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An Indian Murderer Hanged in the Streets of Fort Jones.

THE WORK DONE IN A QUIET BUT DETERMINED MANNER.

Oscar Rogers, Convicted by an Arizona Jury of Robbing an Overland Train at Maricopa Station, Sentenced to be Hanged—Two Young Men Arrested at Santa Rosa Confess to a Number of Crimes.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

FORT JONES (Cal.), Dec. 12.—William Dean, the Indian who murdered William Baremore at Happy Camp last Thursday, was brought here yesterday by Constable Dixon of Happy Camp on his way to Yreka, where Dean had been committed to the County Jail to await trial before the Superior Court on a charge of murder.

About 2 o'clock this morning about a dozen masked men went to the Fort Jones Hotel, where the Constable and Dean were staying, and broke open the door of the room where the men were and demanded Dean. The Constable made an attempt to resist, but he was soon overcome by the mob, which disarmed him and took Dean out of bed. They tied the prisoner hand and foot, and, telling the Constable if he made any disturbance they would kill him, they carried Dean about 200 yards down the main street, where there was a derrick, and put a rope around his neck and swung him up.

The mob waited for a short while to make sure he was dead, then they hurriedly departed and disappeared, and this morning when the citizens of Fort Jones got around they saw a sight they will not soon forget. The body of Dean was swinging in the air, where it remained until about 9 o'clock, when it was cut down by the Coroner of this county.

There is no clew to the mob, as the work was done in a quiet and determined manner and as soon as it was over they disappeared, leaving no trace behind.

This town was the home of Dean and he had a bad reputation, and while the crime he suffered for was not done here, the action of the mob has the approval of many law-abiding citizens.

The verdict of the Coroner's jury this afternoon was that Dean met his death by hanging at the hands of parties unknown.

This was the first lynching in this part of the country, but many crimes have been committed lately, and it seems that the citizens have determined to put a stop to it.

DEATH PENALTY.

How They Serve Train Robbers in Arizona Territory.

TUCSON, Dec. 12.—A special to the *Star* from Florence says that Judge Rouse last night sentenced Oscar Rogers, convicted of train robbery, to be hanged on the 8th of February. The jury was out only thirty minutes.

The crime for which he has been sentenced to suffer the death penalty was perpetrated on the 30th of last September, when three men, Oscar Roger, Frank Arner and John Donavan held up the eastbound overland at Maricopa Station. They seized about sixty sacks from Wells, Fargo & Co.'s box and the messenger's gold watch. Arner was captured the following day near Phœnix after a desperate fight with the Sheriff's posse. He was wounded, but has fully recovered.

Rogers was captured near Yuma and was brought to Tucson. He had been confined in jail only a short time before he made a desperate attempt to get his freedom by digging through the wall. He was discovered at work, however, just as he was removing the last layer of brick. Jack Donavan is still at large, and the officers have almost given up hope of ever effecting his capture.

Last week Arner pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to thirty years at the Yuma Penitentiary. Rogers declared himself innocent, and the trial resulted as already stated. An appeal will be taken. The general opinion of the lawyers of the Territory is that the law making train robbery a capital offense is unconstitutional, and that the Supreme Court of the Territory will order a new trial in the case on a simple charge of robbery.

"BUNCO" KELLY CONVICTED.

The Jury Brings in a Verdict of Murder in the Second Degree.

PORTLAND (Or.), Dec. 12.—The trial of Joseph ("Bunco") Kelly, for the murder of George W. Sayres, September 26th, was completed to-day by the jury rendering a verdict of murder in the second degree.

It took the jury twelve hours to agree upon a verdict. The first stood eight for murder in the first degree and four for murder in the second degree. The evidence in the case was mostly circumstantial.

The murder of Sayres was one of the most cold-blooded murders in the history of the city. On the night of September 26th he was called from his house at Fulton Park, at about 9 o'clock at night. Nothing more was seen of him until a few days later his dead body was found floating in the river. Suspicion was directed at once toward "Bunco" Kelly, who, with several others, was placed under arrest. All except Kelly were subsequently released. Kelly's arrest was followed by that of X. N. Stevees, a well known lawyer of this city, whose trial begins to-morrow. It is charged that Stevees hired Kelly to put Sayres out of the way for a money consideration. The motive is found in the fact that Steeves was an attorney in some lawsuits in which he was opposed to the interests of Sayres.

BAY DISTRICT RACES.

Only One Favorite Wins—A Jockey Probably Fatally Hurt.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—George F. Smith was the only first choice to win money to-day. Red Bird was the long shot of the day, at $25 to $1. In the steeplechase the Coon and Currency fell at the third jump. The Coon rolled over Charles Kidd, his rider, crushing in his chest. Kidd is badly, if not fatally, hurt.

Five furlongs, selling, Red Bird won, Sligo second, Gold Dust third. Time—1:07¼.

Six furlongs, selling, George F. Smith won, Realization second, Normandie third. Time—1:21.

Six furlongs, Adolph won, Modesto second, Lawyer third. Time—1:24.

Mile and a half, steeplechase, St. Brander won, April second, North third. Time—2:41.

Six furlongs, imp. Vigor won, Charles A. second, Wandering Nun third. Time—1:22.

FAST ONES TO MEET AT LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—The directors of the Sixth District Agricultural Association this morning decided on December 21st and 22d as the days for the great races to take place between the gilt-edge horses that recently arrived from the East. A great effort will be made to have some more record-breakers here, and if the meeting proves to be a success the races will possibly be continued. Ever since the Hamlin string arrived, Agricultural Park has been the Mecca for all the horsey people of this section. The horses are in fine condition, and the events on the dates mentioned will be the best ever held in Los Angeles.

TWO YOUNG CRIMINALS.

They Confess to Burglaries in Sonoma and Other Counties.

SANTA ROSA, Dec. 12.—Assistant District Attorney Leppo Jost has secured a confession from two of the most picturesque young criminals in the State. They are Bird Brumfield and Len McSherry, and, from their confessions, have been engaged in a systematic series of robberies for the past year.

They were arrested here for stealing overcoats from the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening. They admitted having visited five churches that night for the purpose of robbery. They said their nefarious operations began in Stockton, where they robbed a drunken man. From there they went to Sacramento, where they stole a diamond ring, reported to be worth $1,500. The pair then went to Ukiah and burglarized two stores. From there they visited Cloverdale, Hopland, Healdsburg and other places, stealing clothing, tools—anything they could convert into money—which they used to gamble with. They admitted stealing tools and clothing from half a dozen locomotives on the route, and that they were getting ready to rob Carrither's store here when arrested.

Officers are here from Ukiah and Hopland after them, but they will be first tried here.

DEBRIS COMMISSION.

Plans for the Dam of the Gold Run Company Not Approved.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—The Debris Commission has declined to approve the engineering plans submitted in behalf of the Gold Run Company for the construction of a debris dam in the North Fork of the American River.

After the application was filed an examination of the river canyon for about twelve miles above the proposed dam site was made by Lieutenant Gillette and Mr. Storey, engineers connected with the commission. They found that the canyon contained large quantities of movable debris. As a result of the examination the commission concluded that before the dam could be completed its usefulness for restraint of fresh detritus would be in a large measure destroyed by the descent of the old deposits into the reservoir created by the barrier.

It was also concluded that the dam proposed would not be satisfactory. The plan called for a rock-filled dam, with faces laid without mortar or cement. The site was also found unsuitable, and the commission recommended the engineers of the mining company to select another, and to amend the plans for a dam.

NEW LIFE TO FARMING.

Late Rains of Great Benefit in Southern California.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—George E. Franklin, in charge of the United States Department of Agriculture, furnishes the following weather crop bulletin of Southern California for the week ending December 10th:

The long continued dry season was broken on the 5th by a generous rainfall, and which was followed by a five days' bounteous and well distributed precipitation in all sections, which has given new life not only to farming, but to every class of business industry. Plowing is now in active operation in every locality, and the large acreage which had been dry-plowed and seeded will soon be covered with green verdure. The rain particularly benefited the dairy and cattle interests. Grass is coming up and pasture will be abundant soon.

PRATT WILL CASE.

Judgment Rendered in Favor of the Contestants.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—Judge Clark to-day rendered an opinion in the celebrated Pratt will case, as follows: "The will of 1881 was revoked by the will of 1884. The will of 1881 was not revived or republished by the codicil of 1885, because the deceased at that time did not have testamentary capacity. The question of soundness of mind in 1884 was not raised. That was a question for proponents to raise, but they did not. The presumption is that she was of sound mind. It is not necessary to consider whether the changes in the will of 1881 made by deceased nullified it. Judgment upon verdict is ordered for the contestants."

Alleged Robbery of Mrs. Brown.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—The local police now refuse to further investigate the alleged robbery through which Mrs. William Brown was relieved of $500 in an Ellis-street lodging-house. The Browns have departed for Eureka. The police charge that since the robbery Brown has fraternized with the gang of confidence men who are supposed to have robbed his wife and that he was given money to keep still. The police also charge that the suspected bunco steerers came to this city with Brown from the north, where the crowd swindled a countryman out of $2,700.

Loss of the Schooner Beebe.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—To-day Pilot Charles Reed was interviewed regarding the loss of the wrecked schooner William L. Beebe. Captain Reed stated that when he spoke the schooner it was about 4 A. M. The crew of the Beebe was informed that the bar had not been seen for three days and it was believed to be breaking badly. This statement is made in view of the fact that the schooner's crew asserted that they had been informed that the bar was smooth. When the Beebe was spoken Reed was six miles beyond the whistling buoy.

Indians Not On the Warpath.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 12.—A letter has been received from Colonel Tatlock of the Ute militia, who took arms and ammunition to the San Juan settlers for their protection against the Ute Indians. He arrived at Moab on the 7th inst., and after arming a number of the citizens pushed on toward Monticello with the remainder of the implements of war. Colonel Tatlock writes that the Utes believe they have a right to occupy that part of the country, but are not on the warpath, and, if no rash act is committed, he believes there will be no trouble.

A Sonoma County Murder Trial.

SANTA ROSA, Dec. 12.—The trial of Mrs. Elizabeth Bryan on a charge of murder, growing out of the tragedy of January 22d, when her sister, Mrs. Nancy Hardin Meagher, was killed at her home near Petaluma, was commenced to-day. After some difficulty a jury was secured and the case went over until to-morrow, when the taking of testimony will commence.

En Route to Folsom Prison.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—The Maldenado brothers, who were convicted of attempting to rob a train of the Terminal Railroad and sentenced to seven years each in the Folsom penitentiary, were taken north this afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Henry. These are the men over whom so great an attempt was made to secure liberty on a habeas corpus.

MEATS VERSUS SWEETS.

Cattle Interests Combine Against the Sugar Trust.

A SENSATION PROMISED FOR THE SHORT SESSION.

Armour, Morris and Swift, the Chicago Cattle Kings, at the Head of a Movement to Endeavor to Prevail Upon Congress to Remove the Duty on Sugar, Hoping to Thereby Remove the Embargo on American Products Abroad.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—A *Post* Washington special says: Word reached here that the vast cattle interests of the West, representing an invested capital of not less than $500,000,000, are about to grapple in a death-lock struggle with the sugar trust, and that the direction of the fighting is to be lodged with P. D. Armour, Nelson Morris and E. S. Swift, the Chicago kings of the meat market. The United States is to be the battle-ground, and unless the programme miscarries, the encounter between these colossal interests will furnish the crowning sensation of the short session of Congress. Free sugar is a necessity for the free importation of meat products to the great consuming markets of Europe. The imposition of a duty on sugar was promptly met by the raising of an embargo against American beef by Germany and Denmark, and the spirit of retaliation is being encouraged by other foreign nations with menacing heartiness.

The merits of this question having been pretty thoroughly acceded, mention is only required in this connection to emphasize the point that Germany has indicated clearly that she does not propose to recede from the position taken in regard to American meats until the discrimination against the beet sugar industries of the German Empire is removed. German commercial intrigue is fanning the flame of hostility throughout Europe toward American meats, and a renewal of the old vindictive and general warfare against the American meat products on the part of the old world nations is not only threatened, but felt to be imminent. The American meat trade with foreign countries approximates $15,000,000 a year, and anything that threatens its mighty business in a vital or important way instantly touches the pockets of one of the most powerful combinations in existence.

The cattle-raisers are in a state of perpetual warfare with the great packing combinations, but when in the presence of the common enemy a community of interests is at once formed, and a united front presented. Therefore the cattle-raisers, the cattle-killers and the meat distributers are pooling their issues and preparing to remove the cause of irritation that is disturbing their established trade. The duty on sugar being the cause, they will bombard the trust.

Nelson Morris, who has been abroad for several months, brings back the report that the prejudice against American meats can easily be removed by the repeal of the discriminating duty on sugar. Morris furnishes more meat supplies to the armies of Europe than any half-dozen contractors in the world, and his relations with foreign Governments are consequently recognized as being sufficiently close to give to his confidential communication of the subject almost the stamp official. He is in touch with the very heads of the European inspiration—the money bags of all the principal nations of the old world. Morris has also caused the word to be passed down the line that if the discriminating sugar duty is removed he has authoritative assurances that the former harmony with American meat exporters will be restored. The condition being thus squarely defined, a line of action was soon agreed upon.

The details of this campaign have not been fully matured, but the general outlines have been, subject, of course, to modification. The purpose is to go at the sugar trust in the Senate at the first opportunity, even at the risk of blocking all kinds of legislation, and forcing an extraordinary session. The theory upon which this proposition is based is that the meat interests are of more importance than sugar, the Nicaragua Canal appropriation or anything else that can come up, and that Congress must protect them. In this fight the meat men feel that they can command the aggressive support of the Senators from every Western and Southern State, and put up a combination that will be invincible.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Resolution Adopted Opposing the Introduction of Sectarian Issues.

DENVER, Dec. 12.—Rev. Myron W. Reed addressed the Federation of Labor Convention to-day on "Paupers and Millionaires." He said: "This is a well-dressed body of men, but I will guarantee if you will go out and ask for work and food and sleep in your clothes, you will look like tramps."

Referring to the general methods of dispensing charity, he said it was much of it conscience money from rich robbers to poor victims. He was preaching the gospel of vigorous discontent. "Governor Waite, more criticised than any man in the United States, did what no other Governor did—he called out troops to protect the poor." The speaker was warmly applauded.

President Gompers responded to Mr. Reed's remarks in a complimentary manner and expressed himself in hearty sympathy with Governor Waite. It was decided to invite the Governor to address the convention.

A communication from Cigarmakers' Union No. 154 of Lincoln, Ill., asked the convention to take a position against any compulsory arbitration law. It was referred to the Resolutions Committee.

A large number of resolutions were read by title and referred to appropriate committees.

The following resolutions were adopted:

"*Resolved*, That we deplore the introduction of any sectarian or captious side issues among the working people. Such movements are destined to divide labor's forces and produce bitter antagonism, as they produce religious bigotry, provoke rancorous intolerance and divert the working people from working out their own emanicipation from the galling slavery of the present social and political conditions.

"*Resolved*, That we here and now reaffirm as one of the cardinal principles of the trades union labor movement that the working people must unite and organize irrespective of creed, color, sex or nativity."

A motion to make the consideration of the political programme a special order for Thursday morning at 10 o'clock was amended by substituting Friday morning and passed.

At the afternoon session a score or more of resolutions were presented and referred.

The Committee on Credentials reported on the Painters' and Decorators' Union contest, recommending that the delegates of both factions be seated, and the vote of the union be divided between them, and that the incoming Executive Council take the matter up and endeavor to effect a reconciliation. The report was adopted.

Delegate Lloyd of the Central Trades Council of Boston introduced a resolution in favor of the free coinage of silver. It was referred to the Resolutions Committee.

At 2:45 the convention adjourned to allow the committees to meet and prepare for to-morrow's work.

It is now quite generally believed that President Gompers will be re-elected President, with but little, if any opposition. There are no avowed candidates for the place, though several are said to have aspirations. President Prescott of the Typographical Union, who has been named as Gompers' strongest opponent, has stated positively that he will not be a candidate. President Gompers was feeling quite ill when he came to Denver, but now is somewhat improved. He says he is not too ill to make a fight if necessary.

A Judge Shot at.

LEXINGTON (Ky.), Dec. 12.—News comes from Hazard, Ky., that Judge Hall was warned if he did not release on bail Jesse Fields and Joe Atkins, charged with shooting ex-County Judge Coombs from ambush, there would be trouble. Fields' brother, the County Judge, was in court, and when Judge Hall refused to allow bail Fields fired at Hall. The court officers caught Fields, but his friends released him.

Tornado in Georgia.

FORSYTHE (Ga.), Dec. 12.—A terrific tornado reached Forsythe at 3 A. M. today. Several people were badly injured and the loss to the town is $30,000 to $50,000. The Methodist Church, valued at $18,000, was destroyed. The people became panic-stricken. Every store on the west side of the public square was unroofed.

Killed by a Burglar.

CLEVELAND (O.), Dec. 12.—William H. Price of the firm of Chandler & Price was murdered by a burglar at 2:30 this morning. The burglars were found in the house by Price. One shot him in the breast. He lived only a few minutes. The burglars escaped.

THE GUBERNATORIAL CONTEST.

ESTEE ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACTION.

He Writes a Letter Addressed to the People of the State Upon the Subject Matter.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—In an interview published in the *Evening Post* today, M. M. Estee takes upon himself all responsibility for the action begun in his behalf in the State Supreme Court to contest the election of James H. Budd as Governor.

Estee says he can no longer allow the Democratic press and politicians to state that he disapproves of the attempt of his party leaders to investigate the alleged election frauds in San Francisco.

The *Post* also prints the following card from Estee to the people of California:

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12, 1894.

To the People of California: Some days ago, in a letter addressed to the Republican State Central Committee, I stated that "I would make no contest to secure the office of Governor, either in my own name or by my authority or direction. The question whether there has been an honest vote and a fair count is for the people to decide."

This is my position still as far as it relates to the office of Governor. I would not accept that office if the title rested upon the mere technical grounds, but I cannot permit my friends or my party to stand in a false position, or to do for me what I am not willing to indorse.

It is due to Mr. Cornwall, who recently commenced an action in the Supreme Court to test the validity of the election in certain precincts in San Francisco; it is due to the Republican party and it is due to the whole people of the State, regardless of party, for me to explain why these proceedings have been taken. They have been brought to uncover alleged frauds in the recent election in San Francisco, and not for the purpose of changing the result by technical means.

I am willing to assume all responsibility of this litigation, and I state now that it is right. I say, further, there is nothing worth preserving in our Government, there is nothing worth preserving in the Republican party, if we cannot have an honest vote and fair count at our elections.

The petition filed asks for a recount in certain precincts in San Francisco, which show the earmarks of fraud. No good citizen can object to this; no law-abiding Republican can oppose it. This proceeding is not an attack upon any party. It is to test the purity of pure elections. It would seem that in San Francisco custom has made election frauds popular, and opposition to them is called an attack upon the elective franchise.

M. M. ESTEE.

THE CANVASS COMPLETED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—The official canvass of the vote for Governor cast at the last election was completed at the Registrar's office this afternoon.

The result shows: Budd, 32,069; Estee, 20,615; Webster, 6,459. Budd's plurality, 11,454. This is about 100 votes less than the plurality given Budd by the unofficial returns.

WRECK ON THE GREAT NORTHERN.

A Fireman Fatally Injured by Heat, Water and Steam.

SEATTLE (Wash.), Dec. 12.—Another wreck occurred on the Great Northern last night at Bell's Mill, near Everett. The overland, due in Seattle at 10:35 P. M., was thrown from the track by a landslide. Fireman Belis was fatally injured by hot water and steam. The engineer had a miraculous escape by jumping. The passengers were badly shaken up, but not injured.

The engine went into the bay and was badly damaged, but the tender is near the track. The passenger coaches did not leave the rails.

The track had just been cleared of the Monday night wreck, and that train brought in the mail to Seattle this morning from the train wrecked last night.

Hawaiian News.

VICTORIA (B. C.), Dec. 12.—The Australian steamship Warimoo, which arrived here this afternoon, reports the sale to a Pacific Coast syndicate for $250,000 of the Waimanalo plantation, near Honolulu. R. P. Rithet of Victoria, and J. E. Miller of California, are in the syndicate, which was organized by Colonel McFarlane of Honolulu. On December 1st nearly half a ton of opium, supposed to have been sent from here, was smuggled ashore at Honolulu. Hawaii had a severe earthquake December 3d, which did considerable damage altogether.

State Veterinary Association.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—The California State Veterinary Association met here to-day with a large attendance. Several interesting papers were read, and the following officers elected: President, C. B. Oryis, Stockton; Vice-President, R. T. Whittlessey, Los Angeles; Secretary, R. A. Archibald, Sacramento; Treasurer, D. F. Fox, Sacramento; Board of Examiners, Doctors MacLay, Egan, Spencer, Lemke, Graham. The association will meet next year at San Jose.

PERILS OF THE SEA.

A Sailing Vessel Wrecked on the Coast of Oregon.

NOTHING TO SHOW WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE CREW.

The Ship Scottish Dale Towed Into Port Townsend in a Dilapidated Condition, Having Been Dismantled During a Heavy Storm on the Oregon and Washington Coast—Officers and Crew Mutiny on the Voyage.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—An *Oregonian* special from Tillamook, Or., says: News has reached here that a sailing vessel went to pieces on the rocks at Netarts, about a mile south of Cape Mears Lighthouse, on Sunday night. The particulars obtained are very meager, though pieces of the wrecked vessel are strewn along the beach for several miles. A piece of the stern was marked "Garcia, San Francisco." The lifeboats came ashore but were crushed to pieces. The masts and keel, also a sailors hat were found on the beach. No bodies have come ashore yet, and nothing that would show what her cargo was.

Sunday night was very stormy and the breakers rolled high. No one saw the boat or knew just when she was wrecked and no signal lights or guns were noticed by the inhabitants near the beach. But from the enormous amount of wreckage, it is certain that a boat went to pieces there Sunday night. It is thought from appearances that the vessel struck on the Sea Lion rocks, about a mile from shore.

LITTLE DOUBT BUT IT IS THE GARCIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—The schooner Garcia left here last Sunday in ballast to load lumber at Coos Bay. She was of 116 tons burden and was commanded by Captain Larsen. She carried a crew of four or five men, whose names are unknown. The Garcia was owned by Captain Peterson of this city, and there is little doubt but that the wreckage found off Tillamook belonged to her.

ANXIETY FOR OVERDUE VESSELS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—The storm at sea has made ship-owners anxious for the fate of their overdue vessels. The ship India, which left Nanaimo eighteen days ago with a cargo of coal for this port, has not arrived, and it is feared she may have met the same fate as the Ivanhoe.

The steamers which run up and down the coast have all been twelve hours late. The Keweenah from Comox, the Monsterrat from Nanaimo, George W. Elder from Portland, the Crescent City from the port of the same name and the Willamette from Tacoma should have reached port on Monday, but up to dark to-night there was no sign of any one of them. The steamer Walla Walla should have arrived early in the morning, but by night she was out at sea and in the storm with the rest of the vessels.

A SHIP DISMANTLED.

PORT TOWNSEND, Dec. 12.—The steamer Bertha, from Unalaska, brought the British ship Scottish Dales of Liverpool, Captain Timothy McCarty, into port to-night, partly dismantled. The ship was bound from San Francisco to Portland to load wheat for Europe. She left the former port December 2d, and three days later, ahead of moderate gales, reached the Columbia River. Thursday and Friday the gale increased to a hurricane, which created a heavy sea. Saturday the gale was composed of heavy squalls, which tore her sails into tatters and brought down the foretopmast and all the foreyards and main upper yards. The crew became frightened and wanted to abandon the vessel and take to the boats.

Saturday night the gale continued with unabated fury and the ship, laboring heavily, strained her hull. Sunday morning the gale subsided and a calm ensued, leaving the ship rolling in a heavy sea. Suddenly her ballast shifted to the starboard side, badly injuring three men. The port anchor and thirty fathoms of chain were dropped over as a drag to keep the vesssel's head to the sea. Later, the anchor and chain were lost. She was over on her beam ends, mountainous seas sweeping her decks, and the only way the crew could handle the vessel was to lash themselves to stationary objects. By trimming ballast she righted somewhat, and then the storm came on again, carrying away more of the rigging.

The officers and crew mutinied. They refused to obey their Captain's commands, and attempted to leave the ship in the boats. Captain McCarthy armed himself and, single-handed, prevented them from leaving the ship. On several occasions the vessel was close in shore and in imminent danger of drifting on the rocks. Twice she got inside the lightship at the Columbia River bar, when snow began falling, and the increasing gale drove her out to seaward.

Yesterday morning she headed toward the Straits of Juan del Fuca, but was unable to make the cape. On trying to launch a boat one man was dashed against the side of the ship and killed. Drifting past Cape Flattery, the ship was slowly going toward the Vancouver shore, when the steamer Bertha hove in sight and took her in tow at 9 o'clock last night.

The Scottish Dale presents a dilapitated appearance. The damage, excepting a claim for salvage by the Bertha, amounts to $10,000. Captain McCarthy, who has been to sea over thirty years, says the storm was the severest he ever experienced.

The Hawaiian bark Mauna Ala, from Honolulu, arrived to-night, and reports experiencing extraordinary southeast and west southwest gales. The barometer fell to 28.60. The ballast shifted, and the crew stood ready to cut away the masts. She lost several sails. Off Cape Flattery, three miles west by south, a new red buoy was observed adrift.

CONGRESS OF SUPERVISORS.

Meeting to Further the Interests of Southern California.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—The congress of Supervisors from Southern California was to-day called to order by E. S. Field, one of the local board, who was finally elected Chairman. F. E. Davis of Santa Barbara was installed as Secretary.

Chairman J. D. Yoch of the Orange County delegation moved that a permanent organization be affected, to consist of the Chairman or some member of the Supervisors, to be selected by the board in each county. The seven selected are to represent the several counties and act for the interests of all. The seven counties comprise Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange, Santa Barbara, Riverside, Ventura and San Diego. The resolution caused considerable discussion but was finally adopted. The members selected by the several counties are: J. W. Cook, Los Angeles; A. B. Ruggles, San Bernardino; S. A. Armor, Orange; A. S. White, Riverside; F. E. Davis, Ventura; G. G. Welch, Santa Barbara; J. P. M. Rainbow, San Diego.

These gentlemen will constitute the Supervisorial Congress of Southern California, and their efforts will be directed to furthering the interests of this section of the State as regards immigration, commerce, harbor, State division, the Nicaragua Canal, etc. The first meeting of this new organization will be held in the rooms of the Supervisors in this county next Thursday morning, when it is expected that numerous bills will be prepared for consideration by the Legislature.

Mr. Lord of San Bernardino to-day spoke at some length upon the repeal of the county surveyors bill.

A resolution by A. G. Nason of San Diego was adopted sustaining the new road law, and discouraging the proposition to repeal the law and return to the old road overseer system.

A resolution submitted by R. H. Young of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce was then adopted, urging the assistance of all citizens to the utmost extent of their influence and power in the early construction of the Nicaragua Canal by the Government.

The State division resolution prepared by Delegate Nason, and the matter of harbor location, were not brought up, his colleagues insisting that he let the matter pass. Mr. Nason was anxious that the resolutions be indorsed, but in view of the sentiment expressed by a majority of the delegates, he saw it would be useless to urge it.

A visit to the Whittier Reform School resulted in resolutions being passed commending the management of said institution and a pledge to its earnest support.

NEEDED SPENDING MONEY.

Spokane's County Clerk a Defaulter to a Large Amount.

SPOKANE, Dec. 12.—For more than a week Expert George W. Cragin has been going over the books of the County Clerk, Charles O. Downing, and he has concluded his labors sufficiently to charge a heretofore trusted County Clerk with being a defaulter to the extent of $5,000, perhaps more. The original entry book, which would have shown the exact amount of his peculations, has been destroyed, and it will require an immense amount of work to discover the exact shortage. There are 110,000 entries, and it will be necessary to verify each entry before the exact amount will be made known.

When the County Commissioners confronted Downing with the information of his shortage, he coolly said that he had been taking small sums of the county's money ever since he went into office, and the only excuse he offered was that his salary was not sufficient, and that he was obliged to have a little spending money. He has always borne an excellent reputation, and occupied a prominent place in secret societies and military circles. He is commander of Troop D of the National Guard. At a meeting of the command a few nights ago he told a pitiful story of his shortage, claiming it was taken by some one else. His men voted to turn over to him several hundred dollars still due them from the State with which to make good the deficit. A warrant was sworn out for his arrest, and this afternoon he gave himself up. His bond was fixed at $5,000 for his appearance for preliminary examination.

SEARCH FOR THE IVANHOE.

Wreckage Found, But No Trace of the Castaways.

PORT TOWNSEND (Wash.), Dec. 12.—The United States revenue cutter Richard Rush returned to-night from her cruise along the west shore of Vancouver Island, in quest of news concerning the missing collier Ivanhoe, which sailed from Seattle for San Francisco, September 27th. At Nettle Island a life buoy belonging to the Ivanhoe was obtained from the natives, who had found it several weeks ago. The stern end of a ship's dingy boat and some other small fresh wreckage were found in the same vicinity of Barclay Sound, but nothing further than the buoy to indicate that it belonged to the Ivanhoe. The Rush's cruise extended to Cape Scott. A succession of heavy gales were encountered. Captain Hooper of the Rush says he visited every settlement and trading post, making diligent inquiries and offering inducements to the natives for information, but he was unable to find any trace of the castaways on the island.

DUAL DROWNING.

A Man Loses His Life While Trying to Save Another.

VANCOUVER (Wash.), Dec. 12.—A dual drowning accident occurred at Revelstoke, on the Columbia River, just before midnight last night. E. S. Wilson, a miner jumped into the river with suicidal intent, at about 11:30 o'clock. The rash act was witnessed by another man, who instantly gave the alarm. No boats were near, so driftwood and logs were thrown to the drowning man. He refused assistance and made no attempt to save himself. Seeing that Wilson had got into the strong current, Andrew Whalen plunged in to rescue him, but before he could reach him Wilson had disappeared. Whalen then tried to return to shore, but by this time he had got into the current, and, becoming exhausted, disappeared before assistance could reach him.

Cause of the Death of Charmak.

WOODLAND, Dec. 12.—Coroner Bean and a jury ascertained the cause of the death of the late Ben Charmak this afternoon. Quite a number of witnesses were examined, but the promised sensational evidence implicating railroad employes did not materialize. The verdict was that he was blown from the train while it was in motion on December 7th, between Davisville and Swingle Station. The relatives of the deceased are satisfied with the verdict, and there will be no suit for damages.

Suit Against a Divine.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Suit was commenced to-day by Henry Miller of the firm of Miller & Lux against Horatio Stebbins, for the recovery of $2,188 89 borrowed money and interest. The money sued for accrued through a series of loans running through six years. The reverend gentleman, who is pastor of the First Unitarian Church, when seen this evening, said he knew nothing of such legal action, and that he was not aware that he owed any such debt.

A Land Swindler Arrested.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—H. E. Grumby was arrested here to-day on a charge by S. Henry of swindling him by selling him an interest in land which had no existence. Mr. Grumby is a real estate man here and is said to have swindled numerous other persons in like manner, among them many in Pasadena, where he pretended to locate claims on Government land.

Nicaragua Canal.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—The Chamber of Commerce has issued an address to the people of the Pacific Coast asking every business firm and every citizen having influential Eastern and Southern connections to request that their correspondents influence their respective Representatives and Senators in favor of national aid to secure the construction of the Nicaragua Canal.

Petition for a Recount.

NAPA, Dec. 12.—Papers were filed today by D. A. Dunlap (Dem.), who was defeated by one vote for the office of Sheriff by the Republican candidate, George S. McKenzie. Dunlap contested the election on the grounds of fraud. No date has been set for a hearing.

Appleman Murder Trial.

WOODLAND, Dec. 12.—At noon to-day the Appleman case was adjourned until to-morrow, the special venire of jurymen having been exhausted. Eight jurors have been obtained. The court ordered another special venire for fifteen jurors to be issued, returnable to-morrow.

VOLCANIC DISTURBANCES.

Hebrides Islands Passing Through a Baptism of Fire.

EXISTENCE OF SEVERAL OF THEM THREATENED.

An Entire Village of Natives on the Ambrym Island Carried Into the Sea, the Loss of Life Being Estimated at From Sixty to Seventy Men, Women and Children, While on Others of the Group Fatalities are Reported.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

VICTORIA, Dec. 12.—The Australian steamer Warimoo, just arrived, brings the startling news that a majority of the Islands of the New Hebrides group are passing through a baptism of fire, earthquake and volcanic disturbances, threatening the very existence of several of the largest and best islands, including Ambrym, celebrated for the excellence of its coffee. On the latter an entire village of natives was recently carried into the sea. The loss of life has been variously estimated at from sixty to seventy-five men, women and children, while in others of the group fatalities are also reported. A layer of ashes from two to six inches deep covers the once fertile fields with an appropriate shroud.

At Epi, on November 2d, there was a severe earthquake in the early morning, which opened an entirely new crater for the volcano on the west side of Ambrym, about fourteen miles distant, and all the next day the whole island trembled. Since then it has opened in five or six different places. Even the Island of Epi, which is much less affected, had, on November 7th, felt sixty-three distinct shocks, and for weeks has been covered with clouds of ashes and smoke. The traders and planters living on Ambrym Island have fled precipitately to Port Sandwich (Malicollo), the nearest port, in many cases abandoning all their possessions.

On November 13th an earthquake shock racked Ambrym from east to west, causing the land on which stood a small native village to slip with the humble houses of the inhabitants, and many of them threw themselves into the sea. It is impossible accurately to determine the extent of the fatality, but the lowest estimate of the loss of life is fifty. Owing to the recentness of the disaster, details were not available when the Warimoo left the southern seas, although natives of all the volcanic islands were flocking to the center of civilization for safety.

A special correspondent for the Sydney *Morning Herald*, writing from Epi early in November, said: "Ambrym Island is still in volcanic eruption. The outbreak commenced October 16th, at an old crater in the center of the island. The lava stream extends from the center to near Dip Point (western end.) The center of the island is a mass of lava. One stream was seen by H. M. S. Dart to enter the sea on the morning of October 16th one mile east of Dip Point. A column of steam arose 4,500 feet. There were violent submarine explosions of steam in the vicinity and outbursts of smoke and fire south of the Mission station. Dust fell heavily. The Dart embarked over eighty natives from Dip Point for safety. Frequent earthquakes were felt as far as Molokula, many of them severe.

"The Dart is watching events. Some of the officers have ascended the crater, which is one mile in diameter and one thousand feet deep. Dense smoke continues to issue from this crater. All the western end of the island is covered with a deposit of fine ashes. As far as can be ascertained at present the loss of life has been sixty killed by the great landslip of the 13th and by falling stones."

WAR IN CHINA.

The Japanese Minister Disbelieves the Reported Atrocities at Port Arthur.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The following statement was issued from the Japanese Legation to-day: The Japanese Minister expresses the strongest disbelief in the reports of atrocities alleged to have been committed by the Japanese troops at Port Arthur. The reputation of Marshal Oyama, whose orders to his troops against excesses of any kind were of the strictest nature, and the discipline maintained in the Japanpese army, in his opinion, renders such a state of things impossible. He believes, therefore, that these reports of Japanese cruelty are greatly exaggerated, and that the official report of what has really happened will certainly be made public and will prove them to be so. The legation has as yet no definite advices on the subject beyond a report that a number of Japanese laborers who had been armed with swords for their own protection had entered the town during the battle and were guilty of some excesses. After the fights at Kin Chow and Talien Wan the Japanese dead were found decapitated and otherwise horribly mutilated. It is possible that the Japanese laborers, inflamed by these atrocities and intoxicated with liquor found in the town, may have done the things alleged while the fight was going on, but of this the legation report their disbelief, and are certain that the culprits will be summarily dealt with.

CHINESE DEFEATED.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—A dispatch to the *Central News* from Antong says that the Japanese division, on Monday, December 10th, defeated the Chinese near Kin-Kwa-Hu. The Chinese lost 100 killed and a large number were wounded. The Japanese, whose loss was only forty killed and wounded, captured two banners, ten prisoners and a large number of rifles. Four thousand Chinese were engaged. The Chinese fled toward Tso-Hun-Kou.

Sir John Thompson Dead.

WINDSOR (Eng.), Dec. 12.—Sir John Thompson, the Canadian Prime Minister, died at Windsor to-day after a meeting of the Privy Council, at which he was sworn in