

CARL NICHOLS KILLED.

He Stepped in Front of a Moving Train at Twenty-third Street.

Carl J. Nichols, a contractor living near Oak Park, was struck by the engine of the Tracy mixed train near Twenty-third street about 10 o'clock yesterday morning, receiving injuries which resulted in death shortly after.

Nichols had the contract for improving Nineteenth street, and was doing all in his power to push the work to its conclusion. Shortly before the accident he drove up to the switch near Twenty-third street, where his wagons were loaded, and where two of them were standing idle for lack of shovelers.

He immediately sprang from his rig, tied his horse, threw off his coat and stepping to the bank, which was only a few feet from the railroad track, asked Patrick Spain, who had charge of the gang of men, where he would find an extra shovel. Spain pointed across the track and Nichols at once started to secure the article.

Just before Nichols stepped on to the track Spain saw the train coming close up, and called to him to look out for it. Nichols must have misunderstood, as he turned and looked at his team, and as he did so Engineer Ruddick blew his whistle, but to no purpose.

The steam-whistle of the engine struck Nichols, knocking him fully fifteen feet, and when picked up by the workmen he was unconscious.

He was removed to the Ridge Home Hospital, where he died about noon. The workmen all say that the bell of the engine was ringing, and that the engineer blew the whistle prior to the accident, but that for some accountable reason Nichols failed to hear.

Engineer Ruddick saw a number of men working alongside the track and blew the whistle. He says Nichols was not on the track, but was so close to it that some part of the locomotive struck him.

The workmen state that the accident was the result of Nichols' carelessness. He was 24 years old, and was married. The remains were taken in charge by the Coroner and an inquest will be held this evening.

EVERYBODY'S COLUMN.

Under this heading the "Record-Union" will publish short letters from correspondents on topics of interest to the general public. The matter in these communications will be understood to represent only the views of the writers. All communications must be accompanied by the name of the writer, not for publication unless so desired, but as a guarantee of good faith.—Eds.

Not Saturday Night.

Eds. "Record-Union": I suppose the next thing in order now will be the big Republican hurrah demonstration, and I trust you will use your influence by suggesting to the committee that they hold it on some other night than Saturday night, so as to give the employees in stores a chance to show themselves. PURE GOLD.

SUPERVISORS MEET.

Plans and Estimates Ordered for the McConnell Grade. The Supervisors met in adjourned session yesterday, Morrison, Dorman, Curtis, Todd and Jenkins being present. The board invited Thomas McConnell to visit it next week and state what he would take for the necessary land to straighten the road just the other side of the bridge at McConnell's Station, he having stated that he would sell it to the county for what it had cost him.

The County Surveyor was requested to bring in plans and estimates for the trestle and grading on the upper Stockton road beyond the McConnell bridge. The board then took a recess till 10 a. m. sharp, to-day.

A PLEASANT TIME.

Grand Anniversary Ball of the Scandinavians Last Night. The grand anniversary ball of the union of Norway and Sweden, given by the Scandinavian Benevolent Society, North Star, at Pythian Hall last night, proved an unqualified success.

The Committee on Arrangements, Charles Bylin, John Berg, George Beckman, Beck Johnson, George Jacobson, August Wall and Charles Jacobson, had decorated the hall in Scandinavian colors, and were successful in their efforts to entertain those present. The attendance was remarkably large, and those present spent an enjoyable evening. Fleming's orchestra furnished the music and John Berg was master of ceremonies.

Auction Sales.

R. E. Greer & Co., auctioneers, will sell this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, at the residence, 2322 M street, the contents of a six-room cottage, consisting of elegant Brussels carpets, oak furniture, fine upholstered chairs, couch, range, etc., all the goods being nearly new.

On Saturday, the 7th, the same firm will sell at auction, at 10 a. m., all the elegant furniture in the residence of Herman Steinman, 807 H street, including a \$250 dining-room set, and a full household outfit.

Hotel Arrivals.

Arrivals at the Golden Eagle Hotel yesterday: H. Reigstein, Reno, Nev.; E. D. Adams and wife, E. B. Dana, F. J. Meyers, New York; Fred S. Davis, W. T. Hawley, W. R. Norway, J. P. Hayes, I. F. Frank, H. C. Rick, T. Soto, San Francisco.

Cases Continued.

In the Police Court yesterday morning the cases of D. Friedlander, charged with violating the peddling ordinance, and Frank Kelly, charged with vagrancy, were continued until this morning.

On Hook Discharged.

On Hook, charged with having attempted to sell a lottery ticket, was discharged in the Police Court yesterday morning, the evidence not being sufficient to convict.

THE GOVERNOR'S MAIL.

What Some of the Letters Received by Him Contain.

Governor Budd is in receipt of a letter signed Maximilian Apel, and dated Sausalito, which is quite a remarkable effusion, as the following extracts will show: "I have been attacked yesterday evening between 5 and 6 o'clock in the chief street of Sausalito, near the Post-office, by unknown people, by throwing of apples and other fruits, five times. I am a German author and was staying on the sidewalk making a remark in my notice book, thoughtfully quiet, as always. Said facts are communicated by me immediately yesterday evening, in short words, to the Town Marshal. I believe that is his character; he is a man of order in a blue uniform. I was very revolted, and have made him responsible for my security. It is not the first time that I am attacked in similar kind."

The writer further states that he was recently released from an insane asylum, and finishes by praying the Governor to protect him from the decayed fruit that grows in and about Sausalito.

Another remarkable letter received is as follows: "To Governor of State of California: I thought by writing to you I could get information of Francis Larose, who got killed in some of the mines in your State. He left considerable wealth behind him. Please look up your register of valuation or State directory and give me his whereabouts. I heard they were looking up heirs, and I am his brother. NAPOLION LAROSE, Lowell, Mass."

It is useless to state that the employees in the Governor's office deny all knowledge of the whereabouts of Francis Larose.

RECEIVING RETURNS.

Another Great Crowd Evident the "Record-Union's" Display. There was another large attendance in front of the "Record-Union" office last evening to witness the throwing up of election returns upon the great screen that has done duty since the Garfield election. The attendance, while great, was not so large as on Tuesday evening.

The Camera Club threw up, between dispatches, a hundred new and beautiful pictures, mainly the work of members of the club. The success of the exhibition, under the auspices jointly of the Camera Club and the "Record-Union," was the most successful ever given in this city, and has probably not been surpassed in the history of the State.

There will be no exhibition of returns and views to-night, but bulletins will be posted during the day, giving the latest reliable election news.

WATCH THE BALLOTS.

What the Democratic Committee is Said to Have Telegraphed. There was a rumor last night that the Chairman of the State Democratic Central Committee had telegraphed up to guard the ballots of Sacramento County, as this State was the one on which the election of President depended.

The Republicans say they are more than willing that the ballots should be well watched.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

A very pleasant wedding event took place yesterday afternoon in this city at the residence of S. B. Smith, the contracting parties being Miss Annie Boekhoff, ward of S. B. Smith, and Earl F. Bauer. The bride was attended by her foster sister, Miss Dottie Smith, and Ward E. Hall attended the groom as groomsman. The company present was quite large, but were all relatives of the families, excepting a few most intimate friends.

Rev. Robert M. Stevenson was the officiating clergyman. After the ceremony a light luncheon was served. The event was in every respect a happy and enjoyable one. The presents were numerous and useful and beautiful, and in two instances quite substantial. The happy couple will make this city their future home.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. W. Greer, Master of California State Grange, accompanied by his wife, has gone to Washington, D. C., to attend the National Grange.

William Morris as a Socialist Leader. Joseph Pennell, writing in the London "Daily Chronicle," records the following incident: I remember seeing William Morris one Sunday afternoon walking up Parliament street. A meeting was being held in that square—I now forget entirely what it was about; but the people holding it had made up their minds to march to Westminster Abbey, with a vague idea probably that when they got there they might do something. Suddenly an enormous crowd began to pour out of the square down Parliament street—a black, solid, muddy mass, for it was a wet, wintry day.

On they came, with a sort of irresistible force, which really frightened one, looking on as a spectator. And right in front—among the red flags, singing with all his might "The Marsellaise"—was William Morris. He had the face of a crusader and he marched with that big stick of his as the Crusaders must have marched. One turned round and went with the crowd which, when it got to the Abbey, seemed half inclined to smash the windows; but those at the head of it were switched off and passed into Poet's Corner, there to sit down and be preached to, while the others, who could not get in, were addressed by Canon Rawlinson outside. But what was so curious was to find this artist-like another Courbet—leading a crowd who really did not know what they wanted to do. However, had this crowd determined to destroy, to tear down even a stone of the Abbey, or to break a window, I think instead of William Morris leading them a step further, that they would only have taken that step over his body. I am not so sure what would have happened. Had the crowd marched against St. Paul's, for Morris hated the one sort of work as much as loved the other.—St. James' Gazette.

Thomas Stole Corn.

Late last night Tom Gunning was arrested while in the act of stealing a bag of Egyptian corn from a barge near the Sacramento Transportation Company's offices at the foot of N street. Several thefts of a like nature had aroused the owners, and a watch was kept, resulting in the capture of Gunning.

The Irish Presbyterian Free Church raised the past year \$50,000 for home missions and \$130,000 for foreign missions.

Thursday, 9:30, men's linen cuffs, 9c. The Model, Sixth and K.

FREE LIBRARY.

Business Transacted by the Trustees Tuesday Evening.

The Board of Directors of the Public Library met at their office in Library building last evening. Present: W. C. Fritch, President; S. H. Gerrish, Secretary; E. Franklin and Jabez Turner. The report of the Librarian for the month of October was read, as follows: Number of books issued during the month, 5,955; classified thus: Fiction 4,180, history 342, literature 249, fine art, 182, useful 101, science 107, philology 2, religion 46, philosophy 88, general works 598, travel 1,167, current magazines 400. Percentage of fiction, not including juvenile fiction 19. Percentage of all other classes 29. Percentage of fiction 70. Average number issued per day 192. Number of books read in rooms 418. Number of patrons registered 4,311. Amount of the fines collected \$19 65; number of books included in the library 349. Total attendance in reading room 4,050; women 370, men 2,951, girls 245, boys 504. Total average 130; women 11, men 95, girls 8, boys 16.

The following bills were ordered paid: C. G. Hancock \$8 75, D. S. Baker \$3, Sacramento Electric, Gas and Railway Company \$8 60, H. K. Wallace \$9 45, Howard & Kimbrough \$3 60, Holbrook, Merrill & Steison \$1 60, L. L. Lewis & Co. \$19, The Times-Mirror Company, Los Angeles \$4 50, H. S. Crocker & Co. \$5, W. F. Purnell \$56 26, Silvins & Schoenbocker \$131 80, Capital Gas Co. \$12 25, Kummerfeldt & Schmidt \$96 25, George H. Watson \$14 50, B. Wilson & Co. \$3 30, C. B. Coun 22, Union Ice Co. \$7 50.

After ordering fifty-six new books purchased for the library, the board adjourned.

OUTWITTING PATENT-STEALERS.

Reason Why Edison Patents Every Little Thing He Invents.

A contributor to "New Ideas" says that as Thomas A. Edison watched the pumping of the air from a glass tube in his laboratory a day or two ago a man said to him: "You patent every little thing you discover, don't you, Mr. Edison?" "I do," said Mr. Edison, "and do you know why I do it?" "I suppose you do it so you will reap the benefit of your discovery," was the reply.

"I thought you'd say that," said Mr. Edison, "and I don't suppose you will believe me when I tell you it isn't so, nevertheless, I discover a great many things that I would be glad to give to the public for nothing, but I don't dare. I patent these things to save myself from defending lawsuits. There are a lot of sharks in this world who are constantly on the lookout for new things, and when one of them hears of something new he goes to the Patent Office to see if it is patented. If it is he claims it as an original discovery and files his claim. Then he will turn right around, and like as not, begin suit with the man who invented the thing for making or using it. The inventor will say: 'But I discovered this thing first; I am the inventor.' He is referred to the Patent Office, where he finds the official claim of original invention. The fact that the papers are filed long after he made his discovery does not help him, for all the other men does is to hire a fellow to swear that he made the discovery a month or two prior to the date the inventor claims. It sounds ridiculous, probably, but it is a fact that there are often races between the inventors and the sharks to reach the Patent Office, the sharks having had early notice of the inventor's discovery. There are many such races, and thousands of dollars depend on each one. What I say is literally true."

A Study in Dialects.

"If you want to study dialect shadings take half a dozen trips on one of the Big Consolidated cars," said a prominent lawyer who lives on the Cedar avenue branch of the line referred to. "You'll hear some of the queerest attempts at pronunciation you ever listened to. Yes, from the conductors. I've got so schooled in the different accents that I can tell in a moment when a new conductor is aboard. I understand a good many of these fare-takers are Canadians. If that is so, Canada must be as full of dialects as the Australian empire. My favorite test is on the word 'transfer.' In my six trips I heard it pronounced six different ways. Let me try and reproduce them: "Transfers," "Tranfers," "Trunfers," "Trunfers," "Trunfers," "Trunfers."

"The last example emanates, I am inclined to think, from an official of German descent. All the other conductors were unmistakably from some portion of the British possessions. Listen the next time you go aboard a motor and see if you can connect the dialect artist with his original nationality."—Cleveland Post.

The Scaly Ant-Eater.

An animal made of tin-plate, of the shape of an elongated fir cone, about three feet in length, which crackles and rustles with every movement, is one of the latest acquisitions of the Zoological Society of London. Its name is the pangolin, or scaly ant-eater, and it belongs to the same family group as the armadillo and platypus. It has excited great attention at the "Zoo," for it is—first it are correctly informed—the first animal of the kind which has been exhibited there. Its home is where the termites, or white ants, are found; for the animal feeds on these destructive creatures, and possesses claws which are sharp and strong enough to break down their strongholds. The claws are also necessary for burrowing in the ground, for the pangolin excavates a cave for himself and his mate eight feet or so below the surface of the earth, and in this strange home one or two young are produced every year. The pangolin at present at the "Zoo" is fed upon ants and their eggs, and also exhibits a partiality for crockers and scalded in milk. The scales with which its body is covered are hard and sharp as steel, and it can give a terribly cutting blow with its powerful tail. It can roll its body up into a ball like a hedgehog when it so wills.—Public Opinion.

Was Indeed Healthy.

Resident—Healthy? I should say it was. Why, there's only been one death here in ten years. Visitor—Who was it died? Resident—Dr. Baker; died of starvation.—Bay City Chat.

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AND YET AGAIN.

A Burglar Clothes Himself at Electrician Watkins' Expense.

The festive burglar is still in the city and plies his trade with the regularity of clockwork. About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the residence of Richard Watkins, at 1909 M street, was entered from a rear door, and the uninvited guest took advantage of the absence of his host to make an exchange of clothing throughout, probably working under the teachings of the proverb that "An even exchange is no robbery." The family of Mr. Watkins was out at the time the unwelcome guest arrived, and he, after searching out such articles as were needed for facing the coming winter from Mr. Watkins' wardrobe, proceeded to divest himself of shoes, coat and shirt, and appropriated those selected. Other than the clothing mentioned, no articles of value were stolen, except a child's bank, which contained a number of nickels and pennies, which the burglar took, evidently having an eye to replenishing the beer in the can.

AMUSEMENTS.

T. J. Meyers, advance representative of Tennessee's Pardon Company, is in the city arranging for its production at the Metropolitan Theater on the 11th inst.

The box-office of the Metropolitan Theater will open this morning for reservation of seats for Corinne's presentation of the extravaganza "Hendrick Hudson, Jr."

At the Clunie Opera-house this evening the emotional drama "East Lynne." Its production has been very successful, and it is drawing good houses, and the audiences are thoroughly well pleased.

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