

RAINS AND FLOODS.

High Waters Throughout Mississippi and Tennessee.

UNPRECEDENTED RISE IN THE CUMBERLAND RIVER.

Two Thousand People Driven From Their Homes in Nashville and Much Damage Done to Property—The Town of Enterprise, Mississippi, Inundated to a Large Extent.

Special to the Record-Union.

NEW ORLEANS, March 9.—A Pityneque Pickens (Miss.) special says: We have been isolated since last Saturday, when the last train passed north. The continued rains since Thursday night have raised the water in the Big Black River higher than ever known, and it is still rising rapidly. The Illinois Central Railroad track is flooded three feet from the bed and deposited in a high for miles below and above here, and the embankment is swept away. Incalculable damage has been done by the water.

A cyclone passed over this place Saturday morning without doing any damage, dropping over into Madison County, where it caused destruction of life and property. Passing from there into Atchafalaya, near Newport, several houses were blown down and several negroes killed.

A Pityneque Quilman (Miss.) special says: The almost unprecedented rainfall in this section this week has caused a general freshet and cessation of traffic on railroads. The town of Enterprise is inundated to a large extent, and the water flowing through the streets with the velocity of a river, and in many instances coming into the stores. The flood has no parallel save the memorable year of 1871.

EVERY STREAM OVER ITS BANKS.

YAZOO CITY (Miss.), March 9.—Reports from different parts of the county, received to-day, indicate that Friday and Saturday's heavy rain had proved disastrous to houses, out-buildings and bridges. Every stream is over the banks.

SURROUNDED BY WATER.

COLUMBUS (Miss.), March 9.—This city is now entirely surrounded by water. The lowlands on the east side are under for some distance and there has been considerable loss of cattle. Many people have abandoned their homes and come here. The waters are still rising. There are indications of a heavy frost to-night, which will greatly injure the fruits and early vegetables. The water has risen from several points along the Tombigbee River, which is coming up rapidly.

MOST DESTRUCTIVE EVER KNOWN.

OKOLONA (Miss.), March 9.—Reports received by the Record-Union from throughout the country by the mail, Saturday and Sunday. Many bridges and turpines are washed away and railroads damaged.

At Lexington, Miss., the storm was the most destructive ever known. Farming operations are entirely suspended, and the land is badly eroded, delaying planting two or three weeks.

A terrific storm passed within three miles of Brandon last night, carrying destruction in its wake. Every house on Senator Donald's place was blown away, and he and his wife were seriously injured. The house of David Wilson was also blown away, and his wife and children were painfully injured. They had to remain out in the storm all night.

DISASTROUS CLOUDBURST.

MERTLAND (Miss.), March 9.—The cloudburst of Saturday night did considerable damage to all railroads entering the city, and traffic is suspended.

FRUIT CROPS RUINED.

NEW ORLEANS, March 9.—The freeze on the 29th of February did considerable damage to prospective fruit crops in this State. On Saturday afternoon hail fell, and on Saturday night rain fell in torrents for hours, blowing down the peach blossoms, and very few peaches, if any, will be produced this season.

PEOPLE DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES.

NASHVILLE, March 9.—The phenomenal rise in the river, and the accompanying high water, has driven many people from their homes. Goods in warehouses and cellars have suffered much damage. The river is a vast, angry torrent, spreading over the lowlands, nearly all the lumber yards are overflowed. At police headquarters many inquiries for shelter were made. Reports from all points on the river show it is rising rapidly, and the fullness of the Ohio and Mississippi will prevent the Cumberland from running down as rapidly as it otherwise would.

VERY HEAVY RAINS.

KNOXVILLE (Tenn.), March 9.—Very heavy rains prevailed throughout this section yesterday night, and in many places streams are out of their beds. A young old colored girl was drowned this morning by falling into a raging creek. A colored man named Hunter was drowned yesterday.

THE DANGER LINE REACHED.

CHATTANOOGA (Tenn.), March 9.—The Tennessee River has reached the danger line and is rising three inches an hour. Experienced river men predict it will overflow much of the city in the low-lying places, cut off several of the railroads, and suspend the operation of several manufacturing plants. The rainfall here for thirty-six hours was 3.25 inches. The rain extends up the river, and in East Tennessee generally. The indications for more showers are very promising.

SNOW-STORMS.

CHICAGO, March 9.—Dispatches from numerous points throughout Minnesota, Northern Iowa, Central Illinois, Southern Wisconsin and Eastern Nebraska report that the severest snow-storm of the winter raged all day Sunday. Trains are running behind, and in many places none are moving. Travel on the wagon roads at numerous points is wholly suspended, and in cities street-car traffic is more or less deranged. Several storms are reported in various points in Texas. Snow and sleet have fallen, and it is feared the fruit trees are badly damaged.

WORST OF THE SEASON.

ASHLAND (Wis.), March 9.—Yesterday's blizzard was the worst of the season. It is reported that two settlers on the newly opened land section have perished in the storm.

DENSE FOG.

NEW YORK, March 9.—This afternoon a dense fog hastened twilight in this city. The river and bay are shrouded in an impenetrable mist. Similar reports are coming from along the coast. At Baltimore all navigation is stopped, and at Cape Henry not a vessel has passed in or out to-day.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Catholics Exhorted to Shun Secret Societies.

PRINCE JEROME NAPOLEON SINKING RAPIDLY.

The Russian Ambassador to Paris Blamed for the Treatment Received by Empress Frederick While Visiting the Parisian Capital—A Lion-Keeper Horribly Lacerated by a Rebellious Animal at Paris.

Special to the Record-Union.

DUBLIN, March 9.—Bishop Woodlock, of Argyle and Clomachnois, who has been preaching at Athlone, exhorted his hearers to shun secret societies, as an immediate attempt was being made to entangle the young men in a renewal of the plot which had been the cause of the death of the late Emperor of Ireland. He was grieved to have to state that certain Catholics of his diocese had broken into a meeting-house while services were being held, and had not only insulted the minister but also committed an assault upon him.

The Bishop of Cork denounces the promoters of the proposed Parnellite meeting to be held in Cork on St. Patrick's Day. He says he will not administer to the needs of the souls of his people unless they protest against the desecration of the holiday, as a demonstration would be an insult to the great apostle of Ireland.

EMPEROR FREDERICK'S VISIT.

The Russian Ambassador Blamed for All the Trouble.

PARIS, March 9.—Diplomats and politicians are still discussing the recent visit of Emperor Frederick to Paris. Count von Munster, German Ambassador, attributes the moral check sustained by the Emperor to the influence of Baron de Moprenheim, the Russian Ambassador at Paris, when the Count irreverently designated as "a monkey" the count von Munster's supposition is believed to be true. In addition, the German Emperor's officials continue to criticize Emperor Frederick when she was in Paris, and it is stated hereafter all arrangements will be made before hand should the Emperor visit the French capital.

THE PASSPORT DECREE.

LONDON, March 9.—A Times Berlin correspondent makes a long statement claiming to represent Emperor Williams' reasons for his passport decree. The correspondent repeats the idea that the Emperor was misinformed as to the state of affairs brought about by his mother's sojourn in Paris.

The correspondent says: "The courtesy he (the Emperor) sought to establish was merely that of combats politely bowing before crossing swords. He never had any intention of reconciliation, but from the moment his action was interpreted as a sign of weakness by a handful of howling dervishes who succeeded in making the Emperor's name look for the moment like a temporary rampart, behind which he can safely await a better day when the opinion of the French people will be expressed by their votes at the polls. Then, when the French people have recovered their independence of spirit, will the barriers be again lowered."

IRISH TROUBLES.

Comment Upon the Characters of Parnell's Embassadors to America.

LONDON, March 9.—The Times to-day comments upon the character of the Parnell emissaries to the United States, saying that James O'Kelly is an ex-Parnell and later an agent of the Parnell-Gaillard party. John O'Connor is a classed as a man whom John Devoy brought from the rat holes of conspiracy. John E. Redmond is dubbed as an avowed adherent of the "Harp without the Crown."

THE HEARSE FUNERAL TRAIN.

COUNCIL BLUFFS (Iowa), March 9.—The funeral train bearing the remains of the late Senator George Hearst of California stopped a few moments at Carroll, Mo., where the people, headed by their State Senator, and accompanied by a band of music, assembled at the depot to pay respect to the remains of the dead. A funeral dirge was played, after which the Mayor and committee presented the widow with some floral offerings, extended their sympathies and expressed their deep regret at the loss of Senator Hearst.

Regular Pitched Battle.

LOUISVILLE, March 9.—A regular pitched battle was fought by a number of desperate men at a place called "Health's Half-acre," in Virginia, near the Cumberland Gap, last evening. Hugh Johnson was killed, Garrett Southern and Moss Gibson fatally shot, and two others seriously wounded. The first two were arrested last October on suspicion of being the men who shot young Morris Wilk, a prominent States agent, by whom revenge against those who were witnesses against them.

Residence for Mrs. Windom.

NEW YORK, March 9.—One of the gentlemen connected with the movement among the personal friends of the late Secretary Windom to make some expression of his family of the high esteem in which they held him, has been contemplating has been realized, and it is probable that it will be invested in a suitable residence at Washington, if the funds of the late Secretary are not exhausted by their intention.

Maine Municipal Elections.

BANGOR (Me.), March 9.—Joseph F. Snow (Dem.) was elected Mayor to-day at Belfast. Hon. W. P. Thompson, late Democratic nominee for Governor, was elected Mayor of Bangor.

ATOTUSA (Me.), March 9.—J. W. Chase (Rep.) was elected Mayor. The remainder of the Republican ticket was also successful.

Visible Supply of Grain.

NEW YORK, March 9.—The visible supply of grain, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange, is as follows: Wheat, 23,192,000 bushels, a decrease of 39,000; corn, 2,433,000 bushels, a decrease of 188,000; oats, 2,875,000 bushels, a decrease of 73,000; barley, 2,178,000 bushels, a decrease of 27,000.

Anxiety Felt for a Schooner.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Anxiety is felt concerning the four-masted schooner William Neely, which has not been heard from since the 6th inst., when she collided with the schooner Gregory, both being badly damaged. It is feared she has gone down.

Personal Mention.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—General Vandover and family leave for home via New Orleans to-morrow evening.

Representative and Mrs. Morrow Leave the City with their Family on Saturday for the West, after stopping at several places of interest on the way. They will go to Southern California in their own home, before spending the summer in their own home. Early in the autumn Representative Morrow will be married to Miss Henkle of California.

A Husband Forcibly Abducts His Wife and Barricades the House.

LONDON, March 9.—There is a peculiar case at Clitheroe, near Manchester. Three years ago one Jackson married a Miss Hall, but soon left her, going to Australia. Shortly after Mrs. Jackson came into possession of a fortune of

TERRIBLE BILZARD.

LONDON, March 9.—A terrible blizzard prevails throughout the southwest portion of England. The storm is the severest on record in that part of the country. Very small vessels were wrecked off the coast. Loss of life and stock are also reported heavy.

The Storm has been raging in Scotland and on the north of England for a week past, but not until yesterday did it come in the south of England. All last night it raged with fury. The channel steers had a very rough time and the Dover mail boat came near going down.

Prince Jerome Napoleon.

ROME, March 9.—The physicians in attendance upon Prince Jerome Napoleon have announced that both the Prince's lungs are in a congested state, and that the illness is only the question of a few days. The Prince refuses the repeatedly proffered consolation and administration of the sacrament from the priests, who have been admitted to his room.

LATER—Prince Jerome Napoleon is sinking rapidly. He is unable to eat and the members of the royal family are at the bedside.

Sir Charles Dilke.

LONDON, March 9.—A meeting of the Liberals to-day, Sir Charles Dilke said he was confident that he would be able to clear his character and return once more to political life. He could not definitely say whether he would return to the Liberal ranks, but he would be glad to do so if the party were to be reformed.

Troops for Cuba.

PARIS, March 9.—A dispatch to Temps from Madrid says: The Spanish Government is about to dispatch 6,570 troops to Cuba in accordance with the increasing political agitation on the island. The Spanish press protests against Americans encouraging the Cuban separatists in connection with the proposed treaty of commerce.

British Grain Market.

LONDON, March 9.—The Mark Lane Express says: English wheats are firm, and the best wheat is at a premium. Foreign wheats are better held. Corn is firm, advanced 3d. At to-day's market California wheat reached 40s 6d. Flour is 6d higher.

St. Petersburg Prohibited.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 9.—The Czar has prohibited the sale of the Novoye Vremya, owing to an article ridiculing Prince Parnell, recently sentenced at Warsaw to eight years' penal servitude for abducting his mistress, a Polish actress named Vizerskaya.

The Columbian Exposition.

BERLIN, March 9.—Leading manufacturers from all parts of Germany will be invited to take part in the Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

Betting in France.

PARIS, March 9.—There was a debate in the Chamber of Deputies to-day on the bill for the regulation of betting. The Minister of the Interior, refused to restore the Paris mutuel system.

SENSATIONAL SHOOTING.

DUEL BETWEEN TWO YOUNG MEN IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

One of the Participants Killed and the Other Seriously Wounded.

Special to the Record-Union.

SAN DIEGO, March 9.—The particulars of the killing of William Trimmer by Frank Cota, at El Cajon, are rather sensational. It seems that Trimmer, who was 21 years of age, has been paying attention to Cota's sister, much against the wishes of the entire Cota family.

Young Frank met Trimmer yesterday morning and forbade him having anything more to do with the girl or attempting to carry her off. Trimmer retorted that he would see her as often as he pleased, and so long as she was agreeable. Both men were armed and on horseback, and after considerable more angry talk they both agreed to get down on the ground and settle the matter right there.

This was no sooner agreed to than done, and after trying their horses to the fence they stepped off twenty paces in the road, turned about and commenced emptying their revolvers at each other. After four volleys had been exchanged Trimmer fell dead and Cota had a bullet in his back, which had torn through the right arm and was eventually removed by the surgeons. He was removed to El Cajon and placed in charge of a Constable, and the Coroner telephoned to this city to take charge of the remains of Trimmer and hold an inquest.

ILLINOIS SENATORSHIP.

It Now Looks as Though Palmer Would be Elected.

SPRINGFIELD (Ill.), March 9.—The Senatorial weather wind bobbed about again to-night, and Palmer is once more on top. On Saturday it looked as though Streeter would surely be elected by the Republicans and Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association men, the State Central committee having whipped the four anti-Streeter Republicans into line. Senator Evans, leader of these objectors, however, had a conference Saturday with the leader of the F. M. B. men, telling him that he (Evans) would have to vote for Streeter if the Farmers did not pull him off. He added that Streeter had promised sorts of things to the Republicans if elected.

This angered the Farmers, and Cockrell and Moore say they will throw Streeter overboard to-morrow. It is believed that Streeter will have to vote for Palmer now that the scheme of the anti-Streeter Republicans will prevail, and if it does, Palmer will be elected.

CLEVELAND, March 9.—Albert L. Johnson sold all his interest in baseball to-day, both in Cleveland and Cincinnati, for the National League for \$30,000. It follows, of course, that there will now be a League club in Cincinnati.

ANOTHER HORROR.

A Steamer Reported to have Sunk on Puget Sound.

THE CREW AND TWENTY PASSENGERS THOUGHT TO BE LOST.

Special to the Record-Union.

SEATTLE (Wash.), March 9.—It is rumored here to-night that the steamer Buckeye went down in the Sound, between Edmunds and Apple-tree Cove, with twenty passengers, last night. The rumor cannot be confirmed, as there is no telegraphic communication with Edmunds, and the place cannot be reached to-night.

The story is that the Buckeye, which is a small steamer, went into Edmunds yesterday afternoon, loaded with cabbages and other vegetables. The Captain invited a party to go with him on a trip across the Sound. About twenty, a majority of them ladies, accepted the invitation. The boat had reached the middle of the Sound, about dark, when a storm arose. For an hour there was a heavy fog, and the boat was unable to see the shore. The Captain ordered the boat to be run on the rocks near Edmunds, and reported as saying that he saw a light bobbing on the water for an hour or more and then disappear. The boat did not return to the shore last night, and this morning, near that place, a large number of cabbages and some wreckage could be seen.

The story was confirmed by the steamer Idaho, which touched at Edmunds this morning.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.

Bold Attack on a Watchman of a Street-Car House.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—This morning at 3:30 o'clock the watchman at the Haight street car-house, at the terminus of the road on Stanton street, was busily engaged in the office cleaning the lamps, which is part of his duty, when he was surprised by hearing a knock at the door. He did not open, but called out, asking what was wanted.

A man's voice replied: "We have had an accident. Our carriage is broken and we would like to borrow a monkey wrench to fix it with. There are some ladies in the carriage and they are scared to death."

The watchman's suspicion was aroused, and he refused to open the door. "You are scared, aren't you?" he called out. "I am not," he replied. "I am a policeman, and I am here to protect you. If you are in trouble, call the police."

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HIDDEN TREASURE.

Letter Received in San Francisco Relating to the Matter.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—A dispatch from Pittsburg last night stated that the First National Bank of Pittsburg had received a letter from a Spanish priest telling of a treasure belonging to the late King Alfonso, which was buried in Luzerne County, Pa.

The story bears a remarkable resemblance to a letter received nearly two years ago by a San Francisco gentleman. The letter was dated Laguna, near Valparaiso, Sept. 4, 1888, and was signed M. Del Rio. It told of a prisoner named Frederico Val, who had buried the treasure in the United States. The letter was very vague, and great secrecy was enjoined.

The gentleman answered the letter, and in return received another letter, this time signed by Frederico Val. It stated that he was one of King Alfonso's courtiers, and had been entrusted by him with treasure, consisting of money and jewels, which he had buried in this country. He had been imprisoned and was without money or friends. If the gentleman would kindly forward him a little over \$3000 to pay court expenses, he would send him papers so that the treasure could be found. The gentleman was to receive one-third of his share.

Val also said that the papers were in possession of the Spanish authorities, who did not know their value, and that they could be easily obtained. The gentleman took no further notice of the matter as he thought it was a swindle.

AN ELEVATOR ACCIDENT.

A Chinaman Fatally Injured at the Grand Hotel.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—At 10 o'clock this morning the guests at the Grand Hotel were startled by shrieking cries proceeding from the elevator shaft near the office of the hotel.

Charles Walker was in charge of the elevator at the time, and as soon as he heard the shrieks he became aware that some person was crushed beneath. Instantly he seized the rope, and a sudden pull caused the cage to start upward. By this time a large number of persons had run to the scene, and when the doors were opened Ah Mun, a Chinese servant, was found lying in a crushed state at the bottom of the shaft.

HEALTH OF MARYSVILLE.

Doctors Say There is No More Sickness Than Usual at this Time of Year.

NATIONAL CAPITAL.

No Circuit Judges to be Appointed for Some Time.

PRESIDENT HARRISON OFF ON A PLEASURE TRIP.

The Fourth Monday in April Set Apart by the Supreme Court as the Date for Testing the Constitutionality of the McKinley Act—Secretary Proctor Will Inspect the Military Posts of the Southwest.

Special to the Record-Union.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Private Secretary Halfford stated this morning to your representatives that there would be no extra session of the Senate, and that the President has decided not to appoint the nine new Circuit Judges for some time, probably not before December next.

Secretary Foster has gone to his home in Fostoria, Ohio, for the purpose of arranging his private affairs for a permanent residence at Washington. He will be gone about two weeks, and Assistant Secretary Nelson will act as Secretary during that period.

The Supreme Court to-day advanced and assigned for argument on the fourth Monday in April the cases of Boyd, Sutton & Co. and Sternbach & Co. against the Collector of Customs at New York, brought for the purpose of testing the constitutionality of the McKinley tariff law.

Hon. John H. Smyth, ex-United States Minister to Liberia, has written a letter to President Harrison, urging the appointment of a colored man to represent the negro race at the World's Columbian Exposition, and that a place be made in the Exposition for a display of negro industry, agriculture, handicrafts, arts and scientific achievements, inventive genius and educational developments.

The President left Washington this afternoon for a few days' duck shooting on the Chesapeake Bay near Benzie's Mill. He is accompanied by ex-Senator Sevier of New Jersey.

UNSTAMPED BRANDY.

The Recent Decision Might Have Had With Revenue Securities.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—A few days ago the case against the Fruitvale Fruit and Wine company, of Fresno, for putting unstamped brandy in sweet wines, was decided against the Government. Most of the ground that the company's bonds were dated at Fresno, while the distillery is located three miles from Fresno.

Revenue agent Thomas to-day stated that if this decision was upheld by the Supreme Court it would have with internal revenue securities. Bonds are exacted from brandy distillers and most wine plants in the State. Most of the bonds are dated from some well known town, while the distilleries are located out of town in most cases.

Los Angeles Citrus Fair.

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—The Citrus Fair opens to-morrow night. Everything is rapidly being put in place. Twenty-five Santa Barbara delegates arrived yesterday. General and Mrs. Chapman of Red Bluff, arrived Saturday. This morning the Marysville party arrived, consisting of the largest contingent of the country. The display will far surpass that of former years, and will be the finest citrus fair ever held in the United States.

Accidental Death.

REDWOOD CITY, March 9.—An inquest was held yesterday at Colma on the body of James Inglis, a Scotchman, who was thrown from his wagon and sustained injuries from which he died the previous night. The verdict was accidental death. He left some property, which will go partly to his wife, who left him some years ago, just a few months after the marriage, and partly to four children by a lady from whom Inglis was divorced twenty years ago, if they are found. The children refused to have anything to do with the old man, and their whereabouts are now unknown.

Died of His Injuries.

SEATTLE, March 9.—Herman Larsen, the fireman who was injured last week during a practice drill of the fire-boat Snoqualmie, died this morning at the Providence Hospital. Larsen was holding a nozzle, which swayed to one side, and the powerful stream of water struck him full in the breast and buried him in a state of at least thirty feet, impaling him on the point of the nozzle. Several inches from the dock. The lower portion of his abdomen was torn and lacerated in a frightful manner.

Smith Murder Case.

FRESNO, March 9.—The Smith murder case has been the object of argument all day by distinguished counsel. Three attorneys spoke on each side, and the court, in order to conclude to-day, held an evening session. S. J. Hinds and W. W. Foote addressed the jury this evening, the latter closing for the prosecution. The instructions were read by the court and the case given to the jury at 10:30. No verdict will be reached to-night.

Racing Stock Sold.

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—W. H. Wilson, of Cynthia, Ky., sold to-day at the track here to J. C. Oswald, of Minneapolis, Minn., the four-year-old gelding Green Leaf (four-year-old record 2:22), price \$5,000, and the mare Nellie S. (record 2:43, trial 2:22), by Swigart, out of the dam of Silverball, for \$1,500.

Large Funeral.

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—The funeral of J. W. Robinson, a leading merchant of this city, took place to-day, and was witnessed by the largest ever seen in this city, all the merchants attending in a body.

Grocery Firm Falls.

SEATTLE (Wash.), March 9.—Charles F. Frasch, a grocer, made an assignment to-day for the benefit of his creditors. Liabilities, \$28,000; assets, \$30,000. The failure was caused by losses incurred in the great fire.

An Ex-Army Officer's Death.

TUCSON (A. T.), March 9.—Major Van Vleet, formerly of the Tenth Cavalry, was thrown from a wagon at Hooker's ranch, near here, and died from internal injuries.

Bankers' Convention.

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—The bankers' convention opens Wednesday evening, and from the answers to the invitations sent out it will be very largely attended by bankers from all over the State.

BASEBALL MATTERS.

The Pacific Northwest League Upheld by the Board of Control.

PORTLAND (Or.) March 9.—A meeting of the Pacific Northwest Baseball League was held here to-night, representatives being present from all four league cities. President Bushnell of Tacoma presided. On motion the arrangement of the schedule of games was placed in the hands of a committee.

The officers of the league notified Secretary Young of the National Board of Control to serve a notice on all players reserved by the league to return or suffer the consequences.

The following dispatch was received from Young to-night: "The Pacific Northwest League is right in this matter, and will receive the protection of the Board of Control." The Spalding ball was adopted by the league.

W. H. Lucas, who managed the Tacoma team last year, was blacklisted because of interference in the affairs of the league. The season will open on April 15th and close October 15th.

VICTORIA NOTES.

Large Quantities of Seals Reported Off Cape Flattery.

VICTORIA (B. C.), March 9.—The tug Iona returned to port this morning and reports that the straits and waters off Cape Flattery are again swarming with seal. A large block of old wooden buildings in Chinatown were burned to-day by order of the City Council, to make room for a new public market. It was deemed advisable to get rid of the old buildings in this way, instead of removal, so as to avoid all danger from sickness from the fifth-reeking wood. A large two-story building