

ALONG THE COAST.

An Attempt to Lynch Two Murderers at Weaverville.

SPIRITED FROM PRISON.

When the Mob Enters the Jail It Finds the Cell Empty.

ACQUITTAL OF EDITH ELDER.

The Stockton Woman Found Not Guilty of Murder—Arrival of an Overdue Schooner.

WEAVERVILLE, CAL., April 26.—An attempt was made at 1 o'clock last night to lynch Charles Williams and Moses Williams. The former is serving a life term in Folsom and was brought back to testify in the Hart murder case. The latter was yesterday acquitted of the murder of Hart.

Charles Williams confessed to the crime and implicated Moses Williams in the murder at his preliminary examination, and pleaded guilty at his trial before the Superior Court. When put on the witness stand to testify against Moses Williams he refused to say a word about the case, and instructions were given the jury to acquit the defendant, Moses Williams. The people became incensed, and a mob was organized. Two ropes were taken from a neighboring butcher-shop and the mob went to the jail, but when they entered and made their way to the cell where the Williamses were confined they found them gone. After a vain search the mob dispersed.

Night Watchman Field had received an inkling of the proposed lynching, and told Sheriff Bergin, and the two officers quietly stole to the jail, unlocked the cells and took the two men out. Young Williams was lifted over the fence and taken up the creek back of town, where for several hours he was guarded by the Sheriff and the watchman. Moses Williams, who in fear had preferred to stay in the jail, was told to get out and hide himself. He did so, and passed out through the mob, not being recognized.

Both men are badly frightened. The mob was a determined one, and but for the inkling given the Sheriff there would have been two unsightly objects hanging in front of the Courthouse this morning.

The crime for which Moses Williams has just been acquitted was a fensidish one.

Last November John Hart, an old man, was enticed from his home near Hay Fork by a young man named Charles Williams. Williams carried him to a place where he had killed. While on an old trail in a secluded spot Williams shot Hart in the back with a rifle and left him for dead. Hart regained consciousness, and with great difficulty, crawled back to his home, where he informed the household of the circumstances of the shooting. Hart lived only a few hours and young Williams was promptly arrested.

During his imprisonment Williams was greatly troubled and spoke of seeing the ghost of old John Hart, which he said was with him always. The officers finally prevailed upon him to make a confession, and he told the story of the killing in a cold-blooded and bragadocio manner. He implicated Moses Williams, as being the instigator of the plot. Moses Williams is about 70 years of age, and young Williams said that the elder Williams had entered into an agreement with him to kill Hart, he to receive some hogs, a young coat and \$100 for doing it. It was also stipulated that a young woman with whom Hart was living was also to be killed. After shooting Hart young Williams returned to Hart's house for the purpose of killing the girl, but, as he said afterward, she looked so innocent that his heart failed him and he dropped his rifle.

Charles Williams pleaded guilty, and only his youth saved him from the death penalty. He was sentenced to life imprisonment at Folsom. The elder Williams was arrested at his home and charged with being an accomplice in the murder of Hart. The two old men were neighbors and there had been ill feeling between them over the right to a mining claim, which was the cause of the murder.

SAFE IN PORT AT SEATTLE.

Arrival of a Schooner Which Had Been Given Up as Lost.

SEATTLE, WASH., April 26.—The little fishing schooner Franchina, which was given up as lost, arrived in port to-day, and Captain Olsen, her master, tells a remarkable story of hardships and perils through which he and his crew of three men safely passed. The vessel, which is but fifteen tons burthen, left Astoria on March 25, and a few days after, when off the mouth of the Columbia, was struck by a gale of great violence, and had hard work to keep afloat. When it moderated the captain, who was without charts or other appliances for navigating, did not know where he was. For eighteen days he was lost and virtually allowed the vessel to drift. The provisions ran low.

Finally the Alcedo was sighted and came to the relief of the distressed mariners. The Alcedo furnished a chart, gave what provisions could be spared, gave the captain his bearings, and so the Franchina reached port.

LEAGUES AT LOS GATOS.

Annual Session of Epworth Societies of San Francisco District.

SAN JOSE, CAL., April 26.—The fifth annual session of the Epworth League of the San Francisco district opened in Los Gatos yesterday, President W. S. Bovard presiding. Over 200 delegates are in attendance. At noon a banquet was tendered the delegates by the ladies of the M. E. church. The afternoon session was opened with devotional services by W. D. Hammond of San Francisco. Rev. H. P. Briggs delivered an address of welcome, which was responded to on behalf of the delegates by Rev. Dr. Cantine of San Jose.

The evening session opened with a street

meeting, after which services were conducted in the church. Rev. W. S. Bovard presiding. The session was given up to devotional exercises, in which John Coyle, D.D., and Rev. W. W. Case of San Francisco took prominent parts.

The session to-day opened with a sunrise prayer-meeting, led by Rev. F. R. Baker of San Francisco. A general discussion was had under the head of "Mercy and Help." W. W. Hammond of San Francisco read a paper on "The Spirit Department" and C. W. Coyle delivered an address on "Our Literature."

At the afternoon session Miss Lottie Manzer of San Jose read a paper on "The Social Department." Dr. Beard of the University of the Pacific delivered an address on "How Can the League Help the University?" This evening the convention adjourned.

RAIN THROUGHOUT THE STATE

A Downpour That Will Greatly Benefit Growing Crops.

UKIAH, CAL., April 26.—Rain began falling here at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Up to 6 p. m. .27 of an inch had fallen. The rain came just at the right time and will be of great benefit to growing crops. Fruit, hay and grain look well and the crop of cereals is above the average.

HOLEISTER, CAL., April 26.—It commenced raining at 5 o'clock this afternoon and the prospects are good for an all-night downpour. The rain came just in time, as crops in some parts of the county were commencing to suffer. Now the crop prospects are excellent.

N. C. A., CAL., April 26.—A much-needed rain fell here this afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock and continuing until 5. It is still threatening and more rain will probably fall. General farm crops will be much benefited.

SUED BY A FRESNO WOMAN.

An Action Brought to Recover Money Due on an Insurance Policy.

FRESNO, CAL., April 26.—An action to recover \$5000 has been begun by Mrs. Frank P. Wickersham against the Equitable Assurance Company of New York.

Mrs. Wickersham was formerly the wife of Ezekiel Hall, once Sheriff of Fresno County. About a year ago she discovered that her first husband, who died six years ago, had taken out an insurance policy a few months before his death, and had paid up the first dues. The policy, Mrs. Wickersham alleges, was kept by the local agent of the insurance company, and for five years she was ignorant of its existence. By some chance she learned that her first husband, who had not told her that he had insured his life, had taken out the policy, and now she has brought suit to collect it.

LOST NEAR POLLASKY.

A Millionaire Rancher's Thrilling Experience in the Foothills.

FRESNO, CAL., April 26.—W. M. Bielenberg, the Pollasky millionaire, whose disappearance created such a furor, has turned up alive, though unwell. Last night he arrived at his ranch near Pollasky, in an exhausted condition, having been wandering among the foothills since Wednesday. Bielenberg had lost his way while walking from town to the ranch, and for two days had eaten nothing and slept on the bare ground. Searching parties have been scouring the country and had come to the conclusion that he had met with foul play. It was considered probable that the millionaire, who carried a large sum of money, had fallen into the hands of Cliff Ryan, the notorious outlaw, who is terrorizing settlers along the San Joaquin. Friends are rejoicing over his safe return.

ACQUITTAL AT STOCKTON.

Verdict of the Jury in the Edith Elder Murder Trial.

STOCKTON, CAL., April 26.—Edith Elder, the young woman who shot Frank Quinn last November, was to-day acquitted of the charge of murder. The jury had been out only five minutes when it reached a verdict.

The defense was that the defendant was temporarily insane when she fired the fatal shot. The deceased, she testified, had wrecked her life under the promise of marriage, and when he refused to keep his promise she became suddenly insane and shot him. After killing him she turned the weapon upon herself, inflicting an ugly wound in her chest.

LOS ANGELES TRAGEDY.

Charles Stanley Attempts to Shoot His Wife and Then Kills Himself.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., April 26.—Charles Stanley, a cook in the Geneva Restaurant, attempted to murder his wife this morning and then committed suicide. The couple had been married two months. The wife, who was Miss Bessie Bradley, the daughter of well-to-do people of Fresno, refused to live with him because he could not support her properly and has been leading a rather rapid life for the last few weeks. This morning Stanley found her in company with another young woman at the Albemarle House and shot her and then himself. Mrs. Stanley was not badly injured.

SAN JOSE CRUSADE.

Organization of a Society for the Suppression of the Saloon.

SAN JOSE, CAL., April 26.—Representatives of religious, temperance and benevolent societies met to-night at Y. M. C. A. Hall and effected the preliminary organization of a society for the suppression of the saloon. A permanent organization will be effected Tuesday evening. A committee on constitution was appointed. It consists of T. C. McChesney, H. Melville Tenney and C. M. Myers.

Applies for Letters of Administration.

SAN JOSE, CAL., April 26.—Public Administrator Secord has applied for letters of administration in the estate of John Glassford Perry. In the petition it is set forth that Perry is dead, but that the date and place of death is unknown. The estate consists of a legacy from the estate of Mary Sapp, who died in this county in 1890, and consists of cash amounting to \$2200. The only known heir of Perry is his sister, Claire M. Perry, who resides at Papakoa, Hilo, Hawaiian Islands.

Goes to the Reform School.

SAN JOSE, CAL., April 26.—Guy Silcox, a 17-year-old boy, whose home is at Los Gatos, was to-day committed to the Whittier Reform School by Judge Reynolds. Of late the boy has become unmanageable, and about a month ago his father had a charge of burglary placed against him, so that he might be sent to Whittier.

Committed to Agnews.

SAN JOSE, CAL., April 25.—Patrick O'Rourke, a baker employed at Santa Clara College, was examined on a charge of insanity before Judge Reynolds to-day and was committed to Agnews.

FETTERED AT OROVILLE.

Visiting Odd Fellows Engage in a Monster Celebration.

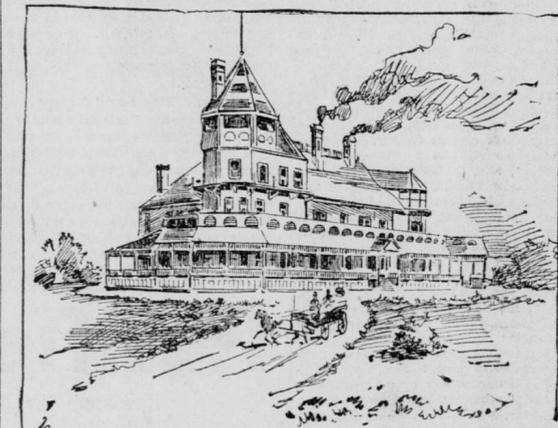
NEW HOME DEDICATED.

Imposing Services Conducted by the Grand Officers at Thermalito.

REVELRY IN OTHER CITIES.

Members of the Order Throughout the State Observe the Seventy-Sixth Anniversary.

OROVILLE, CAL., April 26.—Early yesterday afternoon visiting Odd Fellows and their friends commenced arriving from all parts of Butte, Sierra and Plumas counties in conveyances of every description to attend the anniversary celebration to-day. By 6 o'clock every available room was taken, and cots were placed in hallways



THE ODD FELLOWS' HOME.

and wherever it was possible to secure rooms.

A large delegation, including the grand officers, arrived from San Francisco and vicinity at midnight. Although tired from their journey, they were aroused at an early hour this morning by several bands of music and the officers of the day, who were anxious to see their wants supplied. At 9 o'clock Lodge No. 59 of Oroville, accompanied by all the different lodges of this vicinity and several hundred citizens, headed by a band, repaired to the depot to escort the 1500 Odd Fellows and citizens who arrived on special trains from Sacramento and Redding to town and assign the Odd Fellows to the different headquarters, which had previously been arranged for them.

The business places and residences were handsomely decorated with bunting and flowers, and hundreds of cedar trees were brought over thirty miles to assist in putting the city in gala attire.

At 11:30 a. m. different lodges and civic organizations began preparations for the line of march, and by noon the procession started down Montgomery street to Third avenue, thence to Bird street, counter-marching on Montgomery street in front of the United States Hotel, thence back to Courthouse square, where a stand had been erected for literary exercises, and where the seating capacity provided was not enough for more than one-quarter of the people present. In the procession there were over 700 Odd Fellows, and the fair goddess, Miss Mamie McGee, was surrounded by twelve charming little girls, who strewed flowers under the wheels, "Pomona," represented by Miss Caddie Bachelard, was seated in a chair of oranges and surrounded by children bedecked with flowers and fruits. All looked charming. The Forty-nine float, made under the direction of Colonel Frank McLaughlin, representing mining in the early days and at the present time, was well gotten up, and Colonel McLaughlin received many compliments.

The exercises at the square were commenced with an opening ode. Major A. F. Jones delivered an address of welcome, speaking briefly as follows:

"No words from a citizen of this town can express the sense of appreciation and gratitude that we feel toward the Odd Fellows of California. It is seldom that a town like Oroville, situated among the foothills of the Sierras, has a blessing such as you have bestowed upon us, and we trust that our future acts will show our appreciation of the gift. We certainly will do our utmost to guard, cherish and protect this home that has been given into our keeping.

"I did not think Oroville would ever see such a day. Nothing like this has ever happened before, and I doubt if we will ever again see such an assemblage of distinguished citizens of California. We can only promise to do our utmost to cherish this choice gift and thank the men who have for years labored to establish this crowning feature of Odd Fellowship."

Hon. C. N. Fox delivered an eloquent speech, which was heartily cheered. An original poem by George H. Stout was well delivered and received considerable praise. Music and singing concluded the exercises. After dinner the convalesces people were put to use in conveying the people to the Odd Fellows' Home at Thermalito, where the dedicatory ceremonies were to occur under the supervision of Grand Master J. H. Simpson, assisted by the officers of the Grand Lodge, I. O. F., of California. The grand marshals and heralds appeared before the assembly and the grand marshal said:

"Grand master, it is your will and pleasure that the ceremony of dedicating this home to the purposes of Odd Fellowship do now proceed."

The grand master replied: "Such is my will and pleasure."

After a few remarks on the appropriate-

VISIT THE CAPITOL.

Half-Million Club Excursionists Meet the Governor.

HIS SUPPORT PROMISED.

Work of the Organization Heartily Indorsed by the Executive.

AT FOLSOM AND ORANGEVALE.

The Visitors Surprised at the Wonderful Resources of the Sacramento Valley.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., April 26.—The Half-million Club reached Sacramento at 1:40 o'clock this morning, and shortly after 6 they were waited upon by a committee, consisting of B. U. Steinman, J. M. Morrison, chairman of the Board of Supervisors; City Trustee Devine, George B. Katzenstein, T. A. W. Shock, M. J. Curtis, M. J. Dillman, R. H. Hawley, Rev. A. C. Herriek, Russ D. Stevens and the Misses Steinman and Rosener.

This committee accompanied the seekers after information to Folsom, and pointed out the beauties of the Sacramento Valley as the train sped rapidly through fertile orchards, vineyards, hopfields and alfalfa meadows, where sleek, thoroughbred cattle browsed knee-deep in the waving grasses. Upon the arrival of the party at the State prison they inspected the power-house, dam and canal, afterward being ushered through the interior of the prison proper and having such notables as Sontag and Evans pointed out.

Returning to Folsom the entire party was conveyed to Orangevale, where an hour was consumed in driving through the extensive orange groves of that section. This trip was a source of constant amazement and surprise to all the visitors from the southern portion of the State, who have become so used to hearing the constant praises of that section chanted upon all occasions that they were almost convinced that it was the only portion of the State suited for residence and the growth and perfection of citrus fruits.

The party returned to Sacramento and were taken to Sutter's Fort and from there to the State Capitol building, where they were presented in person to Governor Budd in his reception-room. After receiving a cordial handshake from his Excellency they were accorded a speech of welcome, in which the Governor said: "For some time there has been a strong feeling between the northern and southern portions of this great State, a spirit of pointed rivalry much to be deplored, and I cordially welcome you all and heartily indorse the movement you have originated, and I believe it will tend to cement the north and south in one great fraternity that will unite to forward the interests of California as a State, not as a section."

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Such was their present object, he said, and at every stop they were greeted with a fresh surprise. But few residents of the State possessed the slightest idea of its great resources, and they were all "criminally negligent" in not being fully informed on the matter. In the southern portion of the State there was a spirit of progressiveness that had made California famous, and the same spirit should be fostered by the people of the northern portion.

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AT SANTA ANA.

Odd Fellows of Southern California Observe the Anniversary.

SANTA ANA, CAL., April 26.—To-day Santa Ana has been in holiday attire, the occasion being the celebration of the seventy-sixth anniversary of the order of Odd Fellows by the lodges in Southern California south of the Tehachapi. Special trains over all the railroads this morning brought in large numbers of members of the order, those from Los Angeles, Riverside and Orange being accompanied by bands.

At 1:30 p. m. a procession was formed, and with the music of bands and the sounding of trumpets the march was taken up. Such a parade has never before been witnessed in this city. The visitors with their regalia were followed by a line of carriages fully half a mile long, in which were the enthusiastic Rebekahs, upon

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HER CITIZENS MOVING TO SECURE THE NEW RAILROAD.

President Spreckels and Party View the Proposed Route.

STOCKTON'S FUND COMPLETE.

The Entire Amount Pledged to the Company Has Now Been Secured.

BAKERSFIELD, CAL., April 26.—President Claus Spreckels and Directors A. H. Payson and Robert Watt of the Valley Railroad arrived this morning, accompanied by Henry Miller. The distinguished quartet, joined by S. W. Wible, took a four-horse carriage, well supplied with the best of refreshments, and drove into the country, bound for the Miller & Lux possession northwest of town. They expect to be gone till to-morrow noon.

The ostensible purpose of this trip is to investigate these lands and find out their adaptability for growing sugar beets, and also to examine some of these products already growing, and of course it is presumed that Mr. Miller will incidentally call their attention to the advantages he would like to offer the Valley road to run through that part of the county.

On the return of the party to-morrow the people's executive committee will take them in charge and show them the country west of town and the route by which they would like to have the road enter Bakersfield. The directors intimated that they desired to be made acquainted with the matter. The committee will lose no opportunity to enlighten them on every wish and proposition of the people of Bakersfield.

STOCKTON'S FUND RAISED.

Citizens Have Subscribed the Entire Amount Pledged to the New Road.

STOCKTON, CAL., April 26.—It was reported to-night to the secretary of the Commercial Association that enough of the subscribers to stock in the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railroad had been induced to change their subscriptions to represent donations to the cash fund to make up the full amount necessary to buy the property wanted by the railroad, the total being \$85,000. The work of collecting the money will commence immediately, and as soon as it is in hand the property will be purchased and turned over to the people's corporation under the terms of the agreement that has been adopted. The deeds to most of the property are already in escrow and members of the Commercial Association have bonds on the rest.

WRITE AT LOS ANGELES.

He Denies that He Is a Candidate for the Vice-Presidency.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., April 26.—Hon. Stephen M. White was to-day shown the published dispatch in which it was stated that he was head and shoulders over all other Democratic Vice-Presidential possibilities. To an Associated Press reporter Mr. White said: "You can simply say that I am not and will not be a candidate for the Vice-Presidency. It is the practice to name some one every now and then for this as well as for other offices. Such passing comments are entitled to little weight and have no significance whatever."

Archbishop Riordan at Santa Rosa.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., April 26.—Confirmation services will be held at the Catholic church here next Sunday, to be conducted by Archbishop Riordan of San Francisco. After the confirmation ceremonies the new chapel recently finished for Ursuline Academy will be dedicated with appropriate exercises.

[For additional Pacific Coast news see Second Page.]

WAS ALMOST BLIND.

Little Girl had to be Kept in a Dark Room. Could not See to Feed Herself. Remedies and Doctors All Failed. Cured in One Week by CUTICURA.

My little girl had very sore eyes. I tried everything, but nothing did any good. I took her to a doctor in Atlanta, who treated her for a year, but she kept getting worse. I brought her home; was almost out of heart; I just felt sure she would go blind. An old lady told me to try CUTICURA REMEDIES. I had no faith in them, as I had tried everything. I commenced on Saturday and before the next Saturday her eyes were so good as well as every other part. She was almost blind and had been kept in a dark room for more than a year; could not see to feed herself; and they have never been as yet the least particle sore, or even looked red from that day until this, and it will be three years from the first of May. They certainly cured her, and I think they are the greatest remedy ever. I only used half a box of CUTICURA, one cake of CUTICURA SOAP, and one bottle of CUTICURA RESOLVENT; so you see what wonders they do for my little girl. I have read of all of these most wonderful cases, but never before thought that they might be true; but I know this to be the positive truth. Mrs. FANNIE GARWOOD, Canton, Ga.

CUTICURA WORKS WONDERS.

CUTICURA RESOLVENT, the new blood and skin purifier and greatest of humor remedies, cleanses the blood of all impurities and poisonous elements, and thus removes the cause, while CUTICURA SOAP, an exquisite skin beautifier, clears the skin and scalp, and restores the hair. Thus the CUTICURA REMEDIES cure every species of itching, burning, scaly, pimply, and blotchy skin, scalp, and blood diseases, from pimples to scrofula.

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HOW MY SIDE ACHES!

Aching Sides and Back, Ribs, Kidney, and Uterine Pains, and Weakness relieved in one minute by the CUTICURA Anti-Pain Plaster. Price, 25c.

SONOMA LAND FRAUDS.

Many Farmers Are Swindled by a Gang of Clever Sharpers.

Mortgages on Uncertain Interests in Ranches Traded for Valuable Property.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., April 26.—From a number of deeds and mortgages filed at the Hall of Records this week it appears that the land swindlers who operated in Sonoma County quite extensively a few years ago have started in again. Their plan is to dispose of an uncertain interest in one of the old ranches and take a mortgage on it for security of payment. The mortgage is then recorded and the gang proceeds to trade the mortgage to innocent parties for their property.

A number of Sonoma County farmers have been swindled out of their property, and one man from Oakland lost his home and all his money. In nearly every case the mortgages have been on an uncertain interest in Rancho Roblar, and papers filed here this week show that the attempt is being made to work the same old game again.

Killed at Needles.

NEEDLES, CAL., April 26.—While crossing the Atlantic and Pacific tracks last evening Pedro Coronado was struck and horribly mangled by a switch engine and died shortly afterward, while being cared for by the surgeon at the hospital. He was engaged in track work.

BAKERSFIELD ACTIVE.