

fences and barrels to catch a glimpse of the wondrous within. Of course the famous minut was the number on the programme which most desired to see. Many remained to watch the guests depart. A large number of people, including many San Franciscans, bought tickets merely to view the pretty sight, and general were the expressions of satisfaction and delight heard on all sides.

PORTLAND'S CLERICAL BANDIT.

He Read Dime Novels and Then Sallied Forth to Lift Scalps.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 19.—The reports of Drs. A. E. Joseph, Harry Lane and A. C. Panton, the commission appointed by Judge Stevens of the State Circuit Court to inquire into the mental condition of Rev. J. C. Reed, the Baptist minister who was found not guilty of holding up an East Side bank on the ground of insanity, was made public to-day. The report, after stating that the reverend gentleman was in the habit of reading dime-novel literature, says: "He is a man 49 years of age, with the impulses and judgment of a boy of 13 or 15 years, who, with his head stuffed full of the garish fiction of dime novels, emulates the conduct of the heroic Seven-toed Pete and sallies forth armed with a sharpened case-knife to lift the scalps of imaginary redskins in the persons of inoffensive small children, and the degree of his criminality at the time of the robbery is to be measured by that of the boy.

"He occupies the border line of mental soundness, and conceding the commission of the robbery the proper punishment, or rather treatment, under the law but permit it, would be a long term in the reform school."

THE TRAGEDY AT RODEO.

Witnesses Tell the Story of the Killing of Frank Ranlett.

Shot Down by a Brother Whom He Had Attempted to Place Under Arrest.

MARTINEZ, CAL., April 19.—The prosecution closed its case to-day in the trial of C. E. Ranlett for the killing of his brother at Rodeo on December 23, 1894.

From the testimony adduced the fact has been established that bad blood existed between the brothers for some time prior to the shooting.

Justice Dohrman on the witness stand stated that on the evening of the tragedy he was called to adjust the matter of framing bonds for the release of Purvis Wilcox for the crime of mayhem, and in fixing the day of trial the brothers disagreed. The Deputy Sheriff claimed that his brother, Ed Ranlett, had no right to interfere. Ed Ranlett said he was the attorney for Wilcox, and he had a right to say on what day the trial should take place. Frank Ranlett replied: "If you interfere here I will put you in a worse box than this man."

Then followed a scuffle, during which the fatal shot was fired. Ed Ranlett then took three or four steps forward and shot again, inflicting another wound in his prostrate brother.

Other witnesses for the prosecution substantiated this story, and also told of the strained relations between the brothers.

The defense opened with a statement that they expected to prove that the shooting was in self-defense. They called several witnesses to prove the quarrelsome nature of the deceased, and also to show that deceased made an attempt to reach for his revolver when the fatal shot was fired. The case will probably occupy several days.

DROWNED AT BEILERS POINT.

Edward Olsen, the Mate of the Schooner Rachel, Meets His Death.

FORT ROSS, CAL., April 19.—Edward Olsen, the mate of the schooner Rachel, was drowned by the capsizing of a boat at Beilers Point yesterday. The captain, mate and two sailors were in the boat putting the wine out preparing a gale and the sea was very rough. A huge breaker upset the boat. The captain and sailors escaped by means of ropes from the shore, but Mate Olsen could not swim and was drowned. His body has not been recovered yet.

Olsen was 31 years old and a native of Norway. Last year he was captain of the schooner Archie and Fontie.

Sacramento Libel Suit.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., April 19.—Dr. R. A. Archibald of this city, secretary of the State Veterinary Medical Association, was arrested to-day on a charge of libel. The complaint was sworn to by Dr. Thomas Wood, a veterinary surgeon of Oakland. He alleges that Archibald, as secretary of the State board, circulated defamatory articles about him to prevent his appointment as meat inspector of Oakland. Archibald was released on giving a bond in \$500 to appear in Oakland on the 25th inst.

One Year at San Quentin.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., April 19.—A young colored woman, named Marie Copeland, was to-day sentenced to one year's imprisonment at San Quentin for stealing \$10 from Albert Pate. The latter is now in jail awaiting trial for forgery, it being alleged that he procured the money which was stolen from him by means of a forged check.

Sacramento Faro Game Raided.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., April 19.—For a year past there has been no faro game running in this city, until, a few nights ago, one was opened in a quiet way at Second and K streets. To-night Officer Taylor walked into the room, watched the game awhile, and then placed the dealer, George Hinet, under arrest.

Treasure Unearthed at Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., April 19.—While digging in Dr. H. H. Peterson's yard on Third street to-day a workman discovered a brick iron box, which apparently has been buried for a long time. The box was opened, and in it was found \$140 in \$20 gold pieces.

Arrest of a Eugene Burglar.

EUGENE, Ore., April 19.—R. M. Stevens, a prominent young society man of this city, has been arrested on a charge of robbing the store of A. V. Peters. Last night about midnight he was seen by the officers entering the store. When he came out with his plunder he was arrested.

A Walla Walla Murderer Convicted.

WALLA WALLA, WASH., April 19.—The jury in the Hoyt murder case retired last night at 10 o'clock. At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon it returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree. Hoyt will be sentenced on Friday, April 26.

Judge Grosscup Improving.

REDLANDS, CAL., April 19.—Judge Grosscup to-day showed quite marked improvement in health and it seems he has passed the worst point.

ALONG THE COAST.

Rich Deposit of Silver Found at Morgan Hill.

It is alleged that the aggregate sales of the engines in this county amount to \$12,000, and the plaintiff prays that he be awarded \$3000 and costs of suit, and that the contract entered into by him be declared in force, and that he receive 25 per cent of future sales made in this county.

PAUL SCHULZE'S THEFT.

An Alleged Discrepancy of \$100,000 in the Suicide's Account.

SAN JOSE, CAL., April 19.—Great excitement has been caused at Morgan Hill by the discovery of a rich vein of silver ore on the ranch of E. L. Rogers. Mining operations have already commenced, and prospectors are now at work in the vicinity, where it is thought other valuable deposits will be found.

TWO MEN BURNED TO DEATH.

Death of George W. Baker at Wilcox—Fatal Shooting Affray Near Oakdale.

While chopping wood on his ranch several weeks ago, Rogers came across some croppings in the rocks. On breaking off a piece, he found that it contained silver. He kept his find a secret, as he did not have a title to the place, but since then he has secured a deed to the property, and exhibits his find with pleasure.

Rogers has sunk a shaft about nine feet deep and has struck a vein of silver ore over ten feet wide. The vein has been traced for a distance of 500 feet. Specimens have been shipped to San Francisco to be assayed.

Old miners say that it has been known that silver existed in the hills there, but all efforts to find the ledge heretofore have been unsuccessful.

TACOMA'S SUICIDE A DEFAULTER.

Investigation of Paul Schulze's Accounts Continued by Experts.

TACOMA, WASH., April 19.—Ever since his death there have been rumors that the late Paul Schulze was short in his accounts as general Western land agent of the Northern Pacific road. The friends of the dead man have been inclined to discredit such reports though an investigation of his accounts has been in progress for three days.

It is known that there are indications of a shortage in the Land Office accounts, and some of Mr. Schulze's close friends have hesitatingly admitted that his affairs are in a much more complicated state than was supposed at the time of his death.

What the shortage will amount to, if there turns out to be one, cannot yet be told. It will take months to check up all the figures in the Land Office accounts, as it will be done in a very careful manner.

Land Commissioner Phipps has two experts, whom he brought from St. Paul, going over the books. It is significant that Mr. Phipps has remained here personally supervising the investigation while his brother officers have gone on a trip to Grays Harbor and Portland.

When seen to-night Mr. Phipps refused to talk on the subject.

It was reported this evening that up to 6 p. m. a discrepancy amounting to \$100,000 had been found in checking up the actual land sales with the land contracts and cash receipts. The cause of this cannot be definitely ascertained, because the gentlemen in a position to know will not talk about it.

CAR ACCOUNTANTS ENTERTAINED.

The Visitors Delighted With San Jose and the Santa Clara Valley.

SAN JOSE, CAL., April 19.—The Car Accountants' excursion arrived in this city from Monterey this morning. The party was met at the depot by a committee of the Board of Trade and taken for a drive through the Willows, and orchards adjacent to the city. There were about 150 in the party, and they were delighted with the scenery along the drive. Accompanying the accountants are many ladies, whose only topic of conversation was the beautiful flowers seen on every side.

After the drive through the orchards the accountants were taken to the Board of Trade rooms, where President Osborne of the Car Accountants' Association made a short speech, thanking the members of the Board of Trade for the many courtesies extended the excursionists. They were all in their prime of Santa Clara Valley, and said San Jose was the most beautiful place they had visited on their trip. Many declared their intention to return here and settle in the valley.

DIES AT WILCOX.

George Baker, Ex-City Recorder of San Francisco, a Victim of Pneumonia.

WILCOX, ARIZ., April 19.—George W. Baker, well known on the coast and in the East, died here to-day of pneumonia, after being ill just a week.

The deceased was born and raised at Lancaster, Pa., and was a graduate from Harvard. He was admitted to practice of law in Philadelphia.

He married Miss Mary Lane, the sister of Miss Harriet Lane, the celebrated mistress of the White House during Buchanan's administration. Baker edited the first Democratic morning paper established in Philadelphia. He moved to California with the 49ers, and was City Recorder of San Francisco for four years during the early fifties, where he also practiced at the bar later.

He was an associate of David Broderick, Gwin, Munn and Terry. He came to Arizona to close the affairs of the Gunsight mine for Eastern stockholders and remained, being engaged in mining, law and local politics. He was a charter member of Occidental Lodge, F. and A. M. of San Francisco, also a member of the local lodge here, by whom he will be buried to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

SUED AT SAN JOSE.

An Action Brought to Compel the Fulfillment of a Contract.

SAN JOSE, CAL., April 19.—J. P. Ponce has begun a suit against M. M. Barrett, John F. Daly and W. A. Cavanaugh, of San Francisco, for the fulfillment of a contract alleged to have been existing since July 31, 1894, entered into by the parties to the suit. It is claimed the defendants agreed to give plaintiff for \$1000 the sole right in Santa Clara County to sell and manufacture their gas engines. The plaintiff alleges that on December 10, 1889, he paid the defendants \$1000 for the exclu-

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RIDICULE THE CHARGES.

Darling's Death Thought to Have Been Caused by Dissipation.

DETROIT, MICH., April 19.—The testimony of various residents of this city regarding the charge of Mrs. Flora Adams Darling to the effect that Dr. and Mrs. Spranger are responsible for the death of young Darling goes to indicate that Darling drank heavily while here, and as a result was obliged to seek medical treatment frequently. It is well known that his wife was a very unhappy woman, but their acquaintances credit to Darling's dissipation his untimely end.

Dr. Spranger's friends ridicule the mother's charges. Prosecuting Attorney Frazier says that after investigating the case he could find no proof of the elder Mrs. Darling's statements, and became convinced she was not in her right mind.

PROOF IS LACKING.

Flora Ames Darling's Charges Not Believed in New York.

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 19.—Assistant Attorney Battle said to-day that he was still investigating the charges made by Mrs. Flora Ames Darling, in her belief that her son, Edward Irving Darling, who died in Mount Clemens, Mich., February 14, 1894, was deliberately poisoned.

It is not believed by the members of the District Attorney's staff that her accusations are borne out by the facts. It is regarded as hardly probable, therefore, that the Grand Jury will be asked to take action in the matter until more specific proofs are presented.

CRIME AT ELK CREEK.

The Home of Foreman Severance Wrecked by an Explosion.

Probably Fatal Injuries Received by the Sleeping Victim—Talk of Lynching.

UKIAH, CAL., April 19.—A dastardly attempt to end the life of Ben Severance, the foreman of the White Lumber Company at Elk Creek logging camp, was made last night. A stick of dynamite exploded under Severance's house, wrecking the building, and Severance was so badly injured that he will probably die.

Abrams, a discharged workman, who caused the explosion, is in custody. The blood of the woodsmen is at fever heat, and if Severance dies they will take the law into their own hands.

Abrams was yesterday ordered out of camp because of an attack made on the cook. He charged Severance with having caused his discharge, and swore he would be revenged.

Last night Abrams secured a stick of dynamite and placed it under the house occupied by Severance. He touched off the explosive, and with a shock that startled the whole camp the house was wrecked. Severance was thrown violently against the ceiling of his room, the dynamite having been placed directly under the apartment he occupied. He was badly injured, and his recovery is doubtful. Abrams was captured, and pending the result of his victim's injuries is confined in the jail. It is said that Severance had nothing to do with the discharge of Abrams.

DE KONTSKI'S FAREWELL.

Chevalier de Kontski will give a farewell concert in this city on the 29th inst., at the residence of Mrs. Frank Pixley, corner Fillmore and Union streets, prior to his departure for Europe.

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