

## BANK IS CLEANED OUT

Cashier Fleishman Leaves  
Shortage of About \$100,000.

OWNERS ABLE TO STAND LOSS.

Missing Official of Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Los Angeles is Thought to Have Fled the Country With Much of the Concern's Money.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 10.—H. J. Fleishman, cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants' bank of this city, has disappeared with a sum of the bank's money, which Vice President H. W. Hellman estimates at \$100,000. The shortage was discovered yesterday. Fleishman has not been seen since 9 a. m. Sunday morning. At that hour he was at his club. He notified the bank people that he was ill Saturday morning and would not be at his desk. Nothing was thought of the matter at the time. When Fleishman failed to report his accounts were gone over and the shortage discovered. Fleishman had been cashier and assistant cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants' bank for many years. He began work for the bank when a boy in 1875. He was under bond with a surety company for \$30,000. In addition to this he had real estate and personal property in this city sufficient in the opinion of Mr. Hellman to protect the bank from the loss of a dollar.

Fleishman married the daughter of A. J. Harrell, a wealthy cattleman of Visalia, but was divorced some time ago. He is a man of 42 years of age, medium build and smooth face.

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—I. W. Hellman, president of the Nevada bank of this city and holding a similar office in connection with the Farmers' and Merchants' bank of Los Angeles, made the following statement regarding the defalcation:

"The fact that we have been robbed of \$100,000 cuts no figure. The bank will go on as usual, and will not be in the least handicapped by the loss of such a sum, which, while large, does not affect the capital of the concern at all. I am greatly grieved and disappointed in the man. He has been in our employ for over 20 years and of course was looked upon as one of the best men in our service, or he would not have had the position so long. I have made up my mind to prosecute him to the end should he be captured. We have wired every section of the country and Mexico and I have every hope that he will be captured eventually. There will be no compromise. I went over the books two weeks ago and everything was

straight, so we are reasonably certain that the money was taken within the last few days. I cannot but believe that there is a woman in the case somewhere. I feel certain that the defalcation was not made to cover up private speculative losses."

Meeting of G. A. R. Committee.  
Chicago, Dec. 10.—The executive committee of the national Grand Army of the Republic will meet here Thursday to consider the time and place of the next national encampment. In a general order the following appointments on the staff of the commander-in-chief have been announced: Adjutant general, Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis; quartermaster general, Charles Burrows, Rutherford, N. J.; inspector general, Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Boston; judge advocate general, Henry M. Duffield, Detroit; chief of staff, A. Noel Blakeman, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Water Plant Sold for Taxes.  
Muscatine, Ia., Dec. 10.—The Muscatine water plant, valued at \$100,000, was sold yesterday for taxes, amounting to \$806. The city bought the plant last spring for \$100,000, and it now appears that back taxes had not been paid. The city refused to pay them, maintaining that the plant was bought without incumbrance. The old company had dissolved. The county officials advertised the plant for sale for the taxes, and at the sale yesterday the plant was bought by a prominent real estate dealer, who says he will defend himself in the courts.

Wood's Mission to Washington.  
Washington, Dec. 10.—General Wood, military governor of Cuba, left here yesterday for New York, where he will take the first steamer sailing for Havana. One of the objects of his visit to Washington was to advocate liberal commercial legislation with Cuba and another related to the transfer of the reins of government of the island to the Cuban president and his assistants, to be elected in the spring.

Cleaning Jewels.  
With the exception of pearls jewels may be washed with warm water and pure soap. They should then be put in boxwood sawdust to dry. If this is done, polishing will be unnecessary. As boxwood sawdust is very fine, it will not scratch, and as it absorbs moisture rapidly it helps to give jewels a high polish. It can be procured from any dealer in jeweler's supplies or ordered through a jeweler.

Those Foolish Questions:  
Benevolent Old Lady—How old are you, sir?  
The Youngster—Thirty-five.  
Benevolent Old Lady—Bachelor?  
The Youngster—Alas, yes.  
Benevolent Old Lady—Ah, too bad. How long?—New York Times.

## CAR ROLLS DOWN EMBANKMENT.

One Man Fatally and Others Seriously Injured by the Accident.

Perru, Ind., Dec. 10.—A boxcar loaded with workmen ahead of the engine of a construction train on the Cincinnati, Richmond and Muncie railroad jumped the track two miles east of this city yesterday and rolled down a 15-foot embankment, resulting in the fatal injury of one man, serious injury to two others and minor injuries to 20 other occupants of the car. The men fell in a heap in one end of the car, a red-hot stove catching Perry Landers of North Judson beneath it and pinning him down. He was terribly burned and slight hopes are entertained for his recovery. Nevada Walters, brakeman of the construction train, was thrown under the wheels and had both legs severed.

## FATAL HEAD-END COLLISION.

Three Engines and Thirty-Three Cars Demolished.

North Yakima, Wash., Dec. 10.—A head-end collision between an extra eastbound freight and No. 49, a freight, two miles north of here on the Northern Pacific at midnight resulted in the death of Engineer Copper and the fireman, and the injury of several others.

Three engines and 33 cars were destroyed. Under orders the trains were supposed to pass at Wenas station. When the extra arrived there a train stood on the siding, and, supposing it was No. 49, the extra proceeded to North Yakima. The collision occurred in a sharp curve.

## SIX MEN BURIED ALIVE.

Explosion Destroys Life and Thirty Thousand in Property.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 10.—Fire broke out yesterday in the dry kiln of the Tacoma Mill company. An explosion in the loft occurred, burying six pipemen under the tiling. William Galligher was fatally injured. Lieutenant George Osborne was slightly injured. The others escaped injury. The dry kiln is a wreck and 75,000 feet of lumber were destroyed. Loss, \$20,000.

## Nine Negroes Held for Murder.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 10.—Nine of the negroes charged with the shooting of the deputies and town marshal at Opp last week were committed without bail at Andalusia yesterday on preliminary hearing. Sixteen other negroes were discharged. Six of those held were brought to Montgomery by Sheriff Bradshaw of Covington county. The other three negroes were sent to the county jail at Geneva. The troops were withdrawn from Andalusia today.

## Bates Will Participate.

St. Louis, Dec. 10.—General John C. Bates, commanding the Department of the Missouri, will lead the United States troops participating in the parade at the demonstration on the occasion of breaking ground for the World's fair on Dec. 30. General Bates issued orders from Washington to the commander of Jefferson Barracks, instructing Major Edwards to hold his command in readiness to make a display for the government on that occasion.

## Fred Pettigrew May Recover.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 10.—Fred W. Pettigrew, brother of ex-Senator Pettigrew, who was found apparently dying in the road here Sunday night, may recover. It was at first thought he had been assaulted, but from what he said during lucid intervals, it is now believed that he was injured while trying to stop a runaway team.

## Grand Jury Indicts McGuire.

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—The grand jury yesterday returned an indictment against P. J. McGuire, general secretary-treasurer of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, on the charge of embezzlement. Mr. McGuire is accused of fraudulently converting to his own use \$10,000 belonging to the association.

## Hortman's Victim Succumbs.

Sioux City, Dec. 10.—Florence Porter, who was shot on Nov. 30 by Henry Hortman at Cherokee, Ia., is dead. Hortman has been charged with murder in the first degree. He is in jail at LeMars.

## Woman Gets Four Years.

Clinton, Ia., Dec. 10.—Anna Crawford, who shot Jenks Dillon and was found guilty of manslaughter, was sentenced to the penitentiary for four years by Judge Wolfe.

## Doctor Dies of Blood Poisoning.

Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 10.—Dr. J. W. Van Eman, aged 41 years, a prominent physician, died yesterday of blood poisoning, contracted three weeks ago by scratching his hand while performing an operation. He was a member of the pension examining board.

## Their Little Spat.

Boggs—I hear you have fallen out with your sweetheart.

Joggs—Yes. She got an idea into her head that I was angry at her, and it made me angry to have her think I was unreasonable enough to get angry at her.—Chicago News.

## Run on Bank Soon Over.

Omaha, Dec. 10.—Report of the entangled condition of the affairs of the Omaha Loan and Trust company precipitated an incipient run on the City Savings bank yesterday. For a few moments after the opening hour there were a number of accounts withdrawn. The bank met all demands promptly and the greater part of the money was returned after noon.

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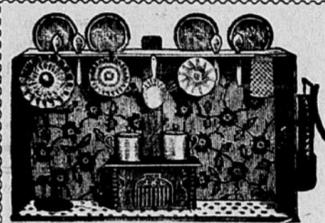
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