a knife and attempted to cut her, but Professor Underwood prevented him. Smith then pulled his pistol and shot Underwood.

SMITH WAS IMMEDIATELY ARRESTED AND PLACED IN JAIL. PROFESSOR UNDERWOOD WILL PROBABLY RECOVER.

WALSH'S LONG WALK.

Stooped on His Return Trip Across the Continent.

DEDHAM, MASS., Aug. 19.—John Walsh, the San Francisco molder who has just walked across the continent in ninety-three days and won a bet of \$500, and who started on his return trip from Boston at 2 o'clock this afternoon, arrived in Dedham at 5:30. He spent a half hour in the local newspaper offices and the boys made up a purse for him. From Dedham he goes to Providence, R. I., then to New York City, where he expects to report Wednesday night or Thursday morning. He expects to beat his time limit of 100 days by ten.

GASOLINE AT THE CASTLE.

Oil Had Been Placed There and Attached to a Fuse.

CHICAGO, ILL., Aug. 19.—Acting on information furnished the Fire Department to-day by residents of the neighborhood of the Holmes building, in Englewood, Marshal Kenyon found a can half filled with gasoline beneath the great stairway on the second floor, and he is convinced that the fire last night was of incendiary origin. Two men were seen to enter the building between 8 and 9 P. M. Half an hour afterward they came out and walked rapidly away. It is believed the men placed the oil there and attached a slow fuse. Police Inspector Fitzpatrick said to-day that he knew of no order for the release of the Quinlans or Owens and denies that they have left the city.

GHOULS ROBBED A BODY.

Golden Bluff Cemetery in Texas the Scene of Operations.

The Police Making an Investigation and Expect to Capture the Vandals.

PARIS, TEX., Aug. 19.—Graveyard vandals have been plied their vocation at the old-time Golden Bluff cemetery near Golden Bluff. Tradition has it that valuable jewels are buried with the remains of some of those old-time planters and their families. Sixty years ago there removed to that locality some dozen or more wealthy families from Tennessee and among them Samuel M. Fulton, who owned several hundred negro slaves, besides cultivating a thousand acres of the rich Red River soil. He also ran a river trading-boat.

His daughter married a man by the name A. McCuiston, also reported to be worth many thousands, and when Fulton died young McCuiston inherited his great fortune through his wife. She finally died and her many diamonds were buried upon her person consisting of ear rings, breast-pin brooch and finger rings. Her grave has been vandalized and the jewels stolen. Five other graves have also been entered and robbed of the jewelry. A complete investigation is being made and the officials have a clue which it is thought will result in the arrest and conviction of the ghouls.

EXPERIMENTS OF A PHYSICIAN.

Medical Men Interested in the Treatment of Tuberculosis With Serum.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 19.—European dispatches published yesterday told of the great interest aroused among medical men in Europe by the recent experiments of Professor Marragliano of the University of Genoa, in treating tuberculosis by the use of serum. At the recent medical congress at Bordeaux Professor Marragliano reported that he had treated over eighty cases of tuberculosis by this method, and that while some of these were still under treatment, it was possible to report distinctly favorable results in three-fourths of all the cases.

In speaking of the statements in regard to Professor Marragliano's experiments Dr. Paul Giber of the Pasteur Institute said yesterday: "There is nothing new in this method of treating tuberculosis. When M. Charles Richet, who may appropriately be styled the father of serum therapy, began his experiments with this treatment, following the example and methods of Pasteur, one of the first diseases to which he turned his attention was tuberculosis. The experiments begun by him have been carried on since then both in Paris and also in a modest way on this side of the water.

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WONDERFUL CORN CROP.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 19.—A morning paper prints a dispatch from Thornton K. Prime of Dwight, Ill., the crop expert, in which he says: "In twenty-five years' experience I have never seen anything like the prospects of the growing corn crop of 1895. Under present conditions you can look for a harvest of over 2,000,000,000 bushels of corn in the United States. This ought to be worth on the farms of the country, on an average, 25 cents a bushel, or \$5,000,000. If the European grain crop is short, and the English harvest is known to be so, our exports should be enormous, insuring a balance of trade in favor of the United States."

CROPS RUINED BY STORM.

TOPEKA, KANS., Aug. 19.—Reports from Central Kansas to-night show that an unusually heavy rainstorm, which in some localities was accompanied by wind and hail, prevailed to-day. In Harvey County a hailstorm devastated the county, destroying crops. Corn was stripped of its leaves, and the fruiting heads and the trees and vegetation of all kinds badly damaged. Wires are down and it is difficult to get details. Enough is known, however, to say that in the county named the crops have been so seriously injured as to leave less than half a crop.

AID FOR THE ARMENIANS.

BOSTON, MASS., Aug. 19.—The American Board of Foreign Missions has received from some of its representatives in the Sassoun region of Eastern Turkey an account of the distribution of aid sent from England and America to the poor survivors of the terrible massacre of the Armenians in the suffering districts are reported to be pitiful in the extreme. More money is needed at once.

TROUBLE OVER CONFISCATED WHISKY.

WICHITA, KANS., Aug. 19.—Wichita's chief of Police, Park Massey, is to be tried for contempt of court for refusing to honor a replevin for confiscated liquor. There is also trouble between Deputy Internal Revenue Collector W. E. Huttman and Sheriff Boyce over the possession of confiscated whisky.

WRECK OF A SPECIAL TRAIN.

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., Aug. 19.—Meager particulars have been received here of the wreck of the Adirondack special from New York this morning near Nehasans Park. It is reported that every coach excepting the Lake Placid sleeper was wrecked. Later advices state that no one was killed.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

A Bullet Fired at a Valley Railroad Employee.

THORNTON'S RASH ACT.

Workman Gibbons' Demand for Money Resented by the Contractor.

NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH.

The Intended Victim Dodged and Received But a Slight Flesh Wound.

STOCKTON, CAL., Aug. 19.—R. R. Thornton, the railroad contractor, shot at Michael Gibbons to-night and narrowly missed sending a bullet through his brain. Thornton has the contract for grading for the Valley road within the city limits. Gibbons has been employed for the past eleven days as a laborer throwing up the grade and to-day wanted his pay. He had been several times to Thornton to get it, but without success, and to-day went to the office of the railway contractor for the purpose of getting his money if possible.

Hugh Stanton and a man named Coleman were in the office at the time and were being paid off, when Gibbons came in and took a seat. He asked for his money from the timekeeper and was told that he could not get it. He then said that he had tried several times to get his money, but without success, and was tired of the delay. At this Thornton, who was paying off Coleman at the time, ordered the time clerk to put Gibbons out of the office. The clerk had more discretion than valor, and Gibbons continued to sit in a chair in the office. He demanded the money due him again, and then Thornton went to the safe and took from it a revolver.

Walking over to where Gibbons sat Thornton said, "I'll fix you," and catching hold of Gibbons' shoulder he placed the pistol close to the laborer's face. The latter threw himself backwards just in time, as Thornton discharged the pistol, sending a bullet through Gibbons' hat and inflicting a slight flesh wound in the latter's face.

Thornton was placed under arrest but gave bonds at once. He had been drinking and this is perhaps the cause of his assault on Gibbons. The latter is an inoffensive man, and gave Thornton no provocation for the assault.

Colonel Thornton is an old army officer. He entered as a lieutenant of engineers during the late war and came out as colonel. He was with the regular army for some time after the war, and was once tied to the stake by Indians and rescued by Custer as he was about to be burned. This experience turned his hair white, and since then he has been of a highly excitable temper. Several times of late Thornton has drawn his revolver on those who have opposed him in matters of business, but this is the first time he has ever fired it at any one.

STEADILY IMPROVING.

Governor Budd's Recovery From Illness Is Rapid.

STOCKTON, CAL., Aug. 19.—Governor Budd was much better to-day than he has been at any time during his illness. He ate a hearty meal of birds and was much brighter than he has been since taken sick. From this on his improvement will be noted. He sat up for some time and seemed much stronger.

A SANTA BARBARA HERO.

Gallant Rescue of a Drowning Man by an Exhausted Swimmer.

Fell in a Faint After He Had Carried the Bather to Shallow Water.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., Aug. 19.—William Rust is the hero of the hour in Santa Barbara, because of his heroic rescue of a drowning man from the water. Julius Varroni while bathing at the beach was seized by a cramp and sank with a scream for help. William Rust, who had been swimming for a long time and who had thrown himself down on the sand tired out, saw Varroni's peril and went to his assistance. Varroni, crazed with fright, attempted to climb on the shoulders of his rescuer, and both men would have gone to the bottom had not Rust given the drowning man a stout thump on the head, which put a quietus upon his struggles. This accomplished he swam with his heavy burden to shallow water, where his own strength completely gave out and he had to shout for help. Genny Larco and Ansel Birch plunged in and carried Varroni to the shore, while Rust contrived to make his way out unaided, and dropped helpless and exhausted on the floor of the bathroom.

AN INCENDIARY FIRE.

Tramps Accused of Destroying a Medford Schoolhouse.

ASHLAND, OR., Aug. 19.—The Medford public school-house, costing \$15,000, was burned to the ground at 6 o'clock this morning. The fire was undoubtedly of incendiary origin, and two tramps who were severely handled by the Medford police the day before are suspected. The school directors at a meeting to-day offered a reward of \$1000 for the apprehension of the guilty parties, and arrangements for the construction of a new brick schoolhouse. The burned building was covered by \$7000 insurance.

BINGHAM LIES IN ASHES.

Half of the Utah Mining Camp Destroyed by a Conflagration.

SALT LAKE, UTAH, Aug. 19.—Bingham, a mining camp twenty miles south of Salt Lake, was almost wiped out by fire this evening, the loss aggregating \$200,000. Forty-five houses and business places were destroyed and many people are homeless. Churches and other places are being used as a temporary shelter. The fire started in a livery stable, and there being no effective fire department, the flames rapidly spread until half the town was laid in ashes. The loss is partly covered by insurance. The flames are now well under control.

SONOMA AND MARIN FAIR.

Fancy Stock Arriving for the Petaluma Exhibition.

PETALUMA, CAL., Aug. 19.—The gates of the Sonoma and Marin Agricultural Society will be opened to-morrow for the annual exhibition. The pavilion space is being rapidly filled with many entries in the stock department will be obliged to work late and early to catch up with them. Pure-bred short horns, Holsteins, Jerseys and Red Polls are constantly arriving. Sheep, swine and poultry will be well represented.

Return of the White Wings.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., Aug. 19.—The yacht White Wings, which has been

in port since Thursday, will sail to-morrow for its customary anchorage in Sausalito. Mr. Coleman and party started on to-night's start to avoid the rough northern passage—rough on a sailing vessel at this season beating up against headwinds. Mr. Coleman and friends have made a fourteen months' cruise along the southern coast, stopping at all points of interest. All declare they have had a delightful time, and will repeat the cruise at an early day.

Progress of the Coast Road.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., Aug. 19.—Latest advices from the northern part of the county announce the completion of the grading for the coast road to within nine miles of Lompoc Landing. The contractors have finally found stone which they believe suitable for building piers for a bridge at the mouth of the Santa Ynez River. This stone is on the Purisima ranch, and is of excellent quality.

Lowered a Local Record.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., Aug. 19.—Ole Overa, who broke his collar-bone in the Fourth of July bicycle race, yesterday broke the road record between here and Ventura, a distance of thirty miles, reducing it from 2:23 to 2:11. He made the run by way of the beach over a rocky track, being forced to walk a considerable distance, but reached Ventura in fresh condition.

The Carnival of 1896.

SANTA BARBARA, CAL., Aug. 19.—Flower festival directors have set April 8, 9 and 10 for next spring's festival.

SPREAD OF FOREST FIRES.

Millions of Dollars Damage Caused by the Northern Conflagration.

Narrow Escape of a Passenger Train From a Plunge Over a Precipice.

SPOKANE, WASH., Aug. 19.—The forest fires continue to spread with frightful rapidity throughout the north. Miles upon miles of forests are being reduced to charred and blackened stumps and ashes, and the damage already done will reach into the millions. One arm of the fire has traversed south to within twelve miles of this city, and to-night the smoke is so dense here as to almost obscure the vision. Along the line of the Great Northern for a distance of twenty miles the fires are burning fiercely.

The passenger train going East last night narrowly escaped being thrown down a steep embankment into the river. A huge burning tree toppled over onto the track on the mountain side as the train came around a curve. Before the engineer could reverse the lever the engine struck the tree, bringing the train to a standstill so suddenly as to throw the passengers to the floor. The engine and front coaches swayed to the opposite side from the cliff and almost fell into the torrent below. By the time the track was cleared the train was on the point of igniting from the intense heat from the burning forest. For a moment the passengers were terror-stricken and thought their last hour had come.

When the train arrived here the coaches showed the intense heat they had been through, the varnish and paint being blistered. TACOMA, WASH., Aug. 19.—A special to the Morning Union from Pittsburg, this county, says the forest fires have resulted in sparks and pieces of burning trees being sucked into the coal mine at that point, setting the entire mine on fire and preventing further work. The mine has been deserted and every air shaft sealed in order to smother the fire. The damage cannot be ascertained until the fire is extinguished.

FIRE AT NAPA.

The Ehrenberg Residence Wrecked by a Blaze.

NAPA, CAL., Aug. 19.—The residence of M. T.