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REDDING, Oct. 6.—Fire at Bieber, in Lassen County, 105 miles from Redding, and connected by a stage route, consumed most of the town on Sunday last.

A school teacher named Panabaker tried to escape from the second story of the Ford Hotel, but before he reached the doorway outside the building the floor gave way, and he perished in the ruins.

MISTAKEN FOR A BURGLAR.

A Salinas Citizen Shot and Fatally Wounded by His Friend.

SALINAS, Oct. 6.—Through a mistaken idea that he was a burglar, Dow Callahan was shot and fatally wounded by his friend John Wilmoth to-night.

Callahan and Bruce Van Scoy started on a hunting trip at dark this evening, and after driving four miles stopped in front of Wilmoth's house, intending to spend the night with him.

The Bryant Safe.

SEATTLE, Oct. 6.—A "Post-Intelligencer" special from Port Angeles, Wash., says the schooner Bryant, which was sent adrift in Behring Sea by the tug Holyoke, and reported lost, is in the straits returning to Puget Sound.

Burglary at Fresno.

FRESNO, Oct. 6.—Burglars last night broke into the Chamber of Commerce building, and stole a number of valuable exhibits of wine and dried fruits that had been prepared for Eastern exhibition.

A Telephone Company Fails.

VISALIA, Oct. 6.—The Mount Whitney Telephone Company, with 200 miles of wires, connecting Visalia, Tulare, Porterville and Bakersfield, has filed a petition in insolvency.

FEVER ON THE INCREASE.

YESTERDAY A RECORD-BREAKER AT NEW ORLEANS.

Forty New Cases Reported to the Board of Health and Five Deaths Occur.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 6.—Even as early as 6 o'clock this evening the day had proved a record breaker, both as to the number of cases and as to the number of deaths that had been reported.

BURNED TO DEATH.

A Terrible Fate Befalls a Woman at Red Bluff.

RED BLUFF, Oct. 6.—Mrs. C. Volker, wife of Conrad Volker, a pioneer resident of this place, was terribly burned at her home on Jefferson street last night about 11:30.

WALNUT GROWERS.

Will Maintain Prices Established in September.

SANTA ANA, Oct. 6.—The Walnut Growers' Association of Southern California met at Fullerton on Monday.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

Will be a Great Masonic Demonstration at Los Angeles To-Day.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 6.—To-morrow, at the convocation of the Department Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, will occur the greatest Masonic demonstration this city has ever witnessed.

this State and Arizona have been coming in for the past day or two. The larger number will arrive to-morrow, many of them accompanied by their wives. It is expected that there will be from 600 to 800 uniformed men in line when the parade moves immediately after the arrival of California Commandery No. 1 of San Francisco, at 1 P. M. to-morrow.

The parade will be reviewed by the Eminent Grand Commander of the Department of California, and the commanders will assemble at the Temple and march to Hazard's Pavilion, where an exhibition drill will be given. The drill will be followed by a grand ball.

MINERS' CONVENTION.

Several Important Matters Will Come Up for Discussion.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 6.—At the convention of the California Miners' Association, which will meet on October 15th in this city, several important matters will be discussed. One is the revision of the Federal mining laws, and another the appointment of a Secretary of Mines and Mining in the Federal Cabinet.

MILLIONAIRE BRADBURY.

Convicted of Battery by a Jury in Judge Conlan's Court.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 6.—W. E. Bradbury, the capitalist, was to-day convicted of battery by a jury in Judge Conlan's court, and ordered to appear for sentence to-morrow.

The complaining witness was Paul E. Dineen, a miner, who testified that on September 1st he called on Mrs. Irwin, who keeps the Bradbury Hotel at Polk and California streets.

He wanted to speak about tuning her piano, but millionaire Bradbury met him in the hall and kicked him down stairs. Bradbury was recently arrested and fined for expectorating in a street car.

Price for Talare Raisins.

HANFORD, Oct. 6.—The vitaryards of this county, representing 1,100 tons of raisins yet unsold, have agreed upon a selling price of not less than three and one-half cents in the sweat box for their crop. The goods will be stored until the price is offered.

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BEHRING SEA CONTROVERSY.

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LONDON, Oct. 6.—The officials of the British Foreign Office have communicated to the United States Ambassador, Colonel John Hay, the final decision of the government, that Great Britain must refuse to take part in any sealing conference with representatives of Russia and Japan.

The British Government, however, asserts its willingness to confer with the United States alone, but it insists that Russia and Japan are not interested in the Behring Sea seals to a degree entitling them to representation at the conference.

The British Government does not suggest any date for a conference with the United States, and it is thought probable in London that Great Britain's withdrawal will result in two meetings, one between the United States, Russia and Japan, and the other between the United States, Great Britain and Canada.

STRIKE AT PHILADELPHIA.

Mill Employes Demand an Increase in Wages.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 6.—About 200 of the 300 employes of the Bradford Mills, conducted by John and James Robson, manufacturers of dress goods and worsted cloth, have struck because of the refusal of the firm to grant an increase of 10 per cent. in wages.

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The State Department, it is said, has never received officially any charges against the appointee, though certain allegations were current that if supported would have made his selection objectionable to the German Government. Some of these are connected with the World's Fair and a certain concert enterprise in which Neumann is said to have been interested, which resulted disastrously to some German artists.

THIRTY PEOPLE INJURED.

A Platform at a Kansas City Railway Station Gives Way.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 6.—Thirty people were injured to-night, several of them seriously, by the falling of a platform at the Fifteenth-street station of the Independence Electric Railway.

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JANIE T. BREAKS THE RECORD.

Wins the Two-Year-Old Futurity at Lexington, Kentucky.

Goes the Second Heat in Two Fifteen and a Quarter.

Four Good Races at the San Jose Track—Winners at Ventura, Aquebuct, Windsor, Harlem and Latonia.

LEXINGTON (Ky.), Oct. 6.—Another large crowd witnessed the second day's sport at the meeting of the Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' Association. The weather was perfect and the track fast. The event of the day was the \$5,000 futurity for two-year-olds, won in record-breaking time by Janie T., by Boss Bells, dam Nida, dam of Le-one, who held the yearling race record of 2:28 1/4 in 1896. Summaries:

Two-year-old futurity, value \$5,000, Janie T., b. f., by Boss Bells, dam Nida (Pulley), won in straight heats. Time—2:17 1/2, 2:15 1/4. Peter the Great second, Limerick third, Charlie Herr, Miss Duke, Ambi and Mattie Geraldine also started.

RESULTS AT SAN JOSE.

SAN JOSE, Oct. 6.—Four more good races were held at the County Fair to-day. The talent retrieved their losses of yesterday, making but one mistake. Oneka Maid, a long shot, won the five furlongs dash. There were five heats in the 2:40 trot, Etta Wilkes winning. Panadma took two heats. In the 2:20 pace Floracita took the first heat, and then Fitz Lee won the next three. Summaries:

Trotting, 2:15 class, purse \$1,000, Concess Eve won, Dr. Robinson second, Sunland third. Best time—2:09 1/4.

Pacing, 2:20 class, Fitz Lee won, Floracita second, Lynette third. Time—2:14 1/4.

Running, five furlongs, Oneka Maid won, Duke of York II second, Eroica third. Time—1:02 1/4.

Running, about six furlongs, Masoro won, Meadow Lark second, Mollie R. third. Time—1:14 1/4.

AT VENTURA.

VENTURA, Oct. 6.—The second day's races opened with fair weather, but a high west wind interfered with good record-making, and the track was slow. Summaries:

Five-eighths of a mile dash, purse \$150, Idle Bell won, J. O. C. second, El Barbara third. Time—1:09 1/4.

Trot, 2:30 class, purse \$225, Leader (Tie) won, Helen J. (Shaner) second, Roy W. (Hanford) third. Time—2:29, 2:32 1/2, 2:31 1/4.

One mile and seventy yards, running, purse \$125, Lady Hunt won, Sea Spray second, Little Cris third. Time—1:49.

Special running, five furlongs, purse \$150, Selkirk won, Castellar second, Highland Bell third. Time—1:02 1/4.

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AT WINDSOR.

Detroit, Oct. 6.—The attendance was large and the sport of an excellent character at Windsor to-day. Track fast. Results:

Six furlongs, selling, Novor won, Tommy Butler second, Eliza Ferguson third. Time—1:15 1/4.

Seven furlongs, Gotobed won, Tally Ho second, Mary Prather third. Time—1:29 1/4.

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AT HARLEM.

CHICAGO, Oct. 6.—Five favorites won the last five races at Harlem to-day. Results:

Six furlongs, Loyalta won, Porfeit second, C. H. Whelan third. Time—1:14 1/4.

Five furlongs, Daily Racing Form won, Ruskin second, Lottie Burns third. Time—1:01 1/4.

One mile, Meadowthorpe won, Dr. Shepard second, Mordecai third. Time—1:41 1/4.

Five furlongs, Abuse won, May W. second, Golightly third. Time—1:00.

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