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SAN DIEGO, CAL., April 29.—The proposition to build a railroad from Salt Lake to Flagstaff, down to the junction of the Salt and Verde, thence branching south to Nogales and west to San Diego, was made public to-night by Mayor Carson in a message to the Council.

The Arizona Central Railroad Company and the Hudson Canal Company are behind the project. They ask San Diego to cooperate with the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce, and have arranged a meeting to be held at San Francisco on Thursday, between representatives of Salt Lake, San Francisco, Arizona and San Diego.

INTERRED AT SACRAMENTO.

The body of Irving Mills consigned to its last resting place. SACRAMENTO, CAL., April 29.—The funeral of Irving Mills, son of William M. and Maria Mills, took place at noon today from the Southern Pacific depot on the arrival of a special train of four cars bearing the body of the deceased and friends and relatives. The grave was shaded with a large canvas pavilion and the air was filled with the perfume of many floral offerings.

Rev. Horatio Stebbins, pastor of the First Unitarian Church of San Francisco, delivered an affecting address at the grave. "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and "Sleep On, Beloved," were sung at the grave by a quartet—R. T. Cohn, H. A. Kidder, Horace Crocker and Joseph Genshela. The pallbearers were James Hobbs, Charles Ellerman, John Larue, Will Denman, Ed Sheehan, Thomas Taylor, Howard Herron, Fred Haswell, E. T. Houghton and William Singer Jr. Among the attendants were Supreme Justice McFarland and W. F. Herrin.

LOOT OF THE CARSON MINT.

Exposing the Methods of the Men Who Stole the Gold. CARSON, Nev., April 29.—Robert Hofer, ex-mint superintendent and cashier of the Bullion Bank, testified in the mint examination to-day that Jones had dealings amounting to \$21,000 with the bank, and made \$1250 in Con. Virginia, and then came out at the small end \$348. The deposit No. 77, the one tampered with, came in during his administration, and after the gold was abstracted and silver substituted the bars had evidently been picked to give them a gold color.

H. H. Beck of Reno testified that he had treated 23,000 ounces for Heney. It came in granulated form, of direct fineness. He did not know at the time where it came from, but was told that it came from the Silver City mine. Paris Ellis of the mint testified that no gold was produced in the State of such fineness.

The defense having claimed that a man was shot at in the refinery one night while in the act of stealing, Kennedy, the night watchman, testified that he discharged a pistol accidentally.

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Hounded by Creditors, Albert Hanson Seeks Death in the Lake. REDWOOD CITY, CAL., April 29.—Albert Hanson, brother of Charles Hanson, the millionaire lumber merchant, committed suicide this morning by drowning himself in Lake Lagunitas at Palo Alto.

Hanson had charge of his brother's lumber business here, but about a year ago was removed from his position, and since that time had been drinking heavily. A short time ago, however, his brother Charles had him sent to the Keeley Institute, from which place he returned about six weeks ago. He went to San Francisco on Saturday and passed through town this morning, continuing on to Palo Alto. He went to the lake, took off his clothes, jumped in and was drowned.

He left a note, in which he said he was hounded to his death by creditors. Hanson leaves a widow and three daughters, one 15, another 12 and another 10 years of age.

A LOS ANGELES HORROR.

Aged John Herron Fatally Burned in a Lodging-House Fire. LOS ANGELES, CAL., April 29.—John Herron, formerly a resident and real estate dealer of Indianapolis, Ind., was perhaps fatally burned in the Weid lodging-house this morning. The house caught fire from gasoline which Miss Anna Terrill, his niece, was pouring out. The gasoline quickly generated fumes which reached a fire in the grate. An explosion resulted and set everything in the room on fire.

Miss Terrill was seriously burned about the hands and face while trying to remove her uncle, who is 70 years of age and an invalid. She was overcome by heat and fell exhausted. When the firemen reached the room Herron was found to be fearfully burned. He cannot live long. The injured woman has a brother in Pasadena and a cousin, Seneca La Rue, in Riverside.

MENLO PARK MOURNS.

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SCHEME OF A FRESNOITE.

Merchandise to Be Conveyed From San Francisco by Boats and Teams. FRESNO, CAL., April 29.—Arrangements have been completed by A. B. Smith, local agent for the large wholesale house of Wellman, Peck & Co., to have merchandise shipped from San Francisco to Firebaugh's Ferry by steamer. The ferry is about twenty-three miles from this city, and teams will be employed to haul freight here. Two ten-man teams will leave here on the 6th to meet the steamer. It is expected that a trip will be made from San Francisco every eight days. When the river is low a steamer of lighter draught will be put into service.

The plan has never been tried, but it is confidently expected that a large saving in freight rates can be made. If the experiment is successful more steamers will be put on and more teams employed.

ORDERED TO ALASKA.

A Report That the Revenue Cutter Wolcott Will Leave San Diego. SAN DIEGO, CAL., April 29.—It is currently reported that the revenue cutter Oliver Wolcott, which is regularly attached to the San Diego station, will be ordered soon to Sitka, Alaska, to remain permanently. While no orders have been received to that effect the Treasury Department is hurrying the repairs to the vessel with all speed, and it is understood has instructed Captain Roth to make ready for sea at the earliest possible moment.

The Corwin, which has been stationed at Sitka, has been removed and attached to the Bering Sea fleet, and it is very likely that the Wolcott will be ordered north within two weeks to replace the Corwin.

MR. SPRECKELS AT HANFORD.

His Party Driven Over the Proposed Route of the Valley Road. HANFORD, CAL., April 29.—Claus Spreckels, Captain H. H. Payton and Robert Watts, directors of the Valley Railroad, with F. G. Montague of San Francisco, visited this city to-day to view the country prior to a survey of the new line through the valley. The visitors were met at Goshen by a delegation of prominent citizens and escorted to Hanford, whence they were driven over about eighty square miles of rich orchards, vineyards and grainfields. Afterward they were banqueted at the Artesia.

RISE OF THE SACRAMENTO.

Serious Floods Feared in the Vicinity of Knights Landing. KNIGHTS LANDING, CAL., April 29.—The river is rising very rapidly and now stands 15 feet 8 inches above high-water mark. The Feather River is also said to be very high, and the indications now are that all the tule land on the Sutter side will again be under water. It is feared that the levees have been broken, in which event the alfalfa fields on the Sutter side will be submerged.

MARTINEZ JURY DISAGREES.

Unable to Decide Upon the Guilt or Innocence of the Young Notriam. MARTINEZ CAMP, CAL., April 29.—The trial of George W. Nottingham for robbing the Walnut Creek railroad station on the 25th of January ended in the Superior Court to-day in a disagreement of the jury. The case was given to the jury last Saturday morning at 9:15 o'clock and to-day at noon the jury was called into court and discharged, having agreed to disagree, there being seven for conviction and five for acquittal.

ORGANIZED AT FRESNO.

An Association Having for Its Object the Securing of Immigrants. FRESNO, CAL., April 29.—An organization has been effected here, known as the California Home-seekers' Immigration Association, for the purpose of running excursions into this State from all parts of the East. The association has established offices at many of the largest Eastern cities and in this State.

MARIN COUNTY TEACHERS MEET.

SAN RAFAEL, CAL., April 29.—The Teachers' Institute of Marin County began its session at Olema this morning. During the session the teachers will be addressed by Professor Earl Barnes of Palo Alto, Mrs. Rickoff of Cleveland, P. M. Fisher of Oakland, E. W. Davis of Santa Rosa and Edwin M. Cox of Boston. On Wednesday the teachers will be given a picnic at Bear Valley by the citizens of Olema.

KILLED AT ANGELS CAMP.

ANGELS CAMP, CAL., April 29.—The body of John Manohan, aged 55, who has been missing two weeks, was found last night partially submerged in the bottom of a shaft of an abandoned mine in Demarest Hill. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of accidental death.

DROWNED IN CACHE CREEK.

WOODLAND, CAL., April 29.—A young man named Mateo Guidota was drowned in Cache Creek, two miles above Capay, at sunrise this morning. He attempted to ford the creek on horseback and was swept down by the swift current.

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MISS LOU WILSON, THE PLUCKY PASADENA GIRL WHO FRUSTRATED A DASTARDLY ATTEMPT AT TRAIN-WRECKING. [From a photograph.]

Southern California passenger train, the heroine's name has been on the tip of every tongue. Countless congratulations have been pouring in upon her, and the passengers whom she saved from death or injury have besieged the Wilson residence to express again and again their heartfelt gratitude for the young lady's brave act. Miss Wilson's reply to them all is that she did only what any other girl would have done in like circumstances, and that she is really undeserving of the effusive praise lavished upon her.

The story of the plucky girl's adventure has been told and retold, and many new facts, which had been overlooked in the hurriedly written press dispatches on the night of the attempted train-wrecking, have since been gathered.

There were over 100 passengers on the train, and at the point where the obstructions had been placed on the track it always dashes along under a full head of steam. Had the wreckers succeeded in their designs, lives must have been lost and many persons injured in the crash.

Miss Wilson's discovery of the fiendish work was wholly a stroke of luck, for which the endangered passengers are devoutly grateful. On the night in question she had decided to take a shorter cut to her home by following the track for a block or two, and it was when the oncoming train was but two blocks distant that she stumbled upon the rocks and ties which had been heaped up. The locality was well chosen by the would-be robbers. The train at this point runs through private grounds with orange trees shading the track on either side. There was hardly one chance in a hundred that the work would be discovered in time to prevent its fearful results.

Miss Wilson instantly realized the situation and without a moment's hesitation set about to warn the engineer of the impending danger. She dashed into a neighboring yard and burst into the kitchen of a residence. Without stopping for explanation she grasped a lighted lamp from a kitchen table, leaving the inmates of the room in complete darkness. She did not neglect to also seize matches from a shelf, to be used in case the lamp should go out. Shielding with her shawl the warning signal she succeeded in reaching the track just in time to stop the train from thundering on to its doom.

The engineer's first thought was a hold-up, but he dared not disregard the imperative signal, and as the train drew to a standstill scarcely 100 feet from where the girl stood, surrounded by excited women, who had followed her under the supposition that she had suddenly become demented, he cried out: "What's the matter with you down there?" "Track torn up!" was Miss Wilson's simplest explanation.

At once an investigation followed by engineer, trainmen and conductor, and it was found that the planking between the rails at the Elm-street crossing, although spiked down, had been pried up and two huge bowlders forced under them and adjusted so as to ditch the train. "She'd have done for us, sure!" was the half-audible comment of the engineer, and his opinion was upheld by conductor and brakemen.

Miss Wilson became at once the recipient of warm praise and congratulation. The bowlders were hoisted upon the cab and the train pulled on toward San Bernardino, with its passengers at that time still

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CLAIMS OF BARRON'S HEIRS. George Barron Given Additional Time to File His Amendments. SAN JOSE, CAL., April 29.—Upon motion of H. V. Morehouse, of counsel for George E. Barron, Judge Reynolds this morning made an order granting George E. Barron, the contestant in the Barron will case, thirty days additional time from and after the 1st of May to prepare, serve and file his amendments to the bill of exceptions prepared by the minor children, Edward F. Barron, Marguerite M. Barron and Eva H. Barron, and thirty days additional time from May 1 in which to prepare his amendments to the bill of exceptions filed by Eva Rose Barron, widow of the deceased and executrix.

Death of Mrs. Sweigert. SAN JOSE, CAL., April 29.—Mrs. Catherine Sweigert, wife of Adam Sweigert, died at the home of her son in this city this morning. The deceased was a native of Germany aged 83 years. She crossed the plains with her husband in 1851 and a year later settled in Santa Clara Valley. Mrs. Sweigert had been married over sixty years. A son and daughter survive her.

Marriage Follows an Abduction. SAN JOSE, CAL., April 29.—The charge of abduction against Jesus Chaballo, which was preferred by the father of Susana Acedo, was dismissed in Justice Dwyer's court this morning, and the Justice immediately performed the marriage ceremony for the young couple. Chaballo says he took the girl to Almaden to keep her away from other influences until he was ready to marry her.

He Went Down With the Elbe. SAN JOSE, CAL., April 29.—J. K. Secord has applied for letters of administration upon the estate of Philipp Mischler, one of the victims of the Elbe disaster. The estate is valued at \$825, and consists of money on deposit in a local bank. The heirs of the deceased are a mother and brother, who reside in Germany.

WRECKED NEAR CHITWOOD. A Central and Eastern Freight Train Crashes Through a Bridge. ALBANY, OR., April 29.—A special from Corvallis says: A freight train on the Central and Eastern Railway crashed through a bridge this evening just west of tunnel 3, which is about one mile west of Chitwood. Fourteen freightcars went down, the engine and tender remaining on the west approach, while the caboose remained on the east side, badly smashed. Conductor John Campbell was very seriously injured, and Brakeman Grant Wilcox is missing, supposed to be under the wreck. A relief train left this evening for the scene of the wreck.

Gymnastics at Stanford. PALO ALTO, CAL., April 29.—A gymnasia exhibition will be given in the Encina gymnasium on Friday evening, May 3. Fencing will be one of the features of the evening and there will be the usual tumbling, trapeze acts and horizontal and parallel bar performances. Those who intend to take part are practicing daily and the affair, being the first of the kind given on the campus, will probably prove a success.

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