

FUNDS OF THE NATION.

Statement From Secretary Foster as to Their Condition.

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

Democratic Members of the House Sub-Committee on Appropriations Adopt Amendments Changing the Pension Law of 1890--Secretary Noble Recommends the Removal of the Indian Agent at the Pine Ridge Agency.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.--Chairman Springer of the Ways and Means Committee received from Secretary Foster of the Treasury a statement, showing the condition of the Treasury, and the estimated condition at the end of the present and the end of the next fiscal year. The statement shows that during the first six months of the present fiscal year the receipts from all sources were \$24,419,215, and expenditures \$22,571,006, leaving an excess of revenues over the ordinary expenditures of \$1,848,209; cash in the Treasury, including gold reserve on July 1, 1892, \$132,143,488, and on December 31, 1892, \$129,062,588.

The total estimated revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893, are \$466,671,350. The total estimated expenditures, \$464,671,350, leaving an estimated surplus of receipts over expenditures for the current fiscal year of exactly \$2,000,000. The estimated cash balance available June 30, 1893, is placed at \$129,927,377, which includes \$10,000,000 for the gold reserve fund.

For the next fiscal year, ending June 30, 1894, the Secretary estimates the revenues from all sources at \$469,121,305, and the estimated expenditures which, however, do not appear to include the miscellaneous and extraordinary expenditures, at \$467,261,355, or an estimated surplus of \$1,859,950. To this the Secretary adds \$2,500,000 cash balance above the gold reserve estimated available June 30, 1893, making the estimated available balance on June 30, 1894, of \$33,852,407, from which must be deducted \$5,000,000 for redemption of past due bonds, fractional currency and national bank notes, and \$1,000,000 for the probable payments on mail subsidy contracts, leaving a balance of \$27,852,407.

It is estimated \$40,000,000 in contracts will be payable in 1894, which would bring the real working balance down to \$7,852,407.

The expenditures on account of pensions estimated in this statement for next year amount to \$66,881,350, or an increase over the amount for this year, and will be spent for pensions this fiscal year of only \$48,485,350.

The Secretary's statement for 1894 shows \$30,279,038 contract liabilities to be deducted from the \$47,852,407 of the balance above the gold reserve estimated as available cash, but do not show clearly whether \$25,259,358 of the contracts to be paid in 1893 has or has not been deducted in the estimated cost above the gold reserve fund of \$29,927,377, as estimated in the cash balance available June 30, 1893, though it is presumed it was deducted in figuring the balance. Very little is allowed to the sinking fund in these estimates, and a supplemental statement places the estimated balance due the fund June 30, 1894, at \$35,901,687.

There is \$25,000,000 contract liabilities included in the estimates this year, and therefore it does not come out of the estimated cash balance at the end of this fiscal year.

INDIAN AGENT EASTMAN.

Secretary Noble Recommends His Removal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.--Secretary Noble today addressed a communication to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs setting forth his conclusions in the matter of the strained relations between J. Leroy Brown, U. S. A., Acting Indian Agent at Pine Ridge, and Dr. Charles A. Eastman, the Sioux Indian Agency physician. The Secretary's conclusion is that good service requires that Dr. Eastman shall be suspended from acting as physician at the Pine Ridge Agency, and that unless Dr. Eastman can be assigned or appointed to another place he is willing to accept within the next fifteen days he must resign, or he will be removed. The Secretary finds there is no reasonable ground to find fault with the conduct of Acting Agent Captain Brown in this connection.

PENSION LAW.

Important Changes Proposed by a House Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.--The Democratic members of the House sub-committee on Appropriations have adopted amendments changing the pension law of 1890. Following are the principal changes: That no widow shall receive a pension under the Act of 1890 unless married to a soldier prior to 1870; that no person shall receive a pension under the Act of 1890 unless disabled in the service from manual labor and in receipt of an income of less than \$600 a year, and that no non-resident of the United States shall receive a pension unless actually disabled in service.

Another amendment provides for the appointment of a commission to consider necessary modifications in the pension laws and report at the next Congress.

The amendments were adopted by a vote of 3 to 2, the Democratic members, Mutchler, O'Neil and Livingston voting aye, and Grant and Bingham no. The fight against the amendments will be carried by the Republican members into the full committee on Appropriations, which is likely to act upon the bill. It is said to be yet to have some Democratic members of the full committee who will vote against the amendments of the sub-committee. If the amendments get out of a committee, a lively fight in the House is certain.

The bill as framed by the majority of the sub-committee also does away with the pension agencies throughout the country and provides for the payment of pensions by checks directly from the Treasury Department, abolishes examinations of applicants by surgeons, and

provides for the appointment of 150 special examiners to hereafter make examinations.

O'Neil of Missouri, speaking for the majority, said the reasons for making the proposed changes, said: "There is no disposition on the part of the majority of this House to take a pension away from a man who deserves it, from any man who became disabled while in the Union army. The country wants the pension lists reduced, but it does not want a single worthy pensioner stricken from the rolls. It seems to the committee that certain persons are entitled to pensions, but it should stop there."

Grout of Vermont one of the two Republican members of the sub-committee, said: "The Republican minority is against the amendments, and will oppose them in the full committee and in the House."

PANAMA RAILWAY.

The Company Asks a Thorough Investigation of Its Affairs.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.--William Cromwell, counsel for the Panama Railway Company; E. L. Oppenheimer, Secretary; Rives, Superintendent, and Frank S. Johnson, representative of the North American Navigation Company of San Francisco, are here urging that the investigation of Panama affairs be thorough and complete. Cromwell in his argument before the Committee on Rules said that the grounds for the railroad company investigation should properly include the Pacific Mail and alleged exclusive pooling contract with a combination of transcontinental railroads by which the American maritime commerce was changed, be suppressed to the benefit of the railroads.

Congressman Geary of California introduced to-day in the House a resolution reciting the charges, and demanding that a committee of seven be appointed to investigate the contracts and relations between the Pacific Mail and Southern Pacific Transcontinental Association and other railroads.

Cromwell and Oppenheimer assert that the railroad operated entirely independent of the canal company, and the railroad has no interest in the canal investments. They present the statement that the railroad has lost its American character and assert that it is an American corporation.

It is understood the Committee on Rules will to-morrow report back the resolution of Representative Fellows in a modified form. It will provide for an independent disbursement of the canal fund by the American committee and an investigation of the contracts between the Pacific Mail Steamship Company and transcontinental railroad lines, with a view to ascertaining whether the Government should withdraw its subsidy to the steamship company and in a general way ascertain whether the Monroe doctrine has been violated.

SHEDDY AND CORBETT.

Statements Made by the Former Denied by the Pugilist.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.--Pat Shеды, when shown Pugilist Jim Corbett's reply to his recent pronouncement upon methods of modern fighters and fakirs, thus joins issue with the California pugilist: "My letter had one good effect at least--it stung Corbett into manly action. He now descends from his high pedestal and says he will fight Mitchell or Jackson, in the order named, or if he will not agreeable, any man in the world next fall."

Shеды then combated Corbett's statement as to the earnings of clubs giving fights, by an array of what he asserted to be authentic figures. "One word by way of conclusion," said he, "and I think it will prove a painful surprise to Corbett: That gentleman's assets are infinitely as an oracle, and says I predicted his defeat by Sullivan in three rounds. I did not say Sullivan would whip him in three rounds. Corbett, however, must have become impressed with that belief, for he, so I am credibly informed, forwarded \$5,000 to San Francisco to bet against Jim. He apparently did not have the supreme confidence in himself that he now possesses, and he cast his anchor to windward. This assertion is no mere hearsay. I obtained this knowledge of Corbett's distrust of his own capabilities from a gentleman who accompanied him to the gentleman-ground. He saw him dispatch the money to his brother, a bookmaker in San Francisco, in response to the latter's demand for coin to put up for a ring bet. So trustworthy do I regard my informant, that I am willing to bet Corbett \$10,000 he speaks the truth. Whoever heard of a champion betting against himself before? Nobody but 'Jim the Cinch' would dream of such a proceeding. That thrifty gentleman is a 'sure-thing gambler,' and win or lose, wishes to edge coin. It is a hundred to one that he will be the time for fighting does come around, Corbett will be looking for 'an angel' or baker, as he calls him, to put up money. It is a thousand to a nickel he won't risk his own."

CORBETT DENOUNCES THE STATEMENT. CHICAGO, Jan. 25.--Corbett denounces Shеды's statement that he had forwarded \$5,000 to San Francisco to bet on Sullivan as a malicious and unwarranted falsehood. He further says: "I am at a loss to understand why Shеды should attack me, unless he wishes to gain authority for himself. The idea of Shеды posing as a reformer of pugilism, or a reformer of anything, is ridiculous. He is a short-cut gambler, a man who has all his life made a living off the credulity of suckers. He is a moral wrecker, and the spectacle of Shеды on a high moral platform is absurd. I want no more truck with the fellow, and will have none."

A Husband's Revenge.

BUTTE (Mont.), Jan. 25.--Shortly before noon to-day Charles Buis shot his wife through the arm, put two bullets into Waldo Whipple, and then blew out his own brains. Whipple cannot live. The trouble was over the woman deserting her husband, and the latter taking revenge.

Contracts for Armor Plate Awarded.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24.--The Cramps were awarded the contract for all the steel of the new battle-ship Iowa, and that of the cruiser Brooklyn was given to the Carson Steel Company at Pittsburgh. This includes the nickel-protective armor deck.

One Who Else Other Defaulters Go.

ATLANTA (Ind.), Jan. 24.--The defalcation of Treasurer Cronkrite of Warren County, will reach \$100,000. About \$35,000 of this amount was due individuals. It is not known where he is, but it is supposed he went to Canada.

EGYPTIAN TROUBLE.

The French Indignant at the Attitude of Great Britain.

WANT TO KNOW WHY TROOPS ARE BEING MOBILIZED.

Fire Tagging in a Silver Mine in Mexico--Thirteen Dead Bodies Already Recovered--Italy Threatens to Enforce Her Demands Against Brazil for Prompt Redress for Injuries to Italian Subjects During the Riot at Santos.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

PARIS, Jan. 25.--The French press continues to display deep indignation regarding the attitude assumed by England in Egypt. The Figaro says France ought to retaliate by occupying Tangier. The Republique Francaise declares Europe will not allow the Khedive to become a blind vassal of England. France has asked the British Government for an explanation as to the increase of the British army of occupation in Egypt.

The Marquis of Dufferin, British Ambassador, has delivered to the French Government a note as to the increase of the British garrison in Egypt. He assures that Government that the increase does not imply any modifications of the previous assurance in regard to the condition of British occupation, or any change in the policy heretofore pursued by Great Britain.

M. Waddington, French Ambassador in London, has been instructed to ask Earl Rosebery, the British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to specify the incidents in Egypt which caused Great Britain to take the recent extraordinary steps.

PANAMA TRIAL.

Barboux Argues That the Directors Were Innocent.

PARIS, Jan. 25.--When Barboux resumed his argument to-day in behalf of the accused Panama directors, he applied his eloquence to proving the Panama directors could not be accused of swindling in the issue of lottery bonds, as they simply adopted the same position openly adopted by the Chamber of Deputies. This assertion caused a profound sensation. "Prior to this action on the part of the directors, the Chamber of Deputies," Barboux said, "authorized lottery bonds. It was argued at the time in the Chamber that the company was already ruined, but the Chamber voted, notwithstanding this declaration, to authorize the issue, and thus gave confidence to the public to subscribe for bonds which the Legislature adopted the same position openly approved. The directors could not, therefore, be accused of swindling in having issued these bonds with the approval of the Chamber."

M. Franqueville has finished the examination of eighteen persons connected with the Panama Canal scandal. He has decided that Ferdinand de Lesseps, Charles de Lesseps, Henry Cottu, Marius Fontane, ex-Deputy Sans Le Roy, ex-Deputy Gobrin, M. Arton and M. Blondin are culpable. The decision as to the other men is not yet known.

PARLIAMENTARY INVESTIGATION.

PARIS, Jan. 25.--The Parliamentary Commission inquiry into the Panama scandal suspended its sittings to-day. Further prosecution of the Panama investigation now depends entirely upon M. Franqueville, the investigating magistrate. The report of the Parliamentary Commission will be presented probably to-morrow by Chairman Brisson.

CHOLERA SCOURGE.

The Infection in Germany Comes from Drinking Impure Water. BERLIN, Jan. 25.--It has been definitely determined that cholera infection comes from the river Saale. Five workmen who perished in drinking the water were taken down with the genuine Asiatic scourge. The authorities at Halle have made it a penal offense to drink Saale water without first boiling it.

MEASURES TO CHECK ITS SPREAD.

VIENNA, Jan. 25.--It is the intention of the Austrian Government to invite representatives of the neighboring States to attend a conference for the purpose of discussing measures to check the spread of the cholera.

FIFTEEN FRESH CASES.

BERLIN, Jan. 25.--Fifteen fresh cases of cholera and two deaths were reported at the Nieleben Insane Asylum up to 6 o'clock this evening. At Trotha, where the disease appeared yesterday, eight new cases occurred to-day, and three persons previously attacked died.

ROYAL MARRIAGE.

Princess Margaret Wedded to Prince Frederick Charles of Hesse. BERLIN, Jan. 25.--The whole city was decorated with flags last evening and this morning in celebration of the wedding of Princess Margaret, the youngest sister of the Emperor, and Prince Frederick Charles of Hesse. It rained most of the morning, but before 4 o'clock the hour for the civil marriage, the streets were dry and crowded with sight-seers. The civil ceremony was performed by Count von Weid in the hall of Empress Frederick's palace at Schloss. All the royal personages gathered in a Chinese cabinet to witness Empress Augusta Victoria place the bridal crown upon Princess Margaret's head. Prince Frederick Charles and bride then led the procession to the chapel, where the religious ceremony was to be performed. As the couple exchanged rings the artillery fired thirty-six salutes. The ceremony was followed by a wedding banquet, after which came the torch dance.

BEAT HIS BRAINS OUT.

An Ontario Officer Killed by Negro Homicide. CHATHAM (Ont.), Jan. 25.--Officer Robert Bank of this city drove into the country yesterday afternoon, with assistants, to arrest George W. Freeman, a negro, for criminal assault on a white girl, a member of his household. Freeman and another negro tough fired on the officers as they approached. Rankin fell at the first fire. The deputies fled and the negroes beat Rankin's brains out.

Another posse arrested all except Freeman, who escaped.

SEA DISASTERS.

Bark Wrecked and Her Crew Thought to be Lost.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.--The Captain of the steamer Albatross reports having passed the Norwegian bank near of India, dismasted, with no signs of life on board. She had evidently passed through a hurricane, and must have been wrecked early in December. She had a crew of thirty-seven men, and all are supposed to have been lost.

STEAMER WRECKED.

TAMPIO (Mexico), Jan. 25.--The crew and passengers of the steamer Paris, of the French Commercial Line, have arrived here. They report the vessel was wrecked on the reef at Banquillo Island, sixty miles south from here, and unless aid is promptly sent the vessel and valuable cargo will be a total loss. The vessel is of 6,000 tons register.

AN UNDERGROUND DISASTER.

Fire in a Mexico Mine--Many Lives Lost.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 25.--The famous Concolor silver mine at Atoroc, State of San Luis Potosi, is on fire, and one work after another is collapsing. The fire broke out in the main shaft, which collapsed, causing a heavy loss of life. Thirteen corpses have already been recovered. The destruction to property and the paralysis of work will entail financial loss of over \$1,000,000.

WEATHER IN EUROPE.

Heavy Snowfall Throughout Switzerland. BERNE, Jan. 25.--Heavy snows have interrupted railway traffic throughout Switzerland. The St. Gothard Tunnel is blocked by an avalanche.

THE RIVERS BOILING.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 25.--The snow is thawing rapidly. The rivers have overflowed their banks and done great damage, especially near Liege, Tilleur and Huy.

Prompt Redress Demanded.

ROME, Jan. 25.--The Italian Minister to Brazil will be instructed to inform the Brazilian Government that unless prompt redress is made in compliance with the repeated demands for injuries to Italian subjects during the riot at Santos, last August, Italy will proceed to enforce her demands.

FIFTEEN PERSONS KILLED.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 25.--A passenger train on the railway from Wilna to Minsk to-day ran into a freight train stopped by a heavy snow bank. Fifteen persons were killed and thirty seriously injured.

Declared a Bankrupt.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 25.--Marcelino Palacios of Guanajuato is declared a bankrupt. The liabilities are \$30,000. Part of the indebtedness is to firms in the United States.

Deaths From Starvation.

LONDON, Jan. 25.--According to a return made at the Home Office this morning thirty deaths from starvation occurred in Great Britain, including London, during the past year.

Shot Himself and Fiancee.

VIENNA, Jan. 25.--Last evening Max Thiele, a wealthy contractor, belonging to one of the best families of Austria, shot himself and fiancee.

A Sentinel Killed.

MUNICH, Jan. 25.--A sentinel on duty last evening was attacked by two masked men, who killed him. His mutilated body was found near the sentry-box.

Commercial Treaty.

BERLIN, Jan. 25.--The prospects are now favorable to the early conclusion of a commercial treaty between Germany and Russia.

Yellow Fever in Ecuador.

PANAMA (via Galveston), Jan. 25.--Yellow fever has broken out in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

An Archbishop Dead.

PARIS, Jan. 25.--Cardinal Joseph Alfred Foulon, Archbishop of Lyons, is dead.

SENSATION AT LOS ANGELES.

Trouble Which Involves a Well-Known Lady. Mrs. Rawson No. 1 Meets Mrs. Rawson No. 2 and Assaults Her With a Parasol.

Special to the RECORD-UNION. LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.--At 4 o'clock this evening a sensation occurred directly in front of the Postoffice building, which involves a well-known lady of the city. Parties about the building noticed Mrs. L. A. Rawson, the former wife of A. M. Rawson, riding by several times in her private carriage, but paid no special attention at the time. She was riding by about the sixth time, when she suddenly alighted from her carriage, and rushing up to a lady who was about to enter the Postoffice, proceeded to beat her about the head with a parasol. She struck several blows before bystanders could interfere. At last the women were separated, and Mrs. Rawson entered her carriage and was driven away.

The other lady, who proved to be Rawson's present wife, was escorted down Main street by a gentleman. Mrs. Rawson swore out a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Rawson No. 1 late this afternoon. Mrs. Rawson No. 1 was taken to the police station and gave a bond for her appearance at the Police Court to-morrow at 3 o'clock.

Rawson was at one time one of the leading business men of this city, but afterwards was sent to the insane asylum at Stockton. Before Rawson had gone through all his property he was divorced from his wife, but married again in a few days after the decree was granted. Later on he was divorced from his second wife.

After being discharged from the asylum he wrote a book entitled "The Junior Partner," which received a good many flattering press notices. Rawson's next move was to marry wife No. 2, and soon left the coast and went to Minnesota and Chicago, in 1891, but returned to the coast recently. He is now living in San Francisco, and it is said he sent his wife to Los Angeles to transact some business for him. Jealousy is supposed to have been the cause of to-day's assault.

EJECTMENT SUIT.

Involving Many Acres of Valuable Land in Sonoma County.

OVER TWO HUNDRED DEFENDANTS IN THE CASE.

The Folsom Power Company Purchases the Street Railways in This City Now Operated by the Central Electric Railway Company--Two Light Shocks of Earthquake at Winters--A Locomotive Runs Off a Ferry-Boat into the Columbia River.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SANTA ROSA, Jan. 25.--A suit of ejectment, involving one-fifteenth interest in all the lands embraced in the original Tzabco land grant, in Mendocino and Washington Townships, in Sonoma County, is on trial in the Superior Court here. The Tzabco grant includes over 15,000 acres of the very best land in the county.

In 1831 it passed from Manuel Micheloren to Jose German Pena. Pena died in 1847, leaving five children, to whom the estate was bequeathed in equal parts. One of them was Antonio Pena, who died in 1853, leaving three children, among whom was a daughter, Marie. The late General Vallejo was administrator of Antonio Pena's estate, and claimed that Marie's part of the estate was never correctly partitioned. Marie married a man named Ortiz, and afterward died, leaving a daughter, Josefa Ortiz, in whose behalf the present suit was brought.

A few months ago William Fitch obtained letters of administration on Marie's estate, and sued to restore to her daughter a one-fifteenth interest in all the lands covered by the old Mexican grant. About \$100,000 worth of property is involved. About 200 land-owners are combined in fighting the case, in order to make their titles good.

SENATOR WHITE AT HOME.

CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES GIVE HIM A Rousing Welcome. LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.--Nearly two hundred prominent citizens went from the city of Sausalito on a special train to meet Senator-elect White to-day. A large number of ladies were in the party and a brass band. A tremendous crowd was gathered at the Arcade depot to welcome Senator White home. As the train entered the depot salvoes of cannon, ringing of bells and the screaming of whistles began. The band played "See, the Conquering Hero Comes," as the Senator alighted from the train. He was escorted to a carriage having a triumphal arch of flowers. The carriage contained Mayor Rowan, ex-Mayor Hazard and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen M. White. The police force, fire department, civic and military bodies formed in line and marched through the decorated streets. Senator-elect White was vociferously cheered along the route. At the City Hall the Senator was greeted with uproarious cheering. When quiet was restored, ex-Mayor Hazard delivered an address of welcome, supplemented by an address by Mayor Rowan. Senator-elect White responded in a very feeling manner. A number of other speeches were made. Senator White was very much affected by his reception.

STEAMER WRECKED.

The Michigan Ashore on Vancouver Island. PORTLAND (Or.), Jan. 25.--The steamer Michigan is ashore on Vancouver Island. She will probably prove a total loss. The crew succeeded in leaving the vessel in safety.

The wreck of the Michigan was the topic of conversation on "Change to-day. Only the bare announcement that she had gone ashore was received. Regarding the cargo, little could be learned from the steamer left here on the 18th inst. for Port Townsend, carrying a general cargo. She was dispatched by the George Detrick Company.

The Michigan was built in 1888, at Skamakawa, Wash., and was owned by G. L. Colwell, Astoria, Or. Her dimensions are as follows: Length, 158.8; breadth, 34.3; depth, 12.7.

DEATH RESULTED.

Fatal Fall of a Chicago Millionaire at Victoria. VICTORIA (B. C.), Jan. 25.--John Davis of Chicago, heir to millions in the famous Montana will case, died here last night of concussion of the brain. Davis was here with a party of friends and was stopping at the Briar House. As he was descending the stairs to breakfast yesterday morning he tripped and fell all the way down stairs. He was unconscious when picked up and was badly cut and bruised. At first it was thought his injuries would not prove fatal, but he died at 9:30 in the evening.

Davis until two years ago was a commercial traveler. Upon the death of his brother, Andrew J. Davis, a banker and capitalist of Butte City, Montana, he put in a claim to the estate, which was worth, it is estimated, from \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000. The claim was contested by other relatives, and is still in litigation. Davis had two sons, one of whom is Andrew J. Davis, Jr., at present a resident of Butte.

REFUSED TO PAY DRAFTS.

The Bank at Sheridan, Oregon, Closes Its Doors. SHERIDAN (Or.), Jan. 25.--On receipt of news to-day that the United States Banking Company at Gervais had suspended the branch here closed its doors and refused to pay any further drafts. There is from \$3,000 to \$5,000 in the bank here and enough securities to meet the amount of liabilities, which are estimated at \$20,000. L. H. Reeves, Secretary of the corporation, is here and will make an assignment if matters are not settled in a few days.

CRUSHED HIS SKULL.

Probable Fatal Row in a San Bernardino Saloon. SAN BERNARDINO, Jan. 25.--This evening about 5 o'clock a row occurred at the Eintraucht Saloon between a notorious drunk named Jesse Cadd and a miner named Stewart, from San Francisco. After words Stewart left the saloon, when Cadd followed him into the street and

struck him behind the ear with a nine-pin, crushing his skull. Stewart was at once taken to a drug-store and medical assistance summoned. His case is pronounced hopeless. Cadd is in custody of officers, and as it is not his first offense it will probably go hard with him.

DOWN WENT THE ENGINE.

A Locomotive Runs Off a Ferry-Boat on the Columbia River. KALAMA (Wash.), Jan. 25.--Last night while a west-bound freight train engine was on the transfer steamer Tacoma, crossing the Columbia River, about midstream the boat struck a lot of drift logs and ice, causing her to lurch sufficient to start the engine, and, before it could be stopped, it went over the end of the boat into the river, where it now lies in three fathoms of water. The crew escaped, and no damage was done to boat or cars. Arrangements are being made to recover the engine.

STREET RAILWAY SOLD.

Livermore and Gallatin Purchase the Central Lines. SAN JOSE, Jan. 25.--The announcement was made here to-day that the Central Electric Street Railway Company had sold the system of street railroads in Sacramento to the Folsom Power Company, composed of H. P. Livermore and Albert Gallatin. The system comprises about sixteen miles of road in operation, as well as valuable franchises for other roads. The consideration is not known, but it is asserted that Mr. Henry made nearly half a million dollars by the deal. Mr. Henry will now concentrate all his interests in Santa Clara County, he already owning the principal systems in San Jose.

IDAHO MORMONS.

Bill Passed in the House Allowing Them to Vote. BOISE (Idaho), Jan. 25.--The House to-day, by a vote of 33 to 2, passed a bill amending the election laws so as to relieve the disabilities on members of the Mormon Church. There are 5,000 Mormons of voting age in the State who have been deterred from exercising the franchise under what has been known as the retroactive feature of the law of the first Legislature. This bill, if it becomes a law, will admit all to the right of suffrage who may not now be guilty of polygamy.

Death of a Pioneer.

UTAH, Jan. 25.--Robert J. Gibson, a California and Mendocino County pioneer, fell dead this afternoon while sowing wheat on his ranch adjoining Ukiah. His age was 67. He was a native of Tennessee. He came from Missouri to California in the spring of 1850 and mined in Sonora and engaged in the stock business in San Joaquin County. He came to Mendocino in 1858 and engaged in stock raising and farming adjoining the city limits. He was rich in worldly goods.

Vagrants at San Bernardino.

SAN BERNARDINO, Jan. 25.--The Board of Supervisors to-day passed an order directing the Sheriff of the county to issue a certificate of discharge to the vagrants confined in the County Jail upon the expiration of their sentences, and forbidding Constables from arresting them within ten days thereafter upon similar charges.

Death of a Prominent Attorney.

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 25.--J. H. Bobber, a prominent attorney of Stratford, Ontario, died at 10 A. M., and his widow starts for home Thursday afternoon with the remains. The deceased's uncle was formerly King's counsel for the Dominion. Bobber came here in October for his health, and read a paper up to a few minutes before his heart failed.

Hard on Cannon and Kerns.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.--At a meeting of the Populists to-night resolutions were adopted denouncing Congressman-elect Cannon and Assemblyman T. J. Kerns as traitors, and formally reading them out of the party. There were about sixty people present, including a number of women.

Burglary at Madison.

WOODLAND, Jan. 25.--The store of A. Haines, at Madison, was burglarized last night. The iron doors were blown off with giant powder. The burglars stole thirty-seven watches and a quantity of pocket-knives and jewelry. The entire loss is estimated at \$300. There is no clew to the burglars.

National Irrigation Congress.

SALT LAKE (Utah), Jan. 25.--A meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Irrigation Congress was held here to-day. It voted to hold the next Congress in