

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRAIN ROBBERY.

Further Particulars of the Hold-Up at Cross Creek Trestle.

Nothing Left of the Express Car But the Floor and Running Gear.

Not Believed the Robbers Succeeded in Getting Any Express Matter, It Being Thought the Contents Were Hurlled Into the Creek by the Force of the Explosion—One Man Thought to be Implicated in the Hold-Up Under Arrest.

GOSHEN (Cal.), March 23.—Further particulars of the hold-up of train 18, which left Goshen at 10:44 last night in charge of Conductor Bodman, Engineer Jimmy Moore, Fireman Dan McAuliffe and Messenger Pease, are to the effect that the train was held up at 11 o'clock at Cross Creek trestle, four miles north of here.

A negro boy, who was on the blind baggage, says that three men got on as the train left Goshen and told him that if he kept still and stay where he was he would not get hurt.

After the robbers shot the second time a shot was fired from the east side. About a dozen shots were fired altogether by two of the robbers at the wreck, and one at least on each side of the first coach, and probably some one with horses a little way north.

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Oakland, March 23.—J. M. Pease, Wells, Fargo & Co.'s messenger on the train which was held up near Goshen, reached his home here to-night. He has been in the employ of the express company for over eleven years, and has been on the train for over six years.

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something was wrong. The next thing I heard was the explosion of a bomb by the door of my car. The fireman was brought along, and he was the one who touched off the command of one of the robbers who covered him with a gun.

"I was then at the front door and saw them throw in the third bomb, and before it could explode one of the robbers said to his companion to throw it off the car. It then exploded in the field. All hands were order back into the car and the robbers proceeded leisurely to look around, but they did not seem to find anything worth taking.

"One of the robbers placed a stick of dynamite on the safe, and ordered the engineer to go back and light it, which he did. Then all parties retired to a safe distance and awaited the explosion, which was not long in coming. There was a loud report, and the whole top and sides of the car seemed to go up and out, reducing it to the condition of a flat car, and strewn pieces of it all over the country.

Officers on the Trail.

One Man Suspected of Belonging to the Gang Under Arrest.

FRESNO, March 23.—Word was received here last evening about midnight of the hold-up of train No. 18 near the county line. A special train was at once made up and Sheriff Scott, with Deputies Timmons and Peck, who took prominent part in the pursuit of Sontag and Evans, left here for the scene of the robbery.

At daylight every possible avenue of escape for the Goshen robbers was guarded. It is definitely known that Officer Meade, who had come in with the officers and was working this way. With them is Detective Mead, who was formerly Sheriff of this county.

At 8 o'clock this evening Sheriff Scott arrested Joe Foster of Wildflower, this county, who is suspected of being one of the gang of robbers who hold the Southern Pacific train in Tulare County Tuesday night.

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SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—Manager Fillmore of the Southern Pacific Company at 8 o'clock this morning received a dispatch from Superintendent Burkhalter of the San Joaquin Division giving the details of the robbery and stating that advice received from Officer Meade, who had come in in pursuit of the two men, were to the effect that the robbers had been tracked to a buggy as far as King's River bridge, where all trace of them had been lost.

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POLITICS PLENTY IN OREGON.

Three State Conventions in Session at Portland.

Democratic, Free Silver Republicans and People's Party.

While Middle-of-the-Road Populists Oppose Fusion, It Is Thought the Three Parties Will Finally Reach an Agreement and Nominate a Fusion State Ticket.

PORTLAND (Or.), March 23.—The Populist, Democratic and Free Silver Republican State Conventions met in this city to-day. The Democrats and Silver Republicans effected permanent organization, but the Populist Convention was still working under a temporary organization when an adjournment was taken until to-morrow.

The sentiment expressed in the Democratic and Free Silver Republican Conventions to-day was unanimous in favor of the fusion of forces in the coming campaign. There was a different state of affairs in the Populist, K. C. Luse, National Committeeman, J. C. Young, Chairman of the State Central Committee; State Senator E. H. Holt and other Populist leaders expressed themselves as opposed to the fusion of the forces in the coming campaign.

The Populist Committee on Credentials was appointed early in the afternoon, and immediately commenced work. Later word was sent to the convention that the committee would not be able to report to-night. After several hours of speechmaking an adjournment was taken until to-morrow.

There are contesting delegations from three counties, and to-night it is apparent that a fight will be precipitated in the convention to-morrow between the fusionists and the middle-of-the-road delegates. The Credentials Committee makes its report.

The Democratic and Free Silver Republicans each appointed a committee of nine delegates on platform and nine on conference.

It is probable that when the Populists effect permanent organization a committee will be appointed to confer with the Democrats and Silver Republicans.

The first work of the Conference Committee will be the drafting of a platform upon which all three parties can stand. Should they be successful in this, the work of a division of the offices will be undertaken.

ILL-FATED BARK ALMY.

Revenue Cutters Ordered to Blow Up the Derelict.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—The revenue cutters Perry and Rush, acting under instructions received by telegraph from Washington, left port to-day to search for the wreck of the Helen W. Almy.

Both the cutters were to look on board a quantity of gun cotton, and the wreck of the ill-fated bark will be blown up and scattered to the four winds, as she is a menace to navigation.

While little hope is held out that any of the passengers or crew may have escaped with their lives, the cutters will keep a sharp watch while at sea for any survivors who may be drifting on the wreckage.

Telegrams have been sent to various points along the coast instructing the life-saving crews to patrol the beach in the vicinity of the wreck, but so far no news of a hopeful character has been received by the Collector of the Port.

HOFF MURDER TRIAL.

Defendant Was Long in Possession of the Coupling Pin.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—In the Hoff murder trial to-day J. G. Zimbleman testified that two years ago he was working with the defendant at the house of Mrs. Mary J. Boyd, and saw the deadly coupling pin in his possession at that time.

This information, together with the fact that the car was blown up on a trestle, cause the railroad officials here to believe that the robbers got very thoroughly plundered.

In all probability the force of the explosion threw the majority of the car contents into Cross Creek, twenty or thirty feet below the trestle and beyond the immediate reach of the robbers, who when they took flight after they had demolished the car.

It is believed that Wells, Fargo & Co. have knowledge of this fact and have already taken steps to recover any property that has thus escaped the robbers.

PERRINE'S COMET.

It Is Now Just Visible to the Naked Eye.

SAN JOSE, March 23.—The comet that was discovered last Sunday morning by Assistant Astronomer Perrine of the Lick Observatory is now just visible to the naked eye by reason of its distinct central nucleus and tail, and is an easy object for a small telescope.

ware merchants doing business with Western dealers.

The Eastern firms want a reduction in rates on less than carload lots from Chicago and St. Louis to Pacific Coast points, while Eastern jobbers want to retain the present condition of rates, or an increase therein.

This afternoon a delegation of California fruit-growers were heard by the bureau. They asked for a reduction of 25 cents per hundred in eastbound rates.

The jobbing grocers of Los Angeles also presented petitions during the afternoon session for a reduction of carload rates on canned goods of starch and other staples.

No action was taken on either question. The bureau will consider the above interests to-morrow, probably continuing its deliberations for several days.

APPEAL CASE DECIDED.

On the Right to Recall Nomination of an Administrator.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—In deciding the appeal in the matter of the estate of Edward E. Shields, the Supreme Court holds that the widow has the right to renounce and recall her nomination of an administrator in a contest to oust an administrator of her choice.

George P. Shields had been appointed administrator at the request of the widow, and afterward she asked that the letters be revoked, nominating Henry E. Monroe as administrator.

She recalled her nomination of Monroe, which caused the Superior Court to dissolve the proceedings, and the Supreme Court holds that she had the right to either apply to have the former letters revoked or to recall her nomination after the appointment of another person as administrator.

CONVICTION OF E. P. REED.

The Supreme Court Affirms the Decision of the Lower Court.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—The Supreme Court has affirmed the judgment of the Superior Court of Placer County, which convicted E. P. Reed of murder in the second degree for killing an old man named T. G. Brown.

Brown cut Reed with a knife, the injured man, who was taken to the hospital with his knife, but did not answer toward Reed. The latter seized a stick of wood and hit Brown over the head, killing him. The plea was self-defense, but the Supreme Court finds that Reed did not retreat from the assault, as the statute declares he must, and that the evidence failed to show that Brown intended any further assault.

Dry Dock at Point San Pedro.

SAN RAFAEL, March 23.—J. A. McNear of Point San Pedro has sent a petition, signed by many of the leading citizens of the State, to Congress, asking them to locate the new Government dry dock at his place at Point San Pedro.

McNear owns seven miles of water front at that place, and has 1,600 acres of land near by. He offers to do what whatever water front may be necessary. The water at this place is forty feet deep, and gradually deepens to 100 feet.

Bodies Still in the Ruins.

BUTTE (Mont.), March 23.—The terrible odor arising from the ruins of the Hale House confirm the opinion that some bodies will be found in the debris. The list of missing is now: Martin Rooney, Dan Sullivan, Frank Krugbaum.

The search of the ruins will not begin until the insurance adjusters have examined the place and reported on the loss. The inquest begins to-morrow. All the injured are reported as doing well.

University's Thirtieth Birthday.

BERKELEY, March 23.—The State University celebrated its thirtieth birthday, and exercises in honor of the occasion were held in the Harmon Gymnasium in the presence of a large audience.

President Rogers presided, and the speakers were Philip R. Thayer for the students, Professor W. E. Ritter for the Alumni, C. M. Warner for the faculty and Regent James A. Waymire for the Board of Regents.

Craemer's Sentence Commuted.

OLYMPIA (Wash.), March 23.—Governor Rodgers to-day commuted the sentence of Henry Craemer to life imprisonment. The commutation gives him an opportunity to appeal to the Supreme Court. His attorneys claim to have new evidence which will show his innocence. Craemer was convicted for the murder of Mrs. Philippina Mueller and child on the night of August 13, 1894.

Serious Runaway Accident.

SANTA ROSA, March 23.—A serious runaway accident occurred near Santa Rosa to-day. A team hitched to the coach that carries people to a sanitarium at Altruria took fright at the train and ran away, throwing out Mrs. Ray, a nurse at the sanitarium; Miss Ida Kershaw of Paso Robles and Mrs. L. H. Hall of Napa. All the ladies were badly bruised. Mrs. Ray was hurt about the head and internally injured.

May Not Have Been Abroad.

SANTA CRUZ, March 23.—John Leveck, whose name is on the passenger list of the wrecked vessel, Almy, left Eugene, Ore., on the 17th inst. He says he hardly thinks that although he had passage engaged he did not go on the vessel, because he missed the train at San Jose, and the Almy had left before he reached San Francisco. Leveck is a member of the local parlor of Native Sons.

Page Convicted of Embezzlement.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—The third trial of ex-District Attorney James D. Page on a charge of embezzlement was concluded in Judge Wallace's court to-day. The jury found a verdict of guilty, and a week from next Friday was fixed by the court as the time for passing sentence. His victim was a mentally incompetent ward.

Guilty of Manslaughter.

LOS ANGELES, March 23.—Frank D. Crandall, who shot and killed Jack Bowman at Balboa several months ago, was to-day found guilty of manslaughter by a jury in Judge Smith's court. The killing was the result of a quarrel over a woman. Crandall will be sentenced Monday.

Death of a Postal Clerk.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—Chester S. Kasson, a clerk in the newspaper mailing division of the Postoffice, was found dead in his room in the Russ House this morning. He had been ill for some time. He was a brother of John A. Kasson, ex-Congressman from Iowa, ex-Minister to Austria, and now a member of the Alaska Sealing Commission.

Mexican War Veteran Dying.

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mel John W. McKenzie, a well-known veteran of the Mexican war, is dying. He is a native of Newark, N. J., and was formerly City Marshal of San Francisco and Colonel of the First Regiment of the National Guard of California.

Pacific States Baseball League. SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—On next Sunday the baseball season will be opened by the Pacific States League in this city, Sacramento and San Jose, the teams comprising the league being the best aggregation of ball players seen on the local diamond for years.

Died in a Prison Cell. SAN JOSE, March 23.—March 23.—Andrew J. Marshall, committed to the County Jail on March 21st for four months on a plea of guilty to a charge of vagrancy, died in his cell shortly after noon to-day. He was a victim of morphine.

San Rafael Rose Carnival. SAN RAFAEL, March 23.—The Citizens' Executive Committee this afternoon adopted the report of the ladies appointed to canvass the town, and decided to hold the rose carnival on May 6th and 7th.

Steamer Launched. SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—The steamer Dawson City was launched to-day. She is intended for the Alaska trade, and will start for St. Michael about May 5th.

Three Steamers for the Klondike. SEATTLE, March 23.—The steamers Del Norte, Navarro and the Alliance sailed to-night for Alaska, carrying 200 passengers.

POLITICAL SCANDAL. A Philadelphia Councilman Confesses Accepting a Bribe. PHILADELPHIA, March 23.—What promises to develop into the ugliest political scandal ever inflicted upon this city was revealed in court here to-day when one member of the Council confessed the acceptance of a bribe; another was accused of a like offense, and two others were charged with offering the bribes.

The whole affair grew out of the ordinance offered in the Council to lease the city water works to the Schuykill Water Company, and the alleged attempt by Nelson G. Green of New York, representing the company, to obtain a favorable report for the water company by the payment of between \$15,000 and \$25,000.

During the recent consideration of the bill in the Common Council, Walter G. Stevenson, a member of that body, charged that \$7,000 had been offered by Peter E. Smith, a member of the Republican City Committee, to vote for the bill. A Council Investigation Committee was appointed, and is still at work, but District Attorney Graham took up the case, and Smith was held in \$10,000 bail, and to-day's sensational developments came at his hearing before the Grand Jury and Gregg of the Common Pleas Court.

Councilman L. J. Walker declared that he and Councilman Edwin E. Smith had each accepted \$500 from Councilman Charles S. Eger to vote for the bill in committee. He also accused that Councilman J. E. Bryant had previously offered him \$500 to vote for the bill in the chamber, but he had refused the money and voted against it.

Stevenson, in consequence of whose accusation the bill was indefinitely postponed, was the other witness to-day, and he testified without change. Smith entered a denial, but was held for trial. A like denial was made by C. A. R. Morrow, who was Chairman of the sub-committee.

DESTITUTE IN CUBA. Thousands Upon Thousands of People Utterly Without Food. NEW YORK, March 23.—Mrs. M. J. Congdon of Gowanda, N. Y., sent to the Central Cuban Relief Committee in this city to-day a letter which she received from Walter S. Barkes, United States Consul at Sagua la Grande, Cuba. In part the letter is as follows:

"The situation cannot be penned nor expressed. One must see it in all distress and desolation. There are in my consular district not less than 50,000 souls utterly destitute and without food, who must soon die. The conditions here at present render it impossible for me to do anything but to appeal to our generous people. Rice, condensed milk, quinine for the sick, and also light wearing clothing for women and children, second-hand clothing equally as serviceable as new; canned soup, meats and bread, and where the contributions are not large I would advise sending money in exchange on any Eastern city (New York preferred) to forward same to me.

"Of the large number so utterly destitute, 90 per cent are women and children, the latter being in the large majority."

The steamer Orizaba, which sailed for Havana to-day, carried 250 tons of Cuban relief supplies, consigned by the Central Cuban Relief Committee to Consul-General Lee.

"Consul-General Lee has just informed this committee," Stephen E. Barton, President of the committee, said to-day, "that he ascertains by careful investigation that no less than 25,000 rice-eaters are in absolute want and helplessly destitute."

THE NONPAREIL STORE To-Morrow Morning AT 9:30 O'CLOCK, 1,000 Pair OF CHILDREN'S STOCKINGS Go on Special Sale at 9c a pair They are in sizes 6 to 9 1/2, heavy ribbed cotton, fast back, with double knee, heel and toe; most excellent for school wear, and even though the quantity be large, they will not last long at this low price—9c pair. NEW SPRING MILLINERY. Practically you've seen but a glimpse of the beauties of new Spring and Summer Millinery, and the elegance of milliner's art which we shall put forth this season, with our efficient corps of trimmers, and the unlimited quantities and kinds they have to do with, new things come forth every day. Such millinery displays are new here, as will you hear them say. There's a gracefulness and artistic beauty which charms the critic eye, as does the reasonableness of price appeal to the pocketbook. \$5 WOMEN'S SPRING COATS. Our \$5 Spring Jacket, for women, is a very well garment for this money, made from light weight tan ladies' cloth, box style, fly front, tan velvet collar, forming a pleasing contrast. Half silk lined with bright colored twill silk, and all seams double stitched and piped. Better grades of Tan Spring Jackets, priced from \$6 to \$12. WASSERMAN, DAVIS & CO. K STREET, BETWEEN SIXTH AND SEVENTH. GRIFFO AND PARKER. They Will Meet in the Ring Here on April 6th. All the arrangements have been completed for the glove match between young Griffo, the Australian lightweight phenomenon, and "Kid" Parker, the rising young Boston exponent of the manly art. The match will take place at the Old Pavilion on the night of April 6th, under the auspices of the Sacramento Athletic Club. The Board of Governors received word last evening that the articles had been signed and that the men were already in fair condition. Parker will be here to-night and will complete his training in or near this city. He is regarded by ring-goers as one of the greatest men in his class now before the public. He has fought many battles and was never defeated. Those who have seen him perform say he is just the man to give the Australian the fight of his life. Griffo has long been regarded as at the head of the lightweight division of the world, but whether or not he has any advantage over Parker remains to be seen. He is considered the cleverest boxer of his day, and has generally had to go out of his class to find a man to meet him. The club members feel that they have now the greatest pugilistic attraction of the year on their hands, one that will attract admirers of the pugilistic art from far and near. DESERVED A BOOTING. An Insolent Loafers, Who is Not the Only One About. Yesterday a lusty young fellow, well dressed, called at the back door of a residence in the eastern part of the city and insolently demanded of the housewife something to eat. When she told him that was after the breakfast hour and that there was nothing cooked, he still more roughly commanded her to "dig up" something and to do it quickly. The woman found some Hamburg steak that had been left over, and placing it between two slices of fresh bread, wrapped it in a paper, and handed it to the loafer. He looked at it contemptuously, but walked off with it, and on reaching a vacant lot he was seen to throw it away. That fellow wasn't hungry. He was looking for an opportunity to do mischief, and it was lucky for him the woman's husband wasn't home. Fatal Accident at Latrobe. Yesterday Mrs. Ada Thors was killed near Latrobe, El Dorado County, by the accidental discharge of a rifle. She was taking the gun to her husband, who was working in a distant field, and it was discharged while she was pulling it through a fence. Jewelry, Etc., at Auction. D. J. Simmons & Co. announce that by an order of the court they will sell at public auction on Saturday, the 26th, the entire stock of watches, diamonds, jewelry, etc., of the estate of the late J. Hyman. There will be sales at the store at 2 and 7 p. m. Gladstone Suffering. LONDON, March 23.—Sir Thomas Smith, Surgeon Extraordinary to the Queen, who was called in consultation upon the case of Mr. Gladstone, said to an interviewer to-day that, after the examination, Mr. Gladstone begged him not to say a word about his condition, unless the Queen asked for information.

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on the subject. The surgeon confirmed the report that Mr. Gladstone was suffering intense pain and was very ill. SAN PEDRO HARBOR. Still Trouble Ahead of the Appropriation Improving It. WASHINGTON, March 23.—There is still serious trouble ahead of the San Pedro appropriation of \$400,000 which got through the House in the sunny civil bill. Senator Perkins, hearing that there was opposition to the appropriation which he had once been assured was all right, went to the sub-committee on the sundry civil bill about it, and found the cost of improvement would be eight or nine million dollars, and that some committee-men, acting on this information, were unwilling to commit the United States to the plan. Argument to remove this impression was brought to bear, and Senator White, who is now at home, was notified of the complications which had arisen. It is said that Senator Stewart will strongly oppose the proposed appropriation. Political Censure for Crispien. ROME, March 23.—The Chamber of Deputies to-day adopted, by a vote of 207 to 7, the committee's report recommending "political censure" against former Premier Crispien, who has been accused of complicity in the Bank of Naples scandal and of illegal trafficking in decorations. He will be prosecuted.

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