

GEORGETOWN IS LAID IN WASTE.

The Enterprising El Dorado Mining Town Suffers Loss by Fire.

All the Business Portion of the Place Wiped Out.

And Lives Were Lost, Two People Being Killed by an Explosion of Gunpowder in One of the Stores During the Progress of the Conflagration.

AUBURN, June 14.—Georgetown, a mining town in El Dorado County, twenty-five miles from here, burned to the ground this morning. The fire originated in the Tahoe Saloon, in the middle of the main block, at 9:45 this morning, and the fire spread both ways, burning everything from the American Hotel to the Water Company's office. The whole business section is wiped out.

Among the buildings burned were Shepard's grocery store, Jarrett's grocery, Mrs. Jackson's notion store, Orillas, Postoffice, Express Office, Sternberger's grocery, Prewitt's bakery, the Pioneer lading-house, two barber shops, three saloons, undertaking parlors and Sherr's shoe store and both meat markets.

Just before the fire had run its course there was a terrific explosion of gunpowder in Sternberger's store. H. B. Newell was instantly killed and Mrs. L. B. McLain so badly injured that she died shortly after. The little son of Editor Hulbert had his leg broken, and many others received slight injuries as a result of the shock.

Every residence in the residence portion was broken, and all those business buildings which had not wholly been destroyed were leveled to the ground. The entire business portion of the town is a barren waste. The strong wind blowing at the time fed the flames like they were burning so much paper. The loss will reach between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

The French Interpreter of a San Francisco Court Shot at.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 14.—Victor Demartini, French interpreter of the courts at the New City Hall, had a narrow escape from death early this morning when Gladys Matheny pulled a pistol from her pocket and fired a shot at him on Kearny street.

Some years ago the parties met, and after a short acquaintance agreed to live together. About a month since Demartini tired of the life he was leading and tried to quit the woman, who rebelled and said she would kill him. He replied by securing her arrest on a charge of threatening his life, and she was tried and convicted before Judge Conlan, who allowed her to depart, after securing a promise that she would not harm the interpreter.

Yesterday, however, she went out to find and kill him. She wandered about searching for him until this morning, when she met him on Kearny street, and fired the shot, which missed its mark. A police officer was called and the woman placed under arrest on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

FIRE AT MONROVIA.

Several Business Buildings Destroyed in the Southern Town.

LOS ANGELES, June 14.—The town of Monrovia, on the Southern California Railway and near "Lucky" Baldwin's ranch, was visited by a disastrous fire this morning. It started in the drug-store of Dr. Truett about 1:30 o'clock. Several business buildings were burned, including the drug stores of Dr. Truett and E. F. Crews, meat market of C. E. Bell, news store of C. E. Newland, Ford's barber shop and Dr. Adams' office. The family of L. Baime, who lived over one of the drug stores, had a narrow escape for their lives. The loss is estimated at \$20,000, with insurance about one half.

Water Rights Suit.

REDDING, June 14.—In the United States Circuit Court the Mountain Copper Company has sued O. H. Garlick et al. for \$50,000 damages. The suit

is to determine the ownership or use of certain water rights on Spring Creek. Garlick & Co. were using the water to run the electric plant by which the Hartal and Mammoth mines of the old diggings were furnished with power. These mines have shut down in consequence. The United States Marshal turned off the water last week. The Mountain Copper Company claim the water under lease.

JAPS AND CHINESE.

They Form the Majority of Laborers in Beet Fields.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 14.—State Labor Commissioner Fitzgerald, who has just returned from a personal investigation of the labor employed in the beet fields at Pleasanton, Alvarado, Watsonville and Salinas, says: "I find that between 95 and 98 per cent. of all the labor used in the beet fields of California is Japanese and Chinese, with the Chinese fast gaining the upper hand against the competition of the Japanese. The cane fields of Hawaii have over 14 per cent. of white labor, while the beet fields of our own California show but 5 per cent. at present. The Japanese bosses in the fields told me that next year they will handle the entire beet business and that they can get all the Japanese necessary by way of Victoria. They say, too, that they expect to become farmers and bid against the whites in renting the land."

War on Chinese Lottery.

LOS ANGELES, June 14.—The city police department is energetically proceeding with the work of ridding the city of Chinese lottery "joints." Several places were raided to-day, and as an investigation shows that the heart of the business section of the city is honeycombed with lottery agencies the police will be busy for several days breaking up the illegal traffic, which has been permitted to assume enormous proportions.

A Gymnast Fatally Injured.

LOS ANGELES, June 14.—This evening, while Professors Markshun and Richards were practicing on a flying trapeze at Fiesta Park, they fell to the ground, and Richards sustained injuries which will probably result fatal. Besides internal injuries, his skull was fractured. Markshun sustained slight injuries.

Lake Tahoe Railroad.

CARSON, June 14.—Ground will be broken on the Lake Tahoe Railroad between Truckee and Tahoe City to-morrow. The railroad will connect the lake with the main line of the Southern Pacific. It will be standard gauge, and sleepers will be run to the shores of the lake. A big hotel will soon be erected there.

Warships Ordered to Portland.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 14.—Orders from the Secretary of the Navy have been received by the warships Monadnock and Monterey, now in this port, to proceed to Portland, Or., as soon as ready for sea, arriving in time to participate in the Fourth of July celebration at that place.

Let a Horrible Death.

PHOENIX (Ariz.), June 14.—While returning from the firemen's picnic from Mesa City, Miguel Barba met death in a horrible manner. While standing on the platform of the moving train with the main line of the Southern Pacific, a telegraph pole, mangled him in such a manner that he died within an hour.

Chinese at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, June 14.—At a meeting of the City Council held this afternoon Councilman Hutchinson presented a lengthy resolution providing for the removal of all Chinese from the city limits, the resolution stating that it was in the province of the authorities to do so. The resolution was referred to the City Attorney to pass upon the legality of the matter.

Smelter for Stockton.

STOCKTON, June 14.—P. A. Buell returned to-day from a trip through Tuolumne and Calaveras counties where he made it his business to consult with leading men about building a smelter in Stockton, and met with great encouragement. He says he will form a company at once to carry forward the project. The cost of the plant is figured at \$250,000.

Aqueduct to Pine Nut Mines.

CARSON (Nev.), June 14.—Charles D. Lane, the wealthy mine owner, will arrive to-morrow and proceed to Buckeye, where he will arrange plans for an aqueduct from Alpine County to the Pine Nut mines. The cost of construction will be about a million dollars.

New County Hospital.

HANFORD, June 14.—The Supervisors have called for plans for the erection of a new county hospital not to cost more than \$85,000.

MARINE DISASTERS ON THE SOUTHERN COAST.

The British Ship Buckhurst Burned Two Hundred Miles Off Nicaragua.

A Part of the Crew Picked Up by the Steamship City of Para.

Fifteen on Board Missing — Those Rescued Spent Twenty Days on Cocos Island Without Seeing a Sail, When They Took to Their Boat Again and Were Rescued by the Pacific Mail Steamship.

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The Buckhurst sailed from Newcastle for Panama with a cargo of coal on February 21st, and had an uneventful voyage until April 31, when smoke was seen issuing from her hatches and ventilators. The pumps were rigged, but without effect, for after working night and day for ten days the flames compelled the crew to abandon the ship. After the vessel burned, and an uneventful voyage until April 31, when smoke was seen issuing from her hatches and ventilators. The pumps were rigged, but without effect, for after working night and day for ten days the flames compelled the crew to abandon the ship. After the vessel burned, and an uneventful voyage until April 31, when smoke was seen issuing from her hatches and ventilators. The pumps were rigged, but without effect, for after working night and day for ten days the flames compelled the crew to abandon the ship.

Another Wreck.

Advice from Acapulco per steamship City of Para have been received giving the particulars of the wreck of the British ship Kinkora on Clipperton Reef on May 24. It appears that while on the voyage from Puget Sound to England with a cargo of lumber the Kinkora was struck by a small and dismantled on May 1st, when some 600 miles northwest of Acapulco. Captain McMurtre made an effort to rig up jury masts, in the hope of making the nearest port, but another storm drove the vessel upon Clipperton Reef that night, and the crew of twenty-seven men landed on the reef and camped there. After vainly waiting for a passing sail for some days, the first officer and a crew of six men volunteered to make the trip to Acapulco, which they finally reached, more dead than alive, on June 3d.

When the rescuing party left Clipperton Reef there was sufficient food to last the remaining twenty men about four months.

Insurance Agents.

Trying to Settle Their Differences With the Board of Underwriters.

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The Famous Group Purchased by New York Capitalists. TUCSON (Ariz.), June 14.—New York capitalists, through Manning & Cameron of this city, closed the purchase of the famous group of San Xavier mines from the Boston owners. The

group comprises seven mines extensively developed. They were first discovered and worked forty years ago, and are considered to contain the largest deposits of copper, silver and lead ores in Southern Arizona. The mines are located sixteen miles south of Tucson. The effect of the sale has been to already stimulate commercial interests here, as well as the demands for options of several other large copper properties in the district.

Young Yorke in Trouble.

Cannot Get His Baggage Until He Pays Railroad Fare.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 14.—H. A. Yorke, the youth who represented himself to be a son of the Earl of Hardwick while at Colorado Springs recently, and for whom a number of his dupes have been anxiously inquiring since his departure from that place, arrived here last night, accompanied by Lieutenant M. G. Haan of the police, and registered at the Occidental Hotel. As Yorke was detected traveling upon a scalper ticket the conductor of the west-bound train took it up, and the youth refusing to pay his fare, was informed on his arrival that his baggage would not be delivered until the sum demanded was paid. The pair left the hotel this morning, and successfully evaded a host of interviewers.

Collier Wellington.

Arrives at San Francisco in a Disabled Condition.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 14.—The collier Wellington, which left Departure Bay on the morning of June 11th, arrived here this morning with an uneventful voyage, but in a very disabled condition. When nine hours out of Departure Bay the low pressure connecting rod of her main engine broke and the steamer had to be stopped. The broken rod had smashed the top of the cylinder and the port after column. For twelve hours the steamer drifted about in a dense fog, while the crew was unable to get away. The high pressure engines were started up, but reached this port without further mishap.

Sudden Death at Fresno.

FRESNO, June 14.—J. M. Cory, a well known real estate agent of this city, died suddenly to-day at his residence in this city from heart disease. Mr. Cory was about town to-day, apparently as well as usual. At dinner time the cook went out on the front porch to call Mr. Cory, but found him cold in death, sitting in a chair with a newspaper stretched before him. Mr. Cory was 67 years of age, and leaves a widow and two children, who are at present sojourning in Southern California. The remains will be shipped to San Jose to-morrow for interment.

Etting Loses His Credits.

SAN QUENTIN, June 14.—The State Board of Prison Directors have taken away the credits of Convict Etting, one of the ringleaders in the recent revolt. Etting, who was about to be released from prison, will be compelled to spend six more months within the prison walls in a cell of hard and wet labor. Etting enjoys the distinction of being the only paroled convict returned to the penitentiary.

New Phase of the Hoffman Mystery.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 14.—A new phase of the Hoffman mystery was presented to-day, when it was reported that an unknown woman, strangely acting and noticeably careful to conceal her identity, was seen on several occasions leaving the downtown establishment of Hoffman & Rothchild. This woman, seen this morning by Judge Risley, The Coroner's inquest will begin to-morrow morning. Book-keeper Figel has been subpoenaed as a witness.

Will Not Come This Summer.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 14.—The Chamber of Commerce recently invited President McKinley to visit California. The following reply was received to-day: "The President regrets that his official duties prevent his acceptance of the courteous invitation of the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco to visit the city of San Francisco during the ensuing summer."

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LUTHERAN SYNOD.

General Secretary Weber Submits the Biennial Report.

MANSFIELD (O.), June 14.—The Lutheran Synod got down to work to-day. Rev. H. H. Weber, General Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, submitted the fourteenth biennial report. The receipts from the churches were larger than during the previous biennial. The board asked an apportionment of \$35,000 for the next two years.

The report of Louis Mausser, Treasurer of the General Synod, showed a deficiency of \$1,500. The synod passed a resolution to make a temporary loan to cover this deficiency.

W. S. Hinman, Statistical Secretary, reported there are at present in the district 1,508 churches, a gain of 32 in two years; 205 preaching stations, a gain of 33; the communicant membership is 185,728, an increase of 11,320 over the previous biennium. The value of the property owned by the churches is \$11,743,781, a gain of \$1,396,492. The indebtedness is \$1,195,812, an increase of \$33,892. The total benevolent contributions of the congregations were \$509,408, a decrease of \$68,559. The total raised for all purposes was \$3,005,620, a decrease of \$120,798.

The report of the Board of Supplies was submitted by Secretary Rev. H. G. Bauslin of Springfield, O.

Rev. Dr. M. Rhodes of St. Louis submitted a resolution to indorse scientific temperance in the instruction of the public schools and urging wholesome legislation on the subject. The resolution was adopted.

Rev. E. E. Dusk of Hagerstown, Md., Chairman of the Committee on Sunday-schools, presented the report. The Board of Church Extension was renominated. The session then adjourned.

FISTIC BATTLES.

Joe Wolcott and Tom Tracy Fight Six Lively Rounds.

PHILADELPHIA, June 14.—Joe Wolcott, the Boston colored boy, and Tom Tracy of Australia were the star attractions at the Arena to-night, and fought six lively rounds. Throughout the bout the colored boy was the aggressor, and succeeded in landing his favorite swings on the body and neck a number of times. Clinches were frequent all the through the fight, but in the breakaway both men fought clean. In the third round Wolcott landed a heavy left on Tom's wind and sent him to the floor, but Tracy was on his feet a moment afterwards. The fourth round ended with honors even, and in the fifth, after a rattling hot exchange of blows, both men fell to the floor together. The last round ended after several clinches and a light exchange, followed by Wolcott pushing Tracy hard, the latter putting up a good resistance.

CINCINNATI, June 14.—Johnny Van Heest and Eugene Besenah fought a twenty-round draw to-night before the Kenton Athletic Club in West Covington, Ky.

NEW YORK, June 14.—The bout between Dick O'Brien of Boston and Fred Lang of Indianapolis was stopped by the police to-night after the first round. The men were arrested and taken to the police station.

RAIL ACCIDENT.

The Engineer Stayed at His Post o Duty, and is Killed.

RICHMOND (Ind.), June 14.—Train No. 2, south-bound express on the Grand Rapids and Indian Railway, was derailed this afternoon at Stone Station, near Riggleville, five miles north of here. The rails are said to have spread, hitching the engine, tender, mail and baggage cars. The smoker was partly derailed. The engine was totally demolished, instantly killing Engineer David Keramo of Fort Wayne, aged 50 years. He did not leave his seat and was found under the engine. Fireman Grabel of Fort Wayne was severely injured. He fell under the tender. Baggage-master Martin Minch of Fort Wayne was also injured. H. W. Munday, the express messenger, of Grand Rapids, was slightly injured.

The smoker and the other coaches were not damaged. No passengers were hurt. Heat is supposed to have caused the spreading of the rails.

PRESIDENTIAL POSTOFFICES.

Readjustment and Classification of Salaries.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—The fourteenth annual readjustment of classification and salaries of Presidential Postoffices has been completed, and the changes were given out at the Post-office Department to-day. The changes in classification include the following: Arizona—Tombstone, relegated to fourth class. California—Red Bluff and Watsonville, advanced to the second class; Chino, relegated from third to fourth; Nevada—Carson City, advanced from third to second; Oregon—Newberg, relegated from third to fourth.

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