

ALONG THE PACIFIC COAST.

A Fresno Woman's Experience With a Prowling Burglar.

DONATION DAY IN GRASS VALLEY.

The Salvation Army Sent to the Petaluma Jail-Suicide of a Girl--Etc.

(SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.)

RAIN AND SUNSHINE.

Weather Reports From All Parts of the State.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 20th.--Rain continued to pour down here steadily last evening, but in the night there was a clearing, and to-day a north wind and sun came out, and the predictions of a general clear-up. Slight washouts in the Siskiyou mountains and a landslide on the narrow-gauge track, near Felton, are reported. The continued rain and mud on the streets and the un-navigable thoroughfares of suburban towns in a bad condition, but only a few days of sunshine are needed to put them in order.

GEORGETOWN, December 20th.--The heaviest rain of the season fell here during the past twenty-four hours. The fall amounted to nearly five inches; for the week, 4.89; for December, 17.94, and for the season to date, 38.09 inches. This exceeds the whole of last season's rainfall.

GRASS VALLEY, December 20th.--During the rain yesterday and last night 1.75 inches of rain fell, making 32.25 inches for the season. The total rainfall for last season was 37 inches.

MARYSVILLE, December 20th.--The Yuba river has risen over three feet since yesterday and is still rising, but not high. The Feather is slowly rising and also the flood water in the Sutter tube basin.

REDDING, December 20th.--The rain ceased suddenly at 8 o'clock last night. This morning the sun is shining brightly. LATER, December 20th.--The rainfall for the last twenty-four hours was 4.6 of an inch. The season's rainfall to date is 10.23, against 3.12 inches to the same date last year. It is still cloudy, with indications for more rain.

SAN MATEO, December 20th.--The rainfall for the twenty-four hours ending at 7 A. M. to-day was .92 of an inch, and for the season 18.86 inches.

SANTA ROSA, December 20th.--The rainfall for the season is 22 inches. To-night it is clear and cold.

SONOMA, December 20th.--The weather to-day is warm and pleasant. Rain ceased to fall early last evening.

MERCED, December 20th.--The rainfall for the past twenty-four hours was 3.0 of an inch, and for the season 8.20 inches. The weather is now clear and the wind northwest. The temperature is 55°.

OREGON.

Portland Republicans Pleased with the Federal Appointments.

PORTLAND (Or.), December 20th.--The Presidential appointments to the Oregon Federal offices give very general satisfaction.

ALLEGED ROBBERY ACQUITTED.

The trial of Sam Walker and James Doble before Judge Colver has continued for the greater part of three days, was brought to an end this afternoon, the jury returning a verdict of not guilty, owing to the insufficiency of evidence to convict and because the prisoners proved strong alibis. They were charged with having robbed the stage between Roseburg and Bonanza in July last.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Yesterday John Howe, employed on a freight train, met with a fatal accident. Howe was reaching out for a package for a passing train when he tripped, falling between the cars, fracturing his skull and breaking his right arm.

FIRST CHINOOK SALMON.

A fisherman brought to the city yesterday the first chinook salmon of the season. It was a large specimen, weighing 10 pounds, and weighed thirty pounds. He exchanged it for six big dollars, and it graded a table at the Arlington Club. This is the earliest arrival of chinook salmon ever known, and is in connection with the arrival of smelt a day or two since, causes weather sharps to think the winter is over sure.

GORED BY A BULL.

News is received of the shocking death of W. E. Fields, a farmer of Washington, at his home near Watsburg. While on his farm he was attacked by an enraged bull and gored to death. He was Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Columbia county and highly respected.

SMUGGLER CAPTURED.

Collector of Customs Abrahams has had his force on the ground several days for a shipment of opium which he was informed was on the way to this city from Victoria. Yesterday Inspector Porter saw a man carrying two boxes out from the Mersey dock and putting them in a buggy. When he went to examine them the driver said they contained coal oil, and whipped up his horse to get away. He was arrested and the boxes were found to contain opium. A further search discovered a lot of opium in a large at the wharf. Altogether, 539 lbs. were secured. The man arrested gave the name of John Cosgrove, and said he was a bartender, and claimed he was sent for oil by a man whose name he did not know. This is the most important seizure made here in some time.

FRESNO FLICKERS.

A Murderous Tramp--A Woman Frightened by a Burglar.

FRESNO, December 20th.--This morning Mr. Spinsky, a contractor, went to his barn and found a tramp lying on the hay, and ordered him to get up, when the tramp assaulted him with a beer bottle, breaking it to pieces over Spinsky's head. His scalp is badly cut and also his right wrist. The tramp was arrested later on.

Mrs. Harold, the wife of the carpenter now working at Porterville, was awakened last night by a noise at her window. Being in the house alone with an infant six months old she was much frightened and called out, "Who's there." A man replied, "Don't get scared, but I'm going to get in the house."

She jumped out of bed, grabbed her child, escaped into the street by the front door and ran barefooted through the mud and water-ank-deep, carrying her child, to the street barn an eighth of a mile away. The burglar, doubtless a man with worse intentions, made good his escape.

Mr. Craig, of Brown, Craig & Co. of San Francisco, is in Fresno to-day making arrangements to plant 400 acres in vineyard this season. He represents a San Francisco syndicate.

ALL HONOR TO MRS. HASON.

Donation Day and Its Result in Grass Valley.

GRASS VALLEY, December 20th.--The public schools closed to-day for the holiday vacation. This morning "Donation Day" observance was in order. Each pupil took to school a stick of wood or some potatoes, in numerous instances. A procession was formed, and many business men and clerks fell in line, the Salvation Army band in the lead. Wood, potatoes, sacks of flour, groceries, and other articles, were piled in the street through the principal streets to the High School building, where the contributions were deposited. The

donations consisted of eight dollars in cash, twenty sacks of potatoes, five cords of wood, boxes of dry goods and shoes, seventy-five pounds of best quality groceries, valued at \$150. The Ladies' Relief Society took charge, and will distribute the articles to the poor and needy. "Donation Day" was proposed by Mrs. H. Hason, an invalid, and has been observed for several years. Two-thirds of the groceries were contributed by Clinch & Co.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Young Collins is Acquitted but Receives a Good Lecture.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 20th.--The jury trying August F. Collins for the murder of seaman Andrew Aagaard yesterday afternoon rendered a verdict of not guilty. After the verdict had been rendered, Judge Murphy expressed his belief to the jury that Collins, who is but nineteen years old, had some connection with the crime, and gave the youth fatherly advice as to his future course of action.

LABOR LEGACY PAID.

Robert C. Johnson, the San Francisco merchant who died in Paris, France, in March last, leaving an estate appraised at nearly two million dollars, left among others, the sum of \$50,000 to Mrs. Laura H. Blake, the wife of Dr. Charles H. Blake. Judge Coffey today made an order directing the legacy to be paid in full at once.

DEFENDING THE GOVERNMENT.

An Sing, a Chinese peddler of cigars, was turned over to United States Marshal Frank To-day by the police for having a quantity of counterfeit cigars in his possession. The Chinaman was arrested some days ago and has been confined in the City Prison.

STEAMER PURCHASED.

The Pacific Company has bought the steamer Barracouta, which formerly plied on the Atlantic Coast. She will be employed in the trade between Panama and Central American ports, but will not come here.

SUPPOSED HIGHWAYMAN ARRESTED.

A man supposed to be the stage robber who has been operating in the northern part of the State for some time past, was arrested in this city to-day in the police station. He is being held in a special room in a sensational case which was on trial. He was induced to visit the Court by Bailiff Ryan, who suspected him of being the man wanted by "one highwayman" for the last twenty-four hours was 4.6 of an inch. The season's rainfall to date is 10.23, against 3.12 inches to the same date last year. It is still cloudy, with indications for more rain.

TAX COLLECTIONS.

Up to date the Tax Collector has received three out of the five million dollars of taxes due. To-day the Southern Pacific sent in a check for \$330,689, and the Hibernia Bank for \$239,632. These were the first checks ever presented to a Tax Collector.

THE GOLDEN GATE CLUB.

At the Golden Gate Club this evening the ten-round go between George Mulholland and John Griffin (light-weights) was a close contest. LaBlanche, the referee, ordered three extra rounds and gave a very unsatisfactory decision in favor of the challenger.

THE PRINCIPAL EVENT WAS THE FINISH CONTEST FOR A \$600 PURSE, WITH SMALL GOALS BETWEEN TOM MCCARTHY AND JOE CONNOLLY--

McCarty got the lead in the first round, but was overtaken by Connolly in the second round. Connolly was somewhat taller, but slightly built. It was a one-sided affair, Connolly not being in it all. McCarty got the lead in the third round, but in the fourth, bringing him to the wind, where he remained until the referee, Ed. Homan, counted him out.

TACOMA TATTLE.

The Reported Loss of the Steamer City of Kingston Not Credited.

TACOMA (Wash.), December 20th.--The reported loss of the City of Kingston is not believed by the Northern Pacific officials in this city. The steamer was spoken off Cape Hatteras by the Spanish steamer, but after that time her course lies entirely out of the line of coast steamers, and no word was expected. She was put in at Rio Hato, and as she needed coal, it is believed not, as she is long past due there it is taken for granted she did not need coal. She is due here towards the end of January. At the present time the trip should be about half completed, which would bring her not far either way from the Straits of Magellan, her extreme southern point.

SCHOONER AROUND.

About dark to-night the new five mast schooner Lewis went ashore just outside the Gig Harbor. She is coal laden. Her bow was hard on, but her stern is in four fathoms of water and she is in an easy position. As to-day's tide was very high it will take a strong pull to get her ashore. The position was very heavy, and the fact of being heavily laden is in no danger of anything further.

HEARTH FAILURE.

Sonoma County Loses One of Its Most Prominent Citizens.

SONOMA, December 20th.--Captain J. H. Dring, who died last night, had been ill for some time past the Captain, whose family has been living alone in his ranch, and it is supposed that after resting last night he was seized with an attack of heart disease, and died without a struggle.

He was one of the leading viticulturists of this State, and one of the most liberal and enterprising citizens of Sonoma valley. He was an ex-English army officer, a highly educated gentleman, and numbers among his relatives in England some of its most wealthy and influential people. Captain Dring died at the time his family was 38 years of age. His death is a great public loss.

THE Los Angeles Diamond.

LOS ANGELES, December 20th.--The Athletic Club was completed to-day and opened for business. The grounds enclosed comprise an area six hundred by one thousand feet. The grand stand contains a private box for the press and a number of individual boxes. The seating capacity of the stand and bleaching boards is 3,500. No liquor is allowed in or near the park.

Captain Comisky arrived with the St. Louis Brown from El Paso via the Southern Pacific, early yesterday morning. At 2 this afternoon they opened the park in a game with a home team.

Previous to calling the game ex-Mayor W. H. Workman delivered a dedicatory address, in well-chosen and appropriate remarks, cautioning the management against permitting any aliphonism or fake game. The grounds were new and heavy, and the game was devoid of many special features.

Death Preferred to Poverty.

LOS ANGELES, December 20th.--Lucy Taylor, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Professor Richard Weller, succumbed this morning by swallowing an ounce and a half of chloroform. Her father is a Frenchman, and was once one of the editors of the Paris *Je Temps* and quite wealthy. He lost his fortune and came to this city, where he lost still more and was trying to live by language teaching.

She was dependent over their reduction from wealth to poverty that she took her life. She was beautiful and highly educated.

The Idaho Adrift.

VICTORIA (B. C.), December 20th.--Last night the big tide, increased by a heavy gale, floated the Idaho off the reef. The steamer *Idaho*, which was bound to attempt to take her to town. The last seen of her was drifting in the direction of Port Townsend.

Salvation Army in Prison.

Petaluma, December 20th.--Judge Casanagh sentenced the refractory Salvation-

ists to an imprisonment of twenty days or the alternative of a \$40 fine. They refused to pay the fine, and will make a \$40 fine. Brigadier Halpin is on the ground, and doing all in his power to assist the captive soldiers. Application was made to-day for a writ of habeas corpus, returnable before Superior Court Judge Priestley at Santa Rosa, where it will be argued.

Leg Badly Crushed.

LATHROP, December 20th.--At 3:30 this morning John Reagen, a shoemaker by trade, from Alameda county, fell under his car and had his left leg badly crushed. Reagen was sleeping in a box car, and when the engine coupled on to the cars the supposition is that through excitement he went to jump out of the car and missed his footing. He was about 60 years old. He was taken to Stockton for medical attention.

Pacific Methodist College.

SANTA ROSA, December 20th.--The Board of Trustees of the Pacific Methodist College, consisting of C. P. Broek of Sutter, D. M. Henshaw of Yolo, Rev. M. McKnight of Placer, T. J. Broek and Rev. T. H. B. Anderson of this city, has been in session here for the past two days discussing educational interests. The Board reports the institution to be in a good condition.

Go-as-you-Please.

HEALING (Olay) pieces for the aid were a thirty-hour go-as-you-please walking match began in this city to-day at 12 o'clock. The entries are four professionals, as follows: P. Guerin of San Francisco, James Davis of St. Helena, Keith of San Jose and Ozcriz of San Francisco.

NO PARTISANSHIP.

A Woman's Christian Temperance Union Movement.

CLEVELAND (Ohio) December 20th.--The Provisional Committee of the Non-Partisan Woman's Christian Temperance Union to-day issued an address to the public.

The trouble between the members and the leaders of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union, which culminated at the last Convention in the withdrawal of delegates opposed to an alliance with the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was discussed at length. The document says:

Harmony seemed impossible. A redress of grievances was denied. Only one resource was left, and that was to form a new organization, for the following reasons:

First--We believe the political policy of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union is in principle, contrary to the letter and spirit of the constitution, illegal in its character, and inconsistent with the principles and expediency of the cause of temperance.

Second--We believe the work of Christian temperance stands above and beyond the lines of party or faction, and to become the leader of the National Convention in pleading our influence to any party. We must be free to call on the best men for aid, and we must have help to make our work for the nation, so far as that influence is the side of God and humanity, irrespective of party lines.

Third--An increasingly large number of women, who have contributed money, influence and years of hard, self-denying labor to build up the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, feel that their usefulness is crippled and their consistency questioned by the equivocal policy of the National Convention, which in allegiance to and bold champions of the Union, while at the same time it denies partisanship.

Fourth--The refusal of the National Union by an unrepresentative minority to amend the constitution to make it imperative for honest non-partisan women to lead the world-wide work of temperance, by longer remain in this anomalous position, by being committed to a resolution and so-called "loyalty" to a party, which is in violation of the National Convention while disavowing the same in the future.

Fifth--A demand is also growing for a National Temperance society less complex in the aims and more simple in its organized capacity for service, than the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which is a party to the present policy, emphasizes the propriety of forming an organization.

Sixth--The increasing impossibility of working harmoniously with the National Convention, through which we have made a sacrifice of honest convictions and self-respect, or the alternative of leaving the work altogether, and so-called "loyalty" to a party, which is in violation of the National Convention while disavowing the same in the future.

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EAST OF THE ROCKIES.

No News as Yet Received From the Steamer City of Kingston.

CHECKS PLACED UPON LEPROSY.

Story of Don Pedro and Pope Plus IX.--Illinois Desperado--Row in Kansas City.

(SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.)

MONTANA LEGISLATURE.

Both Houses are Organized and Ready for Business.

HELENA (Mont.), December 20th.--This is the twenty-eighth day in the Legislature and both houses are at last organized and ready for business. The House has been long organized and has transacted some business and passed one bill. The members in the House show a praiseworthy ambition to do work.

The Senate, on the other hand, has been long organized and has transacted some business and passed one bill. The members in the Senate show a praiseworthy ambition to do work.

The House resolution protesting against the Northern Pacific road acquiring titles to mineral lands in Montana, and asking Congress to take steps so as to prevent the issue of patents to such land to the railroad company, was ordered printed.

A bill to prevent private trading in the Brooklyn bridge was passed by a unanimous vote.

ENVELOPED IN FOG.

New York Has a Genuine Scotch Mist, Suggestive of Pneumonia.

NEW YORK, December 20th.--New York is enveloped in one of the most disagreeable fog to-day the city has seen in many years. The atmosphere is thick, mist, cold, clammy, and suggestive of pneumonia. During the day the city has been in twilight haze, and to-night the fog is thicker than ever.

The elevated trains are running far behind time, while the entrance to and exit from the city is a matter of great difficulty. The Brooklyn bridge trains were at times badly mixed up, and the passengers got one or two frights.

Fortunately no accidents of a serious nature are reported, and beyond the collision between the two ferryboats in North river this afternoon, which resulted in the death of a passenger, no more damage was done than the detriment to travel. Late to-night the fog is lifting.

LATER--The travel was at its height on the Brooklyn bridge to-night a broken coupling caused a collision near the Brooklyn terminus. A conductor of the Cooling train received severe injuries, the passengers became panic-stricken and several ladies fainted.

CONSOLIDATION.

Of the Union Pacific, Denver and Gulf.

BOSTON, December 20th.--The terms of the consolidation of the Union Pacific and Colorado lines with the Denver, Texas and Fort Worth Railroad, as yesterday agreed upon by the votes of the Union Pacific stockholders, are as follows:

That certain branch companies of the Union Pacific, namely, the Colorado Central, Denver and Middle Park, Denver and North Platte, Denver and Cheyenne, Denver and Leadville, Greeley, Salt Lake and Pacific, and the Cheyenne and Northern Company, an aggregate of 595 miles of road, are to be sold to the Denver, Texas and Fort Worth Railroad, extending from Denver, Col., to Fort Worth, Texas, 775 miles of the main line and its branches and 105 miles of the main line and branches leased.

The new company is to be known as the Union Pacific, Denver and Gulf Railroad, to be organized under the laws of the State of Colorado, and to have a capital stock of \$25,000,000 and a mortgage bond indebtedness not exceeding \$25,000,000 per mile.

Such new bonds as may be issued will rank as to priority with the existing bonds of the Denver, Texas and Fort Worth stock, and the holders of the Denver, Texas and Fort Worth system bonds will receive bond for bond of the consolidated company in exchange for the present mortgage bonds.

The amount of stock per mile outstanding when the consolidation is executed will be \$20,494, and the amount of mortgage bonds \$20,911 per mile. The new company's lines will be divided into two classes, the Denver, Texas and Fort Worth system, and the Union Pacific will hold control of its share of the capital.

TRAIN ROBBERIES.

An Express Car Robbed and a Man Killed by Texas Outlaws.

TEMPLE (Tex.), December 20th.--The west-bound passenger train on the San Antonio branch of the Santa Fe was held up this morning at Bangs Station, 132 miles west, while the train was standing at the station. The train-guard, Al Wolf, was taken to a public building in the town, where he was held by four men, who drew pistols and ordered him to throw up his hands.

Brakeman Penn snatched the guard's pistol and fired the pistol, mortally wounding Penn. Then they compelled the guard to uncouple the express car from the next coach and ordered the engineer to run the train. The express car was robbed, only about \$42 was obtained by the robbers. Pursuit is being made.

CHECKS TO LEPROSY.

Great Interest in the Subject Shown in England and America.

NEW YORK, December 20th.--On January 13th the Prince of Wales is to preside at a meeting of notable physicians and other men of prominence, held in London for stimulating contributions to a fund for the alleviation of leprosy and the protection of the public against it.

Meanwhile two leading English reviews take up the subject in the *Nineteenth Century*. Sir Morell Mackenzie writes on "The Dreadful Ravages of Leprosy," and Dr. Robson Ross, in the *Fortnightly*, on "Leprosy and Leprosy in Norway." Both of them agree substantially with the conclusion reached by Dr. Prince A. Morrow, a specialist of this city on skin diseases, in a paper read before the New York Academy of Medicine last June, describing his observations of leprosy in the Sandwich Islands, Mexico and this country.

Mr. Morrow's conclusions are that the

disease is distinctly and undeniably contagious, that civilized countries are as liable to it as the uncivilized, and are not protected by the enforcement of rigorous measures for the isolation of lepers.

THE DETROIT HORROR.

Another Little Girl Will Likely Die of Her Injuries.

DETROIT, December 20th.--Another victim of the "killer" steamer the school last evening by the death of Berna Moody, aged 14. Nellie Thatcher, aged 14, was terribly burned from the waist up. Her legs for recovery are slight. Lucy Hershaw was badly burned about the neck and arms. Her recovery is doubtful. Edna Fonda, aged 13, was frightfully burned about the head and face. There are no hopes for her recovery. Georgia Horner was badly burned on the back and abdomen; no hopes of her recovery. Nellie Westgate was badly burned about the upper portion of the body. Her injuries are thought to be fatal. Edith Wheeler, aged 17; Edna Holland, aged 13, and Bessie Bamford, aged 14, were all seriously burned.

There are hopes for their recovery. Those slightly burned are seven in number, but their conditions are not such as to cause great anxiety.

ALIEN CONTRACT LABOR.

A Case of Interest to the Labor Classes.

WASHINGTON, December 20th.--Secretary Windom, assisted by Attorney General Miller and several Treasury officials, gave a hearing yesterday in the celebrated Glass-block case. This evening the Senate and the House of Representatives held a local assembly of the Knights of Labor for twenty-five glass-blowers, and as the assembly had no idle members, they brought the matter before an assembly in England. The question was at once raised that this was a violation of the Alien Contract law, and the Treasury officials sustained that contention. The firm and the Knights of Labor officials appealed, and just as the hearing was to commence, the members of the assembly in England, who were present by proxy, were notified that the hearing was postponed to a later date.

DOM PEDRO.

He Failed to Reconcile the Pope and Victor Emmanuel.

NEW YORK, December 20th.--Since Don Pedro has been deposed this story has become public. When he was in Rome in 1871 he conceived the idea of reconciling the Pope and Victor Emmanuel. He was entering the Quirinal at 7 o'clock in the morning he found the servants sweeping and dusting. They took him for an insane man, and he was taken to the Quirinal. The Pope, the latter received him and Don Pedro said: "Most holy father, I have come to reconcile you with Victor Emmanuel. He is ready to receive you and I beg your Holiness to receive him in order to put an end to the present disagreement."

Don Pedro intimated to the Emperor that he should busy himself with Brazil and leave to the Quirinal people the task of finding out a way to an amicable arrangement. Don Pedro was arrested and imprisoned, and he said so to the Pope. Since then access to the Vatican ante-chambers has been most difficult.

REORGANIZING THE PENSION BUREAU.

WASHINGTON, December 20th.--Commissioner Ramo to-day issued an order abolishing the Pension Bureau, and transferring the Bureau, and distributing the five adjudicating divisions. Of the officers, six of whom are present, will be assigned to the duty of a Board of Review, as a committee to which all the more important and difficult questions will be referred for decision. The Board of Review will consist of the Commissioner, two to eight members. The remaining thirty-four Reviewers, together with the four special examiners recently recalled from field work, will be distributed among the adjudicating divisions, thus increasing their effective working force by seventy-four men.

All of the divisions of the office are to be on a corrected and simplified basis, with a view to increasing to its utmost the adjudicating capacity of the Bureau.

PLEASED WITH CALIFORNIA.

CHICAGO, December 20th.--President Mabel returned from California very pleased with the condition of the road and with the country, especially so California. He denies that the road has cut off editorial and employes' passes.

HONORING ANDREW JACKSON.