NEWS FROM TACOMA.

THE CALIFORNIA PRESS EXCURSION REACHES THE CITY.

After a Brief Sojourn the Members Leave for Victoria, Where They Will Spend a Day—Returning, They Will Stop Twenty-four Hours in Seattle, Thence Back by Tacoma and Portland and Home—Another Excursion in the City of Destiny—A Hold-up in Broad Daylight—City Clerk Working Without a Salary.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

TACOMA, June 7.—The special train bearing the California Press Association arrived in Tacoma at 6:20 o'clock p. m., an hour and fifty minutes late. The party came straight through from Portland, and on arriving in this city were driven to the Tacoma hotel in busses. On account of the delay the knights of the quill and scissors, their wives and children, did not have time to make their toilets after the long, dusty ride, but repaired at once to the dining room of the Tacoma, where they were provided with a fine meal by Landlord Waterman. After a complete satisfaction of the inner man the scribes were driven to the Northern Pacific dock, where the steamer City of Kingston was boarded for Victoria. A stop of twenty-four hours will be made in the provincial city, after which the party will visit Seattle for a day, Tacoma for half a day, Portland for a short time, and then on home.

Each member of the party wears a badge of yellow satin ribbon, on which is inscribed in black letters, "California Press Association, Victoria, June, 1897." The great seal of California adorns each badge. Thus far the trip has been most delightful, although the pleasant part, that of traveling by water over Puget sound, is yet to come.

A delegation from the Tacoma Press Club escorted the visiting members of the craft from the depot to the hotel, and then on to the steamer.

Those in the party are: E. B. Willis and wife, Record-Union, Sacramento; W. S. Mellick and wife, News, Pasadena; R. H. Jury and wife, Leader, San Mateo; J. L. Read, Independent, Middletown; W. I. Willis and wife, Enterprise, Selma; J. H. Durst and wife, Four Corners, Wheatland; Raleigh Barcar, Reporter, Vacaville; S. M. Haskell and wife, Progress, Pomona; Mrs. J. A. Filcher and daughter, Herald, Auburn; C. F. Montgomery and wife, Ledger, Antioch; G. M. Francis and wife, Register, Napa; Mrs. C. K. McClatchy, Bee, Sacramento; Robert Nixon and wife, Journal, Eureka; Mrs. S. A. Huston and daughter, Alliance, Woodland; J. F. Thompson and wife, Standard, Eureka; F. M. Swasey and wife, Free Press, Redding; A. V. Morgan, Review, Haywards; E. M. Wilson and wife, Argus, Adin; R. E. Nickle and wife, Rooster, Acton; D. McPherson and son, Sentinel, Santa Cruz; C. H. Smith and wife, Hotel Gazette, Los Angeles; C. A. Gardner and daughter, Star, Pasadena; W. C. Brown, wife and son, Gazette, Martinez; B. M. Maddox and wife, Times, Visalia; S. S. Boynton and wife, Register, Oroville; W. Chalmers and daughter, Enterprise, Chico; C. S. Schmidt, Nord California Herold, Sacramento; W. T. Dewey and wife, Leader, Lemoor; C. D. Ratcliffe and wife, Sun, Merced; E. B. Thompson and wife, Press, Irvington; F. V. Dewey and wife, Journal, Hanford; F. B. Mackinder and wife, Star, St. Helena; W. T. Lyon and wife, Richmond Banner, San Francisco; J. E. Walden and daughter, Journal, Napa; Mrs. W. S. Green and son, Sun, Colusa; J. H. Glas, Argus, Alameda; J. W. Short, Republican, Fresno, and W. D. Pennycook, Chronicle, Vallejo.

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An immense quantity of coal is being shipped from the Northern Pacific bunkers to California ports, scarcely a week passing that three or four vessels do not leave with heaping cargoes. Today the big Southern Pacific collier Washtenaw got to sea with 4,500 tons. The ship Yosemite is waiting in the stream to be hauled to the bunkers, where she will take on 2,500 tons of South Prairie coal for San Francisco. The usefulness of the big bunkers is best seen now that there is a rush in exporting. The biggest vessel can be loaded in eighteen hours. This large export business looks as if California dealers are about to stock up pending the passage of the tariff bill.

It is stated positively that the Northern Pacific Railroad Company will begin work within the next few days planking Pacific avenue from South Seventh street to the wharf. This will be gladsome news to people driving along that thoroughfare, as it is at present in a most deplorable condition, the greater part of the planking being built on for six or seven years. With a substantial, new roadway, Pacific avenue will be a fine thoroughfare.

The city authorities were considerably exercised today to discover a plan whereby the water famine that threatens the families living in the vicinity of the broken water tank near the old Radebaugh mill. By the collapse of the tank these people have been shut off from a supply of water, and unless some steps are taken at once there is danger of suffering, let alone inconveniences, from want of water. Pipes are laid in the neighborhood, but whether they are strong enough to stand the pressure of city water is another thing. Commissioner of Public Works Rydstrom figures that 2,250 feet of pipe could be laid, tapping the main at K and Forty-fifth street, at a cost of $1,250. This, he figures, would be a good business proposition for the city, as in this way twenty-five or thirty families could be supplied with water, which would bring in a revenue of from $25 to $30 a month, a first-class investment for the money expended. Should this be done, two hydrants will be placed at M and Forty-fifth streets and O and Forty-sixth streets.

The fire and water committee of the city council visited the district today for the purpose of securing information to present at a special meeting of the council to be held tonight for the purpose of arriving at a solution of the difficulty. There is also a report current that Thomas Delaney, who has been conducting the little system on his own account for some time, contemplates creating a new tank and continuing the service. This report, though, could not be verified.

The council tonight referred the matter of connecting the Oakes addition waterworks with the city mains on South M street at Forty-third street to the commissioner of public works, city attorney and fire and water committee with power to act. Commissioner Rydstrom estimated 2,300 feet pipe necessary to make the connection. The work will cost $1,200.

ANOTHER EXCURSION ARRIVES.

Raymond-Whitcomb Party Will Board the Queen for Alaska.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

TACOMA, June 7.—The second division of the Raymond-Whitcomb excursion arrived in the city at 11:20 this morning from Portland. The party repaired immediately to the Tacoma hotel, where they found waiting them a fine luncheon and a miniature rose show. In the center of the lobby was a large table literally banked with large choice roses sent by pupils of the different schools and others to the Eastern visitors. On seeing the flowers the tourists broke forth with ejaculations of delight, and it seemed an effort to leave even for an elaborate luncheon. During the afternoon members of the party strolled about the city or took street car rides to points of interest. The weather could not have been better had it been manufactured. Tomorrow morning the excursionists will board the steamer Queen, which has been overhauled for this run, and enjoy a fortnight's trip to Alaskan waters. On the return the trip will be made overland by the Northern Pacific, the trip being made over the Great Northern. The party is as follows:

Miss M. F. Fuller, Cambridgeport, Mass.; Mrs. Julia D. Hale, Setauket, N. Y.; Miss M. A. Hodgson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; William H. Hollis, Chelsea, Mass.; Miss A. M. Hilliam, Beverly, Mass.; Mrs. J. C. Kilham, Beverly, Mass.; Miss Margaret Montgomery, Philadelphia; William B. Montgomery, Philadelphia; Miss Helen Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.; J. W. Reid, Philadelphia; Miss Frances Reynolds, Milton, Mass.; Mrs. Mary A. Rogers, Cambridge, Mass.; Miss Irene Sawyer, Milton, Mass.; J. B. Warden, Mrs. J. B. Warden and J. L. Warden, Philadelphia; Mrs. A. H. Wood, J. A. Lamper and wife, Thomas G. Pierce, W. A. Pierce and wife, Mrs. C. C. Ely, Miss A. A. Smith. The party that arrived today came from San Francisco in charge of Charles A. Cooke. It included T. V. W. Buckman, Trenton, N. J.; Wallace Buckman and wife, Trenton, N. J.; W. G. Griffith, Indianapolis; J. H. Grove and wife, Philadelphia; Herbert Harris, Portland, Me.; Miss M. M. Horning, Philadelphia; F. W. Lewis, Indianapolis; Miss Sarah McDonald, New York; Miss Helen Parish, New York; Mrs. Jane B. Pittman, Brooklyn; A. P. Robinson and wife and Mrs. George H. Simonds, Boston; Miss Della M. Taylor, Damariscotta, Me.; Ernest L. Tustin and wife, Philadelphia; A. E. Viles and wife, Miss Barbara Viles and Master Bertram Viles, Boston; Albert Wharton, Trenton, N. J.; Miss Caroline Wharton, Trenton; Mrs. Charles H. Woodruff, Philadelphia; Mrs. Thomas Hodgson, Buffalo, N. Y.

A HOLD-UP IN DAYLIGHT.

Fred Fortier Knocked Down on E Street by Two Thugs.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

TACOMA, June 7.—A hold-up in broad daylight is one of the latest moves by Tacoma crooks. Last Friday afternoon Fred Fortier, a Frenchman residing in this city, was walking along E street, near Eleventh, about 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, when he was accosted by two men, one of whom demanded money. Fortier made a jump to one side, but not quick enough to escape a hard jolt on the right eye that knocked him down. He fell off the sidewalk into the gutter, one arm remaining on the sidewalk. One of the thugs kicked him while in this position, knocking the shoulder completely out of joint.

There were no people in sight when the assault took place and no policeman for blocks. Fortier managed to pick himself up and attract the attention of a passerby, who hunted up an officer. Fortier was taken to the Fanny Paddock hospital, where his injuries were attended to by Dr. Armstrong.

He made his appearance on the streets today for the first time since the hold-up, looking considerably the worse for wear. His eye wore a beautiful lavender tint, the color shading down to a faint blue on the cheeks. His arm was in a sling. He says the attack was so sudden that he could not get a description of his assailants. The police, with their accustomed discretion, did not make the facts known, with the hopes perchance that they would get a clue to the highwaymen.

WORKING WITHOUT SALARY.

City Clerk Filling a Place That Has Been Abolished.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

TACOMA, June 7.—City Clerk Roy is working without a salary. This sounds queer that a person should be working for a municipality gratis at a time when nearly everyone is talking about this or that "graft." Under the Tacoma charter there is no provision for a city clerk, that position coming under the head of the comptroller's department. The present incumbent, Mr. Roy, was appointed some time ago by Comptroller Benham and performed the duties of the office, for which he was paid as acting city clerk. At the last meeting in April the city council passed a resolution abolishing the office, Mr. Benham following up this action by sending a communication to the civil service commission, stating that by the express wish of the council the office had been abolished, and as such the clerk was not entitled to any pay. Acting upon this notice, the civil service commission did not certify the salary this month.

The charter provides that the comptroller may hire such clerical assistance as he may deem necessary for the proper running of the office, and acting under this provision he has no doubt kept Mr. Roy on with the hope that the council will vote him the relief when asked for.

Among the clerk's papers now being examined by the civil service board are several for the position of city clerk, among them one by Mr. Roy, the present incumbent.

MYSTERIOUS FINANCIERING.

Tacoma Land Company Strangely Defaults Again on Its Taxes.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

TACOMA, Wash., June 7.—The position of the Tacoma Land Company is becoming more perplexing for the uninitiated to understand. C. B. Wright's private secretary, a brother of I. W. Anderson, has been in the city for a week or more on some private mission which has been studiously concealed. He is making no confidences, but that there is some big movement on foot there can be no doubt. For the second time the land company has defaulted on its semi-annual taxes, and under the new revenue law this makes the whole sum due at once. Until the whole amount, $108,000, is paid it will draw interest at the rate of 15 per cent.

The company's property is too valuable to be allowed to become so involved, and the motive becomes hard to find when it is considered that the borrowing $34,000, which could easily be obtained at 6 per cent., the company would have saved its business standing and 9 per cent. on half and 15 per cent. on the other half of its taxes. In addition to the June taxes, the company still owes $54,000 due last December, and this will draw 6 per cent. interest until December 1, when a higher rate attaches. Even though the company should pay its taxes then, there is a dead loss of $11,340. The company is not making Pierce county a present of this sum without an object in view. It has not defaulted on its interest from a lack of funds, for any financier would advance the needed sum, for the company's water stock holdings alone are sufficient to guarantee several times the needed amount. The most plausible theory is that some one in authority is bearing land company shares. Though the Providence Loan and Trust Company has a blanket mortgage of $1,000,000 on the company's property, they are not at all alarmed over the situation, and evidently are pretty well informed as to the object.

THE VISION FADED.

Tacoma's Dream of a Steamship Line to the Marquesas.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

TACOMA, June 7.—Tacoma saw one of her fondest hopes die tonight and then ironically thanked the man who trenchingly broke the news. Another visionary steamship line has faded away like the ghostly forms at a seance.

Smiling with conscious pride in the achievements, the members of the Chamber of Commerce arranged themselves comfortably in the meeting room to hear French Consular Agent H. F. Tyson, of Portland, who had sent the "glad tidings" of an airy, fairy steamship line to the Marquesas islands. The members enthusiastically applauded Mr. Tyson, who is pretty well advanced in years, when he was introduced, but they mentally damned him when he had concluded.

The consul had a confession to make, as embarrassing to him to tell it as it was galling to Tacoma to hear it. The Marquesas island steamship line was a creature of his own imagination; a ludicrous misinterpretation of a fellow-consul's letter. The consul at Tahiti had written him to secure bids for carrying the French mails between the United States and the islands. As Mr. Tyson had been in correspondence with Secretary Collyer, of the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce, in regard to the possible establishment of a line between Tacoma and Tahiti, he jumped to the conclusion that the letter was intended to establish the line. So he wrote the genial Collyer and a local newspaper that a line had been established. Much valuable newspaper space was wasted in telling about it, but very, very little will be in telling of the horrible mistake.

When Mr. Tyson concluded the chamber was too nearly paralyzed to say anything, but finally some one recovered in time to move a vote of thanks to Mr. Tyson, on the theory that he lived in Portland, where they did not know an ocean steamship liner from a pilot schooner. Then the chamber spent some valuable time in forming designs on Seattle's trade, and listening to prominent railroad men. There was little spirit left to do anything, and everybody was relieved when an adjournment was taken.

Call for Warrants.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

TACOMA, June 7.—County Treasurer Judson will issue a call for $30,000 of outstanding warrants. He has that much money on hand and takes this action to stop the heavy interest on outstanding warrants.

RESULT IN THE STATE.

Republicans Carry Twelve of Seventeen Districts.

CHICAGO, June 7.—Judicial elections were held throughout Illinois today. Returns up to midnight indicate that the Republicans have carried twelve of the seventeen districts. Democratic gains were registered in a number of cases. The vote cast was, as a rule, very light and but little interest was manifested outside of Cook county.

Railways in a Wrangle.

CHICAGO, June 7.—The Western roads are already getting by the ears over the arrangements for the Christian Endeavor meeting in San Francisco. It is openly asserted that several of the lines are ignoring the provision that no sleeping car shall be allowed for parties of less than twenty-five or for parties where less than twenty-five fares have been paid. Several of the roads, it is said, have agreed in special instances to allow sleeping cars for parties of fifteen. The Southern Pacific has notified all the Western roads that it will not be a party to any such arrangement, and that it will demand in all instances the full amount that is coming to it. It will not receive any sleeping cars carrying less than twenty-five passengers, unless it receives twenty-five full fares for the people in that car.

A Thousand Men Thrown Out.

CLEVELAND, O., June 7.—At noon today the entire plant of the Standard Oil works in this city shut down for an indefinite period. The foreman told the men that there would be no work for weeks, and maybe a much longer time. The men believe that during that time another section of the plant will be abandoned, carrying out the Standard's policy of making in this city only enough oil and other products to supply the home demand. Close to 1,000 men are thrown out of work by the shut-down.

It is said that the Standard company has an immense stock on hand in the Kingsbury run warehouse; enough, in fact, to supply all the demand in this district until January 1, 1898, or longer.

Canudos Has Fallen.

NEW YORK, June 7.—A dispatch to the Herald from Rio Janeiro says: Canudos, the stronghold of the fanatics under Antonio Conselhiro, has fallen, the Federal troops having captured it after a desperate engagement with more than 6,000 rebels. The fanatics were strongly entrenched. At the beginning of the battle they gained some advantage and the first hurried reports to the government presaged defeat. The Brazilian artillery, however, turned the tide and in the end the fanatics fled precipitately from their cover. They were pursued with great vigor and were almost annihilated. The victory of the Federal troops was not gained without serious loss, more than 300 Brazilians being killed and many wounded. Among those who were killed was Col. Telles.

A Clever Escape.

KANSAS CITY, June 7.—Prentice Teller, alias Charles H. Price, the notorious express robber and forger, who was released from the Michigan penitentiary last week and immediately arrested, charged with the robbery of mail sacks at St. Joseph, Mo., escaped from the United States marshal's office here this afternoon. Teller was in the custody of Deputy Marshal Chris Madsen, who was in the room with his prisoner at the time of the escape. While Madsen's back was turned Teller noiselessly opened the door and walked out and escaped among the crowds on the street.

Collision With a Whale.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—The pleasure steamer Hermosa, which runs between San Pedro and Catalina island, arrived in this port today, pretty well shaken up by a collision with a whale when twenty miles south of the Golden Gate. The steamer was coming along at a fair speed in a rather thick fog, when she ran into two whales that were lying close together on the surface of the water. One of the whales was cut almost in two, and the water about the vessel was covered with blood. The Hermosa will probably go into the Merchants' dry dock for repairs.

In Favor of Eight Hours.

CINCINNATI, June 7.—President Gompers, of the Federation of Labor, addressed 10,000 people yesterday in advocacy of the eight-hour working day. Mr. A. Cattermull, chairman of the executive board of the Carpenters' and Joiners' Union, made an address last night in the same strain. Other prominent labor leaders were here in consultation with President Gompers. Among them was Vice President Harrahan, of the locomotive firemen. The proceedings were behind closed doors.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

MEXICO CITY, June 7.—A boiler exploded this morning in the print works of Norcega Bros., in Puebla, causing the death of twenty or more persons. A fireman three blocks from the scene of the explosion had his head completely torn off. Troops are now on the spot, and laborers are searching for the remains.

Cut Off His Ears.

NEW YORK, June 7.—A dispatch from Lima, Peru, says: The report reaches here from Sucre, Bolivia, that Senor Arguedanos, a young man of good family, whose sister had been maligned, as alleged, by one of the attaches of the Chilean legation in Bolivia, cut off the ears of the offender.

Still Holds the Trophy.

CHICAGO, June 7.—The shoot at 100 birds for the Dupont trophy, held by C. W. Budd, of Des Moines, Ia., between Budd and George Beck, of Indianapolis, was won by the former by a score of 91 to 79.

Organ Company Assigns.

MERIDEN, Conn., June 7.—The Wilcox & Wheeler Manufacturing Company, one of the largest manufacturers of organs in the United States, today made an assignment.

Baron Dickson.

STOCKHOLM, June 7.—Baron Dickson, the Arctic explorer, died yesterday.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 7.—Gov. Tanner announces that he will hear arguments for and against the famous Allen street railway bill, which has not yet been signed by the governor.

CHICAGO, June 7.—Three men and one woman were seriously hurt this morning when a rail which had been loaded on a flat car was struck by an express train on the Illinois Central road.

LIBERTY, Mo., June 7.—William S. Foley, charged with the murder last November of his aged mother and one of his sisters, was placed on trial today. The courtroom was crowded. Over 100 witnesses will be called. The family is one of the most prominent in Clay county.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—A blaze occurred in the southern part of the city today, the lumber warehouse of the Truckee Lumber Company, owned by Mrs. Kruger, being completely burned out, entailing a loss of about $40,000. The fire started in a sawdust bin shortly after the men returned from lunch this afternoon, and in less than an hour after it was discovered nothing but piles of smoking ruins remained.

Sliced boiled F.-B. Co. hams, Delicatessen.

Wagner's band tonight. Madison Park.

CHANGE OF LOCATION

PUGET SOUND UNIVERSITY GOES TO PORT TOWNSEND.

The Eisenbeis Hotel Building, Erected at a Cost of $65,000, Has Been Secured as the Main University Building, With Twenty Acres of Ground for a Campus—Never Occupied Save by a Watchman—The Methodists Get It for $7,000, and Will Move the University From Tacoma.

PORT TOWNSEND, June 7.—It is now definitely settled that the seat of Puget Sound university is to be moved from Tacoma to Port Townsend.

The university was founded at Tacoma in 1888, and has since been one of the state's leading educational institutions, being under the supervision and management of the Methodist Episcopal church of this district.

The new site of the university is a fine one, procured for the small amount of $7,000. The building which will be devoted to university purposes was built in "boom" times at a cost of $65,000 and was known as the Eisenbeis hotel. It was never occupied, however, as a hotel. Twenty acres of land go with the building for a campus.

STATE BOARD OF CONTROL.

Gwin Hicks Files Charges Against Clerk M. M. Holmes.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

OLYMPIA, June 7.—The new state board of audit and control held its first meeting today, at which were present Col. Ridpath, of Spokane; H. J. Snively, of North Yakima, and Judge Stallcup, of Tacoma. W. R. Andrews, of Seattle, the remaining member, was not here today. Little was accomplished this afternoon beyond the auditing of accounts and transaction of other routine business.

Gov. Rogers said this evening that the board was harmonious, and he believed would so continue. He was not prepared, however, to say whether or not the new board would make any changes in the state institutions at the present session, as this subject has not been broached as yet.

It is known that State Printer Hicks, a member of the old board, has made written charges against M. M. Holmes, the present clerk of the board, which document is now in the possession of one of the members and may be formally filed later. Just what the specifications are is not known, but the charges are presumed to be the outgrowth of the trouble existing at the time the old board went out of existence. The members approached on the subject refused to enter into particulars, but intimated that the charges would not again be heard from.

SPOKANE'S NEW BONDS.

Proceeds to Be Used in Extending Water System.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

SPOKANE, Wash., June 7.—The city officials today issued $350,000 6 per centum bonds which were this evening sent by express to New York, where A. C. Frost & Co., of Chicago, will purchase them in pursuance of an agreement made some months ago. The proceeds will be used to redeem 8 per centum water works bonds now outstanding, and to extend the water system. A portion of the money will be used to extend water mains to the army post and to begin the construction of a reservoir. Under agreement the issue was acted on by the supreme court, which on April 28 decided it valid. Today was the last day the bonds could be legally issued, as they are gold obligations, and the state law that goes into effect tomorrow prohibits the issuing of gold obligations by a municipality. The delay was caused in the printing of the bonds at Chicago, and it required rapid and severe labor to get them all signed, sealed and placed in the express office today, as they only arrived this morning. During the day over $78,000 other warrants were issued in redemption of old street grade warrants on the recently created redemption and judgment fund.

THE SMOOTH "DOCTOR."

Continues His Scheme and Gulls the Everett People.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

EVERETT, June 7.—The smooth, affable gentleman who wears the prefix of "Dr." to his name and who has evidently outworn his usefulness in Spokane and Seattle, has been "doing" the good people of this city during the last two weeks.

He has operated here under the same banner and by the same means as at other places. His list comprises about sixty, mostly of the leading society people of this city. Many of these have already paid their initiation fees.

He has not had all smooth sailing, however. His conflicting stories excited the suspicion of some, who demanded the return of their money. In the face of this he has stood his ground and with his genial smile continued to capture the more credulous. He was seen at breakfast this morning just as this morning's Post-Intelligencer was being delivered containing the account of his operations in Seattle. He was well attired and seemed as unconcerned as a man would without a care in the world and only sunshine in his pathway.

PRIESTS WERE ROASTED.

But It Was by the Insurgents, Not the Spaniards.

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 7.—Further interviews with officers of the steamer Hupeh, now in port, elicit the fact that twenty-five Roman Catholic monks were roasted by rebels in the Philippine islands, and not by Spanish troops as previously reported. The information was furnished by a prominent resident of Ilo Ilo, in the group of islands, and corroborated by a foreign consul.

The Philippine islands have long been ruled by Catholic priests, and there is much intense hatred felt against them. The officers of the Hupeh, in fact, state that the whole trouble arose from the action of the priests. In consequence of cruelty practiced by the Spanish troops on rebels, or those suspected of being in sympathy with the rebel cause, the rebels in revenge perpetrated acts of cruelty on the hapless monks who came into their clutches.

The customary mode of roasting a sucking pig in the islands is by thrusting a bamboo through the pig and then fastening it to an iron and roasting it over a slow fire. This was done to the monks, the bamboo being thrust them while alive. Previous to her voyage to this port the Hupeh made a trip from Hongkong to Ilo Ilo, and it was just previous to this voyage that the act reported occurred near Manilla.

OLD SETTLERS' REUNION.

Plans for Second Annual Meeting in Spokane County.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

CHENEY, Wash., June 7.—Arrangements are being made to hold the second annual reunion and picnic of the Old Settlers' Association of Spokane County, which will be held at Phillee lake, seven miles south of Cheney, Thursday, June 17. A large attendance is expected.

O. R. & N. Dividend.

PORTLAND, June 7.—The board of directors of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company today declared a quarterly dividend of 1 per cent. on preferred stock, payable July 1. This is the first dividend the company has paid in several years.

Miller's Friends Speak.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

PORT ANGELES, June 7.—It is inconceivable to Walter Miller's many friends here that he could have been connected in any way with the crime at Pullman college, which was charged against him in Sunday's dispatches. He has always been considered a peaceable boy, and has usually associated with men much older than himself. A later dispatch from Pullman says the evidence against him is merely circumstantial.

It will go...
Right to the spot

Ayer's Hair Vigor will go right to that bald spot and begin to bring the hair back.

It Makes Hair Grow.

Endeavorers in Skagit County.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

SEDRO, Wash., June 7.—Delegates from the different towns in Skagit county, assisted by Rev. Mr. Crockett, of New Whatcom, and Mr. Carr, of Seattle, met in Sedro Presbyterian church yesterday and organized a county Christian Endeavor Society. Branch societies will be organized in all parts of the country and earnest endeavors put forth to enlist the young people in the good work.

Carried a Pistol.

PENDLETON, Or., June 4.—News of the peculiar death of Jefferson Carley, a wealthy sheep owner of Grant county, was received today. Carley was carrying a bucket of water, and his pistol dropped out of his belt. Striking the water bucket, it was discharged, the bullet passing through Carley's body, producing a wound which caused his death in a few hours.

Chief of Police Changed.

PORTLAND, June 7.—The board of police commissioners today removed Chief of Police John Myers and promoted Capt. P. J. Barry to his place. The reason given for Myers' removal was "a desire to promote the efficiency of the service."

AFRAID OF PUGET SOUND.

San Francisco Guarding Against Diverting Tea Trade.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—Heretofore it has been the rule of this port to require that 10 per cent. of each importation should be sent to the appraisers' stores for examination. Complaint has been made by the importers that this was an onerous burden on them. On the representation of one firm of importers, who are expecting an importation of 25,000 chests of tea in the near future, that if this requirement was insisted on they would direct this tea to be shipped to Tacoma or some other of the northern ports, from whence it would be shipped East by way of the Canadian Pacific, Collector Jackson today directed that 2 per cent. instead of 10 per cent. of each importation be sent to the appraisers' stores. In this way the business of this port will be retained, and the shipment overland of tea imported into this country will not be diverted from American lines of railroads to the Canadian lines.

THE DURRANT CASE.

Warden Hale Ready to Execute Unless Restrained.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—The peculiar status of the Durrant case is exciting an unusual amount of public comment. Since the postponement of Worden's execution, the opinion is general that Durrant will not hang Friday. Attorney Fitzgerald, however, said today that unless officially notified or restrained, Warden Hale stands ready to carry out the sentence. Warden Hale has asked for the opinion of the attorney general, who will render his decision tomorrow.

So confident is Durrant of the outcome of his appeal to the court of last resort that he is already making plans for the future. It is believed among the legal fraternity that pending the action of the supreme court, Gov. Budd will grant a reprieve, in order to prevent the necessity of resentencing the prisoner, and the endless litigation which it might result in.

HELD FOR DEBT.

Ashes of Millionaire Davis in the Undertaker's Hands.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—A sensation was sprung by counsel for the contestants in the Davis will case today, when it was shown that the ashes of the deceased millionaire, over whose property his heirs are now wrangling, are being held by Undertaker Schuyler, of Philadelphia, as security for the sum of $300, the value of the casket in which the remains reposed before being cremated, as well as for the process of embalming. It is contended by the other side, however, that the ashes only remain in the custody of the undertaker because no one has any authority to take charge of them.

Stanford Summer School.

PACIFIC GROVE, Cal., June 7.—Stanford university summer school of natural history opened its sixth session in the Hopkins seaside laboratory today. Exceptionally interesting work is contemplated. George C. Price, professor of zoology, Walter R. Shaw, of botany, both of Stanford, and Harold Heath, professor of zoology, University of Pennsylvania, are the instructors. The session continues for six weeks.

Church Corner-Stone Robbed.

OAKLAND, June 7.—Vandals overturned the corner-stone of St. John's Episcopal church, which was laid by Bishop Nichols on Wednesday last, and carried off the relics which were placed under it, last night. It is believed the object was either securing the few silver coins under the stone, or the hope of obtaining a reward for the return of the church history, of which a transcript was placed in the niche.

Thought to Be Drowned.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—Otto d'Erlach, a young architect, is believed to have been drowned yesterday off Point Bonita. He was with a party of friends and was last seen when trying to find a place on the rocky shore from which to sketch. The Fort Point life-saving crew was notified of his disappearance and found his hat floating in the bay.

Killed by a Train.

FRESNO, Cal., June 7.—Alfred Pearce, in attempting to board a train at Menlo this morning, fell and was run over and horribly mangled. He was taken to a hospital here and died. He is said to be a cousin of Mayor Ellert, of San Francisco.

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CALHOUN'S RETURN.

SPECIAL COMMISSION HAD THREE SITTINGS IN CUBA.

Number of Witnesses Examined, but They Were So Guarded as to Make It Difficult to Get the Truth Out of Them—One Important Witness Missing Altogether—Details of Dr. Ruiz' Arrest and Death and the Charges Against Him—The Commissioner Was Courteously Treated—Gen. Lee's Report Now on Its Way to Washington.

NEW YORK, June 7.—William J. Calhoun, who was sent to Cuba as special commissioner to investigate the causes of the death of Dr. Ruiz, an American citizen, reached this city on his return today. Mr. Calhoun said that the commission had three sittings between May 29 and June 1, at Havana, Regulus and Guanabacoa. The papers examined in the case were chiefly military records. The final report will be made to Washington by Gen. Lee.

"At the session of the commission," Mr. Calhoun said, in response to a reporter's question, "we examined several witnesses, but when you ask me if they were plentiful, I can only say that they did not run away from us, and we had to use no force to keep them away. They were composed of Spaniards and Cubans. The Spanish witnesses, and in fact, all of those who testified were so surrounded with safeguards that it was

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impossible to get at the naked truth. One person whom we would liked to have heard could not be found. This was Fondesvella, who commanded the Spanish in the Guanabacoa territory. He disappeared, and it was impossible to find him.

"Capt. Gen. Weyler did not appear at the investigation. We inspected the jail at Guanabacoa, and when we were there it was suspiciously clean. We learned that Ruiz was arrested February 4, charged with having some connection with an assault which took place on the railroad train between Guanabacoa and Havana. He was placed in solitary confinement. Thirteen days later he was taken out of his cell on account of his mental and physical condition. It was then found he was suffering from a severe wound on the head, and he died two hours after being released from the cell in which the secret of his injury is buried.

"The deceased doctor's American citizenship was never denied. The autopsy showed he died of congestion of the brain. His remains are interred at Guanabacoa. We had no positive proof of any assault whatever, and the conclusion arrived at must be based on the detailed evidence in the report of Consul General Lee, which is now on its way to Washington. I myself will make no report, and I prefer not to say anything as to my idea of the affair until the report is made public by the proper authorities at Washington. I shall go to Washington tomorrow morning."

Mr. Calhoun said he had been treated courteously while in Cuba by all those with whom he came in contact. His visit was a pleasant one, but owing to the bad weather which prevailed during his stay he was unable to visit the interior. G. W. Fishback, who is Mr. Calhoun's secretary, was reticent when spoken to in reference to his trip, but he made one significant statement. "We did not go within the insurgent lines, but the insurgents, however, are not all within the lines."

In a later interview Mr. Calhoun said: "The island of Cuba is rapidly being devastated by a relentless, cruel and bitter civil war, so that in a short time it will not be worth anything to any one.

"It is difficult to get at the exact situation there. In the first place there is a severe censorship of the press and those papers naturally friendly to the Cubans hardly dare to express their views and opinions.

"Furthermore, the adherents of both sides are exceedingly intense. They tell their stories just as they want you to believe them. From the Spanish point of view the island is practically pacified, and from that of the Cubans the insurgents never were in such excellent shape as they are now."

"Did you go to the interior of the island?" was asked.

"Yes; I went from Havana to Matanzas. While both are on the sea coast, still to go from one point to the other takes you through a large part of the interior country. I also made several short trips from Havana in other directions."

"What is the condition of the country?"

"It seems to be entirely depopulated, and there are no signs of any buildings standing, except at the railroad stations. These by the way are practically forts. I was generally informed that the same condition of affairs exists throughout the island from Havana to Pinar del Rio, except in the extreme eastern end. There is where the Cubans get their supplies and their cattle. They control that section."

CONSUL GENERAL'S REPORT.

Ruiz Was Arrested on a False Charge, and in Violation of Treaty Rights.

NEW YORK, June 8.—The Journal this morning publishes the full text of Consul General Lee's report on the Ruiz case to Secretary Sherman. It is dated Havana, May 31, and says in part:

"I deduce from my knowledge of the facts the following conclusions:

"First—Dr. Ruiz was arrested on a false charge.

"Second—He was placed under an improper jurisdiction, and died before the proper tribunal considered his case, thereby giving him no opportunity to prove his innocence.

"Third—He was kept incommunicado in a solitary cell for 351 hours in violation of his treaty rights, which limits such confinement to seventy-two hours.

"Fourth—He died from congestion of the brain, produced by a blow on the top of the head.

"Fifth—There are two theories connected with the wound on the head. One that in a state of mental excitement he ran across the cell, described by one of the jailers, and butted his head on the door in a frantic effort to get out. Another that he was struck over the head with one of the clubs carried by the jailers, by the immediate watchman, who had probably ordered him to cease his cries for relief, and for his children, and upon his not doing so, struck him with more force than he intended; or it is possible the blow was delivered to make him confess or give evidence against others. It is possible he went mad, and many causes combined to produce such a result. I thought it not improbable, as the long hours passed by, his mind may have given way and left him a madman. His wife says his Derby hat was all battered up and his clothes greatly torn when he returned to her. The fact remains that his unjust confinement killed him, and had he been released from incommunicado by the hand of man at the end of seventy-two hours the hand of death might not have released him at the end of 351 hours, and today the widow would have had the support of her husband and the moans of his fatherless children would never have been heard in the land.

"I therefore conclude, saying, as I have done in all previous reports about this case, that whether Dr. Ruiz killed himself or was killed by some else, will, under existing conditions, always remain unknown."

SENSATION AT MADRID.

The Decision to Retain the Old Cabinet in Power Provokes General Discussion.

NEW YORK, June 7.—A dispatch from Madrid to the Journal says: The solution of the cabinet crisis has caused an enormous sensation here. Premier Canovas keeps the same cabinet ministers, and he also retains Weyler in office. An impression prevails that Weyler will be recalled at a very early date.

The general opinion in court circles here is that Conovas remains in power because he alone supports Gov. Gen. Weyler, to whom a brief opportunity will be accorded to give effect to his promise to pacify the two Eastern provinces of Cuba in a short time.

The queen regent made every effort to arrive at some other conclusions, but failed. Before Conovas was returned to power on Sunday she called all the leading senators to consultation in regard to affairs in Cuba. They joined with the marshals of the army in declaring that Weyler should at once be recalled and someone, probably Gen. Campos, sent out to pacify the island and forestall any action on the part of the United States.

Minister Taylor's Comment.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Secretary Sherman last evening received the following cablegram from United States Minister Taylor at Madrid: "The queen regent has expressed her unqualified approval of the present Cuban policy by reappointing the Canovas ministry unchanged, as that was the only question really involved."

AN ADVENTUROUS LIFE.

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