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## TELEGRAPHIC AMERICA.

SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE DAILY TIMES.

### UNITED STATES.

**George Hearst Captures San Francisco**  
—As Old as the State—Came to Terms—Turns Up in Switzerland, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—In the election of delegates to the Democratic State Convention, Hearst captured a majority, between 75 and 80 out of the 108 chosen.

The steamship Senator, which is as old as the State, is being changed into a barge. The vessel was built in 1848 in New York, and was brought to this coast in 1849. Before the sickness filled up the river she made regular trips to Sacramento, and there is hardly a miner in the State who has not traveled on her.

The first passports granted under the new law to Chinese leaving this country for their native land with the intention to return here, were issued to-day. Seven hundred and sixty-six passports were issued. The Chinese will sail hence on the steamer Oceanic to-morrow.

The Merchants' Exchange, after several months' negotiation, has decided to lease its property, including the records, telegraph lines, signal stations, horse and water service, etc., to the Produce Exchange for seven years, at \$1,500 per month, the Produce Exchange to have the privilege of buying the property during this period for \$275,000, which will be considered part of the purchase should it be made. The conveyance was ratified Saturday by the Directors of the Produce Exchange, and will be to-day by the Merchants' Exchange.

G. Barch, who last November suddenly left Napa, owing over \$100,000 to his creditors, has lately been heard from. He is now in Switzerland, and writes that losses and other matters had disturbed his mind so that he did not realize what he was doing when he left Napa.

The jury in the case of Chandler O. Sullivan, charged with the murder of William Shields, at Kingston, in this county, in March last, brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree, and recommending that the extreme penalty of the law be inflicted.

### Got Tired of Her.

St. Louis, June 7.—John Curtis, who eloped with Mrs. Jennie Dixon two months ago, has returned here to his parents. Mrs. Dixon is at present in San Antonio, Texas, but Curtis's family are endeavoring to arrange matters so she can return to her mother's house. Mr. Dixon and the children are in Iowa. A divorce suit is pending in the District Court here against his wife. Young Curtis had tired of Mrs. Dixon and was induced by his brothers to return home.

### Killing in Oregon.

THE DALLES, June 7.—J. P. Fenton was shot and killed at Lone Rock, Thursday morning, by W. H. Caldwell. Mr. Holcomb and Caldwell were at work building a fence, when Fenton came up and assaulted Caldwell, striking him over the head with a club. Caldwell warded off the blow with his arm, and Fenton followed it up, when Caldwell pulled his revolver and shot him dead. Caldwell came into town and gave himself up to the Sheriff.

### Important to Homestead Settlers.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Senator Plumb reported favorably to the Senate from the Committee on Public Lands to-day a bill for the relief of Homestead settlers on public lands. It provides that when a homestead entry has been made on unoccupied lands, and the settler shall have improved the same in good faith for agricultural purposes, with houses and trees, or otherwise, in a substantial manner, and shall be

compelled by sickness or necessity, to labor for the support of his family, to absent himself for a part of the time during the period of residence, he shall have the right to prove his bona fide occupation and improvement of the land, notwithstanding his absence; where a settler has settled upon and improved land, and dies before the period of residence fixed by law expires, and his family, or agent, as representative of the family, continues to possess and improve the land, the patent shall be issued to the widow or representative of the estate.

### Oregon Election News.

PORTLAND, June 17.—The entire Multnomah county Republican ticket is elected; the smallest majority will not be less than 300.

The lines across the mountains have been down, and no precincts east of the mountains have been heard from. The Republicans, on account of local dissensions, lose one Senator and one Representative in Clackamas; two Representatives in Washington and one in Benton county. They may gain two in Eastern Oregon, which has had a large immigration in the last two years, most of which are believed to be Republicans.

Figures on the Legislature at noon: The Senate consists of thirty and the House of sixty members. The Republicans have, including holdovers, fifteen Senators and the Democrats fourteen. Doubtful, one, with the probabilities in favor of the Republicans.

In the House the Republicans have thirty and the Democrats twenty-four. Doubtful, six, of which two are probably Republican. Granting to the Democrats every doubtful county, the Legislature will be a tie. The Republicans, however, claim the Legislature by at least four on joint ballot. The Democrats are inclined to concede that it will be a tie.

### Funeral of the Heroic Miners.

VIRGINIA, Nev., June 7.—The funeral of Denis Callahan and Wm. Bennett, the miners who forfeited their lives in an attempt to penetrate the flooded drift of the Alta mine, took place yesterday. An opportunity to attend the funeral was afforded to nearly all the miners on the lode. The body of Callahan was conveyed from Virginia to the Gold Hill depot, accompanied by 1,500 miners, the Masonic fraternity, the Land League, and citizens in carriages and on foot. Every available vehicle was pressed into service. After depositing the body in the Miners' Union Hall, the procession moved to the Masonic Hall of Gold Hill, and from there conveyed the body of Bennett to the Gold Hill Cemetery. These funerals were the largest of any miner has ever caused on the Comstock, every person familiar with the efforts of the two unfortunate men deeming it his duty to attest his admiration of their heroism. The floral tributes were many and handsome.

### Bad for Mining Surveyors.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—In answer to a protest from certain Deputy Mining Surveyors against the mining law forbidding them from acting as attorneys for mineral claimants, Secretary Teller has informed the Commissioner of the Land Office that the law appears to contain correct and sound views of public policy, and he therefore declines to abrogate the law.

### Inspecting the Northern Pacific.

GLENDALE, Montana, June 7.—Henry Villard and party arrived this morning. They are inspecting the Northern Pacific Railroad, which is in fine condition and fast nearing completion. Crops all along the line are in splendid condition. Towns and villages have grown wonderfully during the past year.

### Overtaken and Killed.

DALLAS, Tex., June 7.—Another of the men who attempted to rob the Missouri Pacific train, near Denton, was overtaken by a posse and killed. The fourth is still at large. These two are noted train robbers, but the

police refuse to give their names. It is said they had planned to rob two other trains, but circumstances prevented.

### "The Truth About the Land League."

NEW YORK, June 7.—The Telegram has the following special from London: Davitt has written a long reply to a pamphlet entitled, "The Truth about the Land League," published anonymously some weeks ago, and extensively circulated throughout the United Kingdom, and now reissued under his own name, by Arthur Arnold Forster, son of ex-Chief Secretary Forster. The purpose of the pamphlet is to show that the Land League and those connected with it had in view the commission of outrages, mutilation, plunder and murder. The evidence is supplied by extracts from speeches and newspaper articles. Davitt's reply is that the evidence has been garbled, passages persistently removed from the text, and mitigating parts suppressed. The object of the pamphlet, he says, is to arouse prejudice and enkindle hate, for which opportunity has been afforded by the Dublin assassinations, a purpose which he designates as wicked and hateful, at a time when the efforts of good men on both sides are being directed to allay passion. Davitt cuttingly remarks that he regrets the author had not been brought up under better influences than that of presenting a lie which is only half a truth. He maintains that anything may be proved in the same fashion against the reformers who have given England untaxed bread and an extension of the franchise. Had not Forster, Sr., he asks, done mischief enough without Forster, Jr., coming forward now? It was the Forsters of centuries, he maintained, that stung the Irish to madness and helped to make the people of the two countries hate each other so that an accursed system might be made easier to rule and ruin. To the charge made in the pamphlet that in 1870 Davitt was committed as a felon, having been engaged in a plot to murder, Davitt replies that what he did in 1870 is no proof of what he did in 1880, and inquires why the pamphlet, which pretends to tell the truth about the Land League, does not tell the whole truth about his share therein. "I drew up the charter of the Land League," says Davitt, "and I drew up the instructions to the organizers. From that time until the orders of Forster recognized me to a convict prison I made hundreds of speeches. Why does not Forster make quotations from any of these if he would find me guilty of inciting to murder and outrage? The answer is—he cannot. I defy him to name an instance wherein I did otherwise than defy force, and protest against outrage. If he cannot see this he has not the right to go back ten years." Davitt goes fully into the evidence against him in 1870, and says it would not have hung a dog at any other time, and that Forster's suppression of the facts in connection therewith is more cruel and cowardly than the act of any miserable Moonlighter in Ireland. Other statements quoted against the Land League, he asserts, were made by men who had no more right to represent the League than Forster has to represent the Society of Friends. In extracts quoted from the Irish World, he accuses Forster of bringing a false witness for the purpose of making political capital out of national hate. He concludes with a high compliment to Herbert Gladstone, and congratulates the premier on having got rid of Forster.

### For the Salvation of the Party.

PHILADELPHIA, June 7.—General Lear, Chairman of the recent Republican Convention at Harrisburg, has written a long letter in reference to Cooper, one of the State Central Committee, who issued a call for the reassembling of the delegates, on June 21, to nominate a candidate for Congressman at large in place of Thomas M. Marshal, declined. Lear

says he will not attend the convention, that Cooper had no right to call it without authorization; that the State Committee is a defunct body, and a new one must be called and a new lot of delegates elected in the manner prescribed by the Peace Conference at the Continental Hotel and approved by the Harrisburg Convention. Lear says that the salvation of the party depends upon whether both the Regular and Independent State Committee will agree to call a Convention in September, composed of delegates elected in the manner prescribed, for the purpose of having a ticket that will be supported by the Republicans.

### Ought Not to Become a Law.

NEW YORK, June 7.—The Herald's Washington special says: The Crapo bill, extending the charters of national banks, which ought to have become a law long ago, may fail entirely, unless the Senate committee reports it soon. That committee proposes to add several amendments, which will send the bill to the House, and at this stage of the session the delay may cause the failure of the bill. The Senate committee proposes to amend the Crapo bill by adding to it the substance of Mr. Sherman's Refunding bill and a clause authorizing the issue of gold certificates, which are to be a part of the bank reserve.

### Overwhelmed With Earth and Rock.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, June 7.—A terrible explosion in tunnel No. 1, on the G. P. & T. Railway extension, occurred yesterday. Two hundred and fifty kegs of powder were touched off by the workmen on the east end of the extension. The workmen on the west end were at once overwhelmed with earth and rock, three of whom were killed and five wounded.

### Blooded Editors.

NEW ORLEANS, June 7.—A duel was fought this morning at the Slaughter-house, between Major E. A. Burke, of the Times-Democrat, and C. N. Parker, editor of the Picayune. Pistols were used. Five shots were exchanged. At the fifth shot Burke was shot through the thigh. The wound is not considered dangerous.

### One More Unfortunate Speculator.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—Charles J. Gummer, Receiving Teller of the Bank of California, suicided this morning at his residence. The act is attributed to losses in stocks. The bank officials say his accounts are all right.

### ELECTRIC SPARKS.

Page, of California, in the House, on Wednesday, presented a petition from the wine-makers of California in favor of the passage of a bill to prevent adulteration of champagne wine.

At Chicago, on the 7th, the South and West Side brick-makers refused to accept the compromise agreed on and return to work. The North Side yards are, however, in full blast, and it is hoped the others will resume to-day.

The Republican State Convention of Ohio met at Columbus on Wednesday. The Sun lay question bothers the members. Senator Pond, author of the Pond Sun lay Law, is a member of the Committee on Resolutions.

Members of the Chicago Lumber Exchange are withdrawing from the rogan zation, and a run-down in the price of lumber is the expected result, and possibly the bust-up of the Exchange.

Track-laying on the Deer Lodge extension of the Utah & Northern will begin on the 15th instant. About 200 men are now employed in grading.

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