

MORE NOMINATIONS

The President Submits the Names of a Batch of Democrats.

THE NEW SMOKELESS POWDER New on Trial, and Promises Very Fairly--Initial Trip of the Cruiser Detroit.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate:

William Edmund Curtis, of New York, to be assistant secretary of the treasury, vice Genlo M. Lambertson, resigned.

Charles S. Hamlin, of Massachusetts, to be assistant secretary of the treasury, vice John H. Gear, resigned.

James H. Reicks, of Illinois, to be comptroller of currency.

James F. Meline, of the District of Columbia, to be assistant treasurer of the United States.

L. Stobo Farrow, of South Carolina, to be second auditor of the treasury.

John B. Brawley, of Pennsylvania, to be auditor of the treasury for the post-office department.

James J. White, of Florida, to be deputy fifth auditor of the treasury.

Henry W. Eglor, of New Jersey, to be collector of customs for the district of New Jersey.

Dudley O. Watson, of Michigan, to be collector of customs for the district of Michigan.

John Tracey, of New York, to be superintendent of charities for the District of Columbia, vice A. J. Warner, resigned.

Smokeless Powder.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—A Virginia man appears to have made the best smokeless powder which the army has tested up to date.

The test was recently made at the Frankfort, Pa., arsenal with excellent results, and a request was sent for additional and larger quantities of the powder.

The composition came from Leonard Mason, who has not been known as a chemist or ordnance expert.

Another successful sample has been received from the California Powder company, and the firm is engaged in developing the powder recently tested with good results.

The failure of congress to appropriate any money for the equipment of the powder laboratory which General Flieger desired to establish at Frankfort must necessarily delay the discovery of a successful powder.

The navy has been a little more fortunate in this particular, and has a laboratory at Newport in charge of a chemist who spends most of his time in developing a smokeless powder, which has already been tried with results that exceed in merit the best of the smokeless powders tried abroad.

The composition of the navy powder is kept a secret, and many of the military attaches of foreign legations in Washington have besought Commodore Simpson to furnish them with his formula.

The Cruiser Detroit.

BALTIMORE, April 3.—The cruiser Detroit started from Newport, R. I., this morning for her official trial trip.

The navy department selected the course in Narragansett bay for the effort.

An average speed of 17 knots during a run of four consecutive hours at sea will have to be made to fulfill the terms of the contract.

For every quarter of a knot over 17 the contractors will be paid \$25,000 premium.

The builders are satisfied a speed of at least 18 knots will be maintained.

Decision on Boycotting.

TOLEDO, O., April 3.—Judge Hicks, of the federal court, this morning delivered a decision on the application of the Toledo, Ann Arbor & North Michigan railroad to make permanent his temporary injunction issued against the Lake Shore & Michigan and other connecting lines on March 11, restraining them from refusing to accept from or deliver freight to the Ann Arbor road on account of a boycott issued against the Ann Arbor road by Chiefs Arthur and Sargent, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, who were on a strike on that road.

The decision turned on the arrangement for contempt of eight Lake Shore engineers and firemen, who struck in preference to hauling Ann Arbor cars turned over to the Lake Shore road.

The courtroom was crowded. The decision was not as radical as the men feared and does not assume to compel the men to work against their will.

Notice of appeal was at once filed on behalf of the men.

After Judge Hicks' decision was rendered he proceeded to read the decision of the circuit court, consisting of himself and Judge Taft, on motion of the Ann Arbor company, asking a temporary injunction against Chief Arthur, restraining him from issuing any boycott order against that road.

The decision, which was written by Judge Taft, grants the injunction prayed for, and declares if the members of the brotherhood, in obedience to rule 12 of that body, boycott Ann Arbor freight, they are guilty of criminal conspiracy against their country.

General Howard's Tour of Inspection.

MOBILE, Ala., April 3.—Major-General O. O. Howard, chief of the department of the East, who arrived here yesterday, is on his inspection trip.

General Howard says his visit is to observe personally the sanitary condition of the different posts in the south.

Oregon Fruit at Chicago.

Frequent inquiries are made as to whether the installation of fresh fruit exhibits will be allowed, pending the progress of the fair, during the latter months, when the crops of this year mature.

While there is no positive assurance that this will be permitted, Mr. Myers desires to say that it is quite probable that allotted spaces may be so devoted by the withdrawal of old exhibits and the substitution of the new and fresh ones.

At least, every effort will be made to have this privilege granted, and it is hoped that all parts of the state will do their utmost to make such a display as will be very creditable to the pomological industry.

Not alone in this way will a splendid opportunity be presented to Oregon, but there is reason to believe that a great market will be open to shippers of car lots of fruit for sale in Chicago during the summer.

More substantial results will be reached in this way, probably, than by the exhibits, as the test of flavor and richness is one that Oregon boasts and relies upon for the merit of superiority.

At all events, there are splendid opportunities open to fruit-growers of Oregon.

Electric Flashes.

At a fire in the Grand Hotel, Point Arena, Cal., Gus Greaves and another man jumped from a hotel window, and received injuries from which they died in a short time.

George Kaltenbach, a German speculator in the coffee market, who lives in Paris has just cleaned up a cool million by a bull movement in the New York stock exchange.

Major General O. O. Howard is making a tour of the Southern army posts to see if they have good water and perfect drainage, in view of the possibility of a cholera invasion this spring.

He is also inspecting Southern harbors and inquiring what should be done properly to fortify them against foreign attack.

It is just made public that William B. Shaw, an old and respected cashier of Lincoln National bank, Bath, Me., is a defaulter.

A shortage of about \$12,000 now appears in the cash account, and it is supposed there is upward of \$4,000 temporarily covered up by changing sums to the credit of depositors.

James W. Hamilton, colored ex-preacher and convicted wife-murderer, was electrocuted in the Sing Sing, N. Y. prison at 11 o'clock yesterday.

The crime for which he suffered the penalty was premeditated murder committed at Winfield, L. I., in May, in 1892, of Annie Brooks, a pretty colored girl, whom he betrayed and was forced to marry three years before.

They did not live together and Hamilton tried in vain to secure a divorce from her.

He decoyed her from Flushing, L. I., where she was employed, to Winfield, where he cut her throat.

Murder and Suicide.

OAKLAND, April 3.—About 9:30 o'clock this morning Carl Rock came to the house where Emilie Schmidtrathschheim was keeping house for C. W. Knauth, a machinist, and requested her to return and live with him.

When she refused he raised a pistol which he carried in his hand and shot her in the right temple.

She attempted to get away from him through the front door, but before she could do so he shot her again in the head.

Rock then ran out of the back door and down into the cellar, where he placed the pistol to his temple and fired.

When the officer reached him he was just gasping his last. The woman is still alive and conscious but is very weak.

It appears that the man and woman had been living together in San Francisco for some time, although they were not married.

They have two children, one a girl 5 years, and a boy 2 years of age.

About a month ago the woman left Rock because he wanted her to support him and the children, and she came to Oakland to keep house for Knauth.

Ever since that time he has been trying to get her back. Rock was about 40 years of age. Among his effects was a sealed letter to the Californian. Rock and the woman are said to be cousins.

No Vote This Session.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Washington will have but one senator until congress meets again, unless there is a special session of the legislature.

It is not likely that a vote will be taken on the seating of the senators, as no voting quorum can be found.

An early adjournment is probable.

Villard's Resignation.

New York, April 4.—In regard to the report that Henry Villard was to retire from the board of directors of the Northern Pacific, President Oakes says: "The written resignation of Villard has not, as stated, been handed in. Neither has there been any intimation from him nor has any one spoken for him of his intention of resigning.

A possible plan will be presented at the meeting of the board of directors April 30 for funding the floating debt of the company.

Villard has stated to his friends that he has no present intention of withdrawing from the Northern Pacific management."

Supposed Roslyn Bank Robbers.

Baker City, April 4.—There was a fury of excitement on the streets yesterday afternoon when it became known that Deputy Sheriff Banks, accompanied by Detectives Farley and Eaton of Washington, arrived in the city to arrest Tom, William and George McCarty, supposed Roslyn bank robbers.

The Washington officer called to their assistance Sheriff Conde and his deputies. Conde and Francis went to Haines and called at Wm. McCarty's residence.

The detective stopped at the gate, and upon the sheriff entering the house he was covered by Winchester in the hands of Tom and William.

The officer was relieved of his rifle and a stepson of William held Conde prisoner until his father and uncle escaped.

A posse of men were sent out and are in hot pursuit. Deputy Kinnison and Farley went to McEwan and returned in the evening with George McCarty and lodged him in jail.

The Washington officers believe Tom McCarty is the individual who robbed the Denver bank of \$21,000 two years ago.

Weather Review for March.

The month cold and generally disagreeable. The temperature was deficient from two to six degrees, and the rainfall was about normal except at Portland, where there was a deficiency of 28 per cent.

The month opened with snow on the ground in northeastern Washington and in eastern Oregon south and east of the Blue mountains; snow fell in these sections during the month; but at the close of the month there was no snow on the ground, except about Baker City, where there was one inch; on the higher elevations and mountain, quite deep snow covers the ground.

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE.

The month had seven low pressures, or storm areas. Six of them passed eastward over British Columbia, the seventh passed eastward over northern California to Denver and Omaha.

TEMPERATURE.

The mean temperature for the month was from two to six degrees before the March normal, the greatest deficiency being at Walla Walla, and the least at Roseburg. The month was devoid of any low temperatures of any note; but had, however, a succession of days when the temperature would be greatly below the normal. This closes the fourth consecutive months during which the temperature has been below the normal.

PRECIPITATION.

The precipitation has been about the normal, except in the interior valleys of western Oregon, where it is below the normal and where it is deficient from one to two and one-half inches. The precipitation was unusually well distributed, it raining on a greater number of days than is usual.

WEATHER.

There was an excess of cloudy weather and a marked deficiency in sunshine.

CROPS.

The cool, cloudy weather and frequent rains have retarded the growth of vegetation. Spring plowing and seeding have been delayed. The ground is too wet for garden making. The fruit buds are swelling. Some varieties are showing colored ends of buds, but usually by the close of March the peach, apricot, almond and cherry trees are in full bloom.

Winter wheat has rooted and stood well, there has been little winter frozen; present prospects point to a most successful and prosperous year.

Lambing has commenced in some localities; the stock wintered well and spring opens to the stockmen most favorably, for his winter loss has been small, his stock in good condition and fair prices rule the market.

B. S. PAGE, Local Forecast Office.

Seattle News.

SEATTLE, April 5.—[Special to THE CHRONICLE.]—The political pot has been boiling for some time and Seattle has many aspirants in the field for positions. The register of the land office, at this place, resigned his position on the 1st inst., and it is generally believed that Hon. A. McDonald will be the successful man in securing this position.

Mr. McDonald was the register of the Dalles land office under Cleveland's administration and was succeeded by Capt. Lewis. He seems to have the endorsement of the united democracy and the high position which he occupies in the esteem of the citizens of this city is all in his favor.

There is a doubtful feeling in the minds of the Allen men, regarding the probabilities of United States senate seating Mr. Allen.

It is reported that the Union Pacific are soon to place their line of steamers again on the Sound. It will be remembered that the Union Pacific withdrew their line of steamers upon payment by the Northern Pacific to the Union Pacific of quite a large sum of money monthly. This will increase the business of the Sound country.

Carter H. Harrison has been elected mayor of Chicago by 20,000 plurality over Samuel W. Allerton, candidate on the citizens' ticket.

The entire democratic city ticket is also elected by about the same plurality. Criegler, on the labor ticket, did not receive 3,000 votes. The democrats carried the west and south town tickets, but the republicans saved the north town.

The detectives who have been working on the Richardson case claim that they will have no difficulty in presenting evidence to show that he removed the rail for the purpose of obtaining the reward. In fact, they are of the opinion that by a little more urging he will make a clean breast of the whole affair.

THE CITY IN FLAMES

A Fierce Fire Raging in Allegheny, Pa.

MANY BUSINESS BLOCKS BURNED

Engines Sent to the Rescue From Neighboring Cities--The Steel Ship King James Burned at Sea.

PITTSBURGH, April 4.—A big fire is raging in Allegheny. It started in Godfrey & Clark's warehouse, a four-story building. It spread rapidly to Eberhardt & Ober's malthouse, elevator and warehouse.

At 3:30 these buildings were entirely destroyed, and the fire is still spreading, with a high wind blowing. The entire fire department is at work, and Pittsburgh has been asked for help.

Godfrey & Clark lose \$65,000; Eberhardt & Ober, \$100,000.

3:40 p. m.—The fire has spread to 12 dwellings. The lumber-yard of Cupp & Volghtley is also on fire, and the Heinz pickle works are threatened.

3:50 p. m.—The Hope cotton mill, Cupp & Volghtley's planing mill, Heinz' pickle warehouse are all burning, and two blocks between Schenck and Chestnut streets are abaze.

The Illinois leather works, the Globe varnish works, and the factory of Heinz and Co. will probably go next. The wind is blowing a gale, and sparks are flying in all directions. People for a dozen blocks around are busy extinguishing small fires on the roofs.

4:30 p. m.—The flames are spreading to three dwellings on Main street. Up to this hour the loss is \$250,000 to \$300,000. Among the buildings destroyed are: Eberhardt & Ober's warehouse, elevator and malthouse; the Godfrey and Clark paper warehouse, Cupp & Volghtley's planing mill and lumber-yard, 15 dwellings and the Hope cotton mill.

The flames are now spreading toward the river, and 12 large tenement houses are threatened. The occupants are moving out. Engines have been sent from this city.

4:20 p. m.—The fire is believed to be under control. The rumor that a child was burned to death is not verified.

One Boatload Saved.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—A boat containing the first mate, 13 men and two apprentices of the four-masted steel ship King James, coal laden, from Newcastle, England, for San Francisco, has landed at Point Conception, on the southern California coast.

The coal took fire on March 19th. On the 30th an explosion occurred which tore up the deck in all directions, and the ship was soon ablaze.

At midnight, seeing the fire was still increasing, the crew abandoned their efforts to control the flames and took to the boats after securing the best of their effects.

Captain W. Drummond, his son and 15 men occupied one boat, while the first mate and the others took the second boat.

April 1st a gale came up, and after it had spent itself the captain's boat was not in sight.

The first mate, William Muldoon, says that Captain Drummond was very cautious, and he would not carry sail to any great extent, and may be heard from at any hour.

After leaving the vessel they put themselves in tow of her till 3 a. m., March 31st, when it was decided to abandon the ship and make for Point Conception, which was found by observation to be 258 miles away, or San Francisco, which was but 200 miles.

However, northwest winds seemed to be the best course to follow, and they headed southeast, and on the night of April 2 about 7 o'clock the mate came in sight of the Point Conception light.

They let go anchor when within three or four miles of the point, and decided to wait until daylight before attempting to make a landing.

About 5 in the morning a three-masted steamer passed going north. The first mate ordered a blue light sent up, the last one they had left, but the steamer paid no attention to their signal, although they had to change their course in order to avoid running the boat down.

About 5 a. m., while two miles from shore, the steamer Bonita passed going north. All of the sixteen men stood up in the boat and waved their coats to try to attract their attention, but to no avail, so they came on to the shore, south of Point Conception lighthouse, and landed on the beach.

Those in the captain's boat were Captain W. Drummond and son, Second Mate David Ireland, Edward Flynn, James Christie, John Perry, Alvin Robertson, William Seaman, Harry Bruce, Peter Peterson, Christie Larcen, Frank Keyon, Stephen Brezon, John Williams, F. Muller and two others, names unknown.

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