

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

Short Sessions Held in the Senate and House Yesterday.

Both Branches Adjourn Out of Respect to President McKinley.

Kyle of South Dakota Introduces a Bill in the Senate to Amend the Immigration Laws—The Time of the House Devoted to Consideration of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The Senate was in session just fifteen minutes to-day, adjournment being taken until to-morrow out of respect to President McKinley, who is to-day in attendance upon the funeral of his mother.

The motion to adjourn was made by Hoar of Massachusetts. "All Senators," he said, "are aware of the great calamity that has overtaken the chief magistrate of the nation. He is to-day, in attendance upon the funeral of his mother. Out of respect to him, and as an expression of sympathy for him in his affliction, I move that the Senate do now adjourn."

No business beyond the introduction of bills and resolutions was transacted. Among the bills introduced was one by Kyle of South Dakota, to change the immigration laws of the United States. He gave notice that at the proper time he would offer the bill as a substitute for that which is now pending before the Senate.

"In only one feature," said Kyle, "does my bill differ materially from the measure now before the Senate. My bill provides that all immigrants shall have their test of education made by the United States Consuls at the points nearest to their homes. It is a serious hardship for these people to cross the ocean, with the prospect staring them in the face of failing in the test at the port of a foreign country. This feeling of stage fright doubtless so seriously affects many of them that they are unable to do themselves justice in reading the prescribed regulations of the constitution of the United States. The measure I have prepared is to remedy what I regard as a defect in the measure now under consideration at the Senate."

At 12:10 the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The House to-day, after a session of about two hours, adjourned out of sympathy for the President, whose mother was buried at Canton this afternoon. The session was devoted to the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. It was decided to postpone consideration of the item providing for the maintenance of the Civil Service Commission until after the other features of the bill had been concluded. It was apparent from the remarks made to-day that the entire subject will be exhaustively debated. There is seemingly no disposition to curtail the discussion, and it probably will not be concluded before the holiday recess.

So absorbing is the topic that almost the entire time to-day, despite the fact that the consideration of the question had been technically postponed, was consumed in the debate upon it.

When the House met to-day on motion of Representative Lawrence of Massachusetts, Saturday, December 12th, was set aside for payment of tribute to the memory of the late Representative Wright, his predecessor.

Then without further preliminary business, the House went into Committee of the Whole and proceeded to the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bills.

Bingham (R.) of Pennsylvania, in charge of the measure, explained its provisions in detail. Bingham said he would offer amendments to reduce the clerical force in the post office from ninety-six clerks to a reduction of \$115,000 in salaries.

Mr. Bingham did not discuss the appropriations providing for the maintenance of the Civil Service Commission, but stated that the widest latitude would be allowed for debate.

Mr. Grosvenor (R.) of Ohio, under whose direction the fight on the civil service law is being made, expressed the opinion that the bill should not be pressed to a final vote until after the holidays.

THE FUNERAL EXERCISES OF THE MOTHER OF THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE OF THE NATION ARE TO TAKE PLACE AT THIS HOUR, AND CONFORMING TO THE ACTION OF THE SENATE, AND AS A TOKEN OF OUR SYMPATHY AND RESPECT FOR THE PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT THE HOUSE DO NOW ADJOURN.

The motion was unanimously carried, and at 1:45 the House adjourned until to-morrow.

BURNED TO DEATH.

A Fatal Fire Occurs at Scranton, Pennsylvania.

SCRANTON (Pa.), Dec. 14.—One and possibly two lives were lost and \$70,000 worth of property destroyed in a disastrous fire at midnight last night in Durkey, which almost ruined the business portion of the town.

William H. Law, a mine Superintendent, entered the store building to save some books and papers, and was burned to death. His body was recovered this morning. John Pleasantine is missing, and there is little doubt that he perished in the flames.

Nine store buildings and four dwellings were destroyed. The heaviest losers are Simpson & Watkins, general store, Dill's, heavy furniture and undertaking; five dwelling houses owned by R. A. Freeman; P. Grimshaw's store, and the residence of Joseph Brown.

While the fire was in progress a mob looted several stores, stealing hundreds of dollars worth of goods.

Indianapolis Missing Contractor.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 14.—According to Mrs. Zella Capko, Charles F. Francke, the wealthy contractor who has been missing for three weeks, is in Dallas, Tex. She has returned here and told the police she had gone to Texas with Francke. She was placed in to await the investigation of her story, and Edward W. Little, a member of the City Council and a friend of Francke, left for Dallas. Francke took about \$10,000 with him.

Big Shoe Factory for Scotland.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A British corporation has arranged to start a shoe factory at Calashield, Scotland, capable of turning out 20,000 pairs of shoes weekly, and Consul Fleming, at Edinburgh, says this is the beginning of an attempt to compete with America in shoemaking. The British reports show that more than 45 per cent. of the total imports of shoes into the British colonies are of American manufacture.

Dingley Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The Dingley tariff bill will not be changed in any of its customs features at the present session of Congress. A general understanding to this effect has been reached between the members of the Ways and Means Committee, who feel that it is most desirable to avoid what is generally known as tariff tinkering.

Bryan in Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 14.—President Diaz sent one of his aide-de-camps to call on Mr. Bryan this morning to arrange for his pleasure. Then Mr. Bryan paid his respects to General Taylor, the American Minister, and later went to drive in the forest of Chapultepec.

HOUSE DEMOCRATS CAUCUS.

DEFINE PARTY POLICY ON LEADING QUESTIONS.

Will Vote Against Retirement of Greenbacks and in Favor of Recognizing War in Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The caucus of Democratic members of the House to-night resulted in the adoption of resolutions defining the party policy on the questions of Cuba, finance and bankruptcy. The caucus was largely attended. The members of the caucus, being present, despite the stormy weather.

Representative Richardson of Tennessee acted as Chairman, and Representative Cummings of New York and Representative Cowherd of Missouri acted as Secretaries.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this caucus that the Democratic members of the House of Representatives ought to resist all efforts, direct or indirect, to retire the greenbacks and treasury notes.

Resolved, Second, that we are opposed and will resist all attempts to extend the privileges of national banks, or to reduce the taxes which they pay now.

Resolved, Third, that we favor the early enactment of a just and wise bankruptcy law, and the passage of the Senate resolution recognizing that a condition of war exists in the Island of Cuba between the Government of Spain and the Cuban people.

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REFORMISTS AFTER WEYLER'S SCALP.

Will Demand of the Cortes That He be Put Upon Trial.

Alleged Intention of Anarchists to Put the General Out of the Way.

Punishment of the Man by Other Anarchists for Failing to Carry Out the Plot—The Treasury Department Disclaims Responsibility for the Three Friends Filibustering Expedition.

MADRID, Dec. 14.—The Minister of Marine, Admiral Bermejo, is paying urgent attention to the improvement of the Spanish navy.

It is announced that General Azcaraga, late Premier and Minister of War, is to retire definitely from political life.

The newspapers here say that the Cuban reformists at the opening of the Cortes will demand the trial of General Weyler.

A supposed anarchist disguised as a woman was recently found with hands and feet tied in a ditch near Saragossa. The man traveled on the same train as General Weyler, and it is believed he intended to kill him, but owing to his failure to do so other anarchists pinioned him and left him to his fate.

DISCLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—After an investigation extending over a year and a half the Treasury Department is prepared to deny the charges made by Spain that this Government is responsible for one of the filibustering expeditions alleged to have been taken to Cuba by the steamer Three Friends.

The report of the legal advisers of the Spanish Legation states that on July 17, 1896, the Three Friends left Jacksonville, and that though the Jacksonville authorities were warned no steps were taken to prevent the expedition. The Three Friends succeeded in getting away from Jacksonville and the Collector was removed for inefficiency.

A report received from the Jacksonville Collector expresses grave doubt that at the time mentioned the Three Friends were on the way to Cuba. Attention is called to the fact that at the time of the alleged expedition the Three Friends was under liberal proceedings. The Collector also states, whether or not the Three Friends really violated the neutrality laws, the Spanish Vice-Consul at Jacksonville was responsible for the failure of the United States authorities to capture her.

PRISONERS TORTURED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Captain Victor Dumas, a French citizen and surgeon in the Cuban army, has arrived here in the steamship Orizaba from Havana.

He was recently released from San Severino Castle in Matanzas, where he had been confined as a prisoner of war. He was shot through the head in an engagement with the Spanish troops and captured and sentenced by court-martial to be shot. The French Consul appealed in his behalf and obtained the prisoner's pardon.

Captain Dumas explained to his friends that cruel as the treatment of Cuban prisoners may be in other prisons in Cuba the tortures inflicted upon prisoners at San Severino Castle are too revolting for description.

GATHERING ARMS FOR CUBANS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—A tall, handsomely built young man, wearing the uniform of a military officer, entered the city to-day and unpretentiously registered himself at the California Hotel as E. P. Mahoney, Las Villas, Cuba. Las Villas is the headquarters of General Gomez, Commander-in-Chief of the Cuban army, and the letters on the officer's collar, "Re de C.," mean "Republic of Cuba."

The young man, with a strange fire in his dark-blue eyes, says that he is preaching "the glorious gospel of free Cuba."

Captain Mahoney of Gomez's artillery was willing to talk of his mission to the United States. He has been talking of it throughout the Northwest for the last five months. He has addressed mass meetings and talked columns for the papers in almost every city in the Northern States, and still wants to talk of the cause in which he is working. He has been securing arms and ammunition since he landed in the United States last July, but he refuses to say whether he came here under orders from the Cuban authorities or whether he simply offered his services as a volunteer.

INSURGENTS DYNAMITE A TRAIN.

HAVANA, Dec. 14.—The insurgents dynamited the railroad between Canasas and Daguene, province of Pinar del Rio, destroying the track and wrecking the engine of a freight train. A force of troops with a repairing gang was sent to the scene of the outrage, where they found a dynamite bomb, and arrested the men who caused the explosion. The line was repaired.

The insurgents attacked the landing place at Gibara, province of Santiago de Cuba, but were repulsed with loss, according to the official report. They are also said to have fired upon the town of Cepepeque, without result.

expressions of satisfaction. It had the effect of clearing up a situation which was becoming strained, and gave promise of an early report to Congress on financial bills.

The members of the committee canvassed the course they would take as to making an immediate report to the House on currency questions. It was decided that the first thing to be done was to report a bill regarding the three features recommended by the President, viz: A reduction of the tax on circulation to one-half of 1 per cent.; the issuance of currency up to the par value of bonds deposited, and the establishment of small banks in rural communities.

When the bill will be embodied in the Gage plan, yet as they were specially advised in the President's message, it was felt to be advisable to give the House the opportunity of acting on them at once, without waiting for the report on the Gage bill. For these reasons the bill committee was asked to report on the President's plan at once.

YOSEMITE VALLEY ROADS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Congressman DeVries of the Second district has introduced in the House a bill providing for a commission of three, composed of two officers of the army and one member of the Bureau of Highways of the State of California, to investigate all the conditions surrounding the roads into Yosemite Valley.

There are now three toll roads into the great national park on which the grades are often as great as 17 per cent, and seldom lower than 8 per cent. The Commission will inspect these and as well investigate proposed routes for three new roads, on which, if properly constructed, the grades will not exceed 4 per cent, or a fair trotting grade. The roads to be looked to are one from the valley through Mariposa County, one down the Merced River to a point in Merced or Stanislaus Counties and the third from the valley to points in Tuolumne County. The Commission is to be given \$5,000 for its expenses, and will be required to report the best means of communication between the valley and the outside world.

STEAMSHIP LA TOURAINE.

Towed Into Port in a Disabled Condition.

PLYMOUTH, Dec. 14.—The French line steamer La Touraine, Captain Santelle, from New York on December 4th for Havre, and which should have arrived there on Sunday morning, stopped off at the Lizard when she reached there at 4:30 this morning, and signalled for help. She was not under control. A westbound steamer is assisting the La Touraine.

HAVRE, Dec. 15.—2 a. m.—The tug of the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique that was sent to meet La Touraine met her off Barleur, and assisted by a second tug brought her into port here at 1:30 a. m. Her arrival being greeted by the long cheer from the crowd still waiting on the quays.

According to statements by the Captain and officers, the La Touraine lost her port propeller at 9:50 a. m. on the 14th. She proceeded with a single screw, but her speed was still further reduced by the loss of the propeller. A passenger whatever was displayed by the anxiety during the voyage.

FOOD SCARCE AT DAWSON CITY.

SO REPORTED BY A MAN JUST FROM KLONDIKE.

Says There Will Be Suffering Unless Provisions Arrive by the Middle of February.

PORT TOWNSEND, Dec. 14.—The steamer Al Ki arrived at 1 o'clock this morning with forty passengers, nearly all of whom are from Dyea, Skaguay and Summit. The Al Ki brought but one man, Hearn, from Dawson City. Hearn and seven others left Dawson two days after Jack Dalton's party, but six of the crowd went back after ten days' travel up the river, and Hearn and one other man came on to Juneau via Chiloquid Pass. Hearn came on with his partner in Juneau.

Hearn has nothing to report from Dawson in addition to news brought out by Dalton's party. He confirms the report that food is very scarce, and that there will be suffering there unless provisions arrive by the middle of February.

Hearn is from Colorado. He owns a claim in the rich group on Bonanza, but he has not worked it. He expects to return in the spring.

Packing over Skaguay trail has been resumed, the party being ready to start on their journey. Forty tons of provisions were started over the pass the day the steamer left Skaguay, which was December 8th. The coldest weather experienced at Skaguay and Dyea this winter was 4 degrees below zero.

A. C. Sands, Superintendent of the telephone division of the Sunset Telephone Company, sailed on the Al Ki from Skaguay and Dyea, whither he went several months ago to look over the field with a view of constructing a line over the pass. Mr. Sands, in conversation with the Associated Press correspondent last night, said: "I shall certainly report to my company favorably on the plan of constructing a telephone line from Sheep Camp to Lake Bennett, and possibly recommend that a line be established over the Skaguay to Lake Bennett route. The White pass route is destined to be busy throughout the year, not only during next season, but for several seasons to come."

Sands reports Skaguay as being rather a cold place to pass the winter, although very "tropical" in some respects.

Turlock Irrigation Canal.

MODESTO, Dec. 14.—A lump sum of \$60,000 has been paid by the Directors of the Turlock Irrigation district to James A. Waymire, contractor, who has finished one-third of the canal system of the district, despite injunctions and suits brought to stop work and payment.

A Sealing Schooner Arrives.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—The sealing schooner Prosper, Captain Noyer, arrived to-day from fifty-seven days from the Weuman Islands, with 224 sealskins.

BLOODY TRAGEDY IN PLUMAS COUNTY.

Wholesale Murder Attempted by a Drunken Brute.

May Result in the Death of Two of the Victims.

Assaults a Hotel Keeper at Vinton With a Wagon Spoke, Splitting His Skull Almost in Twain, and Stabs the Barkeeper Several Times.

RENO (Nev.), Dec. 14.—F. Marra of Beckwith brings news from Vinton, Plumas County, Cal., of a tragedy enacted at Vinton yesterday morning at 3 o'clock.

Tom Lompy, the proprietor of the Vinton Hotel, was nearly brained, his barkeeper, name unknown, probably fatally stabbed, and a third person was seriously wounded by a stray bullet. The tragedy occurred yesterday morning, but particulars are meager.

The following is all that can be ascertained: Lous Jones, a well-known young man of Sierra Valley, with a couple of companions, entered the saloon of Lompy and demanded the loan of \$5.

Lompy declined to lend the money, and then Jones told the barkeeper to set up the drinks.

The latter told him that he had enough liquor already, and to go away and sober up. This displeased Jones and his associates, and words followed. Jones assaulted the bartender, drawing a knife and stabbing him several times. Mr. Lompy interfered and put Jones out of the house, but he returned in a moment armed with a wagon spoke, with which he struck Mr. Lompy across the head, splitting his skull almost in twain.

At this moment a friend of the two men, who were sorely wounded and lying on the floor, rushed in at a side door and attempted to shoot Jones, but in his excitement he fired wildly and the ball struck a man who was sitting in the rear of the saloon, causing a serious wound.

Jones, after seeing what he had done, rushed out and mounted his horse and escaped.

Messengers were dispatched to Beckwith for physicians and officers. The physicians have no hope of saving Lompy, as his skull is terribly crushed, and the bartender is in a dangerous condition and not expected to live.

Mr. Lompy is a respectable citizen of Sierra Valley and has a wife and four children. The people at Vinton and vicinity are terribly enraged, and if Jones is apprehended it will probably go hard with him.

OVERDOSE OF MORPHINE.

Causes the Death of a Modesto Citizen at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—F. Peterson of Modesto was found dying this morning in a room of the New Western Hotel, at 900 Kearney street. He lived for an hour afterward.

Peterson arrived at the New Western last evening at about 7:30 o'clock, and registered. He was shown to a room, and was not again seen until 9 o'clock this morning. At that hour a porter named Sutton overheard the sound of heavy breathing and gasping, which came from Peterson's room. He entered and found the guest unconscious on the bed, partially dressed and very ill. A physician resident in the hotel was called, but Peterson died within an hour.

Peterson had hung his coat on the bed post. In a pocket the Deputy Coroner found a half filled bottle of morphine and a syringe. It is supposed that death was caused by an overdose of the drug.

MURDER, NOT SUICIDE.

P. F. Lynch Was Shot by His Roommate.

PHOENIX (Ariz.), Dec. 14.—The shooting of P. F. Lynch at a lodging house yesterday morning has been demonstrated to have been murder, and not suicide, as at first believed by the officers. The victim died last night from the effects of the bullet wound in his forehead. During the afternoon he partially regained consciousness, and charmed his room-mate, one Schung, with the deed. Schung had shot him, he said, to rob him of \$180. Schung has disappeared, and the entire force of the Sheriff's office is looking for him.

Wanted to Kill His Enemy.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 14.—A drunken woodchopper entered the residence of L. E. Randall, on Morgan Hill, looking for an enemy of his. He carried forty pounds of dynamite, threatening to blow his enemy to pieces. Randall grappled with him, and got the explosive away from the man. Had he discharged the stuff, two or three families would have been annihilated.

Desperate Attempt at Suicide.

SANTA ROSA, Dec. 14.—An Italian made two desperate attempts to commit suicide this afternoon, throwing himself twice in front of a moving train. On each occasion officers seized the man just in time to prevent his death. When taken to jail, he declared his intention of committing suicide on the first opportunity.

Irrigation Without Aid of Canals.

FRESNO, Dec. 14.—Marshall Lee, a prominent rancher of this county, has been putting in operation this fall a plan to pump water direct from the rivers for irrigation purposes. He has to raise it but nine feet to flood his lands. The most satisfactory results are being obtained. Strange to say, the plan has never been tried in this county before.

Steamship Company Incorporated.

PHOENIX (Ariz.), Dec. 14.—Articles of incorporation were filed to-day under the laws of Arizona of the British Steamship and Yukon Dredging Company (limited). The capital stock is \$1,000,000, and the incorporators all of San Francisco are William Lane, Chas. H. Jackson and John T. Van Smith.

Track to be Straightened.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Dec. 14.—The Southern Pacific will commence at once to straighten its track between Paso Robles and San Miguel and northward a few miles from the latter town. The change will occupy several months and will require a complete change in the course of the line.

Mrs. Owens Dead.

MODESTO, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Owens, who was shot by her husband yesterday, died this afternoon. Mrs. Tiedeman, their daughter, who was also shot through her breast by Owens, is resting well, and will recover.

Rainfall at San Jose.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 14.—The rainfall last night was .75 of an inch; for the season, 3.21 inches. This is just half of what it was at this date last year.

Genoa Lynching.

CARSON, Dec. 14.—A petition is being circulated and numerous signed asking the Governor to offer a reward for the Genoa lynchers.

LUETGERT MURDER CASE.

SECOND TRIAL OF THE SAUSAGE-MAKER IN PROGRESS.

Assistant State's Attorney McEwan Makes the Opening Address for the Prosecution.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—After two weeks spent in securing a jury, the second trial of Adolph Luetgert, the sausage-maker, accused of murdering his wife, was commenced before Judge Gary to-day. The courtroom was crowded when the case was called. Every available seat was taken, while scores of curious men and women stood in rows behind the railing anxious to hear the proceedings and get a sight of the man who is charged with the killing of his own wife.

The arrangement of the courtroom was different from that of the former trial. The jury sits directly in front of the court, while facing the jury on the right was placed the witness chair. This arrangement, while almost hiding from the view of the presiding Justice, brought the witness face to face with both Judge and jury. This was the plan adopted by Judge Gary in the famous trial of the Haymarket anarchists eight years ago, over which he presided.

The prosecution, as in the former trial, was represented by State's Attorney Deneen and Assistant State's Attorney McEwan, Luetgert being defended by Attorneys Harmon, Reiser and Kehee.

Assistant State's Attorney McEwan made the opening address for the State. His speech, which occupied the greater part of the session, did not deviate from the line he pursued in his address at the opening of the former trial.

Mr. McEwan made no attempt at dramatic effect. He quietly but impressively told the jury the facts of the case, committed suicide last night by shooting himself in the head with a rifle. His body was found upon the floor of his shooting gallery this morning, when an investigation was made as to the cause of his non-appearance at the usual hour. Cook came here recently from Mendocino County, his former residence in New Jersey, where his relatives live.

TRAIN ROBBERS IN CUSTODY.

Detective Thacker and a Posse Capture the Entire Gang.

Who Attempted to Hold Up the Southern Pacific at Stein's Pass.

The Bandits Run Down and Completely Surprised in Arizona About Twenty-Five Miles From the Mexican Border—The Robbers Taken to Silver City, New Mexico, for Trial.

SILVER CITY (N. M.), Dec. 14.—Word has been received here that Special Wells-Fargo Officer J. N. Thacker, assisted by a posse of Deputy United States Marshals under Captain Baca, last night captured the entire gang of train robbers who last Thursday held up the Southern Pacific at Stein's Pass, Grant County, in the fight incident to which one of the robbers was killed.

At the time of the Stein's Pass hold-up the posse, which had been anticipating an attack, was congregated at Bowie, about thirty-five miles from Stein's Pass. The trail of the robbers was immediately taken, and late last night the five remaining members of the gang were surrounded in a cabin at Cushey's ranch, about twenty-five miles this side of the Mexican line, in Eastern Arizona.

The robbers were taken completely by surprise, and surrendered without a single shot being fired. Their names have not yet been ascertained, but they are cowboys who have been working in the vicinity of the San Simon Valley, and have no connection with the notorious Black Jack gang of border bandits. They have been brought by the posse to San Simon Station and will be brought to this point and lodged in jail to await trial at the coming term of court.

The penalty for train robbery in New Mexico is death. When captured the robbers were endeavoring to make their escape across the line into Mexico. The posse, however, was quick to detect their intention. ROBBERS TAKEN TO SILVER CITY. TUCSON (Ariz.), Dec. 14.—A special to the "Star" from San Simon, Ariz., says: "This morning a deputy United States Marshal arrived from near the Sonora line, bringing the five train robbers who held up the train at Stein's Pass Thursday night. The robbers were captured in the Texas Canyon, fifty miles south of the Southern Pacific Railway where the train was held up.

Sunday morning, immediately after the hold up, United States Marshal William M. Griffith started to hunt for the robbers with two deputy marshals and ten picked men. The posse got to Texas Canyon at daylight Sunday morning, and, surrounding Cushey's ranch-house, surprised the bandits. Three of the bandits surrendered in a short time, and the other two came to the house and walked into the trap and were captured in the Texas Canyon. Fifty miles south of the Southern Pacific Railway where the train was held up.

A deputy with five men brought the prisoners to San Simon. They were then taken to Silver City, N. M., for examination. The capture of the gang was the best and quickest piece of work ever done in the history of Arizona.

SCHROEDDE MAYHEM TRIAL.

Mrs. Plyer Expected to Go on the Stand To-day.

SANTA CRUZ, Dec. 14.—Charles Harris testified to-day at the trial of M. Schoedde for mayhem, stating that he was unable to positively identify Schoedde as having mutilated him. According to his recollection, the man who was charged with the crime was large and more portly than the prisoner. Harris was unable to see the surgeon's face while the crime was being committed.

Witnesses from San Jose testified as to Schoedde telling them of having performed the operation, although a maximum of votes in favor of a new issue had been cast, the returns were short of the required two-thirds vote. The total number of ballots cast were 3,438-1,868 of which were for refunding and 1,570 against the measure. The country precincts, generally, turned in a heavy vote against the new issue.

Refunding Defeated.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14.—The Board of Supervisors canvassed the vote on the bond refunding proposition to-day, and discovered that, although a maximum of votes in favor of a new issue had been cast, the returns were short of the required two-thirds vote. The total number of ballots cast were 3,438-1,868 of which were for refunding and 1,570 against the measure. The country precincts, generally, turned in a heavy vote against the new issue.

Has Begun His Sentence.

SAN QUENTIN, Dec. 14.—Louis Ortega was received at San Quentin to-day to serve a sentence of ninety-nine years on conviction of murder in the second degree. He killed a Spaniard in San Bernardino County recently. Under the credit system now in vogue at the prison if Ortega behaves himself and does not die in the meanwhile, he will be released in 1906.

Suicide by Hanging.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—Two boys found the body of an unknown man hanging to a tree in the Presidio Reservation to-day. He had evidently tied a red bandana handkerchief over his mouth and hanged himself with a piece of window cord. He was about 50 years old and weighed about 160 pounds.