

# BATTLING WITH FIRE.

## Fighters Unable to Save the Utica Company's Flume.

### SECTIONS HAVE FALLEN.

#### The Flames Now Approaching the Famous Big Trees of Calaveras.

### RAGING IN OTHER QUARTERS.

#### Forests Near Santa Cruz Are Again Blazing—Great Damage in All Directions.

ANGELS CAMP, CAL., Oct. 18.—The fire in the timber here is still raging. About seventy-five men went up today to aid the Utica Mining Company, whose flume is burning. Four dollars a day is being offered for help. It is impossible to ascertain the extent of the loss at this time, but it will be immense. As the forest is as dry as tinder it will be difficult to control the fire.

The last telephone message, received at 2 o'clock this afternoon, said several sections of the company's monster flume had already fallen. The Utica company has only sufficient water to run its mine to the 25th inst., but if the flume is destroyed to any great extent the mine will be immediately closed down.

McKay's sawmill is now in immediate danger of destruction, but Manuel's lumber-plant, which it was thought would go yesterday, was saved. Superintendent T. J. Lane of the Utica mine is personally directing the forces against the fire, as the work is dangerous. Physicians are at hand and loads of provisions and other necessities have been sent up.

The fire is said to be rapidly approaching the famous Calaveras big trees. This whole section of country is enveloped in dense clouds of smoke and the sun has been practically obscured all day, while the stars cannot be seen to-night.

### FIRES AROUND SANTA CRUZ.

#### Magnificent Groves and Miles of Fences Labeled by the Flames.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., Nov. 18.—For the past few days forest fires have been raging in the mountains of this county. The flames are shooting upward in many sections, and to-day the smoke was so dense that the entire Santa Cruz range was hidden from sight. The fire on the ranch of John Eaton at Scotts Valley is also a fierce one. It is running through timber land. The men of the valley fought it all day and night Friday and Saturday, and got it partially under control. Fires are also raging at Zyante and Boomers Gulch.

It is hard to give an estimate of the loss caused by these conflagrations, as there is fencing by the mile burned. The loss of cut wood—oak, redwood and madrone—is heavy, but the greatest damage is in the destruction of the beautiful forests of redwood, pine, oak and madrone.

#### Burning Near Ukiah.

UKIAH, CAL., Nov. 18.—Fires have been raging in the chemical brush close to town for the last two days, but no damage has been done, as the county burned over was composed largely of chemical, to remove which is sometimes an expensive undertaking. While the fires do not spread into the oak section, no efforts are being made to check them. No danger is anticipated.

### MERRY WAR ON RATES.

#### One-Dollar Fares From Portland to San Francisco Appear to Be in Sight.

PORTLAND, OR., Nov. 18.—The rate war between the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company and the Southern Pacific is progressing merrily. To-morrow the steamer and Shasta special day, and both companies are knitting schedules for business. The bookings at both the railroad and steamship offices indicate that the public is enjoying the situation, and a great many are availing themselves of a chance to travel, and just now it is as cheap to travel as to stay at home.

Flaming yellow posters are all over town, announcing that for \$10 a man could get a first-class passage to California by rail, and for just half that sum he could go first class by steamer, including, of course, his meals and berth, and by steamer could leave town for \$250. The train rate includes sleeping accommodations only. The Navigation Company is ready to take up any bluff made by the railroad, and judging from the looks of things to-day the war is on until some one cries for quarter. It is not altogether improbable that the rates may be cut until it is possible to get a steamer berth to San Francisco for \$1.

### SANTA ROSA'S SENSATION.

#### Mary E. Nordin Accuses Her Husband of Being a Bigamist.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., Nov. 18.—Mary E. Nordin, the plaintiff in the Agua Caliente Springs litigation of Nordin vs. Nordin, filed an amendment to the complaint to-day in which are some new developments of a sensational character.

Mrs. Nordin first says that she gave a deed to the property in dispute simply for the real estate and not for any of her personal property. She states that in the month of October, 1882, the defendant, John A. Nordin (her husband), and that he had this name from childhood and continued so to be known until the 4th of April, 1892; that in the month of October, 1882, J. A. Nordin married one Sophie, under the name of J. A. Nelson, in the republic of Switzerland, and has continued to be her husband, and the plaintiff is informed and believes he is still the husband of Sophie.

Mrs. Nordin avers in this complaint that John A. Nelson filed a petition on April 4, 1893, in the San Francisco courts to have his name changed to Nordin. She be-

lieves that the defendant was never divorced from Sophie, but still is the woman's husband, and she prays for judgment as she did in the original complaint.

### SOLD BULLION AT RENO.

#### Suspect Heney's Operations and Subsequent Flight Described by Witnesses at Carson.

CARSON, Nev., Nov. 18.—Witness Clarke of the Mint reduction works, who received the bullion brought by Suspect Heney to Reno, resumed his testimony in the trial of Heney this morning. He said Heney deposited the proceeds of the bullion at the Reno bank and checked it out. The checks were placed in evidence and his signature identified.

Detective Gallagher of Chicago, the secret service agent, gave a detailed account of his shadowing of suspected men in Carson. United States Marshal Humphreys told of going to Leadville in response to a dispatch from Heney, where he met him and brought him back to Carson.

A power of attorney was put in evidence, given by Heney to his wife. It was dated Los Angeles. It was to show that Heney began disposing of his property through his wife as soon as he knew he was wanted. Frank Langevin, a teamster, testified that Heney asked him to lease him a pair of horses and a buckboard to take him to Reno, but that he finally leased the team to his brother Joe. The witness would tell nothing more. Deputy Marshal Holbrook testified that he had attempted to subpoena Langevin, but could not find him. It was freely asserted in the city after adjournment that the witness had skipped to Canada.

### NEW LINE TO SALT LAKE.

#### Plans for the Los Angeles Terminal Extension Nearing Completion.

#### Grading and Tracklaying on the Western End of the Road Will Soon Be Under Way.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Nov. 18.—While interest in railroad circles is being directed toward the Valley road and the new extension of the Southern Pacific the Los Angeles Terminal's plans for getting through to Salt Lake are being rapidly completed. The proposed route of this road commences where the present Altadena branch of the Terminal turns away from the edge of the Arroyo Seco. From that point it goes north along the Arroyo Seco to its head, where, by means of a tunnel about 500 feet long through the range, it enters the San Fernando Valley. Crossing the Santa Clara River it traverses the San Francisco Canyon and comes out on the Mojave Desert at Elizabeth Lake, and then extends straight away to the vicinity of Barstow.

All indications construction work will very soon be commenced along this part of the line. Last Monday the third corps of engineers was sent into the field, and the breaking of ground will soon follow. Track-laying will shortly be begun on the new extension, which will be about 150 miles long.

President Kerns and Vice-President Layton and the other high officials of the Terminal are here with their heads to the ground, waiting for the start of the long and arduous task of track-laying has commenced between this city and the desert. This will soon be reached, as the average grade is reported not to exceed 1 1/2 per cent to the mile.

### COURT EXHIBITS STOLEN.

#### Thousands of Dollars' Worth of Property Lost to the County.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Nov. 18.—In room 9, at the Court House, under the charge of the County Clerk, all exhibits in criminal cases are kept. In the past fifteen years thousands of dollars' worth of property, stolen and otherwise, has come into the hands of the Clerk in this way. It comprised confiscated gamblers' tools, knives, valuables of every description, and in some cases cash. Frequently the proper parties never claim their own, and the money and other valuables revert to and became the property of the county.

Now it is claimed that all the valuable property which should be in this property room is not there. It has been disposed of by somebody. The gambling tools and things like that that have a value are gone. There are a lot of relics and valuable stuff that fills the room, but that is all that is left.

For ten years no Grand Jury has investigated this property-room. There is no telling how much is gone. A conservative estimate is that \$800,000 worth of property of various kinds have been taken by some one and disposed of. The county never profited a cent by it. The Grand Jury will investigate the matter and some interesting developments will result.

### TO ELECT A BISHOP.

#### Consecration of the Southern California Episcopal Diocese Called.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Nov. 18.—Bishop Nichols of San Francisco has called the first convention of the Southern California Episcopal Diocese. This convention includes delegates from the seven Southern counties of California, and it is called for the purpose of electing the new Bishop made necessary by the recent division of the diocese.

There are several candidates for this office, both from the East and from the Pacific Coast, among them Dr. J. H. Johnson of Detroit, Mich.; Dr. George William Douglas of Washington, Dr. D. Greiner of New York, Bishop Talbot of Idaho, Rev. H. B. Ristink of San Diego, Rev. John B. Gray and Dr. Spalding of Los Angeles, and others in the field. The convention will be held on December 3.

### LOOTED BY BURGLARS.

#### Silverware and Jewelry Stolen From the Truman Residence.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Nov. 18.—During the past week several burglaries have been committed in Los Angeles. On Thursday night the residence of Major Ben Truman was entered and over \$1000 worth of silverware and jewelry stolen. Truman had a quantity of valuable silver on the sideboard in the dining-room. The jewelry, consisting of many valuable diamonds, had been brought from the safe deposit vaults for the wedding on Monday. There were several rings, valuable bracelets and pins, also chains and necklaces. So far there is no clew to the robbers.

### Crusade Against the Milkmen.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Nov. 18.—Sixty complaints against dairymen and drivers of milk-wagons were filed in the police court this afternoon by Health Officer Smedley and Milk Inspector Blackinton. This step is the preliminary to a crusade against the selling of impure milk and covers all milkmen who have failed to take out the monthly license. Those who are known to be selling watered, skimmed or otherwise adulterated milk will be arrested.

### Decided for San Diego.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Nov. 18.—The trial in the United States Circuit Court of A. Lehman vs. the City of San Diego was concluded this morning, the court instructed the jury to return a verdict in favor of the defendant, which was accordingly done. It was a suit to recover on \$7000 worth of bonds.

# NEZ PERCE SETTLERS.

## The Expected Scramble for Lands Did Not Take Place.

### SECURED IN ADVANCE.

#### Thousands Allowed to Stake Out Claims Before the Formal Opening.

### MANY CONTESTS WILL RESULT.

#### Contention Over Mineral Tracts and Townsites Likely to Follow.

KENDRICK, IDAHO, Nov. 18.—The large tract of land known as the Nez Perce Reservation, which by the proclamation of President Cleveland was opened to settlement to-day at noon, didn't produce the grand rush anticipated, though probably not less than 3000 prospective settlers have gone upon the land. They were not held back by soldiers, being permitted to go when they pleased, and the opening seems to have had no other effect than that at noon entries could have been filed at the land office.

THE CALL's special correspondent has traveled over a portion of the reservation, and while there is some excellent land it is not of a character to cause a great stampede. On this side of the reservation everything has been quiet to-day. It is said that two rival town-site companies are liable to clash in what is known as the Big Hole country, but at the Indian agency at Lapwai no trouble is anticipated.

The wild rumor that soldiers are chasing "sooners" off the reservation or arresting and holding them at the agency is absolutely without foundation. There are many reckless characters who have gone on the reservation looking for trouble for their own advantage, and they are the ones who have started the rumors.

### STAKED OUT IN ADVANCE.

#### The Reservation Was Invaded Before the Formal Opening.

SPOKANE, WASH., Nov. 18.—According to the proclamation of President Cleveland the famous Nez Perce Reservation, in Idaho, was thrown open to settlement to-day at noon, Pacific time. It was expected that the scenes of the Oklahoma opening would be repeated on a smaller scale, but such was not the case. There was not what could be called a wild scramble for land.

That an exciting rush did not occur was due to the manner in which the reservation was thrown open and to the money existing as to whether it really was to open to-day. Outside of newspaper reports the only official notice received to that effect was the following telegram to the local land office at Lewiston from S. W. Lamoreux, Commissioner of the General Land Department, under date of November 18:

Register and Receiver, publish in local papers that the President has signed the proclamation opening the Nez Perce Reservation lands to settlement and entry on the 18th inst.

From the fact that no proclamation with the President's signature attached has been received many discredited reports of the opening. Not a word was received as to the manner of the opening, consequently no restraint was put upon the thousands of home-seekers, some of whom went into the reserve yesterday to select locations, while nearly everybody entered early this morning, bent upon getting some choice spot ahead of the others.

When the hour for the formal opening came nearly all had made their selections. Several hundred who waited until noon before beginning the march found the choice lands already taken.

The only likelihood of trouble resulting is over mineral claims and town sites. The Craig range of mountains, which extends across the territory, is said to be rich in minerals. Here prospectors and "sooners" staked out both placer and quartz claims several days ago, and will attempt to hold them against later comers. It is expected that serious trouble will ensue there. At least a dozen town sites were mapped out weeks in advance, and the rush for these furnished the only scenes of excitement.

Owing to the confusion as to the manner of the opening the number of contests will be great, and excitement is looked for when filings commence at the Lewiston Land Office. The number of acres thrown open to settlement is over 500,000, and they are of the finest agricultural and timber land in Idaho.

# PLUMS FOR DEMOCRATS.

## Republicans Connected With the Agnews Asylum to Be Ousted.

#### Director Gould Announces That He Will Provide Positions for His Helpers.

STOCKTON, CAL., Nov. 18.—Under the caption, "Leaves and Fishes," the Mail announces a good thing in store for Democratic workers when the Governor appoints a Democratic successor to W. W. Montague, the present director of the Agnews Asylum. Frank H. Gould, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, who was recently appointed a director by the Governor, is very outspoken in regard to the disposition of spoils, and in an interview to-day said:

"I understand from the Governor and from the press that he will appoint a Democrat to succeed Mr. Montague. In that case there will be three Democrats and two Republicans on the board. Of course, if the other Democrats do not work with me I can do nothing; but if they do I intend to redeem some of the pledges made by me during the campaign. A number of men worked very hard in connection with the labor of the State Central Committee during the last campaign, through their friendship for me. Thus far I have not been in a position to help them, but now I propose to put those who worked with the State Central Committee in every place I can.

been very partisan in filling the positions under it, and that every place is filled by a Republican. I believe in equalizing matters and giving the Democrats a chance, and will do this. The others of my political faith on the board will stand in with me. I do not say that any sweeping change will be made, but there are a great many places that can be filled by Democrats just as well as by Republicans. Wherever I find that those who worked with me on the State Central Committee are competent I shall use my influence to secure their appointments.

The paper in its comments says: It is an ample fact. Those Democrats who have been impatient with the administration because they did not get places, almost immediately upon the Governor taking the seat will doubtless perceive now their mistake. The fact was not large enough for all the guests to be seated at once; consequently some had to wait for second service, which has just been spread. During the four years' term of the administration there will be many changes such as that which is about to take place in the management of Agnews.

Besides the scores of attendants, there are the following employees at Agnews, who will be superseded by Mr. Gould's appointees: F. W. Hatch, medical director; W. F. Pratt, assistant physician; L. B. Stocking, assistant physician; E. R. Bailey, secretary to medical director; F. C. Young, steward; E. H. Alden, steward's clerk; R. A. Braden, steward; H. A. Hazen, druggist; F. W. Coombs, engineer; H. E. Leland, assistant engineer; W. Leach, fireman and gasman; J. Ryan, fireman; G. C. Drew, carpenter; J. Leland, chief cook; F. Monaco, assistant cook; T. G. Asham, kitchen employee; F. J. Clinger, baker; E. Schoof, assistant baker; B. F. Farrell, laundryman; L. B. Lowe, janitor; C. W. Anderson, janitor; J. C. Anggs, porter; S. H. Sheffer, night watch; A. Peterson, outside night watch; S. P. Ingram, painter; J. H. Farrell, foreman of farm; F. A. Yokum, landscape gardener; G. C. Mason, electrician; J. C. R. Underwood, basement man; A. Pearson, hostler; M. Logue, waiter; R. E. Billings, waiter; F. McGlone, laundry employee; J. Swan, laborer; J. Benson, laborer; T. C. Donnelly, laborer; T. McDonald, laborer; J. O. B. West, laborer; F. L. Fisher, shoemaker; Marie Baright, matron; Annie F. Morrow, seamstress; M. Jackins, laundry; Kate M. Deviny, assistant laundry; Emma L. Goslaw, night watch; Mary L. Leland, laundry; L. C. Leland, maid; Teresa Hare, housemaid; Ella Wallace, housemaid.

### SANTA ANA RACES.

#### Preparations for the National Circuit Bicycle Events.

SANTA ANA, CAL., Nov. 18.—Active preparations are being made for the national circuit bicycle meet in this city on the 27th and 28th insts. The track is in excellent condition, and the records already made up show it to be one of the best in the State. There will be ample and excellent accommodations for all visitors, and all who attend the races may expect some excellent sport unless the weather should be unfavorable.

Among the prominent racing men who will be here are Bald, Cabanne, Sims, and Cooper, and the local champion, Billy Southern. California will be represented by such well known riders as McCrea, Lacey, Edwards, Ulbricht and Castleman, all of whom are said to be in great racing form. The programme of races and prizes is as follows:

One-mile novice—First prize, gold medal, \$20; second, silver medal, \$10.  
One-mile open, class A—First prize, diamond ring, \$50; second, silver tea set, \$25; third, clock, \$10.  
Two-mile handicap, class A—First prize, \$100; second, second, opera glasses, \$15; third, lamp, \$5.  
One-mile open, class A—First prize, suit of clothes, \$25; second, carving set, \$15; third, gold watch, \$10.  
One-mile handicap, class A—First prize, diamond ring, \$35; second, solid gold chain, \$18; third, silver chain, \$5.  
Five-mile handicap, class A—First prize, diamond, \$40; second, field glasses, \$20; third, grip, \$10.  
One-mile open, class B—First prize, diamond, \$125; second, diamond, \$50; third, diamond watch, \$20.  
Two-thirds mile open, class B—First prize, diamond, \$75; second, diamond, \$40; third, diamond watch, \$20.  
One-third mile open, class B—First prize, diamond, \$50; second, diamond, \$30; third, snake ring, \$15.  
One-mile handicap, class B—First prize, diamond, \$65; second, diamond, \$30; third, trousers, \$15.  
One-half mile handicap, class B—First prize, diamond, \$55; second, diamond, \$30; third, lamp, \$15.  
One-mile handicap, class B—First prize, diamond, \$50; second, diamond, \$25; third, Hungarian apron, \$10.

The club here was made jubilant yesterday by the news that four northern class A cracks had already been granted a tour of inspection by the racing board to attend the southern meets and are already on their way down. They are: Hardy Downing of the Garden City Cyclers of San Jose, H. B. Fennick of the Hart City Wheelmen and F. A. McFarland and J. E. Wing of the San Jose Road Club.

### Carpetmen Coming Home.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 18.—A cablegram was received at the Navy Department to-day from Admiral Carpenter stating that he had relinquished command of the Asiatic station and started for home by the steamer Gallia on the 16th inst. Until the arrival of Commodore McNeill, who succeeds Admiral Carpenter, the station will be under command of Captain Day of the Baltimore.

### Indorsed 'The Call's' Stand.

UKIAH, CAL., Nov. 18.—Rev. L. F. Gray, pastor of the Christian Church at this place, delivered an interesting sermon last night on the subject of "Gambling." The church was crowded and the speaker handled the subject in an able manner. The pastor of the C. C. Church at Ukiah was dwelt upon and commended by the speaker, and its example he deemed worthy of emulation by other pastors.

### MRS. FOLLIS DEAD.

#### The Well-Known Philanthropist Passes Away After a Short Illness.

Mrs. Annie Follis, the wife of Richard H. Follis and sister of the late millionaire James C. Flood, died yesterday at her home at 2230 Washington street. The lady had been ill since last Thursday, with what appeared to be apoplexy, and consequently her death was not unexpected.

The attack was sudden, paralyzing her right side, and at the same time she lost her power of speech. Dr. P. de Vecchi was called at once, and on Friday he expressed the belief that Mrs. Follis would recover, unless a relapse should occur. The efforts of the physician were of no avail and the lady passed quietly away.

The lady had an extensive circle of friends and acquaintances. During the past few years she devoted her entire time and attention to charity, and she is well known in the homes of many poor people, who will grieve when they hear she has passed away.

Deceased is the mother of Fred, James, Richard, Lillian and Clarence Follis and Mrs. Paolo de Vecchi. She was born in New York and was 57 years of age. The interment will be private.

### New Athletic Club at San Rafael.

The San Rafael Athletic Club was organized at San Rafael last night with a membership of 100. The first floor of the Wilk block will be occupied by the organization, and there will be a gymnasium, billiard and reading room. The structure will be finished within a week, and the club will move into its new quarters as soon thereafter as possible. A committee was appointed pro tem, with power to act, and the club is now in the process of securing some very muscular young men, who will be ready to meet other athletes at their own games.

### Committed Suicide.

Antone Christian, a deckhand on the fire tug Governor Markham, committed suicide last evening at his residence, 118 Fremont street, presumably by taking nitric acid.

# INCREASING COMMITTEES.

## Heavy Convention Work Will Soon Begin All Over the State.

### GOOD TIMBER FOR WASHINGTON.

#### The Executive Committee Has the Best Men on the Coast From Which to Select.

However much may depend upon the strength exhibited by San Francisco in the convention project there is something very encouraging about the way the country is standing in and lending its assistance. From the northern to the southern part of the State there is an evident desire on the part of the people to do all in their power, and in some cases, they are the ones who will be most benefited.

Yesterday the executive committee of the committee on promotion met at its rooms in the Chronicle building and drafted the following letter, which is to be sent to each member of the committee located in different parts of California:

OFFICES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION, ROOMS 100 AND 101, CHRONICLE BUILDING, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Nov. 18, 1895.

Dear Sir: I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the resolution adopted at the meeting of the promotion committee, of November 14, you have been appointed a member of said committee to represent your county.

The benefit to every section of the State to be derived from holding the Republican National Convention in San Francisco is now fully realized by all Californians, irrespective of political faith. While the executive work is in the hands of competent and energetic citizens of this city the members of the committee on promotion are expected to do their full share toward attaining the success of this movement.

You are therefore urged to request to immediately call a meeting of the citizens of your county for the purpose of taking such action as may assist in securing to San Francisco the Republican National Convention of 1896.

Communications addressed to the executive committee of the promotion committee, room 100, Chronicle building, San Francisco, will receive prompt attention. Yours respectfully, ALBERT E. CASTLE, Chairman Promotion Committee.

The following additional committeemen were added to the regular list, and letters were mailed them also:

Hon. E. W. McCarthy, San Rafael, Marin County.  
Peter Darby, Crescent City, Del Norte County.  
J. T. Laird, Alturas, Modoc County.  
M. S. Sayre, Lakeport, Lake County.  
George E. Noonan, Weaverville, Trinity County.

W. W. Kellough, Quincy, Plumas County.  
H. Spaulding, Downieville, Sierra County.  
Hon. G. J. Carpenter, Placerville, El Dorado County.

Cyrus Coleman, Markleeville, Alpine County.  
R. M. Folger, Bridgeport, Mono County.  
Bertrand Rhine, Independence, Inyo County.  
C. L. Steer, Sonoma, Tulame County.

T. J. McDonald, Greyson, Stanislaus County.  
Thomas Harris, Merced, Merced County.  
Archibald Yell, Hanford, Kings County.  
O. L. Sharp, Madera, Madera County.

Frank Miller, Riverside, Riverside County.  
J. McDonald, Santa Ana, Orange County.  
F. J. Field, Monterey, Monterey County.  
George C. Ross, Redwood City, San Mateo County.

Hon. E. W. Spencer, Susanville, Lassen County.  
J. W. Snyder, Colvilleville, Mariposa County.  
R. D. Robbins, Susan, Solano County.

F. R. Freeman, Woodland, Yolo County.  
D. E. Knight, Marysville, Yuba County.  
George B. Sperry, Stockton, San Joaquin County.

J. W. Fullweiler, Auburn, Placer County.

A few additions were made to the executive committee of the committee on promotion, and it now stands as follows:

Chairman, A. E. Castle; first vice-chairman, A. B. Brown; second vice-chairman, Mayor Frank Rader; third vice-chairman, Mayor C. H. Hubbard, Sacramento; secretary, J. C. Currier; assistant secretary, Oscar A. Toile; M. Cooney, W. B. Harrington, A. S. Hallide, W. M. Bunker, J. R. Friend; A. C. Henry, Oakland; S. N. Rucker, San Jose.

The regular executive committee held an executive session yesterday, with Wendell Easton in the chair, and discussed the plans touching on the question of sending delegates to Washington to influence the National committeemen in favor of selecting San Francisco as the next convention city. They have had presented to them a great many names of gentlemen who offer to volunteer their services and time in this matter. It will be necessary to select the very best timber for this work, and the result of their deliberations will probably be ready for publication to-day. There is certainly a very generous spirit apparent among our moneyed men, and those who are selected will be the most influential obtainable.

### PATILION ACOUSTICS.

#### Can Be Greatly Improved at a Reasonable Expense.

"If the National Convention comes to this city, and I hope it will," said Asa R. Wells yesterday while in the Mechanics' Pavilion, "this will be the building in which it will meet, but there will have to be some change made, so that the voices can be heard in every part of the building. If the arch is sheathed with quarter-inch redwood stuff, it will cover the many beams that now break the sound wave and form a sounding-board that will carry the sound of a low voice from one end of the building to the other. The statement that the acoustics are not what they should be amounts to nothing, for that can be arranged with but very little trouble."

### THE SITUATION IN PITTSBURG.

#### Several Factions Are Likely to Spoil the Cooking.

PITTSBURG, PA., Nov. 18.—It is becoming daily more evident that even had this city no rivals for the National Convention Senator Quay would have to fight to get it here. A show of working to secure it is being made by the local politicians, who are mostly combine men, to be sure, but the Quay people are not backward in saying that the effort ends in show. The subscriptions of \$65,000 are at an end apparently, and ex-Postmaster

James S. McKean, chairman of the finance committee, has ceased to hustle for any more. "I've done my share," said he, "and I'm through."

McKean is a Quay-Magee politician, a little more Magee than otherwise, and his statement is taken as a fair indication of how apathetic the politicians here are. None of the Quay leaders are in the city now to hustle things along, and the interest of the Magee people is perfunctory. This town is pretty well under Mr. Magee's thumb, but the general opinion is that he would certainly let any other city have the convention with a struggle. Quay is in Florida, hunting for complete rest. Lieutenant-Governor Walter Lyon is in Atlanta with the State commission, and Senator Arthur Kennedy is busy helping to Lexow Philadelphia. These men are Quay's leaders in Allegheny County, and every day they are absent valuable time for hustling along the convention enthusiasm is being lost. There is no excitement at all on that score and convention talk is laid aside. The hog combine is perfectly willing that the question should not be agitated. They believe implicitly that for it to come here would greatly add to Quay's prestige, which they cannot afford under any circumstances.

Everybody believes, though, that Senator Quay is very much in earnest when he says that he wants Pittsburg to have the convention, and nobody doubts that he will turn all his energies toward getting it. But when he goes down to Washington next month to argue with the National committeemen he is liable to find the Magee wing of the Pennsylvania Republican party is quietly declaring that Pittsburg cannot handle the convention; and that the delegates will have to run their chances of being packed into boarding-houses when the hotels shall have been packed. The hostility of the hog combine to Senator Quay will play an important part in Pittsburg's fight for the National Convention.

### A DEMOCRATIC COMBINE.

#### Cleveland, Lamont and Whitney Working on the Convention.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 18.—The CALL correspondent learns to-night that Democrats high in the councils of the party have resolved to make a determined effort to take the National Democratic Convention to New York. This agrees entirely with what Chairman Harritt said a week ago. He expressed the belief that the convention would be held in New York City, and said, furthermore, that the National Committee would meet here January 2 to decide the time and place for holding it. He said yesterday he thought it would meet in New York the last of June or early in July, as a short campaign was desirable. This statement was made immediately after Mr. Harritt had talked with President Cleveland at the White House, and the presumption is that Cleveland, Whitney and Lamont are in the deal to take the convention to the metropolis. The Democrats believe that if they can hold their convention there they will be able to better influence the delegates to "resolute" for gold money.

### WILLIAM SEATON MISSING.

#### Huntington's Nephew Declines to Pay Alimony or Saw Wood.

The fire on the hearth of E. M. Morgan, the attorney, has gone slowly out, and there remains nothing but a heap of cold gray ashes for the servant to throw into the back yard. He had expected that this week would be one of bright fires and cozy warmth, for he had hired William Seaton, the nephew of Collis Huntington, to saw wood for him; but Seaton went on strike, and the Morgan fires have flickered out. Morgan, who is attorney for Mrs. Seaton in her suit for divorce, had taken pity upon Seaton's idle condition and his plaintive demands to be allowed to labor for his bread, and had offered him employment. Seaton had to pay his wife and child \$35 a month alimony, but not being able to find any work in his line he did not pay it. It was the first time that Morgan conceived the bright idea of employing the industrious Seaton at his own woodpile, and thereby provide the defendant