

ONLY WORD BATTLES.

Heated Debates at the Congress of German Socialists.

NOTED WOMEN ATTEND.

One an Eloquent Editress and the Other an ex-Duchess.

SOME PROJECTED LEGISLATION.

Matters of Moment in the Domain of the Talented Emperor William.

BERLIN, GERMANY, Oct. 12.—Toward the close of the proceedings of the Socialist Congress at Breslau to-day Dr. Arons, a member of the Reichstag, raised the vexed question of reform in the composition of the socialist parliamentary delegation and also in the construction of the executive committee of the socialist party, and a spirited debate ensued.

Unbiased reviewers of the whole proceedings must concede that the congress displayed remarkable solidity. Even though strong differences and opposing views existed, leading to occasional violent altercations in which the speakers indulged in personalities, threatening to end in fistie encounters, nothing worse than battles of words occurred.

The debate on the agrarian programme produced the best speaking of the session on all sides of the question. The speakers of the commission with great ability, and the Liebknecht set with equal ability supported the report, while Singer and Aue held the middle course.

The most striking figure in the congress was a tall lady of 40 years of age, wearing a black silk skirt, a fiery-red silk blouse and a hennet hat. This lady was in attendance daily and watched the debates with the eagerness of a zealous partisan.

In 1869 a member of the royal family of Wurtemberg was taken seriously ill at Carlsruhe and Professor Biermer of Berlin was summoned to attend the patient.

The ceremony was indiscreet enough to venture a remark upon the difference of the social positions of the bride and groom, whereupon the bride interrupted him and declared that she did not share the views expressed by the reverend gentleman.

The Bundesrath will resume its sittings on Thursday, and the session of the Reichstag will be opened about the middle of November.

The Standard Oil Company has issued a circular to its German clients informing them that the company will cease shipping lime oil to Germany, but in the meantime is preparing lime oil here which is quite equal to the Pennsylvania product.

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FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

Election of Officers and Committees for the Ensuing Year.

PLACERVILLE, CAL., Oct. 12.—El Dorado County's Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union met here with thirty delegates present.

The executive committee are J. K. Steele, Charles G. Toombs and Mrs. Swansborough.

SAN DIEGO SELECTED.

WILL Entertain the Next State Convention of the Y. M. C. A.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Oct. 21.—The last day of the Y. M. C. A. convention opened this morning with Dr. Frost's excellent

Bible study. Mr. Howard of San Diego read a very able paper on "State Work and Association Responsibility," after which the report of the State committee was rendered by C. A. Jones of Riverside.

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MOVING BRIDGE TIMBERS

Construction Work on the San Joaquin Road Is Not Lagging.

A Belief That Block 21 at Stockton Can Be Secured Without Legal Action.

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The ground will have to be excavated for some distance back on either side of the channel. As soon as this is done the work of driving piles for the foundation will be commenced, and everything will be in readiness for the steel superstructure as soon as it arrives from the East.

Nothing was done to-day in regard to the transfer of block 21 to the company. Both Mr. Buell and Mr. Simpson are away from the city, and some hope is expressed that the matter will be settled on the return of the latter gentleman without the tedious and expensive process of condemnation.

SOLD AT AUCTION.

J. N. Knowles Bids in the California Paper Mills Property.

STOCKTON, CAL., Oct. 12.—The California Paper Mills were sold to-day at public auction by August Muenster, the commissioner appointed by the court to sell the property, under the suit brought by Thomas Brown and Henry L. Dodge, who represent the bondholders.

The entire property was bid for by Orestes Pierce in the name of J. N. Knowles, who is the head of the Pacific Steam Whaling Company and a director of the Contra Costa Water Company.

ACCIDENT AT SAN QUENTIN. Captain McLean Seriously Injured by a Fall From a House.

SAN QUENTIN, CAL., Oct. 12.—Captain M. McLean, formerly an officer in the prison, while shingling the roof of his house this afternoon, fell to the ground badly dislocating his left shoulder.

Discharged by a Portland Grand Jury. PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 12.—G. Chevreuil, who last Sunday evening struck Veterinary Surgeon Walter Marshall a blow with his bare fist in self-defense, from which the latter died twenty-four hours later, was discharged by the Grand Jury this afternoon.

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Captain of the Yard Edgar, Commissary-Major Thorpe, Assistant Commissary Alden, Captain Jamison and Captain of the Guard Birlem were sworn and testified that Gardiner could not have been absent from the prison without their knowledge, and that he was never so absent.

While the prisoners were being made ready for the trip a pathetic scene was being enacted. Miss Ella Peterson, a young Swedish girl who has become deeply attached to Hansen since his incarceration here, was present.

SAN QUENTIN INQUIRY.

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SKIPPED OUT OF FRESNO.

Clarke E. Wood, a Deputy Clerk, Left That City Under a Cloud.

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FRESNO, CAL., Oct. 12.—Clarke E. Wood, the chief deputy of the County Clerk's office, is in parts unknown.

Nothing wrong was suspected until yesterday, when County Clerk Hart looked at the papers on Wood's desk and found some important documents gone.

He had in his possession \$300 involved in the case. But he also took with him the bonds which he had furnished to be commissioner, and which he had in his possession as deputy clerk.

But the chief reason ascribed to Wood's strange course was his actions as attorney-in-fact for his mother-in-law. She had given him the power of attorney to settle up her estate, in which a large sum was involved, which he did successfully.

During the races last week Wood was a plunger, and lost about \$1000. Before leaving last Sunday Wood visited his mother-in-law and managed to get into her trunk, and took \$600 which she had in keeping there.

Wood also had a check on a local bank for \$200 cashed by a saloon-keeper. It is known that he took the south-bound train on Sunday evening, and many believe that he is following the race circuit.

Another woman, who has a shady reputation, and with whom Wood has been associating for some time, is indirectly ascribed as the real cause of Wood's inexplicable actions.

STOLEN BY FRESNO MONGOLS. An Abducted Chinese Girl Taken From a Band of Highbinders.

FRESNO, CAL., Oct. 12.—Two deputy sheriffs from Contra Costa County arrived here to-day in quest of a Chinese girl, aged 16 years, who had been abducted from Martinez by highbinders.

The highbinders have instituted habeas corpus proceedings and Hi Kapelle, who is the Chinatown night watchman, is out looking for the two Contra Costa officers with the girl to serve the writs.

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The executive committee are J. K. Steele, Charles G. Toombs and Mrs. Swansborough.

The committee on the good of the order is composed of C. W. Martin, Mrs. Roberts and Calhoun Foster.

The meeting adjourned until the first Monday in January, 1896.