

A DEFAULTING COUNTY OFFICIAL.

San Luis Obispo's Tax Collector Has Disappeared.

So, Also, Has About Fifteen Thousand Dollars of the Public's Funds.

One Chinaman Shot and Killed and Another Badly Beaten at Stockton by Two White Men Who Attempted to Hold Up the Mongolians—Both of the Highwaymen Under Arrest.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Nov. 28.—This town has been excited for the past few days over the absence of S. M. Findley, Tax Collector of this county, and the fact that he could not be located. The suspense ended this morning, when the Board of Supervisors and District Attorney opened the safe of the missing official, and found only about \$500, when as was supposed the safe should contain about \$12,000. Further examination at once followed, and from the books and accounts so far as investigated the shortage is now thought to reach \$15,000.

HOMICIDE AT STOCKTON.

A Chinaman Shot and Killed by Footpads. STOCKTON, Nov. 28.—A Chinese employed at Dr. Clark's Pacific Hospital was shot and killed late to-night by one of two men now under arrest, and his companion, also an employe at the hospital, was beaten by the men, but is not seriously hurt. One of the two men believed to be implicated in the affair was shot and slightly wounded, the bullet running around his stomach without entering the cavity.

The two Chinese were returning to the hospital at about 11 o'clock, when they were stood up by two white men. The Chinese drew pistols, and a scuffle followed for possession of the guns. One of the white men got a pistol from Hung Chung and shot him dead. The other Chinese used his pistol, and escaped with his life.

STATE PRINTING OFFICE.

Southern Legislators Recommend That It Be Immediately Opened. LOS ANGELES, Nov. 28.—The legislators of the seven Southern California counties met at the Chamber of Commerce this evening and passed the following resolution: "Resolved, that the legislators of Southern California herewith recommend that the State Printer at once arrange for the immediate opening of the State Printing office, that the reports of the Code Commission and other necessary reports may be printed at the earliest day possible, and we will favor an appropriation to this end."

THEODORE FIGEL.

District Attorney Barnes Moves to Dismiss Charges Against Him. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—District Attorney William S. Barnes to-day moved for a dismissal of seven charges of embezzlement and two of forgery against Theodore A. Figel, who was acquitted of the murder of Isaac Hoffman. The murder of Hoffman, it was stated at the time, was committed by Figel to cover up the crimes, but Figel was acquitted of the murder, and District Attorney Barnes thinks that there is not enough evidence to convict Figel of the charges pending against him. The matter was taken under advisement by Judge Cook who will give his answer on Saturday.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Semi-Annual Session of the San Francisco Convocation. OAKLAND, Nov. 28.—The San Francisco Convocation of the Episcopal Church held its semi-annual session in St. John's Church to-day. Right Rev. William H. Nichols, Bishop of the diocese, celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. William H. Moreland, Bishop-elect of Sacramento, and Rev. M. D. Wilson, rector of St. Peter's, San Francisco. The annual sermon was delivered by Bishop F. R. Graves of Shanghai, who dealt with the subject of the Episcopal church relation to foreign missions. Reports from diocesan missionaries were then received, followed by addresses descriptive of the General Convention at Washington by the clerical and lay delegates to that organization.

PARKER GIVEN THE DECISION.

Had All the Best of the Fight With Bob Thompson. LOS ANGELES, Nov. 28.—"Kid" Parker of Denver was given the decision over Bob Thompson (colored) of Salt Lake at the end of a fifteen-round boxing contest here to-night before the Los Angeles Athletic Club. These men have met twice before in this

city, and each had a victory to his credit. To-night the fight was a rattling contest from the beginning of the first round, but Parker acted on the defensive at all times, and had his man going on several occasions, when the call of time saved him. In the fourth round Parker knocked Bob down with a left-hand blow on the face, and from that time to the end he landed repeatedly. The decision of Referee John Brink was entirely satisfactory to the audience, which packed the gymnasium.

ROSSER TRIAL.

The Jury Announces Their Inability to Agree. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—The concluding arguments of counsel in the trial of Private Walter Rosser were made before Judge Wallace and the jury to-day. General Barnes finished a very eloquent plea for mercy for his client. He insisted that Rosser was unaccountable for his actions on that memorable day; that he was drugged in a wine store on Pine street and absolutely did not know what he was doing. Assistant District Attorney Hinkle closed for the prosecution. Judge Wallace charged the jury late this afternoon. This evening the jury, to whom the case had been submitted, announced their inability to agree and were locked up for the night. They will report at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

MURDERS IN ARIZONA.

Citizens Threaten to Organize a Vigilance Committee. PRESCOTT, Nov. 28.—The recent murder of William Segna, at Weaver, a Mexican adobe town south of this town, is one of a score that has taken place in late years without a single conviction. Segna was horribly butchered, and three Mexican bandits have been arrested accused of the crime. Public feeling is rampant at the scene of the recent murder, and open threats are made by the white population for the organization of a vigilance committee to drive the entire population out or else resort to indiscriminate hanging. Weaver is the scene of the richest gold placer district in Arizona, and is exclusively Mexican in population.

The Hale & Norcross Situation.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—The signing by Judge Hebbard of the final order of distribution in the Hale & Norcross mining litigation has put the case outside his court, so far as additional or supplemental proceedings are concerned, with the exception of the future acts of Receiver J. J. Groom. Papers on appeal have been prepared by Mr. Baggett, representing the Fox faction, and by Mr. Tausky, on behalf of the Grayson party, and it is expected that they will be filed to-morrow. The question as to whether Judge Hebbard's order is appealable remains to be settled. This point will go to the Supreme Court, together with the other technicalities in which the case abounds.

Brandes and Wife Arraigned.

OAKLAND, Nov. 28.—W. A. Brandes was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Clift this afternoon on a charge of murdering his thirteen-year-old daughter. He pleaded not guilty to the charge and his trial was set for December 1st. Brandes broke down in court and wept when he heard the charge of murder read against him. He has employed two local attorneys to defend him. A half an hour later Mrs. Brandes was arraigned on the same charge. She was quite composed and pleaded not guilty. Her case was set for trial on December 6th. The husband and wife are not allowed to communicate with each other.

Baldwin May Sell the Hotel Site.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—Regarding the possible disposition of the Baldwin Hotel site, E. J. Baldwin said to-day: "If a favorable offer is made as far as I am concerned, I will sell. If not, I probably will cut the present walls down to the second story, and use them as the nucleus of a row of stores and offices clear around the present site. I believe the walls as they now stand are serviceable, and will be used as the second story, and I am certain the foundations are unimpaired."

Greatly Needed Rain Falling.

SANTA ROSA, Nov. 28.—A gentle rain began falling here to-night. The indications are that it will continue and result in a generous downpour. The farmers are jubilant. "CHICO, Nov. 28.—Greatly needed rain commenced falling here about 6 o'clock this morning. In twelve hours 0.42 of an inch has fallen, with prospects for a continuance for several days. The present storm will be of great benefit in every respect.

Death of an Ex-Jurist.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—Ex-Judge William Foster, a well-known Hawaiian jurist under the monarchy, is dead. Judge Foster had been practicing law in this city for several years. He had also been one of the editors of the Crocker law publications. He was about 50 years of age. On November 14th he suffered a stroke of paralysis while at work in his office, and he never fully recovered consciousness.

The Wisconsin Stuck in the Mud.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—The battleship Wisconsin is still stuck fast in the mud bank into which she ran when launched on Saturday morning. All efforts to pull her into deep water have proved unsuccessful. Dredgers will now be used, and in a few days it is expected that the war vessel will be towed to her temporary dock at the Union Iron Works.

A Forty-Niner Passes Away.

SUISUN, Nov. 28.—Justice Curtis Wilson of Green Valley is dead. The deceased was a pioneer resident, having come to California in 1849. He held the office of Justice of the Peace for Green Valley Township for forty-three years. He was one of the organizers of the Solano County Pioneers. Judge Wilson was 71 years of age, and a native of Illinois.

Transport Chester Aground.

SAVANNAH (Ga.), Nov. 28.—The transport Chester with the Fifteenth United States Infantry, bound for Cuba, is aground five miles from here. It is expected, however, that she will be floated on to-morrow morning's tide, and will go to sea.

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WARDLY MURDER IN NEW MEXICO.

The Owner of the Celebrated Jarilla Turquoise Mine

Shot and Killed by a Mexican While Seated at His Breakfast Table.

A Determined Effort to Lynch the Assassin by Employes of the Mines Prevented by Americans Who Had Pursued and Captured the Mexicans.

DENVER, Nov. 28.—A special to the "News" from El Paso, Texas, says:

A. J. De Mules, better known as the "Turquoise King of the Jarillas," was murdered at the celebrated turquoise mine, fifty miles north of El Paso, in New Mexico, early in the morning of this morning by a Mexican with whom he had quarreled about a trivial matter. De Mules was shot in the back with a six-shooter while eating breakfast, and instantly killed. After the killing the murderer attempted to escape, was pursued and captured by several American employes. After his capture a determined effort was made to lynch the prisoner by the large force of mine employes, but the Americans who had him in custody and several railroad men stood guard with Winchester, and prevented mob violence. De Mules was born in New York. He was until recently a poor prospector, but three years ago obtained sufficient money to develop his Jarilla Mountain turquoise mines. The mines proved to be of great value, and De Mules became suddenly wealthy, and was given the sobriquet of "The Turquoise King of the Jarillas."

CZAR OF RUSSIA.

Regrets Attempts to Embitter Relations With England.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—The Paris correspondent of the "Times" says: "The 'Matin' will publish on Tuesday an interview of an English politician with Emperor Nicholas. The interviewer, who especially remarked the kindness and modesty of the Czar's demeanor, says he spoke sadly and regretfully of the attempts to embitter the relations of England and Russia. The conversation mostly turned, however, on the disarmament of Europe, as in the event of the Czar spoke with the most ardor, saying that he wanted a tangible result. His majesty suggested that the Powers might bind themselves not to increase their armaments for five years, at the end of which they might meet again to decide upon future action. They might also settle their attitude in the event of menace or prospective hostilities. He suggested, as an example of possible action, that the recent Fashoda incident might have been referred by England to the United States, and by France to Russia. If these failed to agree, there might have been recourse to an arbitrator, say the Emperor of Austria. In any case delay would have made for peace. The Czar protested, his interviewer says, with great indignation, against the idea imputed to him of urging France and England into conflict, characterizing it as monstrous.

ABANDONED AT SEA.

A Barge and a Schooner Left in a Sinking Condition.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28.—The towing steamer Orion, which plies between Boston, Newport News and Norfolk, arrived at the Delaware Breakwater to-day, and reported that the barge Ocean Belle, which together with the Enos Soule was in tow of the Orion, had been anchored and was abandoned in a sinking condition ten miles south of Winter Quarter Shoal. The crew was saved. The Enos Soule also broke adrift, and the Orion is now searching for her. A dispatch from Delaware Breakwater brings the news that the schooner William Wilson from Philadelphia for Norfolk, which sprang a leak yesterday while about four miles out at sea, was abandoned by her crew and sank to-day in five fathoms of water. The Wilson is loaded with coal.

GENERAL MASSO.

Former President of Cuban Insurgent Government at Kingston. KINGSTON (Jamaica), Nov. 28.—General Maso, the former President of the Cuban Insurgent Government, arrived here yesterday on a visit to his family. The members of the Cuban colony have tendered him a public reception.

Lena N. Brings a Small Figure.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—The sale of blooded horses was continued at Madison Square Garden to-day. Prices as a rule were low. Lena N. b. m., said to be the fastest pacing mare in the world, 2:05 1/2, by Sidney-Helen Benton, property of Andrew McDowell of Pleasanton, Cal., was sold to J. H. Shultz, Park, Ill., for \$3,000.

Spanish Evacuate Pinar del Rio.

HAVANA, Nov. 28.—At noon to-day General Hernandez Velasco, with 2,000 Spanish troops, evacuated the city and province of Pinar del Rio. General Velasco made formal delivery to the Mayor.

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FRANKLIN AND HIS SISTER.

ARDENT AFFECTION EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO. Jane, the Youngest of the Family, and the Only One Who Survived Benjamin.

Paul Leicester Ford in the November "Century Magazine" writes of "Franklin's Family Relations." Mr. Ford says: "Of all his sisters, the youngest, Jane, was, so Franklin told her, 'ever my peculiar favorite'; and he took pride in the fact that she had 'grown a celebrated beauty.' Evidently it was not merely a fraternal view, for the girl was married at fifteen, the brother writing her, upon the event, that he had 'almost determined' to send her 'a tea table, but when I considered the character of a good housewife was far preferable to that of being only a pretty gentlewoman, I concluded to send you a spinning wheel, which I hope you will accept as a small token of my sincere love and affection.' And in this monitor strain the aged brother of twenty continued: 'Sister, farewell, and remember that modesty as it makes the most homely virtue amiable and charming, so the want of it infallibly renders the most perfect beauty disagreeable and odious. But when that brightest of female virtues shines among other perfections of body and mind, it is the same person, it makes the woman more lovely than an angel. Excuse this freedom, and use the same with me. I am, dear Jenny, your loving brother.'

Torpedo Boat Farragut.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—The torpedo boat Farragut, which failed to attain the required speed of thirty knots an hour at her official trial owing to the prevalence of a gale, will have another trial some day this week, and it is expected that the low-lying craft will exceed the contract speed.

Death of a San Diego Citizen.

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 28.—Andrew J. O'Connor, formerly a prominent citizen of La Salle, Ill., died in this city to-night. Mr. O'Connor came to San Diego five years ago and engaged in the practice of law, and had been receiver of the Consolidated National and California Banks here.

A Miner's Fatal Fall.

CARSON (Nev.), Nov. 28.—Ed. Peffer fell sixty-five feet down a shaft at Camp Douglas, in Esmeralda County, on Sunday, and received injuries which resulted in his death this afternoon. He was going down a ladder and fell to the bottom of the shaft.

IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Problems That Confront the New Owners of the Islands.

Professor Dean C. Worcester of the University of Michigan, contributes to the "Century" an article on "Knotty Problems of the Philippines." Professor Worcester says: "Reforms should be begun at once, and one of the first should be a material reduction in the extortionate taxes which have in the past been levied on the long suffering inhabitants. Such a measure would be certain to produce a favorable impression, and would go far toward giving the natives confidence in the new administration. In order to strengthen this confidence, a part of the funds raised by taxation should be expended in local improvements, such as the building of roads and the establishment of schools. Another much needed reform would be the provision of a simple but comprehensive and effective code of laws. The name of the existing codes is legion, and a lawsuit under any one of them is the most misfortune that can befall a man. A precedent can be found for anything; bribery is universal, and justice virtually unknown. Let the native once find out that he has rights before the law, and he will begin to regard the law with some respect. As a rule the most serious are order, and the most nervous problem which the new administration will have to face would be the suppression of brigandage. There have always existed in the northern islands bands of tulsanes, or professional bandits. Sometimes they establish permanent headquarters in inaccessible places and again they live scattered among the honest villages, assembling only on the occasion of some robbery. Their ranks are recruited in part from the criminal classes, in part by the addition of men who have been driven by bitter wrongs to turn against the existing order of things. They are often the most cunning and desperate of men, and are not infrequently possessed of anting, or charms which make them bullet proof and give them various other miraculous properties. These tulsanes descend on defenseless people, and plunder, kill and carry off prisoners to be held for ransom. They are not infrequently cowardly, but some of their operations occasionally show daring. During my stay they kidnaped a priest in the very streets of Manila. In the past, when the guardia civil has succeeded in hunting them down, they have usually been acquitted, or if convicted have been managed to effect a mysterious escape, while the presiding alcaldes have suddenly become wealthy. At the close of the present war these bands of tulsanes will doubtless be augmented by the riffraff of the insurgent army. They have been accustomed to having their own way that they will be overbold. A vigorous policy in dealing with them would have a very wholesome effect. In operations against them, and so far as possible in all operations in the archipelago, native troops should be used. When well drilled and well managed, they are excellent soldiers. A convenient way to dispose of a part of the insurgent forces would be to retain them in service under white officers. It is perhaps worth while to note in this connection that in recent operations about Manila, native troops have been used to great advantage, remained true when Spanish soldiers mutinied. The widespread ignorance which prevails in the Philippines is one of the most important problems demanding solution. Many of the natives are quick to learn, and are anxious for the opportunity, so that their education reduces itself to a question of ways and means. A school system is provided for by the Spanish law, but favoritism prevails in the choice of teachers, who are often grossly incompetent, while the parents are unable to afford to send their children to school. 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