

PRESIDENTS OF RAILROADS

Ripley of the Santa Fe Travels North With Foster.

Absorption of the California Northwestern Evidently Is Near.

Visit of the Two Magnates to the End of the Line in Mendocino County Causes Renewal of Rumors.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SANTA ROSA, March 22.—Every move made on the part of the railroad officials of the California Northwestern brings more forcibly to public view the probable truth of the recent rumors in railway circles that the route under their control will soon pass into the possession of the Santa Fe.

On Friday evening the palace car Domine was attached to the north-bound train, carrying President A. W. Foster of the California Northwestern and President Ripley of the Santa Fe to the northern terminus of the road. The company represented by the latter is purchasing thousands of acres of timber land in the vicinity of Round Valley and Bonnellville, and it is believed the visit of the magnates at this time had to do with settling whether the road from Eureka south should connect with the California Northwestern at its Willits terminus or at Cloverdale.

The Alton Lumber Company, which has been absorbed by financiers interested in the Santa Fe, operates a number of miles of railroad, and it is intended to make this a portion of the new road to connect with the one in existence to Willits. The road will tap a rich timber belt hitherto untouched and will provide freight tonnage of greater capacity than any other section of the State. This is what the railroad companies desire at the present time, and they further consider that once opened up the land will be among the richest in agricultural lines in Northern California, thereby insuring continuous freight and passenger business for the road. The line will then be connected from Eureka north with one of the northern routes and give an outlet to the bay of San Francisco at Tiburon.

A special engine and coach went north Saturday evening to bring the railway presidents down from the north. They passed through this city about 9 o'clock and reached the metropolis shortly after midnight. The extra coach was taken north in order that the trainmen would not interfere with the plans and conversations of the men aboard the palace car. Residents of this city are much interested in the projected improvements which will come with the absorption of the California Northwestern.

ASKS CASTRO TO CONTINUE AT HELM

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try against the attacks of the foreigner. All the glory is to be contemplated Venezuela respected, prosperous and happy.

The President of Congress then received President Castro's resignation and a commission was immediately appointed to draw up a reply.

The news of the resignation of Castro caused intense excitement in political circles, but the city remained quiet.

In view of the reasons for the resignation given in the Presidential message, it is believed in political circles that President Castro will retain the Presidential office.

ONLY A POLITICAL MOVE.

Washington Does Not Take Castro's Action Seriously.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—President Castro's resignation came in for a good deal of discussion to-day in Governmental and diplomatic circles. The general sentiment of those conversant with South American affairs seemed to be that the President's action was merely a political move, having for its object the declaration of an expression from Congress of its united and hearty support. It was not thought that he had any serious idea of giving up his office permanently. Some manifestation of confidence, it is suggested, was necessary in view of conditions existing in Venezuela arising, it might be, out of the extraordinary import duties levied by Castro about a month ago and the effect on the country of the revolution through which the country has been passing.

ROME RECEIVES THE NEWS.

Pope Leo Hopes the Tribulations of Venezuela Will End.

ROME, March 22.—Considerable impression was made, especially at the Foreign Office, by the news first received through the press of President Castro's resignation, which is regarded as a sign that the internal situation of Venezuela is much worse than appeared from the news which has been allowed to leave Venezuela. It is hoped here that President Castro's resignation will lead to the pacification of the country and the re-establishment of order and the belief prevails that his disappearance and the coming into power of any other man cannot change either the attitude of the powers

ENGLAND USES A GETTED DIVINE

Dean of Canterbury Dies After an Extended Illness.

Very Rev. Frederic W. Farrar Passes Away at His Home in London.

LONDON, March 22.—Very Rev. Frederic William Farrar, dean of Canterbury since 1885, died to-day in his seventy-second year. Dean Farrar had long been in delicate health and disabled by creeping paralysis. He latterly had to be carried everywhere and was unable to officiate, although a constant attendant at the Canterbury Cathedral service to the last. He was present at some school sports on Saturday afternoon, but passed a restless night. His condition became serious this morning and he expired peacefully at 7 o'clock.

The Very Rev. Frederic William Farrar was the son of the Rev. C. R. Farrar, rector of Sidcup, Kent, and was born in Bombay, August 7, 1831. He received his education at King William's College, in the Isle of Man, and at King's College, London. Prior to his graduation from the University of London he had become a classical exhibitioner and in 1852 was appointed a university scholar. At Trinity College, Cambridge, he excelled in his studies and won the Chancellor's prize for English verse.

In 1854 he was ordained deacon and was received into the priesthood three years later. For many years he was one of the assistant masters at Harrow and held with great distinction for five years the head mastership of Marlborough College. Queen Victoria was quick to appreciate the abilities of the rising clergyman and made him an honorary chaplain and subsequently a chaplain-in-ordinary. In April, 1857, he was appointed to a canonry in Westminster Abbey and in 1883 he became Archdeacon of Westminster. Thirteen years ago he was made chaplain of the House of Commons.

During a long life devoted to ministerial labors, Dr. Farrar found time for a great mass of literary work, and his numerous works have been translated into many languages. In 1885 he visited the United States and was warmly received by all religious denominations. He was particularly active during his career in the church in the work of temperance reform.

toward Venezuela or the engagements entered into by Venezuela through Bowen. When the Pope was informed of the resignation of President Castro by Cardinal Rampolla this morning he exclaimed: "Let us pray God that this may end the tribulations of our beloved children there."

SURPRISE IN LONDON.

Castro's Desire to Quit Presidency Not Expected.

LONDON, March 22.—The news of President Castro's resignation came as a complete surprise to people here, but London was deserted to-day by diplomats and the event was little discussed. Until last Saturday afternoon President Castro's tenure of office was taken as a matter of course. In fact, the reported hitch in the negotiations with the powers was attributed here to President Castro's endeavor to make another bid for popular favor. Some months ago the possible resignation of the Venezuelan President was discussed in the Foreign Office as a serious objection to making terms with Venezuela with nothing but President Castro's signature as a guarantee, but since then the officials here have been inclined to believe that his position was well established.

Berlin Is Not Pleased.

BERLIN, March 22.—The German Government had no warning of President Castro's retirement, nor has the press announcement of the fact been supplemented yet by any explanation from the German legation in Caracas. The feeling in official quarters is rather one of regret than otherwise, because President Castro's resignation creates uncertainty regarding the conditions that were understood during the unfinished negotiations at Washington.

DETECTIVES DISCOVER INSURANCE SWINDLER

Admits That He Received Money From the Persons Who Collected the Policy.

PITTSBURGH, March 22.—New York detectives who came here to locate several persons connected with the million-dollar insurance frauds in that city have completed their work. With the aid of the local detective bureau they found one of their men in the person of Casimiro Ciccone, an Italian, 30 years of age, for whom the New York officers had a bench warrant. Ciccone's life, it is said, was insured for \$100,000 three years ago, and a year later a body alleged to be his was buried in Calvary Cemetery, New York. Ciccone had been living at 256 First avenue, and since his supposed death had been in hiding in several different places. He had been in this city about six months. The insurance on his life was paid.

When insured Ciccone was, it is said, represented as being 37 years of age. The detectives say Ciccone signed a statement confessing that he was the subject of the insurance swindle and declaring that he received money for his part in the affair. The prisoner is too feeble to be removed to New York, and the detectives carried back with them a physician's certificate stating that the old man could hardly live six months longer.

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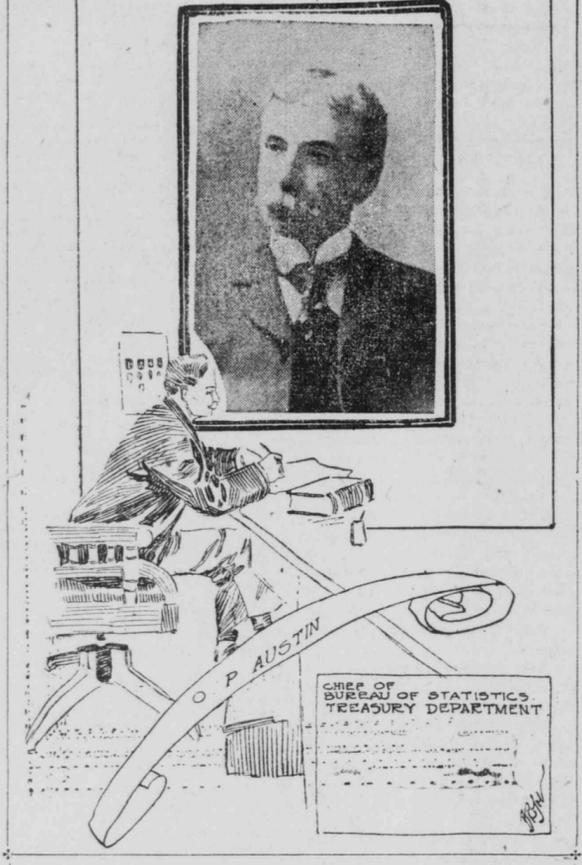


A MAGAZINE OF CLEVERNESS

APRIL NUMBER JUST OUT

JUST A HALF CENTURY LATE WITH HIS FACTS

Washington Official, Writing of Hawaii's Present Resources, Quotes From a Circular Adopted and Published in 1850



WASHINGTON OFFICIAL, WHOSE ANTIQUATED CIRCULAR ANENT THE RESOURCES AND THE FUTURE OF HAWAII IS AFFORDING THE ISLANDERS MUCH QUIET AMUSEMENT.

HONOLULU, March 13.—O. P. Austin, chief of the Bureau of Statistics in the Treasury Department at Washington, is fifty years behind the times. In one of his recent bulletins, given out "for use not earlier than February 22, 1903," Austin speaks of agriculture in Hawaii and "some remarkable statements recently made by a committee organized in the islands."

The circular quoted is more than a half century old. It was adopted at the first meeting of the Royal Hawaiian Agricultural Society in June, 1850, and was published in the very first issue of the magazine started by that society in the same year. Copies of the magazine are in local libraries, and the words quoted by Austin and now applied to conditions of the present, to annexation and to cable communication, were used fifty-two years ago in reference to the statehood of California and the struggles of the early sugar industry. The circular in part is as follows:

The benefits to the agricultural industries of the Hawaiian Islands resulting from the closer relations with the United States, which has come through annexation are shown by some remarkable statements recently made by a committee organized in those islands in the interest of improved agricultural operations and especially diversification of agricultural products to meet the demands of the United States for tropical products of various kinds. This committee was appointed by a public meeting recently held in Honolulu, and in its address to the people of the islands says: "The importance and almost necessity of an institution like the one contemplated is too

ONE IN FLAMES IN CLOSED CAR STILL RETICENT

Two Men Perish at the Ellensburg Railroad Yards.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SPOKANE, March 22.—A startling discovery was made in the Northern Pacific Railroad yards at Ellensburg last night which showed that two human lives had been sacrificed as a result of carelessness. A refrigerator car standing in the yards was discovered on fire. It was quickly switched where the fire could be extinguished, and inspection of the car revealed two dead bodies badly burned. Coroner Felch was notified and this morning impaneled a jury, who viewed the bodies and investigated the surroundings. The conditions showed that the two men had gone into the car for a night's sleep, had procured coal and built a fire in a tin can, lying down on either side of the can to sleep. The car being airtight the fumes from the coal had smothered them. The floor of the car took fire, which ignited the clothing of the men. The arm of one man was burned off near the elbow and the thigh of the other was badly burned.

Papers were found in the pockets identifying one as Michael Hunt, a member of the Cooks' and Waiters' Union of Tacoma; the other, Frank McCluskey, a member of a like union at Lake City, Oregon. One of the men had been seen about town for a couple of days past, and it is supposed they were cooks looking for employment. Coroner Felch commented with the unions mentioned and found that both men were in good standing.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Former Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii, who has been in Washington for the past winter in an effort to obtain from Congress compensation for the crown lands of which she was deprived when the island was annexed to the United States, has left here for San Francisco, en route to Honolulu.

POLICE EXPECT AN OPEN VERDICT

Burdick Inquest Is Not Likely to Solve the Mystery.

Widow of Murdered Man May Be Called to Testify by the Coroner.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 22.—The inquest into the death of Edwin L. Burdick will be resumed in Judge Murphy's court to-morrow afternoon. The first witness probably will be George C. Miller, who was attorney for Burdick, and in whose office Burdick and Mrs. Pennell met for a conference several weeks before Burdick's murder. Following Miller the District Attorney may call Miss Romance, the Pennell servant, on whom Pennell relied in part for his alibi on the night Burdick was murdered. The third witness of the day is expected to be Mrs. Burdick, widow of the murdered man.

Miller's testimony should be interesting, for he knew Burdick well, was familiar with what occurred between him and Pennell and had long talks with Burdick over the divorce case in which Pennell was named as co-respondent. Miss Romance will be questioned regarding Pennell's movements on the night of the Burdick murder so far as she observed them and his conduct thereafter as it came to her notice.

Then will come Mrs. Burdick. Although Mrs. Burdick was not in Buffalo on the night her husband was murdered, she may be called upon to testify to the details of his domestic life up to the time she left her home last December.

The authorities are in possession of minute details regarding the whereabouts of Pennell the time of the murder. It is probable that he saw Mrs. Burdick in Atlantic City three days before the murder. He was in Buffalo again on Wednesday, February 25. It was on the night of Thursday, February 25, that Burdick was killed. On Friday, according to the story told to the authorities by Pennell before his death and his wife visited Niagara Falls. He first visited the automobile factory at the city line. While at the factory Pennell said he called up Mrs. Pennell on the telephone. He explained that Mrs. Pennell for some days had been urging him to take her to the falls to see the ice scenery and had spoken to him about it the day before, on his return from the East. He told her to take a Niagara Falls car and he would join her there. He said this was about 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon or a few minutes earlier. He said he went on down to the falls and that his wife came and brought the papers with her and that he read in the papers of the murder of Burdick. They stayed at the falls until evening. He and his wife returned from the falls at that time, and the detective called at his home and questioned them and he gave them the foregoing account of his movements.

No arrest, it is generally conceded, will take place at the close of the inquest. The authorities may see fit to present the case to the Grand Jury, but this is considered improbable in view of the lack of material evidence in hand. Thousands of people to-day visited the stone quarry where Pennell was killed and Mrs. Pennell fatally injured by their automobile.

TWO BROTHERS ATTEMPT TO CLEAN OUT A TOWN

Make Murderous Attacks on Several Persons Before They Are Captured by a Posse.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., March 22.—Bert and Jesse Hills, section hands on the Vandalla road, in attempting to clean out Browns Valley last night first attacked the station agent, who shot one of them with a revolver. They resented his action and went to town to get revolvers. James Patton refused to sell them revolvers, whereupon one of them picked up a scale weight and threw it at Patton, while the other assaulted some of his customers with other missiles. A posse was formed and the Hills took refuge in Dr. Williams' office, which they barricaded and successfully resisted the attacks of the posse. The entire town started in pursuit, and after a thirty-mile chase they were captured.

POISON IN THE MILK CAUSES A MAN'S DEATH

LOS ANGELES, March 22.—The family of George Bitsnau was poisoned to-day by drinking milk which had been left over night in an unclean vessel, and while attempting to vomit what he had eaten at breakfast Bitsnau ruptured the aorta

and died before medical aid could be summoned. The physician announced the poison of a ptomaine variety.

The entire family became violently ill immediately after breakfast. The father was seized with illness in the yard and died before he could reach the house. The other members of the family were under the care of physicians all day and were finally pronounced out of danger.

ROADS SHOW NOT A TRAIL OF OUTLAWS

Los Angeles Police Unable to Pursue Highwaymen.

Another of the Wounded Car Passengers May Soon Die.

Bandit Is Known to Have Been Shot During the Hold-Up, but No Trace of Blood Can Be Found.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LOS ANGELES, March 22.—Another life may be lost as a result of the attempt last night to hold up an electric car on the Los Angeles Pacific Railway a mile west of this city, when three masked robbers fired murderously right and left in a crowded coach, not caring whom they wounded.

Ellis Pearson, who was shot through the thigh, has taken a turn for the worse, and the attending physicians fear that he will not recover. At first it was supposed that he had sustained only a flesh wound and that it was not at all serious, but when he was carefully examined at a hospital early this morning it was found that the bullet had entered the lower portion of the abdominal cavity and the surgeons were unable to locate it. He has developed a severe fever and is only semi-conscious. It was stated at the hospital late to-night that he has less than an even chance of recovery.

The other two persons who were wounded will recover, although it will be many weeks before J. J. Henderson will be able to return to his business. One of the bullets from the robber's revolver while he was shooting at C. A. Henderson, the passenger who opened fire upon the outlaws, struck him in the hip and fractured the bone. He may be crippled for life.

Although two-score officers have worked on the case for more than twenty-four hours there is not the slightest clue to the identity of the robbers, and to add to the difficulties which the case presents the members of the crew whose car and the passengers who witnessed the murder of G. A. Griswold and the wounding of the other passengers now admit that even if they were brought face to face with the man who attempted to shoot at them they would not be able to positively identify any of them.

It was expected that when morning came there would be some trail from the scene of the robbery to show which way the robbers had gone. Henderson had fired four shots at one of them at a range of less than six feet and when he fired his last shot the highwayman was seen to stagger and half fall off the car. At the same time he cried out as if in pain. Henderson was therefore positive that he had wounded one of the men, but when a search of the scene was made this morning there was no trail of blood or other evidence to show that the robber had been wounded.

The tracks of three men were found leading to a place where a horse and wagon had been tied and the tracks of the wheels were followed until they were lost in a well-beaten road leading to West Washington street. There all trace of the robbers was lost and from that point the officers have been unable to follow them. They have no description of the murderers for the reason that out of the thirty or more passengers who were on the car no two agree as to their descriptions of the men.

The railway company announces that it will offer a reward of \$100 for the capture of any one of the men. The Board of Supervisors will offer a reward of \$50 and the City Council will be asked to make a similar offer. Application has also been made to Governor Pardee to offer a reward on behalf of the State. A telegram has been received from the bank at Manson, Iowa, of which Griswold, the murdered man, was president, stating that the bank will duplicate any reward which may be offered for the capture of the murderers.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Advertisement for Eczema Hydrozone, describing the scientific germicide and its uses for various skin conditions.

Advertisement for NEURALGIA CAN BE CURED, featuring a testimonial and a small illustration.

Advertisement for Sloan's Liniment, highlighting its effectiveness and value.

Advertisement for The Ocularium Patented Spheroid Eye-Glasses, including a testimonial and contact information.

STATEMENT

OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS

PROVIDENT

LIFE AND TRUST COMPANY

OF PHILADELPHIA, IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1902, and for the year ending on that day; made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California, pursuant to the requirements of section 613 of the Political Code of said State.

Table showing financial details: CAPITAL, Amount of capital stock paid up in cash, ASSETS, Net value of real estate owned, etc.

LIABILITIES.

Table showing financial details: Claims for death losses and matured endowments, due and unpaid, Claims for death losses and matured endowments in process of adjustment, etc.

INCOME.

Table showing financial details: Cash received for premiums on policies during the year, Cash received for renewal of premiums during the year, etc.

EXPENDITURES.

Table showing financial details: Cash paid for losses and matured endowments, Cash paid to annuitants, Cash paid for surrendered policies, etc.

PREMIUM NOTE ACCOUNT.

Table showing financial details: Premium notes and other premium obligations at beginning of the year, Premium notes and other premium obligations received during the year, etc.

Balance note assets at end of the year \$2,264 00

SAM R. SHIPLEY, President. WALTER BRYSON, Secretary. Subscribed and affirmed to before me, this 21st day of January, 1903. EVAN J. LEVIER, Notary Public.

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