

USING GOLD TO DEFEAT SILVER.

Corruption Fund Collected for Distribution at Chicago.

AGENTS LEVY TRIBUTE.

Tithe Demands From Democratic Bankers and Civil Service Employes.

LAST RESORT OF GOLDITES.

A Seattle Leader Indignantly Rejects an Offer to Aid in the Bribery.

SPOKANE, WASH., June 7.—Through papers left in a private box in a restaurant of this city by a prominent administration Democrat it has been discovered that an attempt will be made to corrupt silver delegates at Chicago, and that a Democratic Congressional Committee is now at work raising a fund for this purpose.

Not long ago the order was issued extending the list of those who would come under the civil service rule. This, it is claimed, was a move to perpetuate in office a large number of the followers of Cleveland, it being secretly understood that they were to contribute to a Democratic Congressional fund liberally.

Previous to the recent Democratic Convention in this State money was sent in and its force brought to bear to cause the rejection of a silver plank in the platform. It was but partially successful. Among those elected to go to Chicago was Hugh Wallace, Democratic National committee man and an aspirant for re-election to that position and a very close friend of the administration. Mr. Wallace had been at Washington, D. C., for some time previous to the convention and came back to this State with the edict to administration Democrats that they must down the "free-silver craze."

Within two weeks after the State Convention Wallace went East again, and he is now in consultation with leading gold men. State after State in the Democratic ranks declared in no uncertain terms for free silver. It was not long before the managers at Washington saw that unless some great influence was brought to bear they would be overwhelmingly defeated at Chicago.

It was idle to make promises, and other means were resorted to. Gold members of the party did not wish to put up all the money, and therefore the Democratic National Congressional Committee sent some of its best men through the country to secure the services of men in different sections to do the levying and collecting.

The State of Washington was not neglected. It was about the time of the Democratic State Convention that one of these men visited Spokane and a former banker of this city was chosen as an agent. Leading gold men were called into conference and the plan approved. The Spokane agent, so it is said, then received his commission. He is now supposed to be in Utah carrying on this levying.

In Seattle there is a well-known Democrat, Dr. Marion. He has always stood high with his party, and for that reason has obtained a great deal of power on the Sound. He is a strong silver man. When the agent of the Democratic Congressional Committee was in the State, he visited Seattle and found that Dr. Marion was a desirable man to have in the ranks. He was accordingly approached, but the matter of the use of money to be collected was not considered. He was offered a good price if he would become one of the soliciting committee.

The offer was accepted, but about a month ago he received a letter of instruction from the committee, inclosing drafts for expenses. Dr. Marion did not accept the drafts, but sent them back, together with the letter of instruction, for this letter had instructed him to secure subscriptions from bankers, and while it did not in so many words say that the money so secured was to be used to maintain a lobby at Chicago, the intimation was so strong that Dr. Marion would not engage in the work, and so informed them.

OREGON'S CLOSE ELECTION

Official Count Necessary to Decide Congressional Contests.

Republican Candidates Lead in Each District by Very Small Pluralities.

PORTLAND, Or., June 7.—The result of last Monday's State election is yet in doubt. All the returns are not in and it may require an entire recount to determine the Congressional results in the two districts of this State. In the First District all the returns have been made except from two precincts in Coos County. For Congress, Tongue (R.) has 19,328 votes, Vanderburg (Pop.) 19,284, Myers (D.) 7820, Christensen (Middle-of-the-Road-Pop.) 1156. The Republican and Populist tickets are running so closely that only the official canvass can decide the race.

In the Second District, Northrup, independent sound-money candidate, is so far behind that he counts for nothing in the contest. The fight is between Ellis, free-silver Republican, and Quinn, Populist. In this district, with returns incomplete, Ellis comes in with 15,125 votes and Quinn follows closely with 14,824. The Populist feel confident that the official canvass will seat their man. Should a different showing be made they will demand a recount of the entire district on the alleged ground of fraud.

With respect to the Supreme Judgeship it is surprising that no reliable figures can be obtained, but the election of Bean (R.) by a handsome plurality is conceded. The real complexion of the Legislature also remains in doubt, but from returns so far received it stands fifty-five Republicans, six Democrats, three Union-Bimetallists.

city stands: Pennoyer (fusion), 6853; Beabe (Mitchell R.), 4489; Cohen (R.), 3760. These figures will not materially be changed by the official count to-morrow. Cohen's small vote in an overwhelmingly Republican city is attributed to his alleged slaughter by the managers, who are accused of having traded everything for the legislative ticket.

SANTA CRUZ MONGOLS IN LINE.

Two Chinatown Combine for a Typical Exhibition at the Venetian Carnival.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., June 7.—The two Chinatowns of this city have combined for carnival purposes and are going to have a float on the river. It will be a boat typical of the Americanized Chinese, but of the full-blown Celestial who has never yet seen a Custom-house inspector.

There will be twenty-five Mongols on the barge, and they will sing their songs and dance their dances, and give an exhibition characteristic of the land of flowers.

Sixteen musicians, imported from San Francisco for the occasion, will hammer their tom-toms, beat their drums and do everything else that they can in that line to delight themselves and fracture the tympanum of the listeners. John Chace of the Sea Beach Hotel is engineering the scheme, and that is proof that it will be a success.

Handsomely decorated boats have been entered for the water pageant by Mrs. John R. Chace, Mrs. William T. Jeeter, Mrs. C. E. Lilly and Mrs. James Lewis. On Tuesday evening, June 10, John Chace will give a reception at the Sea Beach to Admiral Beardlee and his officers.

Carl E. Lindsay, ensign of the Naval Reserve, has received a dispatch from Congress. Mr. Lindsay says that the Philadelphia and Monadnock had been ordered to Santa Cruz on the 16th of June.

Santa Cruz Primaries.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., June 7.—About fifty Democrats walked up to the primaries yesterday in this city and cast their votes for Senator Bart Burke and ex-City Attorney John M. Cassin for delegates to the Democratic State Convention. Charles Steinmet was elected from the East Santa Cruz precinct. George Hartman will be sent from Boulder Creek. Over at Watson's Creek could not get a Democrat who would accept the honor, and they are going to try it again on Tuesday.

RULES AT MARE ISLAND

Rear-Admiral Kirkland Now in Command of the Naval Station.

Captain Howison Leaves to Take Charge of the Ocean Queen Oregon.

VALLEJO, CAL., June 7.—Rear-Admiral Kirkland has assumed charge of the navy-yard, and like his predecessor, Captain Howison, there seems to be no "fuss or feathers" about him. Neither of the officers is much given to social functions. They are naval men of the old school, living up to the regulations and holding up the dignity of the service. They command and subordinate obey.

Admiral Kirkland loves the climate of California, admires the people and gives the yard the credit of having turned out some excellent mechanical work. When Admiral Kirkland assumed command of the yard on Monday last but few were aware of the change in commandants until the first of a thirteen-gun salute was fired and the broad, blue pennant of a rear admiral's command was flying at the truck of one of the Independence's sticks. In the office the two officers spoke a few complimentary words after reading the orders of the Secretary of the Navy detailing the admiral to the command of the yard. Congratulations were extended to Captain Howison upon his successful administration of the affairs of the yard, and upon his detail to so fine a ship as the Oregon.

The transfer of commands was over; the officers of the yard and ships were called to join and pay their respects to the new commandant. He then commenced to attach his name to official documents, and for the next two years will sign his name on an average of 200 times a day. The admiral's headquarters are in the steeple of the San Francisco tower, and upon his detail to so fine a ship as the Oregon. The transfer of commands was over; the officers of the yard and ships were called to join and pay their respects to the new commandant. He then commenced to attach his name to official documents, and for the next two years will sign his name on an average of 200 times a day. The admiral's headquarters are in the steeple of the San Francisco tower, and upon his detail to so fine a ship as the Oregon.

Admiral Kirkland is welcomed to the station, as is his family, which arrived with him. Captain and Mrs. Howison were called to San Francisco the same day on the steamer Unadilla, bearing with them the best wishes of all.

The officers of the survey steamer Gedney have been engaged during the past week making soundings about Commission Rock, nearly opposite the hospital. There appears to be plenty of water for the Oregon to come to the yard.

The Bennington will probably send a detachment to Vallejo to participate in the court of July celebration. Admiral Beardlee says the gunboat will be here at that time. This implies that the officers may accept the invitation to attend.

The result of the inquiry concerning purpura at the Marine Hospital, which has been sent to Washington for review. Almost the entire week was taken up with sessions of the board in taking testimony of witnesses pro and con.

A number of men for the Oregon are quartered on the Independence. Chief Engineer Milligan of the Monterey is expected to be chief engineer on the battleship, which will probably be in commission by July.

A number of marines will leave the yard on Monday for New York. The yard tug will convey them to San Francisco.

Lieutenant A. G. Rogers has been detached from the survey steamer Patterson and on July 1 will report to the commanding officer of the Monadnock for duty. A number of naval cadets have been detached from the flagship Philadelphia and ordered to the receiving ship Independence, where they will remain until transferred to other ships.

BENICIA ODD FELLOWS.

Encampment No. 98 Instituted by Grand Patriarch Reid.

VALLEJO, CAL., June 7.—Benicia Encampment No. 98, I. O. O. F., was instituted at Benicia last evening by George W. Reid, grand patriarch of the Grand Encampment of California, assisted by Charles Rand, acting grand high priest; H. D. Richardson, grand senior warden, and Frank Starr, grand junior warden. The dispensation was granted to five patriachs who were instrumental in securing the charter. The grand high priest for the encampment degrees which were conferred by officers and members of Mount Moriah Encampment No. 38 of Vallejo. The officers of the encampment were installed by John S. South, district deputy grand patriarch of district No. 25, in which district Benicia Encampment was placed. The encampment starts with flattering prospects, and the grand patriarch predicted for it a bright future.

San Jose Road Race.

SAN JOSE, CAL., June 7.—The five-mile handicap road race of the High School Wheelmen over the East San Jose course yesterday was won by Roy Walter, with 30 seconds handicap, in 1:48; D. Watson second. Irving Ryder (scratch) won the time prize in 1:42. The entries and handicaps were: Irving Ryder, scratch; Roy Cusick, scratch; Roy Walter, 30; Delbert Wells, 30; D. Watson, 1:00; Lloyd Tancred, 1:15.

DUNHAM'S TRAIL HAS VANISHED.

Sheriff Lyndon Returns to San Jose From the Mountains.

HIS SEARCH IN VAIN.

Man-Hunters Find No Tangible Clue to Guide Them in the Pursuit.

MANY FALSE LEADS TRACED.

Members of One Posse Still Confident That They Were Close Upon the Fugitive.

SAN JOSE, CAL., June 7.—Sheriff Lyndon returned to this city this evening, tired, sore and discouraged, but still determined to leave nothing undone to apprehend Dunham, the murderer of the McGillicuddy family. Sheriff Lyndon left San Jose last Tuesday morning, which was the day after the ending of the search at Smiths Creek, for the mountains east of Hollister, to endeavor to cut off the fugitive in his supposed flight southward.

Although the Sheriff and his party were unable to strike the trail, they stayed with the search until they were fully satisfied that if Dunham should be in hiding, waiting for a lessening of the vigilance of the officers as a time for escape, they had the people so thoroughly posted that word would be sent to the Sheriff's office as soon as the criminal showed himself in the localities they have visited.

"We have gained but little information of service to us," said Sheriff Lyndon today, soon after his arrival on the 5 o'clock afternoon train from Monterey. "We did not strike his trail at any place, and from all we could learn it seems that he could not have passed through the mountains there without being seen and identified.

"Sheriff Ballou and I left on Tuesday morning and went to Hollister, where we were joined by Sheriff Holbrook. That afternoon we started into the mountains and arrived at Quien Sabe ranch, about sixteen miles from Hollister. We found nothing there to encourage us, so we procured saddle-horses and started in the direction of the States mines. We arrived there at 9 o'clock Tuesday evening.

"At daylight the next morning we struck out again. Sheriff Ballou, with two men named Miller and Triplett, went around to the left, and Holbrook and I went to the right through several canyons, taking a circuitous route. We met near the Mountain House. Neither party gained any clue. Ballou and Triplett then went to Bell's Station and Holbrook and I have been together since then, traveling all the time.

"We went to the San Luis ranch and from there south through the mountains to the Big Panoche Valley of the Los Banos. We then struck into what is called the Cleveland country. This is sparsely settled by cattle and sheep men. Then we went to the San Miguel grant, which includes about 20,000 acres. From there we traveled south through canyons, along ridges and in every place where we thought there was any prospect of striking tracks or information.

"We got into Little Panoche Valley, and went south about four miles to Merced. We learned that the Madera Sheriff and other officers had been through there, and that Edson, Blummer and Sweigart had also worked in that locality, so we turned and went up Frenchman's Gulch about six or seven miles.

"This is as rough a country as any one would care to travel in, and in many places seemed almost impossible to get our horses up or down. We then came over the ridge and camped at Ed Geor's last night. This morning we rode our horses to Quien Sabe, and from there drove in a cart to Tres Pinos and coarded the train for home.

"We did find at the Mountain House that a stranger slept in a manger there, but there was nothing further to assure us that it was Dunham. Old inhabitants in all this country visited told us that it would be almost impossible for a person without food with him to go through this country without being seen, for he would have to get food from some of the cabins. I think we visited nearly every cabin in the hills, but no food had been taken or given."

"Do you think Dunham has gone that way?" was asked. "No, do not; but I know it is possible. If we could have tracked him out and held it I would have followed it as long as it lasted to Mexico if necessary. But we didn't find a thing."

"What do you propose to do now?" "I had not heard of your word to other posses, until to-day, for three days, so I shall wait developments to-night and in the morning take up some other course, but I do not know just now what it will be."

Sheriff Lyndon in speaking of the services rendered by Sheriff Holbrook of Hollister said he was a "trump" and a "stayer." Holbrook knew every trail in the hills, was acquainted with many of the people and was strong and enthusiastic in his work.

Juan Edson, Harry Plummer and George Sweigart, who left here last Tuesday on a search for the murderer in the Panoche country, also returned this evening.

In the Big Panoche Valley about six miles from Hays station, the officers who they considered to be "good signs." An old man named Schurmann resided at this place and he told them that a man came to his house the day before (Tuesday) and had moon and asked for a drink of water. The stranger was sent to a rain-barrel at the rear of the house and there procured water. Schurmann was unloading hay at the time and saw nothing more of the visitor. His description of the man was almost identical with that of Dunham. Edson, Plummer and Sweigart found the fellow's footprints about the barrel and took measurements of them. They talked with the footprints found near Smiths Creek. They were almost certain that they were on Dunham's trail, and they proceeded at once to Hays Station and telephoned the news to Under Sheriff Benson.

They went down Cantua Canyon with a team, and the next day traversed the canyon to its head. They could find no further tracks. As their horses were exhausted and as they could not procure others, they were forced to make their way homeward. They left the canyon on Saturday morning.

They believe that Dunham, on leaving the Schurmann-place, went over the ridge into Spring Valley and then went southward. He could get through that way to Los Angeles, or he could have taken the Cantua Canyon pass.

Erwin Frost returned by train this after-

noon from the southern country, and brought with him no encouraging news.

He left San Jose one week ago last Friday with Sam Bane, and from Smiths Creek they went into the San Ysabel, then to San Antonio Valley, down Red Creek to Ben Robinson's camp, then back through Grizzly Canyon to the San Ysabel, and thence to Madrone. At Madrone Bane left him, and Thomas O'Toole took up the search. Then went into the Lagras and Vias territory, to Black Mountain, Loma Prieta, Shell ranch and then to Watsonville.

NOT SEEN NEAR MERCED.

A Pseudo Dunham Causes Excitement at a Ranch.

MERCED, CAL., June 7.—The report that Dunham, the murderer of the McGillicuddy family, was seen ten miles southeast of Merced on Thursday afternoon was but partially founded on fact. A stranger called at the Brandon farm that afternoon and asked for something to eat. He was given a meal and left the place, going toward the mountains of Mariposa. The visitor was dusty and footsore, having been on the direction of Mustang, south of the Brandon place. He was in ordinary dress and carried a chinchilla overcoat of very fine quality. The men who saw him jumped at the conclusion that he was the San Jose murderer, and on the next day reported the matter to Sheriff Mack. The story was so improbable that no official attention was paid to it.

Sheriff Warfield has been in the vicinity of the place where Dunham is reported to have been seen during a week, compelling jurors and witnesses, and no person answering to the description of Dunham has been seen. The Sheriff had a photograph and description of the fugitive and was particularly anxious to exhibit them at all wayside inns and farmhouses he came to.

NAPA IN HOLIDAY GARB.

Gay Colors Donned in Readiness for the Native Daughters' Convention.

Varied Entertainment Prepared for the Guests by Hospitable Residents.

NAPA, CAL., June 7.—The delegates to the Grand Parlor of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, which convenes here on Tuesday and will remain in session until Friday evening, will arrive to-morrow evening. The local parlor has arranged to meet them at the depot and escort them to their hotels and give them a band concert. The decorating of the business portion of the town is progressing rapidly and will be completed by to-morrow afternoon. Main street will be a maze of red and yellow bunting, the grand parlor colors. The store fronts and windows, the City Hall, the Courthouse and square and private residences are being decorated.

On Tuesday evening a public reception will be tendered at the opera-house, at which Mayor Fuller and Hon. Frank L. Coombs will make the addresses of welcome and prominent local musicians will contribute to the programme. There will be a ball at the Napa Inn on Friday evening by the asylum authorities on Wednesday evening, and on Thursday afternoon the delegates will be treated to a carriage ride about the country adjacent to town. A grand ball on Friday evening by the Napa Parlor, N. S. G. W., will conclude the week's programme. A great number of visitors are expected on Friday evening from the cities and towns of this and adjoining counties as well as from San Francisco.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CROPS.

Orchards Will Yield Fair Returns for the Season—Dried Fruit Not in Demand.

SAN JOSE, CAL., June 7.—Fruit in the Santa Clara Valley is developing finely, and it is now estimated that the crop will be about as heavy as last year. That on the old trees equals last year's crop, but the young trees will have a light yield. There may yet be a slight dropping of French prunes.

Cherries are being picked and shipped, and both black and white varieties are very short. Prices are fair. At an auction sale in Chico last week \$1083 gross was obtained for 700 ten-pound boxes from San Jose. The prices realized for ten-pound boxes were as follows: Black Tartarian \$1.40 to \$1.60, Bigarreau \$1.50, Black Eagle \$1.50, Royal Anne \$1.40 to \$1.45, Golden Wonder \$1.40 to \$1.45. The crop of Royal, Henskirck and Blenheim apricots will be good. As predicted earlier in the season, Moorpark will be light. The peach crop promises well, and on account of the rain and thinning the fruit will be large. Artichokes and other varieties will be fair. Winter Nellis pears will be light.

There is no demand for dried fruit. The stock on hand in the East is very light, and it will be in the channels of trade before the new crops come in. Consequently there will be no old stock on hand, and the market will be in better shape at the opening of the season than for some time past.

ELECTION OF TEACHERS.

New Instructors for the University of the Pacific.

SAN JOSE, CAL., June 7.—A meeting of the local trustees and executive committee of the University of the Pacific was held yesterday and teachers were elected as follows: Professor D. A. Leaman, to the chair of mathematics and the principalship of the academy to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Professor Remick. The place now occupied by Professor H. Leon Driver, dean of the college, was declared vacant, and Professor William Piutti of Los Angeles was elected dean. There was no election to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Professor Campbell as principal of the commercial department. Forty applicants for this position have been considered and the choice now lies between four of them.

Accused Burglar Arrested.

SAN JOSE, CAL., June 7.—Gus Miller has been arrested and charged with looting the Olympic saloon early yesterday morning. The contents of the saloon, including cigars that were taken were found in Miller's possession. He will be arraigned on the charge to-morrow.

OREGON WOMEN'S CONGRESS.

Noted Leaders in the Equal Suffrage Movement Will Gather.

PORTLAND, Or., June 7.—The Oregon Women's Suffrage Congress, which convenes in this city to-morrow, is expected to bring together one of the most notable gatherings of leading women ever held on this coast. Susan B. Anthony arrived here to-day from the Sound and will preside over the convention, which will be in session three days. A number of programmes has been prepared and a number of well-known leaders in the reform movement will deliver addresses. Ada Cornish-Hertsche of Omaha is among the Eastern visitors who will deliver addresses. Briggs and President Abigail Scott Dunway has invited a number of well-known suffragist leaders of California to attend.

Epperson Flat Rancher Killed.

PORTERVILLE, CAL., June 7.—George Starns, a farmer and stockraiser, was killed last night at Epperson Flat, fourteen miles northeast of this place, by being kicked by a young horse.

RICH PORTLAND HOME HELPED.

Contribute Their Gold to a Glib and Fascinating Adventuress.

CHARITY GOES ASTRAY.

Large Sums Donated to Aid in Procuring the Release of Mrs. Maybrick.

CONVERTED TO OTHER USES.

Sweldom in Many Western Cities Robbed by a Clever Female Impostor.

PORTLAND, Or., June 7.—About a fortnight ago Mrs. Alma Sturveysant of New York came to Portland, bringing a letter of introduction to a prominent society lady. This letter represented Mrs. Sturveysant as one of the accredited collectors of the "National Maybrick Fund Association," with headquarters in New York City. Mrs. Sturveysant was about twenty-eight years of age, decidedly prepossessing in appearance and "talked like a book" upon all subjects. Her pet topic, however, was the philanthropic mission upon which she was bent. The object of the association represented by her, she alleged, was to raise a colossal sum of money from American women to secure the release from prison of Mrs. Maybrick, now serving a life sentence in an English prison for supposedly having poisoned her husband.

Mrs. Sturveysant proved so charming and pleasant that the lady to whom she brought the letter, without considering the absurdity of the proposition, contributed \$50 to the "National Maybrick fund." She introduced Mrs. Sturveysant to a number of other ladies belonging to her set, all of whom were similarly captivated by Mrs. Sturveysant's fascinating manner and they also contributed to the fund without seriously reasoning that the sum of money could accomplish the purpose of this association. In three days' time the "charming collector" succeeded in gathering in almost \$400 from Portland's sweldom, and on the fourth day she left for San Francisco, armed with two letters strongly recommending her mission to a moneyed set there. And now there is mourning in Portland, for those who contributed learn that they were duped.

The letter Mrs. Sturveysant brought was from Mrs. C. F. Milton, a Salt Lake friend of the Portland lady. There also the collector was quite successful in enlisting metallic sympathy for innocent, imprisoned Mrs. Maybrick. On Wednesday last the Portland heroine of this episode was startled by the receipt of another letter from Mrs. Milton, in which Mrs. Sturveysant was denounced as an unmitigated impostor. Mrs. Milton declared that this fascinating female philanthropist came to her with a letter from an Omaha friend. The latter's suspicion became aroused some time after Mrs. Sturveysant left Omaha, and upon communicating with prominent New York friends she was apprised that the "Maybrick Association" was a myth.

Judging from the tenor of Mrs. Milton's letter Mrs. Sturveysant was quietly exposed as a fraud more than six weeks ago, but the people among whom she has been working are so exclusive and can so easily afford to lose the money out of which they were duped that they are indisposed to publish their gullibility to the world. This accomplished impostor has for some time been working westward from New York City. Mrs. Milton has begun tracing the impostor's letters of introduction to their fountain head, and in such a way, if possible, hopes to establish the woman whose name she has assumed as her principal Portland duped lost no time in warning her San Francisco friends by wire immediately after the receipt of Mrs. Milton's letter, and if the impostor has not left that city she may be apprehended there by the police.

SONOMA COUNTY'S LOSS

Cannot Recover Money Stolen by Bandits From Former Treasurers.

Two Suits Affected by a Supreme Court Ruling in the Mulligan Case.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., June 7.—The action of the Supreme Court in reversing the decision of Judge Dougherty in the case of the city of Healdsburg vs. George V. Mulligan and his bondsmen is of great interest to this county and has a direct bearing upon another Sonoma County case of greater importance. Twice within the past few years public funds have been stolen in this county and no clew to the thieves or their booty has ever been discovered.

In the fall of 1893 the city treasury of Healdsburg was robbed of over \$5000. George V. Mulligan, the Treasurer, was found tied to a tree in the suburbs of the city, nearly dead from a night's exposure. He claimed to have been inveigled from his home by two men, who, after forcing him to deliver the contents of the city's strong box, tied him up to the tree. The unfortunate man never fully recovered from the shock, which, together with the unjust suspicions of some of his townsmen, seemed to take away all desire for longer life from the sensitive Treasurer, and after lingering a few months he died a broken-hearted man.

The case of Captain P. N. Stofen, ex-treasurer of Sonoma County, was somewhat similar. He was found locked in the vault of the Treasurer's office, and a tray containing \$8000 in gold coin was missing. He claimed to have been robbed by a masked man, who had been concealed in the office overnight for that purpose.

In each case the bondsmen of the Treasurer were sued, and it is believed by leading attorneys here that the decision of the Supreme Court will effectually prevent any recovery of the missing amounts. The cases will probably be pushed, however, which will compel the defendants to either profess ignorance of the facts or to bear the burden of proof as to them.

PIONEERS AT PORTLAND.

First Settlers of Oregon Preparing for a Celebration.

PORTLAND, Or., June 7.—Extensive preparations are being made for the twen-

ty-fourth annual reunion of the Oregon Pioneer Association, which takes place in this city on Tuesday, June 16. There is promise of a larger attendance than ever before, especially of those who have been residents of the State for fifty years or more. All these will be given places of honor. This being the semi-centennial of jubilee anniversary of the deliverance of Oregon from the dominion of Great Britain the exercises will be of a patriotic character, and the celebration is expected to draw a large number of visitors from Washington, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia.

ANGELENOS BUNKOED.

Business Men Pay for a Course in Electrical Engineering Which They Fail to Receive.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., June 7.—Some time ago a nicely dressed, glib-tongued young man came to this city. He gave as his name T. P. Hornsby, and claimed to be representing the National Electric School of Chicago. Soon afterward he began organizing a class in electrical engineering. He met with great success and soon had a class of sixty, nearly all the pupils being business men who, before joining, inquired particularly if the course would be a practical one. Hornsby assured them that it would be, and said that the lessons would be illustrated by apparatus which he would furnish. The course was to cost each member of the class \$20, and nearly all deposited notes in the bank, which have since been paid, amounting to about \$1200 in all.

Chief Engineer Nissley of the Los Angeles Railway Company was engaged as teacher of the class. Among the members was E. M. Wade of the firm of Wade & W. Analytical chemists and assayers. Yesterday Wade said: "Hornsby, who organized the class, is gone and all his promises have been broken. The only apparatus we have received is a little box of newsgaps. Hornsby has been lecturing in the class, which has been meeting in the Currier block, and he has not been paid for his work. We have had a good deal of spicy correspondence with the National Electric School in Chicago, but as yet we have not got any apparatus or to carry out the promises of the agent. We understand that he is working the same scheme in other places."

LOS ANGELES' GREETING.

Senator White to be Tendered a Magnificent Reception.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., June 7.—A preliminary meeting was held in the Chamber of Commerce building yesterday, under the auspices of the Free Harbor League, to devise ways and means for a magnificent reception to United States Senator Stephen M. White, who will return from Washington in time for next Saturday's county convention. The meeting was presided over by the Free Harbor League, there being not the same number of Republicans as Democrats present.

Ex-Mayor W. H. Workman was called upon to preside. On taking the chair he paid a glowing tribute to Senator White for his courage, his unflinching industry on behalf of the people and, above all, his sterling honesty. These sentiments were applauded to the echo. A general committee of twenty was appointed to carry forward the work.

Pending a motion to invite Senator George C. Perkins to attend the reception, President Patterson of the Chamber of Commerce, who had been prominently mentioned as the National capital, paid a flattering compliment to the junior Senator, saying that he, with singular idelity, had aided every effort of White's in behalf of the people. The motion prevailed unanimously. It was decided that the reception be caused by the motion of W. M. Garland to invite Representative McLachlan of this district. The motion came at an awkward time, and during the pendency of a prior motion, and for that reason was promptly called down. Afterward, and at another very inopportune time, Mr. Garland renewed his motion, but the point was made that a motion to adjourn had intervened.

"FLOATERS" ARE CONDEMNED.

Judicial Rebuke to Police Court Officials Who Release Offenders.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., June 7.—After disposing of a case against one, Payne, who had been granted what is known as a "floater," where it was understood that if the criminal would leave for greener fields the penalty for his crimes should not be enforced, Judge York of the Superior Court said yesterday:

"This is manifestly unjust to other communities, not alone of other States, but of this State. If one of these men is thus released from the State, he is liable to be taken to Pasadena, Santa Monica or San Francisco, and in like manner subject himself to arrest there and become a burden to the people of such place. It is the duty of every community to take care that its criminals are not sent as ex-tenders to their serving their sentences or inflicting upon them punishments for their crimes. I cannot too strongly condemn the conduct of officials who induce such persons to leave the State, and upon promise that they will be given 'floaters' then if they are subsequently caught, thrust them into jail to serve out their sentences thus imposed. Such action seems to me the essence of injustice. Laws which have been enacted for the purpose of the legislation of the United States and I cannot see why police courts should assume to institute them and put them into practice, and that is just what this 'floater' business does."

ASTORIA'S CHAPTER OF CRIME.

The Body of Sam Mielandt Found in the Columbia—Evidence of Four Killings.

ASTORIA, Or., June 7.—The third chapter in the story of the