

THANKS TO FELTON'S INFLUENCE

San Pedro Harbor Appropriation Raised to \$51,000.

A New Survey for a Deep Sea Harbor to Be Made.

The Respective Merits of San Pedro and Santa Monica Again to Be Investigated—Pacific Coast Happenings.

By the Associated Press.]
SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—A Washington special says: Senator Felton has succeeded in inducing the senate committee on commerce to increase the appropriation for the inner harbor at San Pedro to the full amount of \$51,000. The committee also provides for a board of five engineers to make a new examination of the harbors of San Pedro and Santa Monica. California fared well in the senate committee report. Not a single California item was changed, except San Pedro, which was altered for its good. The bill as reported is only a million and a quarter larger than it came from the house. This comparatively small increase will probably be agreed to by the house, as it was expected that ten or twelve millions would be added. Of the amount added Oregon and Washington get \$700,000.

A SIGHT FOR THE PORTLANDERS.

The Arrival of the Baltimore and Charleston—Viewed by Thousands.
PORTLAND, Ore., May 14.—At 9 o'clock this morning the First regiment of the Oregon national guard and Battery A marched down to the river, followed by thousands of people, who covered the wharf and steel bridge. At 10:45 the Baltimore was sighted rounding the bend in the river. This was the signal for cheering, which was redoubled when the Charleston was seen to follow a few minutes behind. The cruisers steamed down slowly and passed through the draw of the Pacific steel bridge, amidst the blowing of whistles, booming of cannon and cheers of the multitude. At the foot of C street the Baltimore dropped anchor. The Charleston anchored a block below. The cruisers will probably remain here for several weeks.

CALIFORNIA CROPS.

A Gratifying Improvement in Fruit, Grapes and Grain.

SACRAMENTO, May 14.—The monthly crop report of the State Agricultural society shows a gratifying improvement in fruits, grapes and grain. The late rains did thousands of dollars' worth of good in the San Joaquin valley and in Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties. Frost somewhat shortened the berry crop and prunes. Most all other crops will make an average yield. Late rains and high winds have injured beans in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties, and much ground will require replanting.

The past week's weather conditions, rainfall, temperature and sunshine, have advanced the crop condition most favorably, and the cool weather prevented rust from taking an injurious hold upon the great wheat belt of California.

Democratic County Conventions.

FRESNO, May 14.—The Democratic county convention met today and decided to elect delegates by supervisory districts, and none at large; each district is allowed three, except Fresno City, which has five. After the election of a county central committee, and a few speeches, the convention adjourned.

WILLOWS, Cal., May 14.—The Democratic county convention nominated a full ticket. The platform endorses Cleveland and Geary; opposes the protection tariff; favors abolishing the railroad commission, and electing United States senators by popular vote.

The Wolfley Canal.

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 14.—A telegram from Gila Bend says the contract for the Wolfley canal has been let to the Arizona Construction company. Work begins on the 15th inst. The contract calls for twenty-eight miles, twenty-five feet wide, carrying about 40,000 inches of water. The dam and reservoir are nearly completed, costing \$100,000. Peoria, Chicago and New York capitalists put up the funds, and the canal is expected to be operated by July 1st. It covers 200,000 acres of fruit land.

A Colony of River Brethren.

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 14.—A large colony of the religious sect known as the River Brethren arrived here from Pennsylvania and purchased a tract of land fourteen miles from town for fruit-growing purposes. The settlement is named Glendale, and will be conducted according to the sect's rigid religious and temperance ideas. They will be joined in the fall by 200 more families.

A Suit for an Accounting.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—Suit for an accounting was brought today by the guardian of H. W. and Sherman Adams, grandchildren of the late Judge Lorenzo Sawyer, to compel an accounting on the part of Charles Crocker and Timothy Hopkins, executors of the estate. The suit involves about \$130,000.

Vital Food Gully.

SANTA BARBARA, May 14.—[Special to the Herald.] The jury in the case of Antonio Vital, the murderer of a Chinese laundryman, while in the act of robbing, returned a verdict of murder in the first degree. Defendant's counsel moved for a new trial, and was given until next Saturday to prepare his motion.

Sold Liquor to Indians.

PHOENIX, May 14.—Jesus Maria and Manuel Romero were brought here from Gila Bend this afternoon by the deputy United States marshal, and placed in the county jail, for selling liquor to Indians.

Transfer of Troops.

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 14.—Three companies of United States troops, commanded by Captains Guimby, Heisland and Mocklin, have arrived at Fort Whipple from the east. Two companies are from Madison barracks, New York, and one from Fort Niagara.

Shipped a Heavy Sea.

NEW YORK, May 14.—The steamer Normandie, from Hamburg, arrived today. She shipped a heavy sea on the 10th inst., and several seamen were injured; the first officer's ribs were broken. Baron Fava was on board.

Ancient Order of Hibernians.

NEW ORLEANS, May 14.—The national convention of the Ancient Order of Hiber-

AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

Little Public Business Transacted Yesterday.

The House Adjourned Out of Respect to Senator Barbour.

The World's Fair Officials Adopt a New Scheme to Get a Pull at the Treasury—A Presidential Junket.

By the Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, May 14.—In the house today, Meredith of Virginia announced the death of Senator Barbour, and after adopting appropriate resolutions, the speaker appointed a committee to attend the funeral. The house then, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, adjourned.

A NEW WORLD'S FAIR SCHEME.

The officials of the world's fair laid before the house committee this morning a new proposition relative to a loan to the exposition in the shape of the bill pending for a \$5,000,000 appropriation, except that it contains a novel proposition calculated to secure the support of congressmen favorable to silver. It proposes that the treasury be directed to coin 10,000,000 silver half dollars to be made legal tender, stamped with an inscription to make them souvenirs of the 400th anniversary of Columbus's discovery of America, to be paid out in completing the exposition; the secretary of the treasury to purchase enough American silver bullion in addition to the present monthly purchases to enable him to comply with the terms of the act.

Four million dollars are appropriated for the purpose of payments, to be made only upon certified vouchers for labor done and materials furnished, to be payable only after Chicago has paid \$10,000,000 for work.

Director Davis, in presenting the proposition, urged speedy action. He said the cost to the government, \$5,000,000, in this souvenir coin would not exceed \$3,500,000, and predicted that the coins would never be presented to the treasury for redemption in any large amounts, as they will be retained by the public as souvenirs.

Gage further urged that the purchase of this amount of silver would relieve the bullion market of the accumulation which weighed like an incubus upon the current price, and would give this valuable product of our mines a chance to test under better conditions, the outcome of the free play of the two operating forces, supply and demand.

THE CENSUS INVESTIGATION.

In the census office investigation today, James A. Collins of the Farm, Loan and Mortgage division of the census office, said he had no personal knowledge of mismanagement, but considered that the division could be conducted to better advantage, but that the fault, in his opinion, lay in the system. Members of congress influenced the retaining in office people less efficient than others who were discharged.

THE RAUM INQUIRY.

The testimony on the part of the prosecution in the Raum investigation was practically closed this morning, when the commission adjourned to meet May 23d. At that time Mr. Payson, on the part of Commissioner Raum, will introduce evidence in rebuttal.

A PRESIDENTIAL JUNKET.

The president, accompanied by Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Dimmick and Lieutenant and Mrs. Parker, left here this afternoon on the lighthouse tender Jessamine for a trip down the river and bay. It is expected that the party will be absent from the city till the latter part of next week.

FORT HARRISON.

Secretary Elkins has directed that the new military post at Helena, Mont., be named Fort Harrison.

HOW TO TREAT CHINA.

A Venerable American Missionary Gives His Views on the Subject.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Secretary Blaine has received a letter from Dr. D. J. Mackgown, for many years an American missionary in China, under date of Shanghai, March 31st, upon the subject of Chinese immigration. He pleads, in extenuation of his taking it upon himself to interfere in the matter, the fact that he is a Chinese American resident in China. He says China does not desire to see the United States flooded by her proletariat, as China herself possesses vast regions inviting immigration. Moreover, Chinamen returning after a residence in the United States are less easily controlled by the mandarin.

He says China has a right to demand to be treated as an equal, and self-respect, duty to the people and the position she desires to maintain among the civilized nations, impose upon her the necessity of contending for reciprocal concessions.

As a solution of the difficulty, Mackgown suggests that the relations which now exist might be connected by an immigration reciprocity treaty, fixing the number of citizens of each state to be admitted to reside in the other.

He says Americans in China do not apprehend such reprisals as they have heard about, yet they are solicitous that the land in which they reside should feel that its honor is not impugned by their country, and that citizens and officials, secular and missionary, with unprecedented unanimity concur in the view expressed.

To Calm the Waters.

An ingenious invention, with the object of lessening the force of waves, and to supersede the old fashion of floating oil, has been exhibited at the Paris headquarters of the Central Society for the Saving of Life in Shipwrecks. It is proposed to cover the surface of the sea around an endangered vessel with a thin cotton or silken net, rendered unsubsorbable and ever floating by being dipped in a special chemical preparation. The idea is due to the fact that when crossing the track of the Gulf stream it has been noticed that the vast spreading fields of floating seaweed within the confines of the stream, though upheaved by the swell, remain glassy and smooth. The net acts in the same manner as the seaweed. Some experiments have already been carried out at Belle Isle—London Current Journal.

Parisian thieves recently succeeded in stealing and getting safely away with an entire house and its contents. The building was a two story frame structure.

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WOMEN AS ORATORS.

It Is Chiefly Their Lack of Voice That Handicaps Their Success.

It is not everybody who has yet grown up to the idea that the female orator is an essential part of the social fabric, and yet we have her suddenly with us and taking the prizes away from the sex that has hitherto enjoyed a practical monopoly of the oratorical arts and graces. It is not worth while to question the propriety of woman's appearance on the platform. As a matter of fact she appeared there some time ago, but as a speaker, hardly as an orator in the proper sense. It has been several years now since the sight of a woman as a public speaker created even a ripple of emotion. She has been presiding over and addressing temperance meetings and club gatherings, she has lectured to public assemblies, she has made political stump speeches, she has even preached sermons—all without arousing excitement or serious opposition.

The fact is, women have "arrived" and the people who are slow to adjust themselves to the situation are at a disadvantage. It matters not whether public speaking is in their "sphere," women are making public speeches when occasion seems to call for them. Conventionalities and traditions, authorities and prejudices are all knocked in the head, to be sure. Even St. Paul is discarded and it must be acknowledged that no serious calamity has yet resulted. If they want to talk out in meeting they will talk, and it profits no man to say they may. On the contrary, there are several reasons why they should be encouraged to excel.

If woman will address her fellow citizens from the stage or the stump it is better that she should do it acceptably. Even the most ardent friends of advanced woman, those who have kept her in sight in her rapid progress toward "emancipation," are obliged to confess to a frequent wish that she wouldn't when she essays to electrify the multitude. She may be earnest and eloquent, she may be witty and wise, but as a rule she cannot speak. Her voice gets away from her, she is alternately shrill and husky; she shrieks when she would be emphatic; she whispers hoarsely when she would persuade. Sensitive and sympathetic members of the audience incline to crawl under the benches. She has, in short, a voice that was trained by ancestry and early environments to domestic uses, and has not grown to the requirements of a hall.

Henceforth this will be different. Colleges recognize this lack and are prepared to remedy it. If any female students show oratorical talent or are ambitious to become spellbinders, opportunity shall be afforded them. The woman of the future, and of the near future, who speaks in public on the stage may, if she likes, be the Daniel Webster, the Henry Ward Beecher or the Chauncey M. Depew of her sex. Whether the young woman who so proudly bore the oratorical pennon from the male contestants of other Indiana colleges recently will choose to follow up her victory is not yet known, but if she does she will undoubtedly win renown.—Indianapolis Journal.

Wool Dresses.

Wool dresses are more durable, more manageable and every way more satisfactory than those of silk, and while the latter material has attractions for people of limited means, the wool dress with handsome trimming will still occupy a large share of the attention of well dressed and fastidious women. Indeed, it may be said that in this particular, the position of silk and wool are to be somewhat reversed. In old times a silk dress was the ambition and hope of the woman or girl with a slender bank account. Now, when elegant woolen materials are much more expensive than really good silks, the tastes of persons of limited income can be gratified by silken fabrics, while the wool costume with the expensive trimming which often accompanies it will be the special fancy of the wealthy. There is in addition much to indicate the popularity of fine black woolen materials. Ladies have grown weary of faded stripes and streaks in their light tinted apparel, and are for out of door wear at least, turning to very dark colors and black.

Black Henrietta cloth, fine camel's hair and a fair sprinkling of black silk will, it is said, be the leading materials for street wear for the coming season. There are some shades of tan which do not fade badly, and these will be used for tailor costumes and semidress wear. Navy blue, the various shades of green, gray, heliotrope, dull pink, cardinal and yellow will be popular colors.—New York Ledger.

A Novel Leap Year Party.

At a successful leap year party given in Vanity Fair just before the gay season ended the host received his friends in correct evening dress made feminine by a wreath of lilies of the valley upon his head and an immense bouquet in his hands. Each man came with a chaparron, and many of them carried bouquets sent by women who had invited them. One of the bouquets, imitating the pretty shower bouquet so popular during the winter, was of small white turnips fringed with parsley and white ribbons. Another was of beets bordered by lettuce leaves, and a third was of a head of cabbage set in a bouquet holder.

Men carried fans and wore large bows of ribbon with long streamers set just below the collar at the back. The women carried crush hats of white silk. As all things usual were reversed for this frolic, the cotillon was led by the hostess, and no man was permitted to dance or go to supper uninvited. The favors were most of them small musical instruments, and included French horns, triangles, bells, flutes and tambourines.—New York Post.

Quite a large number of well known English ladies have recently come to grief in the hunting field, among the best known of them being the Duchess of Hamilton, the most perfect horsewoman in England.

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A STATESMAN'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Senator Barbour Stricken Down by Heart Disease.

He Was a Well Man Almost Up to His Last Moment.

Performed His Duties in the Senate Friday and Was a Corpse Saturday Morning—Senator Vance's Severe Illness.

By the Associated Press.]
WASHINGTON, May 14.—Senator Barbour of Virginia died suddenly this morning of heart failure. He had no previous illness. He occupied his seat in the senate yesterday as usual. He went to bed at 11 o'clock last night in apparently good health after having attended to his duties as senator during the day. At 6 o'clock this morning he called his sister-in-law, Miss Dangerfield, and asked her to send for a doctor, as he felt a choking in the throat as if he was going to have croup. A minute or two later he fell into a comatose state from which he never rallied. He died in ten minutes, before the physician arrived. The doctor pronounced it a case of heart failure. His death was very unexpected and was a great shock to his friends, as he had been regarded as a man of especially vigorous condition and uniformly well.

SENATOR VANCE'S ILLNESS.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—A private dispatch from Asheville, N. C., says Senator Vance is in a very precarious condition, and the worst is feared.

Another message says Vance is not seriously ill; that his family have no fears for the result.

BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C., May 14.—Senator Vance arrived here at noon from his home at Gombroon. He had a temporary nausea upon his arrival, as the result of the rough ride, but soon recovered. He has been suffering from a severe case of lumbago, and his appearance is that of a very sick man. He left this evening for Washington.

ANOTHER SUDDEN DEATH.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 14.—General Thomas A. Powley, who served with distinction in the Mexican war and the war of the rebellion, was found dead in his bed this morning. It is supposed that he died of heart failure.

CHINESE ARE NOT IN IT.

The Knights of Labor Will Not Admit Coolies to the Order.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 14.—The general executive board of the Knights of Labor, in session here, is considering the advisability of appointing organizers to canvass the United States and start new assemblies wherever they can. This will probably be done. A man in Missouri asked the board to allow him to organize an assembly of Chinamen. He was notified that Chinese are excluded from the order.

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