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Before the bill became law, the unknown name of the State convention had been getting along with its work. The first session of the day was a prayer meeting at 10 o'clock. A. M., conducted by Mrs. E. C. Blair, of Pittsburgh. President Mrs. Mary H. Jones, of Philadelphia, called the meeting to order at a little after 10 o'clock, when they went into regular session. The annual address of Mrs. Jones came next, and the report of the Secretary.

### STORMING THE CLOUDS.

THE GOVERNMENT BARRACKS NEW OPERATIONS IN TEXAS.

A Continuous Fire of Twenty Hours From Their Batteries Brings Good Indications—The Rain Is Looked For To-Day—Ranchmen Will Welcome It.

SAN DIEGO, TEX., Oct. 16.—[Special.]—Soon after midnight this morning the people of San Diego were awakened by the opening gun of another attack on the clouds by the wind and sun, which has become a regular firing now has been in progress for nearly 20 hours, and it seems probable that the appearance of the sky at this time that the rain will be here before another day has passed.

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### SLOPE MILLIONAIRES

How They Went West and Grew Up With That Great Country.

PORTLAND DULL AND DRY

But Crowses Are Growing on the Bushes Out There.

WEBS SET FOR EASTERN FLIES.

Taxes and Lot Values in the Coast Cities Real and Artificial.

GOOD AGRICULTURAL LAND SCARCE

Ever since the Golden Days of '40 the Far West has been regarded by people here in the East as a sort of fabled land—or Eldorado where the "golden fleece" grows within every man's easy reach, combined with a climate as "divine" as the Florida dream of Ponce de Leon's "Fountain of Perpetual Youth." With that white hatted old crank, Horace Greeley, urging the young men to "go West and grow up with the country," and that accomplished "boomer," George Francis Train, proclaiming from every rostrum in the two continents for a quarter of a century that another generation in the Pacific coast and Puget Sound cities would rival, if not outrival New York and San Francisco in commercial supremacy, was it any wonder that the ambitious youth of the East felt his pulses throb with

Many delegates and citizens, attracted by the unusual scene, gathered about the sufferers inside and outside the church, and offered what care and assistance they could. A tremendous crowd gathered before the church, and word was spread throughout the city that a hundred delegates to the convention had been poisoned.

Every physician in the city was called upon, and the basement of the large Presbyterian Church was made into a temporary hospital, to which a party of 40 ladies were taken, and as soon as possible the sufferers were taken to private houses, where they could receive special care. All showed the same symptoms—they had undoubtedly been poisoned, though by whom or with what, no one cared to ask, as all were too busy trying to alleviate their sufferings to be able to ascertain.

**Mystery Surrounding the Matter.**

Physicians who had been called said they had no idea what kind of poison had created the havoc, and were too busy with the ladies, who were the most badly affected, to answer any questions at first. It was very evident that the poison had been paraken at the dinner, as only those present and who ate heartily were affected. Some writhed in agony, while others were merely sick at their stomach, while all vomited, generally before they were able to leave the church.

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### A CHANGE OF FRONT.

Republican Leaders to Turn in for a Constitutional Convention.

WALTER LYON GIVING THE ORDERS

Which Are Expected to Greatly Affect the Present Situation.

THE GRANGERS ARE NOT IN THE SCHEME

THE GRANGERS DON'T WANT IT.

THE WESTERN SENATORS.

THEY TRIED THE OFFICERS.

A Man and Woman Succeed in Smuggling \$200,000 Worth of Gold Coins into New York.

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When the least seriously affected ladies were seen this evening, some of them claimed the coffee had done the damage, and that poison had been put in their cups, others said they were certain the grapes were the poison in the cold meat. The principal sufferers, however, claim that whatever was the matter, the secret agents of the liquor interests here, who are known to be opposed to holding such a convention, either placed poison in their food or spread a noxious and poisonous gas throughout the church, thus making the ladies ill.

**The Rumors Without Foundation.**

Of course this latter theory is not to be believed, as only those who had been at the dinner were taken ill, while the idea that the liquor interests of the city had deliberately poisoned the delegates, many of them high up in death, is not believed by a single citizen here, nor will the idea be entertained even by the sufferers themselves after they have fully recovered from their illness, and consequent fright. THE DISPATCH correspondent has been busy on the case ever since the poisoning, and with the assistance of physicians and other investigators, places the cause of the serious affair entirely on the food used at the dinner table.

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