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A JAIL-BREAKER KILLED.

Thomas Blanck, the Murderer, Shot Dead by an Officer.

ONE OF THE PURSUING OFFICERS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

Miraculous Escape From Death of a Miner Living Near Mokelumne, Calaveras County—Fell Down an Abandoned Shaft, But Was Rescued With Only a Few Bruises—A Resident of Alameda County Meets With a Probable Fatal Accident Through the Careless Handling of a Loaded Gun.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SEATTLE, March 21.—Thomas Blanck, the murderer and jail-breaker, is dead, shot through the head and body by the bullets from the Winchester rifles of Deputies John Shepich and Robert Crow.

The encounter took place on the Northern Pacific Railroad track, about a mile north of Kent, at 5:30 o'clock. About sixteen shots were fired, and when the smoke cleared away Thomas Blanck lay a lifeless corpse and John Shepich lay with wounds in his left shoulder in the proximity of the heart. Blanck was shot through the ear and nose, and, according to general observations, through the body. His remains were immediately taken to Kent, together with the wounded deputy. The injuries of Shepich, while serious, are not thought to be fatal.

The battle was one of the most desperate kind imaginable, and was fought out with only ten feet separating the foes. Blanck shot twice before the deputies opened fire. He refused to throw up his hands, and in his usual bold, bloodthirsty manner, drew his gun and went at it. Fast and furious was the shooting, the two deputies firing almost simultaneously.

The full story of the most desperate of all battles with criminals that has ever taken place in this country was told to a *Post-Intelligencer* reporter by W. L. Whittimore of Kent, who saw the fight from a distance and was one of the first to arrive after the job was done. He said: "This afternoon a report came to Kent that Blanck was penned in near Orilla. As soon as the news was heard a large number of men started for the place. Fortune had it that Bob Crow and John Shepich, who carried Winchester rifles, started up the Northern Pacific Railroad track. When they were about a mile north of Kent they saw a man coming toward them down the track. They had no idea when they saw the man approaching that they were going to meet the desperado, and got to within ten feet of him before the real danger developed itself. The stranger walked along without saying a word, and finally Crow and Shepich called to him: 'Throw up your hands, there!' Their commands fell on deaf ears, for the man, without further delay, drew a black Colt's 38-caliber five-shooter revolver from his pocket and opened fire. Whang! bang! rang out two shots from his revolver, and still the deputies were unhurt. Then the men with the Winchesters commenced pumping bullets into their antagonist. It was a regular fusillade, and not until the desperado had emptied his revolver of all its shots, wounding Shepich and being bored through and through, that the battle was over, and the desperado lay on the track lifeless. Shepich and Crow had killed the Jesse James of the Pacific Northwest, Thomas Blanck, alias Frank Hamilton."

The body was taken to Kent and held awaiting the order of Sheriff Vandeventer.

Blanck was probably the most desperate criminal ever confined in jail here. He has killed two men within the last year, and last Sunday night he held up the jailer with a piece of wood, shaped like a revolver, and with nine other prisoners escaped from jail. When taken into court for trial he pleaded guilty to murder in the first degree, and was sentenced to be hanged. After the court had sentenced him he asked that his execution be immediately carried out.

Blanck's body was brought to this city to-night, and when the train containing it arrived at the station several thousand people were present. It was with great difficulty that the crowd was driven away in order that the body could be placed in the dead wagon and conveyed to an undertaker's.

The Coroner and several physicians made an examination of the body and found that it had been riddled with bullets. Three shots in the back, within a radius of four inches, had produced death, and there were four others in his body, two of which were in his right arm, one in his ear and the other in his neck. Inside of his coat and almost directly over his heart the desperado had several thicknesses of heavy blanket in order to protect himself from the bullets of his pursuers.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

A Miner Falls Down One Hundred Feet in an Abandoned Shaft.

STOCKTON, March 21.—A miner named Gleason, living near Mokelumne, had an almost miraculous escape from death last Sunday evening. While returning from Mokelumne he lost his way, and, wandering from the path, fell into the open shaft of an abandoned mine on what is known as the Stockton Ridge. The shaft was 135 feet deep, but there was about 100 feet of water in it. Gleason, fortunately, fell feet first. He sank beneath the surface of the water and was almost stunned by the fall. Arising to the surface, he braced himself against the sides of the shaft and thus kept himself from drowning. He cried at the top of his voice for help, but for an hour his cries were unheard. Finally he attracted the attention of a passer-by. He sent word to Mokelumne Hill, and a number of men with ropes and lanterns came to the rescue. Gleason was taken out alive, and, with the exception of a few bruises, is unhurt.

S. F. AND S. J. V. RAILROAD.

Audience Given by the Directors to a Committee From Stockton.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—The directors of the San Francisco and San Joaquin Railroad met this afternoon and gave an audience to a committee from Stockton down for the purpose of presenting the claims of that city to consideration. The spokesmen for the committee were H. J. Corcoran, manager of the California Navigation and Improvement Company, and Secretary Buel of the Stockton Commercial Association. They presented maps showing the rights of way and terminal facilities which Stockton proposed to give in case the main line of the competing road should be built through the town. The directors gave the gentlemen a careful hearing, and promised to consider the Stockton proposition carefully.

LATER.—The prices at which contracts for material were awarded for the San Joaquin Railway are as follows: Steel rails, $26 40 per ton; angle plates, $1 35 per hundredweight; spikes, $1 65 per hundredweight, and bolts and nuts, $1 60½ per hundredweight.

THE GUN WAS LOADED.

Probable Fatal Accident to a Resident of Alameda County.

HAYWARDS, March 21.—This afternoon as Harry Hemmelright, who has been residing near this place for about a year past, was packing up his goods and chattels, preparatory to moving to Humboldt, he met with a misadventure which may delay his proposed trip indefinitely, if not altogether. He was assisted in his labor by a friend known as Joe, and the latter, chancing to pick up a rifle, asked if it was loaded. Hemmelright replied that it was not, but as he turned to walk out of the room the weapon was discharged while in Joe's hands, shooting Hemmelright in the groin. The wound is a very serious one, and the man who did the shooting is greatly grieved over what has occurred. Hemmelright, however, has fully exonerated him from all blame.

State Board of Trade.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—At a meeting of the California State Board of Trade the question of an exhibition of California products at the Mexican Exposition was discussed, and after a careful consideration it was decided not to send an exhibit to Mexico, but to send one to the Atlanta Exposition, and a committee composed of W. H. Mills, C. M. Wooster and J. P. Irish were appointed to make arrangements for such exhibition. The following Directors were elected to serve during the ensuing year: J. S. Emery, B. M. Lelong, Hon. L. N. Buck, J. Morrisey, J. S. Stabler, W. H. Mills, General N. P. Chipman, J. P. Irish, C. M. Wooster, L. C. McAfee, Mark L. McDonald.

Motion to Quash an Indictment.

SAN BERNARDINO, March 21.—Juan Ferra, charged with being an accomplice in the murder of "Chicken Jim," for which Amelio Garcia was tried and convicted of murder in the first degree, was represented by his attorney in court to-day and a motion was made to quash the indictment on the ground that the Grand Jury was not a legal body. The motion is based on the ground that the first drawing only secured sixteen jurors and the order summoning the others read trial jurors instead of grand jurors. Should the motion prevail, Amelio Garcia, who is condemned to suffer the death penalty, might be released on habeas corpus. The Judge will render his decision to-morrow.

Bond Issue Carried.

LOS ANGELES, March 21.—An election was held here to-day for the purpose of authorizing the city to issue bonds in the sum of $336,000, which resulted in favor of the new issue. The proceeds of these bonds, which will bear 4½ per cent. interest, will be used to pay off certain portions of the city's indebtedness, which is at present bearing interest at 6 and 7 per cent, thus making an annual saving to the city of over $8,000. One-fortieth of the principal of the new bonds will be paid each year until the total amount is paid, proportionately reducing the city's interest each year.

In as Bad a Fix as the Governor.

STOCKTON, March 21.—Dr. Mark Livingstone of San Francisco arrived in Stockton to-day on a visit to relatives. He said he came here for the purpose of escaping the horde of applicants for jobs who have been making his life more unpleasant since the new will of James G. Fair making him an executor has been filed, than the office-seekers are making that of Governor Budd. Applications for all sorts of positions, from ranch foreman to elevator operators, have been pouring in. Dr. Livingstone will leave for Sacramento to-morrow, to consult with Governor Budd.

Probable Fatal Stabbing Affray.

STOCKTON, March 21.—John Killaen was probably fatally stabbed this afternoon by Ed Green at Murphy's Landing, on the Mokelumne river, about twenty miles northwest of Stockton. The two are farm laborers, and had some trouble over a horse, and during the dispute Green used a butcher-knife with such effect that the friends of Killaen almost despair of his recovery. Green gave himself up to a Deputy Sheriff at the landing. A physician has gone out from here to attend the wounded man.

A Cowboy Drowned.

SAN DIEGO, March 21.—A cowboy in the employ of Charles Baker, named Francisco Dore, gathering cattle near Algondonez, was drowned while attempting to cross a laguna last Friday. He had been advised not to attempt the crossing. He paid no heed to the warning, and forced his horse into the stream. The current was running like a millrace, and on reaching it the horse and rider disappeared. The horse was washed ashore, dead, several hundred yards below. The body of the man has not been found.

Carson Mint Shortage.

CARSON, March 21.—It is impossible to get a direct statement from the mint officials or employes, who say no information can be given until the inspector finishes his investigation. It is reported that the assayers have been busy chipping off bits of several bars of bullion and testing them, but everything is all right so far. The exact amount of the shortage is now said to be 3,100 ounces of gold bullion, at $20 50 per ounce, and 1,000 ounces of silver at 63 cents per ounce, making a total of $64,180.

An Accident at Stockton.

STOCKTON, March 21.—John E. Doak, who is putting in the engines for the electric plant at the new County Hospital, was caught by a set screw on a shaft this afternoon and whirled around by the shaft. He was injured internally, and two ribs and one arm were broken. It is thought he will recover.

Sealing Catches.

VICTORIA (B. C.), March 21.—The steamer Mischief, from the west coast, reports the following sealing catches: Dora Seward, 325; Kate, 95; Beatrice, 77; Triumph, 74; May Belle, 76; Anioka, 54; Katherine, 96. The weather has been very rough, and the drowning of some Indian hunters is reported.

Holmes and Candelaria Tailings.

CARSON, March 21.—It is reported on good authority that Peck Brothers have bought the tailings of the Holmes and Candelaria Mining Companies instead of an English syndicate, as previously announced. The centrifugal process will be used instead of the cyanide.

Will be Tried Again.

VISALIA, March 21.—The jury in the case of the People vs. Etta Stokes, charged with assaulting Detective Will Smith of the Southern Pacific with intent to kill on March 4, 1893, disagreed this morning. The defendant will be tried again next week.

Death of Editor Carle's Wife.

PORTLAND, March 21.—Mrs. F. A. Carle, wife of the managing editor of the *Oregonian*, died to-day of heart failure. Mrs. Carle was well known in St. Paul, where her husband was managing editor of the *Pioneer Press* for fourteen years.

Snow in the Siskiyous.

DUNSMUIR, March 21.—A snowstorm commenced this morning. It is over two feet deep now, and still coming.

RED CANYON MINE DISASTER.

The Death List Far Greater Than at First Supposed.

SIXTY PEOPLE NOW KNOWN TO HAVE PERISHED.

Not One in the Mine at the Time of the Explosion Escaped, all Being Instantly Killed—The Cause of the Tragic Affair Due to a Miner Putting in a Large Charge of Powder to Throw Down a Big Amount of Coal for the Next Morning.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

EVANSTON (Wyo.), March 21.—The total number now known to have perished in the mine disaster at Red Canyon yesterday evening is sixty, of which fifty-one are married men and nine young men and boys. Up to this hour the bodies of the following, out of a total of fifty-three who met their death in the mine, have been recovered and turned over to their relatives: Albert Clark, John Morris, David Laurie, George Hyde, John G. Locke, W. H. Grieves, Samuel Clay, all single; Samuel Hutchinson, William Morris, Thomas Booth, Benjamin Coles, Charles Clarke, Willard Brown, James Limb and Fred Morgan, all men of large families. This leaves twenty-eight unrecovered bodies in the mine.

The timbering has been largely blown out, and the walls and roof of the whole interior are cracked and shattered so that the volunteer searching party of eighteen now seeking the bodies of their comrades are every moment in danger of being buried.

A Coroner's jury has been impaneled, which view the remains as soon as brought to the surface and turned over to relatives.

The agonizing cries of widows and children about the mouth of the mine beggars description. The mules that were in the mine are so burned that they have to be removed on account of the odor before work can proceed.

NO ONE IN THE MINE ESCAPED.

SALT LAKE, March 21.—A special to the *Tribune* from Evanston, Wyo., says: Ever since the explosion at Red Canyon mine work has progressed steadily, gaining access to the mine, bringing out the dead and caring for the bereaved families. Not one in the mine at the time of the explosion escaped, all being instantly killed. There may be more than sixty killed, but that is the number shown after carefully checking the roll. Of those who were injured around the mine Dr. Gamble, the resident mine physician, has about twenty-five under treatment.

This morning David G. Thomas, State Mine Inspector, arrived and will remain until all the bodies are recovered and will thoroughly inspect the mine. He says he considered this the best ventilated and safest mine in the State, being free from gas and having plenty of safety apparatus. All agree that the cause of the explosion was a miner putting in a large charge of powder to throw down a big amount of coal for the next morning. This charge set fire to what is known as a dust explosive. This dust of minute particles of coal mixed with air made the dangerous compound which caused the destruction of property and carried so many men to instant death.

The work of bringing out the dead is necessarily slow, since after getting the few men in the manway lying near the exits, the others were far down the mine. The balance met death on the seventh and eighth levels, one-third of a mile down the slope, so steep as to make it difficult and laborious. Some of the bodies were partly covered with the caves, hence requiring searching to find them, but most of them were lying fully exposed.

W. J. Cassin, the Coroner of Uintah County, impaneled a jury, which viewed the remains brought out, identified them, and permitted relatives to take possession of the bodies for burial. Salt Lake and Omaha were telegraphed to for coffins, and the burial of the victims will occur as soon as possible.

The distress of the bereaved calls loudly for aid, as the fifty-one women who have been bereft of protection and support of their husbands with their families, will probably make a total of 300 persons, fully worthy of the deepest sympathy.

There yet remain in the mine about thirty bodies.

COURT OF INQUIRY ORDERED.

Trouble Between the Captain and Paymaster of the Yorktown.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Captain Folger of the Yorktown, now on the China station, who had some trouble with his officers last year in Behring Sea, has again become involved in a like difficulty. It is learned that recently he charged Paymaster Webster of the Yorktown with intoxication. According to the Paymaster the Captain offered to refrain from pressing the charge if the Paymaster in turn would withdraw a charge of insubordination he had lodged against the coxswain of the Captain's gig. The Paymaster refused to do this and was suspended. When the matter came before Admiral Carpenter, after looking into and hearing the Paymaster's story, he promptly returned the latter to duty and ordered a court of inquiry, the findings of which are not known here.

WORK OF AN INCENDIARY.

Attempts Made to Set Fire to Two Churches at Washington.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Attempts were made to-day to set fire to two of the largest Catholic churches in the city, St. Patrick's and St. Dominick's. In both cases the fire was discovered and extinguished before any material damage was done. Before the fires were discovered in both cases a tall woman dressed in black was seen walking down the aisles and out of the church in a nervous manner. Police and detectives are scouring the city for the guilty party. All the Catholic churches in the city are being guarded. The incendiary is supposed to be some fanatic whose brain has been affected by constant attention to religion.

ADA HATHAWAY'S SUICIDE.

It Forms a Chapter in a Scandal in the City of Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, March 21.—The identification of the woman who committed suicide at the Adams House in Boston as Ada Hathaway forms a chapter in a scandal which first came to the surface in this city on August 6th last.

On the evening of that day Ada Hathaway called at the office of the wholesale shoe house of Laird & Ray and had a long conversation with Richard Laird, one of the partners. What passed between them is not known, but Laird was seen to push her through the door when she tried to force her way back again, and the police took her in charge. On her way to the police station she placed to her mouth a handkerchief saturated with chloroform, but it was taken away from her before any harm was done.

On the morning after her arrest she promised to leave town, and was escorted to the hotel where she had been stopping by an officer. Upon reaching her room she placed a revolver to her breast and threatened to kill herself if anyone approached her. Finally, after much persuasion, she was provided with a ticket and $20 by Laird, and took a train for Boston, but upon arriving at Philadelphia she took the first train back to Pittsburg. The following day she retained an attorney, and entered suit against Laird for the part he took in forcing her to leave the city, and afterward entered a suit for breach of promise of marriage. A short time after the scandal came out the firm of Laird & Ray was dissolved, and the former left the city.

FLAXSEED.

America Now Importing Instead of Exporting the Article.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The arrival at this port early in the week of a steamer from the Argentine Republic with a cargo of 120,000 bushels of flaxseed has brought to light some interesting facts. It seems that quite a trade has been going on in seed from that far-away country for some time past, about 500,000 bushels of the Argentine seed having already been sold here. Another vessel with a cargo similar to the one received here this week is due here next week. The seed, although dirty, is reported to be of good quality, and the price is equal to $1 25 per bushel, duty paid, the latter amounting to twenty cents per bushel. Crushers get a rebate on oil cake exported, which makes the net price about $1 20 paid for the South American article. American flaxseed is quoted nominally at $1 50@1 55. It is interesting to note that two years ago America exported large quantities of flaxseed. Now she is importing.

GRANTED A NEW TRIAL.

A Murderer Escapes the Gallows, at Least for a Time.

MANDAN (N. D.), March 21.—William O. Pancoast, bank robber and wife-murderer, sentenced to hang May 23d, gets a new trial. Pancoast robbed the Medina, Ohio, Bank of several thousand dollars and ran away to Canada, then to Minneapolis, where he changed his name to Myron O. Kent, married Miss Julia Holmes, and in 1892 moved to a farm near Handan.

In March, 1894, Mrs. Kent was murdered and Kent disappeared. A hired man named Sorabeski was arrested and confessed that he killed Mrs. Kent for $1,800, promised him by Kent. Kent was arrested in Colorado, brought back and convicted of murder in the first degree.

The Supreme Court of Dakota, in granting a new trial, holds that when the defendant presents an affidavit stating that he cannot have a fair trial by reason of the bias and prejudice of the Judge, it is the absolute duty of such Judge to call in another Judge to help try the case. The court says the word "may" in the statute must be construed as mandatory.

Big Irrigation Reservoir.

SANTA FE (N. M.), March 21.—Water began pouring through the spillway of the big reservoir here to-day. Work has been progressing for two years, and now a lake is formed half a mile long, a quarter of a mile wide and seventy feet deep. There is enough water flowing through the canyon to fill this reservoir at least three times a year, and work will therefore be pushed on a second reservoir, which one will hold water enough to irrigate 6,000 acres of valley lands.

Prisoners Liberated.

WICHITA (Kas.), March 21.—A special to the *Eagle* from Woodward, O. T., tonight, says that three masked men went into the jail armed with Winchesters and liberated all the prisoners. They marched the jailer about half a mile over the prairie adjoining the town, where they kept him long enough for the prisoners to get away before the alarm could be given. Among the noted prisoners released are Tom Yose, Ed Lehr and Curly Dennis. A posse is organizing to scour the country.

War Not Declared.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 21.—The report that war has been declared between Mexico and Guatemala, and that Parliament had been summoned to meet April 1st is untrue.

CHOYNSKI-CREEDON FIGHT.

REPORTED TO BE A HAMMER-AND-TONGS CONTEST.

In Which the Former Did Most of the Hammering, and Had the Best of the Bargain.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

CHICAGO, March 21.—The six-round match between Joe Choynski and Dan Creedon was a draw, no decision being given by the referee. The conditions provided that if both men were on their feet at the conclusion of the sixth round no decision would be given. Choynski had all the best of it, except in one round. He knocked Creedon down twice, brought the blood in a stream from his nose, and had his man very tired and groggy when the sixth round closed.

Choynski weighed 161 pounds, and although Creedon's weight was not given, he looked to weigh fully as much.

In the first round Choynski landed hard on Creedon's head, and got a hot one in the body in return. Several exchanges followed, but no heavy blows were struck.

The second round was Choynski's, he doing all the leading, and landed frequently with his left on Creedon's heart and face. He drew first blood with a wicked drive on the nose, and had Creedon badly winded when the gong sounded.

Creedon had the best of it in the third, getting in several hits and driving Choynski into the ropes with a blow over the kidneys as Choynski rose from a duck.

In the fourth Creedon reached Choynski's wind several times, but the latter kept poking his left into Creedon's face with a persistence that seemed to demoralize the latter. Both were tired at the close.

In the fifth Choynski landed his left on Creedon's head and sent him to the floor, Dan coming down as hard as though he had fallen off a three-story building.

In the last round it was hammer and tongs, with Choynski doing all the hammering. He drove right and left into Creedon's face, and finally gave him a smash that laid him flat. Creedon clinched repeatedly to save himself, and was a very weary man when the round closed. He did not look able to go two rounds more.

Jim Barry of Chicago, the 105-pound champion, practically knocked out Joe Bertrand of California in a six-round contest before the fight of the evening came off. Bertrand was knocked down a dozen times, and was not able to stand in the sixth round, the fighting being stopped to save a knockout.

Oregon Short Line.

PORTLAND (Or.), March 21.—Judge Gilbert of the United States Court late yesterday afternoon signed an order appointing John M. Egan receiver of the Oregon Short Line and Utah Northern Railroad.

MADE A GOOD HAUL.

Robbers Loot a Bank and Mercantile House at Ensenada.

LOSSES ESTIMATED AT FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

A Small Riot Occurs at San Francisco Over the Strike of Sailors, Which Was Finally Quelled After the Free Use of Clubs By the Police—Proceedings of the Manufacturers' Convention.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SAN DIEGO, March 21.—A robbery is reported from Ensenada, Lower California, by which Manuel Riveroll, the shipping and commission merchant, and Godbe & Co., bankers, are losers to the amount of over $15,000. A gold bar valued at about $13,000 was placed in charge of Riveroll's agency on Monday by the Ibarra Gold Mining Company for shipment to this city. Other gold bars of smaller value were also in Riveroll's possession awaiting shipment to the banks here. They were placed, together with the big bar from the Ibarra mines, in safes in the office, which were blown open by dynamite some time last night, and the contents removed. Godbe's bank also lost $3,000. The thieves are believed to be in Ensenada, but the rurales are scouring the country in the vicinity in search of them. A liberal reward is offered for their apprehension.

MANUFACTURERS' CONVENTION.

Delegates Spend a Forenoon in an Excursion on the Bay.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—The State Manufacturers, who are in convention here, spent the forenoon in the enjoyment of an excursion on the bay and visit to the Union Iron Works. There were about 150 in the party.

The meeting of the convention this afternoon was somewhat delayed, the excursionists being slow about coming back to work.

The first business of the session was the consideration of the constitution and by-laws of the proposed permanent organization. The constitution sets forth that the object of the organization shall be to encourage and assist the production and manufacture of articles for home consumption and for export, and to devise, consider and recommend such legislative, municipal and other measures as may seem wise and expedient for that purpose.

The constitution was adopted without change and with little delay, but the consideration of the by-laws, which were read and acted on seriatim, consumed considerable time.

There was a good deal of discussion in regard to the question of initiation fees and annual dues, the fixing of the sum to be paid as the first being finally deferred. It was agreed that the annual dues should be $6 a year, payable monthly.

A. Furnseth, one of the delegates, offered a resolution declaring in favor of labor organizations, which aroused a lively discussion.

Oscar Lewis spoke against the resolution, and said the laboring men were all right if let alone. The men whom the employers had to contend with were the labor agitators, the men who worked with their jaws.

James H. Barry upheld the resolution, and contended that the labor organization was as useful as Chambers of Commerce, Boards of Trade or railroad pools.

The resolution was finally sent to a committee, with instructions to report to-morrow.

J. N. Ward read a paper on "California's Opportunities for the Workingman," and Professor Nouman spoke on "Silk Culture."

CIRCUIT EXCURSION PROPOSED.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—A delegation of citizens from Santa Rosa are in conference here to-day with representatives of the Merchants' Association and the Half-Million Club, with the object of aiding the various fiestas and carnivals soon to be held in the State, particularly at Santa Rosa, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles.

They are endeavoring to arrange for a circuit excursion, whereby the people so disposed may visit the cities of San Francisco, Santa Rosa, Sacramento, Stockton, Fresno, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles and other points during these entertainments at a cost not to exceed $20.

THE STRIKE OF SAILORS

Results in Trouble on the City Front at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—The first breach of the peace to result from the sailors' strike for higher wages occurred here this morning, when a crowd of union seamen attacked Boarding-Master Johnnie Cain and negroes, whom Cain was trying to put aboard the bark Wilna. The negroes were hired after Cain's failure to secure white men at $25 a month.

Clubs were banged right and left until the police finally charged the rioters, who were on the Mission-street wharf. When peace was finally secured it was found that only five of the ten negroes remained.

The Wilna put to sea with these five, who were not seamen. There were no arrests. The schooners Ivy and La Gironde also put to sea this morning with short crews, the Captains refusing to pay union wages. La Gironde took on three green farmers from Sonoma. She needed five seamen. The Ivy's Captain went out with one negro and a cook.

TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION.

The Line to Sonora From Stockton, by Way of Oakdale, Opened.

STOCKTON, March 21.—This evening the telephone line running from this city through Oakdale and Knights Ferry was completed to Sonora, and was found on testing to work perfectly. Superintendent Kearns of the Stockton division was in the Sonora office, and conversed with people here, receiving the congratulations of Stockton people for his triumph. He made a connection with Modesto, and talked over 107 miles of wire to this city, and then talked with San Francisco, a distance of 207 miles. The completion of this line is a matter of great satisfaction to Sonora people. Chinese Camp, Jamestown and Coulterville are also connected with this line, and soon it will be carried into Calaveras County.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

A Chinese Interpreter Who Was Bent on Making Money Fast.

SAN JOSE, March 21.—Arthur Spencer, a Chinese interpreter, was arrested this evening by Constable Haley on two charges of forgery preferred against him by Township Justice Dwyer and City Justice Goss. Spencer has been the official Chinese interpreter in the Justice Courts for over two years, and during this time he has defrauded the county out of considerable money by means of writing interpreting claims on county claim blanks. His bills would range from $4 to $8, and he would then forge the names of the Justices to the claim, and present it to the County Clerk, who, according to law, would take Spencer's oath and return the bill to Spencer. The latter would then have the bill discounted, and the assigned claim would be presented to the Board of Supervisors. All of the forged claims were allowed, and the amount will reach several hundred dollars. Constable Haley detected the forgery while looking over the files in the County Clerk's office.

CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS.

A French Firm to Establish a Factory in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—The large fruit conserving and confectionery firm of M. Lignerat at Brion, Puy de Dom, France, intends starting a factory in California for the preparation of crystallized fruits.

In a letter to the Southern Pacific the French manufacturers ask for information as to the cost of transportation from San Francisco and Los Angeles to the large cities of the United States, and requests advice as to "a point in California near a railroad station and tide water where the price of labor and fuel would be moderate, and where the greatest number of different fruits may be obtained in quantities, particularly bitter cherries, white apricots, green gages, pears, peaches, almonds, figs, nuts and oranges."

J. O. Stubbs, to whom the inquiry has been referred, will recommend San Francisco or Sacramento as the location of the crystallized fruit factory.

STRUCK A LIVE WIRE.

A Horse Killed and the Driver Rendered Unconscious.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—A horse drawing a milk wagon came into contact with a live electric wire at Market and Gough streets early this morning and was instantly killed. Turning a corner, the horse stumbled and fell. As he made no effort to rise, the driver alighted and seized the bridle to assist the horse. No sooner had the man's hand touched the bit-ring than he was thrown violently to the ground, and writhed about in apparent agony. Passers-by found the horse dead and the man unconscious. A telephone wire had been torn from the roofs of adjacent houses by the high wind, and had fallen across a live electric wire, by which it had become insulated, and then to the street, the horse stepping on the charged wire as it lay near the curb.

DISEASED COWS.

The Herd of a Dairyman Condemned by the Board of Health.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—Every cow of a herd of eleven at the University Dairy on the old San Bruno road was condemned by the Inspector of the Board of Health, who ordered the annihilation of the entire herd on account of tuberculosis. All the cows had the disease in an advanced stage, and the proprietor, P. M. Palasson, admitted that he had been serving customers with the milk, although he knew the cows were diseased. He bought some of the cows for $5 each. In extenuation, he pleaded that he had to support his family, but afterwards admitted that he owns considerable city property, and is far from being a poor man. The authorities will probably arrest Palasson on a criminal charge.

TOPICS OF THE TURF.

Results of the Races at the Bay District Track.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—The sixth race, in which the best horses at the track were entered, was declared off and in its place a race was gotten up for a lot of dogs. There was nothing startling about the racing.

Five and a half furlongs, selling, Comrade won, May McCarthy second, Boreas third. Time—1:10.

Four and a half furlongs, two-year-olds, Ferris Hartman won, Midlo second, Donna Carlotta third. Time—0:58.

Five and a half furlongs, Ross won, Conde second, May Day third. Time—1:09¼.

One mile, selling, Trix won, Realization second, Mary S. third. Time—1:47¼.

Mile and a half, steeplechase, Currency won, Mero second, Wild Oats third. Time—3:26.

Five furlongs, selling, Claire won, Chiquito second, Charger third. Time—1:05.

SHOULD BE A FAST ONE.

RENO, March 21.—Theodore Winters' renowned broodmare Marion dropped a bay filly at the Rancho Del Sierra yesterday morning. Marion is the dam of eighteen fast racers, among them being El Rio Rey, Emperor of Norfolk, Yo El Rey and Yo Tambien.

The filly is by Joe Hooker out of Marion, and is a full sister to the celebrated Yo Tambien, and a half sister to El Rio Rey and Emperor of Norfolk.

Ex-Policeman Hurley Declared Sane.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—W. J. Hurley, the ex-policeman, who is under arrest for attempting to bribe members of the jury which tried "Dick" McDonald, the bank-wrecker, was declared sane by a jury of experts in Judge Slack's court this morning. Hurley declared that he was under the hypnotic control of Attorney Livernash. The jury of physicians decided that Hurley was only shamming insanity when he seemed to attempt to crack his skull against the brick walls of the County Jail.

Both Legs Cut Off.

PHŒNIX (Ariz.), March 21.—James Coleman, formerly a soldier at Fort Grant, Arizona, was found lying near the railroad track at Maricopa Wednesday night with both legs cut off close to the body. He could give no coherent account of himself, and it is supposed he fell under the cars in an attempt to board a moving freight train. He died from his injuries to-night.

Cunningham Not in the Fight.

STOCKTON, March 21.—In reply to the published statements that Sheriff Cunningham is to be appointed Warden of San Quentin Penitentiary, that officer says that there is not the least truth in the statement. He has entered into a four-years' contract to serve the people of San Joaquin County, he says, and proposes to fulfill that contract, as the people here have treated him very well.

Dropped Dead.

SANTA BARBARA, March 21.—A telephone message from Lompoc says that Henry Linder, a wealthy resident of that place, dropped dead this morning. The cause of death is not known. Linder had been indicted by the Grand Jury for incest with his niece, and his trial was set for April 2d. The evidence of his guilt was thought to be conclusive.

Fatal Accident at Oakland.

OAKLAND, March 21.—Harry Aspit, who arrived to-day on the Oregon express, was run over by the Alameda local train and instantly killed while crossing the tracks after alighting from the incoming train. A letter in his pocket from John Wright of Tacoma referred to taxes paid on property belonging to Aspit.

Fredericks' Sentence Confirmed.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—The State Supreme Court this morning handed down a decision affirming the decision of the lower court in the case of William Fredericks, the robber who murdered Bank Cashier Herrick last March. Frederick has been sentenced to be hanged.

HAWAII'S MINISTER.

Thurston's Friends Say He Did Not Exceed Diplomatic Duties.

HAS NEVER BETRAYED NOR ABUSED OFFICIAL CONFIDENCE.

Sioux City, Iowa, Experiences One of the Most Disastrous Fires in the History of the Place, Entailing a Loss Estimated at Four Hundred Thousand Dollars—The Deadlock in the Delaware Legislature Over the Selection of a United States Senator Still Unbroken.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Although Mr. Thurston, the Hawaiian Minister, refuses to discuss the cause that led to his estrangement with Secretary Gresham, his friends think it only fair to him to refute the published allegation that he has betrayed diplomatic secrets. Admitting that Mr. Thurston did as it is alleged, his friends assert that he did not exceed his diplomatic duties in the slightest respect in making public the sentences imposed on several of the Hawaiian conspirators by the military court. The proceedings of the court were conducted openly, and the sentences of the prisoners had been publicly announced in Hawaii and all the facts reached San Francisco by the mail steamer from the islands.

Mr. Thurston's friends say he has never betrayed any official communication or abused official confidence in the correspondence between his Government and himself and the Government of the United States, or any of its representatives. It is admitted that it would have been a manifest impropriety for him to have divulged any information from the Secretary of State touching the relations between Hawaii and the United States. At the same time it is claimed for him that he was perfectly free to publish any information he desired in regard to the events in the Hawaiian republic that came into his possession, entirely independent of the State Department, provided that he did not comment on the action of the United States Government in regard thereto.

The suggestion is made here that a movement will be made in the future looking to Hawaiian annexation, and that Mr. Thurston's intimate knowledge of affairs, both in this country and Hawaii, will lead to his having a prominent connection with any commission on the part of Hawaii to negotiate for terms of admission to the Union.

FIRE AT SIOUX CITY.

Loss Estimated at Four Hundred Thousand Dollars.

SIOUX CITY (Ia.), March 21.—One of the most serious fires in the history of Sioux City completely destroyed the warehouse of the Western Transfer Company to-day, together with its contents, entailing a loss of more than $200,000. The high wind which was blowing blew the fire to the linseed oil mill across the street, and it was partially destroyed and the greater part of its contents consumed, making a total loss of $400,000.

In the bins at the time were stored 100,000 bushels of flaxseed, and on the lower floor several thousand tons of linseed oil cake was ready for the market. In the annex the oil was in huge tanks, having an estimated capacity of 120,000 gallons. The back end of the transfer company was a mammoth frame structure, six stories high, covered with corrugated iron. The iron aided the flames, as it kept water from reaching the woodwork. The huge four-story and basement warehouse was filled from top to bottom with farm implements and machinery, valued at about $200,000. This machinery was owned by about twenty implement companies in different parts of the United States.

NO SENATOR YET.

The Deadlock in Delaware Continues Unbroken.

DOVER (Del.), March 21.—There was another sensation at the State House to-day when the two branches of the Legislature met in joint session to nominate a Senator. All of the Democrats deserted Chancellor Walcott, the caucus nominee, and cast their votes for Edward Ridgely of Dover. When the last ballot was taken yesterday six of Higgins' supporters who had temporarily deserted his cause for E. G. Bradford returned to their first choice, and the ex-Senator received seven votes at the close. To-day there were two ballot, and Mr. Higgins was only given one vote, a new man, Benjamin Fields of Wilmington, receiving seven of the Republican votes. Addicks' lines remain unbroken, his original supporters sticking to him. The hall was crowded, and the injection of new names into the fight provided much food for gossip and speculation.

MURDER OR SUICIDE?

Mystery Surrounds the Shooting of Lester Halliday.

BUFFALO (N. Y.), March 21.—Lester T. Halliday died to-day, and the police do not know whether to believe his antemortem statement, or think he committed suicide. With his dying breath Halliday reiterated the story, but the bullet that pierced his lung did not perforate his coat and vest. The shot was fired close to the body, and the revolver was found where it had been flung from the bridge, all tending to confirm the suicide theory rather than that of robbery. The police have made two arrests. The suspects are Lillian Preston and Galvin Baker, the former Halliday's sweetheart, and the latter his rival. The woman accuses Baker of threatening Halliday's life, though Baker does not answer the description Halliday gave of his assailant.

THE REVOLT IN PERU.

Bitter Fighting Reported in and About Lima, With Many Fatalities.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—A dispatch was received here to-day by Secretary Gresham from Minister McKenzie in Peru, in reference to the recent revolution there. According to Mr. McKenzie there was bitter fighting in and around Lima for three days. At the end of this time there was over a thousand dead bodies lying unburied in the streets, and both sides were exhausted. An armistice was agreed upon to permit the dead to be buried and the wounded to be cared for. After this was finished negotiations were still continued, and finally an agreement of some sort was reached by the leaders of the contending factions, but details of these were not learned by the Minister. Some sort of a Provisional Government now seems to be in control.

LONDON, March 22.—A dispatch to the *Times* from Lima says the loss in the killed and wounded on both sides in the fighting about the capital was 2,000. No foreigners were killed. The city is now quiet.