

Mr. McCornick Says It Is So.

He States Officials of the Mining Companies Have Been Talking of the Merger for Two Months — He Will Accept the Secretaryship of the Interior Providing it Is Tendered to Him.

The newspapers and the mining company officials and brokers who have been so violently assailing the "News" for printing a report of the probable consolidation of the Daly-West, Quincy and Anchor Mining companies, and throwing doubt on the accuracy of the interview with Mr. McCornick in San Francisco, have a surprise awaiting them today. The Tribune scribbler especially—who is said to be "short"—a number of things besides news items—will no doubt feel like selling out for a very small consideration.

Mr. McCornick, one of the heavy owners of the Daly-West, and formerly its treasurer, as well as one of its board, returned from San Francisco this morning, having come down from Ogden on the same train that brought the Tabernacle choir. He was at once waited upon by a representative of the "News," who asked him if he had seen the newspaper reports of his statement to the San Francisco Call. His answer was to take a clipping out of his pocket which he said had been extracted from the Call. This clipping is the same as that printed in the "News" and says:

"A proposition is on foot to effect the combination of the Quincy, Daly-West and Anchor Mining companies which are reported to be the three largest and richest silver and lead producers of Utah. Although the deal has not yet assumed a definite shape, it is expected that it will be consummated within the next week; W. S. McCornick, representing the Daly-West mine, will treat with Messrs. Keith and Farrell, representatives of the Quincy mine. When seen, Mr. McCornick admitted that the corporations that controlled the mines in question were considering the advisability of such a step. He said that the object of the combination would be to settle certain disputes that had arisen between the Quincy and Daly-West companies."

"THAT IS SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT," said Mr. McCornick, "as I gave it to the Call reporter. Some of the leading people of the two companies, the Daly-West and the Quincy HAVE BEEN TALKING OVER THE MATTER FOR TWO MONTHS PAST. I am of the opinion that they will get together on some basis, because both

THE EIGHTEENTH WARD SQUARE SALE

Within the next two weeks, it is expected that the Eighteenth Ward square will pass from the hands of the L. D. S. university trustees, to J. S. Bransford, who buys for himself and not for his sister, Mrs. Holmes. In fact the deed, and the cash for the deal amounting to \$35,000 are now in escrow, the transfer to be completed and recorded as soon as some incomplete details can be finished up. The property is 25x30 rods, bounded by First, Second and A streets, and has long been considered as one of the choicest pieces

UTAH SINGERS ARRIVE HOME.

The Tabernacle choir's memorable, in many respects most memorable, trip is over, so far as the going and coming is concerned; but memories are left that will last as long as life. The train returning with the tired but happy excursionists arrived at the Oregon Short Line depot in two sections, the first reaching here at 11 o'clock and the second just a few minutes later. About 300 people were at the station to welcome the singers and their friend home again, and to listen to the animated accounts of "the perfectly lovely time" they all had.

The weather was in marked contrast with that which prevailed the morning the choir left, it will be remembered that a severe snow storm was in full operation the morning of the departure, and although Salt Lake has been visited with snow storms since then, it has had nothing better to show for it but mud. However one of the members of the choir voiced the sentiments of the majority when she said that even the Salt Lake mud "looked good" to her. Despite the long and weary ride across the desert, most of the members of the party were remarkably bright and wide-awake, not having that faded and grimy appearance that often characterizes the end of a long journey on the cars. The California must have been pleased with the Utah visitors, for everyone came back laden down with such flowers and plants as have made California famous. As the people descended from the cars, the only thing that could be seen were the gorgeous flowers, until it appeared like a perambulating conservatory. Nearly every one also had a branch of an orange tree with some of the golden fruit depending from it, and it is not at all unlikely that if an investigation were made the fact would be disclosed that some man in the Golden Gate state awoke one morning last week and found his orange grove gone, or it may have been that he was so ardent an admirer of the singers that in the foolishness of his passion just

secure for us the best time of the trip at Stanford.

GREAT MEETINGS.

"The meetings at San Francisco were among the best I have ever attended, thanks to Dr. J. E. Talmage and President Robinson, and the missionaries and Saints there, who one and all completed what our singing would have lacked without them. Everywhere the Elders have labored just as if we were their special guests. With the exception of the bloom of roses, which was not fully out, California was at her very best everywhere to greet us."

"So wide were all the doors of every public place thrown open to us that our party almost, if not quite, forgot that Del Monte was the name of its guest rather than ourselves. They flocked on to the porches and even into the building by scores, until reminded by some one in charge of the place. At first we were inclined to feel that an effort had been given us, but on slight consideration we could see that we ourselves were the party at fault."

"The municipal authorities everywhere have given us the most considerate attention. At San Francisco, the most systematic police protection to ourselves and train. At Sacramento, the capital building and art gallery kept open late into the night for our special use. At Stanford the magnificent museum and chapel specially opened and used by us. The good people of Pacific Grove, San Jose and Sacramento gave abundantly of their abundance of flowers, oranges and lemon branches to us. The railway people have aided us and watched over us as if we were their special charges."

"It will only be fair to mention that the party was liberally supplied with copies of the "News" all the time, which, kept us in constant touch with home."

McCLELLAN'S PLAIN.

The one who perhaps has the most cause to complain is Prof. McClellan, for his experience of the trip is a musical feature of the trip is concerned, was anything but pleasant. The reason for this is that he had to perform on the most villainous instruments he ever touched. That is, the piano, the hard as strong as that used by the professor. "While it was very painful for me to have to perform on such wretched instruments," said he, "I am pleased to have it to say that the Call did itself proud and made a tremendous hit wherever it appeared."

WAS A SUCCESS.

"Professor Stephens deserves unstinted praise for the able way in which he carried the trip through. There was one exception to the success of the trip, which he won the hearts of the people of California."

"I enjoyed the excursion immensely, but the part I had in the concert is a nightmare to me. There was one excellent instrument, had the pleasure of performing on, however. It is the one that was recently put in the memorial hall at the Leland Stanford university. This courtesy was extended to me through the kindness of Mrs. Stanford. Prof. Brook, the instructor of music at the university and one of the finest musicians I ever met. He spoke very highly of the choir but regretted he could not hear it in the new hall, which had been built in the new hall, because the building is not finished yet. Well, all I can say is that it was the happiest, jolliest crowd I was ever in and with the exception of the one objectionable feature I know I could not have enjoyed myself more under any conditions."

As to the episode at the Del Monte hotel at Monterey, Prof. McClellan said he knew little about it. He was aware, however, that some members of the party had been ejected from the hotel and they were very indignant about it, what it was about he did not know, he said, however, he did not think it was merely because the people were from Utah that such indignities were imposed upon them."

HOUSE BURGLARIZED.

Dr. Stauffer of 208 north, First West street returned from a California trip this morning to discover that during his absence, his place had been burglarized and a number of valuable articles stolen.

The matter was reported to the police late this afternoon, and according to his statement the following articles were stolen:

Two watches, a pair of opera glasses, six pearl handled soup spoons, a gold hair pin and a gold button. The thieves left no clue for the police to work upon—unkind burglars!

The police are now making a tour of the pawn shops and they hope to locate the stolen property."

HORSEWHIPPED TOPEKA'S MAYOR.

Blanche Boise, a Protege of Carrie Nation, Goes for Mayor Parker, And Promises to Administer a Threshing to Gov. Stanley.

Topeka, Kansas, March 24.—Miss Blanche Boise, a protegee of Mrs. Nation, horsewhipped Mayor Parker in his office at the city building this morning. Three times she struck the mayor and then he sprang at her, tore the rawhide out of her hand and pushed her into the hall. As Miss Boise was thrust out of the office by Mayor Parker she exclaimed, "Thank God I've done it. I've horsewhipped you, and now I'm going to horsewhip the governor."

Before beginning her horsewhipping Miss Boise gave the mayor a severe scolding and accused him of being responsible for the fact that the joint session of the legislature had been adjourned to the 15th of next month, which was recently committed in a local saloon. She had the whip concealed in the folds of her dress.

Miss Boise is a nurse by profession and is about 35 years of age.

Worst Fishing Season on Record.

St. Johns, N. F., March 24.—The steamer Newfoundland, the first sealing ship to return from the ice floes, arrived in the harbor today with reports which indicate that the season's fishery was the worst on record. She sailed March 19, proceeded up the coast of the islands, met with no ice or seals. She passed in through Yelle Isle straits to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and cruised there, meeting with the same conditions. The Newfoundland collided with a small iceberg, damaging her stem and sheathing, and was forced to enter the channel harbor, near Cape Ray, to effect repairs. She has only 300 sealskins on board, whereas she can carry 40,000. The steamer reports meeting the whole fleet March 15, with practically no seals. The steamer Argenta, which was en route to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, abandoned the fishery there and passed out of the Belle Isle straits, hoping for better fortune in the New Atlantic, but from the Newfoundland's report they are not likely to have any luck there.

The news occasioned a grave depression and especially after the sealers' recent strike. Twenty ships and men are involved in this failure of the fishery.

LOCATIONS OF OIL LANDS.

Rep. Sutherland Introduces Bill Providing Discoveries of Oil Is Not Essential to Validity of Locations but Only Indications of the Same.

[Special to the "News."]

Washington, D. C., March 24.—Representative Sutherland has introduced a bill which provides that where oil lands are located under placer mining claims an actual discovery of oil shall not be essential to the validity of the location but the existence of such indications as will justify the locator in developing a claim, with the reasonable expectation of producing oil shall be sufficient. It further provides that annual assessment labor upon such claims may be done upon any of the group of claims lying contiguous and owned by the same person or corporation, provided the said labor will be to the benefit or tend to the development of such contiguous claims.

MARTIN BILL CONSIDERED.

Referred to Sub-Committee that Will Report at Next Meeting.

[Special to the "News."]

Washington, D. C., March 24.—The house committee on irrigation met this morning and considered what is known as the Martin bill to protect reservoirs. A sub-committee was appointed, which consisted of Representatives Sutherland, Reeder, Kansas and Newlands, Nevada, to whom the bill was referred and it will make a report at the next meeting of the committee.

PENSIONERS.

Pensioners granted: Utah—original, Pickney M. Moore, Salt Lake City, \$6. Idaho—Increase—Francis H. Vandervoort, Emmett, \$6; Ella E. Taylor, Rathdrum, \$10.

Wyoming—Widow's, Jennie V. Jones, Sandstone, \$5.

SENATE.

Washington, March 24.—Soon after the senate convened today Mr. Hale of Maine offered a resolution which was adopted, providing that the senate on fisheries to inquire into the destruction by dynamite of sea fish along the eastern coast of the United States and to report by bill or otherwise the remedy for the trouble.

By a resolution of Mr. Lodge of Massachusetts, which was adopted, the attorney general was directed to transmit to the senate a list of the claims he is defending before the Spanish treaty claims commission, together with a gross amount of all the claims.

Mr. Dubois (Idaho) presented a petition from the American chamber of commerce at Manila, saying it was a "significant fact" that this was the second petition from that organization urging that the restriction of Chinese coolie labor be removed. Mr. Dubois added that testimony before the Philippine commission indicated that the Philippine lands could not be developed without Chinese labor.

Mr. Hoar (Mass.) inquired if the petitioners were American citizens.

Mr. Dubois replied that he understood that they were.

Mr. Elder pointed out that under the rules the senate could not receive petitions from people of a foreign power. The acceptance of the memorial seemed to him an admission on the part of the senate that this country was not at war with the Philippines. The memorial was referred to the Philippine committee.

The river and harbor bill was received from the house and referred to the committee on commerce.

Mr. Fry, chairman of that committee, gave notice that hearings on the bill would be given to senators for four days, beginning tomorrow morning, and that there would be no further hearings.

HOUSE.

Washington, March 24.—This was District of Columbia day in the house and some time was spent at the opening of the session in transaction of District business.

The senate amendments to the bill to repeal the war revenue taxes were non-concurred in and the bill was sent to conference. Messrs. Payne of New York, Dalzell of Pennsylvania, and Richardson of Tennessee, were appointed conferees. A similar course was taken with reference to the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, and Messrs. Bingham of Pennsylvania, Hemenway of Indiana and Livingston of Georgia were appointed conferees.

After the conclusion of the District election cases, debate upon the contested election cases of Moss vs. Rhea from the Third Kentucky district, was resumed. Mr. Bowie (Ala.), a member of the committee, which reported the case, argued in favor of sustaining the contention of the minority, that Mr. Rhea was entitled to retain his seat.

Cholera Rages at Mecca.

Jedda, Arabia, March 24.—There have been 476 deaths from cholera at Mecca and Medina during the past 10 days.

Supreme Court Decisions.

Washington, March 24.—The United States Supreme court today refused to assume jurisdiction in the case of Mary E. H. Gwin vs. the United States. The case involves the title to the Peral land grant of California, and Justice Brown, who announced the decision of the court, said the case had been in litigation since 1852.

The United States Supreme court today decided the case of the Tuare Igiz.

CONFERENCE ON CUBA.

Washington, March 24.—A conference is being held at the White House between the president, Secy. of War Root, Gen. Wood and Representatives Tawney, Dick, Morris, Wm. Alden Smith, Minor, Mettraff and Dayton. The congressmen came at the request of the president, who desired that they should hear from Gen. Wood a clear and full statement of the condition of affairs in Cuba.

BUYING BEET SUGAR LANDS.

Denver, March 24.—The Republican says: The American Sugar Refining company has made the first move to take up the beet sugar industry in Colorado. Henry E. Niese of New York, superintendent of construction and refineries, after two weeks spent in investigating the situation in Colorado, has returned to New York. The two companies to operate in Boulder, Larimer, Arapahoe, Jefferson, Morgan, Washington and Adams counties, have been incorporated with a combined capital of \$1,600,000, and Mr. Niese has secured options on lands suitable for beet culture and for the erection of sugar refineries. These are those which independent beet sugar companies were examining with a view to purchase.

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THE HAGUE IS SURPRISED.

The Hague, March 24.—Acting President Schalkburger's arrival at Pretoria was a complete surprise to the Boer circles here. It was surmised that the step taken was connected with the instructions sent to Lord Kitchener to communicate the text of the Anglo-Dutch notes to the Boer leaders.

Asphyxiated by Gas.

Chicago, March 24.—James J. Towns, his wife and their 3-year-old daughter, were found dead in bed here today. They had been asphyxiated by gas from the kitchen range. A plug had been removed from the range and the man's arms were thrown over the stove, apparently holding her down. These circumstances are cited by the police as evidence of a double murder and suicide.

Clayton, Jr., Not Forced to Leave.

Washington, March 24.—Official contradiction has been received at the state department of the report that Powell Clayton, Jr., son of Ambassador Clayton, and former military attaché to the U. S. embassy at Mexico, was forced to leave his post because of his refusal to fight a duel. The report to the department shows that instead of being involved in the Christmas brawl, which was supposed to be at the bottom of the challenge, Capt. Clayton had really quitted the city of Mexico Aug. 5 last.

He was the recipient of a banquet before his departure, which brought together in his honor many people in Mexico prominent in official and social life.

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ELECTRIC ROAD IS INCORPORATED.

The secretary of state today received a certified copy of the articles of incorporation of the Salt Lake & Utah Valley Railway company, which is to build and operate an electric railway from Salt Lake to Birmingham. The capital stock is fixed at \$250,000, in 2,500 \$100 shares. The officers are William Story, president; William Story, Jr., secretary; J. J. Nunn, resident agent, and those with L. L. Nunn and A. M. French are the investors and directors. Besides the Birmingham road, other lines are in contemplation. The company was incorporated at Ouray, Colo.

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FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Los Angeles, Cal., March 24.—Local club women have just received information as to the program of the biennial convention of the general federation of women's clubs, which is to be held in Los Angeles in May. Massachusetts was successful in securing the most and best places on the program. Delegates from the Bay State will direct at least two important sessions. The evening devoted to "Literature" is being arranged by Mrs. May Allen Ward of Cambridge, Mass., and Mrs.

Anna D. West of Somerville, Mass., will conduct the session on "Clubs." Miss Ellen C. Sablin of Milwaukee will preside over the session on "Education" and for the "Protestant" session, Mrs. Ella W. Pattie of Chicago has been chosen leader.

Mrs. A. H. Brockway of Brooklyn will attend to "Art." Some of the other subjects to be considered are "Forestry," "Club Houses" and "The Audubon Movement."

"Civil Service" will be presented for the first time. Mrs. D. T. S. Denison of New York having charge.

CRUSADE AGAINST SALOONS.

[Special to the "News."]

Ogden, March 24.—The crusade against the saloons that has been inaugurated by the new administration is proceeding apace. Henry Baumleister, the bookkeeper who on Saturday pleaded not guilty in the police court