

FATAL FIRE IN SHASTA COUNTY.

A Two-Story Building at Keswick Totally Destroyed.

Resulting in a Property Loss of About Five Thousand Dollars.

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KESWICK, Sept. 2.—John E. Miller's large two-story saloon building was totally destroyed by fire this morning about 4 o'clock.

The fire started underneath the building, which contained several sleeping rooms. Some of the lodgers escaped without waiting to dress, but James Smythe, a piano player, was burned to a crisp.

SANTA CLARA DEMOCRATS.

Divide Offices With Good Government Club and Populists.

SAN JOSE, Sept. 2.—The Democratic County Convention assembled at 11 o'clock today.

Removing Harbor Mines. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2.—Major Heuer of the United States engineer corps has removed fifty-seven of the sixty-three mines or torpedoes put in this bay at the outbreak of the war with Spain.

Sickness in the Seventh. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2.—The Medical Board of Inquiry, appointed to investigate the condition of the soldiers here, made a preliminary report to-day regarding sickness in the Seventh California Regiment.

State Spiritualists' Association. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2.—The third annual convention of the California State Spiritualists' Association opened this morning in Occidental Hall.

Charles F. Crocker Estate. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2.—Henry T. Scott and Charles F. Green, executors of the will of the late Charles F. Crocker, and guardians of the three minor heirs, today filed a petition in the Probate Court for a partial distribution of the estate.

Knocked Down and Robbed. ANACONDA (Mont.), Sept. 2.—Otto Schoenfeldt, a scalper at the race track, was knocked down and robbed of \$2,400 in his room at the Montana Hotel today evening when he was checking up his day's work.

Balance of Lumber Raft in Port. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2.—What was left of the big raft which was started down the coast for the Bibb Lumber Company, and which broke off Point Reyes a few days ago, was towed into port this morning.

Boy Accidentally Shot. STOCKTON, Sept. 2.—Charles Ritter, a seven-year-old son of a machinist of the same name, was accidentally shot to-night while playing with his two brothers.

Whaling Fleet Doing Fairly Well. PORT TOWNSEND (Wash.), Sept. 2.—The schooner Comper arrived here today from Point Hope, Alaska, with 12,000 pounds of whalebone from the Arctic whalers.

Legislative Nominees. KESWICK, Sept. 2.—J. A. Laird of Alturas, Modoc County, was nominated to-day on the tenth ballot for State Senator in the First by the Republicans.

Populists Oppose Maguire. BAKERSFIELD, Sept. 2.—At the Populist convention here to-day strong resolutions were adopted against fusion and the candidacy of J. G. Maguire.

Wasserman, Davis & Co. YOU DON'T NEED GLASSES. You think because you see so well, but pain in and around the eyes, headache, inflamed eyes, blurred vision, eye-strain, and even though you do see well, the constant conscious or unconscious effort to conceal the necessity of glasses will ultimately result in the loss of each eye if not fitted properly.

Wasserman, Davis & Co. CHINN, Optician, 526 k, near Sixth.

Wasserman, Davis & Co. Bismarck's Character. What shall we conclude as to Bismarck's himself, asks William Roscoe Thayer in the September "Atlantic".

Wasserman, Davis & Co. The Safety of Railway Travel. Last year on American railways one passenger was killed in accidents out of every 2,827,474 passengers carried.

Wasserman, Davis & Co. Uninvited Guests. A Union Sufferer Cooked for Confederates. In the camp at Falls Church, Va., are a number of veterans who fought with Sigel and with Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley.

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RACING EVENTS ON MANY TRACKS.

Another Day of Grand Sport at Readville.

Joe Patchen Driven a Mile in 2:02 Flat by His Owner.

Jockey Sweeney Accused of Deliberately Pulling a Horse at Fort Erie, All Bets Being Suspended Pending an Investigation—Results on Other Tracks.

READVILLE (Mass.), Sept. 2.—There was another day of grand sport at the Readville track to-day, two races being run off in fine style, with a couple of heats in the third race to end the racing, the race going over till to-morrow.

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