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The Schroder Trial—Fifth Day's Proceedings.

OAKLAND, December 3d.—The trial of Edward F. Schroder, indicted for the murder of Dr. Lefevre, entered upon the fifth day this morning, in Department No. 2 of the Superior Court of Alameda, before Judge Green. This is, however, the second day on which testimony has been taken, the first three days having been employed in securing a jury. The Court-room was again crowded with spectators. The defendant and his father-in-law occupied seats, as usual, alongside of counsel for defense. Schroder showed signs of fatigue and mental anxiety, but was nevertheless calm and self-possessed.

Counsel for prosecution announced that they had one more witness to call—Dr. Draper—but he was not able to attend. It was arranged between the lawyers for the defense and prosecution that Dr. Draper might be called hereafter.

Hall McAllister then made the opening statement for the defense, quoting freely from reported cases wherein the relations of mental criminal responsibilty were defined and discussed. Moral insanity and mental insanity were compared. As to the question of moral insanity, Mr. McAllister said that is disputed territory. We rely here on mental mania of transient or temporary character. It was clear from the remarks of Mr. McAllister that the defense will rely in many respects on the decision in the case of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts vs. Rogers in 1844.

FIRST WITNESS FOR THE DEFENSE.

Sarah J. Gallagher was the first witness called. She was questioned by Hall McAllister on direct examination, and testified as follows: I was employed at Mr. Schroder's house, on Alice street, near Fourteenth. In June and July, 1880, I was the only person employed there. I recollect of some trouble on the night of June 11th. That morning Mrs. Schroder came down for breakfast, but Mr. Schroder did not come. He returned about 12 o'clock that day. I heard Dr. Stebbins' voice in the house several times that day. I knew Dr. Lefevre; knew him for fourteen months previous. He had done dental work for me. I saw Dr. Lefevre about 8 P. M. the next day, June 12th. During that day I heard Dr. Stebbins, Mrs. Schroder and Mr. Schroder talking, and Dr. Lefevre was the subject of conversation. I was very friendly with Dr. Lefevre, and I started right away to go to his house to tell him that there was some trouble in which he was concerned. I met him on Alice street and asked him if there was any other Dr. Lefevre, and he said: "No, Sarah, I am the man. Good gracious, Sarah, the first time I was ever in Schroder's house was when I extracted your tooth." He asked me if I would come out the next evening and tell him what was going on. I asked him what they said to him at the house the evening before, and he said: "Sarah, they called me every name that one man could call another, and I said nothing." On Monday evening I saw Dr. Lefevre and he said then: "I am sorry for the trouble I have brought on this little woman, but you should not blame her, as she could not help herself." I saw him often shortly before his death. I always met him on Alice street near Ninth; he lived on Alice, between Sixth and Seventh. If I was a little late he walked up to Eleventh street. These meetings were at his request, except the first, when I went to tell him about the trouble. As I was friendly to him, I generally told him how matters stood at the house. I finally ascertained what the trouble was from Mr. Schroder, and advised Dr. Lefevre to tell his own wife, and leave town, as his life was not safe while Schroder was in that condition of mind. He said: "I think I will leave to-morrow morning, but my wife is sick and I cannot well leave my business." I gave him the number of my sister's residence, 710 Fifteenth street, and told him to write to me there to let me know where he had gone. On Thursday I found a letter from Jackson. He only said in the letter, "Here I am, and what has become of you?" The letter was not signed. He sent me another letter, saying that the first good sleep he had was on the cars going to Jackson. On Monday following I went to Dr. Lefevre's office and met Miss Agnew. She said the doctor had gone to the country, but his wife had heard from him. In the second letter to me he said he would be home the first of the week. I saw him Tuesday night following; that was the 13th of July, after his return. I went to his office the day before, but did not see him. The next night I saw him, and told him that Dr. Stebbins and Mr. Schroder were in the country. He asked me to find out if Schroder carried a pistol or had one in the house. I told him what was going on. I saw him again at the same place on Alice street. He offered to pay me for my trouble, but I said, "No, doctor, I am poor but proud." I looked all over the house but found no pistol. The last time I saw Dr. Lefevre was 2:30 P. M., July 26th—the day of the shooting. That day Mr. Schroder went to the city, and Mrs. Schroder asked before he left if she could go and meet him; he said, "Yes." I went to see Dr. Lefevre and told him that Schroder had gone to the city and she would meet her husband on the 4 o'clock train. I was afraid in his state of mind that he would go to the doctor's offices and give the whole thing away. Lefevre wanted me to go to Mrs. Schroder and keep her from meeting her husband. I asked her not to go; but she said, "I must go, as I have made an engagement to meet him." Before June 11th Mr. Schroder was as loving and kind a man to his wife as I ever saw. After that he was a changed man. On the night of July 3d he broke a great many vases and costly ornaments. Mrs. Schroder came rushing into the kitchen with blood on her face. I was shaking like a leaf. He followed her, and I said, "Why do you abuse your wife in this way?" He replied, "Sarah, she has been defiled." He seemed miserable. Sometimes for a whole day he would be calm, and at other times he would walk the floor or go to the street. I was afraid he would kill his wife, and had to watch him. I was with Mrs. Schroder; had to protect her. He came once and said, "Sarah, will you let me come in and kiss my wife?" I said, "Yes." He went up to the bed and struck her twice in the face, and the blood gushed all over the bed.

The defendant buried his face in his hands when the witness told of that scene.

SARAH GALLAGHER'S CROSS-EXAMINATION.

The witness was then cross-examined by Zach. Montgomery, and testified as follows: I was at home at Mr. Schroder's house when the preliminary examination took place. I was not examined then. The prosecution sent for me, but did not call me to the witness-stand. I did not tell the Prosecuting Attorney the facts I have just now told. I first saw Lefevre about fourteen months ago. He filled two teeth for me last March. I was there about thirty times before I had my teeth filled. He was nearly a year preparing the teeth to be filled.

Q.—How did this friendship grow up? A.—When I heard the man was in trouble I went and told him. My friendship began then. I started after 8 o'clock to go to Dr. Lefevre's house. I know the gas was lighted on the streets. I met him on Alice street. After we said "good night" I said: "Doctor, what is the trouble about you being to Mr. Schroder's house last evening?" I then told him of the loud talking and the mention of his name in the conversation. It took me about ten minutes to tell him how things were going on in the house. I wanted to keep peace in both families.

LEFEVRE'S CONFESSION.

He told me he was the man who was there the night before. I asked him then what he went there for, and he said he went on business. In after interviews he told me what the business was. Our regular appointed place of meeting was on the corner of Alice and Ninth streets. We did not select a dark place to meet. He asked me to meet him the second night, and I agreed to do so if I could. I did not go the next night. There was no need of it then, as Mr. Schroder was quiet.

Q.—Did you meet him between Saturday night and Wednesday night? A.—I think I did. I may have gone out Monday or Tuesday night after Saturday, June 12th. I am sure it was one evening or the other that I met him the second time. I met him on Alice street at the corner. He asked me how things stood at the house. I told him Mr. Schroder had nothing to say, and did not seem like himself. I had not up to that time made a search for a pistol. I made an appointment at this meeting for a third meeting Saturday evening following. I saw the doctor that evening about 8:30 o'clock, and told him things were about the same. Mr. Schroder and his wife had returned from the country that day. I saw the doctor the fifth time at his office on the Monday following. He had previously told me to come at 12:30 o'clock, when Miss Agnew had gone to lunch. At this meeting Monday I told him to meet me at the regular place. We met on Alice street, the sixth meeting, Wednesday evening. On or about Saturday evening I met him for the seventh time. On or about Wednesday following I met him the eighth time, and advised him to leave town—that things were not pleasant at Schroder's house—that Mrs. and Mr. Schroder cried a great deal. On July 26th, about 2.30 P. M., I went to Lefevre's office to tell him the news of Schroder's movements. I said to him, "Doctor, Mrs. Schroder is going to meet her husband, and if he takes on one of his ugly fits he may walk into your office and give the whole thing away." It just crossed my mind that he might be ugly that day. I tried to prevail on Mrs. Schroder not to meet her husband that day. There was nothing particular to arouse my suspicions that day. The doctor asked me to try and keep Mrs. Schroder home that day. I did not know the presence of his wife would cause him to take an ugly fit. I just thought it might. I received only two letters from Dr. Lefevre. They were not signed. I do not know his handwriting.

Q.—Did you not swear in your direct examination that you had an appointment with Dr. Lefevre before he went away, and he did not keep it? A.—I did not.

The regular thread of cross-examination being taken up again, the witness testified: Dr. Lefevre wanted me to remain at Schroder's house. I did lie at Dr. Lefevre's request in telling Mr. Schroder that the doctor had done no work for me. I did not consider that I was acting as a spy when I told the doctor what was going on. I consider myself a respectable girl, whether you do or not. Dr. Lefevre asked me if Mrs. Schroder had told me the worst part of it, and I inferred——. I did not think it derogatory to my position to meet the doctor in shady places. I am a girl capable of taking care of myself. I was not afraid of the doctor any more than I am afraid of you. I never said Dr. Lefevre was an innocent man, for I knew better. Mr. Schroder always treated his wife well until this affair. I was in my room the night of June 11th. My room is over the kitchen. There is a sitting-room off the dining-room. I went up stairs and went to bed about 9 o'clock. I heard drawing of water and walking across the floor a few minutes after I went to bed. That is the last I heard. I never heard Mr. Schroder make any threats to kill the doctor. The doctor asked me if I thought Mr. Schroder would kill him. I had no reason to believe that Mr. Schroder would molest Dr. Lefevre. I did not show these letters from Dr. Lefevre to anybody. I never talked with Mrs. Schroder about Dr. Lefevre.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION.

Redirect—Dr. Lefevre came to Mr. Schroder's house last March to extract a tooth for me. Witness described how she went to Dr. Lefevre's office to get a tooth extracted, and her courage failed, and the doctor arranged to come to Mr. Schroder's house and pull it. Previous to that the witness had told the doctor incidentally in the conversation that Mr. Schroder was in San Francisco with Dr. Stebbins. The doctor came to the house that evening. I saw District Attorney Gibson at the time of the preliminary examination. They asked me about Mrs. Schroder and Dr. Lefevre.

A recess was taken at this point in the proceedings.

Afternoon Session.

At 1 o'clock the Court-room was again packed.

Armstrong Askey, the proprietor of a hotel in Jackson, Amador county, was called. He testified that a gentleman named Lefevre called at his hotel (the National) last July. He produced the hotel register, and Mr. Bromley identified the signature as that of Dr. Lefevre. Witness, continuing, stated that Dr. Lefevre had remained at his house from the 5th to the 12th of July, and when he left departed on the 12 o'clock train.

Frank S. Johnson testified: I reside in Oakland. I have known Mr. Schroder for a good many years; have frequently seen him upon the boat while going over to my place of business. Previous to the 11th of June he was vivacious and good-tempered. Sometime during June or July I noticed a marked change in his demeanor. He became sullen, reticent and unwilling to talk. It was so extremely marked that I called the attention of mutual friends to the matter. There was a set expression to the countenance, a general air of wildness. Among his young men friends the change was noticed, and financial troubles were supposed to be the matter.

Cross-examination by Mr. Montgomery: Question—Don't you know that he was in financial troubles? Answer—No.

Q.—Don't you know that he was a gambler? A.—No, sir, not of my own knowledge.

Q.—Do you know from any sources that he was a gambler? A.—What is your definition of a gambler, Mr. Montgomery?

Mr. Montgomery—A man who gambles.

Mr. Foote—We object, your Honor, as the question seeks evidence which is irrelevant.

Mr. Montgomery—We wish to prove that it was financial trouble that produced this change.

Mr. McAllister—I see some force in the remarks of Mr. Montgomery, and will not object to relevant questions.

The Court—State if you know of any large losses which he has sustained? A.—I know of none of my own knowledge.

Q.—How long have you known him? A.—I can't say.

Q.—Were you very intimate with Mr. Schroder? A.—Well, I was not as intimate as some might have been.

Q.—Did you know his wife? A.—No, sir; I never saw her but twice.

A. W. Havens, testified: I am a mining Secretary; am Secretary of the Consolidated Virginia; I live in Oakland; am married; have known Mr. Schroder quite intimately for the past two years. We were both Directors of the Bay City Base Ball Club. Prior to the 11th day of June last Mr. Schroder was the same as all the rest of the boys. He was very cheerful. Some time last summer he changed so that when I had business with him I could not talk with him. I know of no reason for this except from hearsay. The change was very marked. Mr. Schrodor and a number of other young gentlemen, including myself, were in the habit of going together. We were interested in the same club, and were necessarily much together. About the date mentioned I noticed a very perceptible change. I had just returned from the country, and called upon him at the bank to see him about a game recently played. There was a great change in his manner. I asked him several questions, but could get no satisfaction out of him. On going out I asked Mr. Pratt for an explanation of the strange actions.

Q.—Did you ever ascertain the cause of this change prior to the time of shooting? A.—I did not know of the cause.

Cross-examined by Mr. Montgomery: I have been at his house; not frequently; just once; it was about three months before the shooting. I don't know if Mr. Schroder had financial trouble; neither do I know if he gambled. As to whether he dealt in stocks, I can't tell you. He never told me anything about it, and never dealt with me.

J. C. Pratt testified: I reside in Oakland; am a mining secretary of the Savage company. I know Mr. Schroder, and have known him for several years. [From this point the testimony was similar to that of the three preceding witnesses.]

Wm. McIntosh testified: I am a stock broker, and reside in San Francisco; am a member of the San Francisco Stock Exchange. I have known Mr. Schroder since 1872. He was in the bank since 1872, when I was there. We were there over three years together; was well acquainted with Mr. Schroder, and sometimes called at his house. [Testimony same as preceding witness.] I called at his place of business. Schroder was very much depressed. I went up and laid my hand upon his shoulder, and asked him what was the matter. He said, "Come out and get a drink, and I will tell you." He added, "I wish to God I could get drunk." We drank, and he said, "Let us get some more drink." I asked him to confide in me, but he refused. I could not then ascertain what was the cause of his trouble.

Cross-examination by Mr. Montgomery: Q.—Are you prepared to say now that you [illegible] what was the cause of this [illegible]

Q.—Do you know of his having sustained any losses in stocks for some few months before this date? A.—I am positive that he had not sustained any loss for three months before the shooting.

Q.—Don't you know that Schroder lost heavily in stocks in April? A.—I don't know.

Q.—You can't say that he lost heavily through you? In stocks in your hands? A.—I don't know that he did.

Allen H. Knight testified: I reside in Oakland, and am engaged in the London and San Francisco Bank. [The testimony went to show the mental change in defendant.]

Fred S. Butler testified: I have been quite intimate with the defendant; have been at his house; know his wife. I lived at Mr. Schroder's house about a month one time while my family were away. Mr. Schroder and his wife were there. I had occasion to notice his conduct in the house. He was a very domestic man—a very happy man among his children. He seemed wrapped up in his family.

Witness then described the great change in defendant's manner. Continuing, he said: On July 17th I met Mr. Schroder at Alameda, and drove over to Oakland with him to dinner. He appeared much changed. Once at dinner he got up and paced the floor. His wife made some excuse for him, and he came back. He made no apology for his actions. All through the visit I noticed the gloomy, peculiar actions of Mr. Schroder.

Cross-examination by Mr. Montgomery: I don't know whether he had financial troubles.

Dr. Stebbins was then called, but in consequence of the indisposition of District Attorney Gibson, Court was adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

It is possible that the taking of testimony will be completed to-morrow.

Weather Reports.

SALINAS, December 3d.—Commencing yesterday, the rainfall here up to noon to-day has been 1.34 inches, making a total of 2 inches for the season; and the prospect is that we shall have more before it clears up. Everybody is jubilant over the prospects of a good season.

MERCED, December 3d.—The rainfall since yesterday morning at 6 o'clock up to 6 A. M. to-day amounted to .97 of an inch, making 1 76 inches of rain for the season. Throughout the storm since Wednesday afternoon we have had high winds from the southeast, and it is now blowing a gale and raining steadily. Grass and grain are shooting forth, and the signs are favorable for a continuance of the stormy weather.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, December 3d.—Since 10 P. M. Wednesday up to 3 P. M. to-day, 4.65 inches of rain has fallen. Total for the season, 5.13 inches. This storm lasted 41 hours, with a heavy south wind, last night increasing almost to a gale.

HANFORD, December 3d.—The rain here for the last 24 hours is the heaviest so early in the season for at least twelve years. Up to 4 P. M. to-day, when the storm ended for a time, we have had by the State Engineer's gauge 2.53 inches, making 3 inches for the season.

SANTA BARBARA, December 3d.—It has been storming at Santa Barbara since yesterday noon, 1.30 inches of rain having fallen.

COLUSA, December 3d.—A tremendous wind and rain-storm prevailed here yesterday and last night. Signs and awnings were blown about and scattered along the sidewalks. To-day it is still windy, with occasional showers.

SAN BUENAVENTURA, December 3d.—At this writing (8 P. M.) the storm seems to be over, as the sky is clear and the barometer slowly rising. The southwest gale still continues, however, though with diminished violence. The storm has done no particular harm, except wetting some unthrashed crops and delaying stages.

NEVADA, December 3d.—It has been storming steadily since last Tuesday evening. A steady fall of snow and rain has prevailed during the past forty-eight hours, and it is still snowing. The ground is covered with about six inches of snow. Up on the ridges several feet has fallen. The total rainfall during this storm is 8.37 inches; total for the season, 8.71.

SAN BUENAVENTURA, December 3d.—The storm so far has given 1.25 inches of rain, making over 2 inches for the season. A brisk southeast wind at noon to-day indicates a continued downpour. The young grass is starting up everywhere, and a splendid season for farmers and stock owners seems assured.

SAN JOSE, December 3d.—Rainfall for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 o'clock this evening, .80 of an inch.

PORTLAND (Or.), December 3d.—A heavy snow-storm, accompanied by a strong east wind, prevailed all day in this city. Reports from points on the Columbia river between here and Walla Walla indicate very severe weather, cold eastern winds and snow. At 7:30 to-night the thermometer showed 12° to 17° above zero. There are strong probabilities that the upper Columbia will be closed by ice to-morrow or next day. The Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company to-day refused to receipt for freight beyond Blalock's, the present terminal point of the railway extension beyond The Dalles.

PORTLAND (Or.), December 3d.—Reports from up the Columbia this evening indicate extreme cold. A light snow-storm is reported at several points up the Columbia. The temperature is low, averaging 10°. The Columbia is filled with floating ice, and navigation is closed for the present between this city and all points above. The river between here and Astoria is still open, and boats will make regular trips for the present.

The Mussel Slough Case—Motion Granted—Consideration Postponed—The Municipal Government Convention.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 3d.—In the Mussel Slough case this afternoon D. W. Parkhurst, agent of the railroad company for the sale and rent of lands, was put on the stand. He testified to an interview with Doyle and McQuiddy at Hanford, who informed him that if he persisted in the business in which he was there it would be impossible to restrain some members of the League; also to being called out of bed by masked and armed men, and told to leave the country. He was treated in a gentlemanly manner, and the action against him by the League was not based on personal motives, but on his connection with the railroad company.

In the Superior Court to-day the motion to set aside the indictments for felony against Sheriff Desmond was granted.

Consideration of the charges of grand larceny against expert Kaplan was postponed till December 18th, to give defendant time to plead.

The Municipal Government Convention to-day adopted as a whole the bill recommended by the committee for the government of cities under 10,000 inhabitants, but recommitted it for revision. A committee of three was appointed to look after the interests of the bill at Sacramento.

Adjourned sine die.

Accidental Death.

STOCKTON, December 3d.—In the case of Alfred Arrivey, a youth of 15, who accidentally shot himself in the head while out gunning in the tules, the Coroner's jury this afternoon returned a verdict of accidental death.

An Abandoned Schooner.

SANTA BARBARA, December 3d.—Thursday morning, while off Cape San Martin, the steamer Los Angeles sighted a small schooner running under a double-reefed foresail. There was a heavy sea running at the time, and a regular gale blowing from the southward. When the steamer was close up to the schooner they lowered the sail and commenced waving their hats, signaling for help, crying out that they were sinking and making water very fast. Finding that they were in need of help the steamer lowered a boat, took off the schooner's crew and left her to the mercy of the wind and waves. The schooner was called Taffie, was of fourteen tons burden, and was bound for San Francisco, there to fit out for the fur-seal trade. Captain John R. Thomas was the principal owner. The steamer Los Angeles encountered a regular gale all the way down, and was unable to make any landings except Monterey. Just before she met the Taffie a small 14-foot square-stern, keel boat was seen floating bottom up. Captain Hannah supposed it was washed off from the Taffie, but those on board said they had lost nothing. Some of the passengers also stated that they saw a hatch floating on the water. Had it not been for this schooner in sight Captain Hannah would have picked up the boat, to see what it was, but he supposed it belonged to the Taffie. After landing her freight at Santa Barbara the Los Angeles sailed for Santa Cruz Island for refuge for the night, knowing it would be unsafe to land at the southern harbor.

Slashed With a Razor—Coroner's Inquest—Arson in the Second Degree.

SAN JOSE, December 3d.—This afternoon, between 3 and 4 o'clock, Albert Rebeling, a Mexican carpenter, entered Gestmeyer's barber shop, on First street, and commenced abusing Joseph Garcia, one of the barbers, who yesterday swore out a warrant for Rebeling for having drawn a pistol on him, the first quarrel being about Garcia's wife. To-day Rebeling renewed the quarrel, ending by striking the barber, causing his nose to bleed. This exasperated Garcia, who knocked Rebeling down and pummeled him until he cried enough. Thereupon Garcia desisted. Rebeling arose in a minute or two later. Getting an opportunity, he seized a razor and ran at Garcia, and the other attempted to escape, but was caught in the rear hall and cut five times by the other, three of the cuts being across the face, one in the back of the neck, and once in the right hand, having raised it to protect himself. Rebeling was then caught from behind and made to drop the weapon, or he would have killed the man. Garcia was taken to a doctor and sewed up. His wounds are severe, but unless erysipelas sets in he will recover. Rebeling was arrested and charged with assault to murder.

To-day Coroner Harris held an inquest on the body of Joseph D. Holmes, found dead in bed at the Los Gatos Hotel yesterday morning. Deceased was an engineer at the Almshouse, San Francisco, for fourteen years. He went to Los Gatos several weeks ago for his health, and had been ill ever since. On the day previous to his death he had not eaten anything. He was a native of England, 72 years of age. The jury found that death was the result of natural causes.

The jury in the case of Patrick Dillon, one of the Old Gilroy incendiaries, found a verdict this evening of arson in the second degree. Defendant waived time, and Judge Belden will pass sentence at 10 A. M. to-morrow.

Murder Trial Postponed.

SANTA BARBARA, December 3d.—The trial of Clarence Gray for the murder of Theodore Glancey has been postponed, on motion of the defendant, until January 20th.

Passengers Passing Mojave.

MOJAVE, December 3d.—The following overland passengers, by Southern Pacific Railroad, passed Mojave to-day, to arrive in San Francisco to-morrow: Colonel D. Smith, Bloomington, Ill; George D. Chape, R. Y. Haynes, F. J. Tyson, Silver Hill, Ill.; O. Hoffman, Pinal, A. T.; O. H. Simmon, Miss Rowe, Miss F. Rowe, Miss Ella Rowe, Mrs. M. A. Reagan, Oakland; Frank Anson, T. Beale, San Francisco; Mrs. Thomas Nickerson, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. O. W. Gates, San Diego; Mr. Smith, Los Angeles; C. J. Bullard, Red Bluff; Deputy Sheriff Huber and two prisoners, Los Angeles; Captain George Dettenden, United States Army; Mrs. M. W. Anton.

OREGON.

Found Dead—High Charter.

PORTLAND, December 3d.—A man who registered his name at the St. Louis Hotel here as Harvey Saunders was found dead in bed last evening. No papers were found on his person. So far as known Saunders is a total stranger. The cause of his death is unknown. An inquest will be held to-morrow.

The ship Edwin Reed was chartered today at 82 shillings and 6 pence, including lighterage, to the United Kingdom, which is equivalent to 85 shillings. This is the highest rate of charter known here for years, and is remarkable for a wooden vessel.

Kidnaper Convicted—A State Messenger.

PORTLAND, December 3d.—Edward Mordaunt was convicted this afternoon in the State Circuit Court of the crime of kidnaping a sailor named Paul Baetner. Two other men, named Douglas and Hendricks, are under indictment for the same offense, and will be tried in a few days.

Hon. C. B. Watson, Republican Presidential Elector, who has been chosen as messenger to carry the vote of the State to Washington, will leave to-morrow on the outgoing steamer.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Store Destroyed by Fire.

PORT TOWNSEND, December 3d.—Telegraph operator Jackson arrived from Port Gamble this morning, and reports the burning of the store at that place with all its contents this morning. The fire is supposed to have originated in the chimney of the open fire-place in the outside office, and spread with such rapidity that two of the employes—Fred. Richardson and Mr. Shephard—were compelled to jump from the windows of the second story, hurting their feet and ankles in doing so, the former having his hands and hair burned. The wind was blowing from the northeast at the time, and had it not been for the snow on the roof of Cyrus Walker's residence it would have certainly caught also. The entire mail for Seabeck was destroyed, and also the contents of the Puget Sound telegraph office, thus cutting off communication with other places until 10 o'clock this morning. Two of the large safes fell through into the water, and the other remained standing. The loss of goods will probably reach $80,000, but the amount of insurance is unknown.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Advices from Victoria.

VICTORIA, December 1st.—The American schooner Seventy six, thirty-eight tons, which arrived at this port from Kamschatka on Tuesday last, experienced weather of almost unprecedented severity in the northern seas. She cleared from San Francisco on the 19th of June last for a fishing cruise, carrying a crew of seven men, with Captain J. Potts in command. In October she encountered the full fury of a typhoon in the south Japan sea. The waves swept her deck, broached the vessel, and carried overboard the mate, Andrew J. Worth, a native of New York, aged 56. All the boats were also washed away, and the sea ran too high to permit of any attempt to rescue the drowning man, who quickly disappeared from sight and was lost. Captain Potts states that during an experience of several years in the northern seas he never witnessed such terrible weather, the result of which was the voyage of his vessel had to be discontinued. He touched at Copper Island, where he obtained a supply of wood and water, and eventually reached were with a cargo consisting of 110 fur seals. He lost his anchor and chains. For some time the craft was in a position of great peril. She now awaits orders from San Francisco.

A charge preferred by the crew of the ship Cashmere against the captain of that ship, of desiring to proceed to sea short-handed, was heard before Mr. Innes and Captain Raymur, J. P., yesterday, and the Captain was ordered to procure an additional seaman.

The Victoria customs collected for November were $44,324. The exports this year exceed the imports $1,000,000.

The first snow-storm of the season is now raging. The telegraph lines are down and the coast steamers delayed.

The Wrangel steamer Grappler is ashore above Nanaimo.

The wind is strong northeast.

Two brothers named Kelly, from Australia, garroted an American in the streets of this city last night. One of the brothers is in custody.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES TO-MORROW.

Kingsley Chapel, M. E. Church,

Eleventh street, between H and I—Rev. David Deal, pastor. Preaching at 10:45 A. M. and at 7 P. M. Praise service at 6:30. Sunday-school at 12:40.

Calvary Baptist Church,

I street, above Twelfth—Morning service as usual. Sabbath-school at 12:15. In consequence of sickness of the pastor, the house will be closed in the evening.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church,

Eighth street, between I and J—Rev. R. M. Chapman, D. D., rector in charge. Right Rev. J. H. D Wingfield will preach at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M., and administer the right of confirmation.

Westminster Presbyterian Church,

Sixth and L street's—The pastor, Rev. H. H. Rice, will preach on Sabbath at 10:45 A. M., and at 7 P. M. Strangers cordially invited.

Christian Chapel,

Eighth street, between N and O—P. H. Cutler, pastor. Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sunday-school at 10 o'clock A. M. The members particularly, and the public generally, cordially invited to attend.

Congregational Church,

Sixth street, between I and J—The pastor, Rev. I. E. Dwinell will preach to-morrow morning at 10:45. In the evening he will give some account of the late meeting at the American Board, at Lowell, in behalf of missions. The public are invited.

Seventh-Street M. E. Church South,

Seventh street, between J and K—T. H. B. Anderson, pastor. Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Subjects—Morning: "Christ Bearing Witness to the Truth." Evening: "The Unity of the Kingdom of God."

Sixth-Street Methodist Church,

Between K and L streets—Rev. R. Bentley, pastor. Services at 10:45 A. M. Evening services at 7 P. M. Subject: "Last Glimpses of Joseph and His Brethren."

The Indians in the entire northwest in the British possessions north of Montana are receiving a daily ration of one pound of beef and one pound of flour. Buffalo and other game are very scarce.

PACIFIC COAST ITEMS.

Ice-cutting has begun at Truckee.

The Humboldt river in Nevada is frozen over.

There are six inches of snow at White Pine, Nev.

The assessed value of property in Alameda county is $44,000,000.

The whole number of arrests made by the Oakland police for November amounts to 182.

Two hundred houses of high and low degree have been erected in Salt Lake since last spring.

Track-laying on the Utah Eastern Railroad is being prosecuted between Kimball's and Park City.

Stony Point, Sonoma county, comes to the front with several five-pound potatoes of the Peerless variety.

The leading town of North Park is named for Senator Teller, having formerly been known as Jack City. It is a prosperous place.

The Gunnison region has a new town on the Cochetopa, five miles above Willard, at the mouth of Alkali Gulch. It is to be christened New Cochetopa.

It is intimated that the interval between Helena, Mont., and the Utah and Northern terminus will be reduced to less than ten hours' stage ride by July, 1881.

Sheep and cattle are very poor in the southern end of Douglas county, Oregon. Without a change in the present weather there will be a general thinning out this winter.

There are no laborers at the dam on the Yuba, except a comparatively small number of men who will be kept there until after high water comes, to guard against any injury to the dam.

The *Stanislaus County News*, published at Modesto, celebrated its eleventh birthday Friday, December 3d. Notwithstanding the fact that the *News* is "stalworthy" Democratic, it is a good local paper and a welcome exchange.

Frank Ainsworth, the champion hunter of Northern Colorado, recently came to Denver from North Park with 2,700 pounds of elk. Ainsworth says that game has been plenty in the Park this season, but is now leaving for other parts. Thus far this season Ainsworth has killed 65 elk and 300 antelope.

Evan Birchley, 53 years old, who worked two or three years for Mr. Johnson, about a mile west of Santa Rosa, was killed, it is supposed, by the cow he was milking. Mr. Johnson was absent at the time, and upon returning found him dead, with a mark of an injury on the temple. His faithful dog had covered his face with dirt.

The Carson *Times* says the sleeping-car porters running between Sacramento and Carson make about $100 a month and fees. They used to make about $250 per month when there were flush times on the Comstock. The wages of the porters on the Central Pacific are $40 per month. They make up the rest in gratuities.

The harvest on Dr. Glenn's ranch in Colusa county is just finished, and the total yield was 400,000 sacks. The doctor reserves 60,000 for seed, and all of this enormous quantity has been shipped with the exception of some 30,000 sacks, which will be forwarded this week. The doctor is also one of the most prominent stock raisers in the State, having no less than 40,000 head.

The Reno *Gazette* says: About six miles west of Beowawe station, on the Central Pacific road, there is a true geyser on the side of a mountain, or rather forty of them. The one which throws the highest stream is only about an inch and a half in diameter, and throws twenty-five feet high at intervals of thirty minutes. A lot of others gush up in the vicinity over about forty acres of ground, and most of them only throw to a hight of three or four feet.

The Central Pacific Railroad Company contemplates the erection, early next spring, says the Marysville *Appeal*, of new and suitable passenger depots at several points on the Oregon division. There is not any doubt but what Marysville requires one, and if some of the leading citizens would bring the matter properly before the General Manager of the company it would doubtless result in having a building erected which would be an ornament to the city and not a disgrace like the present old blacksmith shop.

Three Chinamen came into Tuscarora, Nev., Wednesday night, from Independence valley, with their feet badly frozen, and otherwise suffering severely from the effects of their long, cold tramp. From the story they told it seems that on the evening mentioned, after they had gone into camp, a number of Indians appeared, and, by threats of violence, drove them off. The Chinamen started without their boots, and being afraid to return to camp, tramped through the snow bare-footed to town. The object of the Indians, they suppose, was to get what provisions they had on hand.

If the sale of the California Northern Railroad takes place on the 11th instant, as now advertised, says the Marysville *Appeal* of December 3d, the probabilities are that the Central Pacific Company will be the purchaser, as that company has had a searching investigation made as to the value of the business to be controlled. If they buy it the road will doubtless be put in first-class order and well equipped. It is also reported that they will establish a shop here, where much of the repair work for the Oregon division will be done. If the company gets possession of this road the Plumas county freight will come this way to Oroville, instead of going from Reno. It is not entirely improbable that the extension of the road to Plumas is contemplated for the future.

THE COURTS.

SUPERIOR COURT.

DENSON, Judge.

FRIDAY, December 3, 1880.

Robert Miller vs. L. C. Chandler—Continued and taken under advisement by the Court.

Frank Martin vs. M. Zeh—Dismissed without prejudice.

William Kuhnle vs. J. Cunningham—Case tried and taken under advisement.

The People vs. Ah Coon—Information for burglary. Allowed to go upon his own recognizance in the sum of $1,000, pending trial.

Delia Arcega vs. Joseph Arcega—Default of defendant entered.

CLARK, Judge.

Jennie B. Pyburn vs. George Pyburn—Case argued, submitted to the Court and taken under advisement.

Court adjourned.

TO DAY'S CALENDAR.

The People vs. Gardner.

SAN FRANCISCO STOCK SALES.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 3, 1880.

MORNING SESSION.

280 Ophir	61@92½	900 Bullion	2@2 05
495 Mexican	7½@7½	515 Exchequer	1½@1 60
460 G. & C.	4 25@5	855 Overman	80@75c
590 Best & Belch	9½@10	3040 Justica	2@2 10
135 California	1 7	1305 Union	1@1½
630 Savage	4@3 95	1530 Alta	20@18
160 Con Va	2½@2 30	100 Julia	40c
1500 Chollar	3@3	200 Caledonia	10c
411 Potosi	3@4	1450 S Hill	60@50c
910 Hale & N	9½@9½	1950 New York	25@10c
400 C Point	1 25	100 Occidental	1½
840 Y. Jacket	4@3½	350 Lady Wash	45c
1300 Imperial	15c	520 Andes	1½@1 45
500 Belcher	1½@1 85	520 Scorpion	1 30
360 Al ha	4½@4½	00 Capital	1
70 Confidence	4	431 Ben on	3 55@3 75
420 Sierra Nev	8½@8½	250 Con. Dorado	40c
285 Utah	5½@5½	50 G. Gate	2

AFTERNOON SESSION.

90 Manhattan	1	200 Champion	25c
380 Prize	1 5	30 Mono	1
110 Argenta	10c	100 Jupiter	20c
285 Navajo	1 05@1	50 Booker	5c
50 N Belle	8½	200 Addenda	20@25c
1100 Day	25c	100 Noonday	1 10
30 Wales	80c	40 N. Noonday	1
350 Albion	45@50c	100 Mammoth	10c
200 N Belle Isle	45c	150 Oro	40@45c
185 M. Potosi	2c	50 Boston	1
105 Col mbus	2½	200 Tiptop	2
440 Bodie	5	390 S. King	12@12½
200 Bechtel	70@75c	10 Mt. Diablo	44
50 Tuba	4c	80 Argenta	10c
50 Syndicate	40c	350 Tuscarora	30c
50 Good haw	85c		

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

ARCADE HOTEL.

SACRAMENTO, December 4, 1880.

J E Hale, Auburn		J L Laird, Philadelphia	
G W Colby, Nord		E Knippenberg, St Louis	
A W Moore, S Francisco		Wm T May, S Francisco	
Benj Price,	do	J J Morrison,	do
J B Kirkland,	do	J J Palmer,	do
H S Crocker,	do	H Z Osborne, Bodie	
E G Crane, Oakland			

COMMERCIAL.

San Francisco Produce Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 3d—1 P. M.

FLOUR—About 1,600 bbls Oregon arrived on yesterday's steamer. The demand for to-morrow's China is about satisfied. We quote various brands as follows: Best City Extra, $5 25; Bakers' Extra, $5@5 12½; Superfine, $3 75@4 25; Interior Extra, $4 75@5; Interior Superfine, $3 75@4 12½; Oregon Extra, $4 50@4 75; choice do, $5; Oregon Superfine, $3 75@4 12½; Walla Walla Extra, $4 75@5 ₩ bbl.

WHEAT—Business continues inactive. The storm still prevents any news from coming over the wires, and operators are not disposed to transact any large amount of business until communication is restored. The weather is anything