

THE COAST.

The Rain Nearly General on the Coast.

A COLUSA CHINAMAN'S CRIME.

Unsuccessful Pursuit of Bold Cattle-Thieves Near Fresno—Hay District Races Postponed.

Associated Press Dispatches to the HERALD, SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—To the EDITOR:—Wires are working hard overland and there is only one wire working South. The report is consequently delayed.

ASSOCIATED PRESS.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—Dispatches received in this city to-night report rain falling at Petaluma, Livermore, Castroville, Napa, Pinole, Butte, Orland, St. Helena, Gilroy, Spanishtown, Martinez, Sonoma, Watsonville, Jone, Orville, Smartsville, Davisville, Selma, Jackson, Redwood, Traver, Tulare, San Rafael, Vallejo, Salinas, Santa Barbara, Healdsburg, Bethany, Fresno, Haywards, Pescadero, Milton, Sacramento, Colusa, Hollister, Brentwood, San Buena Ventura, Santa Ana, Los Alamitos, Eureka, Red Bluff, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Sausalito, Benicia, Lodi, Santa Cruz, Modesto, Lathrop, Pleasanton, Merced, San Geronimo, Pomona, Port Costa, Sutter, Vacaville, Sonoma, Modesto, Mojave, Bakerfield, Cambria, Roseville, Plymouth, Batavia, Suisun, Wheatland, Elmore, Winters, Marysville, Cottonwood, Auburn, Bishop Station, Placerville, Sierra City, Calistoga, Redding, Rutherford, Lincoln, Compton, Grass Valley, Colfax, Perris, Dutch Flat. The rain commenced falling in this city again late this evening.

THE COLUSA MURDER.

Further Details About the Crimes of a Chinese Desperado.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—A dispatch received to-day by the Bulletin from Chico gives later particulars of the killing of Mrs. Billington. They show that the Chinaman, Ho Ah Henry, who is only 18 years of age, fired shots through the door while Mrs. Billington, her two daughters and Weaver were at supper. The first shot from the rifle was fired at Weaver, and struck him in the left shoulder. It passed through his body and came out just above the heart. Mrs. Billington turned to see whence the shot came and received a bullet through the heart and instantly fell dead. Weaver, though seriously wounded, managed to shut the door. The Chinaman then fired a shot through the closed door, but without effect. The door was barricaded with a table and chairs, but the Chinaman got an ax and battered in one of the panels. At this point he appeared to change his mind and instead of proceeding further left the immediate vicinity of the house. Annie Billington, the little daughter of the murdered woman, went to the door to see in what direction the Chinaman took his flight. The Chinaman had not gone far, and seeing her in the doorway fired at her but missed. She quickly retreated and closed the door. Meanwhile the other daughter had managed to leave the house and give the alarm at St. John. Pursuit was immediately given but up to this morning the murderer had not been captured. Weaver's wound is very serious, and doubts are entertained of his recovery. No cause is known for the atrocious crime except that the Chinaman had been forced to assist in house-cleaning, to which he had demurred. He was in the employ of the family for several years and was well liked. Joseph Billington, the husband of the lady murdered by the Chinese cook at St. John, Colusa county, yesterday, who had been attending a meeting in this city of the Northern California Normal School Site Commission, left for his home to-day.

CALIFORNIA CATERERS.

Cattle Thieves Have a Running Fight with a Posse.

FRESNO, April 8.—Frank Fierman and Billy Hall, escaped convicts, who stole a band of cattle at Dry Creek, on Sunday, were tracked by officers to Goshute, where they arrived one hour behind the fugitives, who were coming this way. Telegrams were forwarded to Salina and Fowler to intercept them. At Fowler, several officers and a posse armed themselves and awaited the arrival of the thieves. About half-past 9 last night the fugitives appeared and were ordered to halt, instead of which they opened fire on the officers. A running fight took place, but the thieves escaped. In the fight one horse was shot, but no person injured. The officers are keeping up a vigilant pursuit.

POSTPONEMENT

Of the Races at Hay District Race Track.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—It is announced to-night that the races advertised to take place to-morrow at the Hay District track will not come off, owing to the bad condition of the track, caused by rain.

FIRE AT A SALMON CANNERY.

ASTORIA, April 8.—A fire this afternoon destroyed two large mess-houses for the fishermen and Chinamen attached to the Eagle cannery, operated by Scotchier & Gibbs, of San Francisco. The main cannery building was not damaged. The fire originated in the Chinese mess-house, through the upsetting of a lamp. The loss is about \$2000, but the company is insured.

MORE RAILROADS ON PAPER.

SANTA ROSA, April 8.—The Donahue Company has a corps of surveyors in the field to-day, locating a line for the railroad to Sebastopol and Green Valley. This will be a rival line to the company recently organized to build a road to the above places and would connect here with the projected Benicia road.

ARREST OF A SUSPECTED ROBBER.

AUBURN, Cal., April 8.—Detective Thacker and Deputy Sheriff McCormick arrested a young man at Volcanoville yesterday, who is supposed to be the highwayman who robbed the Forest Hill stage last Tuesday. The prisoner was brought to Auburn to-day.

INTENDED IMMIGRATION.

Combining Church and Business to Induce the Coming of Settlers.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—The Chronicle's London cable says: There is a strong immigration movement being organized here to establish English colonies in the neighborhood of Los Angeles, and to induce settlers to go to Southern California. Several English churches are canvassing the idea of buying tracts of land upon which to build churches, while at the same time selling out land in parcels to Christian workmen. If the coercion bill passes, there will be increased emigration from Ireland. There is great distress throughout England among the working classes and emigration agents have no trouble in getting up shipments of skilled workmen to emigrate.

A FIRE IN YOLO COUNTY.

WOODLAND, April 8.—At 9:30 o'clock last night a fire broke out in the Capay Hotel, Capay, Yolo county, completely destroying the hotel, a vacant store room and a butcher shop owned by J. Wolgast, and the drug store and dwelling of Dr. L. Craig. Total loss, \$5000; partially insured. The cause of the fire is unknown.

THE WEATHER.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—P. M.—Indications for the twenty-four hours commencing at 4 A. M., April 9, are for California, rain. One and thirty-seven hundredths of an inch of rain fell in this city during the past twenty-four hours. It is still cloudy with prospects for more.

BIG PRICE FOR A BIG RANCH.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, April 8.—The great Los Alamitos ranch, in the northern part of Santa Barbara county, near the terminus of the Pacific Coast railway, was sold in this city to-day by its owner, John Bell, for \$360,000.

TRANSFERRED GRADERS.

ORANGE, April 8.—The contractors on the construction work of the Riverside, Santa Ana and Los Angeles railroad report a transfer of 500 men from the San Bernardino and Los Angeles road to Orange and Burrell Point to hasten the completion of the road through to San Diego.

SCARCITY OF SAILORS.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—There is a scarcity of deep-water seamen at present and four loaded ships are lying in the stream waiting for crews. Deep-water boarding-houses are practically empty, and coasting sailors, having plenty of work, are averse to leave their places.

A SICKENING INJUNCTION.

SACRAMENTO, April 8.—The Board of Supervisors to-day ordered their attorneys to commence proceedings to enjoin the Hilltop and other hydraulic miners from depositing their debris into the Cosumnes river.

MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

LAKEVIEW, Oga, April 8.—The jury in the case of Richard E. Maple, on trial for the murder of D. I. Corker, returned a verdict to-night of guilty of murder in the first degree.

FOR BEATING A PRISONER.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—E. J. McLean, the policeman who was convicted of beating a prisoner, was to-day sentenced to pay \$200 fine and to be imprisoned 250 days in jail.

A NEW CABLE CAR SUPERINTENDENT.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—John McCord has been appointed to succeed his brother James McCord, as Superintendent of the Sutter street cable road.

BARTLETT'S NEW SECRETARY.

SACRAMENTO, April 8.—John Markley, late member of the State Board of Equalization, has been appointed private secretary to Governor Bartlett.

CHICO TO HAVE THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—The California Normal School Site Commission met this morning and decided on Chico as the location for the new school.

A SECRET TREATY.

LONDON, April 8.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily News says that a secret treaty has been concluded between Sweden and Germany against Russia.

APPOINTED UNDER-SECRETARY.

LONDON, April 8.—Colonel King Harman, Conservative member of Parliament for the Isle of Thames, a division of Kent, has been appointed Under-Secretary for Ireland.

THE NEW GAME LAW.

The following law, passed by the recent Legislature, will prove of interest to nimrods and Isak Walton, of whom there are many hereabouts:

Section 1. Section 626 of an act entitled "An act to establish a Penal Code," approved February 14, 1872, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

626. Every person who, in the State of California, between the 1st day of March and the 10th day of September, in each year, hunts, pursues, takes, kills, or destroys quail, partridges or grouse, or raily, is guilty of a misdemeanor. Every person who, in any of the counties of this State, at any time, takes, gathers or destroys the eggs of any quail, partridge, or grouse, is guilty of a misdemeanor. Every person who in this State between the first day of January and the first day of June in each year, hunts, pursues, takes, kills or destroys doves, is guilty of a misdemeanor. Every person who between the fifteenth day of December in each year and the first day of July in the following year, hunts, pursues, takes, kills or destroys any male antelope, deer or buck is guilty of a misdemeanor. Every person in the State of California who has in his possession any hides or skins of deer, antelope or mountain sheep killed between the fifteenth day of December and the first day of July, is guilty of a misdemeanor. Every person who shall at any time in the State of California, hunt, pursue, take, kill or destroy any spotted fawn, is guilty of a misdemeanor. Every person who shall take, kill or destroy any of the animals mentioned in this section, at any time, unless the carcass of such animal is used or presented by the person taking or slaying it, or is sold for food, is guilty of a misdemeanor. Every person who shall buy, sell, offer, or expose for sale, transport, or have in his possession any deer, or skin or hide, from which evidence of the sex has been removed, or any of the aforesaid game at a time when it is unlawful to kill the same provided by this and subsequent sections is guilty of a misdemeanor.

EASTERN.

Chicago Carpenters Strike Appearing Short-Lived.

MINERS BENT ON COALITION.

Blaine's Illness Slight—Earthquakes Foretold for this Month by a Seismic Sharp.

Associated Press Dispatches to the HERALD.

CHICAGO, April 8.—Only nineteen contractors responded to the call for a mass meeting of master carpenters this afternoon, to independently consider the demand of the strikers. The session resulted merely in those contractors present agreeing to attend another meeting to-morrow night. Fights between the strikers and imported carpenters were numerous to-day, non-union men being compelled to quit work in a number of instances. Nine strikers were arrested on this account and caused considerable excitement, but no accident resulted from the exchange of shots between policemen and strikers. A meeting of the Knights of Labor will be held to-morrow, at which it is possible the strike may be broken and a great part of the 8000 men will decide to resume work on Monday.

A GIGANTIC ORGANIZATION.

Being Discussed Among Miners for their Better Protection.

PITTSBURGH, April 8.—The coal miners throughout the country are discussing the formation of a gigantic organization by the amalgamation of the National Federation of Miners and the Miners' National Assembly of the Knights of Labor. Heretofore considerable jealousy has been manifested between the members of the two organizations, but lately the officials have shown a disposition to agree upon a plan of mutual benefit. At a recent meeting of the Executive Board of the Federation of the Miners' Association a resolution asking for a conference with the Executive Board of the Knights of Labor was adopted. The plan of the federation is that the two Executive Boards shall meet and draw up a set of rules or laws for the government of mining affairs. These laws are to provide for a representation from both the open and social branches of the organization. No person is to serve as an officer unless he becomes a member of the Knights of Labor. It is understood that the idea is to have the federation still retain its organization, with the understanding that all of its members shall also be Knights of Labor. This will also be likely to bring all of the outside Knights into the Federation of United Miners, and then bring together both organizations. It is likely that the Knights of Labor organization will agree to the conference.

Blaine's Sickness Slight.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 8.—The following dispatch was received by the Associated Press at 3:30 p. m. in reply to a telegram sent this morning to the Commandant of the Post at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, asking for an account of Mr. Blaine's sickness:

To Associated Press: Mr. Blaine is suffering from bronchitis, with fever of a remittent type. He sleeps well and has no typhoid symptoms. His respiration is normal.

(Signed) CHARLES P. BERNE, Post Surgeon.

ST. LOUIS, April 8.—A dispatch to the Associated Press from Denison, Texas, says the manager of the telegraph office at Gibson station reports that news was received there to-night at 7 p. m. by telephone from Fort Gibson, I. T., saying that Mr. Blaine is quite sick; that he has a cold and some fever, but that he is well, and that he had bronchitis.

Two physicians are expected there from St. Louis to-night. It could not be learned whether his condition is serious or not, as the post is some distance from the railroad.

The latest information from Fort Gibson is that Blaine was quite unwell when the train arrived at Gibson Station, and that he did not go over to the Fort until the next day; that he has been ill with a very bad cold since then, but that he will leave for the north to-morrow.

THE STOREY WILL CONTEST.

CHICAGO, April 8.—The decision in the Supreme Court in the matter of the will of Wilbur F. Storey, executed in 1881, was filed in the Probate Court to-day. The decision in effect declares the will to be invalid. The widow of Storey then submitted her case prior to will of August 18, 1878. Joseph B. Chamberlain, one of the witnesses to the will, testified that he regarded Storey as in every way qualified to make a will. Further hearing was postponed until next Monday.

A BRILLIANT BASEBALL GAME.

ST. LOUIS, April 8.—The second game in the world's championship series proved to be one of the most brilliantly and stubbornly contested struggles ever played, and the Chicago team were defeated by a margin of one run. Caruthers pitched a magnificent game and was ably supported throughout. St. Louis, 7; Chicago, 4.

THE PROHIBITORY AMENDMENT DEFEATED.

DETROIT, April 8.—It now seems that the Prohibitory amendment has been defeated by 3800 votes, or 300 more than the estimate sent by the Associated Press on Tuesday night. Several towns are yet to be heard from, but they will not materially change the result.

LARGE PEACH CROP EXPECTED.

BELLEVILLE, N. J., April 8.—At a convention of prominent peach growers of Warren and Huntington counties, it was generally admitted that the outlook favored an unusually large crop of fruit, especially peaches. One gentleman says the crop of the coming season would be the heaviest known for years.

A FATAL COLIC.

PITTSBURGH, April 8.—P. H. Hackes' 5-year-old trotting stallion Prince Harold, by Harold, dam Winnie Nutt by Nutwood, died suddenly this morning of colic. Prince Harold was one of the most promising animals in Hackes' stable.

FRUIT CROP DAMAGED.

BISHOP STATION, Cal., April 8.—There was a heavy frost here this morning. The fruit crop was damaged.

THE FISHERY ACT.

President Cleveland's Reply to the Massachusetts Fishermen.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The President, having received a communication from the Ann Fisheries Union of Massachusetts, calling his attention to the fisheries dispute and suggesting that the Retaliatory act passed by the late Congress would, in their opinion, be sufficiently executed if the proposed retaliation was confined to the closing of the United States markets to Canadian fish products, has made an answer, in which, after referring to the treaty relations between Great Britain and the United States, and the rights of American fishermen, he says: "The existing controversy is one in which two nations are the parties concerned. The relation contemplated by the act of Congress is to be enforced, not to protect solely any particular interest, however valuable, but to maintain the national honor, and thus protect all our people. In this view the violation of the Ann fishery rights and unjust and unfriendly acts towards that portion of our citizens engaged in this business is not an occasion for action, and constitutes a national affront, which gives birth to, or may justify, retaliation. In the performance of that duty, which Congress has imposed upon me under the act referred to, I shall deem myself bound to inflict no unnecessary damage or injury upon any portion of our people, but I shall, nevertheless, be unflinchingly guided by the sense of what the self-respect and dignity of the nation demand. In the maintenance of these and the support of the honor of the government, beneath which every citizen may repose in safety, no sacrifice of personal or private interest shall be considered as against the general welfare."

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FORT SMITH, Ark., April 8.—Patrick McCarthy was hanged here to-day for the murder of Thomas and John Mahoney, in the Cherokee nation, on the 16th of February, 1886. The evidence was purely circumstantial, there being no eye-witnesses to the crime, and McCarthy did protesting his innocence. According to the testimony, McCarthy left Redford, Indian Territory, February 15th, in company with Tom and John Mahoney and Joe Sprule, bound for Springfield, Mo. The Mahoney boys had been working on the railroad, and had some money and two good teams. On the night of the 16th McCarthy and Sprule planned the murder and robbery of these boys, and, arming themselves while their victims were asleep, murdered them in cold blood. Sprule had a gun and McCarthy a pistol. The latter fired, killing Tom Mahoney instantly, but Sprule's gun snapped and John Mahoney jumped up and was bruised with an axe. The bodies were robbed and hauled some distance and thrown into a ditch near Barker's coal bank, close to the Kansas line, where they were subsequently found and identified. Dividing the spoils, the murderers separated and Sprule is still at large, but McCarthy was arrested one year ago to-day and brought here for trial. He was convicted September 30th and sentenced with five others to hang