

THE MURDER OF SHERIFF FARLEY.

All the Evidence for Defense in and the Case Closed.

George Suesser, the Defendant, the Last Witness to Testify.

Loses His Temper During the Examination and Confesses to Crimes for Which He is Not Now on Trial, One of Which Was the Burning of Delaney's Barn.

SALINAS, Nov. 6.—The George Suesser trial commenced this second week of the hearing of the case this morning. Witnesses for the defense occupied the morning session, and only three testified, the mother, the father and the sister of the assassin.

All testified that on the night of the fatality George was crazy that about 8 o'clock he kissed his mother good-by, and asserted he was going to blow his own brains out. He took a shotgun and rushed from his father's house. The parents begged him not to go and tried to hold him, but could not.

The prisoner was visibly affected while his mother was testifying, but after that assumed an air of bravado. This afternoon Suesser took the stand on his own behalf. He lost his temper during the examination, and confessed to crimes for which he is not now on trial.

He said he exchanged shots with Officer Allen, and had a dim recollection of firing shots at the best of terms, and proved the death of the Delaney family, but from that time until the officers tore off the planks of his father's house to capture him his mind was a blank.

He testified that he had been intoxicated for several days after the arrest as a thief, and brooding over this trouble probably caused him to kill Farley, but he did not intend to shoot him.

The defense presented evidence to show that the murdered Sheriff and Suesser were on the best of terms, and closed its case.

The arguments will begin to-morrow. Extraordinary precautions are being taken to prevent any demonstration against the prisoner.

BODY CUT INTO FOUR PARTS.

Locomotive Engineer Meets Death in a Terrible Manner.

REDDING, Nov. 6.—William P. Haskell, an engineer on the Iron Mountain Railway, met with death in a terrible manner near midnight Sunday. His engine was on the grade, and he rolled down the grade. Haskell was caught in the wreck, and his body was cut into four parts and crushed beyond recognition. His fireman, Geo. Dodge, was painfully, although not seriously injured.

At the time of the accident Haskell was backing the four cars into a switch just above Keswick. The conductor and brakeman got off the train to attend to the switches. When near the sidetrack, from some unknown cause, the engine jumped the track. The four cars followed, piling on top of the engine at the foot of the grade.

The unfortunate engineer must have been instantly killed. He was unmarried. Sunday was the thirtieth anniversary of his birth, and just before starting on the fatal trip he received some pleasant remembrances of the day from his parents. The funeral has been set for Tuesday.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Rains Along the Coast From Cape Mendocino Northward.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Past 24 hours, This Season. Rows include Eureka, Red Bluff, Sacramento, San Francisco, Fresno, Independence, San Luis Obispo, Los Angeles, San Diego, Yuma.

San Francisco data: Maximum temperature 60, minimum 52, mean 56. The pressure has fallen slowly over the northern half of the Pacific Coast, and rain is reported along the coast from Cape Mendocino northward.

The rain will probably continue reaching south to about San Francisco. The temperature has remained nearly

stationary west of the Rockies. It is slightly below normal in the great valleys of California.

SUPREME COURT.

The State Tribunal Hands Down Several Decisions.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6.—The Supreme Court to-day issued several decisions. The Los Angeles Holiness Band, incorporated in 1881, is held to be the regular organization, and entitled to hold the property of the church.

The verdict of the jury in the lower court, giving George Meyer \$1,500 damages on account of injuries sustained while working for Haas, Baruch & Co., wholesale grocers at Los Angeles, is sustained.

The decision of the lower court is affirmed in the case of several capitalists who purchased the Eureka ranch in San Luis Obispo County and laid out a townsite along the Salinas River, with streets and bridge crossing the river. When the company attempted to close the bridge the county warned it, and on appeal to law to quiet title against the county it was found that a bridge over the river was for the use of the public.

IDAHO RIOT CASES.

Men Found Guilty of Interfering With Mails Sentenced.

LATEST FROM THE SEAT OF WAR.

Boers Reported to Have Suffered a Heavy Loss.

In Thursday's Engagement on Tatham's Farm, Near Ladysmith.

The Number Placed at Eight Hundred Killed, Wounded and Captured—The Long Range of the Boers' Guns Making the Position Untenable Given as the Reason for the British Evacuating Colenso.

ESTCOURT (Natal), Saturday, Nov. 4.—Noon.—A reliable messenger has just arrived from Ladysmith, passing the Boer lines during the night, who reports that heavy fighting occurred on Thursday around Ladysmith. The heat of the engagement was on George Tatham's farm, on the Orange Free State side of Besters. The British drove the Boers back to their camp. The enemy suffered great loss, and thirty mounted Boers were captured.

The fighting was resumed yesterday (Friday) the Boers firing from Nodwathama hill, near Hepworth's farm. Again they were driven back, with loss, on their camp. A large Boer force with artillery, under John Wessels, has taken up a position on the left of Beacon, located on the Woodhouse, Piclones and Langvacht farms, facing Besters, and a small commando is now encamped on the south side of Pieters Station, commanding the railway.

The Boers have torn up the culverts of the railway near Pieters Station, and have burned the wooden portions. No damage had yet been done at Colenso. The houses, stores, railway and iron bridges remain intact. The messenger says he heard that the Boers would be in Colenso to-day, and that the volunteers were leaving. Much regret is felt at the unnecessary alarm being created at Maritzburg, when there is no need for it. The Natal naval corps, with guns, will return to Maritzburg to-day to reassure the inhabitants.

BOER LOSS FIGURED AT EIGHT HUNDRED.

ESTCOURT (Natal), Saturday, Nov. 4 (4 p. m.)—It is reported that the Boers lost 800 in killed and wounded and captured in Thursday's battle at Tatham's farm near Ladysmith. Colenso is now in the hands of the Boers. Before the evacuation was decided upon the enemy tried to cut off our outposts. The Durban Light Infantry, under Lieutenant Molineux, and a force of Dublin Fusiliers, were sent to the relief of the outposts, and a brisk fight ensued. The Boers were repulsed, leaving twelve dead. Twenty Boer horses were killed and the others stampeded.

The chief motive for the withdrawal, however, was that the long range of the Boers had made the position untenable. No orders were received for retirement. While retirement was in progress the Natal volunteers at Fort Wyck had difficulty in getting away their nine-pounder in the dark. They were advised to spike the gun, but were exceedingly unwilling to do this, resolving to make a determined effort to take it with them. While they were running the gun on its carriage down a hill, the ropes broke and gun and carriage rushed on, the latter being smashed at the bottom of the incline. Nothing daunted, the plucky fellows undertook to carry the weapon itself, which had not been damaged, and they got it here safely.

The Boers shelled Colenso camp at dawn yesterday, being apparently unaware of the evacuation. They looted the stores, but did not harm the bridges, saying that they would want the railway themselves. The women and children here are crowding the trains bound for Pietermaritzburg and Durban.

BOERS FIRE A DYNAMITE MAGAZINE.

LONDON, Nov. 7.—The "Daily Mail" publishes the following dispatch from Kimberley, dated Wednesday, by way of Popetown, Saturday, November 4th: "This morning the Boers fired the veldt near Bronfeld, seven miles from Kimberley, and this afternoon the flames set on fire the smaller of the two magazines, exploding the dynamite with a terrific report. Fortunately no one was injured. The veldt is still burning, and it is feared that the larger magazine, where there are 1,200 cases of dynamite, will be ignited."

BRITISH WIN BOTH BATTLES.

PIETERMARITZBURG (Natal), Saturday afternoon, Nov. 4.—The General commanding the line of communication with Maritzburg has arrived with his staff at Estcourt. Telegraphic communication north of Estcourt is entirely stopped. The natives report that the Boers received a crushing blow at Ladysmith Thursday. This is not officially confirmed, but it is generally believed.

Later—evening—The British forces at Ladysmith, it now appears, were engaged twice successfully on Thursday and on Friday. It is reported cavalry scored heavily, and that the infantry did great execution with bayonets, the Gordon Highlanders carrying the principal Boer position at the point of the bayonet. The Boers lost heavily in killed and wounded, and a number surrendered.

Violated the Salween Law.

CHICO, Nov. 6.—For some time a great deal of illegal salmon fishing has been going on in the Sacramento River

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