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DETROIT, March 30.—Four hundred Detroit Democrats, with a considerable third annual banquet of the Mohawk Club, the leading Democratic organization of Michigan. The large auditorium of the Harmonic clubhouse, in which the dinner was served, was gay with patriotic decorations. A life-sized portrait of Colonel William J. Bryan was a conspicuous feature. Letters of regret from Colonel Bryan and others were read.

Hon. T. E. Tarsney, president of the club, introduced Mayor Maybury as toastmaster. The Mayor paid his respects to the trusts by saying that no man was ever so dangerous to the people's interests as the capitalistic greed which is contained in the great aggregations of capital are seeking to lower cost of production, particularly at the expense of labor.

Hon. Thomas E. Barkworth, Democratic candidate for Justice of the State Supreme Court (the bench which is occupied wholly by Republicans), responded to the toast "Partisanship and the Judiciary: Are They Always Separable?" The principal address of the evening was the response by Congressman John J. Lentz of Ohio to the sentiment "Reform the Trusts First, and the Philippines Afterward."

He said: "Let but one side of any case be presented to a jury and of course a verdict would always be brought in accordingly. So the American people are like a jury, and if selfish and designing men possessed of great wealth or political power are permitted to control and abuse the newspapers of the country it would be easy for them to control and use the people of the country. One of the curses of the day is the fact that newspapers will not put around the earth with truth in putting on the boots. There is no better illustration of this than the floods of lies with reference to the conduct of Germany during the war with Spain."

Mr. Lentz told of alleged efforts to show animosity toward the United States on the part of Germany, which he declared never existed. There was, he said, a feeling of apprehension felt by the people of trouble with Germany. Said he: "These facts could easily have been given by the State, the War or Navy Department, or the other widely known sources of news speeches in the West, the South and New England."

"Why could not this administration, while dealing with the political purposes, have also dropped in a word or two of explanation for patriotic purposes and relieved the people of thoughts of new wars and military adventures with Germany? For that would not have been a war with Spain."

"The contrast between Abraham Lincoln and William McKinley grows wider and wider every day. It was Lincoln who said, 'Let us have but one war at a time.' It was McKinley who could remain impotent and silent throughout this campaign of falsehoods and misstatements with Germany. It has been the trick of European powers to get into war with each other whenever the masses of the people believe to consider and discuss the rights of the masses. Any man who would try those who dictate the policy of this administration became so thoroughly alarmed at the awakening which took place in 1896 that they have sought refuge temporarily from their impotent fate by hiding their greedy purposes behind war clouds. We shall have more than enough to do if we turn our Gatling guns on the public enemies at home."

Mr. Lentz denounced what he called the "whitewash" of Secretary Alger, and said: "Algerin Corbin and Sampson, who were never near a fight, are promoted and rewarded. Schley and Miles, who whipped the Spaniards at every turn in the lane without sacrificing their own souls, are discarded and slighted. Is this Spain's sense of justice or is this America's national honor? Let the memories of Jackson and Lee, of Grant and Sherman answer."

RESTRICTION AGAINST CALIFORNIA CATTLE

Colorado Officials Adopt Very Stringent Rules Relating to Quarantine.

DENVER, March 30.—A special to the News from Cheyenne, Wyo., says: The Governor to-day issued the annual cattle quarantine proclamation. This decrees that all cattle from south of the thirty-seventh parallel must be accompanied between January 15 and November 15 with affidavits showing that they have for thirty days been north of the infected district defined by the Secretary of Agriculture December 20 last. All cattle from the infected districts must be accompanied by a certificate of inspection, unless previously inspected at Denver or at Aurora, Colo., and for such inspection a fee of one per head must be paid. California cattle will be subjected to special inspection for splenic fever. All cattle found in the State which will not comply with the rules will be held at owners' expense until released by the State veterinarian.

MEETS FATHER MURPHY.

Miss Fair Arranges for Wedding and Gifts to the Poor.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Miss Virginia Fair met Father Thomas F. Murphy, now pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, at Dobbs Ferry to-day, to arrange the details of the marriage ceremony. Miss Fair on her wedding day will give a large sum to the poor of the Roman Catholic church. This has been estimated at \$100,000 to \$150,000. The sum Miss Fair intends to give will be divided among several institutions and it is probable that among the number will be one or more Roman Catholic institutions of California.

CHINESE ATTACK GERMAN.

KAOCHAU, March 29 (via Shanghai, March 31).—The population of a village near I-Tscho-Fu recently attacked with guns a German officer named Han-chen, a dragoon named Mooted and a missionary named Vorscheit, who were on a peaceful journey to the north. In the fight which ensued several Chinese were killed and others wounded, but the Germans finally arrived here safely.

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SANTA CRUZ, March 30.—The Big Creek Company has ordered an additional electric plant, sufficient to furnish 250 more horsepower than at present, making a total horsepower of 675. This will give the company three different plants. The additional power is necessary because of the demand of the California Powder Works here, which alone needs 150 horsepower. In addition the company furnishes power for the electric railway and lighting system. The new plant will be installed within sixty days.

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Anyway, the impression is spreading that the Governor General may return the money to Washington and it is stirring up fresh feeling against the Assembly. General Ernst called upon the Cuban general, Rafael Portuondo, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Assembly, three days ago and asked for the name from General Brooke? "Yes," replied General Ernst. "Officially or unofficially?" "I come unofficially," answered the American officer.

"Then I cannot give them up," reported Portuondo. "I can only do so on official recognition." A file of United States troops would probably be sent to take the rolls of the military administration if they knew exactly where they were, but there is a feeling that a mistake might be made and the administration placed in the light of over-anxiety and possibly be laughed at.

NO LONGER IN FEAR OF FLOODS

Farms Saved by River Improvements.

WOODLAND, March 30.—One of the principal features of the plan of river improvement recommended by the Commissioner of Public Works was the construction of a concrete weir on the point two miles west of the Elkhorn ranch, for the purpose of regulating the flood discharge through the Yolo basin by confining to the river channel the utmost volume that it would safely carry without endangering the levee system and the important agricultural interests on the west bank of the river. This recommendation was indorsed by Major Heuer, government engineer, and approved by the auditing board, frequently or occasionally as the weir is frequently called. It was completed last November at a cost of \$25,541. It is 2000 feet in length and fifteen feet in width. The concrete is four feet in thickness and with four-foot anchorages at each side. There is a double row of sheet piling ten feet in length on the river side, and a double row of sheet piling twelve feet deep and sixteen and eighteen feet long on the land side. The approach from the river side is a riprap five feet wide, and the apron on the land side is about two feet in depth. The wings and end walls for the bulkheads are concrete, six feet at the base and eight feet in height.

When the easement was completed it was inspected by Major Heuer and best work done in the United States. His language was: "It is practically everlasting, and while brick may succumb to the wear of years, the easement ought to last for ever in the United States. I do not believe there is a piece of work in all Europe that equals it." It is for many years prior, it was impossible to maintain a levee system on the west bank of the river. Every year the levees were furrowed out to a depth nearly corresponding to the low water level. These crevasses a tremendous volume of water poured into Yolo basin, and the water thus diverted left a track up and down the river in width and extending almost to Rio Vista, in Solano County. As a result some of the most fertile land in the State was abandoned.

The department agreed to construct the weir on the condition that the land-owners put up and maintain substantial levees. The crevasses were filled and the easement afforded them ample protection. The Commissioner of Public Works, in testing the easement, found that the levee system and the easement would insure that any future diversion of flood water would be limited to a duration of a few days and would be regulated by the weir.

The last storm afforded the first opportunity for testing the efficiency of the easement, and the result is highly satisfactory and particularly gratifying to all concerned. Heavy rains fell in the valleys and melting snow in the mountains resulted in great freshets, and the Sacramento river has ordered an additional easement everybody connected with the Department of Public Works knew that the time for testing the easement was near. The flood water began to run over the weir at midnight Friday. The river continued to rise rapidly, and by 1 o'clock the water was running over the weir to a depth of five feet and 15 inches deep was pouring over the easement. Inspectors Randle, Commissioner Leake and a disinterested party of friends made a careful inspection and all agreed that the easement was working admirably and will accomplish all the beneficial results claimed for it. The levees were in good condition and the crests of all were from three to five feet above the level of the river.

The flood water, however, did not seem to be running back into the tule district, which in time will be drained by the canal. There was no water on the far side of the weir at Clarksburg. The farmers were cutting wood and plowing and seeding with the water. The water was running over the levees and this easement the flood waters of the last storm would have covered nearly all of this land, and the loss to the farmers would have been reckoned by the thousands and tens of thousands. The easement seems to have been fully demonstrated. It will deepen and improve the channel of the river, increase its carrying capacity by confining a larger volume of water within its banks, and will greatly facilitate the disposal of flood waters. Incidentally, it will greatly aid irrigation.

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Pugilist's Wife Appeals to Policeman.

COMMISSARY GAMPFER SWEARS ARMOURS' AGENT SAID MEAT WAS CHEMICALLY TREATED.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—There were two original witnesses before the army beef inquiry court to-day, and two former witnesses were recalled. Lieutenant Gampher, who was commissary of subsistence at Lakeland, Fla., and Major Creighton Webb, who was on General Lawton's staff in Cuba, testified for the first time. Colonel Woodruff of the commissary department and Mr. Morehouse, the Tampa agent for Armour & Co., who superintended the supply of fresh beef to the troops at Lakeland, were recalled. Major Webb's testimony dealt almost entirely with the canned roast beef, which he pronounced as useless as an article of food. Lieutenant Gampher said a representative of the Armour's, whom he took to be Mr. Morehouse, had told him that chemicals were used to preserve the beef. This Mr. Morehouse, when recalled, denied.

Man Who Whipped Sullivan Declares the Woman is Sick and Trying to Ruin Him.

NEW YORK, March 30.—James J. Corbett, former champion heavy-weight pugilist, and his wife had a quarrel to-night at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Eighth avenue, and the woman appealed to a policeman for protection, declaring she was in fear of violence. Several hundred persons who witnessed the altercation gathered around the couple and blocked the trolley tracks on Eighth avenue while Policeman Charles Snyder of the West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth-street station used his good offices in settling the dispute between the pugilist and his wife. They had been out for dinner in a restaurant on One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, and evidently had begun there the quarrel which was continued in the street.

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