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TINKERING WITH THE TARIFF.

Goods Produced by Convict Labor To Be Excluded.

SAM RANDALL VERY SICK.

Special by California Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The acting judge advocate general of the army today concluded his review of the papers in the case of Lieut. Steele and has reported his conclusions to Maj. Gen. Schofield, who has jurisdiction over the case. The finding of the court is not yet made public, but the general impression is that Steele will be reprimanded.

Serious Illness of Sam Randall.

Special to The Astorian]

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Mr. Randall's friends believe that he has but a few days more to live.

A Republican Caucus.

Special to The Astorian.]

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The Republicans of the house will hold a caucus to-morrow evening to consider the order of business for the session. Tariff, silver, and the pension questions will probably be considered.

An Army Chaplain.

Special to The Astorian.]

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The president appointed James C. Kerr of Delaware, chaplain in the army.

Heading off the Chinese.

Special to The Astorian.]

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The secretary of the treasury has authorized the collector of customs at San Diego, Cala., to employ additional force to assist him in preventing the smuggling of Chinese across the Mexican border. This action is based upon telegraphic reports from the collector that he had captured thirteen Chinese who entered the country in that way and that there are over seventy more of them on Mexican territory trying to force their way across the border.

Senatorial Legislation.

Special to The Astorian.]

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The senate to-day took up the Chinese enumeration act. Senator Mitchell of Oregon took the floor in favor of his amendment to the committee report and amended the bill, which restores the bill to the form generally in which it passed the house.

The Heathen Chinee.

Special to The Astorian.]

WASHINGTON, April 9.—In the senate to-day a letter was read from the secretary of the treasury, transmitting a telegram from the collector of customs at San Diego, Cal., announcing the capture of thirteen Chinese who had endeavored to escape the exclusion act.

Senator Evarts presented petitions from Methodists and Presbyterians of New York, protesting against the bill for enumerating the Chinese.

To Cover the Silcott Defalcation.

Special to The Astorian.]

WASHINGTON, April 9.—In the senate to-day, Hale, from the appropriation committee, reported back without amendment the bill to refund funds stolen by the late Cashier Silcott, and moved its immediate consideration. The bill was passed without objection or debate.

Commander Coghlan's own Statement.

Special to The Astorian.]

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The following appears in to-day's *Post*:

Editor Post:—In your issue of March 28th, which has just reached me, you state that Commander Joseph B. Coghlan, of the Navy, was recently ordered before a court martial, for trial on a charge of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, in having written newspaper articles, criticising and ridiculing the administration of naval affairs. This is a great mistake. I was tried on two charges, as follows: Charge 1.—Conduct to the prejudice of good order and naval discipline. Charge 2.—Violation of a lawful regulation issued by the navy.

As you will see, there is a very great difference between the charge as given in your paper, and that upon which I was tried and acquitted. I ask that in fairness to me, you will give this correction as great prominence as you did the erroneous charge, and I do this because ever since this affair came up, newspaper people at Washington have been sending out all manner of false statements regarding myself, my conduct and the charges upon which I was tried. These false statements have all been very much to my prejudice, and been so persistently indulged in, that it seems as though there has been a method in their falseness, and that it arose from the concerted action of persons determined to do me an injury, by foul, as they could not by fair means.

(Signed.) J. B. Coghlan,
Commander U. S. N.,
Mare Island, Cal., April 2.

THE TARIFF BILL.

Some of the Provisions and What it Affects.

Special to The Astorian.]

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The ways and means committee called a meeting this morning, at which the tariff bill, with changes that have been made since it was reported to the full committee, was submitted to the minority, and an understanding was reached that at the regular meeting to-morrow, the bill shall be acted upon, the minority to have an opportunity of proposing such amendments as they may desire.

It is probable, from the disposition exhibited by the minority, that no obstacle will be presented to reporting the bill to the house to-morrow. No decision has been reached as to when the house will be asked to take the bill up for consideration, nor has any allusion been made, as to the duration of the general debate. It is believed, however, that the general debate will not extend beyond four or five days. An examination of the bill shows that the items transferred to the free list, yielded last year in duties, over six million dollars. The estimate of the duties under the proposed bill on the basis of last year's importations, is $234,000,000 collected last year.

The duties under the new bill would increase the revenues from various schedules, as follows: Tobacco, about $8,000,000; agricultural products, $11,000,000; flax, jute and hemp, $5,000,000; wool and its manufacture, $15,000,000; and sundries, $3,000,000. The reduction on sugar would be $27,000,000. This is the only schedule which shows any reduction worth noticing.

A paragraph will be added to the bill before it is reported, providing that all goods, wares and merchandise, the product of convict labor in foreign countries, shall be excluded from entry into any ports of the United States.

The "Charleston" to Be Inspected.

Special to The Astorian.]

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Orders have been issued for the final inspection of the cruiser *Charleston* now at Mare Island navy yard, preparatory to her going into active service as a war ship of the Pacific squadron. The inspection will probably be made this week and the vessel will soon after start on her cruise along the Pacific coast, going as far south as Valparaiso.

The Vanderbilts' Rumored R. R. Move

Special to The Astorian.]

NEW YORK, April 9.—It is rumored that the Vanderbilts have secured control of the Union Pacific. This is supposed to account for the noticeable strength of that stock to-day. The fact that the Vanderbilts have long desired to obtain a western connection for the New York Central and Lake Shore roads, is believed to be considerable foundation for the rumor. The officials here are non-committal regarding the alleged deal.

California Pugilist to Be Honored in Brooklyn

Special to The Astorian.]

NEW YORK, April 9.—Pugilist Jim Corbett of California, will be tendered a monster benefit at the Fifth Avenue Casino in Brooklyn, next Monday night. Many local professionals will appear. Dominic McCaffrey has consented to wind up the entertainment in a four round contest with Corbett for scientific points.

Carney Wants to Fight McAuliffe.

Special to The Astorian.]

NEW YORK, April 9.—Jemmie Carney is anxious for a go with McAuliffe before the California club, with two-ounce gloves. Carney wants to fight for a purse of $5,000, the contest to take place within four or six months from the signing of the articles, or Carney will fight in England for $5,000 or $10,000 a side, and allow $750 for expenses. If the fight takes place in England he will deposit $5,000, which he will forfeit if the American does not receive fair play. A telegram has been sent to McAuliffe and Fulda.

More Pay or Strike Will Follow

Special to The Astorian.]

NEW YORK, April 9.—A mass meeting of carpenters to-night decided to demand $3.50 for eight hours work, on and after May 1st, or strike if refused.

Wheat Crop Short in India.

Special to The Astorian.]

NEW YORK, April 9.—London cablegram to E. L. Oppenheim & Co. from their London house, officially estimates the India wheat crop as only 75 per cent average.

Silver Ore in South Dakota.

Special to The Astorian.]

MITCHELL, S. D., April 9.—Silver ore has been discovered on a farm, ten miles southwest of Mitchell, at a depth of 160 feet. It has also been found in the same strata, on adjoining farms. The assayer in Chicago pronounces it genuine. The parties owning the land have already received high cash offers.

Weinhard's Beer.

And Free Lunch at the Telephone Saloon, 5 cents.

Coffee and cake, ten cents, at the Central Restaurant.

FIVE HUNDRED FARMERS

Lose Their Lands and Hard Earned Homes in Iowa.

EXPECT TO CINCH SPRECKELS.

Special by The California Associated Press.

NEW YORK, April 9.—Dow, Jones & Co.'s *Financial News* says that the sugar trust is expected to get permission from the court in a month to start an American refinery in San Francisco. As Spreckels has a large quantity of high cost sugar on hand, the trust is likely to deal him a heavy blow.

An Extensive Corporation.

Special to The Astorian.]

SPRINGFIELD, Ills., April 9.—The secretary of state to day issued final papers incorporating the world's exposition for 1892. The complete list of stockholders represent 500,000 shares and $5,000,000 capital stock.

The Bosses Meet To-Day.

Special to The Astorian.]

CHICAGO, April 9.—The status of the carpenters' strike here remains unchanged; no settlement is likely to be reached until the bosses meeting on Thursday.

Can This be So?

Special to The Astorian.]

NEW YORK, April 9.—A private cablegram says the czar and czarina are in a very nervous state. The latter cries almost incessantly. Recent developments are strengthening their fears of violent death.

Two Children Burned to Death.

Special to The Astorian.]

LITTLE ROCK, April 9.—At Jersey, a little village in the interior of Bradley county. John McCoy's residence caught fire last night during the absence of himself and wife, and two children perished in the flames.

A Woman Shoots Her Father.

Special to The Astorian.]

OMAHA, April 9.—Geo. Nicholson, of South Omaha, was shot and probably falally wounded by his daughter, Mrs. Mamie Brubaker. Nicholson had been arrested on his daughter's complaint for an assault with intent to kill. He was released on bail. The two met on the street to-night and the quarrel was renewed, resulting in the shooting. Mrs. Brubaker is under arrest.

British Capital Failed on American Beer.

Special to The Astorian.]

DETROIT, Mich., April 9.—Last spring four Detroit breweries were sold to an English syndicate for $750,000. British beer was not popular, and could not make a cent. To-day local capitalists, Ralph Phelps, Joseph B. Moore, Wm. B. Moran and August Goebel, raked in all for a mere song.

Cigar Makers Alarmed.

Special to The Astorian.]

DETROIT, April 9.—Cigar makers here say that the passage of the McKinley bill will ruin cigar making, and they will hold a remonstrance meeting on Saturday.

A Bloody Prize Fight.

Special to The Astorian.]

ELBY, Ind., April 9.—Abe Congle and Jimmie Dahoney, two Chicago pugilists fought fifty-four bloody rounds near here this morning.

At the call of time for the fifty-fifth round both men were completely exhausted and the referee declared the fight a draw. The fight, which was one of the best contested ever seen in the vicinity of Chicago for the same time, was for $500 a side, the winner to take 75 per cent of the gate receipts. The ring became slippery from blood in the last round and the men could scarcely keep their footing.

Electrical Execution

Special to The Astorian.]

DES MOINES, Ia., April 9.—The senate to-day considered a bill providing for the execution of murderers by electricity instead of hanging. The bill was indefinitely postponed.

Another Cashier and a Bad Woman.

Special to The Astorian.]

FERTILE, Minn., April 9.—Word was received here this evening, from the village of Fosston, thirty-five miles from northwest of here, that R. G. Tweeton, cashier of the Fosston National bank, has skipped to Canada with a valise full of the bank's funds. Tweeton was accompanied by a woman of bad repute, named Ellerton, and they are supposed to have gone to British Columbia. It is believed that the amount of his peculations will reach $50,000, which his bondsmen will make good.

Detroit Will Have a Grand Boulevard.

Special to The Astorian.]

DETROIT, April 9—The city council has voted $100,000 to purchase the balance of a right of way for 12 miles of boulevard around the city.

DISPUTED LAND TITLES.

Many Settlers to Lose Their Homes

Special to The Astorian.]

FORT DODGE, Iowa, April 9.—In 1858 the state of Iowa deeded to the Des Moines River Navigation company every alternate section of land in the state within six miles of the Des Moines river. About the same time many settlers located on the same lands and received patents from the United States.

For years the matter has run, and several cases were brought direct against the company by the settlers who were evicted, but the settlers were defeated. Then when hundreds of farmers were being evicted from their farms all through Hamilton, Doone and Webster counties, congress ordered the attorney general to commence a suit against the River Land company in the name of the government, which was set for trial at the June term in this city.

This decision is considered final here and will deprive fully 500 farmers in the counties named of lands on which they have lived for years and spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in improving. Fully 150,000 acres of the best lands in this vicinity is affected by the decision, and is worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. Trouble and evictions will be necessary to obtain possession of the lands.

Edwin T. Litchfield, the principal claimant and holder of the River lands by a title from the Des Moines River Navigation company, joined in their petition to the U. S. Court to enjoin collection of $20,000 taxes, in the counties named. The case has just been heard at Council Bluffs and an opinion given by Judges Shiras and Love, refusing to grant the injunction on the ground that lands taxed or to be taxed belong to the complainant. The court thinks that the danger which the plaintiff seeks to avoid is uncertain, contingent and imaginary. The court further says we can see nothing to warrant us in the conclusion than any irreparable injury or any injury whatever, will ultimately arise to the complainant for the payment of taxes."

Cavalry Return From the Cherokee Strip

Special to The Astorian.]

GUTHRIE, I. T., April 9.—Company G, Fifth cavalry, Capt. Hays commanding, arrived here to-day on its return from the Cherokee strip, where it was sent to expel the boomers. Only a few settlers were found, the major portion having been forewarned. Those who were found were ignorant of the fact that they had no right on the land. The captain styles the invasion of the strip as an effort to find if the government would interfere if settlement were attempted, and further states that no military posts will be established on the strip, as at first contemplated.

Fatal Cyclone in Virginia.

Special to The Astorian.]

ROANOKE, Va., April 9. A cyclone struck this city this afternoon. The blast house of the Crozier furnace was blown down, killing Fred Phillips, Nelson Johnson and Henry Case. James Turner, John Houston, Robert Watkins, Toulane Stewart, Doc Reed and John Astor were wounded. The damage was $25,000.

They Want More Wages.

Special to The Astorian.]

CHICAGO, April 9.—One hundred non-union cigar makers employed at the Columbia factory struck to-day for higher pay.

A Billiard Game.

Special to The Astorian.]

CHICAGO, April 9.—Catton and Heiser played a game in the billiard tournament, each playing 250 points. Catton won the score. Catton, 250; average 9 7-27. Heiser, 169; average 6 1/2.

A Very Old Maine Law.

A correspondent recalls the fact that in olden Portland, when six distilleries were in full blast there and every other store sold rum, it was customary for the people to drink at stated times. One of these was fixed at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. In order to inform all when the time arrived, it was ordered by the town that the bell should be rung at that hour. No sooner had its peals gone forth than the carpenter laid down his saw and plane, the mason his trowel, and, to a large extent, the clerk his ledger. All business was suspended in order that employers might take their grog. What would be thought of a proposition to ring the town bell to call people to their toddy now? It is hard to believe that such a thing was ever done in this temperance state.—*Portland Transcript.*

W. O. Toggle, LaGrange, Ga., writing about Darbys Prophylatic Fluid, says: "It is a priceless jewel as a disinfectant and deodorizer. My wife states for the benefit of young mothers that it is a valuable adjunct to the nursery." It is equally so to parents travelling with children. Not only is the fluid invaluable as a deodorizer, but a few drops added to the water in bathing will remove all eruptions from the skin, chafing, etc., and greatly refresh and soothe.

Ludlow's Ladies' $3.00 Fine Shoes; also flexible hand-turned French Kids, at P. J. Goodman's.

A GREAT BILLIARD GAME.

Schaffer Makes the Unprecedented Run of 200 Points.

CATHOLIC CHURCH CYCLONED.

Special by The California Associated Press.

HIGHLAND PARK, Ills., April 9.—A cyclone swept over this place this morning, and damaged property heavily. One person was severely injured, and many narrowly escaped with their lives. The Catholic church, a large structure, was completely wrecked; other buildings were unroofed and blown down.

Kansas City Elections.

Special to The Astorian.]

KANSAS CITY, April 9.—Official returns of the elections are received showing that in a majority of cases the Democrats won, yesterday. Holmes (Rep.) was elected mayor by a majority of 100. Peak (Dem.) has a majority of 748 for treasurer; Bishop (Rep.) is elected auditor by 1,620 majority. Cannon (Rep.) was elected speaker of the upper house by 31 majority. Fourteen hundred voters will, under the law, have to pay a poll tax of $2.50 each for not voting.

Four Murderers Executed

Special to The Astorian.]

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 9.—Four men were hanged in this state to-day. Wm. Bartholomew, who murdered Aaron W. Dilliard, as the result of a conspiracy with Dilliard's wife, was hanged at Easton. Charles Carter, colored, was hanged at Edensburg, for the murder of John Matthew, also colored, in a quarrel over Emma Dunn, a white girl of bad reputation. Alfred Andrews, who murdered Clara Price, aged 17, after an assault upon her, was hanged at Bellefonte. Zechariah Taylor, who murdered William McCausland with the purpose of robbery, was hanged at Waynesburg.

Pittsburg Damaged Heavily by a Storm.

Special to The Astorian.]

PITTSBURG, April 9.—There has been a heavy rain storm in western Peunsylvania. This city's damage, principally in sewers and street improvements, is estimated at fully $1,000,000. There were several narrow escapes, but no lives were lost.

AFFLICTED JOHNSTOWN.

It Is Again Being Damaged by a Flood.

Special to The Astorian.]

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., April 9.—Heavy rains have caused the rivers to rise higher than at any time since the flood. To-night the Conemaugh is a raging torrent. Wetmore, twelve miles up the Conemaugh, is entirely under water, Woodvale, partly under water. Much damage is being done to Proiensteel's tannery, and water is flowing over second ward cellars, the large office of the Cambria Iron Company and Gautier steel department and the Western Union office are filled, also the large store of Wood, Merrill & Co.

The Cambria works are flooded and work has stopped. The Gautier works are partly flooded. On Iron street the water is five feet deep and still rising. All traffic by wagons to the lower end of the city is stopped. The Woodvale and Cambria bridges have been carried away, and probably two more will be destroyed. Word was received that the St. Clair reservoir, two miles above Morrellville, was in danger of breaking. People left their homes to seek higher ground. If this should give way, the destruction of property, and probably life, will be great. While this reservoir is not large, yet the water would rush down a steep piece of country. So far no lives have been lost, but the danger is not passed.

Terrible Storm and Tornado in Ohio.

Special to The Astorian.]

CLEVELAND, O., April 9.—One of the most terrible storms ever known in this section of the country swept over parts of Medina and Summit counties last night, doing a vast amount of damage to property, killing one person, fatally injuring two, and injuring others. The storm was a genuine tornado, and although only a quarter of a mile wide, it left devastation in its path.

Extensive Litigation Over Insurance.

Special to The Astorian.]

HELENA, Mont., April 9.—Suit was entered to-day by 17 insurance companies against Bonner & Co., of Butte, in the U. S. circuit court, involving $20,000, the result of the fire at Butte on Sept. 3. The companies ask that the award of the appraisers be set aside, claiming it was not made in accordance with the policy. It is an out growth of the continuous but futile efforts of the companys to effect an amicable settlement. The adjusters agreed that the actual loss was less than $5,000, but offered $15,000 to avoid litigation. This offer was refused, and an appraisal ensued, which resulted in $20,000 award, but which was not made in regular form. The case will be bitterly contested.

THE BILLIARD MATCH.

A Wonderful Game and Immense Runs.

Special to The Astorian.]

CHICAGO, April 9.—The most remarkable game of billiards ever played on a 14-inch balk line was at the tournament this evening, Schaffer and Ives being the contestants, Schaffer playing 500 to Ives' 275. In the eighth inning Schaffer got the balls into good shape and rapidly applied his soft stroke. As he reached the one hundredth button the applause was great, but he still went on, and as he past his highest run of the tournament, the applause was repeated. He finally sat down after counting 130 points.

In the 11th innings, Schaeffer, after a few shots, commenced his rapid work again. As he passed the 135 mark, the highest run in the tournament, made by Slosson, the audience went wild. He paused till the noise had subsided, and then continued in good shape. At 150 and also at 175 he was loudly cheered, but when he reached 200 he had to stop, the noise was so great. He then missed on a simple cushion carom, making the greatest run in a public match ever made in a four-inch game. He lacked 27 points of ending the game, which he made in the next two innings, making the highest average scored in the game. The following is the score: Ives, 72, average 4. Schaeffer, 500, average 38 6-13. Highest runs, 200, 130, 54.

Famous Stock Raiser Dies.

Special to The Astorian.]

PHILADELPHIA, April 9.—Aristedes Welch, widely known as a breeder of fine horses, and owner of "Erdenheim," a famous stock farm, died today, aged 79.

Singular Election in Little Rhody.

Special to The Astorian.]

PROVIDENCE, April 9.—At West Greenwich, yesterday after the polls closed with no election, the Democrats organized and at a meeting elected Fish, senator, and Rathburn representative. The town clerk will refuse to issue election certificates.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

Extensive Stores of Grain in Russia Masticated by Mice.

CANADA'S PROTECTIVE POLICY.

Special by California Associated Press.

OTTAWA, April 9.—During a discussion of tariff changes in the commons, the government disclaimed intention in raising certain duties on beef and live stock, of retaliating against the United States. The tariff was increased solely for the purpose of fostering the struggling industries of Canada.

Strike of Liverpool Dock Laborers.

Special to The Astorian.]

LIVERPOOL, April 9.—The dock laborers on the Cunard dock have struck.

Denies That He Was Massacre.

Special to The Astorian.]

BERLIN, April 9.—A letter received from Dr. Peters, the African explorer, says that he was well on January 16th last. This contradicts the story of his massacre.

Ruined by Mice.

CHAPKON, Russia, April 9.—Millions of mice, have ruined the cultivated fields of southern Russia. They have gutted the granaries and wheat stocks and they are now passing northward.

Canadian Politics

Special to The Astorian.]

OTTAWA, April 9.—The debate in parliament on the budget ended today. Cartwright's amendment was voted down, 95 to 60. All the liberals voted for unrestricted reciprocity. Cartwright's amendment practically is, in a wide measure, free trade and called upon the house to address itself to abolishing or reducing the taxes now imposed.

Real Names of Indians.

The Indians have a neat way of fixing it. This Rain-in-the-Face, Spotted Trail, Man-Afraid-of-His-Horses, is good enough to palm off on the whites, but each Indian has another name the whites never hear. First he is named after his mother's gens or family. There are only half a dozen each. Snake, Wolf, Turtle, Bear, Eagle and so on. You remember how, in "The Last of the Mohicans," the young Delaware chief was found to have a tortoise tattooed on his breast, that gave his family. He was a Turtle, just as the bulk of the Scotch are divided into a few clans, the Stewarts, Campbells, Camerons, McGregors and others. To the Indian's family name is attached another, but it would be bad medicine to have it spoken outside the family circle, and give some of his enemies a chance to work spells and hoodoo him. The Spotted Tail business is a nom de chasse, de guerre, or de toot, which gets hitched on in later life.

SANDY OLDS WILL HANG.

Unless the Supreme Court Will Again Interfere.

A BIG RAILROAD SCHEME.

Special by the California Associated Press.

PORTLAND, April 9.—Supplementary articles of incorporation were filed in the secretary of state's office at Olympia to-day by the Portland Railway Extension company, empowering them to build 3,000 miles of new roads in the Northwest. The company is supposed to be working in the interest of the Union Pacific railway. A road will be built from Portland to Puget sound, crossing the river at Vancouver. Henry Failing, of Portland, is president of the company.

Again Sentenced to Hang.

Special to The Astorian.]

PORTLAND, April 9.—"Sandy" Olds has been sentenced for the third time to hang for the murder of Emil Weber, and the date for the execution is fixed for May 16. The case will be appealed again,

Lane County Republicans.

Special to The Astorian.]

EUGENE, Or., April 6.—The Lane county Republican convention composed of one hundred and forty-eight delegates assembled in Eugene to-day. Chairman, S. H. Friendly, secretary, J. H. McClang, S. M. Yoran nominated for state senator, for representatives Jasper Wilkins, A. C. Jennings and Allen Bond, for county clerk W. R. Walker, for sheriff W. S. Chrisman, county commissioner John Ingram, treasurer J. S. Luckey, assessor Barney Paine, school superintendent R. G. Collison, surveyor C. M. Collier, coroner Dr. T. W. Harris, delegates to state convention S. B. Eakin, Geo. H. Thurston, A. G. Hovey, Darwin Preston, B. F. Alley, S. M. Yoran, C. Humphrey, S. H. Friendly, M. Wilkins, J. M. Hodson.

Doubtful if It Was a Robbery.

Special to The Astorian.]

BUTTE, Mont., April 9.—J. M. Donaldson, who came here a few weeks ago from Minneapolis, reported late last Saturday evening that he had been robbed of $10,000 worth of watches and jewelry. The robbery was so peculiar that every one believed it an advertising fake to attract notice. The robbery was reported as having been done during the half hour he was absent from his store, with both front and back doors locked. The goods are said to have been kept in a trunk in the rear room. Donaldson asserted that the thieves must have had false keys to the store and been watching his movements for several days. The police could find no clue to the perpetrators, nor could Donaldson give anything but vague surmise, which strengthens the belief that the whole business is a fake.

Escape of a Probable Murderer.

Special to The Astorian.]

SEATTLE, April 9.—Barkeeper James Johnson, who stabbed Wm. Ray at Ballard station last Tuesday, escaped from the jail at that place this morning. Ray is lying at the point of death, and will undoubtedly die from the stabbing. Johnson, fearing the consequences of his murderous deed, planned his escape, breaking the door of the jail, which is a temporary wooden structure.

Nevada Growing Virtuous.

Special to The Astorian.]

VIRGINIA, Nev. April 9.—J. M. Campbell, lessee of the *Territorial Enterprise*, was arrested to-day on a charge of violation of a section of the Nevada statutes prohibiting the publication of lottery advertisements. Campbell gave bonds in the sum of $250. The penalty is a fine of $500, or six months imprisonment.

An Unprofitable Mine.

Special to The Astorian.]

VICTORIA, B. C., April 9.—Messrs. Venator and Bernhardt, two German mining experts, arrived here to-day from Alaska, where they have been examining the Bear's Nest mine. It is understood that the mine is almost a complete failure and that about a million and half dollars invested in it are considered as a dead loss. The duke of Sutherland is heavily interested in it, and his agent has made an investigation with a similiar result. The mine will probably not be abandond, but a more extensive survey will be made to ascertain if some portion of the investment cannot be recovered.

Central Pacific Officers Re-Elected.

Special to The Astorian.]

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—The directors of the Central Pacific Railroad company to-day elected the following officers: Leland Stanford, president; C. P. Huntington, first vice president; C. F. Crocker, second vice president; A. N. Towne, third vice president; Timothy Hopkins, treasurer; E. H. Miller, Jr., secretary and controller.

ELECTION OF RAILROAD DIRECTORS.

An Important Change in the Presidency.

Special to The Astorian.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Pacific Railway Company, which embraces the Central Pacific Railway and Southern Pacific Railway and their branches, the following directors were elected to-day: C. P. Huntington, Leland Stanford, Charles F. Crocker, Thomas E. Stillman, Thomas H. Hubbard, A. N. Towne, J. C. Stubbs, E. H. Miller, Jr., S. T. Gage, W. V. Huntington and W. E. Brown.

Subsequently the directors elected the following officers: Collis P. Huntington, president; C. F. Crocker, first vice president; A. N. Towne, second vice president; J. C. Stubbs, third vice president. The board also created an executive committee of which Leland Stanford was elected chairman.

An important feature of the meeting was in the change of the presidency from Stanford to Huntington. In the course of his address to the board the president said:

The best possible results cannot be brought about unless every officer of the company gives his best attention to the care of the company's interests which can be best done by not interfering in political affairs. The corporations should not be used to advance the interest of this party or that, or to raise up any one man or pull down another, and this corporation will not be used henceforth for any such purpose if its president can prevent it.

The Nationalists' Convention Splits.

Special to The Astorian.]

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—The only feature of interest at the state nationalists convention this afternoon, was the bolt of about forty delegates, led by F. T. Calor, arising from a disagreement over the recognition of proxies. The names of the bolters were stricken from the roll, on motion.

California Prohibitionists.

Special to The Astorian.]

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—The state prohibition convention began its session to-day. Gen. John Bidwell, of Chico, was elected chairman and A. J. Waterhouse, of Stockton, secretary.

California Lumbermen Unite.

Special to The Astorian.]

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—The retail lumber dealers of California effected an organization to-day and elected A. Starbird president and H. Righs secretary. The object of the organization is to prevent wholesale dealers selling direct to customers. The convention distinctly states that no effort will be made by the organization to effect a combination for the purpose of advancing prices.

THE NEW CRUISER.

Trials and Tests for the "Charleston."

Special to The Astorian.]

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—The cruiser *Charleston*, fully equipped, arrived here from Mare island this evening. She will remain until morning, when she will proceed outside the Heads and have a run of six hours for a trial of her engines for the benefit of the inspection board. Thursday night she will return to San Francisco and remain until Saturday morning, so as to enable the inspection board to complete their labors.

She will then leave on a trip to Santa Barbara, remaining away a week or ten days, during which her batteries will be tested. She will then return to San Francisco and lay in the stream until May 5th. No visitors will be received until the cruiser returns from Santa Barbara, but Capt. Remey states that all persons at that time be given ample opportunity to go aboard.

Federal Courts in Montana.

Special to The Astorian.]

HELENA, Mont., April 9.—Judge Knowles opened the U. S. district and circuit courts for Montana, for business this morning. A large number of suits are filed.

Catching Smuggled Chinamen.

Special to The Astorian.]

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 9.—Customs inspector Eldridge has captured ten more Chinamen, who were being smuggled in last night from Lower California in fishing smacks. This makes thirty-three smuggled Chinese now in custody here.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold which settled on her lungs; she was treated a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a *hopeless victim of consumption* and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use, and after taking ten bottles found herself sound and well, now does her housework and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this great Discovery at J. W. Conn's Drug Store, large bottles, 50c. and $1.

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