

KILLED BY A BLOW IN THE NECK.

Ben Billings of Towle Meets With Instant Death at Alta.

While Engaged in a Street Fight With George Sharon.

Thousands of Acres of Pasture Land Near Cloudman, San Joaquin County, Ruined by Fire—Nearly Every Farmer Suffered—No Houses Burned or Stock Lost.

DUTCH FLAT, June 11.—At Alta, a little town two miles east of here, last night during a carousal George Sharon Towle had a difficulty, and went out in the street to settle matters with the fistic Sharon struck Billings in the neck, killing him instantly. Both are young men.

Billings was a fireman on the narrow gauge railroad of Towle Brothers Company at Towle. Billings was a native of Nevada and was 29 years of age. He has an uncle living at San Francisco and relatives at Sacramento. Sharon is a young man, about 21 years of age, a native of Dutch Flat, where his father and a sister reside. He also has two sisters at St. Helena. He has been arrested and will be charged with manslaughter.

The remains of Billings are at Towle waiting disposition by his relatives.

FIRE IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

Several Thousand Acres of Pasture Land Burned Over.

STOCKTON, June 11.—Fire destroyed several thousand acres of pasture near Cloudman last night. Nearly all the grazing land near the town was cleaned of grass.

The fire started on the ranch of John Thompson. A teamster named Cort of Stockton had camped for the night and was cooking the evening meal, when his fire caught the dry grass. The flames spread rapidly, and in a short time the whole country about was a sheet of flame.

For hours the fire held sway over broad acres of pasture land, and nearly every farmer suffered.

John Curtin lost 100 cords of wood and 500 acres of pasture.

Mr. Phrobes lost 90 acres of pasture and a quantity of fencing.

John Wright had 500 acres of burned pasture, and Mrs. Rushing and son 600 acres.

John Thompson, on whose place the fire started, lost between 700 and 800 acres of pasture. No buildings were burned and no stock lost.

SAN DIEGO LAND COMPANY.

Judge Wellborn Fixes the Price for Distribution of the Assets.

LOS ANGELES, June 11.—Upon motion of Receiver Charles D. Lanning, Judge Wellborn to-day fixed the price at which the estate and assets of the San Diego Land and Town Company are to be distributed, according to the order of the court issued April 14th.

The schedule adopted is as follows: Receiver's certificates, first series and interest, \$28,619; receivers' certificates, second series and interest, \$319,567 1/2; wages and materials to June 14th, \$7,000; charges of receivership, \$7,000; claim of National City Bank, \$1,500; total, \$901,383 1/2.

HENNESSY TO BE RELEASED.

Has Been Serving Time for a Crime He Never Committed.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 11.—Next Thursday Charles Hennessy will be released from San Quentin, where he has spent the last two years of his life for a crime which recently discovered evidence shows he never committed. Just previous to arrest Hennessy with two other men and a woman went on a spree. During the night the sailor gave what he supposed was a 50-cent piece to the woman to buy liquor. When he sobered the sailor discovered that he had lost \$10, and accused Hennessy and the other men of robbing him, and on his testimony they were sentenced to serve twenty years in

the penitentiary. The woman recently swore that the sailor had given her the \$10 piece, and that she had kept the change after buying liquor. On this showing Governor Budd commuted the sentence, and on Thursday next Hennessy will leave the prison. If he agrees to return to New Zealand, his home.

MANAGER CORCORAN FIRM.

Will Not Submit His Company's Books to the Railroad Commission.

STOCKTON, June 11.—Referring to the recent action of the Railroad Commission calling for documents of the Navigation and Improvement Company to show their traffic arrangements with the Valley Road, Manager Corcoran says he will not submit his books to the commission. He will give the commission any information desired as to the volume of business transacted by the company, but the inside affairs are not for the public. He holds that the commission has no control over steamboat companies such as his, which is an interstate shipper.

Lost Much Time in Appealing.

STOCKTON, June 11.—E. N. Tucker, the young man whose case was decided against him by the Supreme Court today and stands convicted of extortion, has lost twenty months of time in appealing, and now must go from the Stockton Jail to serve three years at Poisons. Tucker came to this county from Tulare, and representing himself as a Deputy Sheriff, made a farmer believe that he had bought a stolen horse and harness, and took \$40 in cash and a note for \$100 to square the case.

Stockton Insurance Agents.

STOCKTON, June 11.—The Stockton insurance agents are standing solidly against the compact edict and to-night held another meeting and perfected their organization. They are writing no policies now except such as they place with non-board companies, who are getting the business at this time. Several special agents are here talking to the local men and endeavoring to pull them into line, but they say they will never accept the proposition of the compact.

Atlantic and Pacific.

LOS ANGELES, June 11.—The consolidation of the Santa Fe and Atlantic and Pacific Railways will take place formally in a day or so. The transaction has virtually been concluded, but the details are still to be arranged. When it is complete, it is said Receiver C. W. Smith of the Atlantic and Pacific will assume the Presidency of the Pasadena Electric Railway.

Chacon Still at Large.

SOLOMONVILLE (Ariz.), June 11.—Nothing has been heard from Augustine Chacon, the convicted murderer who escaped jail here Wednesday night. The Sheriff's posse has not returned or been heard from. Sheriff Birchfield has offered a reward of \$200 for the capture of Chacon. The Governor says the Territory will also offer a reward.

Stockton Union Will Protest.

STOCKTON, June 11.—Stockton Typographical Union will hold a special meeting next Sunday to protest against the action of the Board of Regents in awarding printing to the Oakland institution, which employs Seventh-Day Adventists and does not pay union wages. The printers here feel angry, and will pass strong resolutions.

A Sonoma County Pioneer Dead.

SANTA ROSA, June 11.—This morning Alexander Skaggs, one of the best-known pioneers of Northern California, died at his home near Santa Rosa, at the age of 71 years. He was owner of Skaggs Springs and other valuable property in Sonoma County. He was a native of Baron County, Kentucky.

A Smuggler Convicted.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 11.—Jack Block, one of the men who recently came here from Victoria, B. C., with a quantity of stolen diamonds belonging to Chalmer, Mitchell & Spring, was today convicted of having brought stolen goods into the United States. He will be sentenced later.

State Lunacy Commission.

STOCKTON, June 11.—Superintendent Hatch and Dr. Matthews of the State Lunacy Commission will be here Thursday next on their first trip of inspection of the Stockton State Hospital for the Insane, and will go south Friday to inspect the asylum at San Bernardino.

Hotel Destroyed by Fire.

SANTA BARBARA, June 11.—H. J. Laughlin's Hotel at Carpinteria was burned this morning, and is a total loss. It was valued at about \$14,000, with \$7,000 insurance. The cause is supposed to be the carelessness of the Chinese cook.

GENERAL REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

A Sensation Sprung at Yesterday's Session of the Grand Council.

May Result in a Breaking Up of the Church.

Bishop Cheney of Chicago and Many Other Delegates Resign Because of the Adoption of a Motion to Flake the Black Gown the Vestment to be Used on All Occasions.

NEW YORK, June 11.—At to-day's session of the General Council of the General Reformed Episcopal Church a resolution of congratulations to Queen Victoria upon the completion of her sixtieth year of reign was passed. After a long debate the council adopted the motion of Bishop Campbell to make the black gown the vestment to be used on all occasions.

Bishop Cheney of Chicago then announced that he would himself read a letter which ordinarily should be read by the Secretary, but which, under the peculiar circumstances, he should prefer to read to the council.

The letter, addressed to the presiding Bishop, began by saying: "As you are aware, I have kept silence during the debate upon the vestment question, not because I had not profound convictions, but because it seemed to me useless to waste words when I foresaw they would have no effect with the majority."

The conclusion of the letter was as follows: "Such a destruction of the larger liberty which this church has enjoyed from its birth hour, and such a departure from the solemn pledges of Bishop Cummins, compel me to enter my earnest protest. I cannot, with good conscience, hold an office in the gift of the council which I am convinced has laid the ax at the root of all Christian liberty in this church. I therefore most sadly but positively resign my position as a member of the Special Church Extension Trust, as Trustee of the Theological Seminary, as a member of the Committee on Doctrine and Worship and any other place which I may hold by the authority of the General Council. Without the slightest question of the consciousness of the majority taking the action of today, and with profound affection for yourself, I am, faithfully yours, Charles Edward Cheney, Bishop of the Synod of Chicago."

Bishop Latans, with an expression of regret at Bishop Cheney's action, had hardly secured the acceptance of the resignation by the council, when C. A. Morton of Philadelphia announced to the council that Miss Harriet S. Benson had delegated him and William Tracey to state that on account of the action of the council in relation to the vestments, she would withdraw until further notice the income from her contribution to the special church extension trust and the special synod trust. These trusts provided an income to the church of \$15,000 a year.

A rush fell over the council at this announcement. It was followed quickly by the resignations of a number of prominent clergymen and laymen from important committees. R. W. Hare of Chicago resigned from the Committee on Sabbath-schools. Rev. William Farley, Professor in the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, resigned from the Committee on Constitution and Canons. Rev. F. J. Walmer of Chicago left the Board of Trustees of the Publication Society. James Van Epps of Cleveland resigned from the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

The old presbyteries of the council showed their concern in their faces. The proceedings of the council were at a standstill for fully fifteen minutes, while men left their seats and gathered together to whisper to each other.

Finally Bishop Fallows called for an immediate meeting of the General Committee of the church, and an adjournment of the session.

A member of the council moved that the Secretary do not put the announcement of the withdrawal of the trust funds on the minutes. He said that the council should refuse to receive any such notification except over Miss Benson's own signature.

The Rev. Dr. Tracy said that he was in favor of leaving the announcement off the minutes. It had been made until further notice only as a notice to certain parishes who had made application to the fund that they would be unable to draw from it this year. It would be best to wait for further communication.

The council then adjourned. Bishop Fallows was asked what the prospects of the church were under the crisis. He was inclined to take a hopeful view. The trouble was serious, he said, but he did not apprehend the breaking up of the church.

GERMANY MUST YIELD.

Russia Refuses to Concede Her Points in the Peace Negotiations.

PARIS, June 11.—A dispatch to the "Soleil" from St. Petersburg says that Germany is trying to secure the retention of the Turkish garrisons in Crete, the retrocession of Thessaly to Turkey and the abolition of the special privi-

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leges accorded to Greek subjects in the Ottoman Empire. Russia, according to the correspondent of "Soleil," refuses to concede these points. He adds, "and so Germany will have to yield."

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 11.—The Turkish Government has issued a circular to the Powers with a view to obtaining their support in the peace negotiations, but thus far Russia alone has replied, expressing the opinion that the questions of indemnity and the capitulations appear less difficult to settle than the determination of Thessaly.

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 11.—A further adjournment of the conference has taken place at the request of Tewfik Pasha, the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, on the ground that the Sultan has not decided the question of the retention or the evacuation of Thessaly. This has created a bad impression in diplomatic circles. The other points brought forward for discussion are the arrangement of permanent peace between Turkey and Greece, with the exception of the amount of indemnity to be paid by the latter, has been practically settled.

Fatal Storm at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 11.—A severe thunder-storm came up this afternoon at 5 o'clock and William Owens and Miss Ida Aleya were killed by lightning.

FAIR ESTATE CONTEST.

Mrs. Craven Put Through a Merciless Examination.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 11.—Judge Slack's courtroom was crowded to suffocation this morning when the trial of the August-Craven case was called, and the examination of the defendant, Mrs. Nettie R. Craven, resumed.

Counsel for the heirs sought to prove by the witness that she had entered into agreement with various persons, by the terms of which they were to receive part of the estate of the late Senator Fair in the event of her recovering the same with their aid, but the fair defendant denied the insinuations of counsel with considerable asperity. She was, however, compelled to admit that she had signed "a paper" for Judge Aitken, and this document being produced by order of court, proved to be an agreement that in the event of Mrs. Craven being successful Aitken was to receive 5 per cent. of the property.

Counsel for Mrs. Craven endeavored to extricate her from her difficulties, but Attorney Wheeler of counsel for the plaintiff was merciless, and insisted that he had a right to prove his charges of fraud and conspiracy by showing that Mrs. Craven had tried to suborn perjury to support her case. The lady skillfully evaded a number of awkward questions, and responded to others which she could not evade with the words "I do not remember," but strenuously insisted that she had made no agreement to pay any of her witnesses for their evidence.

In the Craven-Fair case to-day the allegation was made that Martin Kelly, the well-known politician, was back of a conspiracy to provide perjured testimony in behalf of Mrs. Craven's deeds. According to Mrs. Craven's deposition, John C. Bunker (whom she called Bonner on the stand), James T. Cullen and Judge Aitken saw the disputed deeds to property worth something like \$1,500,000 in 1895, and that Cooney's Notarial acknowledgments were then upon them.

Judge Aitken has been active in politics since coming to this city from San Diego. To-day it came out that in 1896 he had a contract with Mrs. Craven to receive 5 per cent. of everything she might recover in the litigation over these deeds. But he surrendered the contract after she had signed it. The contention of Mrs. Craven's opponents is that Martin Kelly took Aitken to Mrs. Craven and tried to get him to swear he saw those deeds in 1895, and that the Cooney acknowledgments were then upon them, but that Aitken would not perjure himself, and when he found that was required of him gave up his contract for the 5 per cent. contingent fee. A document produced to-day indicated that Mrs. Craven had endeavored to get Aitken to commit himself to seeing the deeds in 1895, and Mrs. Craven herself testified that Martin Kelly went to her house with both Aitken and Cullen.

ISAAC HOFFMAN'S DEATH.

No New Developments Looked For Until the Inquest is Held.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 11.—Until the inquest begins on the body of Isaac Hoffman, and that will be on Tuesday, in all likelihood, the developments in the Battery-street mystery will probably reveal little further bearing directly on the fate of the dead merchant, though there will doubtless be many things added to or taken away from the first statement which Theodore Figel made to the police, and the

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New Shirt Waists.

The most attractive lots opened this season in two ways—styles and prices. All the new summer shadings in individual or mixed effects, in stripes, foulard, flowered or Persian designs. New greens, blues, yellow, red and pink, with detachable collars. Priced at 75c, \$1 and \$1 25.

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Veterans' Association.

SAN DIEGO, June 11.—Captain A. J. Bell of Ventura, Commander of the Veterans' Association of Southern California, arrived to-night to look after the arrangements being made for the encampment to be held in this city for the ten days beginning August 6th. He will meet Captain A. F. Dill in the morning and go over all the details of the proposed programme of entertainment.

Fined for Selling Impure Milk.

OAKLAND, June 11.—Maurice Cohen, the Berkeley dairymen who was convicted of selling milk from cows suffering from tuberculosis, was sentenced this morning by Justice Fred Chitt to pay a fine of \$100 or spend fifty days in the County Jail. Cohen's case is one on which the dairymen expected to unite and make a test case.

The Yosemite Nearly Wrecked.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 11.—The Government steamer Yosemite, that plies between this city and Lime Point for the United States Engineers' Department, broke down while near Alcatraz this morning, and was nearly wrecked on Angel Island. The trouble was caused by the bursting of a steam pipe near the boiler.

Fruit Unfit For Food Seized.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 11.—Chief Food Inspector Dockery to-day seized a lot of fruit unfit for food found in commission-houses, and had it thrown into the bay. There were 185 boxes of peaches, 120 of cherries and 9 boxes of strawberries.

HIS SKULL FRACTURED.

A. N. Thompson Badly Injured in a Runaway Accident.

As was stated in the "Record-Union" yesterday, a runaway took place on Thursday evening at Fourteenth and I streets which resulted in serious injury to the driver. A. N. Thompson, a teamster, was the sufferer, his horses taking fright at the noise of Suter's mill. He grabbed the reins and was thrown to the ground, and one of the wheels struck his head. He was taken home and it was found that his skull was fractured and he was badly injured otherwise. It is feared that if he survives that he will be paralyzed.

The Storm in New England.

BOSTON, June 11.—After a day of real good weather, following the excessive rains of Wednesday and Thursday, the reports from the northern, eastern and central sections of New England to-night show flooded rivers and lakes. The two days' record will include nearly a dozen lives lost and great damage to railroad and mill property, aggregating at least \$500,000, distributed over a small territory. Its equal in June has not been known for a great many years.

NEW YORK, June 11.—It is announced on good authority that Brady has offered a purse of \$14,000 for a fight to a finish between Maber and Sharkey in the vicinity of Carson City. The date of the meeting probably will be late in August or September. Sharkey will leave on Wednesday next for a trip to Ireland, where he expects to remain about three weeks.

LONDON, June 11.—In consequence of over-winding, a terrible accident has occurred in the Gaith colliery at Maesteg, Glamorganshire, Wales. The cage was precipitated to the bottom of a shaft 360 feet deep. Ten men were killed.

Men's Clothing, Boys' Clothing. Two Instances. Business Suits of serviceable Cheviots, \$5 00. Dress Suits in Black Cloth Worsteds, \$6 75. Hats (From Special Sale) MILAN, PALM and LE HORN, reduced from \$1 00 to 75c, 75c to 35c, 50c to 25c. Grandfather, Son, Grandson. have traded at our stores since 1868, and the constantly increasing business done at the old stand—our present location, 604, 606, 608 J St., near Sixth. is proof as to the sterling worth of goods sold, and the reasonable prices asked for them. We are right in the midst of the season now, and think we have the nicest line of Men's and Boys' Clothing ever brought to the city. We will appreciate the privilege of showing them to you. \$1 25. Boys' Strong, Serviceable School Shoes, 85c. A SPECIAL IN MEN'S STANLEY SHIRTS. MEN'S STANLEY SHIRTS, made by one of the best shirt-makers in the United States and of good serviceable percales. Former prices 75c and \$1. Some of the small sizes being missing we offer the choice at 35c each.

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Table with 2 columns: Item description and Price. Includes: Hats worth \$3 sold for 10 cents, Manhattan Shirts worth \$2 50 sold for 97 cents, Boys' Suits worth \$10 sold for \$2 23, Men's Fine Worsteds Light-weight Suits worth \$12 50 sold for \$3 47, Black Worsteds Suits worth \$18 sold for \$9 75.

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