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The dead are: A. B. Winder, aged 35 years, who was knocked down and run over by a fire engine, and another man whose body has not been identified, who was killed by a falling wall.

The damage will amount to about \$250,000, fully covered by insurance. Nearly all of the principal lines of the city are tied up, and as the fire broke out shortly after 6 o'clock, thousands were compelled to walk to their homes.

The fire was the direct result of the blowing out of the light dynamo in the power-house. Sparks flew in every direction, and in an instant the place was in flames. The house was a three and a half story brick structure.

The steam pipes extending from over a dozen big boilers in another part of the building, but separated from the dynamo, broke with a roar that sounded like an explosion.

The building was valued at about \$100,000, and the electrical machinery consisted principally of four big dynamos valued at about \$30,000 each; four smaller ones \$15,000 each; switch board \$75,000; testing machinery \$10,000, and a fifteen ton traveling crane \$12,000.

When the car lines affected will be able to start again can only be conjectured. President Wash says all will be running by to-morrow morning, but that the service will not be as complete as it was before the fire.

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

Orders for Speedy Trials of American Citizens Now in Jail.

HAVANA, March 3.—The correspondent here of the Associated Press is informed on good authority that positive orders have been issued to all the civil and military authorities throughout Cuba to try with all possible haste and in the most satisfactory manner available all American citizens who are now in jail, and to expel those found guilty from the island.

Ramon Mas, the Secretary of Castillo, the insurgent leader, who is a prisoner at Sinto Escambray, says that the insurgent leader Aguirre and the Marquis of Santa Lucia, President of the Cuban republic, both died recently of sickness, and that Quintin Bandera, one of the best known of the insurgent leaders, died recently of wounds.

Captain-General Weyler has arrived at Camajuan, on the railroad leading to Remedios and Calbarera, where he is expected to embark on board the Spanish cruiser Legaspi for Havana.

NEW YORK, March 3.—Dispatches from Havana report an engagement between some of General Rodriguez's forces and a large Spanish column last Thursday, sixty miles south of Havana. The Cubans numbered 500 and the Spanish 700. The Cubans were at first victorious, but Spanish reinforcements arrived from Casiqua and the Cubans withdrew into the woods. Nearly two hundred Spanish were killed. The Cubans lost fifty killed.

MINING CLAIMS.

Important Decision Rendered by Secretary of the Interior Francis.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—A question of great importance throughout the West, involving the publication of notices by mining claimants, was settled in the decision of Secretary of the Interior Francis in the case of H. W. Gowdy et al. vs. the Kismet Gold Mining Company, coming up from the Pueblo, Col. land district.

These regulations heretofore have been generally disregarded. To prevent confusion and misrepresentation and to enforce the law the following rule is substituted for Rule 29 of the official regulations:

"The claimant is required to post a copy of the plat of such survey in a conspicuous place upon the claim, together with a notice of his intent to apply for patent thereof, whether or not he will give the date of posting, name of claimant, name of claim, mining district and county; whether or not the location is of record, and if so, whether the record may be found, giving the book and page thereof, the number of feet claimed along the vein and the presumed direction thereof, number of feet claimed on the lode in each direction from the point of the discovery or other well-defined place on the plain; names of all adjoining and conflicting claims or, if none exist, the notice should so state."

This will take effect June 1st next and publications thereafter must conform to it.

ARE NOW LAWS.

The President Attaches His Signature to Several Bills.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The President has signed the following Act: To establish an additional Land Office in Montana; granting a life saving medal to Daniel E. Lyon of Port Huron, Mich.; to provide for the removal of the International Bank of Kansas City, Kas., to Kansas City, Mo.; to vacate Sugar Loaf Reservoir site, in Colorado, and restore the lands to entry; to prevent the importation of impure and unwholesome teas; to define the rights of aliens to hold real estate in the Territories, and to prevent trespassing on national military parks.

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SAN FRANCISCO, March 3.—A daring and ingenious attempt to kidnap a child to-day was frustrated through the vigilance of an officer of the Society for the Prevention of Vice. The child was a little girl 4 years old, and known as Effie Holstrom. She is the daughter of Sallie McGuire, now Mrs. D'Arney, who gave the child into the custody of Mrs. Nancy Holstrom very shortly after it was born.

A controversy over the custody of little Effie has been pending before Judge Coffey for some weeks. The parties to it are Mrs. D'Arney and Mrs. Holstrom. The hearing of the case was set for Friday, and in the meantime Mrs. Holstrom retained the custody of the child. This afternoon Judge Coffey was called upon for an order commanding that little Effie be immediately produced in court. Acting under this order, a officer attached the child in the possession of Mrs. Frederika Van Valkenburg. The woman was found with the child on her way to the ferry, prepared to take passage for Fresno. Fortunately the officer knew little Effie, or he would never have recognized her in the child with Mrs. Van Valkenburg. Instead of finding a girl with long dark curls, he found a child in boy's clothes, with short hair and wearing a jaunty sailor hat. As the child, who had evidently been tutored, persisted in denying her identity, the court was compelled to appoint a physician to determine her sex before making an order, remanding her to the custody of the police matron until to-morrow.

EVENTS ON THE TURF. Results of Yesterday's Races at the Ingleside Track.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 3.—Weather fine at Ingleside, track heavy. Six furlongs, selling, Queen Nubia won, Roy Carruthers second, Tulare third. Time—1:19. Half a mile, two-year-olds, Niton won, On Gwa Nita second, Old Jack third. Time—0:52. Six furlongs, selling, Woodland Belle won, Mainstay second, Nanarja third. Time—1:19. Mile and a quarter, selling, hurdle, Tuxedo won, Hello second, Governor Budd third. Time—2:25. One mile, selling, Benamela won, Babe Murphy second, Hazard third. Hazard third. Time—1:46. Seven furlongs, Double Quick won, Sallie Cluquet second, Lovdai third. Time—1:31.4.

FATAL SHOOTING. Result of a Quarrel Over a Business Transaction.

TACOMA (Wash.), March 3.—W. O. Robinson shot George M. Bearce in the head this morning, probably fatally wounding him. Robinson gave himself up and Bearce is in the hospital. The trouble arose over a business transaction. The shooting occurred in Bearce's office, where Robinson observed a financial settlement. The trouble between the two men is said to have been of long standing.

Suit Against a Railway.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 3.—The suit of David Castro against the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railway Company has been transferred to this city for trial from the Superior Court of San Joaquin county. Castro is suing to recover \$20,000 damages for personal injuries while in the company's employ. While a car was stopped on a bridge at Dodge Castro struck on the head, and for help a fellow workman, and not knowing the car was on a bridge, stepped off and received a fall to the river bed forty feet below.

Youthful Prisoners Discharged.

LOS ANGELES, March 3.—Norville Morgan, Roy Jones and Will Schumacher, the three school boys who were arrested a couple of weeks ago charged with assault with intent to murder Wesley Dodge, were this afternoon discharged by Justice Owens. In an indiscriminate battle with stones, young Dodge was struck on the head, and for a time his life was in danger. He was unable to tell who hit him, and the youthful defendants were exonerated.

Arizona Legislative Doings.

PHOENIX (Ariz.), March 3.—The bill for the issuance of \$100,000 five per cent. bonds for the erection of a Territorial Capitol at Phoenix has passed both houses of the Legislature. The bill for the creation of the county of Butte, embracing the cities of Tempe and Mesa, was defeated. A bill taxing national bank stock passed the House. A Sunday rest bill was killed.

Death of an Old Arizonian.

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Trouble in the Choir.

The Tenor—Miss Hyssop, you are simply talking through your hat. The Soprano—The I am a str, but I don't sing through my nose.—Chicago Tribune.

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Commence at our Silk Department, backed up by the Spring Dress Goods array, to inspect this beauty show to-day, for they are holding reception.

New Silks. French Silk Grenadines are here with novel color effects. Sprays and dashes of color on black grounds. Others with satin stripes of black and with a blending of colors that can tempt the most fastidious, and as these are to play an important part in dress this season we can scarcely describe the variety of hues they take when shown over the many lovely new shades of changeable taffetas for linings. Our prices for the novelties range from \$1 25 to \$2 25 yard.

For an inexpensive spring dress for home wear or even for calling we can give you the Narrow Stripes and Pin Checked Soft Summer Taffetas, in the pretty shadings for spring, such as Prussian blue, mignonette green, winter sky and a few shaded effects. 50c yard.

We are prepared to supply any demand for Twilled Foulauds, and they range in colored grounds from tobacco brown, olive, royal and navy, purple to black. And the patterns are too bewildering to scroll. You will find them in crapes, dashes and the most unconventional designs. 75c and \$1 yard.

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