

THESE MOBILE BOERS.

They Are Keeping "Bobs" and His Men Busy.

MAFEKING REPORTS ON APRIL 20.

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METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Statistics of the First Hundred Years of the Church's Existence.

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DEMOCRATS OF IOWA.

Meet in Convention and Instruct for Bryan.

SAY NOTHING OF THE SILVER RATIO

But Reaffirm the Chicago Platform as a Whole—Michigan Republicans in Council.

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HAD NO TIME TO DRESS.

Guests in a Hotel Have to Get Out in Their Pajamas.

Brownsville, Ind., May 4.—About 11:15 Wed. night a light fire broke out in the rear of the Union hotel, and the building was entirely destroyed, the guests escaping in their night clothes. The fire also spread to J. C. Walker's barber shop, consuming it, and the livery barn, owned by Benjamin Salton, which was also destroyed. The Union hotel was one of the oldest as a tavern in this place, having been erected in 1837, at which time it was occupied as a tavern on the old stage route from Indianapolis westward. Many distinguished people were sheltered under its roof in those early days. The property is owned by George Salton, whose loss is estimated at \$2,500, with \$1,000 insurance. It was leased to O. M. Davis, who places his loss at \$1,500, with \$900 insurance. J. C. Walker, barber, and Bell & Burns, implement dealers, sustained about \$75 loss. The building was owned by Albert Miller. It was also damaged about \$200.

RULE AS TO JURORS

Judge West Makes an Important One in the Sutton Case.

Lansing, Mich., May 4.—The panel of thirty jurors drawn for the trial of the case against Colonel E. B. Sutton, charged with complicity in the state military frauds, was exhausted at noon yesterday, without a jury being secured, and an order was entered for the drawing of twenty-four talesmen. Judge West has decided that no person can sit as a juror in the Sutton case who has a fixed opinion that either General White, who has left the country or General Marsh, who was convicted of participation in the profits of the frauds, is guilty of the conspiracy to defraud the state. This ruling makes it extremely difficult to secure a jury.

Had a Right to Shoot Him.

Madison, Wis., May 4.—President Lyon, of the state board of control, has returned from Green Bay, where on Wednesday he investigated the charges against both the superintendent and assistant superintendent of the reformatory. They were absent at the time of the shooting of an escaping prisoner by Guard Wright. He found the superintendent and assistant superintendent Thomas was at the institution and at the time the shooting occurred taking supper with Senator Devos. The coroner's jury exonerated Wright.

Cripple Sent to Jail.

LaCrosse, Wis., May 4.—Joseph Praus, a cripple, who was charged with a vicious assault on old Joseph Ausfelder, proprietor of a boarding house and saloon and over 70 years of age, appeared before Judge Brindley and pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm. He was committed to jail for six months at hard labor, the court taking into consideration the fact that Praus has already spent some months in jail awaiting trial.

BORN ON ST. HELENA.

Story of a Michigan Woman Who Has Relatives of the Tsar. Hudson, Mich., May 2.—An interesting story of romance and history can be told of Mrs. Mary Wagar, wife of Thomas Wagar, of this city. Mrs. Wagar was born on the island of St. Helena, the location of the English military prison on which Napoleon was kept and where is now contained General Cronje, the Boer commander. Mrs. Wagar's father, Captain Bagley, was captain of the English guard at the time the body was exhumed by the French government. She has many relatives scattered all over the world, and is now connected with the great Napoleon.

REPUBLICANS OF MICHIGAN.

Harmony a Feature of the State Convention—Transactions Thereof. Detroit, Mich., May 4.—Harmony seemed to be the distinctive feature when the Republican state convention met at noon. Apparently the Boer campaign of a fight over any of the subjects with which the convention was about to deal. Conversation among the big crowd of delegates and candidates during the morning turned more upon the chances of the Boer campaign, and the election of the big and other state officers than upon the work of the convention, viz: election of delegates-at-large and a state committee and adoption of resolutions. It was evident that the interest in the nominating convention, to be held later, will be tremendous.

GREAT ARTIST IS DEAD.

Man Who Painted "Christ Before Pilate" Died in a Madhouse. Bonn, May 2.—Munkacsy, the celebrated painter, died in an asylum here. He will be buried at Budapest. Michael Munkacsy was born near Munkacsy in 1846. When a boy he was apprenticed to a carpenter, but his talent for painting soon developed and he left the bench for the easel.



His reputation was established by his exhibition of "The Last Day of a Condemned Prisoner," which was exhibited at the Paris salon in 1870. His fame will rest on his masterpiece—"Christ Before Pilate," a large canvas, which was exhibited all over the world.

Gets Another Plant.

Akron, O., May 2.—The American Clay Manufacturing company has secured control of the plant of the Bennett Sewer Pipe company of Jackson, Mich. This makes thirty plants now operated by the combine. The latest acquisition is one of the foremost in Michigan.

Campau Elected First Delegate.

Port Huron, Mich., May 2.—Daniel J. Campau was unanimously selected as first delegate-at-large from Michigan to the Democratic national convention by the state convention held here yesterday.

CLASHES IN CONGRESS.

House Comes Very Close to a Breach of the Peace.

HEPBURN CALLS CANNON A LIAR.

Nicaragua Canal Matters the Cause of the Row—Bill Passes by a Vote of 225 to 35.

Washington, May 3.—The house yesterday at the conclusion of the most stormy debate of the present session of congress, passed the Nicaragua canal bill by the overwhelming vote of 225 to 35. All attempts to retain in the bill the language of the original bill for the fortification of the canal and of still further strengthen the language on that line were balked and the victory of Hepburn and the committee was complete. A motion to recommend the bill with instructions to report back another bill leaving the selection of the route to the president was buried under an adverse majority of 52 to 171.

Not a County in the Upper Peninsula Without Its Blaze.

Houghton, Mich., May 3.—In every county in the upper peninsula forest fires are burning and great damage is being done. Several small settlements are threatened with destruction. Reports from the north shore of Lake Superior state that similar conditions prevail in Canadian territory and lumber jockers are fighting fires at several points to save the winter's cut of logs. The air has been filled with a smoky haze for the past three days. Markets on the western half of Lake Superior are much annoyed by the haze, which renders navigation perilous. Several settlements are threatened with destruction. The spring has been unusually dry, and nothing but copious and protracted rains can prevent heavy losses to cut and standing timber, and possibly loss of life in a district covering over 10,000 square miles.

INDIAN THIEVES ARRESTED.

Gang Had Been Stealing Horses in North Dakota. Minneapolis, May 3.—A Times' special from Mandan, N. D., says: A gang of Indian horse thieves, headed by Frank Hawk, has been arrested. The gang has been operating for over six months on the reservation. They would change brands and then run the horses into South Dakota and sell them. Hawk was one of the Indians implicated in the Spicer murder in 1897 and set free because the two Indian boys who charged him with the offense were lynched before Black Hawk's trial. Sub-Agent Wells has the men in custody and in a few days they will have their preliminary hearing. They have stolen between sixty and a hundred horses.

CANNON ACCUSES HEPBURN.

Illinois Man's Reply to the Iowa Man and the Subsequent Proceedings. In replying to Hepburn's charges Cannon said that the representative of a certain bureau had come to him in the lobby and informed him that he had heard a report that Hepburn was a member of the movement designed to obstruct the passage of the canal bill. This brought Hepburn to his feet with a demand to know the name of Cannon's informant. Cannon said he did not know his name, and started to read from the record. But Hepburn interrupted him with his face aglow with indignation.

"There are scoundrels and liars here who have been working against the bill," he shouted. "I shall state to the gentleman from Illinois that any one making such a statement to me, or any one assuming the responsibility, is a liar. I say this with full appreciation of what the word means."

"Whom does the gentleman from Iowa refer to when he uses that expression?" demanded Cannon. "I repeat that whoever comes to the floor of this house with such a report charging me with insincerity is a liar. I shall say further that there are gentlemen in this city of Chicago who have offered franchises to the government and are certainly interested in blocking this bill." Cannon protested that he had not sought to dishonor Hepburn and said the latest remarks were due to his temper and he (Cannon) would drop the subject. But for a few moments it looked as if there would be a regular rough-and-tumble fight, without going out in the alley.

The belligerent electricity was not completely dispelled by this exhibition, and a little later Gaines of Tennessee took exception to a personal allusion made to him by Mann of Illinois. After reading from the record Mann's statement Gaines, with great vehemence, declared that the man who had uttered the words was "devoid of common decency, courtesy and good will." The Illinois member had told him, Gaines said, that he had come from the south and was a southern man, and he thanked God that he was 1,500 miles removed from contact with the south.

Mann came down the aisle as Gaines concluded and in sarcastic tones said: "Mr. Chairman, if the remarks came from any other member that they would deserve reply, but from him they need no answer."

As Mann turned his back Gaines raised his right hand menacingly and exclaimed: "I want to say that I am responsible for every word I say."

Philadelphia Times Changes Owners. Philadelphia, May 2.—The announcement was made yesterday that the interest in the Philadelphia Times owned by the heirs of the late Frank McClellan had been sold to a syndicate of local capitalists headed by Charles F. Kindred, general agent of the Reading railway. It is understood that Colonel A. K. McClure, who has been a part owner of the paper since it was established twenty years ago, will remain with the new management as editor-in-chief.

Big Company Organized. New York, May 2.—The Cosmopolitan Power company, with a capital of \$4,000,000, which is believed to be alloted with automobile interests of this city, was organized in Jersey City yesterday. With these directors,