

A SANTA ROSA SENSATION.

County Treasury Robbed of a Large Amount of Money.

THE CUSTODIAN OF THE FUNDS LOCKED IN THE VAULT.

Eight Thousand Dollars the Amount Sonoma's People Lose—Treasurer Stoffer Nearly Suffocated During the Many Hours of His Incarceration—Timely Arrival of His Wife Saves His Life.

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD-UNION.

SANTA ROSA, Dec. 28.—Santa Rosa had the biggest sensation in its history to-day. The County Treasury was robbed of nearly \$8,000, and County Treasurer Stoffer was left in the vault to suffocate by the robbers, who locked the door of the vault on him. The robbery occurred about 9 o'clock this morning, but was not discovered until about 3 o'clock this evening. All this time he lay on the floor of the vault gasping for breath, fearing every moment during consciousness would be his last.

Had it not been for the timely arrival of his wife, the only person in town who knew the combination, he would have been dead. She had been at Cloverdale, and on her return here about 4 o'clock learned that the Treasurer had not been home to dinner. The children said they had taken his dinner up to him and had left it in front of the office, but could not get in.

Mrs. Stoffer suspecting something wrong, rushed down to the office, which was on the second floor, and found the door was locked, but with the aid of the janitor she opened it, and found the Treasurer in a wretched state. She was also locked.

Once inside Mrs. Stoffer found her fears realized. On one desk was her husband's coat and hat. On the floor in confusion were money trays in which the Treasurer carries money from the vault, which is in a rear office, to his desk in the front room.

About that time a faint knocking was heard from inside the vault. Mrs. Stoffer cried out that her husband was in the vault, and she could save him if she could remember the combination. The first time she tried she failed, owing to her great excitement. The next time, realizing that her husband's life depended upon her coolness, she was more successful, and the big iron doors of the vault slowly swung open.

Treasurer Stoffer was found on the floor of the vault unconscious. The safe door was open and most of the money gone. Treasurer Stoffer, soon as he revived, said he opened up the office as usual about 9 o'clock. As he was carrying out the trays with money from the vault, a tall man in his stocking feet stepped into the door of the vault, and with uplifted dagger in his right hand told him to drop the trays, for how long he could stoop over to lay the trays down, the robber struck him a powerful blow on the back of the head, which rendered him unconscious for a long time. He could not tell. He says the man was tall and wore chin whiskers, and must have gained admittance to the office during the night and waited for him to open the safe.

The officers are scouring the country for the robber, but no trace has been found. The officers say there have been a number of hard-looking characters in town recently, but most of them have been common transients.

It is the belief of many that the job was done by parties living in Santa Rosa who were familiar with the county offices and knew just how to proceed to loot the Treasury.

Owing to the fact the robber had the officers think the chances of finding him are rather slim, there are many theories as to how the robber got into the office, but the most general belief is that he got there on a horse long before midnight, until the Treasurer opened the vault, and walked into it.

Whitstone Wins the Match Race With Pescador.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Jockey "Soapy" Perkins riding yesterday and to-day rode three winning mounts. The interest in the match race between Whitstone and Pescador, for \$2,000 a side, was intense. Whitstone was the favorite at one to two, with Pescador at eight to five. The pair raced together to the line, but Pescador, who had been ridden by Chorn, fell and Whitstone won. Chorn and Dick Behan were the other favorites winning.

HOLOCAUST IN OREGON.

A Horrible Tragedy Occurs Christmas Eve at Silver Lake.

FOURTY-ONE LIVES LOST AND MANY PEOPLE INJURED.

Fire Breaks Out During Festivities of a Christmas Tree, Caused by the Overturning of a Lamp—People Rush Headlong Into the Flames, to Meet With a Horrible Death.

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KLAMATH FALLS (Or.), Dec. 28.—News has just been received here that a most horrible holocaust occurred at Silver Lake, Lake County, Oregon, on Christmas eve, in which forty-one people were burned to death and sixteen badly injured, five of whom will die.

A large crowd had assembled in Christmas Bros' hall to attend a Christmas tree. While the festivities were at their height some one climbed on a bench, from which point he expected to get a better view of what was going on. In doing so his head struck a lamp hanging from the ceiling, overturning it, the oil immediately caught fire, and everything in the room being dry and of an inflammable nature, the room was soon a mass of flames. Some one shouted, "Shut the door and keep quiet; it can be put out!" By this time the confusion was so great that people began scrambling in a wild endeavor to reach the door. Women and children were trampled under foot. There was only one door to the hall, and the fire broke between the majority of the crowd and the door, many people rushed headlong into the flames.

The dead are: Mrs. John Buick and two children, Mrs. Owsley and two children, Frank West, wife and two children, Ed. Bowen, Miss McCaulley, T. J. Lambrie and child, Mrs. Ward Mrs. U. F. Albright, Frank Horning, Mrs. Taylor, Nettie Williams and child, W. Clay Martin and wife, Robert Small, Mrs. Ella Ward and child, Frank Ross, mother and sister, a child of Roy Ward, Ira Hamilton, Mrs. Gus. Schroeder and child.

The five injured and likely to die are: Mrs. T. J. Lambrie, Robert Snelling and sister, Edward Payne and son. The building, a two-story frame structure, contained Christmas Brothers' store on the first floor, and on the second was the hall which was rented for gatherings of all kinds.

Silver Lake is a small village in Lake County of about a hundred inhabitants, and is 150 miles from the nearest telegraph office.

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TRADE IMPROVING.

Less Failures the Past Year Than During the Preceding One.

THE AMOUNT INVOLVED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS LESS.

The National Committee of the People's Party, Together With Invited Friends, Meet at St. Louis, Over Two Hundred Delegates Taking Part in the Deliberations.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say: Commercial failures in 1894 already reported number 14,232, against 15,242 last year, with liabilities \$163,238,404, against \$198,779,889 last year. Next week the final report for 1894 will probably include about 400 more failures, with liabilities of about \$4,000,000. From these accounts banks, bankers, financial and transportation companies are excluded. Manufacturing failures already number 2,726, against 3,442 last year, but the liabilities are only \$64,491,287, against \$176,982,091 last year. The trading failures already number 11,314, against 11,512 last year, but liabilities are only \$87,898,087, against \$130,672,833 last year.

The statement by sections shows a decrease of about two-thirds in defaulted liabilities in the Middle and Central Northern States, one-half in the West and Southwest, and a third in other sections.

Failures for the week have been 350 in the United States, against 551 last year, and 41 in Canada against 41 last year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: General trade presents the usual holiday characteristics. A majority of wholesale dealers and manufacturers are beginning to have finished taking account of stock or arranging settlements for the new year. Main activity has been for Christmas specialties in all lines. The practical conclusion of holiday trade has brought about a moderate reaction, and this emphasizes the outlook for the new year. A majority of the dealers and manufacturers are beginning to have finished taking account of stock or arranging settlements for the new year. Main activity has been for Christmas specialties in all lines.

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LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—Great interest is centered in to-morrow's football game between Palo Alto and the Chicago boys, and, if the weather permits, it is likely that a large portion of Los Angeles' population will spend the afternoon at Athletic Park. No hard work was done today, both teams putting in their time at practice.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—A Mexican sheepherder was brought into Bisbee today suffering from a gunshot wound through the thigh. He says he was attacked by five mounted Indians while he was looking after his flock. He took to his heels the roidskins opened fire on him, only one of the shots taking effect. It is the opinion of old-timers that the Indians are not to be trusted for serious Indian troubles.

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JAMES G. FAIR DEAD.

Suddenly Expires at a Hotel in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Ex-Senator James G. Fair died suddenly at the Lick House at 12:20 to-night.

Senator Fair has been in poor health for some time, suffering from asthma. A few days ago he caught cold while going out in a rainstorm to view some of his property improvements at North Beach. The cold did not apparently affect his lungs, but settled in his kidneys. This evening he was feeling better than for the past few days and his death was entirely unexpected.

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THE HELLISH KURDS.

Startling Story Told by a Recently Arrived Armenian.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The most interesting immigrant at Ellis Island last night was Diogenes Meniphey, a young Armenian who had escaped from the fury of the Turks just before he reached here, and was about to be sent home as an undesirable immigrant, when his case was reviewed by the immigrant officials and he was discharged. Meniphey is only 18 years of age. He was a student at the Armenian College at Marzouk, Armenia, and after seeing twenty of his school companions murdered and two of the others severely injured, he determined to escape, if possible, and quit the town by stealth.

He is a bright young man. This stood him in good stead when he reached here, but he had no money, and being under the protection of the American flag, he never molested. They furnished him with money enough to come here, but he had no money, and being under the protection of the American flag, he never molested. They furnished him with money enough to come here, but he had no money, and being under the protection of the American flag, he never molested.

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REGULATIONS FOR CARRYING OUT NEW TREATY CONDITIONS.

LABORERS MUST RETURN WITHIN A YEAR OF DEPARTURE.

EX-SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN W. FOSTER REQUESTED BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO GO TO JAPAN TO MEET PLENIPOTENTIARIES OF THE FORMER COUNTRY AND AID THEM IN THEIR NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The regulations for the return to the United States of Chinese laborers as provided for by the recent treaty between this country and China, have been completed by the Secretary of the Treasury. Under the regulations a Chinese laborer who has resided and registered in the United States and departed therefrom, and who may have a lawful wife, child or parent in the United States, or property therein of value of \$1,000, or debts of like amount due him, will be permitted to return, provided that before departing he deposits with the Commissioner of Customs of the district in which he lives a certificate of registration from the Internal Revenue Collector and a full description of his family, property or debts.

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The papers must be accompanied by three photographs of the laborer, and the statement submitted by him, if found to be correct, will be certified by the Collector of Customs. The papers, with the photographs, are to be transmitted to the collector of Customs of the port from which the Chinese laborer is to depart, and who must return to the country by the way of the port of his departure. The certified description of the laborer and be filed in the office of the Collector at the port of entry as a means of identification.

The return to the United States must be within one year of departure, unless sickness or other disability prevents, in which event the facts are required to be certified by the Collector at the port from which the Chinese laborer may depart for the United States.

A certificate will be issued to the laborer on his departure, which will be a receipt to a description of the person to whom it is issued, but will refer to the identification papers by number. This will obviate the necessity of exchange of certificates and be filed in the office of the Collector at the port of entry as a means of identification.

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THE ORIENTAL WAR.

China Preparing to Sue for Peace—No Alliance With Japan.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28.—Peace Commissioner Chang Ying Yuen has left Tientsin for Chefoo and is expected here January 1st. He will join Peace Commissioner Tiao Yoo Tien and go to Tokio. Tiao Yoo Tien was formerly Governor of Formosa and offered a reward of \$12,000 for the destruction of big Japanese warships, and for the capture and destruction of smaller Japanese warships.

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