

DANGERS IN GOING TO THE KLONDIKE.

Many Gold-Seekers Drowned in the White Horse Rapids.

At Least Five Lives Lost During the Last Two Months.

People Still Making Their Way All Along the Route, Notwithstanding the Thermometer is Forty Degrees Below Zero, Among Them a Woman, Pulling Her Sled All Alone.

VICTORIA (B. C.), Dec. 9.—Five or six, and perhaps seven, lives have been lost in the White Horse Rapids, Lewis River, during the last two months, according to John Hepburn, who arrived from there to-day. A boat built for four or six men was wrecked in the rapids one morning, but there was no trace of the occupants. They must all have been drowned. There is now very little open water between the rapids and lakes, most of it being frozen over.

At White Horse Rapids there are about thirty people, and there are thirty-five at the foot of Marsh Lake. There are at least 100 more below White Horse, and many others have gone into the Hootalinqua country to prospect during the winter.

Hepburn had heard of no strikes being made on the Hootalinqua or tributary streams, but a man named Davis washed \$1,600 from the river bars last summer. Hepburn believes that rich strikes will be made on the Hootalinqua this winter.

At Tagish House the weather was bitterly cold, the thermometer registering 42 degrees below zero. People were met making their way all along the route at the head of Lake Bennett.

Among the gold-seekers was a woman who was pulling her sled all alone, and she was making fair time.

Lake Bennett is still open fifteen miles from the foot on November 27th, and the mercury stood at 24 below.

LATEST FROM SKAGWAY.

SEATTLE, Dec. 9.—The steamer Rosabelle arrived to-day from Skagway and Dyea, Alaska, with thirty-five passengers.

The Rosabelle brings the news that James B. McCauley of Victoria is on his way out for Skagway City with a dog team, and is expected to arrive in Skagway in a week or ten days.

At a meeting held in Skagway December 1st steps were taken to form a municipal government. Seven candidates were nominated for Councilmen.

Four tramways are being constructed at Dyea. Seven miles of the wagon road between Skagway and Lake Bennett have been completed. At least 1,000 men are scattered between White Horse Rapids and Skagway.

The Canadian police have warned all persons bound for Dawson to turn back, unless they have 600 pounds of provisions.

A VENTURA COUNTY SUIT.

The Supreme Court sustains the Lower Tribunal.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—The Supreme Court to-day passed judgment in the case of the County of Ventura against Henry Clay, the Treasurer.

The action was based upon the assertion that the Treasurer had illegally paid out money, and it was desired to have him and his bondsmen make good the amounts.

The action was brought under the County Government Act, Section 8. A demurrer was entered and sustained, on the ground that the action should have been brought by the Supervisors, and not by the county.

The Supreme Court sustains the lower court, and holds that Section 8 of the County Government Act relates to the recovery of money from those to whom it has been illegally paid, but that in the case in question the Supervisors should have begun the suit.

MIRAMONTE PROPERTY.

Mrs. Blythe-Hinckley Does Not Now Want to Purchase It.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Florence Blythe-Hinckley has filed her answer to a suit recently brought to compel her to pay \$95,000 for the property at San Rafael called Miramonte, at one time the home of the late Hall McCallister.

The foundation of the suit is a written agreement said to have been entered into several years ago between the defendant and Mrs. McCallister. Mrs. Hinckley says now that she is not willing to pay for Miramonte \$95,000, or any other sum. She admits the execution of the agreement, but says she did so in consequence of deception, and at a time when she lacked business knowledge and experience. She asks that the prayer of the complaint be denied, and that she have judgment for her costs.

Murderer Bryan is Sane.

OAKLAND, Dec. 9.—Dr. John W. Robertson, expert on mental diseases, declared to-day that James Bryan, who is on trial for the murder of Deputy

Constable Denis Cronin, is sane. The case will probably go to the jury late to-morrow afternoon.

REMAINS OF E. N. BOUCHE.

The Body of the Suicide Arrives at Stockton for Interment.

STOCKTON, Dec. 9.—The remains of Edward N. Bouche have arrived here from Seattle to be buried in the family plot in the City Cemetery.

Bouche was a successful mining operator of the Northwest, and had bright prospects, till the news from the Klondike depreciated the value of his mines and properties, which he could have sold a couple of years ago for large sums, so they are now about valueless, and he ended his troubles by committing suicide last Sunday, week.

His properties were in Rossland, B. C. He was on his way to California, when he met a fast crowd in Seattle, lost his nerve, and turned his pistol to his head with fatal result. His aged mother, who lives here, was notified and went to Seattle, and returned home with the remains. Bouche was reared here, and was 33 years old.

LAWYERS AT OUTS.

Ex-Judge Craig Strikes Attorney Lezinsky With an Umbrella.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Attorney George Lezinsky to-day received a blow from an umbrella in the hands of ex-Judge William Craig. The blow was delivered in the chambers of Superior Judge Sewall.

Feeling had been strong between the two men for some days, on account of an attack made by Lezinsky on ex-Judge Robert Y. Hayne during the arguments in a case before Judge Hunt and a jury. Lezinsky in his argument accused Mr. Hayne of giving false testimony, and thereby incensed Judge Craig, who was associated with Hayne as counsel in the case. The blow was not struck in open court, and the Judge is in doubt as to whether he has the authority to punish Craig, who is an old and well-known practitioner.

Glove Contests at Stockton.

STOCKTON, Dec. 9.—The Stockton Athletic Association gave a physical culture exhibition this evening. Lewis of San Francisco bested McMahon of the same place in seven rounds.

McMahon was stung by Lewis swinging his shoulder and striking him in the left side in the seventh round. As McMahon could not continue the contest, Lewis was given the decision by the referee. Rufe Turner, a brother of Charles Turner, an old-time Stockton favorite, proved too fast for Maurice Leo, who quit in the second round, when Turner had him going.

Trouble in a Coursing Club.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—There is trouble in the Interstate Coursing Club. At its last meeting a motion to elect two new members was opposed by J. H. Rossiter, on the ground that the men named were not interested in coursing. They were duly elected, however, and this action of the club was immediately followed by the resignation of Mr. Rossiter and his friends, Secretary I. M. Halton, Treasurer S. Smith and Financial Secretary J. Cleverhol.

The vacancies will be filled at a special meeting to be held next week.

The Body Identified.

RIVERSIDE, Dec. 9.—A party in this city who has seen the body of the murdered man yesterday near town identifies him as Augustine Grant, a sheep owner of Bonsall, San Diego county. Grant came here in company with a man named Joe Sarve about two weeks ago, looking for a sheep range. The dead man weighs 200 pounds, has black hair and mustache, and one tooth is missing from the upper jaw on the right side.

A Messenger Boy Injured.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Edward Gilson, a fifteen-year-old messenger boy in the service of the American District Company, living at 335 Dolores street, was run over by a Mission-street trolley car this morning. The wheels passed over his left leg, mangling the limb so that amputation was necessary.

A Horsewhipping at Salinas.

SALINAS, Dec. 9.—Patricio Torres, a married man, was horsewhipped to-day by Josie Irma, a seventeen-year-old girl. She had been angered by alleged defamatory remarks about her, said to have been circulated by Torres, and, meeting him on the street, lashed him severely with a small buggy whip.

A Jury Briber Convicted.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9.—John E. Meserve, a bookkeeper in the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, dropped dead at the depot at Highland Park this morning. He came from Kansas six years ago, and leaves a widow and one child. He was 40 years of age. Heart disease was the cause.

Levee District No. 6.

YUBA, Dec. 9.—Papers have been filed in the Superior Court of this county in which the constitutionality of Levee District No. 6, a large district in the southern part of the county, is attacked. The suit is brought on complaint of John Silva, a resident of the district.

Attacked by a Pet Coon.

BERKELEY, Dec. 9.—Gracie Frye, the two-year-old daughter of D. H. Frye, was attacked by a pet coon to-day and so severely lacerated that it took the surgeons two hours to sew up the wounds. Blood-poisoning is feared from the animal's bites.

ATROCIOUS CRIME IN MISSISSIPPI.

A Woman and Her Four Children Murdered by a Negro.

Posse on the Track of the Assassin, Who Will be Lynched if Caught.

Desperate Fight Between Mexican Border Guards and a Gang of Desperadoes, Resulting in the Death of Three of the Guards and One of the Outlaws.

WEESON (Miss.), Dec. 9.—One of the most atrocious murders on record in the South was committed last night in Simpson County, this State, twenty miles from here on the track of the Brown Smith, a farmer, and a son of ex-Representative Edward Smith, left his family at his home in the country to go to town for shopping purposes, thinking of no possible danger for them. This morning when he returned he found his wife and five children lying in their own blood, apparently all dead. An alarm was raised immediately, and the entire neighborhood turned out to hunt for the perpetrator of the foul and bloody crime.

There being no telegraphic connection with the murder scene in Simpson County, it is reported this evening that one of the little girls, supposed this morning to have been dead, has revived enough to tell what she knew of the occurrences. She said she knows the man who committed the deed; that he was a negro, and described him.

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FIGHT ON THE BORDER.

Three Mexican Officers and a Desperado Killed.

DENVER, Dec. 9.—News has just reached here of a desperate fight that occurred near the border of Arizona and Old Mexico. Three guards of the Mexican service and one desperado were killed. The latter was Frank O. Phallard, one of Black Jack's gang, and an outlaw from Texas, whose two brothers were killed while members of Billy the Kid's gang.

A few days ago the border guards learned of a raid that was designed by Black Jack to loot a town across the river. A start was made from Leander Springs, and the guards had no difficulty in finding them.

The two forces met face to face at a turn in the road. There were eight outlaws against three officers, but the latter opened the attack with orders for "hands up." Two of the outlaws turned their horses for the hills, but Phallard dismounted, and drawing his Winchester, opened fire and killed the three officers before he was hit. The heat increased every moment, until the boiler-maker's clothing caught fire. He beat on the iron with all his power and shouted for fully ten minutes before his helper on the outside, Martin Philpot, realized his plight and rescued him just as the rope supporting him was catching fire.

Phallard lies at his home in a critical condition. He is badly burned, and his lungs filled with coal gas.

NEARLY ROASTED ALIVE.

Terrible Experience While Working Inside a Smokestack.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Michael Purcell, a boiler-maker, was making some repairs inside the smokestack of the steamer Wellington at the Folsom-street wharf this morning, when six fires were carelessly started below him. He was strapped in a chair suspended from the top of the stack about forty feet from the dampers below. It was impossible to go up, and to go down without assistance meant being roasted alive on the hot dampers.

Dense volumes of hot smoke began rolling up the stack, while Purcell shouted loudly for help. The heat increased every moment, until the boiler-maker's clothing caught fire. He beat on the iron with all his power and shouted for fully ten minutes before his helper on the outside, Martin Philpot, realized his plight and rescued him just as the rope supporting him was catching fire.

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COURSING AT INGLESIDE.

Drawing for the Hare Chase To-morrow and Sunday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—The drawing for the coursing at Ingleside on Saturday and Sunday is as follows: Clipper vs. Alice D.; Monitor vs. Tom Bell; Premier vs. Sylvanus; Susie vs. Fireman; Nellie B. vs. Granuaile; Lady Harkaway vs. Commodore; Tarara vs. Lady Jane; Swinerton vs. Mohawk; El Dorado vs. Bental; Blue Bell vs. Tessie Fair; Harkaway II. vs. Belle of Moscow; Victor vs. Reliance; Old Glory vs. Sylvia; Hercules vs. Sarcastic; Cricket vs. Uncle Sam; Playmate vs. Joy Bells; White Lily vs. Las O' Gowrie; High Born Lady vs. Sonoma; Ship at Last vs. Valley Maid; Native Daughter vs. Magic; Lady Grace vs. Miss Dividend.

GILT EDGE BALL.

A Ten-Inning Game Between All-Americans and Baltimoreans.

FRESNO, Dec. 9.—It took ten innings to decide the ball game here to-day between the All-Americans and the Baltimoreans. Both teams put up gilt-edge ball, but owing to the cold and cloudy weather, the attendance was rather small.

Frank Chance, Fresno's star pitcher, was behind the bat for the Baltimoreans, and Bert Hayes, the Republican's left fielder, held down that garden for the All-Americans. Owing to the absence of an official scorer, no record of the game was kept.

Score: Baltimore 6, All Americas 5. Batteries—Hastings and Donahue; Horton and Chance. Umpire—Pond.

Lynching of Adam Uber.

CARSON CITY, Dec. 9.—Judge Mack arrived at Carson to-day and notified the Prosecuting Attorney of Douglass County to call a special session of the Grand Jury and investigate the lynching of Adam Uber at Genoa on Tuesday.

No More Comfort for Him.

"Do you believe that there is any such thing as an avenging Nemesis in this world?"

"You bet I do. I once said I couldn't understand why Grayson had married a woman who looked so much older than himself, and she happened to hear me."

Production of Pins.

The largest pin factory in the world is at Birmingham where 37,000,000 pins are manufactured every working day. All the other pin factories together turn out about 19,000,000 pins every day. Taking the population of Europe at 250,000,000, every fourth person must lose a pin every day to use up the production of pins per day.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER. Absolutely Pure. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

The Greatest of All Cloak Sales.

Yesterday was a banner day in the big cloak room. To-day will be another, and right along until all the sale jackets and capes are closed out you'll find it crowded with busy buyers, who have seen their friend's garment, or who are usually attracted to this house by the magnetism of values and prices which they are sure to find here.

Summary of goods on sale, with two additional items.

Women's Tan and Black Kersey Cloth Capes. \$2 75

Women's Black Beaver Cloth Capes, jetted and braided \$3 69

Women's Heavy Beaver Cloth Capes, in tan and black; very stylish. \$4 25

Stylish Kersey Cloth Capes, in tan, green, blue and black. \$5 75

High Grade Plush Capes, jetted and braided. \$5 75

Handsome Boucle Jackets. \$4 75

Stylish Tan Jackets. \$5 50

Black Beaver Cloth Jackets. \$5 00

Black and Tan Wilton Cloth Jackets. \$6 75

Russian Blouse Jackets \$10 50 at

LOT 11—These are the fad among fashion's close followers; very desirable and stylish for young ladies; made from broadcloth, kersey and melton, profusely trimmed with braids and furs of various styles; colors of jackets green, blue and black; sizes, 32 to 38.

Women's Capes, High Grade, \$9 50

LOT 12—Fifteen handsome Capes in this lot; the sale price is less than half their value; they are

WASSERMAN, DAVIS & CO., : : : K, between Sixth and Seventh

SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACE. MOTION OF THE WHEEL AFFECTING RIDERS' BRAINS.

The Contest Pronounced by the Counsel for the Board of Health as Brutal.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The fifth day of the great six days' bicycle race showed eighteen men still pedaling away for honor and profit. They were all seemingly determined, with the possible exception of Stephane, who had developed a case of stubbornness which his trainer had a hard time in combating.

The pace during the morning was terrific. Waller, about 1 o'clock set the ball rolling, and kept it up for three hours. Miller, who had been sleeping, jumped in behind as soon as he had returned to the track, and both men raced around the track lap after lap.

Pierce struck Schiner and fell, carrying the others with him. Pierce and Schiner were carried to their quarters, but after being rubbed for a few minutes both remounted, and amid the cheers of the crowd again set out on their long ride. The others had meanwhile resumed their places in the race. All of the riders were pretty badly shaken up, but none badly hurt.

There were several match races to-night. A mile race between Jean Gougelet of France and C. S. Wells of California was the most exciting. The first heat was won in 2:35 3-5 by Gougelet, and the Frenchman took the second heat in 2:37 4-5. Wells fell off just after passing the wire.

The score at 2:15 a. m. was: Miller 1,966.4, Rice 1,523.6, Riveters 1,322.4, Schiner 1,487, Waller 1,412.2, Moore 1,426.2, Hale 1,402.1, Pierce 1,371.6, Elkes 1,286.5, Golden 1,245.8, Enterman 1,215.5, Gannon 1,210.7, Kinz 1,188.1, Julius 1,170.8, Beacon 946.5, Johnson 898.4, Gray 912.

Miller was 234 miles and 4 laps ahead of the record for ninety-eight hours.

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matlasse and fine silk valour embroidered garments, silk lined, fur edged around collar and down front, principally large sizes, 38 to 44; elegant goods; extraordinary values for those who secure one of them.

Millinery Reductions. When we speak of millinery reductions, you can always couple the cut prices with new, stylish headgear, not like many sales of trimmed hats, but of the old styles. Not many stores can say "NOT ONE OLD HAT IN OUR STOCK." This is true here. All of our fine grade of trimmed hats and bonnets are being closed out.

Stylish Trimmed Hats at \$3 15

There will be another lot of these stylish, pretty trimmed hats which was the attraction of last week's special sale, and how they can be sold so low will be the wonderment of all who see them.

Walking Hats and Sailors at 63c

Another lot of those jaunty walking hats and sailors have met with a reduction. There is quite a variety of styles and colors, and all of them you've seen bearing very much greater price marks.

Engraved Plate \$1 10 SPECIAL: One day more we will sell you a copper plate engraved with your name in any style and in 100 fine white Bristol visiting cards engraved therefrom. This price is much under the regular, and you can secure something which will last a lifetime, and in each subsequent lot of cards you desire you'll find the economy of your investment.

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HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

Gold Spectacles and Nose Glasses. Eyes tested free and correct glasses fitted after the holidays. Large assortment of Opera Glasses to be sold at very low prices. Come and examine them.



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HOODOOED ENGINES. Strange Stories Told by the Men in the Illinois Central Shops. Every engine that comes for repairs to the great shops of the Illinois Central at Burnside has a story of interest to tell.

Sometimes the engine is an old "lunker" that looks as if it might have served as ballast for Noah's ark, and its recital of injuries may be the commonplace relation of a pig on the track and a bumping over ties to the damage of frame and rivets. Again, it may be the shapeless remains of what once pulled the finest vestibuled express on the road, and its story may be mutely but not the less graphically told on the footboard by the staid that was once the blood of the brave engineer or fireman.

"Few engines as well as few engineers serve very long on the road without going through an accident," said a man who has worked his way through various positions to one of the most responsible posts in the great "iron horse" business. "I have seen here as wrecks any number of times. I guess there is no fabrication about stories one hears of hoodooed engines. There are a few on every road. They cause more losses of pay and position among the engineers than all the rest of the rolling stock, including hand cars. They seem infested with evil spirits. They will start backward or forward when there is nobody near the throttle, or so I have heard reputable engineers swear with tears in their eyes. Of course, the company doesn't believe it, and the engineer, if he has not already lost an arm or a leg, loses a few weeks' pay or his position in consequence of something which he could not help.

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Very elegant you'll find these new Black Brocaded Silks we show at \$1 yard. We've never shown their equal before; beautiful in design, large or small, and rich in luster; will make you a handsome suit, separate skirt or waist, and will make any one a splendid Xmas present.

Fur Collarettes. Direct from fashion's center; the styles that are all the vogue in New York are here. Handsome Baltic Seal Collarettes, edged with marten fur, and finished with marten heads and clusters of tails; an always acceptable and useful holiday gift may be selected from them. Priced at \$5, \$6, \$7 50, \$10 and up

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