

NO COURT-MARTIAL NOR A RUPTURE

Secretary Alger Says There Is No Reason for Proceedings Against Miles.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The Washington correspondent of the Herald telegraphs: "There is no occasion for a court-martial of General Miles," said Secretary Alger to me to-day.

GOLD STRIKE ON THE HOOTALINQUA

Bonanza Diggings Near Teslin Lake.

PROSPECTORS ARE RUSHING IN

The Fortunate Discoverer of a San Franciscan Who Went Into the Northern Country Without a Dollar.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

VICTORIA, Aug. 31.—The steamship Horsa, Captain Hackett, arrived this afternoon after a fine trip from Skagway and Wrangell.

According to advices brought by the Horsa, a big strike has been made on the Hootalinqua River, near Teslin Lake.

A great many people have already left Glenora and Telegraph Creek for the new diggings, and many more will follow as soon as provisions can be rushed over to Teslin.

The strike was made by D. D. Lawney of San Francisco, who has spent two years ago on the Hootalinqua.

Mr. Lawney was a passenger from the headwaters of the Sticken on the steamship Strathcona, which reached Wrangell shortly before the Horsa sailed south.

He said that the strike ran from \$30 to \$40 a day to the man and bedrock had not yet been reached.

Mr. Lawney, who went into the Hootalinqua country "broke," has purchased a big outfit, including pack animals, and is going back to winter on and develop his claim.

He has built a cabin and will take his wife in, having procured a claim for her alongside his own.

Mr. Lawney says the Hootalinqua has never been prospected properly. Hundreds of people have passed down to Dawson City and lower points and the great Hootalinqua has been treated much as was the Klondike by early prospectors.

The present rush, he believes, will develop another great gold district, which will rival the Klondike.

R. H. Hall, manager of the Hudson Bay Company, who was interviewed at Wrangell in regard to the new strike, corroborated Mr. Lawney's story.

Hall stated that a five-foot trail had been completed to Teslin Lake and was in perfect shape.

Hundreds of people had built narrow gauge carts, on which they put from 1,000 pounds of provisions, and hitching horses, cattle or mules to the carts, they were heading for the new El Dorado.

The Hudson Bay Company is rushing all the supplies possible into the interior in order to meet the great demand.

More finds, he says, are being reported in favor of Detroit and the time for the meeting of the Supreme Lodge on the second Tuesday in September, 1900.

PYTHIANS WERE NOT EXTRAVAGANT

Charges Investigated by a Committee.

OFFICERS NOT NEGLIGENT BUSINESS OF THE SUPREME LODGE WELL CONDUCTED.

There Seems to Have Been no Foundation for the Accusations of Dishonesty and General Waste.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 31.—The special investigating committee appointed by the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias to investigate the charges made against the officers of the lodge, and also to find out, if possible, where the information came from, made it report this morning.

The committee paid special attention to the discovery of the author of the charges, but the report failed to show that it was successful in this.

As to the charges reflecting or tending to reflect on the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal White, who was the testimony submitted that a director in a bank, trust company, or other financial institution; that he is not a stockholder in the Brandon Printing Company, nor interested therein in any manner, and never was directly or indirectly interested in any contracts of any character made by or in the interests of the Supreme Lodge.

That since becoming supreme keeper of records and seal he has not been engaged in any business, devoting his entire time and energy to the discharge of the duties of that office.

As to the charge of extravagance and waste, the committee finds: "That the officers and members of this Supreme Lodge have, in all things, conducted the business of the Supreme Lodge honestly, fairly and for the interest of the order universally, and that all insinuations to the contrary are also unfounded and without foundation.

We further find that there have been large sums of money expended in what might seem to some a useless manner, but we also find that all such expenditures are the result of direct legislation on the part of this body and authorized by it, and that the officers, in making the expenditures, were acting simply as the instruments of this body in carrying out its dictates."

This report was signed by Tracy R. Bank, chairman; D. C. Richardson, James E. Watson, George M. Hanson and John W. Daniels.

The committee appointed to recommend the time and place of holding the next encampment of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, and convention of the Supreme Lodge, has been reported in favor of Detroit and the time for the meeting of the Supreme Lodge on the second Tuesday in September, 1900.

EIGHTY SOLDIERS ON THE REGISTRATION LIST

Trustee A. Sylva of Sausalito Turns Quite a Neat Trick Politically.

SAN RAFAEL, Aug. 31.—The condition of affairs political at this time insure one of the most interesting and bitterly fought campaigns ever known in the history of Marin County. There are many aspirants for the principal offices, each having a strong sectional following.

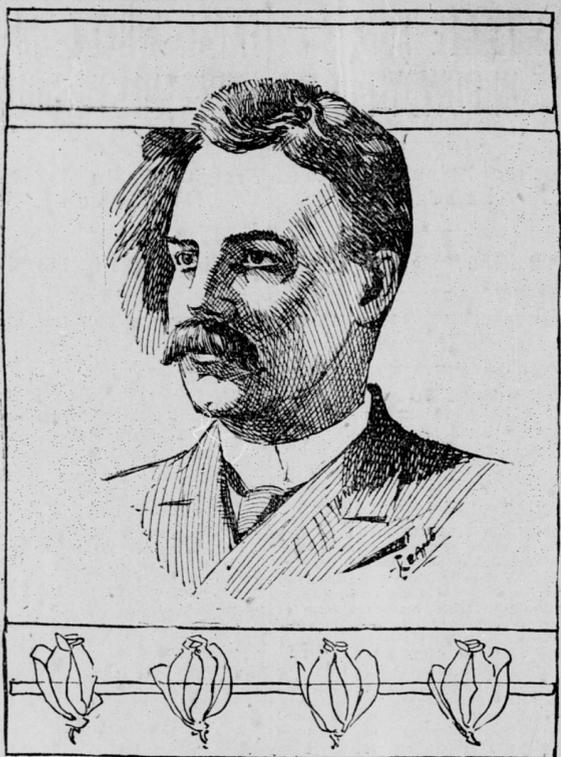
The sectional element will cut a large figure in this election, and the war has in fact broken out in no small degree.

Whether or not the county shall be divided into several districts, the proposal of eighty men. All those eighty voters wear blue coats.

This year Trustee A. Sylva, acting as Deputy County Clerk, registered eighty of the soldiers from Fort Baker. After their names their occupations were given variously as druggists, clerks, shoemakers, painters, etc.

The District Attorney decided that the soldiers could not vote under the law and Bonneau refused thereupon to transfer their names to the register.

Conservative estimates indicate that this comprehensive naval programme will involve an outlay approximating \$40,000,000.



SAMUEL HASKINS, PRESIDENT Y. M. I.

SAMUEL HASKINS AGAIN HONORED

Young Men's Institute Names Officers.

GRAND PRESIDENT RETURNED

SANTA CRUZ GETS THE NEXT CONVENTION.

Session Just Ended at San Jose Prolific in Reforms and Enactments Beneficial to the Order.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN JOSE, Aug. 31.—The fourteenth annual convention of the Young Men's Institute in the Pacific jurisdiction has come to a close. In all probability it has been the most successful and the best conducted of its kind ever held by the organization.

The work accomplished will be of lasting benefit and a credit to those who were instrumental in its execution. Reforms were enacted and resolutions adopted that from a standpoint of economy and progression have never been equaled in the history of the organization.

Everything was for the best and in the direct interest of the institute and its members.

The last work of the convention before the gavel was set aside for a year to the business of the order, was the election of officers. The contests were close in every instance, it being found necessary in many cases to call a second ballot.

For the grand presidency Samuel Haskins proved successful, being elected by a large majority.

The various other officers were elected as follows: Grand vice president, Anthony Schwamm of Los Angeles.

Second grand vice president, L. E. Mahon of Eureka.

Grand secretary, George A. Stanley of San Francisco.

Grand treasurer, William Aggeler of San Francisco.

Grand chaplain, Father Slattery of Napa.

Grand inside sentinel, William J. Fann of Hayward.

Grand outside sentinel, Edward Sweeney of Hayward.

For supreme delegates to the coming convention of Oakland and San Francisco in spreading the Catholic doctrine and aiding the soldiers of the United States army, also praising and kind words to the Catholic A. Society.

generous contribution to the Marion Crawford lecture fund, and to the following gentlemen who at personal inconvenience to themselves contributed during the past year:

Right Rev. George Montgomery, D.D., Bishop of Los Angeles and Monterey; Dr. David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford University; Rev. D. J. Mahoney, S. J., of St. Ignace College, San Francisco; Hon. James D. Pheasant, Mayor of San Francisco; Henry E. Highton of San Francisco; J. J. Barrett of San Francisco; Rev. John Quinn of Marysville; Rev. W. H. McKinnin, now chaplain of the First California Volunteer Regiment at Manila, under the command of our relative Faith, Colonel J. J. Tobin of Alameda; Rev. Joseph Gleason of San Francisco; Rev. Henry Woods, D.D., of San Francisco; Rev. James McDonald of San Francisco; Rev. E. E. Kenna, S. J., of San Francisco; Rev. J. Vooranger, D. D., of San Francisco; Rev. J. B. McNulty of Oakland; Frank J. Murasky of San Francisco; L. E. Mahon, Henry Clay Hall of Menlo Park; Rev. Father McGee of San Francisco; Rev. C. H. Younan, C. S. P., of San Francisco; Very Rev. E. Holon, S. S., of Boston, Mass.; James Gallagher of Fresno; Rev. B. J. McKinnin of Suisun, Cal.

One of the resolutions that was greeted with fervent enthusiasm by the convention was that relating to Father Yorke's work as the editor of the Monitor and champion of the truth which they have embraced; and whereas the Monitor is enjoying great popularity, and that we endorse the Monitor, and the work of the Monitor, and that we congratulate the Rev. Father Yorke upon the wonderful success of his work, and that we induce the Monitor and pledge it our support.

Whereas, The San Francisco Monitor through the able and energetic editor, Rev. Father Yorke, has been and is the champion and defender of the rights of Catholics everywhere in many cases to the second ballot.

And whereas the Rev. Father Yorke has by his many, courageous and convincing arguments turned the light of reason into the dark byways of bigotry and thus revealed to fair-minded and just citizens the truth which they have embraced; and whereas the Monitor is enjoying great popularity, and that we endorse the Monitor, and the work of the Monitor, and that we congratulate the Rev. Father Yorke upon the wonderful success of his work, and that we induce the Monitor and pledge it our support.

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MINES SHUT DOWN FOR LACK OF WATER

STOCKTON, Aug. 31.—Reports from Calaveras and the southern mining region show that nearly all the principal mines are shut down for lack of water. Several closed the first of the week. A few on the line of the new flume being built by the Utica have made arrangements to buy water when this work is finished, which will be some time in October. Other mines have to wait to get the effects of the fall rains. In mining towns actual drought in many instances prevails.

Water is being sold in Valley Spring by the bucket. There are but three wells in Valley Spring that contain any water, and the supply in these is quite limited. No water can be taken from these three wells without the consent of the owners.

It is estimated one-half the mines in Calaveras are shut down for lack of water. The last of next month where they are so situated as to have access to mountain streams.

REA SEEKS TO CONTROL THE DEMOCRATS

His Henchmen Buying Proxies.

INSISTS ON REPRESENTATION DEMANDS SEVERAL PLACES ON THE TICKET.

Lively Fight May Result When the County Convention Meets at San Jose on Friday.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN JOSE, Aug. 31.—"Jim" Rea is making an effort to capture the Democratic County Convention, which will meet at Turn Verein Hall on Friday.

All-night sessions are held nightly at the California Club to devise ways and means to make this coup. This is the first time the "boss" has not had a hand in the Democratic County Convention, and the rebuff is not graciously received.

Besides, Rea and the Mackenzies want to show the people of San Jose they are still alive after Rea's defeat at Sacramento, and the "dressing down" he received from Major McLaughlin.

The meetings at the California Club have been lively ones. This organization is the rendezvous of all of Rea's political schemers. The gang comprises its entire membership, and the first duty of a youngster is to join the California Club. The Democratic convention is the sole topic there now.

Rea wants several places on the ticket but about all he demands is Scheller for Superior Judge. Scheller is a prominent member of the California Club, while Kittredge, his opponent, has refused to have anything to do with the ring.

Rea has openly craved some one other than L. T. Chipman (anti-gang Republican) for County Superintendent of Schools.

Old-time Democrats say the convention on Friday will be the most representative one held here by the Democrats in many years. They claim it is almost solidly anti-Rea, and that the ticket nominated will be a sure winner.

"Boss" Rea is endeavoring to take a hand in the shaping of a ticket by securing proxies of delegates. Police Commissioner "Billy" Carmichael and a few more of the boss' henchmen have already obtained proxies. Orders have gone forth to get all of them possible, and if necessary, to buy them. In this way the boss hopes to have a representation, but he will not have strength enough to demand recognition.

Nicholas Bowden will be made chairman of the convention, which will be composed of 220 delegates. The platform promises to be a warm one. The pending high school trouble and Rea's meddling in school affairs will be touched upon. The students will be praised for the stand taken by them, and the City Board of Education censured for having caused the trouble.

Freedom of the public schools from politics will be demanded. Legitimate delegates will be pledged to the enactment of a primary election law that will do away with such frauds as were perpetrated at the primaries here.

The nominees of the convention probably will be selected from the following aspirants: Superior Judge, A. S. Kittredge. Sheriff, George A. Hollinger. Clerk, H. A. Fisher. Recorder, E. T. Sterling, Ben W. Rucker and T. W. Treanor. Assessor, L. A. Spitzer. Tax Collector, W. A. January. Auditor, A. L. Veuve. Superintendent of Schools, L. J. Chipman. Coroner and Public Administrator, Drs. W. D. Macdeugal and P. M. Lusson. Treasurer, B. D. Murphy, E. W. Conant. Surveyor, P. Sainsevain. District Attorney, J. H. Campbell. City Justice, W. T. Argelger. Township Trustees (2), J. F. Conkey, Frank Shearer, W. B. Scanlan, J. H. O'Connor. Assemblymen—Fifty-fourth District, J. D. Roberts, Martin Murphy, G. K. Estes; Fifty-fifth District, O. D. Richardson, J. J. McLaurin; Fifty-sixth District, A. A. Martin of Gilroy.

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