



THE PACIFIC SLOPE.

Farmer Brack of Lodi Falls a Victim to Bunko Men.

A DEFT DEAL IN ROCKS.

Exchange of Two Thousand Dollars in Gold for Two Boxes of Gravel.

THE DISCOVERY AT A BANK.

Glee of the Aged Agriculturist Turns to Grief When He Discovers the Truth.

LODI, March 24.—Jacob Brack, a wealthy old land-owner, living near Brack's Landing, listened to the soft words of three strangers, last Thursday, succumbed to their winning ways, and as a result they have \$2000 of Jacob's shining gold and he has two tin boxes of rocks—just plain, ordinary rocks from the roadside, and Jacob is now a wiser, but a sadder man.

Two well dressed dignified strangers came to Lodi last Thursday and inquired the road to Brack's Landing, near which Jacob Brack, an old settler, the proprietor of the deep water canal to Lodi, heavy land-owner and shrewd man of business resided. They represented themselves as J. S. Curtin, ex-Superior Judge of Alameda County, and C. H. Ferguson, an ex-Mayor of Oakland, who were out looking for a desirable piece of land near Lodi. They drove out to Brack's place and the old gentleman, ever courteous, at once hitched up a team and took the visitors all over his splendid domain.

While on the road home they came on a pedestrian who asked for a ride as his buggy was broken down. The request was granted. The stranger was affable and loquacious. He had money, too, and just to while away the time, after they reached Brack's home, he proposed a lottery game. The stranger's luck was poor, but he cheerfully lost a few dollars, which the ex-judge, the ex-mayor and Farmer Brack won easily.

Then the two prospective land buyers from Oakland hit upon a happy plan, and they took Brack into their confidence. It was nothing more nor less than a proposition that the three pool their coin and beat the lottery man at his own game. Under the persuasive influence of his gentlemanly visitors, Brack consented. But as Brack had no coin with him, it was agreed to meet the next day at Murphy's.

Then Brack came to Lodi to raise his share of the money, and at the bank of Lodi he asked for \$4000. Banker Cogswell, however, suspected something was wrong and persuaded the land owner to take half the amount asked for and to bring the parties to the bank the next day if more was needed.

The next day the quartet met at Murphy's. Brack produced his gold and before his eyes it was counted into a nice, new tin box. Then the visitors placed some gold in the other box, dollar for dollar they told Brack, at least Brack believes they did, though now he has a dim suspicion that his eyes may have deceived him. The two boxes were put side by side and the game began. Soon there arose a dispute. Brack was chosen as the custodian of the money, pending the settlement of the point at issue.

The visitors went away to secure an adjustment of the trouble. That was the last seen of the ex-judge, the ex-mayor, and the lottery-player. Old Jacob Brack brought the boxes to the bank of Lodi in high glee, thinking he had made \$9000 or \$7000, and it was only after much persuasion that he allowed the boxes to be forced open. Finally he consented. There was nothing in them but rocks.

The victim refused to make any complaint concerning his loss, but his two sons have taken up the case and are determined to catch the sharpers if possible. This is the second case of this kind in or near Lodi in the past year. A farmer named D. L. Boody was the last victim.

MARE ISLAND NAVY-YARD.

THE OLYMPIA MAY BE MADE FLAGSHIP OF THE PACIFIC SQUADRON.

THE CRUISER IS IN THE STREAM, READY TO MAKE ITS TRIAL TRIP.

VALLEJO, March 24.—The cruiser Olympia lies in the stream and will probably remain there for some time yet, though efforts are being made by the people of San Diego to have her go down and lie in the harbor for a time. Before this can be done, however, it will be necessary for the new cruiser to go out on her trial trip. She is all ready to go and will undoubtedly be sent to Honolulu to take the place of the flagship Philadelphia, which will return to Mare Island. If the Olympia goes to Honolulu she will then be made the flagship of the Pacific squadron.

The monitor Monterey left the yard Saturday afternoon and steamed out into San Pablo Bay and from there, if nothing prevents, will go down to San Francisco Monday afternoon. While in San Pablo Bay the steering apparatus will be given a trial. It is expected that she will remain off San Francisco a short time and from there will go to San Diego. An electric light has been placed on her mast to warn vessels cruising about the bay on dark nights and prevent collisions. The lights heretofore shown were so low that often they were hard to distinguish from the decks of the schooners and other small craft.

The ways will soon be built near the ferry-gate house for the laying of the keel of the new steel tug. It is expected that within ninety days after work is fairly commenced on her that she will be ready for her trial trip. Many of the castings have been made up at the steam engine and they have all turned out well. The Bennington will be the next vessel to go in the dock. The Board of Enquiry in

ROW AT SACRAMENTO.

Chinese Tongs Prepare Their Forces for a Battle.

FIVE MURDEROUS ALLIES.

A Contingent of Desperate Highbinders From San Francisco.

AN EMISSARY OF PEACE ARRIVES.

The Chinese Vice-Consul and His Retinue Will Endeavor to Settle the Matter.

SACRAMENTO, March 24.—That the threatened battle between the members of the Chinese Sam Yip Company and the highbinder society known as the Fong Duck tong was not entirely settled and declared off last night, as claimed by the members of the police force, is evinced by the presence here of the Chinese vice-consul, who arrived in this city at noon from San Francisco attended by his retinue of attendants and two interpreters. The vice-consul has made a thorough examination into the original cause of the difficulty and will grant a hearing to members of both organizations and render a decision that must be adhered to by all concerned.

MINERS BOUND FOR ALASKA.

THE SPRING EMIGRATION TO THE YUKON GOLD FIELDS BEGINS.

TWO HUNDRED MEN ON THE WAY OVER THE MOUNTAINS VIA DYEA CANYON.

TACOMA, Wash., March 24.—Private letters from Alaska received here, state that the spring emigration to the Yukon gold fields has already commenced. On March 10 nearly 200 Yukon miners had reached Dyea, 300 miles beyond Juneau.

As a courier was leaving Dyea the prospectors were hauling their sleds upon slush ice up the great Dyea canyon toward the Yukon. Colder weather was then expected. In that event the ice would resume its solidity and afford easy sleighing up the river. More dogs had been taken out from Juneau than ever before and the last steamer took up twenty-two from Puget Sound. They haul the prospectors' outfits over the ice and snow, greatly lightening the labor of the trip.

William Liggett, who has been mining on the Yukon for six years, has returned to Juneau with glowing accounts of the rich finds made last season on Forty Mile, Sixty Mile and Miller creeks. Last season several dozen miners took gold worth \$150,000 out of Miller Creek. So far the discovery claim and seven others adjoining it on Miller Creek have yielded the greatest returns in gold nuggets, exceeding the yield of any dozen other claims in the Yukon Valley. There was twelve feet of surface dirt upon the Discovery claim, which had to be sluiced off before pay dirt was struck on bedrock. The sluicing had to be done quickly, as the Yukon season lasts only sixty to ninety days.

Birch Creek now offers the best inducements to prospectors. Late last season much money was made at surface work in the gulches. This year it will be fully opened.

AN UNKNOWN DEAD MAN.

A Fisherman's Growsome Catch in the River.

SACRAMENTO, March 24.—Fisherman Johnson made a growsome catch this afternoon when he drew to the shore from the muddy bottom of the Sacramento River the dead body of an unknown man which had evidently been in the water at least four weeks. The body was found three miles south of Sacramento, on the Yolo side of the river.

FOR MRS. MAYBRICK'S SAKE.

Chicago Newspaper Women to Send Representatives to England in Her Behalf.

CHICAGO, March 24.—A decided step was taken to-day by Chicago women interested in the case of Mrs. Maybrick. At a special meeting of the Women's Press League of Chicago, it was resolved to send to England a member of the league to try to arouse some interest in Mrs. Maybrick's favor. A number of petitions have been sent to the Home Secretary without any effect, so the women of the Chicago press have resolved to try as a last resort the influence on the English press and public of American women imbued with the idea that their country woman is innocent, and determined that others shall believe as they do.

MURDER SUSPECTED.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., March 24.—Several days ago two boys, aged 7 and 9 respectively, suddenly disappeared from their home here and it was thought they had been kidnapped. This morning Beverly Blakey swore out a warrant for the arrest of John Ringo, colored, who is their father, claiming that he has disposed of them by foul means.

BURNED FOR REVENGE.

OMAHA, March 24.—Cornelius McGuire, a well-known Omaha metal-smith, was locked in his shop to-day and burned to death. He slept late and was awakened by a fire in the outside. When his suffering made him delirious he rushed through the flames into the street and died. The door and windows had been locked by an enemy.

COLONIAL WAR ANNIVERSARY.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The Society of Colonial Wars attended a service in St. Paul's Chapel to-day in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the departure of the New England troops for Louisburg March 24, 1745, and of the services held in churches in this city on that date.

SCANDAL AT TACOMA.

Members of the Council Accused of Corrupt Practices.

MONEY PAID BY BANKS.

Allegations of Bribery to Retain Deposits of City Funds.

DEMAND FOR INVESTIGATION.

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SUGAR BEETS IN COLUSA.

EFFORTS TO PROMOTE THE INDUSTRY AND SECURE A FACTORY.

DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER BY PROMINENT CITIZENS AND LAND-OWNERS.

COLUSA, March 24.—The people of Colusa County are much interested in the subject of the sugar-beet industry, and a movement has been started to secure the establishment here of a factory which would consume the product of the farms if beet-culture should be established on a large scale.

Friday afternoon the leading citizens and landowners of Colusa and vicinity met at the theater here to discuss the matter. D. B. Arnold was called to the chair and J. H. de Jarmott was made secretary. The latter had been corresponding in the interest of the industry and had gathered much information concerning it. He read to the meeting the letters of those who proposed various schemes for establishing a factory at Colusa, stating the cost and the methods necessary in order to secure capital for such an enterprise.

W. S. Green presented a copy of the agreement between Richard Gird and the Chino Sugar Beet Factory Company in which the enterprise for 2500 acres of land, taking a lease on it for five years, agreeing to plant that amount of beets the first year, 4000 acres the second year, 5000 in the succeeding three years, and selling them to the company at \$3.50 per ton for beets containing 12 per cent of saccharine matter and 25 cents a ton more for each additional per cent increase.

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The School Question in Manitoba Assuming a Serious Aspect.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 24.—A special to the Tribune from Winnipeg, Manitoba, says: Manitoba and the Canadian Northwest have reached the crisis in their history, and the storm which has been hovering over the country so long is likely to break forth before long. It is a war so bitter that it may wreck the confederation of the Dominion. The Catholics are fighting for their parochial schools with grim determination, while the Protestant majority, with equal resolution, declare the parochial schools recently abolished by the Manitoba Legislature shall never be re-established.

The excitement is intense to-day. In the churches preachers confined their remarks to the impending struggle. Protestant preachers begged Protestants to stand firm, and the Catholic clergy appealed to their congregations to never give up the fight.

The Orangemen are taking a hand in the struggle. Major Stuart Mulvey, grand master of the Orangemen, said: "It cost Canada \$8,000,000 to subdue the half-breeds on the banks of the Saskatchewan in 1885. How many millions will it take to make slaves of the people of Manitoba by subjecting them to the Catholic hierarchy?"

A few men who foresee the consequences are urging moderation, but the spirit of the factions is now so fierce and bitter that their counsels are unheeded.

THE GRAND JURY MAY BE CALLED ON TO EXAMINE MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

In several articles lately the Ledger has intimated that some of the members of the Finance Committee were being aided by some of the banks. The members referred to promptly demanded an investigation, and last night the Council passed a resolution ordering the proprietor and manager of the Ledger to appear before the Council Tuesday next and prefer written charges in support of what had been published.

The Ledger this morning anticipated the Council by making its charges more specific and stating in effect that two members of the Finance Committee have been paid money by the banks holding the largest city deposits; that another member secured a loan of \$3000, and still another secured renewals of loans. It intimates that the money was paid the City Treasurer to be given to the two Councilmen, and alleges further that an evening paper several months ago demanded and received \$1000 from the banks to withhold publication of the articles attacking the banks containing the largest city deposits. It is also alleged that \$1000 more was demanded but the demand not pressed when the paper's managers learned that the facts had been given the Ledger for publication. The article concludes by demanding the calling of a Grand Jury to thoroughly investigate this transaction, the bank books and the Finance Committee.

Many citizens have to-day declared that the Grand Jury must investigate and the city's financial matters be straightened out. This will probably be done, as under the law the Grand Jury must soon be called anyway.

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