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PACIFIC SLOPE.

Defalcation in Harbor Commissioners' Office—Brakeman Killed—The Double Murder in Santa Clara County—Forest City Destroyed by Fire—More Small-Pox at Nevada—Policeman Fatally Wounded by a Burglar—Etc.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

CALIFORNIA.

Defalcation in the Office of the Harbor Commission.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16th.—An examination of the books of the Harbor Commission to-day showed that John S. Gray, the Secretary, is a defaulter to the amount of $40,000. Gray said he would make it good, and was given till 1 P. M. to do so. He left the office, and has not since been seen.

[SECOND DISPATCH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16th.—Failing to put in an appearance at 1 o'clock, a warrant was issued for Gray's arrest, and the entire detective force has been detailed to find him. When the officers called at his residence, they were told by Mrs. Gray that her husband had been home about 1 P. M., saying he was in trouble, but assigned no cause. He was subsequently seen on Kearny street, driving in a buggy. To-night two detectives have been placed on guard at his house. Gray formerly held a position in the County Clerk's office, which he resigned to accept the position in the Board of Harbor Commissioners. He is widely known throughout the State, and had the reputation of being a quiet, unassuming man of steady habits. Owing to the late hour of the escapade, it is impossible to obtain particulars as to the disposition made of the funds.

[THIRD DISPATCH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16th.—The latest information concerning the Gray defalcation is that he forged a receipt of Wells, Fargo & Co. for the sum of $15,000, being the monthly remittance due the State Treasury. A similar amount is supposed to be in the safe, but as Gray has the combination it cannot be opened before to-morrow morning. The real amount of his deficit is not known.

Policeman Shot by a Burglar—Pawnbroker Seriously Hurt.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16th.—This evening, while officer Duncan was chasing a burglar named Ed. W. A. Foster, on Post street, near Dupont, Foster turned and fired, sending a ball through Duncan's lung. The latter shot Foster in the leg, and he was captured. Duncan's wound will likely prove fatal.

This afternoon Edwin Mason and John Griffin entered the pawnbroker's shop of J. Brock & Co., on Washington street, fronting the Plaza, within half a block of the police station, and asked to see a pistol. They then clubbed Brock over the head with an iron bar, seized the pistol and ran. Both were soon captured. Brock was seriously injured.

The Wounded Officer—Mortality Report.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16th.—The condition of officer Duncan, who was shot this evening by the burglar Ed. A. Foster, at 11 o'clock was slightly improved, but the surgeons claim that the hopes of his survival are very slender.

Total number of deaths during the week, 111; number for corresponding week of last year, 131.

Brakeman Run Over and Killed.

SUMMIT, March 16th.—Thomas Mitchell, a brakeman, fell from train N. 6, was run over and instantly killed at half-past 3 o'clock this morning.

[SECOND DISPATCH.]

TRUCKEE, March 16th.—Thomas Mitchell, a brakeman on the Central Pacific, fell between the cars of No. 6 train at Summit station at 3:45 this morning, and was literally cut in two, nearly the entire train passing over his body. The remains were sent to Sacramento, where he is said to have a brother residing. He was a steady, well respected young man. The accident was unavoidable, and occurred while side-tracking for No. 1 passenger train. Mitchell was the head brakeman, and is supposed to have been thrown from the top of the car. He was not discovered until the train had passed over him.

Attempt to Burn Chinatown in Truckee.

TRUCKEE, March 16th.—A fiendish attempt was made last night to burn Chinatown. Ah Ho, a desperate Chinese highbinder, has for the past two weeks been endeavoring to borrow money from one of his Celestial relatives, a brother, who runs a Chinese gambling den, and meeting with a refusal, resolved to revenge himself by destroying Chinatown by fire. He forced his way into the rear of No. 6, Chinatown, poured four or five gallons of coal oil over the stove wood piled up there, and then placing some matting on top set fire to the whole. Fortunately it was discovered before it had got fairly under headway, and a big blaze prevented. He was arrested to-day, and the Chinese have been holding a China Court to determine whether he shall be prosecuted or not. The Chinamen have decided, and announced the same to Ah Ho in the jail this evening. As near as can be ascertained, they have decided not to furnish the evidence to convict, but from Ah Ho's countenance when the matter was announced to him, it is supposed that the Chinese have resolved to punish him "China style." He will be brought up for examination on a charge of arson to-morrow, provided sufficient testimony can be found to warrant a prospect of conviction. Some time since the citizens forced the Chinese quarters across the river, in order to prevent conflagrations that are so apt to occur, and the occurrence of last night proves its wisdom.

A Mountain Town Burned.

DOWNIEVILLE, March 16th.—Forest City, Sierra county, was burned about 11 o'clock this morning. There is no telegraphic communication between there and the Mountain House, so there are no particulars.

[SECOND DISPATCH.]

DOWNIEVILLE, March 16th.—The fire in Forest City started below Scullin's Hotel, and spread so rapidly that in a very short time all the business houses in the town were ablaze. A strong easterly breeze was blowing. A man by the name of E. Miller, a hotel-keeper, was burned to death in Heintzen's store. The losses run into hundreds of thousands of dollars, heavily covered by insurance. Cinders were found on the stage road a mile below the town. Only a few dwellings were left at last accounts, and desperate efforts were being made to save the Bald Mountain works.

The Santa Clara County Murder.

SAN JOSE, March 16th.—The inquest in the matter of the Lexington murder was resumed this forenoon in this city. John Showers was called by the District Attorney, and made a detailed statement connecting Majors and Jewell with the murder, substantially as given yesterday. Majors is very despondent, and made a remark last night that if he had to be hanged he did not want to be lynched. Showers says he was drunk when he went to Renowden's, and did not know what Jewell intended to do other than rob the house. He was unarmed, and was told to remain outside while Jewell went in. He contradicts the statement that Jewell was wounded in the hand.

[SECOND DISPATCH.]

SAN JOSE, March 16th.—The Coroner's jury in the Lexington murder case finished its labors this afternoon, and brought in a verdict to the effect that W. R. Renowden, aged 64, a native of Ireland, and Archie McIntyre, aged 41, a native of Canada, came to their death from pistol wounds inflicted by Joe Jewell, assisted by John Showers, and aided and abetted by L. L. Majors. The jury also charged Jewell, Showers and Majors with murder, and Majors with being accessory after the fact. Majors was called by the jury after Showers testified, but refused to make any statement. He is utterly broken down.

The Small-pox at Nevada City.

NEVADA, March 16th.—Two new cases of small-pox were reported this morning. At their meeting last night the City Trustees appointed Dr. H. S. Welch as Health Officer, an official which the town has never had before, but which it at present is much in need of.

The Press and Horticultural Excursion.

RIVERSIDE, March 16th.—The press and horticultural excursion passed through this place on Tuesday, en route to San Diego, and returned Thursday, when they were met at the depot by our citizens with carriages of capacity sufficient to convey the entire party—numbering 154—to town, where, after partaking of dinner, they proceeded to the pavilion, when one and all pronounced the exhibit of citrus fruit the largest and best ever exhibited in this county. The afternoon was spent in an examination of the fruit trees, and the evening in listening to essays on the cultivation of the raisin grape, proper pruning and irrigation. Friday was spent in driving through the valley of orange groves and raisin vineyards. On Friday evening our citizens were treated to a grand musical and literary entertainment at the pavilion by the members of the press, which concluded the fair. Saturday morning the excursion party will take their special train for Ontario and Los Angeles, while our citizens wind up our fifth and most successful, in all respects, annual exhibition of citrus and semi-tropical fruits of California.

Both Legs Cut Off.

LOS ANGELES, March 16th.—J. F. Brown, a brakeman on the freight train dure here this morning, fell between the cars near San Fernando station, and had both legs cut off at the knees. He was brought to the Sisters' Hospital in this city, where he has received every attention, but is not expected to live. He is from Macen, Mo., and this was his first trip on the road.

UTAH.

Wife Robbed by a Husband—Cave in a Mine.

SALT LAKE, March 16th.—On Monday a man by the name of A. S. Hill, a lightning-rod peddler, who married a lady of considerable property in this city, suddenly disappeared. After making his wife believe her money was not safe in the bank, she transferred three certificates of deposit, amounting to $9,000, which he had cashed, and then jumped the country. The matter has been kept quiet till to-day, in hopes of getting track of him. It is generally supposed that he is now in San Francisco.

A very extensive cave is reported as having occurred in the Horn Silver mine, which is said to have damaged the property to a considerable extent.

OREGON.

One Year for Killing a Man—A Hunter Fatally Injured—Death of a Naturalist.

PORTLAND, March 16th.—In the case of Joseph Nimichink, on trial at Albany for killing Thomas Ray at Silverton last October, the jury returned a verdict of manslaughter, and defendant was sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

A Horse Plains (Montana) special says: Henry Wellers, a bachelor, aged 60, went hunting this morning and fired at a squirrel. The gun burst and shattered his frontal bone. His injuries will no doubt prove fatal.

Christian Roop, well known all over the northwest coast as a naturalist, died yesterday at the Sanitarium, near this city, of arsenic poisoning, absorbed while stuffing birds and animals. He was a native of Pennsylvania, aged 50 years, and since manhood has lived a half-hermit life, spending three-fourths of his time in the mountains, gathering nature's curiosities.

A Prisoner's Ghastly Joke.

PORTLAND, March 16th.—Alfred Anderson, under sentence of death for the murder of his brother, played a ghastly joke on his guard last night. Anderson is confined in a cell, and the guard sits in the corridor outside. Occasionally he falls asleep, and Anderson noticing this, determined to give the guard a scare. So he made a rope of his bedding, with a false noose, put his head in, bent his knees, rolled up his eyes, stuck his tongue out, and then kicked over a bucket to waken the guard. The latter sprang to his feet, and seeing Anderson hanging, rushed to the jailer's room for the keys of the cell. When they returned, Anderson had gotten back into bed, and was feigning sleep. In view of the fact that Anderson's death day is just four weeks ahead, it can truly be said that he poked fun under the ribs of death.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Advices from Victoria.

VICTORIA, March 16th.—White laborers are about to enter the country by thousands. Mr. Onderdonk has already secured 400 mechanics, and 400 more are coming. He has 1,000 laborers on the way, and 2,000 more engaged.

Yesterday the Grand Lodge officers of the Ancient Order of United Workmen arrived by the steamer North Pacific. They were met by a reception committee, and conducted to the Driard House, and in the evening were entertained at an excellent banquet by their Victoria brethren at the Pacific Telegraph Hotel.

Two very small boys are in custody here on a charge of robbing a house of a large amount of jewelry.

The introduction of a bill to charter a company to build a line of railway to the southern boundary line, evoked a warm discussion. The Premier stated in the House that such a road would practically make the Canadian Pacific Railway a feeder of the Northern Pacific.

Trade is remarkably brisk, and new buildings are going up in every direction.

McGavish, M. P., has given notice of a resolution to represent to the Dominion Government the necessity of establishing fish hatcheries for propagating both fresh and salt water varieties in this province.

The Government offers a reward of $1,000 for the arrest of Smart Aleck, a Chinaman, who killed a Government Tax Collector at Cherry creek last fall, and buried him beneath the floor of a cabin. Smart Aleck is thought to be in Oregon.

PASSENGER LISTS.

OMAHA, March 16th.—Left here to-day, to arrive in Sacramento March 20th: Mrs. J. E. Pratt, St. Helena, Cal.; Mrs. J. J. Talbot, San Francisco; Mary McGrath, Willows, Cal; Edward Connor, Boston; Thos. Dusenbery, Edward Slaven, New York; Miss Lozier, New Jersey.

Eighty-six through emigrants left on last night's emigrant train, to arrive in Sacramento March 23d.

NEWHALL, March 16th.—Passed here to-day, to arrive in San Francisco to-morrow: F. B. Berry, Maryland; C. H. Gardner and wife, San Francisco; Mrs. P. D. Brown, Oakland; C. T. Mills, Pomona; G. S. Ladd, E. J. Coleman, S. Koshland and wife, San Francisco; Mrs. Hamilton, Salt Lake; R. Y. Anderson, Mexico; C. L. Smith, San Francisco; F. P. Haskell, Deming; J. J. Lather, Chicago; J. M. Cottrell, San Francisco; Charles Moles, Tucson; M. F. Campbell, Mexico; Lt J. Webster, Arizona; John B. Williams, Tombstone; M. McMahon, A. Ranch, Los Angeles; Joseph Keer, Ohio; S. P. Ottman, New York; Hiram Whiaus, C. S. Pettigen, R. E. Burns, San Francisco; M. A. Raffer, P. D. McCarty, Arizona.

FAMILY DISCIPLINE AMONG MONKEYS. From the moment that a young monkey is weaned he has to steal, for Dr. Brehm's observation applies strictly and literally to every species of quadrumana; the mother-monkey robs her own child, and forces it to eat its food by stealth. The proprietor of the "Zoological Coffee Garden," in Savannah, Georgia, has been very successful in rearing young monkeys, and the visitors of his happy family department can witness the same scene thrice a day—a number of half-grown capuchin babies fleeing from the wrath of their own parents. As soon as the dinner bucket is brought in, the youngsters hide in the corner and watch their opportunity, for while their seniors are feeding there is no hope of a crumb or a drop of milk; but sooner or later the old ones are sure to fall out, and during a general scrimmage for a tidbit the children sometimes get a chance at the bucket, and take care to make the best of it. But woe unto them if their progenitors catch them *in flagranti!* Sires, mothers and aunts combine to avenge the sacrilege, and the noise of the punishment often sets the whole menagerie agog. I have seen a she-macaque jamming her bantling up against the wall and extracting from its cheek-pouches the gifts of a charitable visitor, together with all the scraps and crumbs the little one had gleaned from the floor, and then adding outrage to injury by cuffing the victim's ears.—[Dr. Oswald, in Popular Science Monthly.

FOREIGN EVENTS.

The London Outrage—Advices from France—Affairs in Ireland—Competition of India with America—The Manchester Ship Canal Bill—Socialist Demonstration in Switzerland—Death of Karl Marx—Prussian Landtag Prorogued—Emigration to Canada—Etc.

[SPECIAL BY TELEGRAPH TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

The London Explosion.

LONDON, March 16th.—The *Pall Mall Gazette* says: In many maps of London the local Government Board offices are marked as the Home Office. It is thought the attempt to blow up the former building was made with the idea that it was the latter, Sir William Harcourt, the Home Secretary, being very obnoxious to the Fenians.

DUBLIN, March 16th.—The *Evening Telegraph* charges the London press, especially the *Times*, with endeavoring to excite mob violence against the Irish.

INTERVIEW WITH EGAN.

NEW YORK, March 16th.—A reporter saw Patrick Egan and asked him what he thought of the attempt to blow up the Government offices in London. "There are no persons under the sun," said Egan, "so subject to panic as the English people. Here a common explosion of a gas pipe, or something similar, occurs in sight of offices, as it might anywhere, but just because they are Governmental offices the cry is raised, 'Oh, it's dynamite. It's Ireland, of course.' I dare say if Sheridan had been there they would have put him down as connected with it."

AN IRISH-AMERICAN'S VIEWS.

CHICAGO, March 16th.—Hon. John F. Funerty, Congressman-elect from the Third Illinois District, interviewed in regard to the attempt to blow up the Government building in London, said: "I may say that I'm sorry it was not more successful. I applaud the Irish in everything they do to get rid of England and her accursed rule. England brought this on herself, and Gladstone, more than anyone else, has himself to thank for it. Forster's Midlothian speech is quoted against him by the Tories. Did he not say the agitation would be useless till Clerkenwell prison was blown up? Of course I regret that any innocent persons should suffer, but sympathy for a few of this class is entirely overridden by the feeling of commiseration I have for the great mass of the Irish people. My countrymen are poor, starving. The British Government will not aid them. They have reached a point where they must fight, and I am glad to see them do it. I am glad to see the inauguration of a war or violence of any kind. It will tend to free Ireland of the accursed cutthroats who are choking the life out of her. If a race war springs out of this it will not be regretted by true Irishmen."

THE DYNAMITE FIEND.

PEORIA (Ill.), March 16th.—In an interview with Pat Crowther, of this city, he professed great exultation at the attempt to blow up the Government building in London, but was not in favor of the means employed. He prefers the silent, but destructive flame of the torch to the detonation of dynamite. His idea is to place two or three hundred men in the larger cities of England with a few barrels of petroleum, await a windy night, and at a preconcerted signal make 100 conflagrations in as many cities, which will spread terror and destruction throughout the land, and make the British lion howl for peace, and it will accede to any terms at the end of the torch. While depicting the scenes of terror thus caused, he disclaimed any connection with the London explosions, but rejoices at its effect. He knew nothing about it till this morning. He thought Rossa might have been aware of the plot. He thinks it undoubtedly the work of Invincibles.

O'DONOVAN ROSSA HAS SOMETHING TO SAY.

NEW YORK, March 16th.—When O'Donovan Rossa was asked to-day whether the explosion in London was caused by dynamite, or was the accidental explosion of gas, he answered: "We could not follow out our system unless we used dynamite, and that is what caused the explosion. There was no accident about it."

"Do you think it was intended to destroy the building only, or to kill those within it?"

"It was intended to do all the damage possible, and it was done to show England she had better give Ireland her own Parliament. England is at war with Ireland, and Ireland should be at war with England."

Rossa showed the following dispatch from Boston: "I congratulate you on the news from London this morning. I can collect money now in Boston. John D. Driscoll." Rossa said he had received to-day offers of money, and he can obtain all that is needed. In answer to a question as to what would next be done, he showed a letter advising him to publish in his paper a declaration of war on England, signed by representative Irishmen. When that was done, it could not be claimed that their actions were dishonorable. As for weapons, all available ones should be used. "This," he said, "is his answer."

SHERIDAN'S OPINION.

Patrick J. Sheridan, whose extradition to England has been requested, said the work is that of Irishmen, and is but the advance picket. Much more will follow. England will shortly see she must either free Ireland or suffer the consequences.

LONDON, March 16th.—It is stated that a magistrate has unearthed astounding evidence connecting O'Donovan Rossa with the Patriotic Brotherhood conspiracy.

REWARD OFFERED.

LONDON, March 16th.—The Government offers a reward of £1,000 for the discovery of the author of the explosion. The reward applies to the attempt on the *Times* office. Any one, not the actual culprit, giving information of the origin of the explosion will be pardoned.

Affairs in Ireland.

DUBLIN, March 16th.—The Waterford Court Assizes are crowded to-day, as it was expected the Crown would proceed with the case against Biggar, member of Parliament for Cavan, for his utterances in a speech delivered in Waterford last December. No bill, however, was presented by the Grand Jury.

LONDON, March 16th.—A dispatch to the *Times* from Dublin says: The Government has refused to accept the evidence of James Mullett. James Carey, informer, has received letters from all parts of the Kingdom, notifying him that there were plenty of men to take the place of those arrested. He is now not allowed to read the newspapers containing attacks upon him.

NEW YORK, March 16th.—A special to *Redpath's Weekly*, dated London, the 15th instant, says: Parnell's friends have resolved to take the question of the proposed testimonial out of his hands. A national movement in its favor is to be started under the auspices of Archbishop Crooke, E. D. Gray, M. P., and Charles Dawson, M. P. It is thought the response of the people will be so emphatic as to induce the Irish leader to reconsider his decision on the subject. Parnell's presence at the Convention in America may be regarded as almost certain. He speaks warmly of the efforts making to maintain the unity and strength and organization of the Irish race in the United States. Regarding Egan, the dispatch says: Egan gave up all the Land League funds and securities months ago, on his return to Dublin. It is supposed an application will be made for his extradition, not with the hope of its being successful, but in order to damage the leaders of the League. The Tories are determined to obstruct with vigor and persistence, after Easter, directing their special efforts against Bradlaugh's bill. By this policy they hope to raise the popular feeling in England against the Government.

The Death of Karl Marx.

LONDON, March 16th.—Dr. Frederich Engel, an intimate friend of Karl Marx, says that Marx died in London, near Regent's Park. Dr. Engel was present at his death. The cause was bronchitis and abscess on the lungs. He died without pain. Out of respect to the wishes of Marx, who always avoided a demonstration, the family have decided to have a private funeral. About 18 persons will be present, including a few friends coming from the continent. The place of interment is not announced. Dr. Engel will probably speak at the grave. There will be no religious ceremony. Marx spent part of the summer at Argenteuil and returned to London in October. At the time of his death, the third edition of Marx's book, "Das Capitolan," first published in 1863, was preparing for the press. The difficulty in getting the details of his death was caused by the fact that though Marx had been ill a long time, Dr. Engel was the only person allowed to see him. His first illness was due to a cold, the bad weather in England acting on a constitution already enfeebled by repeated attacks of pleurisy.

House of Commons.

LONDON, March 16th.—In the House of Commons to-day, in the debate on the Transvaal, Gladstone said Forster had preached war. The Government would undertake to provide for the chiefs formerly England's allies, as the Transvaal authorities are unable to restrain the raid.

Kennard's motion declaring that in view of the complete satisfying of all demands of American citizens on the sum the Geneva Conference allowed in regard to the Alabama claims, the balance should be restored to Great Britain. Deferred, owing to a counting out of the House.

Advices from France.

PARIS, March 16th.—Karl Marx, founder of the International Workingmen's Association, died yesterday at Argenteuil.

Several warrants for the arrest of Anarchists have been issued. The lodgings occupied by Louise Michel before her flight have been searched, and a number of documents have been found there.

The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows a decrease of 1,975,000 francs, gold, and 9,775,000 francs, silver.

The imports of France for February decreased 2,500,000 francs, as compared with February 1882. The exports were about the same as those of the preceding February.

HAVRE, March 16th.—John Walsh was released to-day.

Traces of Phosphorus.

LONDON, March 16th.—Inquiry proved the presence of traces of phosphorus in the body of Gortschakoff. The mistress of deceased possesses a written promise of marriage from him.

Emigration to Canada.

LONDON, March 16th.—It is expected that emigration to Canada the ensuing season will be unusually large. The steamer Parisian, from Liverpool for Halifax, carried 450 emigrants. A large number of Scandinavians and Germans for the Northwest will leave during the next five weeks.

Collision of Steamers.

LONDON, March 16th.—The steamers Gieurath and Boyre were in collision to-day, and both were seriously damaged.

Competing with America.

BOMBAY, March 16th.—The Indian budget fully discussed the competition of India with America in the London market. The budget report states that India, though at great disadvantage with regard to internal communication, has a great advantage through free trade. Railway rates from the north to Bombay are to be immediately reduced 18½ per cent., which is equivalent to a reduction in price of wheat of 1s 6d per quarter in the London market. The report anticipates reductions in other directions.

Ship Canal Bill.

LONDON, March 16th.—The Manchester Ship Canal bill passed its second reading in the Commons this afternoon.

Socialist Demonstration.

GENEVA, March 16th.—German and French Socialists here propose a great demonstration next Sunday.

Adjourned.

VIENNA, March 16th.—The lower house adjourned after adopting the budget and a bill for the relief of the sufferers by the flood.

Budget Adopted.

BERLIN, March 16th.—The upper house of the Landtag adopted the budget in the same form in which it was adopted by the lower house. The Landtag has been prorogued till April 15th.

Acceptance Urged.

BERLIN, March 16th.—The *National Zeitung* says: Admiral Von Stosch urged the Emperor to accept his resignation as Chief of the Ministry of Marines for political and personal reasons.

Banished for Three Years.

ROME, March 16th.—The man who recently fired at the coat of arms on the front of the Embassy has been sentenced to three years' banishment.

Father and Son Asphyxiated.

HAMILTON (Canada), March 16th.—Alexander Allen and son, aged 15 years, were asphyxiated by coal gas from a self-feeder to-day.

Representation Desired.

OTTAWA (Ont.), March 16th.—The scientific societies of Canada ask the Governor-General to use his influence to have Canada represented at the United States Congress to decide upon the primal meridian for all nations and a system of cosmopolitan time.

Manager Appointed—Personal.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 16th.—Leo Stein, a prominent broker, has been appointed manager of the Mexican National Bank. Frank S. Bond, formerly President of the Texas Pacific Railroad, has arrived.

FLORIDA SHELL HEAPS.

The material and preparation of the Florida Shell Heap vessels differ from that of other mounds, as those along the coast region of the same State and others found throughout the United States; the clay elsewhere is mingled largely with broken shells and sand, in the Florida specimens almost pure clay is used, seldom showing any admixture of sand, though at times vegetable fiber is present, which produces a cellular and porous structure, which the original makers have in part overcome by the use of an outside film of slip clay. In ornamentation the specimens are markedly inferior to those from other localities, less elaborately adorned, and display only a rude and primitive conception of artistic design. They indicate in this respect an earlier origin than the fictile wares from the coast mounds or those found in later burial places. Stone implements were found in inconsiderable numbers, though numerous enough to prove the acquaintance of the shell-heap makers with flint-chipping, and though but seldom buried deep in the piles, were incontestably coeval with their formation. They consist of rudely-cut celts, stone chisels, knives or scrapers, arrow-heads, chips and fragments, all clearly the work of men's hands. Implements of bone were more frequent, but apparently limited to awls and piercers, an office for which bone, then and since, seems very generally reserved. Implements of shell, as might have been anticipated, were common, though very slightly, if at all, varied in form, consisting of rectangular bits, ground down to edges on one side, forming an efficient scraper, cleaner, or bone wedge. Perforated shells, possibly used for ornament, are found near the upper surface of the mounds, and drinking-cups made from the large univalve (*Busycon perversa*) are similarly found near the surface. These last objects are recent, and may have been known to the Indians who succeeded, at a long remove, the aboriginal inhabitants. Pipes and metals are both absent. Human bones were found from top to bottom of these heaps—skulls, legs, arms, and bodies—and while some were unbroken and entire, the condition of others suggested the unwelcome thought of their having formed a part of a cannibal's repast, a conclusion which some recent examinations by Lieutenant Vogdes strengthen. He found large bones, whose marrow might justly form an attractive feature in an aboriginal dinner, opened lengthwise and bearing evidence of a designed cleavage. Cannibalism was really so common among our Indians at the arrival of the white men that it would scarcely seem surprising to find its antecedents hidden in these early works.—[The American Antiquary.

It is a terrible shock to one's feelings, after singing "Salvation's free," to hear the announcement that "the collection will now be taken."—[Boston Transcript.

HOME HAPPENINGS.

Small-Pox Among the Indians—Arrest for Robbing the Mails—The Killing of Sleeping Rabbit—Pork-Packing in Chicago—The Star Route Case—Business Failures—Suspension of a Judge—Magnificent Steamship Launched—The Fire Record—Etc.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

Small-pox Among the Indians.

WASHINGTON, March 16th.—Gen. Crook, commanding the Department of Arizona, yesterday reported to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs that there were 15 Indians sick with small-pox at Peach Springs, near the Atlantic and Pacific Railway. The Commissioner directed the physician at the San Carlos Agency to attend to the medical wants of the Indians, and notified General Crook accordingly. To-day the following telegram was received at the Indian Office:

WHIPPLE BARRACKS (A. T.), March 16th.—To Price, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.: Dispatch received. The Indians need something beside medicine. They have nothing to eat, and their efforts to get something may inoculate the whole country.

GEO. CROOK, Brigadier-General.

Commissioner Price telegraphed General Crook, informing him that there is no fund from which he can purchase supplies for the Indians. The Commissioner suggested, however, that if the War Department would supply the immediate needs of the Indians, he would endeavor to have Congress reimburse the Department at the next session. The Indians referred to are accredited to the Colorado River Agency, but are not on the reservation, and consequently no appropriation is available for their subsistence. The necessity of providing for these Indians (about 600 in number) was urged upon Congress by Commissioner Price in his last annual report.

Launching of the Mariposa.

PHILADELPHIA, March 16th.—The *Ledger* says of the Mariposa's launch: As the immense ship glided into the water she was christened Mariposa by the wife of Captain Joseph Steele, Superintendent of Construction of the Oceanic Steamship Company. The steamer Mariposa will be ready for sea about the 1st of May. On the hurricane deck forward are a social hall, pilot house, and staterooms for the Captain and officers. A grand saloon is on the upper deck forward on the machinery space, extending from side to side, with staterooms for 100 first-class passengers, arranged fore and aft on both sides of the machinery. The principal wood in finish will be oak, relieved with maple and mahogany. The incandescent electric light will be used. The cost of the ship is about $600,000. The sister ship, Alamada, will be ready for launching in about three weeks. Jay Gould's yacht, it is expected, will be launched in two weeks, and the immense iron monitor Terror on the 24th instant.

Chinese Farming.

NEW YORK, March 16th.—Three Chinamen went to Flushing Tuesday and carefully inspected a farm. According to the Flushing *Times*, they declared themselves a committee from the Sing Lee Society of this city, and one of them, who spoke excellent English, said they intended to recommend the purchase of the farm in time to take possession on April 1st. He said that the aim of the Society is to obtain the farm for the growth of certain fruits and vegetables for which there is a market in the Chinese colony in this city. They will sink extra wells, so as to obtain irrigation according to the method in vogue in China. The farm house, which is large and roomy, will be thrown open for the accommodation of the members of the Society at all times, and for large gatherings on Sunday.

The Killing of Sleeping Rabbit in Indian Territory.

LITTLE ROCK (Ark.), March 16th.—From advices from the Indian Territory the prevailing belief is that Sleeping Rabbit, the leading man of Spiloche's band of rebellious Creeks, who, with others was captured last week, was summarily executed by General Porter's forces after he had been arrested. The Creek Indians were intensely excited over it. Intelligence received to-day on the subject gives the history of his death. The whole party had been given preliminary examination before Judge Reed and two other Judges in Okmulgee. After hearing the case they decided to hold Sleeping Rabbit, but release the others, on condition of their taking the oath of allegiance to the Constitutional Government. This they did. Sleeping Rabbit, confined in the upper room, asked permission to go out, which was allowed, accompanied by two companions and followed by a guard—David Sizemore. When Sleeping Rabbit had reached the door he slammed it in the guard's face and started to run. As soon as the guard got out he ordered him to halt, but he did not, when Sizemore fired on him. Still he ran on. Again the guard fired, with the same result. At the fourth fire he fell with a bullet in his brain. He died in a few minutes. On examination it was found that every shot had hit him, two of them being through the head.

Chinese Contribution to the Garfield Memorial Hospital Fund.

WASHINGTON, March 16th.—O. W. Denny, Consul General of the United States at Shanghai, China, has forwarded to the State Department $2,355 in United States gold coin, to be placed to the credit of the Garfield Memorial Hospital fund. Three hundred dollars of this amount was contributed by Chinese friends of Denny, who, in forwarding their subscriptions, said they would "be most happy to head a Chinese circular and send it around among our friends, but to ask our countrymen to subscribe to a hospital to be built in a country which will not permit Chinese to enter it for ten years is more than we dare do." The balance of the contribution was obtained from citizens of the United States residing in China, and anxious to aid the undertaking of the hospital committee.

A Supreme Court Justice Suspended.

WASHINGTON, March 16th.—The President has suspended Judge Wilson S. Hoover, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Arizona, pending an investigation by the Department of Justice of charges of corrupt practice in accepting bribes. Judge Hoover is well-known in this city, from his connection with the Dickson star route bribery case.

Dispatch to Lieutenant Harber.

WASHINGTON, March 16th.—Secretary Chandler yesterday sent a cable message to Lieutenant Harber through Minister Hunt, authorizing him to continue the search for Lieutenant Chipp and his party during the coming summer, if he thought it advisable. This was in reply to a suggestion to that effect by Harber, in his recent report to the Secretary.

Bids for Naval Construction.

WASHINGTON, March 16th.—Secretary Chandler requests all American shipbuilders and contractors for marine engines, who may desire to bid for the construction of three steel cruisers and a dispatch boat, to communicate immediately with the Navy Department, stating the facilities furnished by their establishments for doing the required work.

A Mass for Barreda.

NEW YORK, March 16th.—A requiem mass for the repose of the soul of Frederick L. Barreda, who died in San Francisco February 15th, was offered in St. Patrick's Cathedral yesterday morning. Archbishop Corrigan officiated. Marzo, of St. Agnes Church, directed the musical services. John Plunkett and Mrs. George Robinson sang. William H. Guion, Charles Tracy, Julius Benguirre, Mrs. Thomas Francis Meagher and Mr. and Mrs. Barrolli, were of those present. Barreda was for many years in the diplomatic service of Peru, his native land, being Minister from there to the United States at one time. He was aged 59 years.

Pork-Packing in Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 16th.—A commercial circular shows that the number of hogs packed in this market during the year ending March 1, 1883, was 4,223,000—a decrease of 878,000, as compared with the preceding year. The falling off is attributed to the decreased supply of hogs in the country, higher prices, and the restrictions on exportation, making the packers cautious. The average weight of the hogs packed during the summer season was 218, against an average of 231 in 1881. The average weight in the winter season was 255, against 256 the previous year. The cattle slaughtered the past year numbered 774,378.

Frightful Panic in a Theater.

NEW YORK, March 16th.—At the Cosmopolitan Theater to-night, towards the close of a minstrel performance, a significant creaking sound was heard, and suddenly one of the five-inch iron columns of the first balcony crashed through the floor, throwing 1,000 people crowding it and the immense audience below into a panic. Women screamed, and men in terror turned to the doors. A fearful crush followed, all struggling for the exits. Several women were crushed before the managers could be heard, and some degree of quietness obtained. It was found that the balcony had settled fully twelve inches, the weakest column sinking through the floor on which it rested. Many people left the place, but returned, and the performance proceeded. Suddenly, however, the occupants of the upper balcony began to hoot and hiss, and this drove the now thoroughly frightened people below into another panic. Police Commissioners Mason and French and Captain Killalea were present and succeeded in calming the people, and the performance came to an end. Many ladies lost clothing and pocket-books.

Fears for the Wheat Crop.

NEW YORK, March 16th.—A private letter from a gentleman traveling through the Southwest records the following memoranda through Northern Ohio, Southern Michigan and some parts of Indiana: "The farmers are in much doubt about the outcome of their winter wheat. There has been very little snow on the ground, and they are afraid the repeated thawing and freezing will have killed a good deal."

Corn and Wheat.

WASHINGTON, March 16th.—An investigation of the consumption and distribution of corn and wheat to March 1st has been completed by the Department of Agriculture. It makes the stock of corn on hand at that date about 580,000,000 bushels, or 36 per cent. of last year's crop. The proportion of wheat on hand March 1st was 28 per cent. of a crop, or about 140,000,000 bushels. The proportion of the last five years at that date is nearly the same.

Business Failures.

NEW YORK, March 16th.—The business failures for the last seven days number 225, as against 252 last week. The New England States had 22; Middle, 37; Western, 70; Southern, 46; Pacific States, 8; New York city, 11; Canada, 31; total, 225.

The Star Route Trial.

WASHINGTON, March 16th.—After some delay, caused by the difficulty in filling the panel of the Grand Jury in the Criminal Court this morning, General Brady again took the witness stand and was further cross-examined by Bliss. He did not remember that any incongruity in Miner's affidavit on the Tongue river route attracted his attention.

The Charges Against the Government Architect.

WASHINGTON, March 16th.—Assistant Secretary of the Treasury French has furnished for publication a statement in regard to the charges against Supervising Architect Hill. He denies all knowledge of any charges. This is a mere quibble, as the statement made was that charges had been prepared for the consideration of Secretary Folger.

Permanent Injunction.

NEW YORK, March 16th.—Michael B. Leavitt, of San Francisco, who endeavored to obtain from Harrigan the right to produce "Squatter Sovereignty" in California and failed, undertook to produce the play without consent and was enjoined, was to-day permanently enjoined by order of Judge Donohue.

Flood and Fire.

HELENA (Ark.), March 16th.—The overflow has begun pouring out.

There was a big fire back in the country on the Mississippi side last night. The flames could be seen here. There is a building full of negro refugees and in ten feet of water in that direction, and some anxiety is felt for their fate. Parties have been dispatched to inquire.

Destruction by Fire.

ALBANY, March 16th.—At half-past 3 this morning fire broke out within the Delavan House. Most of the guests fled from the building, panic-stricken and half-clad. The damage was nominal.

PORTLAND (Me.), March 16th.—A shoe-finding manufactory, owned by Charles E. Morrill, was burned this morning. Loss, $40,000; insurance, $30,000.

PROVIDENCE, March 16th.—The Sumner Hotel at Rocky Point was partially burned this morning. The loss is covered by insurance, which is $100,000.

TEXARKANA (Ark.), March 16th.—A compress and 800 bales of cotton were burned here to-day.

HELENA (Ark.), March 16th.—John Powell's gin house, on the Mississippi side, opposite here, was burned last night. It was filled with negro refugees, who barely escaped with their lives in the overflow. A child was drowned in the excitement that followed the stampede from the burning building.

WILMINGTON (Ind.), March 16th.—A fire this morning burned seven business houses. Loss, $75,000; partly insured.

Insurance Companies in Court.

NEW HAVEN, March 16th.—Thirty insurance companies, refusing to pay losses on the dry goods store of Edward Malley, burned in February, 1882, were brought into Court to-day. Malley placed his loss at $200,000. The insurance was $140,000. Malley is the father of one of the defendants and uncle of the other in the Jennie Cramer murder trial.

Funerals of Executed Criminals.

HARTFORD, March 16th.—The House has passed a bill placing the funerals of executed criminals under the control of the Sheriff.

Damages for Being Bounced.

NEW YORK, March 16th.—The jury in the case of Mathew N. Neville, who sued the proprietor of the Fif