

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

A Hot Chase After the Arizona Train Robbers.

CONTINUED SEVERE WEATHER. Large Shipments of Wine Being Made to the East—Exciting Gas Explosion.

Tucson, March 5.—Deputy Sheriff and Detective Harris arrived from pursuit of the Steins Pass train robbers last night. They left the posse near Chihuahua, fifteen miles south of Sonora, from which place it appears that the robbers started out on their expedition. Though but two men were actually engaged in the robbery, a third had made preparations to join them, but was accidentally shot in the leg en route and was left at the Palo Verde rancho. The men's names are given as Dick Johnson, Dick Hart and Leary. The former were one time in jail here on suspicion of being implicated in the Palotado robbery but were discharged.

A TOTAL WRECK.

Many Victims to the Scene of the Alice Garratt Disaster. SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—The wreck of the Alice Garratt presents a sorry sight as it lies bottom up in the water alongside the Pacific Mail dock. By the side of the steamer's bottom floats all that is left of the wood-work on the upper deck, with chairs and tables from the cabin, silk hats, and other wearing apparel from the state rooms were washed overboard by every wave that breaks over the wreck. A constant stream of curious people is kept flowing down the wharf to view the wreck, and among them were many of those who had been in quarantine and who were so miraculously saved during the storm yesterday. It is not expected that any sails will be entered for loss of baggage, as the steamship company has promised to make good the losses. An attempt will be made to-morrow to right the steamer and save what is in the hold. The heavy machinery has probably broken through the woodwork and is now lying at the bottom of the bay. The engines were of 300 horse-power.

THE SHIPPING ACT.

Its Clauses do Not Apply to Coasting Scamers. SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—It was settled this morning that coasting sailors are not subject to the provisions of the shipping act, no matter at what port articles are signed. Judge Sawyer, by quashing the indictment against Thomas Mason and four others for desertion, has effectively settled this question. The accusations against these men originated in the sailors' strike on board the Queen of the Pacific last fall. Mason and his associates left in a body just as the steamer was about to sail and after they had signed the private articles of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company. They were arrested and Judge Hoffman decided that there was no case against them. The company wanted a test case made and had the men indicted again by the Circuit Court grand jury and Judge Hoffman was sustained.

COLD WEATHER.

Heavy Snowstorm in the Sierra Nevada. SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—During the twenty-four hours ending 7 o'clock this morning snow fell as full as follows: Gold Run, 15 inches; Alta, 21; Blue Cañon, 10; Emigrant Gap, 14; Cisco, 12; Truckee, 18; the Summit, 20.

STORM AT SAN LUIS.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, March 5.—The fiercest and heaviest storm of the season raged here yesterday, three inches of rain falling. A strong wind blew continually. The frame of the east wing of Hotel Monterey, the foundation upon which was thrown down by the storm, \$2,000 damage resulting to the contractor.

BENSON'S BONDS.

Arguments Heard Before Judge Sawyer. SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—Arguments for setting aside the order forfeiting the bonds of Jno. H. Benson, indicted for conspiracy in connection with the alleged land frauds, were heard before Judges Ross and Sawyer, of the Circuit Court, to-day, and the matter taken under advisement. The defendant's attorney read the petition of the sureties and Benson's affidavit in support of which he went to Denmark on private business, and would have returned had he not been arrested. District Attorney Carey and Mr. Delmas maintained that Benson was traveling under an assumed name when arrested as a dynamiter, and the facts showed that he never intended to return.

HEAVY WINE EXPORTS.

Fifty Carloads to be Sent East During the Week. SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—Wine shippers are rushing out large quantities of their product this early in the year on account of the coming advance in rates to the East. The Chicago rate will be advanced from 90 cents to \$1.15 on the 10th inst., and the New York rate will be raised from \$1 to \$1.25. As the wine men know that it will greatly interfere with their profits, they are sending their freight out of the different wine depots at an unprecedented rate for the season. One traffic agent said to-day that fully fifty carloads of wine would go forward during the week.

DOOMED TO DIE.

Unfortunate Boating Calamity Near Cloverdale. CLOVERDALE, Cal., March 5.—Last evening while a boatman was transporting some meat across the Mission river to Camp Cloverdale, on the Ukiah railroad, Carl Kruse, a tunnelman, jumped into the boat to cross to the other side. A strong current was running, occasioned by the heavy rainfall, and capsize the boat. Kruse was unable to swim. Three times the boatman succeeded in getting Kruse onto the boat, but while then swim-

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Exciting Episode at San Francisco—Workmen Injured. SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—This afternoon an explosion occurred in the works of the San Francisco Gas Improvement Company at the foot of Fillmore street. In making a connection between gas pipes workmen disconnected the joint, supposing that the gas had been turned off the gas, soon filled the basement, and in a few moments took fire from a flame of jet in the photometer. The quantity of gas in the main object being an explosion occurred. Three men working in the adjoining room were severely burned by flames rushing through the doorway. Immense tanks full of gas were near the spot, and had it not been for the combined efforts of the men about the buildings, the entire works would have been destroyed. As it was, the actual damage is slight, estimated at \$1,000.

THE JULIA DISASTER.

Another of the Victims Brought to the Surface. VALLEJO, March 5.—The body of Michael Dolan, one of the victims of the explosion, was found yesterday with many bones broken. The railroad authorities have permission to use the Mare Island sectional docks, and it is thought that the Julia will be put on to-morrow, the main object being to clean the run, out and secure the bodies therein. Several pieces from the exploded boilers were cut out for testing to-day. The result is not yet known.

A Sad Death.

TOMBSTONE, A. T., March 5.—Geo. E. Williams was found dead this afternoon. Deceased had eaten a hearty breakfast at 10 o'clock. At 12 an afternoon he was seen at his work. A clock callers found him a corpse. An autopsy showed that the cause of death was an abscess which broke into a large vein. The deceased was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

'Frisco's City Hall.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—At a meeting of the City Hall Commissioners to-day, the matter of finishing the main towers was brought up and Architect Lam said that the taller of the two would be 485 feet from base to top; the shorter would be fifty feet less. The cost is not yet estimated. There will be a difference of about \$50,000 in favor of the shorter tower.

Found Cremated.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, March 5.—The charred remains of Louis Gibbons were found among the ruins of his burned cabin in the Hurrera region last Wednesday. The news just reached this city, and parties immediately started out to the scene, but have not returned. There are suspicions of murder and arson. Gibbons was aged 60 years.

Batemans' Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—United States Circuit Judge Sawyer to-day quashed the indictment against W. Bateman, the private soldier who shot and killed Sergeant Soper at the Presidio last July. Judge Sawyer decided that the United States Court had no jurisdiction in the case, and Bateman was taken into custody by the State authorities.

A Novel Suicide.

SALEM, Ore., March 5.—N. Simmons, aged 19, committed suicide on Sappingfield's farm this afternoon, where he had been plowing alone. He tied a halter strap to a double-tree, and making a slipknot of the other end, placed it round his neck. He started the team a few steps, then fell down and was dragged to death.

A Good Showing.

VIRGINIA CITY, Nev., March 5.—To-morrow a bullion shipment of 38 bars, weighing over two tons and valued at \$170,000, will be made from the consolidated Colorado and Virginia mines. This shipment represents the value of a clean up for February of \$350,000.

A State Investment.

SAN DIEGO, March 5.—A proposal has been received from Governor R. W. Waterman, on behalf of the State of California, for the purchase of \$100,000 worth of road and bridge bonds, and making a stipulation of the value. The bid was accepted. The money comes out of the school fund.

Booth and Barrett.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—Edwin Booth and Lawrence Barrett opened here to-night in two or more weeks' engagement. The Baldwin Theatre was crowded from pit to dome with the wealthy and fashionable people of San Francisco and the neighboring towns.

Merlin for Mayor.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—Dr. Merlin was nominated for mayor by the Republican convention at Oakland this evening. The nomination is regarded as a victory over Oakland's alleged political bosses.

Santa Cruz' Advancement.

SANTA CRUZ, March 5.—An election was held to-day for acquiring public public water works and issuing bonds not to exceed \$100,000 therefore. The total number of votes cast was 820; for, 570; against, 250.

Injured by Dynamite.

YUMA, A. T., March 5.—Elias Harris was dangerously injured by a giant powder explosion while blasting upon the Apache canal, near Mohawk Station, this afternoon.

A Change of Venue.

HOLLISTER, Cal., March 5.—John T. Prewitt, who is charged with the murder of Dr. Powers, of this county, over two years ago obtained a change of venue to-day to Monterey county.

Sound for the North.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—The bark Hope went to sea to-day. She is bound for Kodiak and Alaska to spend the summer months in fishing.

Columbet Caught.

SAN JOSE, March 5.—Louis Columbet has been arrested for assault to murder Dan Reardon, on Friday night.

Sacramento Republicans.

SACRAMENTO, March 5.—A Republican City Convention was held to-night and a full ticket nominated.

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ENGLAND'S NAVAL PROGRESS. A Bill Presented in the French Legislature to Further Aid the Panama Canal.

BERLIN, March 5.—The Reich Anzeiger says that the Emperor has only a slight cold. Doctor Waldmeyer's final report of the Crown Prince confirms the semi-official report made on Saturday. It is expected that the Crown Prince will return to Berlin at the end of this month. The ministerial order empowering Prince William to sign royal decrees and ordinances should occasion arise, dates from the 1st of December. The Crown Prince has assented to the arrangement. Two councillors are to be attached to Prince William's suite whose duties will be to report to him on state affairs. An eminent general will also be appointed to advise on military affairs.

A DISPATCH FROM SAN REMO.

SAN REMO, March 5.—The German Crown Prince passed a good night. With the cough and expectation lessened, there is a more cheerful feeling regarding his immediate prospects. Prince William left San Remo to-day.

FRENCH FINANCES.

A Lottery Loan to be Issued to Aid De Lesseps.

PARIS, March 5.—In the Chamber of Deputies, to-day, a bill was laid on the table which proposes to authorize the Panama Canal Company to issue a lottery loan of 24,000,000 francs. The bill is supported by a number of deputies of different politics. The preamble urges the necessity of furnishing De Lesseps with means to continue the construction of the canal and prove that the enterprise is feasible, and states that the time is ripe to fix public opinion upon the ultimate prospect of the end and settle the question one way or the other.

WAR ESTIMATES.

The debate on the war estimates began to-day. Marquis De La Terroy, of the Right, asked if it was the intention to call out the whole contingent in 1888. General Gogoret, Minister of War, said he regretted that he was unable to reply to the question so long before hand.

BOULANGERS' DECISION.

He Will Not Accept a Seat Among the Deputies.

PARIS, March 5.—General Boulanger has written a letter to the Minister of War, in which he says: "It is my clear duty from the position which I occupy, and particularly owing to the period through which we are passing, to devote myself exclusively to my military duties. I have the honor to ask you, with the object of preventing the manifestations which have occurred, from agreeing to attempt, either to publish this or to authorize a published letter in which I may beg my friends not to waste their votes in attempting to elect me to a position which I cannot accept."

ENGLAND'S NAVY.

Admiralty Report—Strengthening the Torpedo Service.

LONDON, March 5.—Lord Hamilton, First Lord of the Admiralty, has issued a statement regarding the navy estimates for 1888. The net decrease is shown to be £905,581 excluding the special cost of the Australian squadron, which is £900,000. During 1887 twenty torpedo boats were added, making a total of 80 first-class and 63 second-class. During the coming year 6 first-class and 10 second-class boats will be ordered. The efficiency of engineers and men throughout the service is highly satisfactory.

Wanted Water.

ROME, March 5.—General San Marzano telegraphs that hundreds of the enemy have been seen near Hot Springs at Allet. A body of Abyssinians recently appeared at the wells at Tatt, under guns of Margherita Fort and on being shelled fled without getting water.

Friends of Flatulents.

LONDON, March 5.—Fleming writes that he is authorized to offer a prize of £1,000 which is already subscribed by friends for a prize ring contest between Smith and Sullivan in the first week in May. A fair field is guaranteed.

Meany's Memory Revered.

CORK, March 5.—The body of Stephen J. Meany was escorted through the principal streets tonight by a huge torch light procession in which the Mayor of the city and all prominent Fenians and Leaguers took part.

Fighting in the Sudan.

SUAKIM, March 5.—Rebels assert that an attack was made yesterday, led by Osman Digna, and that the Chief, Ameer Offre, was killed in the fight.

The Modena Matter.

ROME, March 5.—Prime Minister Crispi stated in the Chamber to-day that the incident at Modena has been found to have been unimportant.

Capital Conquerors.

LONDON, March 5.—The striking engineers at Blackburn have practically conceded the demands of their employers.

Death of a Noted Journalist.

VIENNA, March 5.—August Zaig Doyton, of Vienna, a journalist and founder of the Presse is dead.

Death of Dr. Walsh.

DUBLIN, March 5.—The Most Rev. James Walsh, D. D., Roman Catholic Bishop of Kildare is dead.

FROM MANY SOURCES.

Continental News Gathered by Our Agents in London. LONDON, March 5.—All railway traffic in Sweden and Denmark has been stopped by heavy snows. Traffic on lines in Northwest Germany is also interrupted. Dantzic is completely shut off from the world. Twenty thousand poor children were supplied with Christmas presents by London Truth. Last year the limit was 14,000.

FAST FREIGHT.

The Union Pacific its Sole Representative.

GENERAL RAILWAY GOSSIP. Work on the S. P. Co's. New Depot to Commence at Once. The Redondo Branch.

STOLEN GOODS.

Recovered from San Diego by Emil Harris. It will be remembered that a few weeks ago, Mrs. Nelson was arrested on a charge of being a receiver of stolen property, and that at the same time it was stated that a partner of hers, R. C. Davis, by name, had gone to San Diego taking along with him a number of cases of goods which were supposed to have been stolen. Detective Emil Harris, who was given charge of the matter telegraphed to San Diego, and Davis was arrested and the delivery of the goods stopped. Davis was examined but the goods were not being obtained as evidenced by commenced suit against Mr. Harris for \$10,000 for damages caused by alleged false imprisonment. This suit is still pending; but late Saturday evening the twelve cases shipped by Davis were returned to this city, and yesterday Detective Harris searched them. Among other articles, he found five pieces of cloth valued at \$400, which had been stolen from a tailor shop on Spring street on the 21st of November. This cloth was identified as that stolen from the firm on that date. There were also 22 watches, 2 1/2 dozen plated table-spoons, 2 1/2 dozen forks, half-dozen teaspoons, three fine opera glasses, three microscopes, all valued at about \$600. These were identified as having been stolen from a jewelry store on West First street on the 24th of December. Besides these articles, there was a large amount of jewelry, trinkets and silverware, which has as yet not been identified. There were also several cases of spectacles which were stolen from a traveling salesman, who is wanted to identify them. This is an important recovery, and the manner in which the whole case has been worked reflects a great deal of credit upon the sagacity of Mr. Harris.

LEAP YEAR PARTY.

The Misses Berke Entertain Their Friends.

The Berke mansion, on the corner of Burke Hill avenue and Second street, was a brilliant scene last night. The occasion was a leap year party given by the young ladies of the family to a number of their friends. The Misses Berke received their guests with a most cordial welcome, and for several hours pleasant games, music and conversation whiled the time away in a very agreeable manner. Nor must the refreshments be forgotten, to which each one present did ample justice.

APPROXIMATE.

has given no exclusive attention to shipments of through freight. There has been no deception on the part of the California Fast Freight Line, or any of its agents in regard to time made. In fact, all efforts have been directed towards crowding shipments through with all possible dispatch. Sincerely I think that the railroad man who predicts a short life for the fast freight line, is evidently of an envious disposition, no doubt for the reason that the California Fast Freight Line has succeeded in getting many of the shipments to which he, as a competitor, deems himself justly entitled. The prestige brought about by the good service rendered, and which has been the result of winning patronage from competing lines, undoubtedly causes this railroad man to feel very sore, and it is with a corresponding degree of delight that he hails the so-called 'collapse' of the California Fast Freight Line. "Right here I will say that his period of happiness will be short if he builds his hopes upon this foundation, for business by the California Fast Freight Line, if so routed, shall have its usual good attention. It will hereafter be known as the 'Union Pacific California Fast Freight Line.' We propose not only to give the same courteous treatment to our patrons, but also to better our service, and make as good, if not better time, than any line across the continent. I have no doubt this railroad man has been making every effort for several years past to compass the downfall of the California Fast Freight Line, a 'deception.' The volume of business, however, carried by the California Fast Freight Line, has been such, no doubt, as to stir up the enmity of competing lines. It goes without saying, judging from the few remarks that this man has allowed himself to make, that the California Fast Freight Line has been a thorn in his side, and I am quite positive that this thorn has lost none of its sharp edge and will continue to irritate his flesh. In fact I do not think, if he does justice to the line which he represents, that he will have much opportunity of warming the seat of his chair, unless, perchance, he be a figurehead and shifts the burden of his labors upon some poor soliciting agent. Shippers of experience understand fully that far from deception are the claims of the California Fast Freight Line, but an unusual combination of circumstances, brought about by the Great Ruler who controls the elements, caused many delays from which no line was exempt. I do not doubt that this railroad man has in all probability been endeavoring very hard to practice a little deception, not to mention perhaps a device or two. At the same time it will be well for shippers by transcontinental lines to understand that through freight by the Union Pacific California Fast Freight Line will have all possible attention, and that by this line there is no slow freight."

THE NEW DEPOT.

A Large Force on the Grounds Preparing to Commence Work.

The site of the Southern Pacific Company's new depot on the Wolfskill tract, presented a very active appearance yesterday morning. A large force of carpenters, numbering between forty and fifty were busily at work erecting temporary quarters and getting ready to go ahead with

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GENERAL RAILWAY GOSSIP. Work on the S. P. Co's. New Depot to Commence at Once. The Redondo Branch.

The following joint notice was received at the office of the Union Pacific company in this city yesterday morning. Mr. Al. J. Hechtman said that he had been expecting it for the past six weeks and that it did not surprise him in the least. As regards the California Fast Freight line, it will not make any difference, for the withdrawal of the above roads will only, so it is said, increase the earnings of the Union Pacific, which will no longer have to pay them anything. On the other hand, the cost of operating the line alone will be a great deal increased, but the Union Pacific intends to stick to the business until the last, and hereafter what has been known as the "California Fast Freight Line" will be known as the "Union Pacific Fast Freight Line" and the freight handled by it will be sent through in a rush. The Union Pacific Co. has plenty of rolling stock, and will not be in the least embarrassed for it. An official of a rival route says that T. J. Potter, Vice-President of the Union Pacific, has said that the line would be abandoned, but this statement is positively denied here. Following is the notice:

JOINT NOTICE.

THE CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY, THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL RAILWAY COMPANY, THE CHICAGO & GREAT LAKES RAILWAY COMPANY, THE CHICAGO & ST. LOUIS RAILWAY COMPANY, THE CHICAGO & ILLINOIS RAILWAY COMPANY, THE CHICAGO & INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAY COMPANY, THE CHICAGO & KANSAS CITY RAILWAY COMPANY, THE CHICAGO & MEMPHIS RAILWAY COMPANY, THE CHICAGO & NEW ORLEANS RAILWAY COMPANY, THE CHICAGO & PORTLAND RAILWAY COMPANY, THE CHICAGO & SALT LAKE RAILWAY COMPANY, THE CHICAGO & SIOUX FALLS RAILWAY COMPANY, THE CHICAGO & WASHINGTON RAILWAY COMPANY, THE CHICAGO & WYOMING RAILWAY COMPANY.

The organization of the California Fast Freight Line, heretofore in charge of Mr. Sanborn, has been discontinued, and the withdrawal therefrom of the Chicago & Northwestern, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Companies, and on March 1, the companies named will solicit and care for all Pacific traffic through their respective general freight offices, general and contracting agents.

H. R. McCULLOUGH,

Gen'l Frt Agt., C. & N. W. Ry., Chicago.

W. M. GAGE,

Gen'l Frt Agt., C. & N. W. Ry., Chicago.

A. C. BIRD,

Gen'l Frt Agt. C. & N. W. Ry., Chicago.

In regard to the matter of the Southern Pacific Company's new depot on the Wolfskill tract, the following is the notice: "The collapse of the California Fast Freight Line," said a railroad man yesterday, "shows conclusively that this element of the railway operation is to be short-lived on all the railroads in the West. The reason is the simple reason that it no longer deceives the shipper to be told that his goods will be sent by a fast freight line. He knows well enough that all that will be done to his shipments will be to send it through in the same train with others that have not been carefully marked. Via the fast freight line. It was a pleasant little deception while it lasted, but now all shippers of experience understand that 'slow freight' on the transcontinental lines has as much significance as 'fast freight' in this connection, as the same time is made on one shipment as on another."

WHITTIER'S TIME-TABLE.

The new time-table for the Whittier branch has just been completed, but as yet the time when it will go into effect has not been settled upon. There will be two trains a day each way. They will leave Los Angeles at 9:50 a. m. and 5 p. m., arriving at Whittier respectively at 11 a. m. and 6:10 p. m. They will leave Whittier for Los Angeles at 7:40 a. m. and 3:35 p. m., arriving at 8:55 a. m. and 3:45 p. m.

A TELEGRAPH LINE.

The California Southern and California Central Railway System has just opened a telegraph line to all points on that system for the transmission of messages for the public. The rate for ten words to the following places is: To Barstow 40c, to San Diego 40c., to Santa Ana, Pasadena, Monrovia, Duarte, Capistrano, Orange, Riverside, Colton and Port Ballona 25c.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Train No. 20, due last night from El Paso at 9:30 o'clock, was reported on time.

Mr. C. F. Smurr, of the Southern Pacific Co., has returned from a trip "up north."

Mr. H. Silver, Treasurer of the C. C. & C. S. Ry's, left for San Bernardino yesterday forenoon.

The Southern Pacific Company will commence at once to erect a handsome little station at Downey.

Mr. Charles Aldinger, of Jas. T. Cotteral & Co. the excursionists, returned Sunday night from San Francisco.

Mr. O. K. Cushing, cashier of the Southern Pacific Co.'s freight office, left yesterday on a month's vacation to his home in Oakland.

Mr. H. B. Wilkens, General Freight and Passenger Agent of the C. C. & C. S. Ry's at San Diego, is expected to arrive in Los Angeles to-day or to-morrow.

Mr. A. G. Thompson, Assistant General Passenger Agent of the Santa Fe Co., with headquarters in Topeka, Kan., is expected in this city to-day or to-morrow.

Mr. Daniel McCool, General Manager of the Santa Fe system, with his headquarters at San Bernardino, arrived at that place last Saturday, and assumed the duties of his position at once.

The Southern Pacific Company has reduced the round-trip rate to Long Beach on Sundays from sixty-five cents to sixty cents, sixty-five cents is still the regular round-trip rate on week days.

Yesterday morning's Santa Fe overland train did not arrive until 2:15 p. m. The new time-table evidently is not much of a success, as the overland does not arrive nearer on time than it did before the change.

Mr. A. L. Woolsey, Chief Clerk to Train Master Joe Thompson, of the Southern Pacific Company, made a short trip to Keene, Sunday. Mr. Woolsey is one of the most popular young men in the employ of the railway in the country, and his future as a railroader is one of great promise.

A SAD ACCIDENT.

N. R. Vail Drowned at the Salt Works

IN FULL SIGHT OF LAND. Every Effort Made to Save Him but Without Avail—The Surf Too Heavy.

Yesterday afternoon, shortly after 3 o'clock, one of the saddest of accidents occurred at Redondo Beach. Mr. Nathan R. Vail, one of the best known citizens in Los Angeles, was drowned while attempting to cross the surf in a small boat. The surf had been running very high along the beach for the past four days, and until yesterday no one had attempted to cross. Shortly before the accident Mr. Vail had been down the beach and had seen several fishermen cross the surf in safety in their boats. About 3 o'clock he walked up to a salt works, opposite which a vessel he desired to visit was lying at anchor. He expressed a desire to cross the surf, but those in charge of the works warned him that it was unsafe, especially in such a boat as he intended. It was a flat-bottomed skiff not fitted for crossing the surf at any time, but Mr. Vail insisted on making the attempt and accompanied by three sailors lightly attired he started in the direction of the vessel. He was warmly clad and had a very heavy overcoat wrapped closely over his person. The boat successfully passed three breakers and was about 100 yards from the shore when a very heavy wave broke over it and filled it with water. Mr. Vail and two of the sailors were thrown into the water, the third sailor keeping hold of the boat which overturned. As he fell into the water, Mr. Vail seized an oar and for a short time witnessed from the shore and every effort was made to reach him, but in vain. Several men with lines attached to their bodies endeavored to swim out to him, but there was apparently a bar over which the boat had swamped, beyond which they were unable to go. Whenever a swimmer reached this point he was lifted up and cast shorewards by the huge breakers which still rolled in. Time and time again efforts were made to reach him, and each was as fruitless as the former, although once or twice at the earlier part of the struggle it was thought that he was heard to cry for help. His body was caught by a breaker and thrown over the bar, and in a few seconds he was carried ashore, and every known means tried to restore his life. He was wrapped in blankets and medical aid summoned, but to no avail. It was not thought that he was drowned, for he was under the water long enough at any one time. The sudden shock, and the knowledge that he was burdened with an overcoat was thought to have paralyzed him, and owing to his age, to have caused his death by suffocation. His remains will be brought to the city to-day, when an inquest will be held. Mr. Vail was 63 years of age at the time of his death, and had been a resident of Los Angeles since 1865. He was part owner in a large cattle range near Benson, and was largely interested in the Total Wreck mine, in the Harshaw district, near Pantano, Arizona. He was a director of the Redondo Beach Company, and was at the Beach looking after the interests of the company at the time of the accident. He leaves a wife, daughter and three sons, to mourn his loss.

MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION.

A Meeting Which Ended in a Banquet.

The Ministers' Association met yesterday afternoon at the residence of E. W. Caswell, 714 West Seventh street. Dr. Pendleton was elected chairman pro tem. The following members were present: Rev. E. R. Brainerd, pastor of the Park Congregational Church; E. W. Caswell, Simpson Memorial Church; Rev. H. W. Crabbe, pastor of the United Methodist Church; Rev. Thomas W. Haskins, pastor of Christ's Episcopal Church; Rev. C. W. Heister, pastor of the English Lutheran Church; Rev. J. B. Jones, pastor of the Christian Church; Rev. W. H. Pendleton, pastor of the Central Baptist Church; Rev. W. C. Stevens, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church; Rev. E. S. Williams, pastor of Railroad Congregational Church; Rev. R. S. Reese, retired. On motion, Rev. K. Spencer was admitted as a member. J. G. Wooley, of Minneapolis, and Professor B. G. Northrop of Connecticut, were invited to sit as corresponding members. Dr. Pendleton, chairman of the committee elected to arrange with the ministers of the city to have church notices published in the city papers in Saturday's issue instead of Sunday's reported that they had secured the names of all the ministers of the city except two, and thought he could get them to sign, and then he would wait upon the Editors of the different papers and see if they would not give them a column in Saturday's issue. After the reading of the report Professor Northrop delivered a very able address, urging the Union to take steps in legislating against pernicious literature. J. G. Wooley, gave an account of his relations to the temperance work, which caused some discussion and resulted in an enthusiastic speech from Dr. Pendleton.

THREE YEARS' CREDIT STATE.

The next meeting would occur at the residence of Rev. Mr. Philbin, and E. S. Williams would deliver an address on the following topic: "The good point of any true church is the common possession of all churches." At the close of the meeting the guests were invited to the dining-room, where an elegant dinner had been prepared by Mrs. Caswell. After