

nization of the Baldwin hotel with voters, and stuffing the great register, has been pardoned by Governor Budd on the recommendation of the state board of prison directors, to which body numerous petitions had been forwarded from time to time, asking for the young man's liberty.

The action of the chief executive represents the power of political influence as against the interests of purity in election matters and the wishes of the advocates of honest government. Sternberg is recognized as the tool of an organized gang of political tricksters and he went to prison with sealed lips rather than betray the identity of his confederates, among whom it is supposed were some of the most prominent politicians of this city. That these men appreciate the manner and spirit in which he has guarded their secret is shown in their untiring efforts to secure his release, and it was probably this fact that did so much to influence the petitions that were successfully circulated in his behalf.

Crowds of people on Market street were heated to a curious spectacle last Tuesday afternoon as Robert Pitcher Woodward, in rags and tatters, foot-sore and weary, accompanied by his valet, two donkeys and a dog, slowly moved up that broad thoroughfare in the direction of the Palace hotel, where they completed a continental journey from New York to San Francisco. As the quintet ambled into the court of the hotel Robert P. heaved a great sigh of relief and then began to make his excuses for being on earth to the curious by-standers.

Woodward is a newspaper man, and last year was an enthusiastic supporter of Bryan for President, and the trip across the continent on a donkey's back was taken in satisfaction of an election bet he lost on the silver champion. He arrived at this end of the journey one day ahead of time as stipulated in the agreement, but had he failed to reach here in the time mentioned he would have forfeited \$5,000. Despite the many hardships he has endured he is still enthusiastic in his devotion to the silver orator of Nebraska, and he expresses himself as thankful that Providence has watched over him so that he may again cast his vote for the cause of the abused white metal.

Alameda justice has discovered a means of ridding that community of its disorderly and troublesome element, that does away with the necessity of supporting them at the expense of the county. As a punishment for petty offenders against the peace and dignity of that quiet little village, the justice has adopted banishment as a substitute for fines and imprisonment as prescribed by law, and the success of his scheme is noticeable in the marked decrease in the number of habitual offenders that have been interviewing him regularly from time to time in the past.

There is no doubt but that this practice greatly benefits Alameda, but how about the community that picks up these discards?

A pretty good indication that the times are improving is shown in the fact that there was something like \$100,000 wagered on the result of the Lavigne and Wolcott fight, which took place last Friday night before the Occidental Athletic club in this city.

After the winner was announced there was a rumor circulated that the affair had been prearranged, but these reports were soon dispelled, though the dissatisfaction of the losers has in no way abated. That Wolcott opened a strong favorite and then backed down to a one to two proposition seems to stick in the craw of the colored boys

admirers and they can't help but think that they have been humbugged again, and that the promoters of the fighting business are making money by "faking the public."

Redwood city, about thirty miles south of this city, was the scene of a terrible crime last week in which two men lost their lives, and the murderer was probably fatally wounded. Thos. Flannelly went to the home of his father whom he shot in a dispute and then returned to his own home and prepared to go to bed. When the sheriff and his deputy attempted to arrest the murderer he resisted and in the exchange of bullets that ensued he received seven wounds and it is doubtful if he can recover. Both the sheriff and his deputy received injuries, the former afterwards dying from the effects of a wound in the left arm that resulted in blood poisoning.

A bride of three months has gone raving mad through home-sickness. Such was the opinion of the lunacy commission of Alameda county when they committed Mrs. Belle Talt of Berkeley to the insane asylum at Stockton. After the novelty of married life had worn away, the bride of three short months longed to return to her native land across the sea. She became morose and melancholy, and often threatened suicide. What makes the case remarkable is the unusual cause assigned for the loss of mind.

Senator Frank J. Cannon of Utah arrived in this city last Saturday from the Orient, and is domiciled at the Palace hotel. Senator Cannon went to the Orient last July in company with Senator R. J. Pettigrew of South Carolina and ex-Senator Fred T. Dubois of Idaho, to make a study of the commercial, industrial and financial conditions of China and Japan. He expresses himself as being thoroughly satisfied with his trip, and also declares himself in favor of the annexation of Hawaii by the United States. Senator Cannon will remain here for a few days before proceeding to his home in Ogden.

Wm. H. Daggett, formerly of Salt Lake City, is distinguishing himself in connection with a gigantic scheme to explore the gold regions of the icy north. A company to be known as the Daggett Exploration & Development company has been organized and a large sum of money has already been subscribed.

Mr. Daggett will leave early in the spring with a party of men for the new diggings, the location of which at present is a secret, but he claims to have something that excels even the Klondike, and from the way in which he has introduced capital into his scheme, it looks as though a fortune awaits him.

IN NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Big Cove, Madison Co., Ala.,

Sept. 21st, 1897.

The forty Elders comprising the North Alabama conference arrived here to convene in annual conference Friday last, with the exception of E. C. Penrose, who through lameness was not able to leave Etawah county. The fatigues of a long dusty walk were soon forgotten in the affectionate greetings of the Elders and the hearty welcome accorded by the hospitable people of the settlement. Through a misunderstanding some opposition was raised by a number of the prominent citizens but all difficulties were satisfactorily adjusted through the indefatigable efforts of Elders Joseph McGregor and James E. Brown, first and second assistants to Elder Albert Matheson, president of the conference; and their companions, Elders Geo. E. Hill and D. P. Felt. Great credit is due these brethren for their zeal in preparing for this event. Deep regret

was manifested by each Elder on learning that our mission president, Elder E. S. Kimball, would not be present on account of illness; yet all felt to bow in meek submission to the will of Him who ruleth all things. Our hearts rejoiced to welcome once again our worthy brother, Elder Matheson, who was called from our midst to labor in the office at Chattanooga and who has been traveling the past few months in Elder E. S. Kimball's capacity through the several conferences and is now in our midst as his representative.

Friday was spent in Priesthood meeting and in preparing for the public meetings on the morrow. At night the Elders and people assembled at the pleasant home of Mr. W. D. Buford, where a most enjoyable time was spent in listening to songs, speeches and recitations.

Saturday, Sept. 18th, after a council meeting which lasted from 7:30 till 10 o'clock a. m., we repaired to a large bowery and found the people awaiting our arrival. Elder McGregor called the meeting to order and made a brief explanation of the object of the conference. The services were opened by the Elders under the direction of Elder Felt. After the preliminary exercises Elder Jas. E. Brown was the first speaker. His remarks were upon the subject of faith. Elder Rodney B. Ashby followed. He spoke on the existence of God. Elder Ashby was followed by Elder Ruben Alvord, who spoke briefly upon the importance of an understanding of God's character and attributes, and of the principles of the plan of redemption.

At 2 o'clock p. m. services were again commenced by singing and prayer. The speakers were Elders Chas. Sperry and Geo. T. Wride, who addressed the assembly upon the subjects of The Attributes of God and Our Course in Life.

The people reassembled at 7:30 p. m. Elder Moses Jorgensen spoke upon the subject of faith, the moving cause of all action. He was followed by Elder John Christensen, who spoke from the words of Paul, "By grace ye are saved through faith, that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God."

On Sunday, Sept. 19, about 300 people were in attendance at 10 o'clock a. m., when Elder Brown called the congregation to order. After the opening exercises Elder Joseph McGregor addressed the people upon the subject of the atonement of Christ, and the importance of obedience to the laws of God. Elder Chas. S. Haight spoke upon the principle of repentance; its position and importance in the Gospel of Christ. The afternoon services were occupied by Elder Albert Matheson upon the subject of baptism.

Services were again held at 7:30 p. m. Elder Peter Nielson and Supt. Elmer E. Hinckley of the North Alabama Sunday school were the speakers. Their remarks were confined to the subject of the Holy Ghost.

On Sept. 20 the entire day was spent in council meeting, in giving in reports and receiving instructions from the lips of Elder Matheson, and in listening to the testimonies of the Elders. We, indeed, had a time of great rejoicing and one to be long remembered. The Elders were unanimous in declaring that they experienced the power of God more abundantly made manifest than during our council meeting.

Tuesday morning after Sacrament meeting the Elders received their appointments to their fields of labor.

At 10 o'clock services were held at the water's edge, and Elder Matheson led Sister Katie Ellett down into the waters of baptism and administered