

A GLOOMY FUTURE.

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Twenty Buildings in a Maryland Town Destroyed by Fire—Intense Suffering of the Crew of a Tug Which Was Wrecked on the Cumberland Beach in Georgia—The Steward of the Vessel Drowned.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

CHICAGO, March 31.—Two boys, one 14 and the other 15 years of age, were today given practically life sentences in the penitentiary for murder, both being sent up for forty years. The younger of the two is William Blunck, and the other John T. Luveine. The crime for which the boys were convicted was the murder of Albert Eckroth in May last. One of them pushed a revolver in Eckroth's face while the other attempted to rob him. Eckroth resisted and was shot dead. Blunck was captured while running from the scene, and by and by his confession implicated Luveine, who was arrested the following day. When the verdict was rendered this afternoon Luveine was overcome, but Blunck took it calmly.

RAILWAY MATTERS.

Stringent Orders Against Free Transportation of Freight.

CHICAGO, March 31.—Nearly every Western President has issued stringent orders against the issuance of free transportation after April 1st. The orders are all alike, and forbid the issuance of free transportation and the cancellation of any already issued, which by the most liberal construction was issued for the purpose of influencing business. The order, also, requires the absolute maintenance of agreed rates and the abolition of all commissions in excess of those agreed on by the association.

The order is practically a duplication of the one issued by the Eastern Presidents in January. The order is part of the agreement of the Western Presidents on World's Fair rates. It was supposed that the whole report would be adopted without opposition by the passenger officials last Monday, but the passenger officials not only refused to agree on the report of their President, but may, in the end, amend it or vote it down. The anti-pass part of the report, as to being effective April 1st, was separated to-day from the balance, and by the individual order of the Presidents was made effective on nearly all the association lines.

AN UNSATISFACTORY MEETING.

CHICAGO, March 31.—A meeting was held this morning between representatives of the Western Freight Association and those transcontinental lines to endeavor to arrive at an agreement regarding the distribution of percentages on transcontinental business. Chairman Midgley issued a circular informing the roads west of the Missouri River that despite the lower rates to California and Pacific Coast points which they were disposed to put in operation, the roads of the Western Freight Association would insist upon full percentages. The result of the meeting was not satisfactory and the roads are now further apart on the subject than before. The Southern Pacific has announced positively that it would not agree to pay the full percentage. It rates come down the roads east of the Missouri River must share the reduction. After a warm discussion the matter went over till to-morrow.

ARIZONA PASS ROAD.

SAN ANTONIO, March 31.—A meeting of the Directors of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Road has been called here for April 3d. At the meeting, the resignation of D. B. Robinson as President will be accepted, and Thomas S. Stillman of New York formally elected to succeed him. It is rumored that Col. C. C. Gibbs will be elected General Manager, and William F. Owen, General Superintendent. It is also reported that W. J. Polk, General Freight Agent of the Aransas Pass, is to be made General Freight Agent of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe.

STRUGGLE WITH THE WAVES.

Terrible Suffering of a Ship-Wrecked Crew.

SAVANNAH (Ga.), March 31.—The tug Marcotte went ashore on Cumberland Beach yesterday in a heavy storm. The crew succeeded in reaching the beach after a terrible struggle with the waves, except the steward, Bowen, who was drowned. Fireman Bozen was injured, and when he reached the shore, and his companions, thinking him dead, left him and started to walk to Cumberland, ten miles away. The weather was very cold, and with their soaked garments they suffered terribly. Captain Porter fainted at the end of four miles, and was carried by his companions the rest of the way. Some of them dropped unconscious on reaching their destination. Later a party went to the scene of the wreck, and found Bozen still alive in spite of the storm and cold.

NEBRASKA OFFICIALS.

Suit Brought Against an Ex-Treasurer in the Name of the State.

OMAHA (Nebr.), March 31.—The State of Nebraska to-day began suit against the late State Treasurer John Hill and his bondsmen to recover the sum of \$23,261.60, which has, so it is alleged, been collected but not turned over to his successor in office. The suit is the result of the failure of the Capital National Bank of Lincoln, in which the State Treasurer had deposited to the amount stated.

IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS.

LINCOLN (Nebr.), March 31.—The joint convention of the Legislature this afternoon, by a vote of 127 to 4, adopted a resolution of impeachment against Attorney-General Hastings, Secretary of State Allen, Commissioner Humphrey, and ex-Treasurer Hill. Before the adoption of the resolution Senator Pope offered a communication from the four impeachable asking the adoption of the impeachment resolution, in order that they be allowed a chance to be heard in their own defense. It was received and made a part of the record by a unanimous vote.

A committee was appointed to draft articles of impeachment and prosecute them before the Supreme Court.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Special Services Held in Houses of Worship in the East.

NEW YORK, March 31.—To-day is Good Friday. Special services were held in nearly all the churches. The Custom House, Sub-Treasury, and all the commercial and marine exchanges, and many other lines of business are closed. As it is not a legal holiday, however, and commercial paper maturing must be met, the banks remain open.

The celebration of Pesach, or the Passover, begun by the Jews the world over at sunset this evening and continue eight days among the Orthodox Jews, while the Reformed Jews will observe it seven days.

EASTER FLOWERS.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The show of Easter flowers in the florists' windows is very extensive this year, but the florists say the usually large yield has almost caused a glut in the market, even at this Easter time. The demand, they report also, is as large as usual, but they attribute this to the weather, which has been too cold. Of potted plants there are a great profusion. The kinds are those usually seen at Easter season, but smaller quantities of lilies are noticed, and an abundant introduction of red and white rhododendron will be seen at nearly all churches Sunday. Potted plants will strongly characterize the Easter decorations. Palms will be as usual conspicuous, and flowers grouped and placed around the windows in the customary manner.

QUIET AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Good Friday was spent quietly at the White House. The President saw few Congressmen from 10 to 11 o'clock, when the Cabinet meeting began. Mrs. Cleveland usually receives Fridays but did not to-day. Instead, she went out for an airing in an open carriage with Baby Ruth.

OPPOSED TO SEALSINS.

Esquimaux Who Were to Exhibit at the World's Fair Tired of Their Job.

CHICAGO, March 31.—Peter Meshier, who represents some of the Esquimaux in the village at the World's Fair, made application for a writ of habeas corpus to release certain residents of the village, against their will and against the treatment of the village at the World's Fair. Magistrate Porter of Hyde Park constituted himself champion of the villagers, and asserts that the trouble in the village grows out of a refusal of certain Esquimaux to wear sealskin clothing on warm days. He investigated the troubles thoroughly, and as a consequence says he will soon begin suit on behalf of certain members of the village asking heavy damages from the company that brought the people to this country. Mr. Daniels, of the company, denies the stories of ill-treatment.

THE TRICK DID NOT WORK.

Bogus Papers Presented by Would-be Chicago Policemen.

CHICAGO, March 31.—The city is preparing to put on several hundred extra policemen for the World's Fair year and applicants must pass a written examination. It was discovered to-day that some one had worked up a scheme by which applicants can secure the necessary question blanks already filled out in perfect shape.

The applicant comes to the examination-room, takes his blanks, pretends to fill them out, slips them into his pocket, and then the prepared answer and turns them over to the examiner. At it this morning and of them was caught the name of the man furnishing the bogus papers has not yet been learned.

Passenger Steamer Disabled.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The French steamer La Normandie arrived this morning, reporting that four days ago she spoke the steamer Hecla of the Thimbleville line, disabled in mid-ocean. She had made temporary repairs to her disabled machinery and was steaming on her course at the rate of eight miles per hour. The vessel has about 800 passengers, of which there are sixty in the cabin.

A Chapel to be Sold.

PITTSBURGH, March 31.—The chapel built by the late Father Mollinger, together with his dwelling-house and stable, will be sold to Father Duffner, present pastor of the Church of the Most Holy Name, within a few days. The price to be paid is \$30,000, and it includes the real estate above mentioned and also relics and the furnishings of the chapel.

Arion as a Str.

BOSTON, March 31.—The mare Maggie Sultan (230), 6 years old, of J. Malcolm Forbes' stables, to-day gave birth to a filly sired by Arion, the California 2-year-old wonder (210), purchased by Forbes a little over a year ago for \$1,500. Arion, it is stated, will be bred to Nancy Hank's coming season.

The Company's Loss Small.

ST. LOUIS, March 31.—With regard to the robbery of the Missouri-Pacific by salaried Master Mechanic Bartlett, who is here, denies it to a wide extent. He, however, admits that several engineers and firemen were discharged yesterday, but the loss to the company will not be over \$500.

Charged With Forgery.

LOUISVILLE (Ky.), March 31.—A. R. Sutton and confidential book-keeper William M. Beecher were arrested this afternoon, each on ten charges of forgery. The Farmers' and Drivers' Bank, which was caught for \$15,000, swore out the warrant, and other banks signify their intention of assisting in the prosecution.

Around the World Bicyclists.

ST. LOUIS, March 31.—Thomas G. Allen and William Schieleben, Washington University students, who started from here June 23d last to ride around the world on bicycles, arrived here to-day from San Francisco. They were escorted into town by a cavalcade of local wheelmen, who went out to meet them.

Twenty Buildings Burned.

GALENA (Md.), March 31.—A fire this morning destroyed twenty frame buildings out of about 150 in this town, causing a loss of \$25,000. The town has no fire department. A bucket brigade was organized, and after two hours' hard work the fire was under control.

Gold Shipments.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Half a million dollars in gold have been ordered for shipment Tuesday.

A THRILLING EXPERIENCE.

Narrow Escape of a Chicagoite from a Terrible Death.

A MADMAN TRIES TO THROW HIM OFF A HIGH BUILDING.

The Spreading of the Rails on the Rio Grande Road Near Leadville, Colorado, Causes a Bad Wreck of a Passenger Train—Two California Ladies Among the Number of Injured.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

CHICAGO, March 31.—To-day George Doyle of this city and Robert Gedney of Philadelphia went to the top of the Great Look over the city. They stood for some time looking about, and then Gedney gave a strange laugh, and grabbing Doyle, began to pull him about as if the cool breeze exhilarated to playfulness. He then said: "Hold my hands; I want to look down." Doyle did so, and after Gedney recovered himself he approached Doyle with a baleful light in his eyes and a strange earnestness in his voice, contrasting unpleasantly with his recent playfulness, and said: "You've got to jump off this building, or I will throw you off."

With fearful reality it came to Doyle's memory that Gedney had several years ago been treated for a mild form of insanity. His first impulse, as the sickening realization of the situation came over him, was to call for help, but he saw it was useless, and tried to temporize, treating the matter as a joke.

"Will you jump?" he screamed. "I will not jump!" he replied. Gedney, and without waiting for a reply he seized Doyle and began to drag him toward the edge. Doyle fought with the desperation of despair, and the men staggered to and fro over the roof. Robert Haslam, who has an office in the upper story of the Monadnock building, across the street, saw the men struggling and watched them, thinking it was only sport. He soon saw, however, that it was a struggle for life and death, and hurrying down he rushed to the hotel and informed Eden, the proprietor.

Accompanied by a porter, the three men started for the roof. On the stairs leading to the turret they encountered Doyle bareheaded, with his clothes torn from his back. He was very weak and excited, and in a fainting condition. Gedney was walking calmly around the roof. When Eden put his head out of the window Gedney plainly invited him to come out and see the city, but Eden declined, and finally succeeded in getting Gedney to come down for the purpose of taking a drink. He was put into a room, and when asked why he attempted to throw Doyle off seemed surprised, but laughed and said it was only a joke. Nevertheless he was locked up and his father telegraphed for.

When Doyle was able to talk he gave a graphic account of his fearful fight for life, and it was learned that he only escaped by strategy. After the struggle had progressed some time, feeling his strength almost gone, he suddenly called to Gedney to stop, and he would jump off, stipulating, however, that he must have a few moments for prayer. He stepped back and knelt down. Doyle watched him through his half-closed eyes, and suddenly darted for the window, and went through it like a flash into the arms of his would-be rescuers.

TRAIN BADLY WRECKED.

A Sacramento Lady Among Those Reported Injured.

LEADVILLE (Col.), March 31.—By the spreading of the rails on the Rio Grande track, at a point where the Colorado Midland crosses over it, distant about one and a half miles from this city, train No. 4 left the track this evening and was badly wrecked. There were a number injured, but no fatalities, and it is probable so far as can be learned at this writing, that any deaths will result from account of the wreck. The train carried 300 passengers, who were mostly excursionists from California. The train was thrown over an embankment, the passengers tossed indiscriminately about, and as far as can be learned thirteen of them injured, some seriously.

Electric Plant Burned.

MCKEESPORT (Pa.), March 31.—The electric company's plant was burned to the ground this morning. Loss, \$80,000. The electric lines are left without power and the streets will be in darkness to-night.

WORK OF TRAIN ROBBERS.

Attempt Made to Wreck the North-Bound Oregon Express.

THE DANGER DISCOVERED IN TIME TO PREVENT LOSS OF LIFE.

A Gardener Discovers That a Rail Had Been Removed From the Track, and While Making His Way to a Telegraph Station to Give an Alarm Was Attacked by the Three Perpetrators of the Dastardly Deed and Badly Injured.

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PORTLAND, March 31.—An attempt was made at midnight last night to wreck the north-bound overland at Rice's Hill, a few miles north of Roseburg. A rail was removed from the track, and so fixed as to inevitably throw a train coming in contact with it off the track. The express came whirling down the unusually steep grade and was just swinging on the curve leading to the trestle, when the engineer of the leader of the two locomotives pulling the train of thirteen cars, saw a man lying between the rails and waving a burning torch. It was George E. Richardson, a gardener out of employment, and who was making his way on foot toward Roseburg. He had boarded the south-bound freight at Yoncola, three miles north of the trestle, but was put off, and followed, hoping to be able to board the south-bound express at 3 o'clock, when it was pulling up the steep incline at Rice's Hill. On the trestle he discovered that the outer rail had been removed, and turned diagonally across the track. Thinking to get back to Yoncola to telegraph for help, he went about and came face to face with two men, and from the other end three others approached him.

The criminals beat him terribly about the head and stabbed him twice. One wound will possibly prove fatal. They then threw him over the guard rail twenty feet to the ground. The wounded man climbed the side of the ravine and walked and crawled half a mile, falling exhausted and setting fire to his handkerchief just in time to save himself and the lives of 250 passengers.

If the train had struck the rail it would have sprung into space and fallen thirty feet and rolled down another hundred.

Conductor Charles Wilson stated: "We were due at Rice Hill at 1:26 o'clock this morning, and there we were flagged by Richardson, all worn out, panting and faint, and blood running from his body. We could see all this, as the night was light. We stopped, and he cried up: 'For Christ's sake don't go any farther. There are five men down there to rob you, and they have torn up the track.' We at once proceeded to get all the arms we could on the train, which was being pulled by two engines, and Master Mechanic Young took the head engine, and with six armed men went to reconnoiter. After traveling half a mile very cautiously we came to a trestle thirty-five feet high, and we had passed it but a short distance when the engine went off the track, every wheel of it. Upon investigation the party found an entire rail gone in the center of the trestle, and it took us all night to get the engine on the track again."

ROBBERS COME TO GRIEF.

A Southern Pacific official took charge of Richardson, bringing him to this city and providing medical attendance for him. A crowbar and wrench, used in removing the rail, were found near the scene. They were identified as belonging to a section-house at Yoncola.

Southern Pacific officials say they have found no definite clue to the perpetrators. The local authorities who are now scouring the country will be reinforced by the company's detectives, and the company will probably offer a large reward.

A LIVELY SCRAPPING MATCH.

LOS ANGELES, March 31.—A lively scrapping match took place this morning on the corner of Sixth and Main streets. John Mitchell Jones, an attorney, came out second best. In fact, Jones was not in the fight at any point. The party who bested Jones was Emil Perret. The trouble is said to have come about by Jones passing some uncomplimentary remarks about Perret. Some time ago Jones officiated as an attorney for Perret in the foreclosure of a certain mortgage. His manner of doing business was not liked by his client and he was dropped. This made him hot, and it is said Jones called upon the wife of Perret and endeavored to poison her mind against her husband. This morning Perret met him for the first time and lost no time in calling him to account. He is stated upon good authority that Jones will be unable to appear in public for several days.

Delegates Appointed by Mayor Elliott of San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—Mayor Elliott has appointed the following named to act as delegates to the Trans-Mississippi Congress, which is to be held at Ogden on April 24th: James D. Phelan, Ira P. Bankin, Will E. Fisher, A. P. Williams, John Taylor, W. F. Whittier, H. Shainwald, F. Holbrook, H. L. Van Winkle, Albert Gallatin, W. J. Adams, William Alford, A. G. Towne, A. R. Briggs, R. E. Bunker, Hugh Craig, John T. Cutting, H. Davis, H. L. Dodge, H. Dutard, Wendell Easton, A. B. Field, P. M. G. McBean, F. A. Haber, Henry B. Hunt, John F. Kennedy, Charles A. Layton, R. H. Lloyd, G. W. McNear,

THE CHOCTAW TROUBLE.

Active Preparations for War Among the Rival Factions.

ANTLER (I. T.), March 31.—Active preparations for war have been going on all day. Both factions are sending messengers throughout the country for men, and friends have freely responded. Arms and munitions of war and all camp supplies have been obtained in large quantities. Locke is acting strictly on the defensive. The militia seems chary of making an attack.

In response to a telegram last night, Commissioner Gibbons received the following this morning from Leo E. Bennett, Indian Agent at Muskogee: "Please notify the leaders that unless they forthwith disband I will bring military aid and enforce peace. I start for Antler on the first train."

Gibbons immediately wired copies to the Federal authorities at Paris, Texas, to the commanders of the militia, and sent a copy to Locke. Captain Parry said he would hold up until he could hear from Jones. Locke says positively that he will not disband until the militia has done so and gone away. The opinion of many is that one party or the other will make an attack before Bennett reaches here, which will be to-morrow morning.

WASHINGTON AUTHORITIES APPRISED.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—In response to a telegram from Commissioner Gibbons, at Antler, I. T., sent last night, saying bloodshed was imminent between the rival Choctaw factions, Secretary of War, with the result that the office in command of the United States troops nearest the scene of the disturbance has been instructed to inform himself on the situation and take whatever action is necessary.

Agent Bennett, at Muskogee, has also been directed to proceed at once to the locality and report on the situation.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH WAR.

The Indianapolis Conference the Only Lawful Body.

OTTAWA (Ill.), March 31.—The Supreme Court, in an elaborate opinion, yesterday, has settled the Evangelical Church war by ousting the Dubbs faction and holding the Indianapolis General Conference the only lawful body, and that its adjudications and findings regarding division in the church are final and binding. The opinion has been looked forward to with great interest not only in Illinois, but also in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Oregon and the rest of the States where organized in the Evangelical Church by the Dubbs faction. The case at hand upon which the Supreme Court passed is that of Hussar vs. Schwelker, from Chicago. The Supreme Court's opinion is practically in accord with that of the Chicago court. The trouble grew out of a charge of immorality against Bishop Dubbs, who forthwith seceded from the church, proper and established what he claimed was the real church. While posing as the head of this rival ecclesiastical body, he named Rev. Hussar to preside over the worshippers of St. John's Evangelical Church in this city.

It is estimated that about 100,000 of the church members in all sections of the country professed faith and fealty to Dubbs. Meanwhile Bishop Esher appointed Rev. Mr. Schwelker to see to the destinies of the real church. In a question both clerical and laymen proceeded to assume the pastorate and lawsuit resulted, on the result of which hung the fate of Bishop Dubbs. It is said more than one hundred similar cases are pending throughout the United States, which the decision will directly affect. In this city there are twelve Evangelical churches.

A BREWERY SEIZED.

An Illicit Distillery Was Being Conducted Therein.

STEWART MENZIES, Henry Payot, Alfred Bouvier, J. K. Firth, Daniel Meyer, N. A. Judd, Harry E. Wise, F. S. Moody, E. W. Ferguson, H. A. Williams, Charles M. Yates, A. Scharbo, D. M. Burns, W. V. Montague, Barry Baldwin, F. W. Eaton, Levi Strauss, I. W. Hellman, John I. Sabin, Irving M. Scott, I. J. Truman, C. S. Laumeister, Albert Doble, W. T. Y. Schenck, H. H. Sherwood, D. G. Camerinos, Frank Dalton, John D. Spreckles, William L. Merry, Rolla V. Watt, Clinton E. Worden, Irwin C. Stump, E. B. Bond.

Results of the Games at San Francisco and Los Angeles.

THE COUNTRY PLACED UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

THEIR MOTIVES DISCOVERED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRINCIPAL ACTORS PLACED UNDER ARREST—NO AUDIENCE TO BE GRANTED ROYAL PERSONAGES BY THE POPE DURING THE SILVER WEDDING OF KING HUMBERT AND QUEEN MARGARET.

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PANAMA CANAL.

The Company Granted Further Time to Resume Work.

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No Audience to Royal Personages.

ROME, March 31.—The Vatican has announced that the Pope will not grant audiences to any royal personages of Roman Catholic faith who come to Rome to attend the silver wedding of King Humbert and Queen Margaret. This decision will apply also to representatives of Catholic sovereigns.

A CONGRESSMAN'S MAIL.

Fifteen Tons of Matter Sent to Representative Hilborn.

OAKLAND, March 31.—Congressman Hilborn was in a hurry when he left Washington after the adjournment of the last Congress, when his Secretary told him that there were some documents awaiting him. The Congressman did not stop to investigate. "Send them to me at Oakland," the documents began to arrive to-day. The first installment consisted of 250 sacks, which weighed about fifteen tons. It arrived on the overland train this morning, but its arrival was not heralded by telegraph.

The mail transfer agent was at the depot with his wagon when the overland train pulled in with the extra mail car attached. First came the regular Eastern mail, consisting of packages, letters and pouches. Then the contents of that extra car began to appear on the platform. Sack after sack rolled out, while in the course of time 250 sacks were piled up on the platform at Sixteenth street, and the train pulled out of the depot fifteen minutes late, because of the Congressman's mail. The mail transfer agent was compelled to employ two extra men to handle the mail, and spent an hour in morning landing the sacks at the Post-office. There it was piled, sack after sack, around the building on the sidewalk, for there was not floor room enough inside to accommodate it.

"If Hilborn wants that mail he's got to come for it," said Postmaster Bishop. So the Congressman's one-day's mail was stored on the sidewalk, where it lay sacks high and made the Post-office look like a barricaded fort. There were twenty-four volumes of reports in a sack or two volumes in all. There were about fifteen tons, or 30,000 pounds of mail, which at newspaper rates of a cent a pound would have cost \$300 to transfer, while at the regular book-rate postage would have been \$1,800.

MURDER OF MOWHITTER.

Health and Polley to Plead To-Day—Claims of Defense.

FRESNO, March 31.—Richard S. Heath and R. J. Polley, accused of the murder of Louis B. McWhittier, will be taken before Judge Holmes to-morrow to plead. It is understood that the defense will make several motions to quash the indictment.

One of the most important claims of the defense, it is said, will be that E. W. Riskey took photographic notes of the testimony given before the Grand Jury, and was therefore present when witnesses were examined, which was contrary to law. Against this objection the prosecution will probably allege that Riskey was a duly appointed, qualified and acting Deputy District Attorney at the time.

The next point raised will be that J. D. Collins, foreman of the Grand Jury, excused himself from attending as foreman on account of sickness, and that although he heard part of the testimony, he did not act as foreman, and another member of the jury was appointed in his place. This, it is contended, was irregular and fatal to the indictment. This contention will be met by the prosecution with the showing that Mr. Collins did not vote upon the indictment.

It may be contended also that the Grand Jury which found the indictments had continued in session after a new Grand Jury had been summoned, and that this alleged irregularity invalidated the indictments. It is understood that a motion will be also made to obtain separate trials for Heath and Polley, and also to have Heath admitted to bail.

IMPROVEMENTS AT WHITTIER.

WHITTIER, March 31.—The Whittier Methodist Episcopal Church is erecting a parsonage, the Band of Holiness is building a tabernacle, the Quakers have land and money and will begin building a college next month, the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church is almost completed, and the Masons are organizing a lodge.

Death of a Pioneer.

PETALUMA, March 31.—William D. Canfield, a well-known pioneer, died at his home in Blucher Valley Wednesday. He arrived in Oregon in 1847, and was present at the terrible massacre of Dr. Whitman's band by Cayuse Indians in 1847.

Yosemite Valley Road Open.

WAWONA, March 31.—The first through stage arrived here to-day from the Yosemite Valley. There is very little snow on the road, which accounts for its being open so early this spring.

Advised Not to Register.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—The Chinese Six Companies to-day issued a new circular, officially and openly advising Chinese to refuse compliance with the Geary law.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

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