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We further wish to remind the public that at no previous season have we been as well prepared to meet the wants of the trade in all departments as at present. Our shelves in every part of the house are replete with the newest and freshest goods that the Eastern and Western Markets afford, and everything new or novel can be found under our roof. Our recent increased connections with some of the most important Eastern Manufacturers and Commission Merchants has placed us in a position to sell goods at prices, in many instances, lower than those paid by dealers to jobbing houses.

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PACIFIC SLOPE NEWS.

LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.

WESTWARD-BOUND PASSENGERS.

The Sprague Murder Case at San Buenaventura.

OREGON AND BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS

Successful Celebrations at Oroville and Stockton.

CALIFORNIA.

Political Affairs in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7th.—Beyond numerous meetings of Ward and District clubs of all parties, there seems to be nothing going on about town. The Workingmen are mainly devoting their attention to resolutions of sympathy with Kearney in his imprisonment and Kalloch in his prosecution, or persecution, as they with many others consider it. The Republicans are organizing for the campaign, and the Democrats are taking the same course, mixed with a good deal of squabbling over minor matters, the appointments, etc., in some cases amounting to a split in the clubs.

The Superior Court at Shasta.

SHASTA, May 7th.—In the Superior Court yesterday morning, at the opening of Court, Presiding Judge Elias Steele arose and informed the members of the bar that it was his sad duty to announce the sudden death of Judge Daingerfield, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of San Francisco, and an old and esteemed citizen of Shasta county; whereupon a meeting of the bar was held, and upon the assembling of Court to-day resolutions of respect were offered to his memory and eulogistic remarks made by the members of the bar present, after which the Court adjourned until to-morrow morning, out of respect to the memory of deceased.

On account of the absence of the prosecuting witnesses, owing to the high water, the Silverthorn case has been continued until June 15th, and on application of defendant's counsel the prisoner was admitted to bail in the sum of $5,000.

Odd Fellows' Celebration—Burglaries.

OROVILLE, May 7th.—The Odd Fellows' celebration, postponed from April 26th on account of the storm, took place to-day, and was a grand success. The weather was beautiful, and over 2,000 persons were present, representing fourteen different Lodges and Encampments. The officers of the day were Hon. W. G. Murphy, of Marysville, President; L. D. Freer, of Oroville, poet; W. H. Barnes, of San Francisco, orator; Rev. Jesse Wood, chaplain; Wm. Schneider, chief marshal—with a large staff of aids. It was admitted to be the largest celebration of the kind ever held in Northern California. The exercises closed with a grand ball at Union Hall at night.

During the exercises, which were held in the plaza, the house of L. D. Freer was entered and robbed of money, jewelry, etc., amounting to about $600. The house of Dr. Jenkins was also entered and robbed at the same time. The extent of his loss is yet unknown. No clue has yet been discovered to the perpetrators.

Unsuccessful Attempt at Stage Robbery.

IONE, May 7th.—At 10 o'clock yesterday morning the stage between Ione and Jackson was stopped about a mile from Ione by two masked men, who demanded the treasure-box. The demand not being complied with, two shots by the robbers and one by Mr. Magee, Wells, Fargo & Co.'s messenger, were fired simultaneously, but without effect, the horses taking fright at the shots. After the team was stopped the driver and Magee returned to the place of attack and found one of the highwaymen's hat and two giant powder cartridges, prepared for blowing open the treasure-box. Constable Coombs and Magee are now in search of the villains.

The Ione Road Agents.

STOCKTON, May 7th.—A gentleman who returned from Ione City to-day report the officers as confident of capturing the men who attempted to stop the stage a short distance above Ione on Thursday morning. The officers have no doubt that it is the same parties who robbed the stage between San Andreas and Milton about two weeks ago. Sheriffs Thorne of Calaveras, Cunningham of this county and Vogan of Amador are using all endeavors for the capture of these road agents.

The Caledonian Picnic at Stockton.

STOCKTON, May 7th.—The Caledonian picnic to-day was a success. The attendance at the grove, about a mile north of the city, was very large, the double attraction of the Scottish games and dances and the target practice of the Stockton Guard being presented. The weather was exceedingly favorable, the grounds in fine condition and all went well. Delegations were present from Sacramento and San Francisco.

A Prominent Citizen of San Jose Charged With Perjury.

SAN JOSE, May 7th.—A warrant has been served on General H. M. Naglee, charging him with perjury, the complainant being Sam Hanks, a brother of Miss Emily Hanks, who came into public notice a couple of years ago as plaintiff in a suit for $25,000 for breach of promise against General Naglee. The case was tried here, and the plaintiff was awarded $27,500 by the jury. The General appealed the case to the Supreme Court, and after it remained there until a few months ago that tribunal reversed the decision on the ground that the consideration upon which the promise of marriage was made was an immoral one. The alleged perjury was committed, it is claimed, during the trial of the case here.

The Sprague Case at San Buenaventura.

SAN BUENAVENTURA, May 7th.—In the Superior Court this morning the Sprague case was taken up, General Cobb of San Francisco, advising with the Attorney-General. Mr. Haymond made sundry motions, to the effect that he asked the Court, first, to grant a stay of proceedings for sixty days; second, to examine the records, and after satisfying himself that Judge Fawcett's order striking out the bill of exceptions was incorrect, then to strike it from the records or modify it. This being done he should ask the Supreme Court to recall its remittitur, and allow an appeal upon a bill of exceptions. He also claimed that the order being made in chambers at Sacramento, outside of the district, was itself illegal and void. He argued these oppositions at some length, recapitulating some of the extraordinary scenes at the trial, when Judge Fawcett allowed a spectator to call him (Haymond) a liar while he was addressing the jury, without rebuke. Counsel claimed, also, that Fawcett, by accepting a seat in the Constitutional Convention, abdicated his position as Judge. Mr. Haymond will occupy the most of the day.

[SECOND DISPATCH.]

SAN BUENAVENTURA, May 7th.—At the conclusion of Haymond's argument, the Judge held that he had no power to strike out Fawcett's order striking the bill of exceptions from the records, but would certify that the records showed it to be incorrect in point of fact. He then, counsel on both sides agreeing, fixed August 13th for the execution, thus allowing more than 100 days to appeal to the Supreme Court. This is the third time that a day has been named for Sprague's execution.

[THIRD DISPATCH.]

SAN BUENAVENTURA, May 7th.—Just what transpired in the Sprague case was this: Judge Temple decided that he had no power to settle a bill of exceptions, but has determined that the refusal of Fawcett to do so may be reviewed by the Supreme Court, and that the bill formerly presented to Judge Fawcett was not as Judge Fawcett certified it to be—the reporter's notes, with arguments of counsel, etc.—but finds that it was amended from the notes in more than three hundred particulars. The opinion of Judge Temple is reported, and will go before the Supreme Court. It is deemed strongly in defendant's favor, as leading up to a new trial.

NEVADA.

Passengers Passing Carlin.

CARLIN, May 7th.—The following passengers passed Carlin to-day, to arrive in Sacramento to-morrow: E. J. Martin, Jr., wife and child, A. D. Thomas, H. Greenbaum, San Francisco; A. Sharp, U. S. Navy; T. Schrader, Havana; R. H. Kleinschiet, Montana; R. S. Reid, New York; Miss Hayes, Brownsville, Neb.; H. I. Thornton, San Francisco; J. Carpenter, Louisville; Mrs. Wm. Ketcham, Washington; Mother General Sister Elizabeth, Oakland; A. E. Farmer, wife and child, Ohio; C. A. Saws, U. S. Revenue; E. W. Hananer, San Francisco; G. Maning, Oakland; S. Scheyer, San Francisco; J. Dunse, Sacramento; J. D. Bush, San Francisco; William Wollacott, Los Angeles; L. C. Carpenter, San Francisco; J. Johnson and wife, Denver; E. N. Campbell, Omaha; Miss Ruth A. Harley, San Francisco; Miss Fannie Manning, Oakland; Miss Belle Martin, Sacramento; J. Lyons, San Francisco; 74 emigrants, including 52 males, to arrive in Sacramento May 9th.

ARIZONA.

Troops Fighting the Apaches—Bullion Receipts—Southern Pacific Railroad.

TUCSON, May 7th.—A special to the Tucson *Star* from Fort Lowell, May 7th, says: Victorio attacked George Stevens' ranch, eleven miles from Rocky Creek canyon. Captain Kramer, of the Sixth Cavalry, whom Genaral Carr had sent to camp in Ash creek to protect the settlers in that region, and to search for Victorio, discovered the attack by some of the Indian scouts belonging to General Blockman's company, which Carr had sent to John Kramer three days before. On receiving the news, Kramer left his camp immediately with twenty-eight cavalry men of his company, with advices for Blockman to follow with the rest of his command, numbering twenty-eight Indian scouts and sixteen men of the Sixth Cavalry. Kramer met and attacked Victorio and about ninety Indians on his way to the ranch, and are fighting in close quarters, with Blockman momentarily expected. At last accounts Kramer, when the courier left, had several men wounded. Company G, Sixth Cavalry, with two officers and thirty-two men, were ordered from Camp Thomas, also Company F from Camp Grant, and are on their way to reinforce Kramer. The former is expected to reach him to-night. Several Indians belonging to Stevens' ranch were killed. It is believed that a decisive battle will be fought to-morrow.

Forty thousand dollars in silver bullion arrived to-day from the Wells-Fargo mine in Chihuahua. It was brought in by pack mules with an escort of 200 Mexicans.

The track of the Southern Pacific Railroad is laid nine miles east of Pantano.

OREGON.

Weather—Politics—Wool and Wheat Markets—The Recent Ferry-boat Disaster.

PORTLAND, May 7th.—The weather is cool and cloudy, with an occasional shower.

The Republican County Convention for Multnomah has been called to meet here May 25th. A lively contest is anticipated, as there are numerous candidates for county offices.

The Democratic County Convention has not been called yet.

In wool transactions have been much lighter than usual at this advanced period in the season, owing to the backwardness of the warm weather and the fact that since trade in this spring's clip opened prices have manifested an almost continued weakening tendency. Prices are given now at 18@22c for inferior, 23@25c for fair to good, and 25@27½c for good to extra choice.

In the wheat market at present the range of prices is wide, especially in the views of those who claim to be buyers and of holders. While the best offer for Walla Walla which holders could obtain was $1 35, there is little or none to be had at such a figure, and $1 50 is asked for choice, with but rare chances of realizing it. Receipts, almost entirely from up the Columbia, are not heavy, and buyers are disposed to operate with extreme caution.

The following additional particulars have been received of the capsizing of the boat at Palouse Ferry, on Snake river, and the drowning of two persons: When the ferry-boat was about the middle of the stream it was caught by the current, which was very swift, and carried under. Six men were on board at the time, also seven horses and two large freight wagons. The horses and wagons were lost, and two men, named McElrath and Marion Griffith, were drowned. The other four men saved their lives by clinging to the keel of the boat, and were rescued after drifting down for miles. The catastrophe was witnessed by a number of persons who were standing on both sides of the river, but who were powerless to render any assistance.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Fresh Complications Feared—Ceremony Postponed.

VICTORIA, May 7th.—The Government have refused to transfer lands remote from the line of railway to the Dominion Government, and fresh complications are feared. The Dominion Government asked to be allowed to select lands off the line of railway, wherever the lands lying contiguous thereto were found unfit for agricultural purposes.

The ceremony of turning the first railway sod will be postponed until after the arrival of Sir Charles Tupper from Ottawa.

THE MUD WASP'S STRATEGY.

Ever since I was a little boy I have frequently noticed that the nests of mud wasps when broken in upon, would shell out a lot of dissected spiders and other insects in smaller proportion. I had always supposed that even so formidable an insect as a wasp would hardly want anything to do with good, full-grown spider, for I knew enough of the combativeness of the latter to presume that he would not meekly submit to the sacrifice of his progeny to satisfy the appetite of a wasp. But one day I saw a little demonstration which made the whole thing very clear to me. You know of the careful manner in which the spider builds and incloses the nest in which his young are brought forth and reared? Well, I was observing one of these nests one morning, when I saw a mud wasp come buzzing along and alight within an inch or two of it, on the side opposite the opening. After all was quiet he proceeded with his little game of strategy. Creeping noiselessly around towards the opening or entrance to the nest, he halted a little short of it, and for a moment remained perfectly quiet. Then reaching out one of his antennæ, he wriggled it before the opening and withdrew it. This overture had the desired effect, for the boss of the nest, as large a spider as one ordinarily sees, came out to see what was wrong and to set it to rights. No sooner had the spider emerged to that point when he was at the worst disadvantage than the wasp with a movement quicker than a wink, swung the rear portion of his body around and thrust his sting through the body of his foe, killing him easily and almost instantly. The experiment was repeated on the part of the wasp, and when there was no response from the inside he became satisfied, probably, that he held the fort. At all events he proceeded to enter the nest and slaughter the young spiders, which were afterward lugged off, one at a time. You see this accounts fully for the spider linings which we always see in the nests of mud wasps, and makes it all as clear as if that particular wasp had told me beforehand just what he proposed by his strategy to accomplish. Now it is just such demonstrations as this which must convince us of the intelligence of the lower animals, differing only in degree and development from the intelligence of man. Of course, much of this goes beyond my comprehension, but I understand more about it now than ever before, for I have taken pleasure in observing and studying not only the habits of fish, but of many other creatures inferior to man, which are popularly supposed to be governed in their actions by instinct.—[Seth Green.

Thirty-eight deaths are reported at Oakland by Dr. E. H. Woolsey, Health Officer, during the month of April.

MANHATTANISMS.

SUITS GROWING OUT OF THE MADISON SQUARE CALAMITY.

Growth of Decorative Art—Murder as a Provocative of Lecturing—Three Orders of Hebrews.

NEW YORK, April 29, 1880.

The startling and distressing accident at Madison Square Garden during the Hahnemann Fair still continues to be discussed in all circles of society. Everybody feels that it was the result of gross carelessness; that the lives of four persons were sacrificed through the criminal inattention—even indifference—which so often accompanies the erection or reconstruction of public buildings. The community is, for once, thoroughly indignant, and seems determined that the responsibility shall be fixed where it belongs. But to fix the responsibility is not so easy. The managers of the fair declare, with truth doubtless, that they are not to blame; so says Barnum, who put up the Hippodrome; so says E. S. Gilmore, who, having succeeded Barnum, made the walls higher, and turned the place into a garden, so-called; so says Wm. H. Vanderbilt, owner of the property. Under the circumstances it will be very hard to settle the question, and the accident is likely to result in copious legislation.

PICTURES AND OTHER WORKS OF ART

Have been destroyed and injured to the extent of some $40,000, and as all of these were lent to the fair, and many of them were lent by painters and others of small means, the loss is very serious. How are the losers to be indemnified? The managers of the fair are really responsible; but as they are not a company or corporation, and can not be sued in their individual capacity, they cannot be held by law. Who is accountable for the death of Mrs. Hegeman and her maid, Mary Connolly, of W. M. Tileston and Mrs. Willetts. It is said that suits will be brought for damages by the family of Mary Connolly and the family of W. M. Tileston, now deprived of the means of support. Having been a journalist and contributor to sporting weeklies, whose specialty was dogs, he could not have earned much money at any time, and his family must fare ill without him. I hear that the husband of Mrs. Hegeman, a prominent and prosperous lawyer, and that the near relatives of Mrs. Willetts intend to seek legal damages, not as any compensation for their bereavement, but for the sake of establishing a precedent, and to discourage the recurrence of such accidents.

SUITS, INVOLVING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS,

Will, in all probability, be instituted so soon as it can be shown where the responsibility rests. Just now masons are trying to put this off on builders, builders on contractors and contractors on corporations. Wm. H. Vanderbilt, as representative of the Harlem Railway, is the natural selection of the parties injured on account of his wealth and ownership of the property. Of course he would not pay any damages until compelled. He would carry the case from Court to Court, and it might outlast his life. The question ought by all means to be decided. An accident precisely similar might happen here any time. There are, unquestionably, hundreds and hundreds of wholly insecure buildings, many of them public, all over the city. They are liable to give way entirely or in part at any time, and cause great destruction of property and life. The general manner of putting up structures in New York is criminally careless. Building is, for the most part, done by contract, and the contractor's object is usually to save as much on material and work as he can, so as to add to his own gains. The result is plain enough. Walls are thin and weak, lumber is green and shrinks, mortar is poor and does not hold, foundations are infirm, and when there is any uncommon pressure, peril increases, and calamity is imminent. The Hahnemann Fair casualty, painful as it is, may yet lead to good by diminishing the probability of the recurrence of similar disasters.

THE DECORATIVE ART SOCIETY.

The forthcoming annual report of the Decorative Art Society, only three years organized, will be very encouraging to its founders and to all persons interested in the subject. The Society has surpassed the most ardent expectations by its solid success. Its purpose was to establish rooms for the exhibition and sale of woman's work, the promotion and diffusion of a knowledge of decorative art among women, and their training in artistic industries. Most of the founders are women of high social position and wealth, desirous to aid their less fortunate sisters, prevented from leaving their homes, in new and refined forms of labor. Its progress has been rapid. At the first opening of its salesrooms in October, 1877, there were less than 100 contributors; at the close of last year the contributors numbered 1,845, representing 25 different States. The money paid to them up to the end of the past year, after deducting the 10 per cent. commission for expenses of the Society, was $31,664 32, a very considerable sum for a little more than two years. The articles, toe, are of genuine artistic worth, having to pass severe critical examination before they can be admitted. The sales last year reached $29,000—a gain of some $7,000 over the previous year. There has been a marked gain likewise in the sales of high-priced articles, largely due to the better quality of the work. The Society is now on a firm foundation, and has done a deal of good, especially the refined and cultured who by their change of fortune had been thrown on own resources. At once benevolent and esthetic, it has greatly helped art education in the community.

THE LATE JOSEPH SELIGMAN,

Founder of the well-known banking-house, having branches in various capitals in Europe and this country, was one of our most benevolent and enterprising citizens, and his death is most sincerely mourned in many circles. He was a representative liberal or rationalistic Israelite, one of the founders of the Society for Ethical Culture, of which Felix Adler is the center, and was deeply interested in all that pertains to the advancement of humanity. There are three different kinds of Jews here, though to the popular apprehension they are as one—the orthodox Jews, the old-fashioned order, whose members are exceedingly conservative, and who believe what their ancestors believed three or four hundred years ago; the reformed Jews, who, as their name indicates, have thrown off their allegiance to ancient traditions and embraced the cause of progress; the rationalistic Jews, who are simply deists, have no respect for ecclesiastic authority or theological dogma, but cleave to morality and good works. The three divisions are as far apart and as antagonistic in spirit as are Ultramontanist and Unitarian. The orthodox Jews hate the reformed Jews, and the reformed Jews hate the rationalistic Jews—much more, indeed, than the orthodox Jews hate the rationalistic Jews. The last are naturally tolerant, comparatively at least, having no enemies except ignorance, superstition and wrong-doing. Some of the most intellectual and wealthy Jews in the city are members of Adler's society and extremely jealous and energetic in every act of charity. Joseph Seligman founded a nucleus for such worthy men, and his generosity and influence will be greatly missed. Men like Joseph Seligman never can be spared.

POPULAR LECTURING,

As it is termed, has long been degraded by showmen, tricksters and charlatans. Persons who have gained by their own agency, or the agency of circumstances, any sort of notoriety, have entered the lecture field and tried to turn their notoriety into dollars. Even men and women who have committed murder, and escaped conviction by some technicality or false sympathy, have been so lost to decency as to mount the platform; but the public has almost always refused to sustain them. Laura D. Fair, the slayer of Crittenden in San Francisco, attempted lecturing, but was obliged to retire for want of pecuniary encouragement. The Rev. Hayden who had been arraigned for murder at Hartford, and had got off by disagreement of the jury, has fixed his ambitious eyes on the Lyceum as a means of livelihood. And now Covert D. Bennett, whom most persons still believe guilty of the murder of Smith, the Jersey City policeman, in conjunction with his mistress, the policeman's wife, announces, since his acquittal after a second trial, that he is prepared to describe his mental agonies, while under condemnation, to miscellaneous audiences at fifty cents per head. What poet, philosopher and scholar would not be proud to adopt lecturing as a professsion when noted swindlers, licentious preachers, common adventuresses, cheap mountebanks and vulgar cut-throats have preceded them? The lecture business has been so misused and so disgraced often that it is not strange that it has lost its quondam attractiveness.

VARIETIES.

The reception and public inspection last Tuesday of the new steamship Columbia, built for the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, and lying at the foot of Wall street, drew a great crowd of merchants, bankers, brokers and accompanying ladies. Mrs. Henry Villard, wife of the President of the company, received the guests with much dignity and grace. The vessel, which was greatly admired, will doubtless be a special favorite on the line between San Francisco and Portland. The remarkable success of the company speaks well for the business and trade of the Pacific slope.

Richard Henry Stoddard's complete poetical works are soon to be issued here, and many persons will be surprised to find in the volume favorite pieces of whose authorship they have been ignorant. Many of his poems have for years been floating about unclaimed on the newspaper sea, and their collection and recognition is a good thing for American literature. Stoddard is a true poet. He has not tuned his harp to foreign keys; his strains are all his own; he is graceful, yet strong, original, yet finished, spontaneous, yet artistic. He has never been fully appreciated.

Charles H. Webb (John Paul), the popular humorist, and an old Californian, has reappeared in the *Tribune* in a characteristic sketch about Wall street and Wall-street men. He has been out of the world of print for two or three years, but has probably found it impossible to keep out any longer. He knows Wall street to his cost, and can speak feelingly of his experience.

William W. Astor, of this city, said in the Albany Assembly lately, that churches ought not to be taxed, because they had so much influence in preventing men from becoming criminals. The statement is absurd. Persons in danger of becoming criminals seldom go to church. If they should go, they would be abundantly encouraged to stay away.

The *Herald* had another sextuple sheet last Sunday, the second 24-page paper which it or any other journal has ever issued.

This is moving week; but less moving will be done, I understand, than for several years past. New Yorkers are losing their relish for moving out of and into each other's houses as they used to do.

It is said that more children have been born here in the last twelve months than during any similar period for six years. Is this a symptom of commercial improvement?

CHAUBERT.

FORFEITS FOR FUN.

In evening games it often becomes necessary to punish some one or more of the company by imposing a "forfeit." The penance should be something that either is not easy to follow out to the letter—that it has some catch in it—or puts the person in a conspicuous and amusing light. In all cases a forfeit should be designed to amuse the company as a whole, and never to offend the person called upon to pay it. In order to illustrate our idea of a good forfeit, and also to furnish suggestions to those who enjoy and take part in such pleasant amusements, we give a few of the forfeits that may be imposed: (1.) Put a newspaper upon the floor in such a way that two persons can stand on it and not be able to touch each other with their hands. This forfeit has the honor of being old, but it was not our good fortune to meet it until a short time ago, and be forced to "give it up." By putting the paper in a doorway, one half inside and the other half outside of the room, and closing the door over it, the two persons can easily stand upon it and still be beyond each other's reach. (2.) To go out of the room with two legs, and come in with six. Not difficult, if a person thinks to bring a chair along on the return. (3.) To act the dumb servant. The person who has the forfeit to pay must act out the answers to the questions put by the master of the ceremonies; as, how do you make bread? how do you eat soup? etc. This forfeit will cause much merriment if proper questions are put. (4.) Put one hand where the other cannot touch it. One can get out of this difficulty by putting one hand on the elbow of the other arm. (5.) Place a pencil on the floor so that one cannot jump over it. May be done by putting it close to the wall of the room. (6.) Put a question that no one can answer with a NO! That is not hard if one thinks to ask, What does Y-E-S spell? (7.) Push a chair through a finger-ring. This forfeit is made by putting the ring on the finger and pushing the chair—any other object will do as well—with the finger. This last much resembles the next. (8.) Put yourself through a key-hole. This was a great puzzle to us for awhile; but when a piece of paper was taken with the word "yourself" written upon it, and pushed through the hole it was all clear. There are many others of these amusing little tricks, but those given will suggest others, and help to make social gatherings the enjoyable times they should be.

Nevada is fast becoming noted for its excellent beef, says the Carson *Appeal*. During the past year Nevada beef has begun to be so well appreciated in San Francisco, that the meat-men pay from half to three-quarters of a cent more for Nevada-fed beef than for the cattle which subsists on the grass of California.

The warm weather of the past few days has had the effect of melting the snow in the mountains and valleys above Alturas, Modoc county, so rapidly that the entire business portion of that town has been submerged for the past three days.