

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Bold Attempt to Rob a Stage at the Town of Redding.

RUNNING NIGHT FIGHT.

A Lone Road Agent Shoots at the Messenger, Who Returns the Fire.

THE DRIVER REFUSES TO HALT.

Lashes His Horses and Takes the Passengers and Treasure Out of Danger.

REDDING, March 22.—A bold attempt to hold up the Redding and Weaverville stage was made here this evening at the city's limits, and but for the nerve of the driver and the messenger might have succeeded.

It was just after dusk as the stage from Weaverville came up the last hill in the road on a walk, Richard Heath, the driver, and Shotgun Messenger Haskell had been whiling away the time in a discussion of stage robberies. In the coach were three passengers.

As they reached the edge of the hill, the driver gathered a firmer grip on his reins and cracked his long whip to send the horses into a gallop, when both the men on the driver's seat heard a shout to the right and just behind the stage, and turned about. Then came the command from behind a clump of shrubbery: "Hold up! Hold up! Hold up! Throw down that box!"

The messenger threw up his gun and just as he did so there came the flash of a revolver, two quick reports and the ping of two bullets. By the flash the messenger located the whereabouts of the would-be robber and sent two loads of buckshot crashing through the brush. Just as he fired the driver lashed his horses and the stage was soon out of danger.

After reloading his gun, Haskell climbed down from the stage, and returning to where the shooting had occurred, examined the locality thoroughly, but found no trace of the highwayman, nor anything that would prove a clew to the would-be robber.

This is the first attempt to hold up a stage in this section since the lynching of the Ruggles brothers, road agents.

LOS ANGELES CAR LINES.

THE SERVICE TO BE IMPROVED AND ANOTHER ROAD TO BE BUILT.

A NEW SUPERINTENDENT TO TAKE CHARGE FOR THE OLD COMPANY.

LOS ANGELES, March 22.—It is understood that Morris Trumbull will arrive in this city in the course of a few days to take charge of the Consolidated Electric Railway Company's lines for the present at least.

The line to Pasadena and suburbs is almost completed, and other improvements are contemplated to increase the efficiency of service.

Work was commenced to-day on the track of the new company, which will operate in competition with the consolidated. The new road will parallel the old line in many parts of the city.

MILLARD IS IMPROVING.

The Lieutenant-Governor is Gaining Strength Day by Day.

LOS ANGELES, March 22.—The report was circulated this afternoon that Lieutenant-Governor Millard had suffered a relapse and was dying in a cancer.

Superintendent Muir of the Southern Pacific received a telegram from the agent at Indio this evening stating that he saw Millard at breakfast and dinner at the hotel and out of doors this afternoon. He is much improved in health and growing stronger every day.

PLATT MURDER CASE.

Two of the Accused Slayers of a Lady Teacher Discharged.

LOS ANGELES, March 22.—In the case against three Indians accused of having murdered the reservation teacher, Mrs. Mary Platt, near Temescal, several months ago, United States District Attorney Denis asked that the charge be dismissed to-day as to Antonio Asman and Francisco Guavish in the Circuit Court. The motion was granted, and the trial proceeded with the remaining defendant, Mateo Pa, in the dock.

Frederick Wards in Favor.

LOS ANGELES, March 22.—Frederick Wards has been in much demand in social circles through his engagement in this city. The well-known actor has been the guest of nearly all the clubs and has delivered a lecture almost every day this week before several schools and societies on Shakespeare and his works.

Railroad Damage Suit.

LOS ANGELES, March 22.—Judge Ross decided to-day in the suit for damages of James Stalker vs. the Pullman Palace Car Company that the Federal court had no jurisdiction, both parties to the action being residents of Illinois. The suit is for \$20,000 damages for personal injuries.

No Clew to a Wife's Parents.

LOS ANGELES, March 22.—The police have been unable to discover a clew to the identity of the strange woman who left a newly born babe at the Natick Hotel Wednesday evening or to obtain any information whatever as to the parentage of the forsaken infant.

Coroner's Verdict in the Samis Case.

LOS ANGELES, March 22.—The Coroner's jury called upon to investigate the cause of the death of Mrs. Alice Samis of Whittier, who died of blood-poisoning after childbirth while in the care of a Christian-scientist doctor, brought in a verdict this afternoon that deceased came

to her death owing "to blood-poisoning, superinduced by the criminal carelessness of her husband, Jesse Samis, and one Richard Cook, a Christian scientist, in failing to provide proper medical treatment for the patient." An effort will be made to indict the men.

WATSONVILLE BEET SUGAR.

A Long Season's Work Is About to Be Concluded at the Factory.

SANTA CRUZ, March 22.—The Watsonville Sugar Factory will close up a long season's work to-morrow night. The total tonnage of beets handled during the season is estimated at 142,000 tons. Of this amount Salinas Valley and Cooper ranch contributed 72,000 tons, the Pajaro Valley 56,000 and Moro Cojo ranch 14,000.

The season was protracted by rains and difficulties attending the delivery of the beets at the factory, owing to the inclemency of the weather and the general backwardness of the crop. The average yield of the entire beet district is sixteen tons per acre, although in some instances the yield has been from twenty-five to thirty-five tons per acre.

The work of preparing the land for next season's crop has already begun. Contracts for 3500 acres in Pajaro Valley have been signed. It is expected that 8000 acres will be planted to sugar beets this year in Pajaro and Salinas valleys and in San Benito County.

THE CARSON MINT SCANDAL.

No New Developments Concerning the Disappearance of Bullion.

CARSON, Nev., March 22.—All sorts of wild rumors are still being circulated here in regard to the loot of bullion at the mint. Every stranger who gets off the train is supposed to be a detective or press correspondent. Nothing authentic has yet been given out at the mint. It was reported to-day that the investigation of the inspector may not be completed for a month.

To Inspect a Mine.

CARSON, Nev., March 22.—Two experts from San Francisco arrived in Carson this morning who will go to Pinetun to inspect the Schulz-Zirn mine in the interest of capitalists.

FOUND IN SAN QUENTIN.

CONVICT ROSS, WHO SOUGHT TO ESCAPE, IS NOW IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT.

THE FUGITIVE DID NOT GET BEYOND THE ROOF OF THE JUTEMILL.

SAN QUENTIN, March 22.—Convict Ross, after enjoying one day of liberty, is again in a cell in the State prison in solitary confinement. He was captured at 1 o'clock to-day.

Ross was a worker in the jutemill. Yesterday at noon he was missed from his bench by the guards, who at once marched the other prisoners back to their cells and sounded a general alarm. Warden Hale felt certain, as stated in the CALL this morning, that Ross had not got beyond the confines of the prison, but to make assurance doubly sure he sent out searchers through the adjacent country while a search was made of the prison premises. This search continued all night under the supervision of Captains Jameson, Edgar and Berlin.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon the searchers discovered the crouching figure of Ross under a ventilator on top of the jutemill. When called on to surrender the prisoner readily complied, saying to the officers: "Well, you have beaten me again. The game is up." He was then placed in solitary confinement, where he will remain until the next meeting of the Board of Prison Directors, who will pass on his case. Ross' only means of escape from where he was hiding was by reaching the wall, which he could easily have done, and dropping off. But this he dared not risk owing to the watch that was being kept. This is the second time he has tried to escape. The first time he was caught digging underground, for which he lost all his credits.

A SAN BERNARDINO ERROR.

THE MISTAKE OF A CLERK MAY RENDER INDICTMENTS VOID.

CONVICTED CRIMINALS MAY HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO ESCAPE PUNISHMENT.

SAN BERNARDINO, March 22.—The case of Juan Ferra, the accomplice of Amelio Garcia in the murder of "Chicken Jim," came up again in the Superior Court on motion to quash the indictment on the ground of the illegality of the Grand Jury, but the court continued further hearing of the motion until to-morrow.

It seems the original order for a special venire to fill the Grand Jury was drawn in the usual form "from the body of the county," but the clerk in copying it in the minutes made the mistake of adding the words "and not from bystanders." It is claimed by lawyers that this will invalidate the Grand Jury and render void several important murder trials as well as quash indictments in half a dozen cases now pending.

Mrs. Kate Barnes, charged with complicity in poisoning her husband; Juan Ferra, accused of murder, and C. B. Barnes, charged with robbing the bank at Ontario, are among the cases awaiting trial under indictments of the Grand Jury.

Amelio Garcia has been tried and sentenced to be hanged on June 5 next, and John Daley was tried and sentenced to seventeen years in the penitentiary upon indictment which will be declared void if the decision proves to be as expected. A retrial of these cases will involve thousands of dollars of expense and afford the criminals another opportunity to escape.

STORM ABOUT SISSON.

Heavy Fall of Snow, Accompanied by the Worst Gale of the Winter.

SISSON, March 22.—A severe snowstorm raged in this vicinity all of last night and this morning. The Southern Pacific Company was obliged to send its big push-puller through from Dunsuir to Edgewood in order to clear the track for the regular northbound Oregon express. The storm was preceded by one of the most severe winds of the season.

SEATTLE'S DEAD THUG.

Thousands View the Body of Blanck, Five-Fold a Murderer.

CORONER'S JURY VERDICT

The Two Deputy Sheriffs Justified in Killing the Desperado.

A CONFESSION OF HIS CRIMES.

The Dead Man Began His Career in the West as a Stage-Robber and Manslayer.

SEATTLE, March 22.—The body of Thomas Blanck, the most desperate criminal who had ever infested the Northwest, lying in the morgue at an undertaking establishment to-day, was viewed by nearly 10,000 people. It was necessary to have extra police on hand to handle the crowd which surrounded the building at daylight and seemed to increase as the day waned.

Coroner Askam held an inquest over the body of Blanck this afternoon and after a number of witnesses had testified the jury returned a verdict to the effect that Robert Crow and John Sheppich were justified in killing Blanck. The most important feature brought out at the inquest was the reason for Sheppich and Crow firing the seven shots into Blanck's body after he had taken to the bushes and then reappeared.

Crow testified before the jury that both he and Sheppich had understood that Blanck had two pistols on his person. They, therefore, thought that he had only consumed the ammunition in one pistol, and feared when he came out from the bushes that he intended to open fire on them again. Crow says that after he and Sheppich stopped firing they went up to the spot where Blanck lay and found that he was dead.

Thomas Crow, the brother of Robert Crow, told the jury that he was about 200 yards from the shooting at the time it commenced, and he did not think that it lasted over two minutes. Crow said that when Blanck fell he rushed toward him, and arrived in time to see him gasp his final breath.

Blanck's body is not likely to be placed in a grave, as there is at present a movement on foot in this city to have it embalmed and preserved. The revolver which Blanck had on his person when he was killed is the one which he took from Night Jailor Kerry Yerbury on the night of the jail delivery. Blanck had scratched on the handle this inscription: "Yerbury to Tom, March 17, 1895."

Few if any of the thousands who gazed upon the dead body of Blanck to-day realized the enormity of his crimes. By his own confession he has killed five people within the last four years and wounded at least twenty. He was a stage robber, highwayman, burglar and bank-robber, his operations extending from British Columbia through Montana and Washington, even to California.

Following is the record of his murders:

An unknown stage driver, shot down near Lake Kootenai, in British Columbia, in 1891, for resisting a hold-up.
Steve Gross, a bartender, killed at Meaderville, Montana, in September, 1894.
A Deputy Sheriff, killed about the same time in the same vicinity while chasing Blanck.
Constable William Jeffreys, shot through the heart at Puyallup September 30, 1894.
Charles H. Bridwell, shot through the heart in the Mug Saloon in this city October 3, 1894.
Supposed murderer, but not included in his confession. James Skinner, station agent of the Great Great Northern at Belgrade, Mont.; Policeman John Flynn at Helena, Mont.

Blanck's confession relates to events dating back to 1891. Blanck's home was in Schenectady, N. Y. He came West years ago and his first crime was committed at Nelson, B. C., when, with a partner, he held up a stagecoach containing two Chinamen. The driver showed fight, was killed, and Blanck and his companion got \$400 in gold and silver. The silver was too heavy and was buried and Blanck said that so far as he knew it was still in the ground.

They escaped and Blanck went back East, only to return to the coast in a short time to take part in several highway robberies and get caught while committing a burglary at Kalama in this State. He broke jail and in February, 1891, entered Bingham Holbrook's bank at Woolley, Wash., but as he had no tools he got nothing except a revolver.

Then he went to Fairhaven, committed a burglary, shot Policeman Peter Brughn twice, and escaped a mob which pursued him. Port Townsend saw him next, where he was arrested, taken back to Fairhaven, but broke jail and went to California where he figured in several hold-ups.

He then went to Texas and then East again, but in 1894 came West, and on August 18 of that year, while a partner guarded the outside entrance, Blanck entered the barroom in the Broadwater Hotel at Helena, held the bartender up, took \$150 out of the cash drawer and after driving out of the saloon several persons who had entered while he was taking the money, escaped. He was followed, a fight ensued, but Blanck finally got away. He had lost most of his clothing in the fight, and while on the road met an old man, whom he compelled to turn over his clothes.

Later he robbed a bartender at Marysville, Mont., of about \$150.
At Meaderville, Mont., he held up a bartender, failed to get any money and killed him. He was chased and had to kill a Deputy Sheriff in order to get away, and then, coming to this State, he murdered Constable Jeffreys at Puyallup, and later killed Bartender Bridwell in this city, for which he pleaded guilty and received a death sentence. He was awaiting a hearing on an appeal in this case when he broke jail last Sunday.

LODI ELECTRIC-ROAD SCHEME.

A Proposition to Build a Line to Stockton by an Eastern Capitalist.

LODI, March 22.—E. A. Bunn, a capitalist from Peoria, Ill., has made an offer to take the rights of way and franchise of the projected electric road from Stockton to

Lodi, and promises to build at once if the offer is accepted and the right terms made. He wants a bonus of ten acres of land from each quarter-section the road passes through, and most farmers are willing to give it to get rapid transit to Stockton.

Died of His Wounds.

LODI, March 22.—Edward Greaves, who seriously stabbed John Killen on the Keefer ranch near here last night, is now held subject to the verdict of the Coroner. Killen died this morning, never having spoken a word from the time of the stabbing.

Sighted Near Cape Flattery.

ASTORIA, Or., March 22.—The tramp steamer Signal arrived in about 10 o'clock from Vancouver, B. C.
Her captain reports having sighted a vessel about twenty-five miles to the northwest of the cape. She appeared to be loaded, but he could not make out her rigging at that time.

There is considerable speculation here as to whether or not it is the Cupica, now 185 days out from Liverpool. Had the Cupica been off the vicinity of the bar during the past week, the marine men here say she would easily have blown out of her course. The tug Relief has gone outside to make a search.

SACRAMENTO BRIBERY CASE.

THE GRAND JURY MAY TAKE UP THE BIGGY-DUNN MATTER.

FOREMAN LA RUE IS TO HOLD A CONFERENCE WITH LAWYER FOOTE.

SACRAMENTO, March 22.—But little doubt exists in the minds of those interested in the subject as to the action that will be taken on the part of the Grand Jury in the Biggy-Dunn affair.

The fact that H. M. La Rue, foreman of that body, had a conference with Senator Biggy to-day in relation to the matter indicates that an investigation may take place, as the latter gentleman is more than anxious that the truth in the case should be ventilated, and infers that there is other evidence in store should an investigation be entered into that will cast all previous sensations in the background.

It is rumored that Foreman La Rue has an appointment with W. W. Foote in San Francisco Monday, at which they will talk over the matter and definitely decide whether an investigation will be advisable.

THE NEW TELEPHONE LINE.

Canvassers Have Secured the Names of Over Four Hundred Subscribers.

SACRAMENTO, March 22.—The canvassing committee of the new local telephone company at the close of their work last night had 408 subscribers on their list, all of whom had attached their signatures to contracts. This morning canvassers for sign-books started out again, determined to reach the 500 mark before Saturday night.

The adjacent communities tributary to Sacramento are already asking what is to be done to extend the benefits and privileges to them.

Woodland and the country back of it wants to be taken into the circuit. Placer County is all ready to come in. One of the most prominent fruit-shippers of Newcastle remarked yesterday that he had suffered the exactions of the old line until it became unbearable, being required to pay a tribute of \$107 per year for the rental alone of two 'phones—one for his house and the other for his office, and an additional charge for switching, which made it seem too much of a privileged luxury.

One of the promoters of the new line was at Folsom yesterday, and in conversation with the leading business men and citizens there found the utmost encouragement and assistance offered.

Wedding Bells.

SACRAMENTO, March 22.—Frederick W. Harpster of Fresno and Miss Lou Anderson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. T. H. B. Anderson of this city, were married yesterday by Rev. H. M. McKnight.

Only members of the family, W. H. Layson, Mrs. M. C. Layson, sister of Dr. Anderson, and Miss Mabel Kelsey, were present. The bride and groom left on the 10:25 train for Fresno, their future home.

SANTA BARBARA JUSTICE.

THE PUNISHMENT METED OUT FOR A MOST MALICIOUS ACTION.

SENTENCE OF A MAN WHO FRIGHTENED A CITIZEN TO DEATH.

SANTA BARBARA, March 22.—August Tischein, who caused old man Tennant's death one week ago by breaking into his house at midnight without a warrant, but under cover of a trumped-up criminal charge by which he contrived to secure the connivance of two constables, was arrested for disturbance of the peace, the only charge upon which he could be held, the act being committed in the presence of officers disposing of the charge of criminal intent.

Tischein was convicted by a jury to-day and sentenced to pay a fine of \$150 within one hour or an alternative of 150 days in the County Jail.

SANTA BARBARA FLOWER SHOW.

Arrangements Concerning the Award of Prizes for Artistic Decorations.

SANTA BARBARA, March 22.—The Flower Festival Association of Santa Barbara, which has the entire management of the coming spring celebration, has issued a new and popular order which promises to give general satisfaction and to soothe the wounded feelings of the many who must always be disappointed in the making of awards. This is, that the award committee may, on the day of the floral procession, at its discretion, distribute \$5 prizes among those whose decorations are artistic and pleasing, and who have failed to win prizes in their respective classes.

Death Crossed a Duchess' Plan.

SANTA BARBARA, March 22.—The Duchess of Leinster, whose death is announced at Mentone, had engaged a suite at the Arlington for herself and twenty-six persons for April 10. She was coming here for her health.

VALDEZ ISLE MANIAC.

A Lunatic Runs Amuck on a Small Coasting Steamer.

SHOOTS AT THE CREW.

Uses the Pilot-House as a Fort, From Which He Makes Fierce Sallies.

WOUNDS ONE OF THE SAILORS.

The Crazy Man Goes Ashore and the Captain Sees Help to Capture Him.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 22.—Dodging around on a small steamer to escape from a madman armed with a revolver is no pleasant experience, yet that was what Michael Manson, Justice of the Peace and owner of the steamer Stella, and two members of the crew had to do Tuesday night for over two hours.

The steamer was anchored at Quathliska cove, Valdez Island, 150 miles up the coast, when a man named Jacob Lobb came aboard and asked for passage to Salmon River. Manson intended to start at 3 o'clock, so two members of the crew went to sleep in the pilot-house while he and the stranger sat before the fire reading.

About 2 o'clock Manson went to examine the engines. Just before Manson left, the stranger who gave the name of Gossnell, began talking in a peculiar manner, but Manson thinking he had been drinking, paid no attention to it.

Manson was just returning to the pilot-house when he heard a shot. He immediately ran up, when another shot hit the lantern he was carrying, completely smashing it and putting them in darkness. The two hands of the steamer came running to Manson and told him that the stranger had suddenly opened fire on them with a revolver. Grant, one of the deckhands, was shot in the thigh and badly wounded.

Gossnell was then seen approaching, and for nearly two hours the men had a lively time escaping from the madman, who took up a position in the pilot-house, thus preventing escape to shore. Occasionally he would suddenly appear on either side of the steamer and shoot if he thought he saw one of them.

At last the maniac went ashore and Manson instantly got up steam and started off for a neighboring Indian ranch. Three Indians were pressed into service and together they managed to secure the man while asleep and he was brought here and lodged in jail.

THE OREGON SHORT LINE.

APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER WILL LEAD TO ITS REORGANIZATION.

PRESENT PLANS OF THE JUNIOR LIEN-HOLDERS OF THE ROAD.

PORTLAND, Or., March 22.—There is apparently a misunderstanding as to the effect of Judge Gilbert's order appointing John M. Egan to be independent receiver of the Oregon Short Line and Utah Northern Railway Company. The order is conditional and is effective only after the entry in the court of Wyoming of an order directing the old receivers to turn over the property in their hands to Egan.

Technically this means that should the Wyoming court decide in the Dillon case that the old receivers should be removed, Egan would be appointed by that court in their stead, and by the suit of the American Loan and Trust Company having been brought here and the appointment of Egan having been made here first, Judge Gilbert's court would become the court of primary jurisdiction. Egan would then operate the property under the direction of the court here, from which all orders would be originally obtained, and all moneys would be deposited first in Portland. This is the technical conclusion to be drawn from the language of the order, viewed in a legal light.

The practical effect, however, will be to place John M. Egan in possession of the property as receiver. The American Loan and Trust Company will pay the back interest due on the Dillon mortgage. The old receivers December 6 last paid the August interest on this mortgage and all that is now due and payable is the February interest, which amounts to \$447,930. The old receivers have in their hands funds more than sufficient to pay this interest and in order to secure control of the property to Egan as receiver the American Loan and Trust Company will advance this amount and wait for its return a few weeks until the old receivers turn over their funds to Egan, when the latter will then pay back to the American Loan and Trust Company the \$447,930 they advance.

The effect of this payment of the interest due on the Dillon mortgage will be to satisfy all present claims that can be made under it and to virtually throw the Dillon case out of court. The American Loan and Trust Company will move for a dismissal of the Dillon suit and this motion will have to be granted. There will then be left two suits, that of Richardson, trustee of the first mortgage on the Utah and Northern, and that of the American Loan and Trust Company on the consolidated mortgage on the entire Oregon Short Line and Utah Northern system. Both these suits were brought in the Ninth or Judge Gilbert's circuit, and his order appointing Egan receiver will hold good.

The plan of the junior lien-holders of the Short Line is to reorganize the road and take it out of the hands of a receiver at the earliest possible day. The Short Line system owes the American Loan and Trust Company about \$27,000,000. A part of this amount is secured by the hypothecation of a majority of the stock of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company. The plan contemplates foreclosure proceedings by which this stock will be secured and the

stock of the Short Line system wiped out, so that for the \$27,000,000 the junior lien-holders will secure absolute ownership of the Short Line property and of a majority or controlling part of the stock of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company. Then the lines of the two companies will be organized into one system.

Railroad Directors Meet at Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 22.—The board of directors of the Washington and Columbia River Railway met here yesterday and decided on a plan for the reorganization of the company and taking it out of the receiver's hands. It is to take effect June 1.

The present receiver, W. D. Tyler, becomes president and T. B. Wilcox of Portland vice-president. The agreement is in the nature of a compromise between the parties represented by Tyler and Wilcox, who have been carrying on litigation for many months over bonds formerly held by G. W. Hunt, the builder of the road. Tyler represents C. B. Wright of Philadelphia, and Wilcox represents Ladd & Tilton, bankers of Portland.

It is stated that the company is planning some extensions, which may be made on the north end of the system. The affairs of the company are reported to be in good shape.

Capture of a Madera Murder Suspect.

MADERA, March 22.—George Kane, suspected of the murder of an Indian squaw near O'Neals, a couple of weeks since, was captured this morning in the mountains and is now in jail here. He declares he is innocent of the crime.

TACOMA MANIAC CAUGHT.

DEPUTY SHERIFFS BRING IN A MAN WHO WAS SHOOTING IMAGINARY ENEMIES.

HE WAS HIDING IN A LONELY CABIN AND MADE NO RESISTANCE TO ARREST.

TACOMA, Wash., March 22.—Two deputy sheriffs to-night captured Frank A. Shaw, the crazy man who has been amusing himself by shooting at imaginary enemies. He was found in a cabin at Lyons beach, five miles from town. He had calmed down since last seen and did not resist arrest. A revolver and nearly \$2 in coin were found in his possession. When last seen he had two revolvers and threatened to shoot the first man who went near him. To-morrow he will be examined for insanity.

Sues Her Father's Estate.

TACOMA, Wash., March 22.—Mrs. Lucy J. Wickham of Erie County, Ohio, has brought suit against the executors of the estate of her father, the late J. Sprague, for \$750, with interest at 10 per cent from April, 1852, amounting at compound interest to over \$12,000. She alleges that her father sold land belonging to her for \$750 and fraudulently devoted the proceeds to his own use. She was then an infant, and did not learn of the transaction until last December. The executors refused her claim, and she accordingly brings suit.

Puget Sound Army Post Commission.

TACOMA, Wash., March 22.—Congressman Doolittle is inclined to regard as misleading the Washington press dispatch stating that the army post commission intended to be sent to Puget Sound would be sent to North Dakota as a result of a blunder made by congressional clerks. It was provided, he says, that a commission should be sent to both Dakota and Puget Sound, and he has no idea that a site on the Sound will be selected except as recommended by a commission of army officers as provided by his amendment to the civil sundry bill.

Travelers to China and Japan.

TACOMA, March 22.—The Northern Pacific steamship Victoria sailed at daylight with twenty cabin passengers, a number of deported Chinese and a full cargo. The passengers include Postmaster and Mrs. Case and a half-dozen other Tacomans, several lady missionaries for Shanghai and travelers to China and Japan.

STOLE HOUSES NEAR FRESNO.

THREE FARMERS AT MENDOTA ENGAGE IN WHOLESALE LOOTING.

THE BUILDINGS PUT ON WHEELS AND HAULED TO THE RANCHES.

Have YOU Tried Cuticura the great SKIN CURE? there is INSTANT RELIEF for all afflicted with TORTURING SKIN DISEASES in a single application of Cuticura

FRESNO, March 22.—Word has been received from the western part of the county that three brothers living near Mendota have stolen a house belonging to a non-resident. They put it on a heavy truck and carried it four miles to their ranch, where it is now occupying it. It was taken with all the household goods, etc., inside.

It is only one of six or eight that the daring thieves have carried off within a few months, and the neighbors are predicting serious consequences if the practice is continued.

The houses that have been stolen all belonged to non-residents and are now used as dwellings, stables and farm buildings by the three brothers and their families.

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